

13-02-2026
Total pilgrims: 64,222
Tonsures: 24,882
Hundi Kanukalu: 420 CR
Waiting Compartments: 27
Approx. Darsan Time for Sarvadarshanam (with out SSD Tokens): 12 H

EC sets Feb 17 deadline for filing FIRs against 4 officers over 'ghost voter' issue

KOLKATA: The Election Commission has set February 17 as a deadline for the West Bengal government to ensure that FIRs are registered against four officers over the alleged inclusion of 'ghost' voters in the electoral rolls in two districts, an official said on Saturday. The commission had earlier ordered the suspension of two electoral registration officers (EROs) and two assistant electoral registration officers (AEROs) from Baruipur Purbha in South 24 Parganas and Moyna in Purba Medinipur districts over alleged inclusion of "fake" or "ghost" voters in the electoral rolls.



DEADLINE



Trump revokes landmark ruling that greenhouse gases endanger public health

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"Has Technical Problem": Sunil Gavaskar On India Star Days Ahead Of T20 World Cup Match vs



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INBRIFS

J&K POLICE, BSF RECOVER HEROIN WORTH CRORES SUSPECTED TO BE DRONE DROPPED ALONG IB

Jammu: Jammu and Kashmir Police, along with the Border Security Force (BSF), have recovered heroin worth crores in a joint operation. The narcotics are suspected to have been drone-dropped along the International Border in the Ranbir Singh Pura sector of Jammu. The official spokesman said that, in a significant achievement on the anti-drug trafficking front, Jammu Police and the BSF made a major breakthrough by recovering a large quantity of narcotics (suspected to have been dropped by a drone) worth Rs 40 crore in the RS Pura sector of District Jammu, near the International Border. Acting promptly on inputs from the BSF regarding suspicious drone activity near the International Border, a cordon and search operation was launched jointly by Jammu Police and the BSF during the intervening night of February 13-14 at Nai Basti Karotana, Baspur area of the R S Pura sector, near the International Border, he said. He added that during the search at first light, two yellow-colored packets of narcotics were recovered from a wheat field at Nai Basti Karotana. The area is near the International Border, and the substance is suspected to have been dropped by a drone from Pakistan into Indian territory.

CM REVANTH GREETES TELANGANA PEOPLE ON MAHA SHIVRATRI



Hyderabad: Telangana Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu conveyed his heartfelt greetings to the people of the state on the auspicious occasion of Maha Shivratri. In his message, the Chief Minister prayed for peace, prosperity, and overall well-being of Telangana. He expressed hope that Lord Shiva's divine blessings bring happiness, joy, and good health to every household across the state. CM Revanth Reddy also extended special wishes to devotees observing Maha Shivratri fasts and night-long prayers, stating that their devotion and spiritual discipline would be rewarded with divine grace.

CM REVANTH HAILS MINISTERS, SETS DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

Hyderabad TSIT BUREAU: Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy concluded a review meeting with ministers and congratulated them on the party's strong performance in the recent municipal elections.

He said the good results were achieved due to collective teamwork and coordinated efforts by ministers, leaders, and grassroots cadre. The Chief Minister appreciated party workers for their tireless work and commitment toward ensuring the Congress party's victory.

Revanth Reddy stated that the outcome reflects people's growing trust in the present government. He noted that in two years, the government delivered development and welfare programmes that the previous regime could not accomplish in ten years.

He urged ministers to uphold public trust and continue moving the state forward on the path of develop-



ment. The same spirit should guide the party in all upcoming elections, he said.

Chief Minister also directed ministers to consistently take welfare and development schemes to the people and focus on strengthening urban governance. He emphasized that municipalities and municipal corporations in the state should be developed into national model civic bodies through focused action and effective implementation.

T'gana civic poll results a mandate for Congress' welfare model: Rahul

New Delhi (TSIT): Senior Congress leader and Leader of Opposition (LoP) in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi on Saturday described the party's performance in the Telangana local body elections as an endorsement of its governance model centred on welfare, dignity and inclusive growth.

"Heartfelt thanks to every Congress 'karyakarta' and leader. This victory belongs to you and to the people of Telangana," LoP Gandhi said in a post on X. The ruling Congress secured close to 60 per cent of the urban local bodies, winning 64 of the 116 municipalities and three of the seven municipal corporations. "Our vision of a Prajala Telangana, where progress reaches every family, remains unwavering," Rahul Gandhi said in the X post.

The principal Opposition, the BRS, won 13 municipalities



and three corporations, while 38 municipalities produced no clear majority. This has led to intense efforts by both Congress and BRS to secure support from independents and smaller parties ahead of the election of chairpersons and vice-chairpersons. Despite the fractured outcomes, Congress leaders claimed the party was in a position to control about three-fourths of the municipalities.

In the previous municipal polls in 2020, the then ruling TRS, now BRS, had dominated more than 100 urban local bodies. The Congress has also bagged the Mancherial, Ramagundam and Nalgonda corporations. In the 60-member Kothagudem corporation, Congress and the Communist Party of India won 22 seats each, with leaders from both sides describing the contest as friendly.

PM Modi inaugurates Northeast's first highway-based emergency landing facility in Assam

Guwahati, Feb 14 (TSIT): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday inaugurated the Northeast's first highway-based Emergency Landing Facility (ELF) at Moran in Assam's Dibrugarh district, marking a major milestone in India's defence infrastructure and operational preparedness.

Arriving at the newly developed emergency runway aboard an Indian Air Force (IAF) C-130J Hercules, the Prime Minister was received by Himanta Biswa Sarma, union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, and other senior leaders. In a ceremonial welcome, Chief Minister Sarma presented the Prime Minister with an Assamese gamocha and japi, while Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh felicitated him with a commemorative memento.

The ceremony featured a spectacular fly-past by IAF combat aircraft, including Sukhoi 30 MKI, Rafale fighter jets, and the indigenously developed Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH). Both the Sukhoi 30 MKI and Rafale successfully landed on the highway-based strip, earning loud



cheers from the assembled crowd. The Moran facility, the first of its kind in the Northeast, is expected to enhance the IAF's operational flexibility, particularly in strategically sensitive regions.

Following the inauguration, the Prime Minister departed for Guwahati, where he is scheduled to inaugurate a new bridge over the Brahmaputra

River connecting Guwahati and North Guwahati. He will also inaugurate Assam's first Indian Institute of Management (IIM) campus and a National Data Centre in the city.

Later in the day, Prime Minister Modi is expected to address a large gathering of BJP booth-level karyakartas at the Veterinary College ground in Khanapara, Guwahati.

Jaishankar reiterates India's support for UNSC reform during meeting with G7 counterparts in Germany

Munich (TSIT) External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Saturday met his counterparts from the G7 countries as he reiterated India's support for reform of the UN Security Council (UNSC) at the Munich Security Conference. The meeting comes after India concluded a free trade agreement (FTA) with the 27-nation European Union in January.

Jaishankar in a social media post said he was pleased to engage with G7 Foreign Ministers and reiterated India's support of the UN@80 agenda, particularly meaningful reform of the UN Security Council. The external affairs minister said he emphasised India's role in "safeguarding sea lines of communication, serving as a first responder, strengthening port security, and contributing to resilient submarine cable infrastructure". "Our conversation brought out the many convergences and shared interests between India and the G7," the minister added. Jaishankar started his Munich Security Conference with a roundtable 'Delhi Decided: Mapping India's Policy Calculus',

organised by the Ananta Aspen Centre, a non-partisan organisation. The external affairs minister said he highlighted the "importance of a nimble and dynamic foreign policy to meet the demands of multipolarity".

In a discussion with Indrani Bagchi, CEO Ananta Centre, Jaishankar said he also noted the significance of the India-EU FTA and the India-US trade deal in that regard. "The discussion looked at India's growth strategy, the choices before key partners, and why strategic autonomy remains a steady anchor as global dynamics evolve," the Ananta Centre said. India and the 27-nation bloc on January 27 announced the conclusion of negotiations for the free trade agreement.

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Restrictions imposed for 60 days in border areas of J&K's Kathua

Jammu (TSIT): Restrictions are imposed on movement in the border areas along the international border for a period of two months (60 days) in view of the sensitive situation in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir.

As per the order issued by the District Magistrate Kathua, Rajesh Sharma, the security situation in the border areas has become sensitive and the movement in border areas is required to be restricted to ensure the utmost safety of the villagers and prevent any anti-national activities.

As per the order, to curb such activities in the border areas, there are sufficient grounds to initiate proceedings under the relevant section for the immediate prevention of danger to human life and disturbance to public tranquillity, and it is necessary to impose restrictions to



limit unnecessary movement in these areas.

The District Magistrate stated that, in exercise of the powers vested in him, unnecessary movement has been restricted within a 5-km strip from the International Border, falling under the Area of Responsibility of the Unit from forward Border Outpost Paharpur to Border Outpost Karol Krushna.

"Movement of heavy vehicles, including trucks, tippers and multi-axle vehicles, is prohibited on the old Samba-Kathua road between 9 pm to 6 am," an order further read. It further read that the order shall come into force from February 14, 2026, and shall remain in effect for a period of 60 days from the date of its issuance or until it is rescinded, whichever is earlier. "Since it is not possible to serve prior notice of this order, it is being issued ex parte and addressed to the general public," it stated, adding that any violation of the order shall invite punitive action under the relevant sections.

CM Revanth Meets CPI Leaders Palla Venkat Reddy and E.T. Narsimha

Hyderabad (TSIT): Telangana Chief Minister Anumula Revanth Reddy held a meeting with CPI leaders Palla Venkat Reddy and E.T. Narsimha to discuss key public and policy-related issues. The interaction focused on current governance matters and people-centric development initiatives in the state.



Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President Mahesh Kumar Goud was also present during the meeting.

According to sources, the discussion covered welfare measures, grassroots concerns, and coordination on issues affecting various sections of society. The leaders exchanged

views on strengthening public delivery systems and addressing local challenges through constructive dialogue.

The meeting reflects continued engagement between the state leadership and representatives from different political and social platforms on matters of public interest.

Rahul alleges 'betrayal' of cotton farmers, textile exporters over India-US tariff issue

New Delhi (TSIT): Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday launched a sharp attack on the Centre over the reported tariff disparity affecting Indian garment exports to the United States, accusing the government of misleading the public and endangering the interests of cotton farmers and textile exporters.

In a post on X titled "18% Tariff vs 0% - Let Me Explain," Gandhi alleged that the Modi government had failed to secure favourable terms for India under the India-US trade framework while Bangladesh was granted zero-tariff access for garment exports to the

American market, subject to importing US cotton. "Let me explain how a Prime Minister skilled in falsehoods and his Cabinet are spreading confusion on this issue — and how they are betraying India's cotton farmers and textile exporters through the India-US trade agreement," Gandhi wrote. According to Gandhi, Indian garments are facing an 18 percent tariff in the US market, while Bangladesh is benefiting from a 0 percent tariff arrangement on the condition that it imports American cotton.

He said he raised the issue in Parliament, questioning why Bangladesh was receiving a special



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concession. "After the announcement of an 18% tariff on Indian garments, when I raised in Parliament the issue of the special concession being granted to Bangladesh, a minister from the Modi government responded: 'If we want the same benefit, we will have to import cotton from the United States,'" Gandhi stated.

Gandhi stated. He further asked, "Why was this fact hidden from the country until now?"

Gandhi described the situation as a policy trap, arguing that India faces a difficult choice. "If we import American cotton, our own farmers will be ruined. If we do not, our textile industry will fall behind and suffer severe damage," he said.

Gandhi also warned that Bangladesh could reduce or stop cotton imports from India, which would further affect Indian producers.

"In India, the textile industry and cotton cultivation form the backbone of livelihoods. Crores of people depend on them for their survival. Any blow to these sectors means pushing millions of families into unemployment and economic distress," he wrote. The remarks come amid heightened political debate over trade negotiations and export competitiveness. India's textile sector is one of the country's largest employment generators, particularly in states such as Gujarat,

Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana. Cotton cultivation supports millions of farmers across central and western India. Gandhi accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Cabinet of striking a deal that could adversely impact both farmers and exporters.

"A farsighted government acting in the national interest would have negotiated a deal that protected and ensured the prosperity of both cotton farmers and textile exporters," he said. "Instead, Narendra 'Surrender' Modi and his ministers have struck an agreement that could inflict deep harm on both sectors," Gandhi added.

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STATEMENT OF UN-AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2025
(Regulation 47(1) of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015)

The Board of Directors at its meeting held on 14th February, 2026 approved the unaudited financial results for the quarter and nine months ended 31.12.2025.

The financial results along with limited review report are available on Company's website at <https://ahlada.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/AEL-SFR-311225-OUTCOME-Q3-FINANCIALS.pdf>. The same can also be accessed by clicking the QR Code given below



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Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy Greets People on Maha Shivratri

Hyderabad: Telangana Roads & Buildings and Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy extended Maha Shivratri greetings to the people of the state and wished for their health, prosperity, and happiness. In a statement issued on Saturday, the Minister prayed that with the blessings of Lord Shiva, the people of Telangana prosper with long life and well-being. He expressed hope that the state continues to achieve progress in all sectors, especially in strengthening infrastructure and expanding the road network. He said the divine grace of Lord Shiva should bring peace and positivity into everyone's lives and that the sacred Lingodbhava period should bless devotees with spiritual strength and calmness.



Hyderabad: Mandalam S. Akhil has been appointed as the Greater Hyderabad Chairman of the Telangana unit of the All India Unorganised Workers and Employees Congress (KKC). According to a statement issued by KKC Telangana State Chairman Kousal Sameer, the appointment was made following the recommendation of PCC Vice President and Sanathnagar Constituency Congress Incharge Dr. Kota Neelima.

Mandalam S. Akhil Appointed KKC Greater Hyderabad Chairman



Hyderabad: Eight councillors of the All India Forward Block (AIFB) from Waddepalli Municipality in Jogulamba Gadwal district met Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on a courtesy visit. The councillors, led by Waddepalli Srinivas, called on the Chief Minister and briefed him on local civic and development matters related to the municipality. They sought continued government support for strengthening infrastructure and public services in their wards. TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud, Minister Jupally Krishna Rao, MP Mallu Ravi, Planning

Waddepalli AIFB Councillors Call on CM Revanth Reddy

Commission Vice Chairman Jillela Chinna Reddy, former Alampur MLA Sampath Kumar and other leaders were present during the meeting. The councillors who met the Chief Minister include Kurva Pavani (Ward 1), Sharada (Ward 2), Manjula (Ward 4), Yugender Reddy (Ward 5), Devamma (Ward 6), Vijay Bhaskar (Ward 7), Jayashree (Ward 8) and Erukala Thimmappa (Ward 10).



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NAME OF THE BORROWER(S)/Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors	NPA DATE:	Date of Demand Notice:
1) Burra Santhosh, S/o: Burra Narayana, Age: 42 Years, Occ: Private Employee, R/O: H.No:1-28/3 (Or) 1-28/4, Near Gundla Road, And Bus Stand, (V) Molkur, (Y) Yadadri Bhongir-508277, B/O: Proprietor Of "Santhu Hotel", At #Opp Honda Showroom, Main Road, Molkur, 573969707.	30.11.2016	12.01.2026
2) Burra Bhaghyamma @ Alias Bhaghyamma, W/o: Narayana, Age: 65 Years, Occ: Housewife, R/O: H.No: 1-28/3 (Or) 1-28/4, Near Gundla Road And Bus Stand, Molkur, Yadadri Bhongir-508277, 9640543836.	30.11.2016	12.01.2026
3) Uppendachapally, S/o: Kondalaih, Age: 66 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H.No: 2-333, Molkur, Yadadri, Bhongir-508277, 9955179677.	30.11.2016	12.01.2026

.....Borrowers/Co-borrower /Guarantors/Legal heirs

PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS: BHONGT/1602110002- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
Nalgonda District, Mulkur Sub-District, Mulkur Mandal And Village Accounts, S.No. 249 An Extent Of 242 Sq.Yds., Or 232.342 Sq.Mts., And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: Land Of Vendor, Present. Other House Property, Towards West: Land Of Vendor, Towards North: Mulkur To Gundla Road, Towards South: Government Land (Bus Stand).

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

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

Dated: 13-02-2026
Place: YADADRI BHONGIR.

Sd/-Authorized Officer
SHIRAM FINANCE LTD.

BJP and BRS Misreading Municipal Verdict, Says MLC Addanki Dayakar

Hyderabad: Congress MLC Addanki Dayakar on Saturday criticized Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar and the BJP over their claims on the Karimnagar municipal results, stating that the party failed to secure a clear public mandate despite what he described as aggressive campaigning. Addressing the media at Gandhi Bhavan, Dayakar alleged that Bandi Sanjay focused on religious polarization instead of high-lighting development works done for Karimnagar. He said that although the BJP emerged as the single largest party in the corporation, it did not receive a decisive majority from voters. He clarified that the Congress party has not entered into any formal alliance with All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMM), stating that only issue-based understanding may happen in local bodies depending on situa-



tions. He noted that Congress contested against AIMM candidates in several divisions and lost in direct fights. Dayakar also questioned the BJP for inducting independent corporators after the results while criticizing other parties over possible post-poll cooperation. He said post-poll alignments are a common democratic practice shaped by local conditions. Targeting the BRS leadership, including K. T. Rama Rao, he claimed the party underperformed in municipal corporations and alleged that BJP and BRS indirectly benefited each other in certain regions.

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1) Srinivas Chikka, S/o: Narsimha Chikka, Age: 59 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H.No: 1-45, B C Colony, Narsimha Chikka, Bommalaram Mandal, Yadadri-Bhongiri Dist-508166, W/o: "M S Brothers" At # Same as Resi Address, 9912749894. 2) Saritha Chikka, B/o: Srinivas Chikka, D/o: Mantri Narsimha, Age: 51 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/O: H.No: 1-45 (or) 1-1-45, Medipally Village, Bommalaram Mandal, Yadadri-Bhongiri Dist. - 508116, 9010751974, 9912749894. 3) Parashuram Chintakunta @ Alias Parashuram Chintna, S/o: Ramachandrar Chintakunta @ Alias Ramachandrar Chintakunta, Age: 33 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H.No: 9-51/1, Hanuman Nagar, Near Sunny Bakery, Boddupally, Rangareddy Dist-500092, B/o: Proprietor of "Transport Business", 9502228450.Borrowers/Co-borrower /Guarantors/Legal heirs.	31.10.2019	12.01.2026

BHONGT/1602900112- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: All that the House Bearing No. 1-45/1 in Survey No. 3131RU/11/12 consisting of One Hall, Two Bed Rooms, Kitchen and Pooja Room and Open Yard in all admeasuring an extent of 363 Square Yards or Equivalent to 303.62 Square Meters with RCC Roof Area 778.50 Sq Feet Situated at Medipally Village, Bommalaram Mandal, Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri District, S.R.O. Bhongir and bounded as follows: Towards East: 40 Feet Wide Road, Towards West: House of MD. Jahangir, Towards North: House of Chikka Ramesh, Towards South: House of D. Pentamma And Durgapathy.

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

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Dated: 13.02.2026
Place: YADADRI-BHONGIRI & RANGAREDDY

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Sale of immovable property/ies mortgaged to Bank under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No.54 of 2002) whereas, the Authorized Officer of Indian Overseas Bank has taken possession of the following property/ies pursuant to the notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 in the following loan account with right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for realization of Bank's dues plus interest & costs as detailed hereunder and whereas consequent upon failure to repay the dues, the undersigned in exercise of power conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act proposes to realize the Bank's dues by sale of the said property/ies. The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Web Portal (<https://www.baanknet.com/eauction-psb/home/>) or <https://baanknet.com>

PROPERTY-1: Name & address of the Borrower(s)/ Mortgagor(s)/ Guarantor(s): 1) M/s. ROOPA SAI AGENCIES (BORROWER), Represented by its proprietor: Mr. Siva Revanth Kumar, Address-1: D.No.10-9-7, Charbawli, Warangal, Warangal District, Telangana State - 506002. Address-2: H.No.15-11-183/37, Ramannapet, Warangal District, Telangana State-506002. 2) Mr. SIVVA REVANTH KUMAR (BORROWER/ MORTGAGOR), S/o: Siva Ramesh, R/O: H.No.9-10-157, Vishwakarma Street, Warangal, Telangana State-506002. 3) Mrs. SIVVA RADHIKA (GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR), W/o: Siva Ramesh, R/O: H.No. 9-10-157, Vishwakarma Street, Warangal, Telangana State - 506002.

Date of NPA: 30-09-2020, **Date of Demand notice:** 28-05-2021
Dues claimed in Demand Notice: 87,78,365/-
Date of possession notice: 12-05-2023
Dues claimed in Possession Notice: 87,38,106/-
*Outstanding dues Rs.Nil of Local Self Government (Property Tax, Water sewerage, Electricity Bills etc)

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY & E-AUCTION DETAILS:
All that part & parcel of open plot bearing Plot No.9, admeasuring 312 Sq.Yds, situated at Sy.No.358 of Rampur Revenue Village, Dharmasagar Mandal, Warangal District of Telangana State - 506151, which is in the name of Mr. Siva Revanth Kumar, S/o. Siva Ramesh, Boundaries as per document No. 5322 of 2014, North: Plot No.8, South :Plot No.10, East : Plot No.27, West : 40 feet wide road.
Reserve price: Rs.17,00,000/-
Date & Time of auction: 09.03.2026 (Monday) between 11A.M. to 1.00P.M.
EMD: Rs.1,70,000/-, Bid increase amount: Rs.20,000.00
Auto extension time: 10 minutes
Known Encumbrance if any: Nil, **Inspection Date & Time:** All working days between 10.00 A.M. and 5.00 P.M. with prior appointment.
Submission of online application for bid with EMD: 16.02.2026 onwards.
Last date for submission of bid application with EMD: 08.03.2026.

*Bank's dues have priority over the Statutory dues
PROPERTY-2: Name & address of the Borrower(s)/ Mortgagor(s)/ Guarantor(s): 1) M/s. Niranjan Book Depot (Borrower), Represented by its Proprietor, Mr. Kolagani Niranjan, Address: Door No. 6-8-129, Chowrashtra, Hanamkonda, Telangana State - 506001. 2) Mr. Kolagani Niranjan (Borrower), S/o. Kolagani Laxmi Narayana, Address: Door No. 6-8-129, Chowrashtra, Hanamkonda, Telangana State - 506001. 3) Mr. Kolagani Laxmi Narayana (Guarantor/ Mortgagor), S/o. Late Mallesham, Address: D.No.7-8-73, Kapuwada, Hanamkonda, Telangana, State-506001.
Date of NPA: 30-06-2021, **Date of Demand notice:** 26.07.2021
Dues claimed in Demand Notice: 44,42,953/-
Date of possession notice: 16-05-2025
Dues claimed in Possession Notice: 65,43,693/-
*Outstanding dues Rs.Nil of Local Self Government (Property Tax, Water sewerage, Electricity Bills etc)

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY & E-AUCTION DETAILS:
All that part & parcel of RCC Building consisting of Ground, First and second floor bearing H.No.7-8-73, (old No.7-8-42 and 7/991), admeasuring 289.94 Sq.Yds., situated at Kapuwada, Hanamkonda, Warangal, Telangana State, standing in the name of Mr. Kolagani Laxminarayana, Bounded by, North: Road, South: H.No.7-8-77 of N.Hyamvathi, East: Kapuwada Hanuman Temple, H.No.7-8-77 of Rajyalaxmi and open place of Rajanna, West: H.No.7-8-71 of Pandula.
Reserve price: Rs.103,53,000/-
Date & Time of Auction: 23.03.2026 (Monday) between 11 A.M. to 1.00 P.M., **EMD:** Rs.10,35,300/-
Bid increase amount: Rs.50,000.00
Auto extension time: 10 minutes
Known Encumbrance if any: Nil, **Inspection Date & Time:** All working days between 10.00 A.M. and 5.00 P.M. with prior appointment.
Submission of online application for bid with EMD: 16-02-2026 onwards.
Last date for submission of bid application with EMD: 22-03-2026.

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For terms and conditions Please visit: (<https://www.baanknet.com/eauction-psb/home/>) or <https://baanknet.com> (web portal of e-auction of service provider). The intending bidders may contact the Authorized Officer/Chief Manager, Indian Overseas Bank, during office hours, Phone No.0870-2577083, Mobile No.8925960173, 9551917219 or the Bank's approved service provider: M/s PSB Alliance Pvt Ltd., Address: Unit 1, 3rd Floor, VIOS commercial tower, Near Vadala Truck Terminal, Wadala East, Mumbai - 400037, Phone: 8291220220, Email: support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com. (<https://www.baanknet.com/eauction-psb/home/>) or <https://baanknet.com>
Place: Hanamkonda
Date: 13-02-2026

Sd/-Authorized Officer,
Indian Overseas Bank

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NAME OF THE BORROWER(S)/ Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors	NPA DATE:	Date of Demand Notice:
1) Srinivas Elka @ Alias Srinivas Alka, S/O: Achaiah, Age: 43 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H.No: 4-138/2, Amanabole, Narkatpally, Nalgonda-508254, B/O: "S.V Auto Mobiles", 9704455104.	31.07.2018	12.01.2026
2) Elka Satyavathi, W/O: Srinivas, Age: 37 Years, Occ: Housewife, R/O: H.No: 4-138/2, Amanabole, Narkatpally, Nalgonda-508254, 9542348940.	31.07.2018	12.01.2026
3) Boddam Mallareddy, S/O: Venkat Reddy, Age: 58 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H.No: 7-8, Ammanabole, Narkatpally, Nalgonda - 508254, B/O: "Sri Laxmi Traders", 995171707.	31.07.2018	12.01.2026

.....Borrowers/Co-borrower /Guarantors/Legal heirs

PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS: BHONGT/160300012- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
Open Plot No. 23, S.No.1323a (Residential Zone) Measuring An Area Of 112 Sq. Yards Or 93.644 Sq. Meters, Situated At Ammanabole Village, Narkatpalle Revenue District, Nalgonda District And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: Open Plot Of Khaja Bi, Actual: Neighbours Shop, Towards West: Open Plot Of Sama Malla Reddy, Actual: Neighbours Shop, Towards North: Way, Actual: 40 Ft Wide Road, Towards South: 30 Ft., Road.

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

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

Dated: 13-02-2026
Place: NALGONDA.

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Name of the Borrowers(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantors	NPA DATE:	Date of Demand Notice:
1) Srinivas Goud Bolgam S/o. Ramchandram, Age: 57 Years, Occ: Business (Heena Bar & Restaurant), H.No: 6-4-11/1, Barahim Street, Siddipet, Medak, Cell: 990832486, Pincode: 502103. And also at Srinivas Goud Bolgam S/o. Ramchandram, Age: 57 Years, Occ: Business (Heena Bar & Restaurant), House Bearing No. 6-4-11/2, admeasuring to an extent of 86.00 Sq.Yards, Situated at Siddipet Town & Mandal, Medak District, Registration District: Medak, Sub-District: Siddipet. 2) Bolgam Laxmi W/o. Srinivas, Age: 45 Years, Occ: House Wife, H.No: 6-4-11/1, Barahim Street, Siddipet, Medak, Cell: 9923079244, Pincode: 502103. 3) Bolgam Swamyanna S/o. Shivalingam, Age: 38 Years, Occ: Govt. Employee (Teacher), H.No: 6-4-11, Barahim Street, Siddipet, Medak, Cell: 9963774735, Pincode: 502103.	31.05.2020	17.01.2026

SIDDP2T/1803120004 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: Property holder Name is SRINIVAS GOUD BOLGAM Mortgage deed dated 13.03.2018 Registered as Document No. 2995/2018 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Siddipet. House bearing No. 6-4-11/2, admeasuring to an extent of 86.00 Sq.Yards, situated at Siddipet Town & Mandal, Medak District, Registration District: Medak, Sub-District: Siddipet, bounded as under: East: House & open place of Bolu Balaiiah & Bolgam Bhadrachai, West: House of Marka Srinivas, North: House of Baria Sathamma & Bolu Balaiiah, South: 18 Feet Road.

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

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Dated: 14.02.2026
Place: Siddipet

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Name of the Borrowers(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantors	NPA DATE:	Date of Demand Notice:
1) Ayyappa Fertilizers Pesticides and Seeds Rep., by its Proprietor Pappula Mahender, H.No: 3-52, Salugupalli, Outsarangapalle, Bejuri, Komuram Bheem, Asifabad, Cell: 9573240647, Pincode: 504299. 2) Pappula Mahender S/o. Vishwanatham, Age: 40 Years, Occ: Business (Ayyappa Fertilizers Pesticides and Seeds), H.No: 3-50, Salugupalli, Outsarangapalle, Bejuri, Komuram Bheem, Asifabad, Cell: 8639278612 & 6305303389, Pincode: 504299. And also at Pappula Mahender S/o. Vishwanatham, Age: 40 Years, Occ: Business (Ayyappa Fertilizers Pesticides and Seeds), Part of the Open Plot No. 19, admeasuring to an extent of 200 Sq.Yards or 167.22 Sq.Mtrs, Out of Sy.No.138/4, Situated within the Municipal Limits of Mancherla At Garmilla Shivar of Mancherla Town, Mandal and District, Registration District: Mancherla, Sub-District: Mancherla. 3) Pappula Kedarji W/o. Vishwanatham, Age: 63 Years, Occ: House Wife, H.No: 3-50, Salugupalli, Outsarangapalle, Bejuri, Komuram Bheem, Asifabad, Cell: 8639278612 & 8639278612, Pincode: 504299. 4) Keshetti Krishna Kishore S/o. Narayana, Age: 41 Years, Occ: Business (Kiranam Shop), H.No: 1-243/A/1, Kalavathi Nilayam, Near DCP Office, Cormel School Back Side, Mancherla, Adilabad, Ind. Add: H.No: 13-368, Chinthapandu Wada, Colpet Petrol Bunk, Mancherla, Adilabad, Cell: 9949997267 & 7780763131, Pincode: 504208.	31.05.2021	07.01.2026

MNCRLT/200170004 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: Property holder Name is PAPPULA MAHENDER Mortgage deed dated 16.10.2012 Registered as Document No. 584/2020 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Mancherla. Part of the Open Plot No. 19, admeasuring to an extent of 200 Sq.Yards or 167.22 Sq.Mtrs, out of Sy.No.138/4, situated within the Municipal Limits of Mancherla At Garmilla Shivar of Mancherla Town, Mandal and District, Registration District: Mancherla, Sub-District: Mancherla, bounded as under: East: Plot No. 18, West: Plot No. 20, North: Plot No. 26, South: 25 feet Road.

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

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Dated: 14.02.2026
Place: Mancherla

Authorized Officer
SHIRAM FINANCE LTD.

KAPILESWARA ON KALPAVRIKSHA



The ongoing annual Brahmotsavam at Sri Kapileswara Swamy temple witnessed Sri Kapileswara riding Kalpavriksha Vahanam on Saturday. On the seventh day the deity in all His religious splendour blessed the devotees amidst grand devotional treat by the dance troupes in front of Vahanam. Later Snapana Tirumanjanam was performed to the processional deities. Superintendent Sri Chandrasekhar and other temple staff were also present.

SURYA PRABHA VAHANA SEVA HELD



TIRUPATI, 14 FEBRUARY 2026 In scorching bright daylight, Sri Kalyana Venkateswara as Srimannarayana glittered on the seventh day as a part of the ongoing annual Brahmotsavams at Srinivasa Mangapuram on Saturday. Finely decked with orange ixora garlands, the divine charm of the utsava deity enhanced while the dance and bhajan troupes in front of the vahanam glorified the grandeur of Vahana Seva. Spl. Gr. DyEO Smt Varalakshmi and other temple staff, devotees were also present.

Snapana Tirumanjanam Performed at SKVST



TIRUPATI: As part of the Annual Brahmotsavams of Sri Kalyana Venkateswara Swamy, the sacred ritual of Snapana Tirumanjanam (holy bath) was performed with religious fervour on Saturday at the Kalyana Mandapam of the temple. The ritual was conducted from 10:30 AM to 12:00 Noon under the supervision of the Chief Priest Sri Balaji Rangacharyulu, following all scriptural procedures. The programme commenced with Vishwakshena Aradhana, Punyahavachanam, Navakalasa Abhishekam and Rajopacharam. Later, rituals such as Chatra, Chamara, Vyajana, Darpanadi Naivedyam, Mukha Prakshalana and Dhupa Deepa Naivedyam were performed. As part of Arghya Pada Nivedana, the deities were ceremonially bathed with milk, curd, honey, coconut water, turmeric and sandal paste. During the sacred ceremony, the temple priests recited hymns from Taittiriya Upanishad, Purusha Suktam, Sri Suktam, Bhu Suktam, Neela Suktam, Pancha Shanti mantras and selected Pasurams from Divya Prabandham. On this occasion, the deities were adorned with seven varieties of garlands including lotus flowers, roses, lotus seeds, traditional flowers and tulasi, each offered during different segments of the ritual. Temple Spl. Gr. Deputy EO Smt. Varalakshmi, AEO Sri Gopinath, Superintendent Sri Rajkumar, Temple Inspectors Sri Munikumar and Sri Dhanasekhar, temple priests and a large number of devotees participated in the ceremony.



GAJAVAHANA SEVA HELD IN SRISAILAM

Sports Instill Leadership Qualities: Collector Kumar Deepak.

Mancherial, Feb 14, TSIT : District Collector Kumar Deepak said that sports help inculcate leadership qualities among youth. He attended the ongoing CM Cup 2025 district-level competitions at the District Sports Authority ground along with District Youth and Sports Officer Gurrjala Hanumantha Reddy and Minority Welfare Officer Neerati Rajeswari. Addressing the participants, the Collector said the government is organising CM Cup competitions to identify hidden sporting talent from the grassroots level. He noted that sports promote physical and mental well-being, foster team spirit and teach the value of leadership. Victory and defeat are part of the game, he said, urging players to participate with true sportsmanship and perseverance. The district-level events are being conducted after completion of competitions at village, mandal and constituency levels. Winners will represent the district at the State-level tournaments. Around 400 athletes from Mancherial, Chennai and Bellampalli constituencies are participating in disciplines including athletics, basketball, gymnastics, roller skating, swimming, wrestling and cycling. The Collector appreciated the successful conduct of the events despite limited staff support during the election period and expressed hope that players from Telangana would win medals at the Olympics in future. He also highlighted employment opportunities available under the sports quota and advised athletes to train with focus and dedication. Officials and representatives of various sports associations were present.



Lotus Blossoms in Mahabubabad: BJP Opens Account with Sridevi Malothu's Landslide Victory in Ward 26

Mahabubabad, February 14: In a significant political development, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has made its presence felt in the Mahabubabad municipal elections, with candidate Sridevi Malothu securing a resounding victory in Ward 26. This win marks the party's first-ever seat in the district headquarters municipality, infusing new enthusiasm among the cadre.



Fierce Contest Yields Historic Win While the primary battle for the 36 wards in the district headquarters was largely contested between the Congress and BRS, BJP's Sridevi Malothu carved her own path to victory in Ward 26. She secured a total of 472 votes, defeating her rivals with a comfortable margin. From the initial stages of counting, she maintained a steady lead, culminating in her declaration as the winner by election officials, who handed her the victory certificate.

Festive Atmosphere in Party Ranks The BJP candidate's win triggered celebrations among party workers and leaders across Mahabubabad town. Bursting firecrackers and distributing sweets, they expressed joy at opening the party's account in the district headquarters, viewing it as an auspicious sign for future political endeavors.

Dr.Kota Neelima Attends Sant Sevalal Maharaj Jayanti Celebrations

Hyderabad: PCC Vice President and Congress Party Incharge of Sanathnagar Constituency, Dr.Kota Neelima, participated in the Sant Sevalal Maharaj Jayanti celebrations organized at Babu Nagar in the SR Nagar Division on Saturday. The event was conducted under the leadership of Ravi Kiran, Balu Naik, and Tarun Jadhav, drawing



participation from local residents, community leaders, and Congress party workers. As part of the celebrations, Dr. Neelima paid floral tributes to the portrait of Sant Sevalal Maharaj and remembered his contribu-

tions as a revered spiritual leader and social reformer. Addressing the gathering, she said Sant Sevalal Maharaj's teachings continue to inspire society and promote unity, service, and moral values. She highlighted that his legacy remains a source of pride for the nation and noted that the Congress government is committed to the welfare, empowerment, and development of tribal communities.

State Women's Corporation Chairperson Bandru Shobharani Congratulates MLA & Government Whip Beerla Ilaiah on Congress Victory

Hyderabad: On the occasion of the Congress party securing control of Aleru Municipality, State Women's Corporation Chairperson Bandru Shobharani met Aleru MLA, Government Whip and DCC President Beerla Ilaiah and conveyed her heartfelt congratulations. Shobharani extended her best wishes to Beerla Ilaiah and appreciated his leadership and continuous efforts in strengthening the party at the grassroots level. She said the municipal



victory reflects the growing trust of people in the Congress party's governance and welfare-oriented approach. Speaking on the occasion, she noted

that coordinated teamwork by party leaders, cadre, and supporters played a key role in achieving the win. She expressed confidence that the municipality would witness faster development and improved civic services under Congress leadership. Beerla Ilaiah thanked her for the wishes and reiterated his commitment to work for the overall development of Aleru and the welfare of all sections of society. Party leaders and local representatives were also present during the meeting.

FOUR-YEAR-OLD'S 41-DAY SHIVA DEEKSHA AND PILGRIMAGE TO SRISAILAM INSPIRES SADASHVET

Sadashvpet, February 14: In an era where young children are often engrossed in mobile phones and video games, a four-year-old boy from Sadashvpet has moved the hearts of many by undertaking a rigorous 41-day Shiva Deeksha and embarking on a pilgrimage to Srisailam. Hariharan, the son of Shetty Vinod and Shwetha, observed the spiritual vow with strict discipline, chanting "Om Namah Shivaya" constantly and following the rules of the deeksha with unwavering obedience. On Saturday, carrying the sacred Irumudi on his head, the young devotee set out for the darshan of Lord Mallikarjuna at the Srisailam Mallikarjuna Swamy Temple, creating an atmosphere of devotion across the town. Residents watched in awe as

the child, with innocent chants and unwavering faith, walked his path of devotion. His journey answered a profound question—"How heavy is the Irumudi before devotion?"—not with words, but with determined steps, proving that mental strength outweighs physical strength, and faith matters more than age. At a time when concerns are often raised about fading values, Hariharan's Shiva Deeksha stands as a spiritual ray of hope. It reminds us of the crucial role parents play in shaping a child's character and how spirituality can be instilled from a very young age. This young devotee beautifully demonstrates that devotion cannot be measured by age—and when faith is strong, even the weight of the Irumudi feels light.

Guest Lecturer Posts at Bellampalli Government Degree College.

Mancherial, Feb 14, TSIT: Applications are invited for Guest Lecturer posts at the Government Degree College, Bellampalli, in the subjects of Botany, English, Telugu, Commerce, Computer Science and Zoology. Eligible candidates are required to submit their applications on or before February 18 by 4 pm, Principal Dr. Kampalli Shankar said. Candidates must have secured a minimum of 55% marks in the relevant postgraduate subject (50% for SC/ST candidates). Preference will be given to Ph.D. holders. In the absence of Ph.D. candidates, those qualified in NET will be considered, followed by candidates with SET qualification. If no eligible candidates with these qualifications are available, applicants with a post-graduate degree in the concerned subject will be considered. Teaching experience at the degree level will be given preference. Selected candidates will be paid Rs. 390 per period, with a maximum of four periods per day and up to 72 periods per month, amounting to a



maximum remuneration of Rs. 28,080 per month. Applicants must submit copies of their academic certificates, including SSC, Intermediate, Degree, PG, Ph.D., NET/SET (if applicable), along with bonafide and conduct certificates, Aadhaar card and local certificate. Applications should be submitted at the college office. Interview details will be communicated through phone or WhatsApp. For further information, candidates may contact 9959269975.

CBIT hosts national-level Sudhee 2026 hackathon



Hyderabad: Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT) successfully conducted the national-level "Sudhee 2026" Hackathon at its Hyderabad campus, attracting 220 teams from various states. After online PPT screening, 70 teams were shortlisted for the final offline round. With a prize pool of 60,000, the event featured domains including AI & Smart Systems, Digital & Immersive Technologies, IoT & Robotics, and GreenTech & Sustainability. Participants presented innovative solutions before an expert panel of industry professionals and CBIT alumni. In AI & Smart Systems, Team Caffeine Coders (CBIT) and Green Genie (Jyothishmathi Institute of Technology) won top honors.

CPI, BRS ALLIANCE IN KOTHAGUDEM

Khammam (TSIT): In a significant political development in Kothagudem Municipal Corporation, BRS and CPI have decided to join hands following a hung verdict in the recent civic polls. The two parties have agreed to work together to secure the Mayor's post, altering the local political landscape. In the corporation elections, Congress won 22 seats, CPI 22, BRS 8, Independents 6, BJP 1 and CPM 1, leaving no party with a clear majority. With the numbers evenly balanced, CPI emerged as a decisive force. BRS working president K. T. Rama Rao announced that if CPI extended support, the Mayor's post would be given to the CPI.

Following a telephonic discussion with KTR, CPI state secretary Kunamneni Sambasiva Rao confirmed that the party had agreed to align with BRS to claim the Mayor's chair. He said the decision was taken in the interest of public welfare and local development. Notably, CPI had contested the recent Assembly and Parliament elections in alliance with Congress. In this backdrop, the new understanding between CPI and BRS at the municipal level has sparked political debate. Political observers believe the alliance could lay the groundwork for new political realignments at the State level in the coming days.

ENSURE NO INCONVENIENCE TO DEVOTEES: SP DR SHABARISH REVIEWS SECURITY AT KURAVI TEMPLE FOR MAHASHIVRATRI JATARA

Mahabubabad, February 14: In the lead-up to the annual Kuravi Jatara being held on the occasion of Mahashivratri, District Superintendent of Police Dr Shabarish visited the famous Sri Veerabhadra Swamy Temple on Saturday to review security and arrangements. Upon arrival, the SP offered prayers and had darshan of the deity. Following this, he conducted a comprehensive review meeting with police officials and temple authorities to assess the preparedness for the large influx of devotees expected during the fair. Stringent Security Measures in Place Addressing the media after the inspection, Dr Shabarish empha-



sized that strict security measures have been implemented to prevent any untoward incidents. "Continuous surveillance will be maintained in the temple premises and surrounding areas through CCTV cameras," he stated. To manage the heavy rush of devotees, the police have established spe-

cial queue lines and barricades, along with a clear guidance system. The SP assured that adequate parking facilities have been arranged, and special traffic diversions are being implemented to prevent congestion and ensure a smooth flow of vehicles. Focus on Women's Safety and Crime Prevention Highlighting the commitment to devotees' safety, Dr Shabarish revealed that 'She Teams' have been deployed specifically for the security of women and girls. Additionally, special police teams are on duty to prevent thefts and other anti-social activities. "Special surveillance has been set up to monitor the movements of suspicious persons," he added. Duty with Compassion

TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud Extends Maha Shivratri Greetings

Hyderabad: TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud extended heartfelt greetings to all Telugu people on the occasion of Maha Shivratri. In a statement, he conveyed warm wishes to devotees celebrating the sacred festival and prayed that Lord Shiva's blessings bring peace, prosperity, and well-being to the lives of people.



He said Maha Shivratri, marked by fasting, night-long vigil, and Rudrabhishekam rituals, inspires people to cleanse negative thoughts and move forward with noble intentions and discipline. Describing Lord Shiva as a symbol of equality and tolerance, Mahesh Kumar Goud called upon people to practice values that

strengthen social harmony and unity. He noted that love and mutual respect are especially important in the present times and said the message of Shivratri reinforces these ideals.

He also urged youth to respect spiritual and cultural traditions and take the lead in social service. Wishing that every family is filled with happiness and that devotees' prayers are fulfilled, he once again conveyed Maha Shivratri greetings to all Telugu people.

CM Revanth Attends Cradle Ceremony in Ramagundam



Hyderabad: Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy attended the cradle (Uyala) ceremony of the granddaughter of Ramagundam MLA Raj Thakur and conveyed his heartfelt blessings to the newborn. Chief Minister participated in the family function

held in Ramagundam and spent time with the family members and well-wishers. On the occasion, he blessed the child and wished the family happiness, good health, and prosperity. Local public representatives, party leaders, and supporters were present at the ceremony. The visit drew warm response from attendees, who expressed happiness over the Chief Minister's presence at the auspicious event.

NOTA emerges key factor in Mahabubabad polls

Mahabubabad, February 13: 'None of the Above' (NOTA) votes turned decisive in the Mahabubabad municipal elections, influencing results in several wards. In many divisions, the margin between winners and runners-up was just 10-20 votes, while NOTA secured nearly the same number.

Former Minister Singireddy Niranjan Reddy who paid tributes to the body

Wanaparthi: Narayanadas Raju of Ward 2 of Wanaparthi town breathed his last on Friday. Former minister at his residence on Saturday. Singireddy Niranjan Reddy went and offered floral tributes to the body. Later, they expressed their deepest condolences to their families. The former minister was accompanied by leaders, Lakshmaiah, Vakiti Sridhar, Palusa Ramesh Goud, Pendem Kurumurthy Yadav, Venu Gopal, Grantham Paramjyoti, Venkatasagar, Erra Sheenu, Neela Sami, Surender, Ghulam Qader, Prabhu, Star Rahim, Syed Jameel, Dega. Maheshwar, Hemant Mudiraj, Zoheb Hussain, Gowda Naik, Chityala Ramu, Vande Koti Shiva Kurumurthy and others participated.



Medicover launches childhood obesity clinic in Hyderabad



Hyderabad, February 14, 2026: In response to a growing yet often overlooked health crisis among urban children, Medicover Women and Child Hospitals has launched a dedicated Growth and Childhood Obesity Clinic in the Twin Cities. The initiative aims to address the dual challenges of poor growth velocity and early-onset obesity through early detection, prevention, and structured medical intervention.

India's urban landscape is witnessing a silent health paradox. Studies indicate that nearly 20-25% of school-going children in cities are either overweight or obese, while a significant proportion experience stunted growth due to nutritional, hormonal, or lifestyle factors. Doctors warn that if left unaddressed, these conditions can lead to long-term metabolic, cardiovascular, and psychosocial complications.

Inauguration and Expert Insights
The clinic was inaugurated in the presence of senior child health experts, with Dr Usha Rani T, President-Elect of IAP Twin Cities, serving as the Chief Guest. Highlighting the urgency of the issue, she stated, "We are increasingly seeing children grow heavier but not taller. Regular growth monitoring, BMI tracking, and timely nutritional correction must become routine. Pediatricians, parents, and schools need to work together to build healthier habits from early childhood and prevent future disease."

Dr Ravinder Reddy Parige,

Head of Department and Program Lead at Medicover, explained the clinical vision behind the initiative. "Short stature or excess weight is often dismissed as a temporary phase. In reality, these can be early warning signs. This clinic offers standardized growth charting, obesity risk assessment, metabolic screening, and clear referral pathways so that timely and appropriate intervention is possible."

A Multidisciplinary Approach
The clinic brings together pediatric and endocrine specialists to provide comprehensive care. Dr Janardhan Reddy emphasized the importance of routine pediatric surveillance, stating, "Tracking height, weight, BMI, and developmental milestones during routine check-ups helps us detect early deviations and correct them with simple measures such as diet guidance, activity planning, and medical support when needed."

From a family and lifestyle perspective, Dr Swathy T stressed the role of daily habits in prevention. "Reducing ultra-processed foods, increasing physical play, improving sleep hygiene, and limiting screen time are crucial. Continuous parental counseling and follow-up are key to achieving sustainable results."

Dr Madhu Mohan added a surgical and preventive perspective, noting, "When growth or weight issues are identified early, children can often avoid complex medical or surgical interventions later in life. Preventive care plays a vital role in long-term child health outcomes."

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

Borrower Name and Address	Amount due as per Demand Notice
1. Bharath Timber Depot Represented By Its Proprietor Bharath Koppu, R/o. H.No. 1-6-158/50/52/21, Rahul Nagar, Narsampet Road, Mahabubabad Dist - 506 101, Cell: 8885564939. (Borrower)2. Bharath Koppu S/O Bhaskar, Age: 22 Years, Occ: Bharath Timber Depo, Main Road, Mahabubabad, R/o.H.No.2-40/1, Saravapur(VII), Dwarakapet, Narsampet (Md), Warangal Dist - 506 132. Cell : 9490228113 (Co-Borrower) And also at Bharath Koppu S/O Bhaskar, Age: 22 Years, Occ: Bharath Timber Depo, Main Road, Mahabubabad, # House and open place H.No.2-40, 400.00 Sq.Yards, 334.54 Sq.Mtrs, Sy.No.42, Ward No.2, Saravapuram village, Narsampet Mandal, Warangal District. 3. Bhaskar Koppu S/O Bhadrachari, Age : 46 Years, Occ: Bharath Timber Depo, R/o.H.No. 2-40/1, Saravapur (VII), Dwarakapet, Narsampet (Md), Warangal Dist-506 132, Cell: 944012076, (Guarantor) 4. Ravinder Mudangula S/O Kommlu, Age: 35 Years, Occ: Business, R/o.H.No.4-85, Khana puram(VII), Pakhalashok Nagar, Warangal Dist-506 370, Cell: 9440946655. (Guarantor).	Rs. 516940/- (Rupees Fifty One Laks Sixty Nine Thousand Four Hundred and Four only)

NRSMTF1711300015- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:(Property holder Name is KOPPU BHARATH Mortgage deed dated 05.12.2017 Registered as Document No.2569/2017 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at NARSAMPET) House and open place bearing Nagarpanchayath H.No.2-40 admeasuring to an extent of 400.00 Sq.Yards or 334.54 Sq.Mtrs in Sy.No.42 ward No.2 situated at Saravapuram village, Narsampet Mandal of Warangal District within the registration District, Warangal and Sub-Registrar, Narsampet is bounded by: East: House of Edula Venkatesh, West : Nagarpanchayath (Saravapuram) Road, North : House and open place of Koppula Samba laam South: Open place of Erabelli Someshwar

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

Place: Narsampet, Date: 14-02-2026
Sd/-Authorised officer, Shiram Finance Ltd.

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

The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same. 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.

Name of the Borrowers(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantors	NPA DATE:	Date Of Demand Notice:
(1) Koyyaguri Shiva Kumar @ Alias Shiva Kum Koyyagura, S/o: Koyyaguri Sukkaiiah @ Alias Chukkaiiah Koyyagura, Age: 39 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/o: H.No: 1-29, Choutuppal, Pantangi, Yadadri-Bhongiri-508252, B/o: Proprietor of "Shiva Kumar Poultry Firm & Shiva Shankar Kiranam And General Stores", At # S No: 179 & 180 or 113, Panthangi, Choutuppal, Nalgonda-508252, 9948818549, 9948546598, 7569975674.	07.01.2022	16.01.2026
(2) Koyyaguri Renuka, W/o: Koyyaguri Shiva Kumar, Age: 35 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/o: H.No: 1-29, Choutuppal, Pantangi, Nalgonda-508252, 9948818549, 7569975674.	Outstanding Amount: Rs. 29,29,567/-	Loan Amount: Rs. 10,00,000/-

Barrowers/Co-borrower/Guarantors/Legal heirs
VANASTF2102230002- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: All that the Open Plot admeasuring 484 Sq.Yards, or Equivalent to 404.62 Sq.Mtrs, in Survey No. 10/2, Situated at Panthangi Village and Grampanchayath, Choutuppal Revenue Mandal, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District, Under Panthangi Grampanchayath and bounded as follows: Towards East: Land of Vendor, Towards West: 12' Wide Cc Road, Towards North: House of Vattipally Venkatesh, Towards South: Panthangi to Saidabad Road.

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

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

Dated: 13.02.2026
Authorized Officer
SHIRAM FINANCE LTD.

SHIRAM FINANCE LIMITED
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The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same. 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.

Name of the Borrowers(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantors	NPA DATE:	Date Of Demand Notice:
(1) Ramgopal Ceepelli S/o. Aagaiah, Age: 61 Years, Occ: Business (M/s. Bhargava Motor Works), H.No: 8-7-284/A/A, Hanuman Nagar, Karimnagar, Cell: 9848128206, Pincode: 505001 And also at Ramgopal Ceepelli S/o. Aagaiah, Age: 61 Years, Occ: Business (M/s. Bhargava Motor Works), An Open Plot Admeasuring to an extent of 401.93 Sq.Yards or 336.01 Sq.Mtrs., Out of Sy.No. 759, Situated At Kothirampur Locality of Karimnagar Town & District. (2) Ceepelli Sujatha W/o. Ramgopal, Age: 58 Years, Occ: House Wife, H.No: 8-7-284/A/A, Hanuman Nagar, Karimnagar, Cell: 9347301575, Pincode: 505001. (3) Boda Mallaiah S/o. Ramaswamy, Age: 49 Years, Occ: Typist (Irrigation Department), H.No: 5-27, Manakondur, Karimnagar, Cell: 9398331305, Pincode: 505469.	07.09.2022	10.01.2026
(1) Ramgopal Ceepelli S/o. Aagaiah, Age: 61 Years, Occ: Business (M/s. Bhargava Motor Works), H.No: 8-7-284/A/A, Hanuman Nagar, Karimnagar, Cell: 9848128206, Pincode: 505001 And also at Ramgopal Ceepelli S/o. Aagaiah, Age: 61 Years, Occ: Business (M/s. Bhargava Motor Works), An Open Plot Admeasuring to an extent of 401.93 Sq.Yards or 336.01 Sq.Mtrs., out of Sy. No. 759, situated at Kothirampur locality of Karimnagar Town & District, bounded as under: East: Plot of T. Sudhakar, West: Plot of Vendeed Purchased from Dasari Satyanarayana, North: 20 Feets Wide Road, South: Plot of Others.	Outstanding Amount: Rs. 48,28,090/-	Loan Amount: Rs. 18,00,000/-

KMNG2TF210150003- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: Property holder Name is RAMGOPAL CEEPPELLI Mortgage deed dated 15.07.2021 Registered as Document No. 9304/2021 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Karimnagar (R.O.) An Open Plot admeasuring to an extent of 401.93 Sq.Yards or 336.01 Sq.Mtrs., out of Sy. No. 759, situated at Kothirampur locality of Karimnagar Town & District, bounded as under: East: Plot of T. Sudhakar, West: Plot of Vendeed Purchased from Dasari Satyanarayana, North: 20 Feets Wide Road, South: Plot of Others.

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

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

Dated: 14.02.2026
Authorized Officer
SHIRAM FINANCE 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(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorized Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

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

Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/Guarantor/LAN No.	Demand Notice Date and Amount	DATE OF POSSESSION
1. Mrs. Yasani Lakshmi W/o. Venkanna R/o: House No: H NO. 2-28/4, Durajipalli, Chivverla, Suryapet, Telangana, India 508213	01.09.2025 Rs.25,57,686/- (Rupees twenty five lacs fifty seven thousand six hundred and eighty six Only	13-02-2026
2. Mr. Yasani Lingaswamy, R/o: House No: H. No. 2-28/4, Durajipalli, Chivverla, Suryapet, Telangana, India 508213Co-Borrower Loan Account Nos. AP/HDBI/SRPT/A000000049	

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that the Property of House bearing No.2-42 in Sy.No.309, Admeasuring 285 Sq. Yards situated in Durajipally Village, Chivverla Mandal, Suryapet, Telangana, and bounded by: North: House of Vallapatta Lingaiah, South: House of Mondikathi Janaiah, East: 50 Feet Road, West: Dasari Lakshmi.

Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/Guarantor/LAN No.	Demand Notice Date and Amount	DATE OF POSSESSION
1. Mr. Sathyanarayana Gajula, H.No 3-166/8, Bhupalpalay, Bhupalpalay, Bhupalpalay, Semiburhan, Warangal, Telangana, India - 506169	16.10.2025 Rs.20,93,257/- (Rupees Twenty Lacs Ninety Three Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Seven Only	13-02-2026
2. Mrs. Jayalaxmi Gajula, H.No 3-166/8, Bhupalpalay, Bhupalpalay, Bhupalpalay, Semiburhan, Warangal, Telangana, India - 506169Co-Borrower Loan Account Nos. AP/WGL/WRNG/A000000318 AP/WGL/WRNG/A000001366	

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that the House with open place bearing H. No. 3-166/8, admeasuring 93.33 Sq. Yards, or 78.036 Sq. Meters, in Sy. No. 317/A, situated at Bhupalpalay village & Mandal, Jayashankar-Bhupalpalay District Boundaries EAST: PLOT OF BASANI SHYAMKUMAR WEST: PLOT OF R VENUGOPALREDDY NORTH: NAGARAPANCHATH ROAD, SOUTH: MAZID COMPOUND WALL

Place: Telangana Date: 14-02-2026
Sd/-Authorised Officer, For Hinduja Housing Finance Limited

DECCAN HEALTH CARE LIMITED
6-3-347/17/5/A/Back Position, Dwarkapuri Colony, Somajiguda, Hyderabad, Telangana-500082
CIN: L72200TG1996PLC024351 • Email: mail@deccanhealthcare.co.in • Website: www.deccanhealthcare.co.in

STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025 (Rs in Lacs Except EPS)

Sr. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended			Year Ended
		31.12.2025	30.09.2025	31.12.2024	
01	Total Revenue from Operations	1739.42	2139.69	2042.88	7506.36
02	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	133.94	122.54	19.93	163.02
03	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	133.94	122.54	19.93	163.02
04	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	100.25	91.40	14.43	115.87
05	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)	104.05	95.21	14.41	131.09
06	Paid Up Share Capital	2474.92	2474.92	2266.58	2342.55
07	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as per the audited Balance Sheet of Previous year)	----	----	----	6296.52
08	Earnings Per Share (not annualized for the quarter / year / period ended)				
	A: Basic	0.41	0.37	0.07	0.54
	B: Diluted	0.41	0.37	0.06	0.45

Notes: (1) The above is an Extract of the detailed format of Consolidated Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter ended December 31, 2025 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of Consolidated Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter ended December 31, 2025 is available on the Stock Exchange website i.e. www.bseindia.com and on the website of the Company i.e. www.deccanhealthcare.co.in. (2) The Standalone and Consolidated Unaudited Financial Results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee in its meeting concluded on February 13, 2026 and were approved by the Board of Directors in their meeting held on February 13, 2026.

KEY NUMBERS OF FINANCIAL RESULTS ON STANDALONE BASIS (Rs in Lakhs)

Sr. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended			Year Ended
		31.12.2025	30.09.2025	31.12.2024	
01	Turnover	2303.20	2440.46	2042.88	7513.19
02	Profit / Loss Before Tax	128.76	121.93	21.07	166.92
03	Profit / Loss After Tax	95.07	89.97	15.57	119.79

Place : Hyderabad Date : 13-02-2026
For, Deccan Health Care Limited
Sd/- Mohak Gupta - Whole-time Director • DIN: 03534904

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Name of the Borrowers(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantors	NPA DATE:	Date Of Demand Notice:
(1). Srinivas Kanurkuthi @ Alias Kanurkuthi Srinivas @ Alias K. Srinivase @ Alias Srinivasulu/S/O. Baluraju Kanurkuthy, Age:47 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/o: Address-I: H.No.5-32, Mall Market, Yacharam, Near Nalgonda X Road, Ranga Reddy-508250, Address-II: Masjid Street, Venkateswara Nagar, Godakonda, Chintpally, Nalgonda-508250, Address-III: H.No.10-142/2, V T Nagar, Mall, Godakonda, Nalgonda-508250, B/O: Proprietor of "Srinivasa Footwear" at same as Residence Address, Cell:9963052409.	31.01.2017	14.02.2026
(2). Baluraju Kanurkuthi @ Alias K. Baluraju S/O. K. Shapath @ Alias Kanurkuthi Shrapaiah, Age:72 Years, R/o: H.No. 5-32, Mall Market, Yacharam, Nallavalli, Ranga Reddy-508250, Cell: 8186564201. (3). Tipparthy Yadagiri @ Alias Tipparthy Yadagiri, S/O. Chandraiah Tipparthy @ Alias Chandraiah Tipparthy Age: 45 Years, Occ: Govt Employee, R/o. H.No-1-54, Chowdrepally Yacharam, Near Podam School, Ranga Reddy-500070, Q/O: T.S.R.T Working as a "conductor" at # Kachiguda Bus Depot, Kachiguda, Hyderabad-500027, Cell:9032327400.... (4). Nariah Kattukuri, S/O. Sathiah, Age: 40 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O.H.No.1-52/A/4 (or) 1-52/A/G, Godkondia vil, Chintapally, Nalgonda-508250, B/O. Proprietor of "Siddi Vinayaka Tent House" at # V T Nagar, Main Road, Chintapally, Nalgonda-508250, Cell:9951157057.	Outstanding Amount: Rs.23,30,600/-	Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/-

.....Borrowers/Co-Borrower/Guarantors/Legal heirs

LBNGRTF1605310003- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: House Bearing Door No.5-32, measuring an area of 37 Sq.Yards or 30.93 Sq.meters (Plot No.78) situated at Mall, H/O Nallavelli Village, under the Grampanchayath of Mall Village, Yacharam Mandal, R.R.District, in the Regn. District of Ranga Reddy and sub-district of Ibrahimpatnam and Bounded as follows: East: Land of Y.Jayamma, actual: 5-36, West: Road, North: Road, South: Road to Chandur.

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

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

Date:14.02.2026
Authorized Officer
SHIRAM FINANCE LIMITED

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Branch At # 11-25-79 & 80, 1St, Pochammaiah, Warangal, Warangal -506002

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

Borrower Name and Address	Amount due as per Demand Notice

EDITORIAL

Azerbaijan's Anti-India Jabs Are Growing

Azerbaijan has suddenly discovered minority rights and concerns, only not those of minority communities in its territory, but in India. On February 3, it allowed the Pakistani Embassy in Azerbaijan to hold an event marking Kashmir Solidarity Day, with the country's ambassador to Baku, Qasim Mohiuddin, attending alongside diplomatic staff and media representatives. As usual, wild allegations were made against India, with the ambassador reaffirming Pakistan's "unwavering moral, diplomatic, and political support for the Kashmiri people and their right to self-determination".

Hosting Khalistani Representatives

While such "Kashmir Days" have become routine, this year, it was preceded by yet another event - a conference organised by a group calling itself the Baku Initiative Group (BIG) on (lack of) minority rights in India. This was actually a euphemism for driving the Khalistani narrative. In attendance were representatives of different Khalistani organisations, such as the Sikh Federation International (SFI), as well as the Minority Affairs Minister from Pakistan, Ramesh Singh Arora, whom the Azerbaijani press falsely introduced as a Minister from India's Punjab province. Doing away with all pretences, the conference openly called for international support for the establishment of a separate Khalistani state. A booklet titled *The Khalistan Movement: Past Roots, Global Dimensions and Modern Landscape* was also released.

An Absurd Move

The very act of hosting such a conference in Baku is so ridiculous that it evokes more amusement than concern. After all, Azerbaijan is no paragon of liberty and pluralism. It is an autocratic state where power remains controlled by a single family. It neither allows dissent, freedom of expression, nor a free press. It has no opposition, and critics of the government are routinely rounded up and silenced. The presidential and parliamentary elections in February and September, respectively, failed to meet standards for a free and fair vote. International observers found them "marked by the stifling of critical voices" and "devoid of competition". Take, for instance, the fact that in 2024, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe resolved not to ratify the credentials of the Azerbaijani delegation, concluding that the country has "not fulfilled major commitments" stemming from its joining the Council of Europe 20 years ago. "Very serious concerns remain as to [Azerbaijan's] ability to conduct free and fair elections, the separation of powers, the weakness of its legislature vis-à-vis the executive, the independence of the judiciary and respect for human rights, as illustrated by numerous judgments of the European Court of Human Rights and opinions of the Venice Commission," the Assembly said in a resolution. Baku also stands charged with war crimes in Nagorno-Karabakh, which it wrested from Armenian control during the 2020 war. It is accused of committing ethnic cleansing in the enclave - all very serious allegations. These are just some examples of the country's track record. Why, then, does it want to highlight "discrimination" elsewhere, especially in a functioning and vibrant democracy like India? The immediate temptation is to say that it is a good way to deflect from Baku's own deficiencies.

What Even Is 'BIG'?

The antecedents of the Baku Initiative Group are just as dubious. It appeared only in 2023 as a platform to ostensibly counter "colonialism" and neo-colonialism, but so far has trained its guns only on France, and now India - two countries that pursue close relations with Armenia, an arch-rival of Azerbaijan. The group has accused France of continuing to colonise New Caledonia, forcing the indigenous Kanak population into displacement. As for India, over the past few years, it has deepened cooperation with Armenia, including in defence. At the time of writing this piece, the Indian Chief of Defence Staff, General Anil Chauhan, was on a visit to Yerevan. In spite of its many defence partnerships, including with NATO-member Turkey, Azerbaijan has been very apprehensive of India's engagement with Armenia.

Scripted Posts, Late-Night Calls: How A 'Rescue Op' Saved UK PM Starmer's Job

A nation that once ruled half the world is now struggling to rule itself. A country that produced leaders, such as Winston Churchill and Margaret Thatcher, today finds itself engulfed in a deeply damaging leadership crisis. The impression one gets is that the political class has failed its people, institutions are losing public trust, and the country appears to be drifting. In this dark and anarchic political climate, the United Kingdom is being led by a prime minister whose most recent approval ratings suggest that just about 18% of Britons view him favourably, while roughly 75% view him unfavourably. Prime Minister Keir Starmer and his governing Labour Party would possibly lose if a general election were held today. This, after returning to power with a decisive majority in June 2024. To be honest, Britain's Labour Party today appears leaderless. And the world is watching.

For months, Starmer's leadership has appeared brittle, weakened by U-turns, defined by risk aversion and a growing disconnect between Downing Street and Labour's parliamentary ranks.

Mandelson, A Monumental Mistake

The immediate trigger, however, is the fallout from the Jeffrey Epstein-linked revelations involving Peter Mandelson, the prime minister's controversial pick as Britain's ambassador to the United States. The disgraced figure of Mandelson must be haunting Keir Starmer, as the release of emails detailing the depth of Mandelson's association with the convicted sex offender has sent shockwaves through Westminster. The prime minister's chief adviser has already resigned. A growing number of governing Labour MPs are openly calling for Starmer himself to step down. Others are waiting - calculating, plotting, watching - ready to strike at what they believe is the right moment. The prime minister may have survived, at least for now but his authority stands eroded. Yes, he still wears the crown, but like Shakespeare's Macbeth, the title hangs loose, the emperor has no clothes and Westminster can no longer pretend otherwise.

Defiance Rings Hollow

Despite the upheaval in the party, Keir Starmer has so far been defiant. Speaking at a community centre (in



Hertfordshire) this week, he declared he would "never walk away from the country that I love." He cast himself as a fighter for those "held back by a system that doesn't work," invoked his working-class roots, and insisted he would lead Labour into the next general election. The rhetoric was familiar. Resolute words delivered against an increasingly fragile political reality. Even as Starmer spoke, senior figures in his own party were unconvinced. Scottish Labour leader Anas Sarwar publicly called for his resignation, citing "too many mistakes" in Downing Street. Others stayed silent, a silence that spoke just as loudly. For now, Starmer has survived.

Unsurprisingly, opposition figures have seized the moment. Conservative leaders have bluntly declared that Labour has "lost confidence in Keir Starmer" and that his departure is now a question of "when, not if". Coming from a party still recovering from its own implosions, the charge carries an uncomfortable weight. Starmer's deeper problem is not the opposition's attack, but his own party's exhaustion. Labour is restless but unprepared. Angry, but not organised. That helps explain why an outright rebellion has yet to materialise. There is no obvious successor waiting in the wings. Alternative names are circulating. Angela Rayner, Rachel Reeves, Wes Streeting. But each comes with baggage or insufficient support. The party's predicament mirrors Britain's wider mood: tired of drift, fearful of

chaos, and paralysed by the absence of convincing alternatives.

Watch Out For Shabana Mahmood

It is in this vacuum that Shabana Mahmood's name has entered the conversation. Mahmood, the current home minister (Home Secretary), is a steady, institutional figure rather than a charismatic disruptor. Born in Birmingham with family roots in PoK, she was educated at Oxford and trained as a barrister. Since entering Parliament in 2010, she has built a reputation as a competent administrator, avoiding factional theatrics in favour of delivery and discipline. For Indian audiences, the significance is obvious. If Shabana Mahmood were to become prime minister, it would mark another historic moment after Rishi Sunak - a British Muslim woman of South Asian origin leading the UK. The uncomfortable question will be: how will the India-UK relations pan out under her? Her India policy might almost certainly be driven less by identity and more by British strategic interests. India today is central to the UK's post-Brexit trade ambitions and technology and defence partnerships. Any British prime minister would be constrained - and incentivised - to maintain stable ties with New Delhi.

That said, doesn't perception matter in diplomacy? Shabana Mahmood's background would inevitably draw scrutiny in India, particularly given sensitivities around Kashmir. India, on its part, will have to deal with her.

The Indian government is unlikely to expect bias, but it would watch early signals closely: her engagement with Indian leadership and continuity on treating Kashmir as a bilateral India-Pakistan issue. Will Mahmood keep personal identity separate from state policy?

The Kashmir angle

Also, there is a domestic British dimension that India will watch carefully. Shabana Mahmood's rise would place a politician with deep roots in Britain's Muslim and South Asian communities at the centre of power at a time when Labour is struggling to balance its electoral coalitions. Within the party, voices sympathetic to Kashmir and human rights in India have grown louder in recent years. As prime minister, Mahmood would be under pressure to manage these internal dynamics while preventing them from spilling into foreign policy. How firmly she draws that line would be closely studied in New Delhi.

Survival Sans Authority

For now, Keir Starmer has bought time, but heads sans party loyalty. His authority rests on temporary endorsements and managed optics, not genuine confidence. That he did so is being framed by his allies as a political recovery. In truth, it was a rescue operation. The turning point came when Deputy Prime Minister David Lammy posted a carefully worded message on X, urging respect for Starmer's "massive mandate".

After 'Babri Masjid' High, Humayun Kabir's Waning Influence in West Bengal

It has been over two months since the foundation stone for the Babri Masjid replica was laid at Beldanga in West Bengal's Murshidabad, and the political landscape has changed considerably since then. Humayun Kabir, the suspended Trinamool Congress MLA who went on to found the Janata Unnayan Party (JUP), was seen as a rising political force, but his influence appears to have waned considerably just weeks before the Bengal Assembly elections. On Thursday, the JUP chief led a 22-km 'Babri Yatra' from the Palashi (or Plassey) Monument to Beldanga. Kabir, who had drawn lakhs during the December 6 foundation event, was accompanied by only a few hundred supporters. Only 10,000 people had gathered even during the brick-laying event, which marked the beginning of the construction of the replica of the Babri mosque, on Wednesday. The launch of his party, on December 22, had drawn crowds more interested in the proposed mosque than in his political platform, and the trend appears to have only intensified since then. Ali Rahaman, who joined the 'Babri Yatra', told NDTV, "We have come from Bankura. It is a big day for us. This masjid is a big step for Islam and it is important because the Babri Masjid was demolished. But politics is different from this. We Muslims are supporting this because of its religious significance and not for politics." BJP's Campaign Hurting Kabir? Kabir continues to say he intends to play "kingmaker" in the upcoming Assembly elections and is prepared to back the BJP if it helps keep the Trinamool out of power. Ironically, however, it is the BJP's campaign - with its focus on infiltration, Trinamool chief Mamata Banerjee's "appeasement" of Muslims and her "vote-bank" politics - which may be hurting the JUP chief. In the West Bengal Assembly, BJP MLA Agnimitra Pal recently said, "Madam Banerjee is spending a lot of money on madrassas, but only terrorists are being produced in them. No engi-



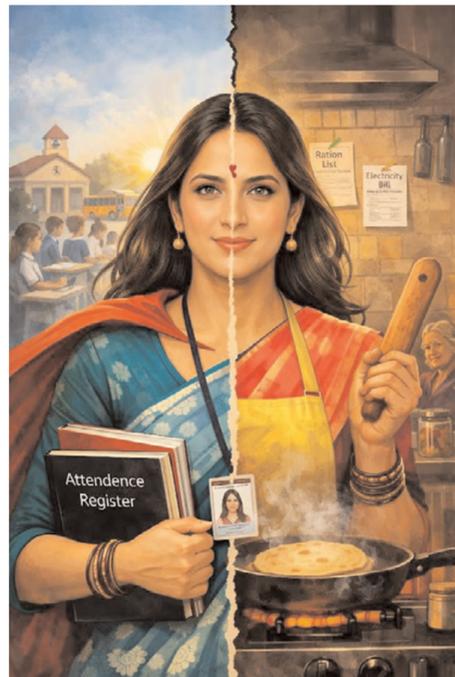
neers or physicians are being produced at all. Thus, by providing funding to madrassas, West Bengal is inciting terrorism." In both Murshidabad and Malda, Muslim-majority districts in which Kabir is hoping his fledgling party will do well, this approach by the BJP has made Muslims uneasy. Mamata Banerjee is also using this politically by attending every Muslim gathering and accusing the BJP of using Humayun Kabir to try to split the Muslim vote. Banerjee's approach is seen to be working, with Muslims now leaning more towards the chief minister and the Trinamool Congress. Kabir may still have some influence in his hometown of Beldanga at most, but even that is no longer a cakewalk. Several Muslim Trinamool leaders in the area are actually happy Kabir is no longer there, because their political significance has increased significantly, and they are putting in more effort to

make the party victorious. Other Challenges Banerjee is now banking on Hariharpur MLA Niamot Sheikh to take on Kabir in Murshidabad, and he seems to be getting along well with all the other Muslim leaders. The JUP chief has also been somewhat undermined by corruption charges against his family members as well as action against them. Days before the construction of the Babri replica was to begin, several properties of Kabir's close relatives were ordered to be seized by the Union Finance Ministry under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. Another front on which Kabir is not getting traction is his attempts to tie up with the Indian Secular Front, which has its headquarters in south Bengal. No decision has been taken on seat-sharing and, sources said, the party does not want to see Kabir do well because it believes it is the true representative of Muslims in the state.

TEACHER STANDING BETWEEN STUDENTS AND STOVE

— Dr. Priyanka Saurabh

Some beliefs become so deeply ingrained in society that they are accepted as truth beyond question. "A teacher's job is the most comfortable"—this statement is one such social belief, one that people often repeat without stopping to consider the profound lack of understanding and neglect that lies behind it. The life of a female teacher is the most powerful, yet least heard, counterpoint to this notion. A female teacher's day begins not with the sound of an alarm, but with a list of responsibilities. While the rest of the family is still asleep, she's making tea, packing lunches, waking up the children, and ensuring nothing is left unfinished in the kitchen. For her, morning preparation isn't just about getting herself ready, but about getting the entire house "ready." She then leaves the house with her professional face, but her worries don't stop at the door. Whether the gas is turned off, whether the geyser is switched off—these questions follow her even in the crowded bus or auto-rickshaw. As soon as she arrives at school, she is expected to completely transform into an "ideal teacher." Her domestic fatigue, personal conflicts, and emotional pressure—all of which must be left at the school gate. There, she must smile, remain composed, patiently answer children's questions, and appear composed in every situation. This emotional labor, which is not counted on pay slips or evaluations, is the heaviest and



most invisible part of her job. Ironically, even within schools, claims of equality often prove unfulfilled. Free periods, which should be considered a time for relaxation and self-development, often become a time for stacks of notebooks, record files, and additional responsibilities for female teachers. On the other hand, this same time becomes an opportunity for informal discussions, tea, or relaxation for many male colleagues. This difference is not recorded in any written rules, but is deeply ingrained in practice. When she returns home in the

evening, her second shift begins. She's no longer a teacher, but a cook, a caregiver, a manager, and a problem solver. With a backpack slung over her shoulder and bags of vegetables in her hands, she's expected to show no trace of fatigue. Because if you see fatigue, the taunt is ready - "I told you, you won't be able to do it." The most painful moment comes when she tries to put her burden into words. "If it's so difficult, why don't you quit your job?" This sentence may sound simple, but it conceals a profound devaluation of a

woman's education, ambition, and self-respect. It's assumed that her job is a choice, a hobby she can give up if she wishes. It's forgotten that her degrees—M.A., B.Ed., and the nights and nights she's put in—are not mere decorations, but part of her very being and identity. Equally important is the question: will a woman's higher education still be seen as limited to a "good marriage" and "cultured children"? Are her intellectual abilities and professional contributions only valuable insofar as they do not conflict with family expectations? These questions are not just for teachers, but for society as a whole. In today's economic realities, a female teacher's job is no luxury. Amid rising inflation, EMIs, children's school fees, and health expenses—her salary has become the backbone of her family. She doesn't work to escape her home, but rather to ensure her home runs with dignity and stability. Despite this, her earnings are often belittled as "auxiliary income," as if her contributions are optional. Her struggles are no less on an emotional level. In her attempt to make time for everyone, she compromises most with herself. Her children's projects, her students' notebooks, her family's needs, and societal expectations—in the midst of all this, her own dreams, her fatigue, and her desires take a back seat. The gray hairs reflected in the mirror and the dark circles under her eyes remind her that the pursuit of perfection has distanced her from herself.

GOVERNOR GREETSON MAHA SIVARATRI

Hyderabad, Feb 14 (TSIT): "Maha Sivaratri, the night of wakefulness signifies as the Night of Awakening. It is one of the most important festivals for the millions of devotees of the most compassionate god 'Lord Shiva'," said Governor Jishnu Dev Varma. Extending the greetings and wishes to the people of Telangana State on the eve of Maha Sivaratri festival, Governor remarked that the Maha Sivaratri commemorates overcoming darkness and ignorance in life and the world and Lord Shiva will bestow happiness and prosperity on those who worship him on



this day. "May this auspicious occasion inspire noble thoughts of love, affection, amity, and brotherhood in all of us," he added.

Call to remove sarpanch over Sewalal statue theft

Rashtriya Gor Sena Manukota district president Suresh Rathod demanded strict action over the alleged theft of a statue of Sewalal Maharaj in Warangal. He sought the immediate removal and arrest of the concerned sarpanch. The idol was reportedly stolen from a temple on Rangashayapet Main Road on February 9 and later recovered the same night after a complaint was filed at Mamunur police station. Rathod alleged involvement of local leaders and warned of statewide protests if action is not taken.



DRDO Chairman Dr Samir V Kamat Conferred Honoris Causa by SRM University-AP

Amaravati, February 14, 2026: In recognition of his pioneering contributions to defence research and technological innovation, SRM University-AP conferred the prestigious Honoris Causa degree upon Dr Samir V Kamat, Secretary of the Department of Defence R&D and Chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), at a Special Convocation held at the university campus. Dr Kamat was honoured for his transformative leadership that has propelled India's indigenous defence capabilities to new frontiers, including breakthrough advancements in



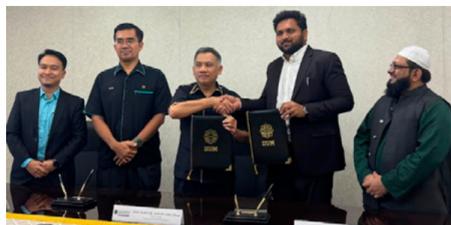
missile systems, aerospace platforms, unmanned technologies, and next-generation materials, significantly contributing to the vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat. Accepting the honour, Dr Kamat expressed his appreciation for the insti-

tution, stating, "SRM University-AP marked a niche for itself by providing transformational learning experience to its students and scholars." He highlighted DRDO's ongoing efforts to enhance intellectual capital through the establish-

ment of five new laboratories and 15 new DRDO centres focused on underwater and space awareness. He encouraged young talent from national universities to contribute towards indigenous defence technology and strategic foresight, posi-

tioning India as a global leader. The degree was conferred in the august presence of Chief Guest Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Hon'ble Minister of State for Law & Justice and Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India. Addressing the graduating students, the Union Minister remarked, "Increase your strength, minimise your weakness, see the opportunity and convert that to your success." He underscored the pivotal role of the young generation in transitioning India from a developing to a developed nation.

LIET HYDERABAD AND MALAYSIA'S IUM JOIN FORCES TO BOOST INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC EXCHANGE AND RESEARCH



Hyderabad, February 14, 2026: In a significant step towards global academic collaboration, the Lords Institute of Engineering and Technology (LIET), Hyderabad, has formalized a partnership with the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM). A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the two institutions in early February 2026 at the IIUM Gombak Campus in Malaysia. IIUM, a leading public university in Malaysia, is recognized among the top institutions in the QS Global Rankings. With a student population of nearly 40,000, it holds a strong reputation for academic and research excellence on the international stage. The newly signed MoU is designed to foster a wide range of collaborative activities, including joint research initiatives, co-authored academic publications, and structured student and faculty exchange

programmes. A key objective of the partnership is to promote greater cross-cultural academic engagement and strengthen industry-academia linkages at the international level, providing students and researchers from both institutions with broader global exposure. This agreement formalizes a relationship that has been steadily growing over the past two years. During this period, nearly 40 students from LIET have completed international internships at IIUM, underscoring the existing synergy and the potential for deeper cooperation. The memorandum was formally signed by Mr. Syed Touseef Ahmed, Vice Chairman of LIET, Hyderabad, and Mr. Ahmad Faris bin Ismail, Deputy Director of IIUM, Malaysia. The signing reaffirms the commitment of both institutions to sustained academic cooperation and their shared vision of fostering global

KAUTILYA SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY TO HOST NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON 'THE DYNAMICS OF FALSE CASES' IN AUGUST

Hyderabad, February 14, 2026: The Kautilya School of Public Policy (KSPP) at GITAM Deemed to be University is set to organize a two-day National Conference titled "The Dynamics of False Cases" on August 21-22, 2026, at its Hyderabad campus. The conference aims to critically examine the multifaceted discourse surrounding allegations termed "false cases," with a focus on gender, law enforcement practices, and public perceptions. The event seeks to bring together a diverse group of stakeholders, including academics, legal practitioners, policymakers, and civil society experts. The objective is to foster an evidence-based dialogue on the misuse-of-law narrative, exploring its historical context, empirical data, and its broader implications for the justice system and society at large. The conference also encourages comparative insights from other jurisdictions to enrich the discussion. Key Dates and Submission Guidelines: The conference secretariat has announced a detailed schedule for paper submissions. Interested participants are required to submit abstracts by February 20, 2026. The selection of abstracts will be intimat-

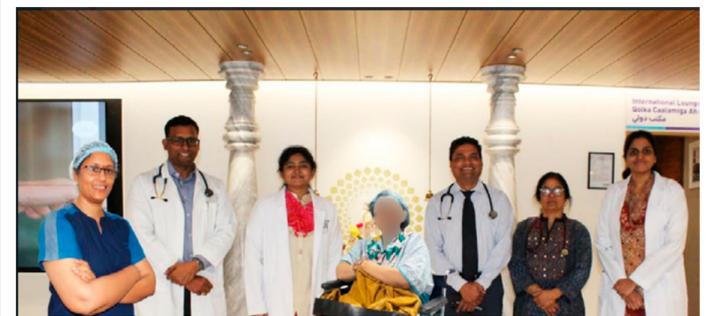
ed on February 28, followed by mode, with in-person par-



online presentations of selected abstracts scheduled between March 5 and 14. Final acceptance of abstracts will be confirmed by March 20, 2026. Selected presenters must submit draft papers by May 15, 2026, with feedback to be provided by June 15. The deadline for submitting revised papers is August 1, 2026. The conference will be conducted in a hybrid participation mandatory for presenters based in India. International scholars will have the option to participate online. Academics and researchers interested in contributing are encouraged to send their abstracts to conference@kspp.edu.in. Further details regarding the conference will be shared with registered participants through the same email address.

47-YEAR-OLD IVF MOTHER WITH LIFE-THREATENING HEART DISEASE DELIVERS SAFELY AT CARE HOSPITALS, HITECH CITY

Hyderabad: In a remarkable, which confirmed nancy was successfully con-



able medical achievement, doctors at CARE Hospitals, Hitech City, have successfully managed a high-risk IVF pregnancy complicated by severe rheumatic heart disease, ensuring the safe delivery of both mother and baby—an outcome considered extremely challenging in medical practice. Ms. Shalini (name changed), a 47-year-old woman, arrived at the emergency department at 31 weeks and 3 days of pregnancy with severe breathlessness and a persistent cough for two days that did not respond to routine medication. The pregnancy was an unbooked IVF conception, further complicated by a previous Caesarean section, beta-thalassaemia trait, and hypothyroidism, placing her in an exceptionally high-risk category. Suspecting an underlying cardiac condition based on her symptoms, doctors performed a 2D echocardi-

Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease (CRHD) with severe mitral stenosis, along with mild involvement of other heart valves and pulmonary arterial hypertension. According to the WHO classification, this condition falls under Class IV, where pregnancy carries an extremely high risk of maternal complications and is generally considered contraindicated. The patient was immediately shifted to critical care and stabilized with intensive medical management, including diuretics, heart-rate-controlling medication, and blood transfusions. A dedicated multidisciplinary team comprising cardiologists, obstetricians, anaesthesiologists, intensivists, and neonatologists worked together to carefully balance maternal safety while prolonging the pregnancy to improve fetal outcomes. Despite the gravity of her condition, the preg-

tinued from 31 to nearly 35 weeks under close monitoring. Steroids were administered to aid fetal lung maturity, and fetal heart rate was monitored regularly. After meticulous planning and informed consent, an elective Lower Segment Caesarean Section (LSCS) was performed at 34 weeks and 4 days under combined spinal and epidural anesthesia to minimize cardiac stress. The surgery was uneventful. The baby was born pre-term but stable, cried immediately after birth, and was monitored in the NICU for 4-5 days before being discharged in good health. The mother remained hemodynamically stable throughout the peri-operative period and was monitored in the SICU and ICCU before being shifted to the ward. The patient has now recovered well and is being discharged with detailed follow-up advice.

Railways Rolls Out Two Major Reforms: Continuous Cleaning in General Coaches and Expansion of Gati Shakti Cargo Terminals

New Delhi, February 14: In continuation of its "52 reforms in 52 weeks" initiative for 2026, the Indian Railways has approved two significant reforms aimed at enhancing passenger comfort and revolutionizing cargo logistics. Union Minister for Railways, Ashwini Vaishnaw, announced the measures on Saturday, emphasizing that reforms are a continuous process aimed at improving operational efficiency and customer experience. Reform 1: End-to-End Continuous Cleaning with Focus on General Coaches. In a historic first, the national transporter has integrated the cleaning of general class coaches into its mainstream maintenance system. Moving away from the earlier "Clean Train Station" concept—which confined thorough cleaning to select stations—the new model ensures continuous cleaning from a train's origin to its destination. "Toilets, garbage bins, cabin interiors, water availability, and minor electrical or mechanical defects such as lights going out will be addressed continuously during the journey," Shri Vaishnaw stated, highlighting the objective of a "significantly improved travel environment." Under the new system, a single, technology-enabled professional agency will handle inte-

grated services, including linen management and cleaning, which were previously fragmented across multiple vendors. A key feature of the reform is the deployment of staff from reserved coaches into general coaches at designated stations to ensure uniform cleanliness standards. To ensure accountability, the reform includes the creation of "war room" control centers equipped with AI-enabled monitoring. Artificial intelligence will generate and analyze images of cleaning activities to verify standards, with strict action mandated for non-compliance. Route-specific multi-tasking teams will also be formed to handle minor mechanical and electrical repairs alongside cleaning duties. The first phase of the rollout, scheduled over the next six months, has identified approximately 80 long-distance and high-footfall trains across various zones. The Railways aims to extend the reform to all trains within three years. Reform 2: Boosting Logistics with Over 500 Gati Shakti Cargo Terminals. Building on the success of the 2022 Gati Shakti Cargo Terminal (GCT) policy, the second reform seeks to fundamentally transform the freight ecosystem. The policy, which previously reduced approval times from



years to months, has now been substantially enhanced following stakeholder consultations. The Ministry plans to expand the number of terminals from the current 124 to more than 500 over the next five years. The most transformative change is the introduction of "cargo plus processing" hubs, allowing value-added activities like cement grinding, food grain processing, and stuffing/destuffing to occur within terminal premises. This integration removes logistical barriers and is expected to attract additional traffic to the railways. Other key features include the development of underutilized goods sheds, migration of legacy sidings to the GCT framework, and optional maintenance of short connecting stretches by Railways to improve safety. To prevent disputes, a new framework mandates monthly joint meetings between developers and railway officials, reducing litigation. Further streamlining the process, standard layouts have been introduced, granting automatic approvals for applicants adopting these designs. Contract tenure for terminals and cargo facilities has been extended from 35 to 50 years, encouraging long-term investment. Shri Vaishnaw estimated that the reform could generate approximately 30,000 crore in additional revenue over three years. Citing the success of recent changes in cement transportation, he noted that bulk cement movement by rail has more than doubled, with costs reducing by up to 30% in regions like Jammu & Kashmir and nearly half in Mizoram, while also curbing pollution. "Reforms are not one-time events but a continuous process," the Minister concluded, asserting that Indian Railways is on track to becoming a global leader in both passenger service and cargo logistics.

17-Year-Old's Rare Congenital Kidney Anomaly Detected and Successfully Treated After Road Accident at KIMS ICON

Vishakhapatnam, February 14, 2026: In a remarkable medical feat, doctors at KIMS ICON Hospital, Visakhapatnam, have successfully treated a 17-year-old boy who sustained a rare and complex kidney injury following a road accident, which also led to the discovery of an even rarer congenital anomaly. The patient, Palle Ravichandra Kumar from the Anakapalli region, was admitted to the hospital with complaints of abdominal pain after being involved in a road traffic accident. While initial assessment pointed to trauma, detailed evaluation using advanced imaging techniques revealed a much more complex underlying condition. Doctors diagnosed a Pelvi-Ureteric Junction (PUJ) avulsion—a complete and traumatic disconnection between the renal pelvis (where urine collects) and the ureter (the tube that carries urine to the bladder). Compounding the rarity of the case, this severe injury occurred in a duplex kidney, a congenital condi-



tion where a single kidney has two separate urinary drainage systems instead of one. Medical literature indicates that PUJ avulsion from blunt trauma is extremely uncommon. Its occurrence in a kidney with a duplex system is considered exceptionally rare. Adding to the clinical intrigue, no other abdominal organs were injured in the accident, making the isolated urinary tract injury even more unusual. "The presence of a duplex kidney demanded extreme precision during the procedure," explained the lead surgeon, Dr. Sandeep Maheshwar Reddy Kallam, Consultant Urologist, Laparoscopic

Uro-Oncologist and Andrologist at KIMS ICON Hospital. He was assisted by Dr. Murali Krishna and Dr. Siva Sai Bharadwaj in the delicate operation. Given the complexity of the injury and the patient's altered anatomy, the medical team opted for immediate surgical intervention. The team performed a delicate reconstructive surgery aimed at restoring urinary flow while preserving the maximum possible kidney function. The intricate procedure was a success. The patient responded well to treatment, recovered steadily without complications, and has since been discharged from the hospital in stable condition.

NEWBORN KIDNAPPED FROM TIRUCHY GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL RESCUED WITHIN HOURS



TIRUCHY: A newborn baby boy who was kidnapped from a government hospital in Tiruchirappalli was safely rescued within five hours, police said on Saturday, according to a Daily Thanthi report. The incident occurred at the Tiruchy Government Hospital, where Sukanya, wife of Vignesh from Thuraiyur, had delivered a baby boy on February 11. A woman who introduced herself as Meenakshi befriended Sukanya while staying in the same ward and offered assistance during her hospital stay. On Tuesday morning, Meenakshi took the baby from Sukanya, claiming she would get the child vaccinated, while Sukanya's relative had briefly stepped out. When the woman failed to return, the family searched the hospital and later lodged a police complaint. Based on CCTV footage, police identified the suspect and formed a special team, which traced and rescued the baby from Dharmampatti after about five hours. The child was found unharmed and reunited with the family. Meenakshi was arrested and later told police that she had taken the baby as she longed to have a child. The incident triggered concern among patients and staff at the hospital.

TAMIL NADU TO CONDUCT SYNCHRONIZED BIRD CENSUS ON FEBRUARY 14, 15

CHENNAI: The Tamil Nadu Forest Department will conduct a synchronised terrestrial bird census across all forest divisions on February 14 and 15, 2026, to bridge data gaps during the early phase of the migratory season and strengthen baseline information on terrestrial bird populations. According to a press release issued on Friday, the terrestrial bird census was carried out across all 38 districts, covering 1,093 terrestrial sites between March 15 and 16 last year. A total of 401 bird species, including migratory and resident populations, were recorded, with the overall count estimated at 2.3 lakh birds. For the 2026 exercise, the census will be conducted at a minimum of 25 locations in each forest division using the line transect method, with each transect measuring 2 km. Both direct count and acoustic survey methods will be employed to ensure comprehensive documentation of bird species across varied habitats. The synchronised exercise is expected to generate robust scientific data to support long-term monitoring and conservation planning across the State.

After Salem meet swipe, AIADMK accuses Vijay of lack of political clarity

CHENNAI: The AIADMK on Saturday launched a sharp counterattack against TVK leader Vijay, accusing him of lacking political clarity and attempting to build a party without ideological grounding, after the actor-turned-politician criticised both Dravidian majors at an executive meeting in Salem.



In a strongly-worded statement, the AIADMK IT wing alleged that Vijay was "borrowing leaders" from other parties and pasting "stickers without political history or understanding." The party further claimed that TVK was recruiting individuals who had been expelled from other political outfits and running its affairs through WhatsApp groups in the name of party organisation.

Taking a dig at Vijay's corruption remarks, the AIADMK also questioned whether selling first-day, first-show cinema tickets for 2,000 did not amount to "looting."

The IT wing further criticised Vijay's recent social media post in which he suggested that governance under the DMK had become "out of control" and rhetorically asked how someone mounting a horse could

suddenly become "original." The rebuttal came after Vijay, addressing TVK executives in Salem on Friday, amid heightened election activity in Tamil Nadu, dismissed criticism that his party lacked political experience ahead of the upcoming Assembly polls.

"They say TVK has no experience? What is your experience?" Vijay asked, in an apparent swipe at both the DMK and the

AIADMK.

Referring to the legacy of former leaders such as C.N. Annadurai, M.G. Ramachandran and J. Jayalalithaa, he remarked, "Your experience is forgetting Anna and MGR. MGR forgot Jayalalithaa — is that your experience?"

"Yes, we don't have experience. We have no experience in looting. Even if we try, it won't come to us," he said, accusing the Dravidian parties of corruption and misgovernance. With alliance talks and seat-sharing negotiations gaining momentum ahead of the 2026 Assembly elections, the exchange signals an intensifying political battle between established Dravidian forces and Vijay's emerging political outfit.

Can't evict me from politics: Ramadoss

VILLUPURAM: PMK founder S Ramadoss has alleged that a group of individuals expelled from the party are attempting to force him out of politics through the propagation of false narratives, in a veiled attack on estranged son Anbumani Ramadoss, asserting that he would defeat those attempts.



Speaking to reporters at his Thailapuram residence on Thursday, the veteran leader claimed that this faction has been consistently relying on falsehoods to undermine his leadership and the party's interests ahead of the 2026 Assembly elections.

He further alleged that these individuals have been targeting him and senior leader G K Mani with "abusive language".

The Pattali Makkal Katchi (PMK) founder also raised concerns regarding the Election Commission of India's handling of the party's Mango symbol.

He claimed that the poll body had sent communications to his estranged son Anbumani Ramadoss's address despite a Delhi High Court observation that leadership disputes should be

settled in a competent court. Ramadoss stated that the party is currently in the process of discussing potential alliances for the upcoming state elections, and a final decision will be made public soon. The veteran leader asserted that he would continue to fight against those attempting to weaken the party through misinformation.

Inter state iridium scam: 6 held for posing as RBI officials, conning victims of over Rs 5 cr

CHENNAI: The Crime Branch CID of Tamil Nadu has successfully dismantled an inter-state gang involved in an elaborate Iridium trading scam. The gang, which specialised in impersonating senior officials of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), has been cheating victims across the country. The breakthrough came following a complaint from a resident of Coimbatore, who was defrauded of Rs 3 crore. According to the investigation, the accused initially posed as businessmen dealing in Iridium trade.



The victim was falsely told that several crores of rupees were lying deposited with the RBI and would be released upon the payment of Rs 10 lakh as 'processing charges' for

clearing the files. Fraudsters assured him that the funds would be credited within two months.

After the initial payment was made, he was taken to New Delhi, where he was introduced to individuals impersonating officials from the Foreign Exchange Department of the RBI. They wore fake RBI identity cards, conducted a fake 'official interview', collected the victim's biometric finger-

prints, and issued forged documents such as credit advices and dispatch orders to gain the trust. Subsequently, additional sums of money were extorted from the victim under various pretexts, including claims that payments were required to expedite the release of funds by senior RBI officials. Following the complaint, a case was registered at the Krishnagiri CBCID unit for offences

including cheating, criminal conspiracy, impersonation of RBI officials, and forgery using the name and emblem of the central bank.

In a coordinated operation conducted on February 9 and 10 this year, six special teams led by Inspectors and comprising 25 police personnel apprehended the accused. The arrests were made with the assistance of local police in their respective states. The arrested individuals have been identified as: Sonu Kumar Dubey (Bihar), Aashish Kumar (Bihar), Gopal Sekar (Bihar), George Thomas (Telangana), Gulshan Darad (Jharkhand) and Srinivasan (Karnataka). All accused have been remanded to judicial custody.

CLASSROOM UNSAFE, COLLEGE MOVES CLASSES UNDER A TREE

CHENGALPATTU: While Gautama Buddha is said to have received enlightenment while sitting under a tree, more than 200 students of a government college in Chengalpattu are lamenting the lack of a proper classroom, forcing them to attend classes under a tree for over a month. Students in the Political Science department, particularly first-year students, at

Rajeswari Vedachalam Government Arts College, fumed that their education has been disrupted due to the acute shortage of safe classroom facilities. They also claimed that the classroom allotted to first-year students was closed after it became unsafe following rain damage. With no permanent alternative provided, classes were shifted to Anna Hall.

KUDOS TO CM STALIN FOR WELFARE, GSDP FINE BALANCE, HAILS SELVAPERUNTHAGAI

CHENNAI: Tamil Nadu Congress Committee (TNCC) president K Selvaperunthagai on Friday praised Chief Minister MK Stalin, stating that the DMK government has fulfilled 90 per cent of its 2021 Assembly election promises and continues to implement several landmark welfare schemes, including the Rs 5,000 aid to women. He noted that under the Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai



scheme, Rs 1,000 per month is being provided to eligible women, and an advance amount of Rs 5,000 covering February, March and April assistance, along with a special summer package, has

been credited to the bank accounts of 1.31 crore women beneficiaries. Highlighting Tamil Nadu's economic growth, he said the State's Gross State Domestic Product has reached Rs 31.19 lakh crore, with per capita income rising to Rs 3.61 lakh, significantly higher than the national average of Rs 1.96 lakh. He also pointed out that the State has attracted Rs 11 lakh crore in investments between 2021 and 2025.

Tamil Nadu inks pact with US firm to boost computing R&D



CHENNAI: The State government inked a deal with the USA-based KLA Corporation to set up a research and development centre and an innovation centre. Under the MoU, an assured investment of Rs 3,510 Crore over the next

of this new initiative, KLA India will focus on R&D for High-performance computing, Engineering software, and computing technology. KLA Corporation is providing technological solutions to the rapidly growing sector of the technological world.

The leading company provides research and development services to chip manufacturers worldwide. The Tamil Nadu government is targeting a one-trillion-dollar economy in the state by 2030. Achieving this target, the government is attracting not only traditional sectors but also sunrise sectors. At an MoU signing event, Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanithi Stalin, Minister for Industries TRB Rajaa, and Secretary to the department V Arunroy participated.

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Keep your brain active to stay mentally sharp, advises neurologist

Mumbai, Feb 14: In an age where daily life is increasingly automated, experts are urging people not to neglect one of the most vital organs — the brain.

While physical exercise is widely promoted, neurologists stress that the brain too requires regular stimulation to remain sharp and resilient. According to Dr Vivek Kumar, Principal Director, Neurology at Max Super Speciality Hospital, mental exercise plays a crucial role in maintaining cognitive health and slowing age-related decline.



"Engaging in puzzles, Sudoku, learning new skills or hobbies, and practicing mindfulness can significantly improve memory, attention and emotional regulation," he said. Dr Kumar explained that the brain, like any other organ, can become less efficient if not regularly challenged. Activities such as learning a new language, playing a musical instrument, reading

thoughtfully or participating in meaningful conversations help build new neural connections and strengthen mental agility. Highlighting the impact of modern digital habits, Dr Kumar cautioned against chronic multitasking. He noted that frequent task-switching can reduce efficiency by up to 40%, increase stress levels and contribute to burn-out. Citing data from the

American Psychological Association, he said nearly 40% of adults regularly multitask on digital devices, leading to lower productivity and heightened stress. Chronic multitaskers often struggle with working memory and filtering irrelevant information, resulting in mental fatigue. Meditation shows measurable benefits. Dr Kumar also underlined the proven benefits of meditation and

mindfulness practices. These techniques, including breathing exercises and quiet reflection, help reduce cortisol levels, lower blood pressure, ease anxiety and enhance cognitive functions. Research indicates that such practices may also assist individuals in managing depression, chronic pain and even symptoms linked to withdrawal from substances like nicotine and alcohol. The neurologist

advised people to seek attention if they notice early signs of cognitive decline, including:

- Memory loss affecting daily life
- Poor judgment and decision-making
- Reduced initiative or spontaneity
- Confusion about dates or locations
- Taking longer to complete routine tasks
- Repeating questions frequently
- Misplacing items often
- Noticeable mood or personality changes

Dr Kumar recommended three simple habits to maintain brain health:

- Solve puzzles such as Sudoku
- Learn new skills or hobbies
- Increase social interaction

Experts emphasise that just as consistent physical workouts strengthen the body, regular mental stimulation is essential to preserve focus, memory and emotional balance in the long run.

Twice-yearly injections may transform hypertension treatment, says Lancet review

New Delhi, Feb 14: The way high blood pressure is treated could soon witness its biggest shift in decades, with long-acting injectable therapies promising control with just two doses a year instead of daily pills.

A recent review published in The Lancet highlights how these emerging treatments, now in late-stage clinical trials, could redefine hypertension care. Despite the availability of effective oral medicines for years, global blood pressure control remains poor, largely due to poor adherence, weak health systems and long-term treatment fatigue.

Hypertension remains the leading cause of heart attacks, strokes and premature deaths worldwide. The World Health Organization defines it as blood pressure at or above 140 mm Hg systolic and/or 90 mm Hg diastolic, while normal levels are below 120/80 mm Hg.

Globally, an estimated 1.4 billion adults aged 30 to 79 live with hypertension, with nearly 44 per cent unaware of their condition. Among those diagnosed, fewer than one in four have their blood pres-

sure under control.

India mirrors the crisis. The Indian Council of Medical Research-INDIAB study in 2023 estimated that 315 million Indians, or 35.5 per cent of the population, have hypertension. Data from National Family Health Survey-5 showed that nearly half of hypertensive men and over a third of hypertensive women in the country do not have adequate control.

For decades, treatment has relied on combinations of daily oral drugs such as ACE inhibitors, angiotensin receptor blockers, calcium channel blockers and thiazide diuretics. While effective in theory, adherence remains a major challenge, especially as many patients also manage diabetes, obesity or cholesterol disorders requiring multiple medications.

New long-acting injectables aim to address this gap by targeting upstream molecular pathways that drive hypertension. One promising approach involves small interfering RNA agents that suppress angiotensinogen

production in the liver, thereby dampening the renin-angiotensin system central to blood pressure regulation. Zilebesiran, developed by Roche Pharma and Alyniam, is currently in global phase 3 trials. Another candidate, ziltvekimab by Novo Nordisk, targets inflammatory pathways linked to cardiovascular risk, aiming to reduce both blood pressure and broader vascular damage. Researchers are also exploring therapies that more precisely regulate aldosterone, a hormone that increases blood volume and pressure.

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OIL REFINERY BLAZE HITS CUBA AS FUEL CRISIS DEEPENS

A fire at an oil refinery in Cuba has been brought under control quickly, as the country faces a deepening fuel crisis. Black smoke clouds could be seen billowing from the Níco López Refinery in the capital, Havana, on Friday. No-one was injured and an investigation into the blaze has been established, Cuba's energy ministry said in a post on X. The fire occurred close to where two oil tankers had been moored in Havana Bay. A fuel shortage in Cuba has been worsened by the US blocking oil shipments from Venezuela, a long-standing ally in the region, to the island. Venezuela was previously believed to have sent it around 35,000 barrels of oil a day before the US military captured former president Nicolás Maduro in a raid on the Venezuelan capital, Caracas, on 3 January. The US also confiscated Venezuelan oil tankers, cutting off key supplies of fuel to Cuba, and pledged new tariffs on countries that sell oil to Cuba. US President Donald Trump has urged Cuban leaders to "make a deal" or face unspecified consequences, after flows of oil and money from Venezuela



were cut off. Electricity cuts have impacted hospital emergency wards, dialysis patients and pumping stations amid the latest supply shortfalls. Cuba also has a shortage of aviation fuel, leading several airlines to suspend services to the Caribbean island nation, while some countries, including the UK, have warned against non-essential travel there. "Authorities have introduced fuel rationing, scaled back public services, and made temporary changes to healthcare, education, transport and tourism operations to conserve severely limited

energy supplies," the UK Foreign Office warned recently. As the oil embargo continues to make life and access to essentials difficult in Cuba, two Mexican ships carrying 800 tonnes of humanitarian aid arrived in Havana Bay on Thursday. United Nations human rights experts have described Washington's restrictions on Cuba's oil imports as an "extreme form of unilateral economic coercion". UN human rights chief Volker Türk said he was "extremely concerned" about the worsening crisis in Cuba. The US and Cuba have had a strained relationship

since the communist Fidel Castro overthrew a US-backed government in 1959. US economic and trade embargoes on Cuba have been in place since 1960. While steps were taken to improve diplomatic relations, particularly under former US President Barack Obama, the Trump administration has reversed many of these moves. Over the past year there has been a big rise in the number of oil tankers and other commercial ships being abandoned around the world by their owners. What is causing the spike? And what is the human impact on the affected merchant

sailors? Ivan (not his real name), spoke to me last month from an oil tanker that lies abandoned outside the territorial waters of China. He is a senior deck officer. "We had a shortage of meat, grain, fish, simple things for survival," said the Russian officer. "It's affected our health and our operational atmosphere. The crew was hungry, the crew was angry, and we tried to survive only day-by-day." The ship, which we are not naming to protect Ivan, is loaded with nearly 750,000 barrels of Russian crude oil with a nominal value of around \$50m (£37m). It had set sail from Russia's Far East for China in early November. It was reported abandoned in December, by global trade union organisation the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF), after the crew said they had not been paid for months. The vessel remains in international waters. Such is the level of scrutiny surrounding it that China is understood to be unwilling to allow it into port. However, the ITF has intervened to get Ivan and his colleagues paid up to December, and arranged for food, drinking water and other essentials to be sent to the ship.

HCLTECH AND CISCO LAUNCH AI-POWERED FLUID CONTACT CENTER SOLUTION

- HCLTech, a leading global technology company, today announced the launch of an enhanced version of its Fluid Contact Center solution in collaboration with Cisco. The solution features AI and cloud-enabled capabilities to help enterprises transform customer engagement.
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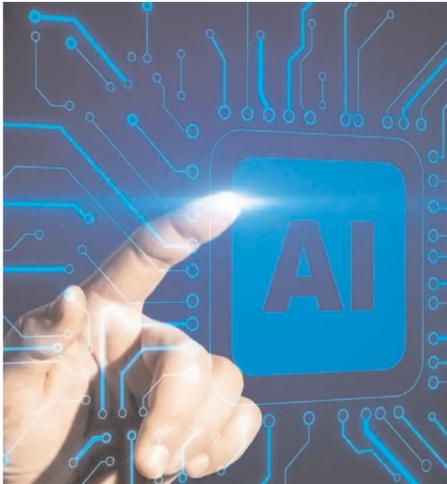
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flexibility and easy integration, Fluid Contact Center supports guided migration to CCaaS, simplifies technology adoption and provides end-to-end experience assurance to help enterprises significantly improve service delivery and enhance customer satisfaction. "As the contact center landscape is evolving rapidly, from reactive support to proactive and now predictive engagement, GenAI and cloud-native architectures are redefining what exceptional customer experience looks like," said Gurpreet Singh Kohli, Executive Vice President and Head of Networks and Contact Center Business Unit at HCLTech. "Our collaboration with Cisco, a trusted partner for more than three decades, is focused on reshaping customer journeys and delivering transformative CX out-

comes together." "At Cisco, we are committed to empowering our partners to deliver innovative solutions that elevate customer experience," said Shannon Leininger, Vice President of Global Partner Sales at Cisco. "By combining Cisco's AI-powered Webex Contact Center with HCLTech's AI and GenAI expertise, we are enabling enterprises to deliver smarter, more personalized engagement and set a new benchmark for modern contact center innovation." HCLTech and Cisco share a strategic relationship spanning over 30 years across multiple Cisco technology architectures, including engineering, IT and customer experience (CX)—supporting clients in more than 60 countries. Learn more about the HCLTech-Cisco alliance: <https://www.hcltech.com/cloud/cisco>.

AI won't kill IT services, will create more work: JP Morgan

New Delhi: Artificial intelligence (AI) is unlikely to replace IT services companies anytime soon, according to a new report by JP Morgan's Asia Pacific Equity Research team. Instead of shrinking the industry, artificial intelligence (AI) is expected to become another tool that helps companies deliver more work within the same budgets. In a note titled "India IT Services: Looking through the AI fog 2 — Discounted for extinction? Div/FCF yields at crisis levels," JP Morgan said fears that AI could wipe out Indian IT firms may be exaggerated. The report argues that AI will create new areas of work rather than reduce opportunities for IT vendors. The brokerage compared AI with earlier technology shifts such as offshore labour, enterprise software and cloud computing. In each of those cycles, new technology did not eliminate IT services but changed the way com-



panies worked. According to the report, AI will play a similar role by helping firms handle more projects without necessarily increasing budgets. JP Morgan said there is growing demand in areas such as modernising old legacy systems, rewriting customised SaaS applica-

tions where required, building AI agents for operations, ensuring trust and reliability in AI systems, and integrating physical AI solutions. All these areas, it noted, will need strong services support. The report also pointed out that enterprise technology teams

are often underfunded compared to business expectations. In such a scenario, AI is likely to be used to increase productivity rather than replace IT service providers completely. The brokerage warned that it is too simplistic to assume AI can automatically create enterprise-grade software and replace the integration and customisation work done by IT services companies. It described IT firms as the "plumbers of the tech world," highlighting their crucial role in making complex systems work smoothly in large organisations. According to the report, recent market weakness in IT stocks reflects investor concerns that rapid advances in AI could slow revenue growth and reduce the total addressable market for Indian IT companies. The report argues that AI will create new areas of work rather than reduce opportunities for IT vendors.

L&T Finance Ltd. scales Gold Loan footprint to over 260 branches

Mumbai, February 14, 2026: The Company's entry into Gold finance business began with 130 branches via an acquisition deal in June 2025. Within 8 months of acquisition, the Company has added over 130 new branches L&T Finance Ltd. (LTF), (formerly known as L&T Financial Companies (NBFCs) in the country, today announced a major milestone in its retail strategy by doubling its Gold Loan branch network to over 260 branches nationwide. This rapid expansion was marked by the launch of its 130th new branch earlier this month since the acquisition of the gold loan business in June 2025. By matching its acquired portfolio with over 130 new branches in under a year, LTF has signalled a high-velocity play in India's secured credit landscape. By scaling operations across the North, West, East, and South regions, LTF is pursuing



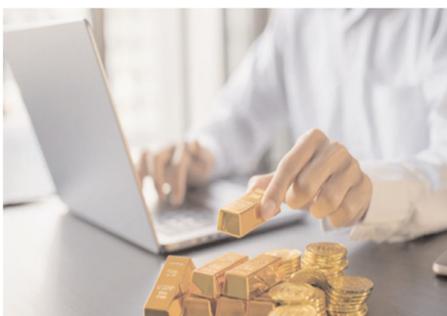
geo-expansion to capture increasing demand for secured credit. LTF's Gold Loan business has expanded its footprint to 18 States and Union Territories, marking its strategic entry into Assam, Karnataka, Telangana, Maharashtra, Odisha, West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh, and Rajasthan. By seamlessly integrating physical proximity with digital agility, LTF continues to redefine the gold loan experience through rapid turnaround times and flexible credit solutions. Commenting on

this development, Mr. Raju Doddi, Chief Operating Officer, LTF, said, "We are elated to share that we have successfully doubled the Company's dedicated gold loan branch network in record time since our entry into this business, bringing the total count to over 260 branches nationwide, which will continue to increase given our aggressive branch expansion policy. Our rapid expansion is a testament to our 'Lakshya' strategy—transforming into a top-class, digitally-enabled, customer-centric retail power-

house. By adding nearly 1 branch per day over the past few months, we aren't just increasing our footprint; we are building a robust ecosystem of security and trust. By scaling across the North, West, East, and South, LTF is de-risking its portfolio through geographic diversification while capturing high-growth retail demand. It is also underpinned by operational excellence, featuring state-of-the-art security systems and an experienced workforce specialised to deliver gold-standard customer service."

62 pc Gen Z and Millennials continue to back gold as safest investment bet

Mumbai: Gold remains the most trusted investment for young Indians despite growing access to modern financial products, with 62 per cent of respondents choosing the metal as the first choice for investment, according to a survey. The survey also revealed that 66.7 per cent of respondents stated that gold purchases are largely their personal decisions, and nearly 62 per cent stated that their most recent gold purchase was below 5 grams, indicating the changing nature of how the Gen Z and Millennials look at gold. The Smytten PulseAI survey, conducted with 5,000 consumers aged between 18 and 39, captured how tradition-led buying is steadily giving way to a more individual, logic-driven approach. According to the survey, 61.9 per cent of respondents would choose gold if they had Rs 25,000 to invest today, far ahead of



mutual funds (16.6 per cent), fixed deposits (13 per cent), stocks (6.6 per cent) and crypto (1.9 per cent). During times of economic uncertainty, 65.7 per cent said gold feels like the safest option compared to bank savings, mutual funds or equities, it stated. These findings underline gold's enduring role as the financial fallback across both Gen Z and Millennials. The survey pointed to a clear move away from

large, infrequent purchases toward lighter, more regular buying, as 61.9 per cent of recent purchases were below 5 grams, with 27.5 per cent buying less than 2 grams and 34.4 per cent buying between 2 and 5 grams. For many first-time buyers, entry into gold is no longer limited to weddings. Nearly 24 per cent said their first gold purchase was triggered by their first salary or personal income, while 23.9 per cent cited an investment decision.

Inflation eases in US as prices for used cars fall

Inflation in the US cooled last month as prices for energy and used cars fell. The consumer price index rose by 2.4% over the 12 months to January, the Department of Labor said. That was down from 2.7% in the prior month and marked the slowest pace since May. The retreat could add fuel to arguments by US President Donald Trump and others that the central bank was in a position to cut interest rates without stoking a new flare-up in prices. But some analysts have warned that further progress toward the Federal Reserve's 2% target could stall in the months ahead if companies start to pass on the costs of tariffs more fully to consumers or if labour shortages push up prices for services. For now, analysts said there were limited signs of any impact from tariffs, as prices for commodities, stripping out food and energy, held steady last month. Neil Birrell, chief investment officer at Premier Miton Investors, said the effects of tariffs remained uncertain, and



noted other data quirks that could be affecting January's figures. But he said the January report was likely to "ease the path towards a cut in rates sooner rather than later". "The US economy looks to be in fine fettle with growth strong, inflation stable, the job market looking firmer and a Fed that has room to manoeuvre," he added. The White House, which has been facing political pressure over Trump's handling of the economy, was quick to celebrate the

report, the latest to deliver good news on the state of the American economy. "The US economy was 'unbelievable'," Trump told reporters at the White House on Friday, adding that "we right now have the hottest country anywhere in the world". Job growth last month was also stronger than expected, the Department of Labor reported earlier this week. "President Trump has defeated Joe Biden's inflation crisis," the White House said in a statement, adding

that the economy would "turbocharge even further" if the Federal Reserve made "long-overdue" interest rate cuts. Markets, which had a muted reaction to the inflation report, currently expect the Fed to cut rates in June. Atakan Bakiskan, a US economist at investment bank Berenberg, said recent job and inflation data meant "the year could not have started on a better footing for Fed officials". But he cautioned the bank was not fully in the clear. "We

lean toward the view that, sooner rather than later, labour shortages will exert enough upward pressure on wage growth such that services inflation will not come down enough for inflation to return to Fed's 2% target - a goal the Fed has now missed for 59 months - but hey, who's counting?" Prices for personal services, such as dry cleaning and haircuts, rose 1.6% from December to January, and were up nearly 7% from a year ago. January was also marked by jumps in prices for cigarettes, airfares and music streaming subscriptions. But for many items, price inflation was more moderate. Rents rose 0.2% from December to January, cooling from a 0.4% pace in the previous month. Prices for used cars and trucks dropped 1.8%, while energy prices slipped 1.5% over the month. Price rises also slowed for key grocery staples. Steak prices, for example, dropped more than 2% from December to January, though they are up nearly 13% from a year ago.

UK will deploy fleet of warships and fighter jets to Arctic, Starmer announces

While we've been listening to a panel of Spanish, Finnish and Danish leaders, Venezuelan opposition leader María Corina Machado has also been speaking at the summit. Machado, who has been in hiding for most of the past year, calls in to the Munich Security Conference virtually. One of the first questions put to her is: why did you give US President Donald Trump your Nobel Peace Prize medal? She begins by explaining that her country has been under a "brutal" regime for the last 27 years, forcing a third of the country to flee. The Venezuelan opposition had asked for international support, but the US government under Trump's leadership was the only one to deliver, she says. "We are very grateful because of his actions on 3 January," she says, referencing the day that US forces seized then-president Nicolas Maduro from Caracas. Asked what

she got in return for giving up her Peace Prize medal, she says she is not expecting anything "specific", but says she is determined to work together with the US and others to rebuild the country. Asked when she intends to go back to her country, she says that she plans to go "as soon as possible". Shortly after a panel discussion in which EU leaders called for more pressure on Putin, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen says in a post on social media: "Now is the time to raise the costs of Russia's war higher than ever." She writes that she had a "good meeting" with the US delegation at the summit, adding: "Sanctions work. And they work best when coordinated". Earlier, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said the US doesn't want to be the "polite and orderly caretakers of the West's managed decline". The panellists are asked: Is Europe ready to get



its act together? Finland's Alexander Stubb says he doesn't "buy the argument that the continent is doing badly", adding that he's actually very happy. Spain's Pedro Sánchez weighs in, saying he doesn't understand why the US administration sees the EU as a "threat". The US "needs to accept" that we're opening up and will have a more integrated

Europe, he says. Denmark's Mette Frederiksen says the world has been safest since the creation of Article 5. "We have been able to provide freedom, democracy, prosperity and wealth, only because of the wording in Article 5," she says, adding that it shows the allies are standing together. We're turning our attention back to the Munich Security

Conference. Finnish President Stubb tells the panel that Nato membership is needed for Ukraine in the long term. He adds that Ukraine has become "European, not Russian". Spanish PM Pedro Sánchez says "we need to do more within the EU", and calls the Russian invasion a challenge "against the EU as a whole". He adds that reforms are needed to make the EU more efficient. On Greenland, Sánchez adds that the EU needs to send the message that "territorial integrity is something we must all respect". Senator Chris Coons says Nato needs resources, and adds: "The thing we need to deliver is a restored trust". "Nato is working more closely than ever," he adds. Stepping away briefly from the panel discussion on Transatlantic security now, we can bring you a fresh statement from Downing Street: "The prime minister met the President of the

European Commission Ursula von der Leyen in Munich today. "Both leaders reaffirmed their commitment to continue work that will bolster our collective defences in the face of growing threats to European security. "They agreed that Europe needs to step up and work towards becoming a more European Nato, while protecting our strong Transatlantic ties. "The prime minister shared his high ambition for the future UK-EU partnership. He set out his desire for further integration across the economy, defence and technology - in the interests of greater security, stronger growth and higher living standards for the British people. "There is no question where the national interest lies and I will always fight for what's best for the United Kingdom, he added. "They committed to take forward further work ahead of the next UK-EU summit.

POLICE ACTIVITY UNDERWAY NEAR NANCY GUTHRIE'S HOME



Police activity connected to the search for Nancy Guthrie, the missing mother of US news anchor Savannah Guthrie, is under way at a residence about two miles from her home. Armed police teams have been seen coming in and out the area, with a sheriff's vehicle blocking the road. It comes after local officials said investigators had found DNA at Guthrie's address which did not belong to her or anyone close to her. The 84-year-old disappeared in the middle of night from her home in Tucson, Arizona, nearly two weeks ago. Authorities believe she was taken against her will. The sheriff's depart-

ment said in a social media post that "law enforcement activity" was ongoing "related to the Guthrie case" without providing further details. Pima County Sheriff Chris Nantos told local news station KOLD that investigators were "actively working a lead", the BBC's US news partner CBS reported. More than a dozen law enforcement vehicles, both marked and unmarked, have been seen in the area by BBC News, including Swat teams and forensics. Investigators have also found several gloves, with the closest discovered about two miles from Nancy Guthrie's home.

'Canadians are with you,' says PM at Tumbler Ridge vigil



Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney has attended a vigil in Tumbler Ridge, British Columbia, where hundreds gathered to mourn the eight victims killed in a mass shooting there this week. He visited the small town on Friday alongside other federal leaders across the political aisle, as well as Canada's Governor-General Mary Simon, in a show of national unity. "Canadians are with you, we will always be with you," Carney told the crowd in a speech that paid tribute to the victims, which included six young schoolchildren. Residents of the town are still reeling from the attack, with some visibly in tears and comforting one another as Carney and other leaders addressed their grief. Many refused to speak to the media on Friday, noting that the presence of journalists in their otherwise quiet town in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains had been overwhelming. Carney, who has spent much of his time in office on overseas trade missions, cancelled a planned trip to the Munich

Security Conference in light of the shooting. The prime minister invited the other federal leaders to travel to Tumbler Ridge on the same plane as him, Conservative leader Pierre Poilievre said. "We all lead political parties. But today? There are no Conservatives. There are no Liberals, New Democrats, Greens or Bloc Québécois," Poilievre said in his own remarks at Friday's vigil. Ahead of the vigil, Carney and other leaders met families of the victims and first responders. They also laid flowers at a memorial near Tumbler Ridge Secondary School, which has grown over the week. Families of the victims and local residents attended, as well as people who drove in from nearby small communities in northern British Columbia, to pay their respects. "I never thought that it would happen here," said Colaina Hall, who drove two hours south from Fort St John to attend the vigil. "In our little northern communities, we're pretty tight-knit, we take care of one another."

Possible effect of Trump's climate policy change

US President Donald Trump has announced the reversal of the so-called endangerment finding, a key Obama-era scientific ruling that underpins much of US environmental legislation. As a result of this, experts are predicting various environmental and economic impacts, though the decision by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is expected to be challenged in the courts from environmental groups. Here are some of the potential impacts. Fewer greenhouse gas emissions restrictions The most obvious outcome of the legislative change is that there will be fewer restrictions placed on greenhouse-gas-producing industries - in particular vehicle manu-

facturers. The 2009 endangerment finding was the result of a major report by the EPA, which identified six greenhouse gases, including carbon monoxide and methane, as endangering current and future generations. The EPA produced the report after a 2007 US Supreme Court decision that it was responsible for regulating greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act - with the court ruling it was "without a doubt" that these gases counted as air pollutants. Greenhouse gases trap heat in the atmosphere, raising temperatures. The impact of the ruling until now has been notable. Greenhouse gas levels in the US peaked in the late 2000s and have been on a steady decline in the years since.

Can Bangladesh's new leader bring change after election landslide?

Just over two years ago, when Sheikh Hasina won an election widely condemned as rigged in her favour, it was hard to imagine her 15-year grip on power being broken so suddenly, or that a rival party that had been virtually written off would make such a resounding comeback. But in the cycle of Bangladeshi politics, this is one more flip-flop between Hasina's Awami League and the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), which have alternated holding power for decades. Except this is the first time that new BNP leader Tarique Rahman is formally leading the party - and the first time he's contested an election. His mother Khaleda Zia, who died of an illness



late last year, was the party's head for four decades. She took over after his father, Ziaur Rahman, 60, has on occasion been the de-facto chair of an emaciated BNP when his mother was jailed and more recently when she was ill, he's largely seen as an untested leader. "That he doesn't have prior experience probably works for him,

because people are willing to give change a chance," says political scientist Navine Murshid. "They want to think that new, good things are actually possible. So there is a lot of hope." The party says its first priority is to bring democracy back to Bangladesh. "All the democratic institutions [and] financial institutions, which have been destroyed over the last decade, we have to first put those back in order," senior BNP leader Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury told the BBC shortly after the election was called. Bangladesh has a long history of such promises being made and broken, with parties becoming increasingly authoritarian once they come to power.

Orban rival accuses opponents of blackmail plot ahead of Hungary election

Less than two months before Hungary's election, opposition leader Peter Magyar has accused his rivals of planning to blackmail him with a secretly recorded sex tape, and says he is filing a complaint with authorities. Magyar, who leads long-time Prime Minister Viktor Orban in the polls, said he suspected there were plans to release a tape of him from August 2024, when he says he engaged in consensual sex with a now ex-girlfriend at a party. He was responding to a photo recently posted online of a bedroom in an apartment dating back to then. Leading figures in Orban's Fidesz party said they knew nothing about the claims. The BBC



has approached Orban's spokesman for comment. Magyar accused Fidesz of trying to blackmail him and made three allegations of unlawful conduct in a statement on Friday. Although no video has been published, he said one from that date would

have been "recorded with secret service equipment and possibly faked". Magyar made no mention in his statement of the ex-girlfriend he had been with at the time of the alleged incident, although he said on Thursday he had accused her

of extortion 15 months ago - an allegation she denied. She told Hungarian media that they were both victims regarding the alleged illicit video and she was ready to take legal action with him. Magyar accused Fidesz leaders of timing their campaign to coincide with the start of his nationwide campaign next week, and of trying to ruin the last week he was spending with his three sons ahead of the April election. Fidesz communications director Tamas Menczer accused Magyar of lying, while Orban's chief of staff Gergely Gulyas told reporters he could not comment on something he knew nothing about.

Casey Wasserman to sell talent agency after Epstein fallout - reports



Prominent American agent Casey Wasserman is reportedly set to sell his talent company after documents linking him to Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell were published in the US. Several high profile clients, including singer Chappell Roan, quit the firm this week after it emerged he flew on Epstein's private plane and exchanged flirtatious emails with Maxwell in 2003. US media reported Wasserman told employees he had "become a distraction" as he announced his intention to sell the major LA-based agency. The 51-year-old, who has also resisted calls to stand down from his role as chair of the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics, previously said he had no "personal or business relationship" with Epstein. "I'm deeply sorry that my past personal mistakes have caused you so much discomfort," Wasserman wrote in a memo on Friday, the Wall Street Journal reported. He continued: "It's not fair to you, and it's not fair to the clients and partners we represent so vigorously and care so deeply about." Wasserman has said he "deeply regrets" his discus-

sions with Maxwell, who is serving a 20-year prison sentence for facilitating the sexual abuse of teenage girls by Epstein. He said his emails with Maxwell "took place over two decades ago, long before her horrific crimes came to light". Wasserman has not been accused of wrongdoing by any of Epstein's victims, and the appearance of his name in the files does not imply criminal activity of any kind. Earlier this week, LA28 said Wasserman would remain chairman of the 2028 games after organisers reviewed his past interactions with Maxwell. They found his relationship did not go further than the exchanges that had already been documented, and that he had fully cooperated with an investigation. In a statement, the LA28 board said Wasserman and his then-wife flew on a humanitarian mission to Africa on Epstein's plane at the invitation of the Clinton Foundation in 2003. The board said the journey was long before "Wasserman or the public knew of Epstein and Maxwell's deplorable crimes". "This was his single interaction with Epstein.

'WE ARE NOT PROTECTED' SAYS HEBRON MAYOR AS ISRAEL EXPANDS WEST BANK CONTROL

A Palestinian official in the occupied West Bank has described Israel's latest expansion of control there as "the end of the road" for negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians. Asma al-Sharabati, acting mayor of Hebron, said new legal changes recently announced by Israeli cabinet ministers would leave Palestinian authorities shut out of decisions on urban planning and development, even in areas under Palestinian control. Hebron is a regular flashpoint in the West Bank - a divided city, where soldiers guard hundreds of Israeli settlers living alongside Palestinians in an Israeli military garrison. On Sunday, the Israeli security cabinet

passed major changes to the established division of powers in the West Bank, set up three decades ago under the US-backed Oslo Accords, signed by both Israeli and Palestinian leaders. They include expanding Israeli control beyond its military occupation, into the provision of municipal services in Palestinian-run areas, as well as broad powers to take over so-called "heritage sites" across the West Bank - to protect water, environmental and archaeological resources, they say. Israel also says it will take over planning authority at the Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron, one of the holiest sites in Judaism, which sits inside the city's Ibrahim Mosque. "Now they



can simply put their hands on any building and declare it is ancient, and the Palestinian authorities are not part of any decision on urban planning or development of the area," said al-Sharabati. She told us she had not received any formal notification of Israel's plans, and was picking up the details from Israeli news. A

few metres from Hebron's bustling vegetable market, through the grey steel gates of the Israeli checkpoint, is a tense and deserted landscape, where Palestinian shops are shuttered, and streets closed off to protect Israeli settlers. Issa Amro, a Palestinian activist, lives inside that volatile divided area, known

as H2. The long and winding route to his house takes us through the back gardens of Palestinian homes, and along stony pathways, to a hill overlooking the neighbourhood. When we arrive, an ultra-Orthodox Jewish couple are picnicking under the trees outside. A local settler appears from a neighbouring house and follows us a little way down the path. Inside Issa's house, a plaque reads "Free Palestine". Through his window, a vast Israeli flag can be seen fluttering over the streets below. He points out the Palestinian buildings nearby, emptied of residents after years of tension and expanding Israeli control. But Issa says these new changes are different. "They were

expanding a lot without any legal basis," he said. "Now they [will be] the law. They are changing the status from Occupied Territories to a legal dispute. It's part of Israel now without any rights for me. It's annexation of the land without me, as a Palestinian." Israel plans to start providing municipal services to Jewish settlers in Hebron, and open up land ownership across the West Bank to private Israeli citizens. Palestinians are banned from selling property to non-Palestinians under both Jordanian and Palestinian law. Some of those who sold covertly to Israelis in the past now face real risks from Israel's planned publication of classified land registry there.



THE SAMBA-DANCING SKIER MAKING BRAZIL OLYMPIC HISTORY

Lucas Pinheiro Braathen made history for Brazil by clinching his nation's first Winter Olympic medal with gold in the giant slalom. Born in Oslo to a Norwegian father and Brazilian mother, Pinheiro Braathen won World Cup medals for the country of his birth before announcing his shock retirement in 2023 having lost his "joy of living". Exactly a year to the day, having regained his love for skiing, he returned to the sport in the green and yellow of Brazil - wanting to honour his heritage on his mother's side. In snowy conditions in Bormio, the 25-year-old delivered a masterclass on the Stelvio piste to beat Swiss great Marco Odermatt to gold by 0.58 seconds, with Odermatt's team-mate Loic Meillard taking bronze. Pinheiro Braathen's gold also marks the first medal won by any South American country at the Winter Games. "There is nothing about today, in the heat of



the moment, where you are, in any form, in a cognitive state," he said. "I was skiing completely according to my intuition, and my heart today, and that's what enabled me to become an Olympic champion. "It had nothing to do with the medal, it had nothing to do with the history that I had the potential of writing. "I just wanted to ski as the person I am. I know I can be the best in the world, if I do that to the greatest extent." In a race featuring 81 starters from 62 nations - including Madagascar, Eritrea and Kenya - Pinheiro Braathen

had opened up a 0.95sec lead over Odermatt after the first run, with only seven skiers within two seconds of his pace. Odermatt, the defending Olympic champion, put pressure on the Brazilian with a scorching second run, but only a crash would have denied Pinheiro Braathen the top step of the podium as he held his nerve in worsening weather. It means Odermatt, the current and four-time overall World Cup leader across the alpine skiing disciplines, leaves the Milan-Cortina Games without an Olympic gold, despite

being expected to dominate. Who is Pinheiro Braathen? Pinheiro Braathen's parents split when he was young and despite his 'ski bum' father getting custody, he spent his childhood criss-crossing the Atlantic and cultures. Initially, he resented skiing. He felt far more comfortable playing football in Sao Paulo, and wanted to turn professional like his hero Ronaldinho. He told his father his feet were "made for beaches and not hard-shell boots".

But aged eight, he started to change his mind, enticed by the high speeds involved in ski racing. His nomadic lifestyle continued for many years, moving home 21 times before he turned 22. "I'm a person of cultural duality," he told Associated Press. "Two perspectives always presented from birth and so for me I always find that I've never been living a life where I'm only presented to one reality, one culture or one way of living. "It's

always been these polar opposites and so I think that has shaped me to become who I am today and how I want to live my life." That is as an eccentric, flamboyant character. He loves fashion, has walked the runway in Copenhagen and owns an apartment in Milan, Italy's fashion capital. He paints his fingernails and is no stranger to samba dancing in the finish area, wanting to bring more colour to alpine skiing. "People seeing themselves in a sport they were told wasn't for them, that stays with me," he said before the Games began. "And the messages that say, 'I've never watched skiing before, but now I do'. Kids asking where they can try snow. "Norway taught me how to be an athlete, how to brave the cold. Brazil taught me how to be myself." Pinheiro Braathen won 12 medals on the World Cup circuit for Norway but stunned the skiing world when he retired aged just 23.

With Girlfriend Mahieka In Company, Hardik Pandya Spotted Wearing Bathrobe In Hotel Lobby

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) might have a strict no stay-with-family policy during the T20 World Cup 2026 for its players, but Hardik Pandya is managing to find ways of spending time with his girlfriend Maheika Sharma without breaking the rule. In a video that emerged on social media, Hardik could be seen walking inside the team hotel while holding Maheika's hand. But what left the fans stunned was the fact that Hardik was wearing a bathrobe while walking in the hotel lobby. Not long after the video emerged on social media, the news of Hardik getting a new tattoo emerged. On the occasion of Valentine's Day, the all-rounder got inked, while also dedicating the tattoo to his ladylove. The tattoo features two leopards and the initials of Maheika's name, 'M', behind his neck. What Hardik Pandya Said About Maheika Sharma Hardik and Maheika's relationship



was confirmed in 2025. Recently, the cricketer dedicated his T20I performances to his ladylove. The India all-rounder even expressed gratitude towards Maheika for being a big supporting figure in his life. "A lot of credit goes to the loved ones which I had. Special mentions to my partner as well. She's been nothing but the best to me since she has entered my life and a lot of great things have happened since she has arrived," he

said. "I think I've been a very honest and very real person in life as well, which has helped me a lot. I don't really sugarcoat a lot in my life. It's never about the other person, it's never about how others think or how others perceive. It is always about how I feel inside. Now it's time where Hardik Pandya wants to just play the sport and enjoy every second on the ground. Bigger and better will be the motto in my life.

Mohammad Amir Doubles Down On Abhishek Sharma, Insults Him Yet Again

Former Pakistan pacer Mohammad Amir sparked a major debate after labeling Indian batter Abhishek Sharma a 'slogger.' Speaking days ahead of the T20 World Cup clash between India and Pakistan, he claimed there are high chances of Abhishek failing as he plays a high-risk brand of cricket. Amid criticism over his remarks, Amir reiterated his stance during a Pakistani news channel, saying that the 25-year-old is yet to test himself in overseas conditions. "He is a slogger, according to me. A player who doesn't even know how to defend a ball, how can I consider him a proper batter? He comes and swings his bat and he



is managing to get that connection of late... if he performs [in South Africa, England, and New Zealand], I will be the first one to acknowledge that he is a proper batter," Amir said on the Geo TV show 'Hasna Mana Hai'. During the same discussion, veteran Pakistan batter Ahmed Shehzad held a different

view. "Everyone has a different opinion. I really like Abhishek. For Amir, getting Abhishek out might be a piece of cake," said Shehzad. Abhishek is currently recovering from a stomach infection, raising doubts over his participation in the clash against Pakistan on February 15. Following a golden duck

against the USA in the campaign opener, Abhishek missed the second clash at New Delhi against Namibia due to the same. Following the toss against Namibia yesterday, Indian skipper Suryakumar Yadav had said about Abhishek, "Abhishek is still not fine; he will miss a game or two." According to media reports, his training session in Colombo will be an indicator of his readiness for the high-pressure game. If he bats for a long duration like he normally does during nets, then he is likely to be available for the match. During Abhishek's absence, Sanju Samson opened the batting alongside Ishan Kishan.

Bangladesh Reveals ICC Chairman Jay Shah's Stunning Plan To End Row With BCCI

Sunday's high-stakes clash between India and Pakistan in the ICC T20 World Cup is set to serve as more than just a sporting spectacle in Colombo. The match is positioned to be a critical venue for high-level cricket diplomacy involving all five Asian cricket boards. The International Cricket Council (ICC) chairman Jay Shah is expected to arrive in Colombo, where his presence is likely to facilitate an informal but significant meeting involving the top brass of the Indian, Pakistani, and Bangladeshi cricket boards. At the heart of these discussions is Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) chief Aminul Islam Bulbul. According to a report in PTI, Bulbul con-

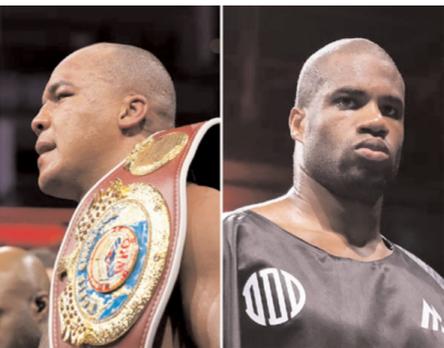


firmed his attendance in Colombo, while also noting that he will be at the venue to watch the India-Pakistan match, where he expected to break the ice with the BCCI after tense exchanges over the past few weeks. Following a period of tense exchanges and administrative friction over the past few weeks, Islam expressed

a desire to "break the ice" with the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) and the International Cricket Council (ICC). The initiative has reportedly been a coordinated effort by the ICC to foster regional harmony. Speaking to the Bangladeshi newspaper Prothom Alo, Islam revealed that the invitation

for this high-profile fixture came directly from the ICC. According to the BCB chief, the governing body is keen on leveraging the gravity of the World Cup to align its most influential members. "The ICC has taken a decision," Islam remarked. "The major stakeholders of the ICC are these five Asian countries, and for the India-Pakistan World Cup match on the 15th, they want representatives of all five Asian countries to be present at the ground together, watch the match together, and talk to one another." This strategic gathering aims to neutralise recent hostilities and ensure that the administrative side of the game remains as robust as the on-field competition.

WARDLEY DEFENDS TITLE IN ALL-BRITISH BOUT WITH DUBOIS



Fabio Wardley will make the first defence of his world heavyweight title against Daniel Dubois in all-British affair on Saturday, 9 May in Manchester. The 31-year-old was crowned WBO champion in November when Oleksandr Usyk relinquished the belt instead of making a mandatory defence against the Ipswich fighter. Dubois has previously held the IBF title and his meeting with Wardley at the Co-Op Live Arena pits two rivals who are known for their devastating punching power. Wardley, who has won 20 of his 21 professional fights, including 19 by way of knockout, said: "I've never been in this game to play around. I'm committed to big fights only. "I'm the champion, this is a voluntary defence, and I chose this. One thing you can't ever say about me is I've shied away from a challenge. "I've always gone looking for the biggest tests, and I'd back myself against anyone in this

division. "This is one of the biggest fights that can be made in the heavyweight division right now and the best part is, it doesn't need the extra stuff, this fight sells itself." Dubois, 28, stopped compatriot Anthony Joshua in September 2024, but his reign as the IBF title holder was ended by Usyk at Wembley in July 2025 - his second defeat at the hands of the Ukrainian. Promoter Frank Warren said the fight was "another piece of British heavyweight history being made". "This is quite simply the most exciting and explosive fight available for Fabio's first defence of his WBO world title, and it tells you everything about him that this is the fight he demanded," he added. "For Daniel to be attempting to become a two-time world champion at just 28 is equally remarkable. This will be his sixth world title fight, and across that run only Oleksandr Usyk has been able to defeat him."



Hull claims fifth European title with victory in Riyadh

Snakes Found In Pakistan's Dugout Ahead Of T20 World Cup Match vs India

Arch-rivals India and Pakistan are set to take on each other in a T20 World Cup 2026 Group A match at R Premadasa Stadium, Colombo on Sunday. A Super Eight spot will be in sight when the two teams face off. Days ahead of the match, a snake appeared in the Pakistan dugout. It happened in the evening on Friday, just when Salman Agha and Co. were about to reach the venue for training. The video of the incident is going viral on social media. Pakistan are likely to go with four specialist bowlers - two spinners and two pacers - in their T20 World Cup blockbuster game against arch-rivals India, claimed a PTI report. A source close to the team told the news agency that head coach Mike Hesson and captain Salman Ali Agha were keen to go into



the match with both specialist spinners Abrar Ahmed and Usman Tariq and also two specialist fast bowlers in Shaheen Shah Afridi and Salman Mirza. The team management is also likely to make a call on dropping one all-rounder from among Shadab Khan, Muhammad Nawaz and Faheem Ashraf. "The only problem for the team management is: if they go in with four specialist bowlers, they have to make a call on who will sit out

among Faheem, Shadab and Nawaz," the source said. He said with Saim Ayub, Sahabzada Farhan, Salman Ali Agha, Babar Azam and Usman Khan occupying the top five positions, the team management has to decide who to play at number six and seven followed by the four bowlers. The source said there is a likelihood of Nawaz sitting out since he is a left-arm spinner and India have left-handed batters in Abhishek Sharma,

Ishan Kishan, Tilak Verma, Shivam Dube, Rinku Singh, Washington Sundar, Axar Patel, Kuldeep Yadav and Arshdeep Singh. "The feeling is better to play Faheem as he is in good batting form and will be the third pacer if required and Shadab whose leg spin will be useful against the south-paw batters," the source said. He said that with Abrar, Usman, Shadab and Saim Ayub available as the spin options, the team management is confident they can manage without Nawaz in the high profile match. But he insisted that the decision could change after having a final look at the Premadasa stadium pitch on Sunday and also seeing how the weather holds up. Pakistan will also be playing at the Premadasa for the first time in the tournament.

'Intense, aggressive, entertaining' - what will new boss Tudor bring to Spurs?



Tottenham have appointed Igor Tudor as their head coach for the remainder of the season. Provided he receives a work permit, the Croat will step in following the departure of Thomas Frank, who was sacked with Spurs 16th in the Premier League on 22 February. "It is an honour to join this club at an important moment," said Tudor. "I understand the responsibility I have been handed and my focus is clear. To bring greater consistency to our performances and compete with conviction in every match. "There is strong quality in this playing squad, and my job is to organise it, energise it and improve our results quickly." Tottenham sporting director Johan Lange said Tudor will bring "clarity, intensity and experience of stepping into challenging moments and producing impact". "Our objective is straightforward - to stabilise performances, maximise the quality within the squad and compete strongly in the Premier League and Champions League," added Lange. Tottenham are into the

knockout stages of the Champions League after finishing fourth in the league stage under Frank. Tudor's first game in charge will be a significant one as Spurs host north London rivals Arsenal in the Premier League on 22 February. That will allow the 47-year-old less than a week to attempt to implement his style of play once the players return to training on Monday - and they could be in for a shock. "His style is intense," George Boxall, a football journalist based in Marseille, where Tudor managed between 2022 and 2023, tells BBC Sport. "The players do a hell of a lot of running. There's lots of intensity, lots of pressing. "He is a really strong personality and he could be a good appointment for Tottenham if they feel they need an electroshock." "If you don't run, you don't play" Tudor has been out of work since being sacked by Juventus in October 2025 and is set for his first spell in England, after previously taking charge of clubs in Italy, France, Turkey, Croatia and Greece.

Seetha Payanam Movie Review

Directed and produced by Arjun Sarja, Seetha Payanam arrives as a Valentine's Day release that blends romance with emotional depth and family sentiment. Rather than sticking to a routine love-story template, the film unfolds as a heartfelt journey exploring gratitude, relationships, and moral responsibility. With a calm narrative style and a strong emotional backbone, the film focuses more on storytelling and values than commercial highs.

STORY

The story follows Seetha (Aishwarya Arjun), whose life changes drastically after a life-threatening incident. Thankful for surviving, she sets out on a meaningful journey to express gratitude to those who helped her. During this trip, she encounters Abhishek (Niranjan Sudhindra), a reserved yet intriguing personality. What begins as a simple acquaintance slowly deepens into an emotional connection.

PERFORMANCES

Aishwarya Arjun delivers a poised and expressive performance in her debut lead role. She convincingly balances innocence with emotional strength. Niranjan Sudhindra brings subtle intensity to his character, making the evolving romance feel organic. Arjun Sarja appears in a significant role that carries emotional weight and reinforces the film's moral theme. Dhruva Sarja makes a dynamic appearance that



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adds energy and fan moments. Sathyaraj shines in emotionally charged family sequences. Prakash Raj adds depth to crucial dramatic scenes. Kovai Sarala provides well-timed light-hearted moments that ease the emotional intensity.

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS
Music by Anup Rubens enhances both romantic and emotional segments effectively. The cinematography captures scenic road visuals and intimate emotional frames beautifully.

Dialogues are simple yet meaningful, focusing on relationships and gratitude. The production design maintains a clean and sincere tone throughout.

WHAT WORKS
Strong emotional foundation
Sincere performances
Family-oriented storytelling
Impactful climax
Balanced blend of romance and drama

WHAT COULD BE BETTER
Slower pacing in the first

half
Tonal shift may surprise viewers expecting a commercial entertainer

FINAL VERDICT
Seetha Payanam is a relationship-driven emotional drama that connects more with family audiences than mass-market viewers. It stands out for its sincerity, heartfelt performances, and meaningful message. Bottom Line: An emotional journey with a thoughtful message and satisfying payoff.

HEY BHAGAVAN" WILL MAKE YOU LAUGH... AND TOUCH YOUR HEART: SUCCESSFUL PRODUCER VAMSI NANDIPATI

The successful duo Bunny Vasu and Vamsi Nandipati, who recently delivered blockbuster films like Little Hearts, Raju Weds Rambhai, and Isha, are now bringing a full-length, out-and-out entertainer titled "Hey Bhagavan" under the banners of Nandipati Entertainments and Bunny Vasu Works. The film stars Suhas, Shivani Nagaram, senior actor Naresh, and anchor Sravanthi in key roles. Directed by Gopi Achara, the film is produced by B. Narendra Reddy under the Trishul Visionary Studios banner. The movie is set to release on February 20. In this context, producer Vamsi Nandipati interacted with the media on Thursday. Here are the highlights.



dom. Only if the content is strong can we do anything.

Has the production of small films reduced now?

After Little Hearts and Raju Weds Rambhai, small films actually increased. Recently, in just one month, around 300 film titles were registered in the chamber. There is clarity now that OTT business alone is not working. However, films made only for OTT are also increasing.

Will you direct films in the future?

No, I won't direct. My goal is to produce good films as a producer.

Your association with Bunny Vasu?

Bunny Vasu is like a brother to me. We have been traveling together from the beginning. If he approves something, it's as good as my approval. Our opinions are usually the same.

Details about Polimera-3?

Pre-production work for Polimera-3 is going on. We plan to start in April or May. We are planning to release it in South Indian languages, except Hindi. We are also thinking of adding a star in the lead role. We will announce soon.

Your future plans?

I am doing a project with ETV Win. It will be announced on the 27th of this month. I am also doing a few more projects with ETV. Are you releasing Shivaji's film "Sampradayini Suppini Suddapooani" in theatres?

the title "Hey Bhagavan"?

"The father character's name in the film is Bhagavan, so we titled it "Hey Bhagavan." However, due to recent censorship objections, there is a chance the title might change. They say it is a sensitive title. Similar titles existed earlier, but now they are objecting. Discussions are ongoing with the censor board. It may change to "Hey Bhavan."

are releasing them with good buzz. Whatever you touch turns to gold.

What is your strategy as a producer?

More than a producer, "creative strategist" is the right word. I personally oversee everything. If the director feels something needs improvement, I give suggestions. Changes are made only if they agree. I believe if the director is happy, the film will be good. Everything happens with their approval.

How will this film help Suhas' career?

The commercial success Suhas has been waiting for over the past few years will come with this film. It will definitely become the biggest commercial hit in his career and a milestone film for him. You also have films with Satyadev and Srivishnu. After completing films, you

What kind of film is "Hey Bhagavan"?

"Hey Bhagavan" is an entertainment film. I have been involved in this project from the story level and I am also presenting it. The core point of the film has fun. There is also a business element in the movie. That element helps a son understand his father. The film has both fun and emotion. It will make everyone laugh out loud and also touch their hearts.

Why did you highlight the business element in the trailer and teaser?

We added it to create curiosity and buzz. However, no one has been able to guess what that business actually is.

What is the justification for

A SOULFUL MELODY CHAATU CHAATU FROM PURUSHAHA UNVEILED BY STUDENTS AT KASTURBA GANDHI COLLEGE FOR WOMEN



Padedevadu sung by Oscar winner MM Keeravani was already a chartbuster. Today, the film's second single has been dropped. The students at Kasturba Gandhi Degree & PG College for women unveiled the song. This song captures a college girl revealing the depth of her feelings for her beloved. She admires Pavan silently from a distance, cherishing him in her heart. Yet, she lacks the courage to express her love, choosing instead to hold it within. Lyricist Ananta Sriram beautifully conveys that sweet ache and unspoken affection. Shrahan Bharadwaj's music adds a classic, soulful touch to this love song, with brilliant instrumentation enhancing its emotional pull. Chinmayi Sripaada's vocals elevate the track even further, bringing grace and warmth to every note.

When everyday married life is narrated with humour and an honest slice-of-life tone, it naturally turns into a far more entertaining ride. Purushaha seems to be

walking exactly on that path- rooted, funny, and instantly relatable. The film is already sparking curiosity with its trendy, offbeat promotional style. Backed by Battula Saraswathi and

produced by Battula Koteswara Rao under Kalyan Productions, the film marks the debut of Pavan Kalyan Battula, directed by Veeru Vulavala. The first single Jaali

SONAM KAPOOR CHANNELS OLD-WORLD HYDERABAD WITH SATLADA HAAR

Mumbai: Bollywood actress Sonam Kapoor is embracing her maternity phase with signature style as she prepares to welcome her second child. Known for her bold and thoughtful fashion choices, the mom-to-be continues to redefine maternity wear with looks that blend tradition and modern elegance. In her latest appearance, Sonam opted for an ethnic ensemble that stood out for its cultural depth and refined styling. She chose a layered saree look featuring a soft pink Kalamkari saree by Asha Gautam, paired with a pistachio-and-pink Baluchari saree from The Far East Art Studio. The Baluchari textile drew inspiration from a 19th-century archival piece preserved at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, lending her outfit a strong historical connection. Sonam complimented her look with a multi-layered pearl necklace, statement



gold jhumkas with red accents, bangles and a bold ring. Her hair was neatly tied back with a clean centre part, complemented by a small bindi and softly defined eye makeup. The understated beauty look ensured the focus remained on the sarees and jewellery. The highlight of her ensemble was the traditional Hyderabad Satlada Haar, a seven-stringed necklace

crafted with pearls and precious stones. Originating from the royal households of the Nizams and Nawabs of Hyderabad, the Satlada continues to be a timeless symbol of elegance and heritage, especially popular among brides. Sonam's pearl-and-emerald Satlada added a regal charm to her maternity fashion statement, once again showcasing her ability to merge history with con-

temporary style. Several celebrities have previously embraced this royal necklace. Actress Deepika Padukone wore a Satlada Haar for her mehendi ceremony in 2018, while Nayanthara chose the Hyderabad Nizami Satlada for her wedding in 2022. Former actress Namrata Shirodkar has also been seen flaunting the iconic piece at wedding events.

BAND MELAM WILL DEFINITELY BECOME A BLOCKBUSTER – SUCCESSFUL DIRECTOR BOBBY AT THE GLIMPSE LAUNCH EVENT

Presented by Mango Mass Media and produced by Kona Venkat under the Kona Film Corporation banner, Band Melam is directed by Satish Javvaji and stars Harsh Roshan and Sridevi in lead roles. The film is scheduled for release on March 13. The movie's glimpse was released on the occasion of Valentine's Day by Trivikram on social media. Director Bobby and writer BVS Ravi attended the press meet as chief guests. Director Bobby said, "I insisted that the glimpse of Band Melam be released on Valentine's Day. After watching it, I found Roshan's number and called him immediately. He will become a big star in the future. He

performed very naturally and confidently. Sukumar garu likes my love stories a lot and often asks whether I will direct my story or if he should. If I ever make a love story, I would definitely make it with Roshan. Sridevi has a strong social media following and has performed wonderfully in this film. I wish her great success ahead. Satish Javvaji looks silent, but his writing carries sharp satire. This film will surely become a blockbuster. I feel we might even start seeing men wearing 'thaali' after this film. His writing and conviction clearly reflect in the film. I hope to work with Vijay Bulganin soon. Satish Muthyala's visuals are impressive. When Kona garu earns, it

feels like we all earn. Just like he was confident during Ninnu Kori, he is equally confident now. This film will make a big impact." Producer Kona Venkat said, "In 2017, Shiva Nirvana came to my office, introduced by Shiva Turlapati, and narrated a story I loved immediately. That film later became Ninnu Kori. I felt the same excitement when Satish Javvaji narrated Band Melam. A single dialogue from this film convinced me to produce it. I am not a regular producer, I only produce films when I truly like the story. When I heard this story, I could only imagine Roshan and Sridevi in the lead roles, and I decided to make the film only if they agreed. Everyone,



including Vijay Bulganin and Satish Muthyala, joined the project. Writer-editor Shiva Mupparaju worked like an unseen pillar. We

planned to release a song but decided to release the glimpse at the last minute. Trivikram immediately supported us when we asked

him. Bobby and BVS Ravi are very important in my life. Band Melam will remain a memorable film forever. This project began

because of my cousin Shivaraju Rajasekhar. I hope the audience will love this film." BVS Ravi said, "I already watched Band Melam. I had heard the story earlier, but I was surprised after watching the film. Satish has directed it beautifully and will become a very good director. Everyone will talk about Satish Muthyala's visuals. Vijay Bulganin will impress once again with his music. Harsh Roshan and Sridevi performed wonderfully. The film releases on March 13, please watch and make it a success." Roshan said, "I thank the Wall Poster team, Nani anna, and the audience for supporting me with Court. Everyone has heard the name Band Melam, and

with this film it will stay in people's hearts forever. Thanks to Kona Venkat garu for supporting us, and to Bobby garu, BVS Ravi garu, and Trivikram garu for launching the glimpse. Special thanks to director Satish for this opportunity. Our film releases on March 13, please support it." Sridevi said, "Band Melam is very special to me. This is the first story I heard after Court. People still remember me as Jabili, and with this film they will remember me as Rajamma. My character will make the audience laugh and cry. Thanks to Satish garu for giving me this role, to Kona garu for producing the film, and to Vijay Bulganin for the music I love so much.