

9 patients' eyes removed, 9 others lose vision after cataract surgery

Gorakhpur (TSIT): Nine patients had to get an eye removed, and nine others lost vision in one of the eyes after they developed an infection following cataract surgeries at a private hospital here, prompting authorities to seal the facility and order an inquiry. Official sources said on Thursday that the surgeries were conducted on 30 patients during an eye camp held at New Rajesh Hitech Hospital on February 1. They said that within 24 hours of the surgeries, several patients began complaining of severe pain and discharge from the operated eye. At least 18 developed infections and were referred to hospitals in Delhi, Lucknow and Varanasi as their condition worsened, with one patient, however, partially regaining vision later, officials confirmed.

Congress top leadership holds review with CM Revanth & Ministers

NEW DELHI (TSIT): The All India Congress Committee (AICC) leadership held a high-level review meeting with Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and other State Cabinet Ministers here on Thursday, to "chart the road ahead and advance the vision of Prajala Telangana."

The meeting, chaired by AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge in the presence of Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and AICC General Secretary KC Venugopal, comes close on the heels of the Congress party's emphatic victory in the Telangana Municipal Polls-



2026. According to latest data, the Congress secured 93 out of 113 Municipal Chairperson posts, consolidating its posi-

tion in the State. Following the deliberations, Mr. Kharge took to X to affirm the party's commitment to the

people of Telangana. "Our resolve for social welfare, economic empowerment, and justice for all remains firm and is reflected in our guarantees. We will continue striving to realise the aspirations of every citizen and build a truly inclusive Telangana," he posted. The review focused on governance performance, implementation of guarantee schemes, and organizational strengthening in the wake of the municipal poll victory. Sources indicate that the leadership emphasized the need to build on the electoral momentum and ensure effective delivery on promises made to the people.

RAJANTH MEETS ASEAN NAVY CHIEFS ON MILAN 2026 SIDELINES



VISAKHAPATNAM (TSIT): Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh held a high-level interaction with Navy Chiefs and Naval delegations from nine ASEAN member states here today, on the sidelines of the ongoing MILAN 2026 naval exercise. The meeting reaffirmed India's commitment to its 'Act East Policy' and the vision of Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth across Regions (MAHASAGAR).

Welcoming the significant participation of ASEAN navies in what is the largest-ever edition of MILAN, the Raksha Mantri noted the exercise's remarkable journey from its modest beginnings in 1995 with just four foreign navies to its current iteration involving 74 nations. He emphasized the importance of forums like the Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) Conclave of Chiefs and the International Fleet Review 2026 in fostering trust and operational familiarity among Indo-Pacific partners.

Discussions during the meeting covered the ongoing Sea Phase of MILAN 2026, focusing on complex maritime drills including anti-submarine warfare (ASW), air defence, and search-

and-rescue operations. Describing ASEAN as a central pillar of India's Indo-Pacific strategy, Mr. Singh stated that shared security is the foundation of regional prosperity. He invited ASEAN partners to leverage India's defence technology ecosystem, which has matured due to the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' initiatives led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. He specifically highlighted the indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant and the Visakhapatnam-class destroyers as symbols of India's transformation into a 'Builder's Navy'.

Reiterating sentiments from the India-ASEAN informal meeting in late 2025, the ASEAN delegates lauded India's role as a first responder in the region. The Raksha Mantri proposed expanding joint activities, specifically through the ASEAN-India Defence Think-Tank Interaction and initiatives involving younger generations of naval officers to ensure long-term maritime stability. The interaction concluded with a shared commitment to a free, open, and inclusive Indo-Pacific, anchored by the spirit of 'Camaraderie, Cooperation, and Collaboration'—the official theme of MILAN 2026.

TELANGANA RESTAURANTS AMONG TOP EVADERS IN RS 70,000 CRORE TAX SCAM



Hyderabad: An investigation into Hyderabad's biryani chains revealed that there is a greater tax evasion scam worth at least Rs 70,000 crore in the restaurant industry, with Karnataka recording the highest evasion and Telangana not far behind.

The Income Tax Department reportedly used data analysis and artificial intelligence (AI) tools to inspect 60 terabytes of data on the pan-India billing

software used by over 1 lakh restaurants. The investigators found that although customers paid, the bills were being systematically deleted or altered.

These places reportedly suppressed sales turnover worth approximately Rs 70,000 crore since the 2019-20 financial year.

The evasion was discovered when an income tax investigation team searched a biryani restaurant chain in Hyderabad. The officials acted under Section 133A of the Income Tax Act and conducted survey operations to compare the restaurant's computer records with actual sales. Following the discovery, several instances of tax evasion were found in tiffin centres as well.

Andhra to sign agreements to strengthen AI infrastructure at New Delhi summit

Amaravati (TSIT): The Andhra Pradesh government will sign agreements with various institutions and companies to strengthen Artificial Intelligence (AI) infrastructure and skill development in the state at the ongoing India AI Impact Summit 2026 in New Delhi. The government will enter into a MoU with IBM to provide skills training in AI, quantum technology, and cybersecurity to one million youth in the state.

Another agreement will be signed with the United Nations International Computing Centre (UNICC) for the establishment of a Quantum and AI Centre of Excellence. The state will also sign an MoU with NIELIT, the



skill development and capacity building arm of the Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MEITY), for setting up a Quantum AI University in

Andhra Pradesh.

IIT Madras will collaborate with the Andhra Pradesh government to establish an Artificial Intelligence Tutor initiative, while NVIDIA will partner in setting up AI Living Labs in the state. According to an official release, the MoUs will be signed on Friday in the presence of Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu.

The Chief Minister will participate in meetings with industry leaders during the event. As per the schedule, the Chief Minister will leave for Jaipur on Thursday evening to attend the wedding of Kuppam Area Development Authority Project Director Vikas Marmat.

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BUKKE. MALLESU NAIK, S/o. (Late) B.SUBBA NAIK, R/o. Vandraspalli (Bidiki), Peddapalli (Post) T. Sundupalli (M), YSR Kadapa (Dt), AP. have chanced BUKKE. MALLESU NAIK, (Old Name) to BUKKE. MALLESH NAIK (New Name), S/o. Late B.SUBBA NAIK for all future purposes.

Telangana: Training for EROs ahead of SIR

Hyderabad, Feb 19 : Ahead of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Telangana, a training programme was held here on Thursday for Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) from four key districts. Chief Electoral Officer C. Sudarshan Reddy, on Thursday, conducted a comprehensive training programme at the CEO's Office in Hyderabad for EROs from Medchal Malkajgiri, Sangareddy, Rangareddy, and Hyderabad. A total of 50 Electoral Registration Officers participated in the training session, which focused on the preparation, updation, and maintenance of Electoral Rolls, along with detailed orientation on the forthcoming SIR.



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The CEO said the programme aimed to strengthen the capacity of field-level officers to ensure accuracy, inclusiveness, and transparency in electoral roll management. Special emphasis was laid on statutory provisions, timelines, procedures for claims and objections, and the effective use of technology in electoral processes. Sudarshan Reddy underscored the crucial role of EROs in maintaining the integrity and purity of electoral rolls and directed all officers to ensure that all eligible citizens are enrolled while eliminating ineligible entries in accordance with the law. Participants were also briefed on best practices, field-level challenges, and strategies for effective implementation of the upcoming SIR. Interactive sessions were held to address queries and clarify procedural aspects. The training programme forms part of the Election Commission's continued efforts to ensure free, fair, inclusive, and transparent electoral processes, the CEO's office said.

Hyderabad: The city will host the International Youth Biodiversity Conference 2026 from February 20 to 23 at Heartfulness Kanha Shanti Vanam. Organised by the Telangana Biodiversity Board under the theme 'Biodiversity for LiFE: Skillling Youth for a Green Future,' the four-day event will bring together young leaders, environmental experts, policymakers and international delegates to discuss biodiversity conservation and sustainable development. Youth participants from Italy, Kenya, Nepal, Botswana and Cameroon are expected to attend. Key focus areas include green entrepreneurship, climate action, biodiversity protection and sustainable careers. In partnership with T-Hub, selected start-ups will showcase innovative green ideas, with promising projects receiving incubation and mentorship support.

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OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-I/II DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD (DRT 1)

3rd Floor, Triveni Complex, Abids, Hyderabad-500 001 FORM NO. 14 [See Regulation 33(2)] By Regd. A/D, Dasti failing which by Publication

DEMAND NOTICE NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE RC/286/2025 INCOME TAX ACT, 1961. 12-02-2026

STATE BANK OF INDIA Versus M/S. SAI DURGA FARMS BANOTH (CD 1) M/S. SAI DURGA FARMS BANOTH MANGLI BANOTH JANU REPRESENTED BY ITS PARTNERS NO. 2 TO 5 HEREIN, R/O, SY.No.245/A1, MAGLICHARLA VILLAGE, KURAVI MANDAL, MAHABUBABAD, TELANGANA- (CD 2) SMT. BANOTH MANGI, W/o: Sri. Banoth Janu, aged about (68) years, Occ: Business R/o: Jujura Thanda, Kuravi Mandal, Mahabubabad District-506105. (CD 3) SRI. BANOTH KOTESH, S/o: Banoth Janu, aged about (32) years, Occ: Business, R/o: H. No: 4-74, Jujura Thanda, Kuravi Mandal, Mahabubabad District-506105. (CD 4) SMT. GUGULOTH JYOTHI, W/o: Sri. Guguloth Dayakar, aged about (28) years, Occ: Business, R/o: Rakula Thanda, Kuravi Mandal, Mahabubabad District-506105. (CD 5) SMT. GANGAVATH EASHWARI, W/o: Sri. Gangavath Rajendra Prasad, aged about (39) years, Occ: Business, R/o: H. No: 7-80, Pedda Kistapuram, Mulkanor, Mahabubabad District-507158. (CD 6) SMT. GAGULOTH MANIKYAMMA, W/o: Sri. G Swamy, aged about (62) years, Occ: House Wife, R/o: Rakula Thanda, Kuravi Mandal, Mahabubabad District-506105.

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD (DRT 1) in OA/116/2025 an amount of Rs. 60,96,395 (Rupees Sixty Lakhs Ninety Six Thousands Three Hundred Ninety Five Only) along with pentadentilite and future interest @ 12.80% Simple Interest Yearly w.e.f. 27-03-2025 till realization and costs of Rs. 1,08,055 (Rupees One Lakh Eight Thousand Fifty Five Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally/ Fully/Limited).

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.

3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of your assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 08-04-2026 at 10:30 a.m. for further proceedings.

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay: (a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings. (b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 12-02-2026. Recovery Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, HYDERABAD (DRT 1)

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Tender Notice No. : NED/E-49.50/2025-26, 49.50 & E-GS-05/2025-26, Dated : 13-02-2026.

Offers are invited for the following E-Tenders @ www.ireps.gov.in.

SI.No. : 1. NED/E-49/2025-26. Name of the work : Nanded - Reconditioning of Pit line no. 2 & 3 at Nanded (Rail fixtures, drainage, water pipeline, and lighting) - Electrical Arrangements. Approximate cost : Rs. 38,54,855/-. Bid Security : Rs. 77,100/-. Validity of offer : 60 days. Period of completion : 12 Months. Available at : www.ireps.gov.in, under Nanded Division Administration. Date and time of closing : 15:00 Hours of 09-03-2026.

SI.No. : 2. NED/E-50/2025-26. Name of the work : Nanded Division : 1) Provision of leftover works at RUB in lieu of LC No.22 @ km 278/5-6 between WDN - PRLI station. - Electrical Arrangements. 2) PRLI - PBN : Construction of leftover works at RUB constructed in lieu of LC No.14 @ km. 301/1-2 bit Pokhari Narasimha - Gangakher stations - Electrical Arrangements. Approximate cost : Rs. 8,98,553,25/-. Bid Security : Rs. 18,000/-. Validity of offer : 60 days. Period of completion : 12 Months. Available at : www.ireps.gov.in, under Nanded Division Administration. Date and time of closing : 16:45 Hours of 09-03-2026.

SI.No. : 3. NED/E-GS-05/2025-26. Name of the work : Extension of Cover Over Platform so as to cover the entire remaining length of all platforms at Parbhani, Purna and Mukhdhed stations. - Electrical Arrangements. Approximate cost : Rs. 67,89,280/-. Bid Security : Rs. 1,35,800/-. Validity of offer : 60 days. Period of completion : 12 Months. Available at : www.ireps.gov.in, under Nanded Division Administration. Date and time of closing : 15:00 Hours of 09-03-2026.

For Tender document, details of eligibility criteria, special conditions, etc. go to our web site as mentioned above. It is advised to check if there is any corrigendum published online before submission of offer.

Divisional Railway Manager (Elec.), Nanded.

e-Tender Notice No. 01/ Dy.CS/TE/II/SC/2025-26, Dated : 16-02-2026.

For and on behalf of the President of India, Deputy Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer (Construction - II), South Central Railway, Secunderabad, with the approval of the competent authority invites e-Tender (Open) for the following work upto 15:00 hours 12-03-2026.

SI.No. : 1. Tender No. : C-SG-C-36-5-225-2025-26. Name of work : 1) Augmentation of Infrastructure facilities for Maintenance of 16 Cars MEMUs, Vande Bharat Rakes & EMUs at EMU Car Shed at Mouli of Hyderabad Division of South Central Railway. 2) Augmentation of Homing Capacity of Electric Loco Shed Lagalaguda from 225 to 300 Locomotives - Telecom arrangements of Hyderabad Division of South Central Railway.

Approximate value in Rs. 2,42,12,511.62 ps. Bid Security in Rs. : 2,71,100/-. Completion period : 12 Months.

1) For bid document and other details, please login to website https://ireps.gov.in.

2) Payment of Bid Security shall be deposited either in cash through payment gateway or submitted as Bank Guarantee bond from a Scheduled commercial bank of India.

3) Tenderers can submit their offers online during tender submission period which is fifteen days period prior to closing of tender.

4) Tenderers should watch for any corrigenda (issued online only) up to the date of commencement of the tender submission period.

Dy. Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer, (Construction-II), Secunderabad.

Tender Notice No. : CEE/P/SC -2x25KV-PSI-OGL-GDR-2025 -26-01, Dated : 09-02-2026

For and on behalf of the President of India, Chief Electrical Engineer (Projects), Secunderabad invites e-tender for the following works :

SI. No. : 1. Tender No. : 2x25-02-2026. Description of work : "Design, supply, erection, testing and commissioning of Traction Sub Stations (TSSs), Sectioning Posts (SPs) and Sub-sectioning and Paralleling Posts (SSPs) in 2x25kV AT system with SCOTT-Connected transformers in ONGOLE (OGL) GUDUR (GDR) section of VIJAYAWADA and VIJAYAWADA Divisions".

Approximate Value : Rs.164,26,00,000.00. Earnest Money should be pay through online : Rs.83,63,000.00. Cost of Tender form in Rs. : Nil. Completion Period : 24 Months (Twenty Four Months). Place of tender opening : Secunderabad.

SI. No. : 1. Description : Closing of Tender through e-tender (online). Time : 15:00 Hours. Date : 08-04-2026.

SI. No. : 2. Description : Opening of Tender through e-tender (online). Time : 16:00 Hours. Date : 13-04-2026.

For further tender conditions / details and for submission of Tenders, please visit our website www.ireps.gov.in. Note : Any modifications to the tender documents / corrigendum / addendum if required will be posted on the above website.

Chief Electrical Engineer / Projects / Secunderabad.

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II

1ST FLOOR, TRIVENI COMPLEX, ABIDS, HYDERABAD O.A. NO. 1042 OF 2025

Between: M/s. IICI Bank Ltd. Rep. by its Authorized Officer ...Applicant

And Sri Shaikh Mabusubhasni ...Defendant

To, Sole defendant: Sri Shaikh Mabusubhasni, Resident of H.No. 1-121, Devadoddi, Bairaidipally Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh- 517415

SUMMONS BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

Please take the summons in the above O.A. No. filed by the Applicant for recovery of debts of Rs. 38,04,823.26 ps/- (Rs. Thirty Eight Lakhs Four Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Three and Twenty Six Paise Only) 17.10.2025 against the Defendants. The Hon'ble Tribunal ordered summons to you by way of Paper Publication in "VARTHA" Telugu daily news paper & SOUTH INDIA TIMES English edition having circulation in Chittoor District Andhra Pradesh and the posted the matter to 17.03.2026.

In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:

(1) To show cause within thirty days of the serve of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted.

(2) To disclose particulars of properties or assets other than property and assets specified by the applicant under serial number IIIA of the original application.

(3) You are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties.

(4) You shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or except in the ordinary course of his business and properties specified or given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this the 9th day of February 2026.

(5) You shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets. You are hereby required to show cause on 17.03.2026 at 10:30 AM at Debts Recovery Tribunal -II, 1st Floor, Triveni Complex, Abids, Hyderabad-500001, in person or by an advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this the 9th day of February 2026.

REGISTRAR, Debts Recovery Tribunal -II 1st Floor, Triveni Complex, Abids, Hyderabad

TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of the President of India, Senior Division Signal & Telecom Engineer, Hyderabad Division, South Central Railway, Secunderabad invites Open Tenders for the following works through E - PROCUREMENT up to 11:30 Hours of Dated: 18-03-2026.

Tender Dated: 16-02-2026.

SI. No. 1. Tender No. : Y/S/G/36/2025-26/37. Name of the work : Hyderabad Division : 1) Improvements in Reliability and Accessibility of Signalling Assets. & 2) Provision of various cables testing Tools to SSE/JE for improving the reliability of cables and maintenance activities - Telecom arrangements.

Approximate Value (Rs.) : 4,48,06,647/-. Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.) : 3,74,000/-.

SI. No. 2. Tender No. : Y/S/G/36/2025-26/38. Name of the work : Implementation of VHF Sets with Audio / Voice recording facility over Hyderabad Division.

Approximate Value (Rs.) : 4,50,63,053.34. Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.) : 3,75,300/-.

Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer, Hyderabad.

Tender No. : 36 2025-26

Sr.DEE TRD_HYB, Dated : 16-02-2026

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer / Traction / Hyderabad acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No.36 2025-26 -Sr.DEE TRD_HYB, Dated : 16-02-2026, Closing Date : 11-03-2026, 15:00 hours. Bidders will be able to submit their original / revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

SI. No. : 1. Description of work : Hyderabad Division - SW (I) - Kankuntla Station provision of traction to ballast siding - Electrical TRD arrangements. SW (II) - Mahabubnagar (MBNR) jurisdiction safety related yard improvement & up gradation works at various yards. SW (III) - Kurmool Town jurisdiction safety related yard improvement & up gradation works at various yards - Electrical TRD arrangements.

Tender Advertised Cost (Rs.) : Rs.80,33,197,000/-. Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.) : Rs.1,60,700,000/-. Completion period : 06 Months. Date of Closing : 11-03-2026.

Website particulars : www.ireps.gov.in

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer, A2487 Traction, Hyderabad.

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

Collector Harichandana Praises Anurag Seva Samstha Services

Hyderabad: Hyderabad District Collector Harichandana Dasari visited the Intellectual Disability Training Centre and Senior Citizens' Home run by Anurag Manava Seva Samstha at Tolichowki and appreciated its services to the elderly and persons with intellectual disabilities. Interacting with residents and staff, she stressed the importance of providing nutritious food, proper healthcare and a supportive environment. The Collector praised the cultural performances by differently-abled students and examined vocational products prepared by beneficiaries.

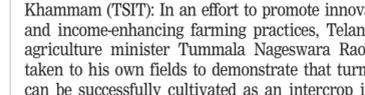


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Minister showcases turmeric as intercrop in oil palm fields

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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 Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantors

(1) Narsimha Chary Arisharipally @ Alias Narsimha Chari Arisharipally, S/o: A Anjaniah, Age: 48 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/o: H.No: 5-119, Near Water Tank, Vemula Konda, Nalgonda- 508112, B/o: "Timber Depot Wood Works" At # Lakonda, Vaigilgonda, Nalgonda, 9949388784. (2) Arisharipally Chandrakala, W/o: Narsimha Chary, A @ Alias Narsimha Chari, A, Age: 37 Years, Occ: Housewife, R/o: H.No: 5-119, Near Water Tank, Vemulakonda, Vaigilgonda, Nalgonda-508112, 9985679546. (3) Arisharipally Anjaniah Chary, S/o: A Ayodhya @ Alias Ayodhya, Age: 49 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/o: H.No: 1-55/1, Old Village, Near Gram Panchayat, Budtoppal, Ghatkesar, Rangareddy-500092, 8976296167

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

BHONGT/1603110002 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: Nalgonda District, Mthkur Sub District, Hyderabad Mandal, Venkatapuram Village Accounts, Residential Zone, Survey No. 81/E4, Site Admeasuring 363 Sq. Yards or 303.51 Sq.Mts and bounded as follows: Towards East: Plot No. Anugula Yadaiah, Towards West: Plot No. Kadigalla Shammaiah, Towards North: Plot of K. Dayakar Reddy (Vendor), Towards South: Vemulakonda to Aaroor Road, Present: 30' 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 falling 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: 19.02.2026 Authorized Officer, SHIRAM FINANCE LTD.

Place: NALGONDA & RANGAREDDY

SHIRAM FINANCE LIMITED

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

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) 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 Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantors

(1) Someshwar Kotala, S/o: Bixapathi Kotala @ Alias Kotala Bikshapathi, Age: 45 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/o: Address-I: H.No. 65, Plot No. 732, Budhanagar Colony, Near Sai Baba Temple, Uppal Depot, Peerzadiguda, Hyderabad-500039, Address-II: Megareddy Colony, Mthkur, Nalgonda-508277, B/o. Proprietor of "Medicare Medical Shop" At # Shop No. 4-49, Plot No. 1, Budhanagar Colony, Near Sai Baba Temple, Uppal Depot, Peerzadiguda, Hyderabad-500039, 9154270886, 8121232596. (2) Srinivas Bangaru, S/o: Ramulu Bangaru, Age: 50 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/o: H.No. 43-265/2, Hanuman Nagar, Mouli, Near Nalla Pochamma Temple, Hyderabad-500040, B/o. Proprietor of "Medicare Medical Shop" Shop No. 4-49, Plot No. 1, Budhanagar Colony, Uppal Depot, Peerzadiguda, Hyderabad-500039, 8179957819. (3) Vishal Das B, S/o: Ramanujan B, Age: 34 Years, Occ: Private Employee, R/o: H.No. 1-21-176/1, Plot No. 48, Ramachandrabai Colony, West Venkatapuram, Trimalguri, Hyderabad-500015, O/C, Working As a "Sr. Associate" in "Synchrony International Services Private Limited" At # Hi Tech City Building, Hyderabad-500021, 6309841347

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

SHIMVT/160330003 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: All that the House Bearing No. 43-265, (Old No. 43-140), On Plot No. 5, in Part of Survey No. 403, Admeasuring 125 Sq.Yards, or 104.5 Sq.Mtrs, Situated At Hanuman Nagar, Moula Ali, Under GHMC of Malkajgiri Circle And Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri Dist and Bounded as follows: Towards East: House No. 43-265/1, Towards West: Neigh Land, Towards North: 40'-0" Wide Road, Towards South: 5'-0" Wide Nala.

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 falling 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: 19.02.2026 Authorized Officer, SHIRAM FINANCE LTD.

Place: HYDERABAD & NALGONDA.

SHIRAM FINANCE LIMITED

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**FOR ADVERTISEMENT
PLEASE CONTACT:
9948480279, 7330778889**

BANSWADA BRANCH
Telephone: 909931766
E-mail: ubin0801976@unionbankofindia.bank

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E-mail: ubin0801976@unionbankofindia.bank

ऑक्शन नोटिस / AUCTION NOTICE

The following vehicle (s) financed by the Union Bank of India (Bank) and seized from the concerned defaulting borrower/ guarantor, are available for sale. Persons interested to buy the vehicles may contact the undersigned for physical inspection and details of the vehicles. Intending buyers shall submit their offer letter accompanying a refundable / adjustable Banker's cheque or pay order for Rs. 16,250 (Rupees Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred Fifty only) as earnest money deposit for vehicle, favouring Union Bank of India and payable at Banswada branch (UBIN0801976) towards interest free earnest money deposit. Intending buyers shall submit their offer in sealed envelopes with superscriptions "Quotation for purchase of vehicle No. TS17A7007" and the same should reach the undersigned by 05:00 PM on 23-03-2026. Sealed quotations will be opened at 06:00 PM on 23-03-2026 and intending buyer who have submitted their offers may choose to remain present at that time. Successful bidders will be quoted the quoted price in full within 10 (ten) working days from the date of opening of the quotation or any such time as may be extended by the Bank, failing which, the EMD shall be forfeited and the vehicle(s) will be sold forthwith. The vehicles as being sold on "as is and where is" basis and will not be sold below the reserve price fixed by the bank. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject all or any of the offers without assigning any reason thereon.

Sl. No	Vehicle details (make, model, year)	Registration No.	Reserve Price
1	MAHINDRA AND MAHINDRA BOLERO 2017	TS17A7007	Rs. 1,62,500/-

Date: 20-02-2026
Place: BANSWADA

Authorized Officer
for Union Bank of India

कॅनरा बँक Canara Bank
REVOOR BRANCH (1664)
Main Road, Revoor PO, Revoor,
Suryapet District Telangana - 508246

**POSSESSION NOTICE (SECTION 13(4))
(For immovable property)**

Whereas: The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Canara Bank, Revoor Branch, under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as the "Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 15.12.2025 calling upon the borrower Sri Murakonda Narasimha Rao, S/o. Satyanarayana, R/o. Check Post Bazar, Melacharuvu, Suryapet-508246, Guramrao Smt. Murakonda Vasantha B. No. 11, Sp Road, 1, Srinivasa Colony, Hayathnagar, Revenue Mandal, Rangareddy, Hyderabad 501505 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being Rs. 44,45,167.16/- (Rupees Forty Four Lakh Forty Five Thousand One Hundred Sixty Seven and Sixteen Paise Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the borrower and public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this 18th day of February of the year 2026.

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Canara Bank, Revoor Branch, for an amount of Rs.44,45,167.16/- (Rupees Forty Four Lakh Forty Five Thousand One Hundred Sixty Seven and Sixteen Paise Only) mentioned in the Demand Notice dt. 18.10.2025 and interest and bank charges and other expenses thereon.

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

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
All that the part and parcel of Residential Flat No. 103, in First Floor of "VEDA" S BREEZE BLOWS" having plinth area of 1200 Sft., (including common area and balconies) one car parking area of 100 sft along with an undivided share of land measuring 44.50 Sq yards equivalent to 37.202 S mts out of 890 Sq yards constructed on plot no. 71, in survey No's 321/a,322/a and 323/a and 324/a situated at Ammal Hayathnagar village Hayathnagar Revenue Mandal Rangareddy District under Ward No.44 Block No. of GHMC Hayathnagar Circle within the jurisdiction of Registration District Ranga Reddy Sub-District Hayathnagar and bounded by: Boundaries for Plot: North : 33ft Wide Road, South : Land of Kuncharam Gopal Reddy & Others, East : Plot No.72, West : 30ft Wide Road, Boundaries for Flat No. 103 in first floor : North : Open to Sky, South : Open to Sky, East : Corridor & Stair Care, West : Open to Sky

Date : 18.02.2026
Place : Suryapet

Sd/-
Authorized Officer, Canara Bank.

TELANGANA GRAMEENA BANK
MOOSAPET BRANCH -317
#7-133/55, Anjaneya Nagar, Moosapet, Medchal,
Malkajgiri, e-mail: tgb.0317@tgb.bank.in

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE
(Sale of immovable properties mortgaged to the Bank under Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002)

Whereas, the undersigned as Authorised Officer of Telangana Gramameena Bank, Moosapet Branch-317, #7-133/55, Anjaneya Nagar, Moosapet, Medchal, Malkajgiri in accordance with the notice issued under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 taken possession of the below mentioned properties. The under mentioned has proposed to recover the Bank liabilities by selling the under mentioned properties on e-auction mode on As is Where is and As is What is under SARFAESI Act 2002.

Dated: 03-09-2025, Rs. 36,03,768/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lakhs Three Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Eighty Only) + Interest & Other Charges.

S.No.	Particulars	Reserve Price
1.	Borrower	Rs. 44,42,000/-
2.	Legal Heirs of Deceased Borrower	Rs. 4,44,200/-
3.	Reserve Price	Rs. 44,42,000/-
4.	EMD	Rs. 4,44,200/-
5.	Auction Date & Time	09-04-2026 12.00 pm to 1.00 p.m.
6.	Auction Place	M/s. E-Procurement Technologies Limited (Auction Tiger) at the web portal https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net https://auctontiger.net and https://dr.auctiontiger.net (http: //auction website)

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY (As per Documents)
All that the flat bearing number 301 door number 49-403/5/9/F/683/301 (PTIN: 1250705850) in third floor having a built up area of 1050.00 square feet (including common area and car parking) along with an undivided share of land 41 sq. yds. (out of total land measuring 475.00 sq.yds) in the building namely known as "SHIVA GANGA" residency on plot no.883/ part (Southside) in survey numbers 100,101 and 105 covered under block number 49 situated at "PADMANAGAR COLONY-II", Quthbullapur Village Quthbullapur Mandal under GHMC Limits, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Telangana state. Standing in the name of Mrs. Tiji T Thomas, W/o. Shebin D Varghese and Daniel Varghese, S/o. P.K. Daniels, Flat No. 301, D.No. 49-403/5/9/F/683/301, 3rd Floor, SHIVA GANGA RESIDENCY" Padma Nagar Colony-2, Quthbullapur Village, Under GHMC Limits, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Housing Loan No. (7905264121) HL TOP UP (79067399114)

1. SHEBIN VARGHESE S/O DANIEL VARGHESE Flat No.301, Door No. 49-403/5/9/F/683/301, Third Floor, SHIVA GANGA RESIDENCY, Padma Nagar Colony-2, Quthbullapur Village, Under GHMC limits, Medchal Malkajgiri District.

2. ROSAMMA VARGHESE, W/o. DANIEL VARGHESE Flat No.:301, Door No. 49-403/5/9/F/683/301, Third Floor, SHIVA GANGA RESIDENCY, Padma Nagar Colony-2, Quthbullapur Village, Under GHMC limits, Medchal Malkajgiri District.

3. SHERLIN VARGHESE, D/o. DANIEL VARGHESE Flat No.:301, Door No. 49-403/5/9/F/683/301, Third Floor, SHIVA GANGA RESIDENCY, Padma Nagar Colony-2, Quthbullapur Village, Under GHMC limits, Medchal Malkajgiri District.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- The property shall be auctioned on "as is and where is" condition.
- For participation in the auction, the intending bidder have to deposit an amount equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price of the property being auctioned as a refundable Earnest Money Deposit by way of cash or money order or Banker's cheque or D.D. drawn in favour of TELANGANA GRAMEENA BANK, Nallakunta Branch to the following Account No. CA: 7907063536; Name: E-Auctions - Earnest Money Deposit Account, IFSC Code: TGRB000224.
- The successful bidder should deposit 25% of the amount on the same day of the sale in cash/ D.D. drawn on any Nationalized Bank and the balance within 15 days from the date of sale.
- The successful bidder shall bear all expenses like stamp duty, registration fee etc., for getting the sale certificate registered in his favour.
- In case of default in whatsoever manner by the successful bidder in adhering to the terms and conditions of the sale the earnest money and other amounts deposited by him as the case may be shall be forfeited.
- The Authorized Officer shall have powers to accept or reject bids or postpone/cancel the auction without assigning any reasons thereon.
- Interested bidders can contact to inspect the property or other details of e-auction: Manager & The Authorized Officer, Telangana Gramameena Bank, Moosapet Branch-317, #7-133/55, Anjaneya Nagar, Moosapet, Medchal, Malkajgiri, Cell: 9030920000, 7901625996.

Note: In case, the dues are not paid as on e-auction date as mentioned above, this is the notice for the sale of e-auction to borrowers/sureties.

Date: 20-02-2026
Place: Moosapet

Sd/- Authorized Officer Bank
Telangana Gramameena Bank

ISTA DELEGATION MEETS CHIEF SECRETARY AS HYDERABAD HOSTS GLOBAL SEED MEET

Hyderabad (TSIT): A delegation from the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA), Switzerland, met the Chief Secretary at the State Secretariat during the ISTA Executive Meeting 2026 being held in Hyderabad from February 15 to 21. Executive Committee mem-



Members from 11 countries, including the USA, Italy, France and Switzerland, discussed seed quality assurance, global standardisa-

tion of testing procedures and international cooperation in the seed sector. The meeting is coordinated by ISTA Secretariat Staff, India, led by Mr. Keshavulu Kumusoth. Officials emphasised the importance of globally recognised seed standards to ensure quality and reliability in international trade. Hosting the event is expected to boost India's visibility and strengthen its position in the global seed industry. Telangana, known as the "Seed Capital of India," aims to emerge as a global seed production and export hub by leveraging its strong research base, skilled growers and favourable policies.

Indonesia Proposes Hyderabad-Jakarta Tech Corridor

Hyderabad: Indonesia has proposed setting up a Hyderabad-Jakarta Technology Skills Development Corridor to boost digital talent exchange and collaboration in emerging technologies. The proposal was discussed during a meeting between Telangana IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu and Indonesia's Vice Minister for Communications and Digital Affairs Nezar



Patria on the sidelines of the India AI Impact Summit 2026 at Bharat Mandapam.

Indonesia sought Telangana's technical support for its National Digital Roadmap and invited collaboration in nurturing emerging enterprises. Minister Sridhar Babu assured full support, stating that aligning Telangana's strong IT ecosystem with Indonesia's digital priorities would enhance global opportunities and strengthen bilateral digital cooperation.

International Evangelist Blessie Wesley Celebrates Birthday with Family



Hyderabad: International Evangelist Blessie Wesley celebrated her birthday in a joyful and spiritually uplifting atmosphere along with her family members. The celebration was marked by prayers, thanksgiving, and heartfelt moments shared among loved ones. Her husband, International Evangelist Dr. John Wesley, was present on the occasion and offered special prayers, invoking God's continued blessings upon her life and ministry.

POLICE WELFARE EXPO SEES HUGE TURNOUT IN CYBERABAD

Hyderabad: The Police Welfare & Wellness Expo, organised as part of the Telangana State Police Sports Meet, is drawing an enthusiastic response at the Cyberabad Police Commissionerate premises. Police personnel and their families are visiting the expo in large numbers. Stalls feature health check-ups, nutrition advice, fitness equipment, yoga services, organic products and modern policing technologies. A key attraction is the Traffic Police stall showcasing advanced enforcement tools, including drunken driving detection devices, speed laser guns and modern monitoring equipment.

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Name of the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantors	NPA DATE:	Date Of Demand Notice:
(1) Thirugudu Nagaraju@ Alias Thirugudu Nagaraju, S/o: Lingaiah Thirugudu @Alias Lingaiah Thirugudu, Age: 36 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/o: Address-I: H.No: 6-7-123, Shivaji Nagar, Near Shivakoti Shop, Nalgonda, Pincode: 508211. Address-II: # 1-43, Inpamula Village, Kothapally Mandal, Nalgonda, Pincode: 502211. B/o: Proprietor of "TNR Constructions" At # Same as Resi Address-I, 9949901123. (2) Santhosh Babshobina, W/o: T Nagaraju, D/o: Bashaboina Yadaiah, Age: 1123 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/o: Address-I: H.No. 6-7-123, Shivaji Nagar, Near Shivakoti Shop, Nalgonda, Pincode: 508001, Address-II: # 4-104/9, Suryanagar Colony, Narket Pal Mandalam, Madhayaedavally, Mada Yadavally, Nalgonda - 508254, 6301029760. (3) Banda Surendhar Reddy @ Alias Banda Surendhar Reddy, S/o. Narayana Reddy Banda, Age: 37 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/o: Address-I: Plot No: 607, Ground Floor, Narshima Swamy Colony, Jaipuri Colony, Nagole, Hyderabad, Pincode: 500068, Address-II: # 3-97-26, Azimpet, Motkur Mandalam, Velde, Nalgonda-508277. B/o: Proprietor of "BNR Constructions" At # 5-2-138/2, Snehamayee Nagar, Vijayapuri Colony, Vanasthalipuram, Hyderabad, 9052447396.	31.03.2019	20.01.2026
	Outstanding Amount: Rs. 45,32,118/-	Loan Amount: Rs. 10,00,000/-

Barrowers/Co-borrower/Guarantors/Legal heirs
LNBRFT1806300002 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: All that the Plot Bearing No. 89 (Part) in Survey No. 26, Admeasuring 234 Square Yards or Equivalent to 195.64 Square Meters Situated At Cheruvuattigutta Village, Narketpally Mandal, Nalgonda and bounded as follows: Towards East: Land of Yasa Mallu Reddy, Towards West: 16 Feet Wide Road, Towards North: Plot of Others, Towards South: Part of Plot No. 89.

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: 19.02.2026
Place: NALGONDA & HYDERABAD

Authorized Officer
SHIRAM FINANCE LTD.

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Name of the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantors	NPA DATE:	Date Of Demand Notice:
(1) Ashok Singh, S/o: Shah Singh @ Alias Shyam Singh, Age: 65 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/o. H.No. 13-6-700, Karwan, Marathi Basthi Back Side, Darbar Maisamma Temple, Asif Nagar, Kulsumpur, Hyderabad-500067. B/o. Proprietor of "Ashok Singh Modern Bread Supply" At # Same as Resi Address-I, 9053894846. (2) Lakshmi Bai, W/o: Ashok Singh, Age: 61 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/o. H.No. 13-6-700, Marathi Basthi, Darbar Maisamma Temple, Asif Nagar, Karwan, Kulsumpur, Hyderabad-500067, 8096659129. (3) Suraj Singh, S/o: Ashok Singh, Age: 34 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/o. H.No. 13-6-700, Marathi Basthi, Darbar Maisamma Temple, Karwan, Asif Nagar, Hyderabad-500067, B/o. "International Digning Wood Work" At # Goshamahal, Hyderabad-500012, 8297520000. (4) Potula Seshu, S/o. Maddilati Pothula, Age: 42 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/o. Address-I: Plot No. 35 & Plot No. 26, T R R Town Ship, Om Sai Nagar, Meerpet, Sai Vihar Nagar, Saroor Nagar, Hyderabad-500035, Address-II: H.No. 18/792-A5, Tilak Nagar, Guntakal, Ananthapur, Andhra Pradesh-515801, B/o. Proprietor of "Siri Enterprises" At # Same As Resi Address-I, 9053894846.	30.11.2018	12.01.2026
	Outstanding Amount: Rs. 30,81,666/-	Loan Amount: Rs. 8,00,000/-

Barrowers/Co-borrower/Guarantors/Legal heirs
SHVMFT1710310004 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: All that appurtenant Land to the House Property Bearing MCH No. 13-6-700 Out of Club Nos. 13-6-699 to 701, Admeasuring 80.31 Square Yards or 67.13 Square Meters (Including Common Area of the Vendee's Share in 5' Wide Common Passage is 8.12 Square Yards) Out of Total Land Area of 209.53 Square Yards or 175.16 Square Meters Situated At Kotar Bowli, Karwan, Hyderabad, Telangana State and Bounded as follows: Towards East: 5' Feet Wide Common Passage Connecting to Public Lane, Towards West: Neighbour's House, Towards North: H.No. 13-6-701 (Sold to Kishore Singh), Towards South: H.No. 13-6-699 (Sold to Meera Bai).

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: 19.02.2026
Place: HYDERABAD & ANANTHAPUR

Authorized Officer
SHIRAM FINANCE LTD.

Bhatti Invites CM Revanth to Son's Wedding



Hyderabad: Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka met Chief Minister Anumula Revanth Reddy at the Chief Minister's camp office in Delhi and invited him to the wedding of his son, Surya Vikramaditya. Accompanied by family members, the Deputy CM personally extended the invitation and sought the Chief Minister's blessings for the marriage, scheduled to be held on March 5 in Hyderabad. The meeting was held in a cordial atmosphere, with the Chief Minister conveying his best wishes to the family for the auspicious occasion.

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - III DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD (DRT 1) 3rd Floor, Triveni Complex Abids, Hyderabad 500001

DEMAND NOTICE
NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.

RC/322/2025

STATE BANK OF INDIA
Versus
MR. MOHAMMAD ABDUL RASHEED Mohammad

To
(CD 1) MR. MOHAMMAD ABDUL RASHEED Mohammad, H.No. MOINUDDIN, AGED, 43 Years, Occ: Employee, R/o. H.No. 9-125, Near Svr Talkies, Neruducharla Mandal, Hyderabad, Telangana.

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD (DRT 1) in OA/115/2025 an amount of Rs. 2163246 (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Sixty Three Thousand Two Hundred Forty Six Only) along with pendente lite and future interest @ 13.35% Simple Interest Yearly w.e.f. 07/03/2025 till realization and costs of Rs. 44729 (Rupees Forty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Nine Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally/Fully/Limited).

- You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.
- You are hereby ordered to declare on and after the particulars of yours Assets on or before the next date of hearing.
- You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 06/05/2026 at 10:30 a.m. for further proceedings.
- In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:
 - (a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.
 - (b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 11/02/2026

RECOVERY OFFICER
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, HYDERABAD (DRT- 1)

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

DEMAND NOTICE

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from Shiram Finance Limited, (Formerly know as Shiram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shiram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shiram Transport Company Limited name changed as Shiram Finance Limited, by its Incorporation dt.30-11-2022). 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 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 BORROWER(S)/Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors	NPA DATE:	Date Of Demand Notice:
1) Rayabagi Venkata Lakshmi Narasimha Prasad, S/o. Rayabagi G Raja Chary @ Alias R G Rao Chary (Late) @ Alias Ganti Raja Chary Rayabagi, Age: 53 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H. No. 12-10-590/86/1, Seethapalmandi, Near Srinivas Narshing Home, Warasiguda, Secunderabad-500061, B/O Proprietor Of "Malthur Vidyalaya School" At # 12-11-520, Near Pochamma Temple, Warasiguda, Secunderabad, 9848755196.	31.07.2020	12.01.2026
2) Rayabagi Rajeswari, W/o. R V L N Prasad, D/o:Rajender Rajawala, Age: 51 Years, Occ: Private Employee, R/O. H. No. 12-10-590/86/1, Seethapalmandi, Near Srinivas Narshing Home, Warasiguda, Secunderabad-500061, O/o "Malthur Vidyalaya School" Working Teacher, At # 12-11-520, Near Pochamma Temple, Warasiguda, Secunderabad, 9391450324.		12.01.2026
3) Rayabagi Alivelu @ Alias Kanduri Alivelu @ Alias Ryabhahi Alivelu, W/o. Gopal Krishna R, D/o:Satapoga Ramanuja Charyulu Kanduri, Age: 54 Years, Occ: Private Employee, R/O: H. No. 12-10-590/86/1, Seethapalmandi, Near Srinivas Narshing Home, Warasiguda, Secunderabad-500061, O/o "Malthur Vidyalaya School" Working Asa Teacher, At # 12-11-520, Near Pochamma Temple, Warasiguda, Secunderabad.		Rs. 35,10,325/-
4) Gopal Krishna R, S/o. R Ranga Chary, Age: 65 Years, Occ: Govt Employee, H. No. 12-10-590/86/1, Seethapalmandi, Near Srinivas Narshing Home, Warasiguda, Secunderabad-500061, O/o "Ts Education Department", 9848994946.		Rs. 10,00,000/-

PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS: SHVMFT1905310003- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
All That The Residential Flat Bearing No.401/Part, In Fourth Floor, With ABuilt Up Area Of 600 Sq Feet (Including Common Area), Together With An Undivided Share Of Land Admeasuring 14 Square Yards, (Out Of Total Land Admeasuring 362 Square Yards), In The Building Known As "Indu Shreekar Homes", Constructed On House Bearing No.12-10-599/1/C, Situated At Meditvay, Secunderabad And Bounded As Follows: Boundaries For Entire Land: North : Road, South : H.No.12-10-590/A/2, East: H.No. 12-10-590/C, West: Road. Boundaries For Flat No.401/Part (in Fourth Floor): North: Open Space, South: Staircase, East: Open Space, West: Flat No.401/Part.

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: 19.02.2026
Place: SECUNDERABAD

Sd/-Authorized Officer
SHIRAM FINANCE LTD.

DCB BANK LTD.
Corporate & Registered Office: 6th Floor, Tower A, Peninsula Business Park, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai - 400 013.
Jyothi Majestic, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad-Telangana 500 034

E- AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002
Sale of Immovable Property
Under Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Public E Auction Notice for sale of Immovable Assets Charged to the DCB BANK under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to 8(i) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the borrower, co-borrowers and the guarantors in particular, by the Authorized Officer, that the below mentioned property is mortgaged to DCB BANK LTD. The Authorized Officer of the Bank has taken the possession under the provisions of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. The property will be sold by tender cum E-auction as mentioned below for recovery of the below mentioned dues and further interest, charges etc. as per the details set out in the table:- "The property will be sold "as is where is", "as is what is" "as is how is" & on a "No Recourse" basis without any kind of warranties & indemnities.."

SL. No.	Details of the Secured Debt	Reserve Price (Rs.)	Time and Date of E Auction	Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.)	Date & Time Inspection	Type of Possession
1.	Rs. 24,73,399/- (As of 16-02-2026)	Rs. 28,70,000/-	From 11:30 am on 25.03.2026	Rs. 2,87,000/-	10.03.2026 (11 am to 4 pm)	Physical

Name and Details of the Borrower: 1) Mr. VASALA VENKATRAJAM (Borrower 2) Mr. VASALA SREEKAR (Co-Borrower 3) Mrs. VASALA JAMUNA (Co-Borrower)

Details of the immovable property: Schedule: All Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing H.No.2-40/1/A/31 In Sy No-773, Plot No.31 With Plinth Area R.C.C Roof Ground Floor 114.74 Sq.Yards IE 95.95 Sq.Mtrs And Open Area 25.07 Sq.Yards IE 20.96 Sq.Mtrs Extent Total Area 139.81 Sq.Yards IE 116.80 Sq.Mtrs Situated At Sival Raikall Village And Mandal Under The Limits Of Raikall Municipality Within The Jurisdiction Of Reg Sub-Dist Jagtial And Reg Dist Karimnagar, Bounded By: East-18 Ft Wide Road West-Land Of Kunta Ganga Reddy North-Open Plot No.32 South-Open Plot No.30 (The Secured Assets)

Date and time of submission of EMD on or before 24th Mar 2026 before 5 pm with request letter of participation KYC, Pan Card, Proof of EMD Contact Name & No: K Kranthi Kumar & 8142040928

The intending purchasers/bidders are required to deposit EMD amount either through DD/NEFT/RTGS in the name of the beneficiary, Bank Name: DCB Bank Ltd, Account Number - 900255100648, Account Name: SALE REPOSSESSED ASSETS ACCOUNT , IFSC Code DCBL0000037

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE E-AUCTION ARE AS UNDER:

- The properties are being sold on

BRS seeks allocations in Telangana Budget to fulfil poll promises

Hyderabad, Feb 19 : Bharat Rashtia Samithi (BRS) working president K. T. Rama Rao on Thursday wrote an open letter to Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, seeking allocations in the state budget for implementing the poll promises of the Congress. He said though the Congress has been in power in the state for almost half its term, 95 percent of the promises made by it were yet to be fulfilled. Stating that no allocation was made in two previous budgets, the BRS leader said the people of Telangana have no more patience.



TIRUPATI DISTRICT COLLECTOR DR. S. VENKATESWAR PARTICIPATED IN THE CII TIRUPATI ZONE ANNUAL MEETING 2025-26

GITAM Pharmacy Hosts Workshop on Design of Experiments

Hyderabad: A pre-conference workshop on "Design of Experiments (DoE) & Statistical Optimization Using JMP" was held at the GITAM School of Pharmacy, Hyderabad, on Thursday. The session served as a curtain-raiser for a broader program on integrating DoE into pharmaceutical research. Led by Muralidharan Anandamurthy, Head of JMP Academic-India, the hands-on workshop provided participants with practical training in experimental design and data analysis using JMP software. Key concepts covered included screening designs, formulation strategies, and Quality by Design (QbD) principles. Prof. G. Shiva Kumar, Principal of the School of Pharmacy, delivered the inaugural address. The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Pooja Mittal and the distribution of certificates to participating students and researchers.

GITAM Hyderabad Commemorates 396th Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti



Hyderabad: GITAM Deemed to be University, Hyderabad, solemnly celebrated the 396th birth anniversary of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj on Thursday. The event honored the legacy of the warrior king, focusing on his exemplary administration, military leadership, and commitment to social harmony. Prof. D.S. Rao, Pro Vice-Chancellor, and Shri D.V.V.S.R. Varma, Resident Director, led the gathering in paying floral tributes. The program featured addresses from a faculty member, a security officer, and a student representative. Notably, the student speaker, who hails from a Marathi family believed to be connected to Shivaji Maharaj's lineage, shared personal reflections on his life and values. The celebration, coordinated by Ms. Fizah Ahmed, concluded with a pledge by faculty and students to uphold the ideals of courage, integrity, and unity that continue to inspire generations.

SRM AP Hosts Global Conference on AI-Driven Materials Genome

Amaravati (TSIT) The 4th International Conference on Materials Genome (ICMG-IV) officially opened at SRM University-AP, creating a global platform for over 230 researchers focused on the intersection of computational materials science and artificial intelligence.



The three-day event features 83 distinguished speakers from 13 countries, including Japan, the US, and Singapore, alongside participants from leading Indian institutes such as the IITs and IISc. The conference aims to accelerate materials discovery by integrating AI and machine learning into traditional computational methods. Inaugural addresses were delivered by eminent scientists, including Prof. G. P. Das, who reflected on the journey of computational materials science, and Prof. Ranjit Thapa, who highlighted ICMG's role in advancing research since 2020. Prof. Ch. Satish Kumar, Vice Chancellor of SRM AP, emphasized the university's commitment to AI-integrated education and global collaboration.

Key sessions are exploring frontier topics like magnetic materials, quantum spin liquids, and large language models in research. A special felicitation honored Professor Tanusri Saha-Dasgupta for her scientific contributions. Supported by the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) and organized by the Asia Consortium for Computational Materials Science (ACCMS), ICMG-IV seeks to inspire young researchers and strengthen international partnerships to drive future innovation.

Indian Navy works with partners as "equals" to tackle complex sea challenges: CNS Admiral DK Tripathi

Visakhapatnam, Feb 19 (UNI) Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi said that the Indian Navy engaged each of our maritime partners and friends as "equals," recognising that every navy brings its own strengths, whether experience, geography, or capability. Addressing the gathering during MILAN 2026, which kickstarted here on Thursday, the CNS said that a maritime nation like India clearly recognises that today's maritime challenges are complex, interconnected, and transnational that are best addressed through cooperation and partnership. "Our approach to this complex maritime environment is rooted in India's vision of MAHASAGAR, which stands for Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions – an inclusive and collaborative approach based on partnership and shared responsibility."

Stating 'Mahasagar' as the principal manifestation of India's maritime power, the CNS said that the Indian Navy is guided by this inclusive vision by working together and pooling strengths. "We seek to enhance our collective competence and strengthen our shared resilience against the ever-evolving maritime challenges," he said. The CNS also underscored that the Indian Navy is advancing maritime cooperation through "a unique three-tiered approach" aimed at strengthening security across the global commons. "At the global level, the Indian Navy works with partners to promote holistic maritime security, spanning governance, law enforcement, humanitarian assistance, and environmental stewardship, into a single continuum of purpose upon the global commons," he said, emphasising that maritime security today must be viewed as an integrated responsibility rather than a fragmented effort.

Highlighting the regional dimension, the Navy Chief said, "We remain mindful that maritime challenges and operational necessities vary across sub-regions. One size may not fit all, and thus, staying ahead of the curve needs our cooperative measures to be calibrated to local realities and requirements." He cited two recent initiatives as reflections of this tailored and inclusive approach. The month-long deployment of an Indian Naval Ship as Indian Ocean Ship Sagar to the South-West IOR with a mixed crew of about 44 personnel from nine IOR countries demonstrated our willingness to share platforms, responsibilities, and experiences, he said.

Jagan alleges irregularities in Tirupati laddu ghee supply during Chandrababu Naidu's tenure

Amaravati, Feb 19 : YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) President and former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy on Thursday alleged that irregularities in the supply of adulterated ghee used for Tirupati laddu preparation took place during the tenure of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, and accused him of attempting to shift the blame onto political opponents. Addressing a press conference, Jagan Mohan Reddy outlined what he described as an alleged nexus involving Heritage Foods and Indapur Dairy and Foods Private Limited, claiming that companies favoured by Chandrababu Naidu received undue benefits through reversal of disqualification, acceptance of previously rejected



tankers, and awarding of supply contracts at inflated rates. He claimed that soon after the name of Indapur Dairy and Foods Private Limited came into focus, Heritage Foods allegedly altered its operational status from a manufacturing unit to a co-manufacturing entity and awarded contracts to supply ghee at Rs 650 per kg, despite the same company having previously supplied ghee at rates of Rs 278 and Rs 321 per kg. Jagan Mohan Reddy alleged that during the Telugu

Desam Party (TDP) government's tenure, previously rejected tankers were accepted, disqualifications of certain companies were revoked, and companies including Bola Baba were allegedly encouraged by Heritage Foods to participate in the supply process. He further alleged that despite mounting allegations and scrutiny, Chandrababu Naidu was attempting to shift responsibility onto the YSRCP. "The entire Tirupati laddu issue is rooted in corruption and irregularities in ghee supply that occurred during the TDP government's tenure, which was also reflected in the CBI charge sheet," Jagan Mohan Reddy claimed. The former Chief Minister also alleged that despite evidence being avail-

able in the public domain, Chandrababu Naidu was attempting to mislead the public and politicise the issue. Commenting on the Andhra Pradesh Budget for 2026-27, Jagan Mohan Reddy alleged that the budget lacked transparency and described it as misleading. He claimed that budget estimates did not correspond with actual expenditure requirements and alleged that the projected growth rate did not translate into improved living standards for the people. He alleged that per capita income figures did not align with the government's claims of economic growth and accused the state government of failing to deliver on its promises to various sections of society.

HYDERABAD GEARS UP FOR THE HI LIFE LUXURY EXHIBITION



Hyderabad (TSIT): Mark your calendars for a celebration of style and sophistication. The city will host the Hi Life Exhibition from February 21st to 23rd at the Novotel HICC, Hyderabad. Shoppers can look forward to an "inspired edit" of collections featuring premium designer wear, stunning jewellery, and upscale lifestyle goods. The event focuses on bringing together top-tier craftsmanship and modern elegance, offering a unique shopping experience for those who appreciate exclusivity. Organizers have extended an invitation to all residents to come and "join the experience."

Medicover Achieves India's First IGRT Treatment on Pregnant Woman

Hyderabad (TSIT) : In a first-of-its-kind medical achievement in India, the Medicover Cancer Institute has successfully treated a pregnant woman diagnosed with a high-grade glioma using advanced Image-Guided Radiation Therapy (IGRT). The procedure marks a significant milestone in delivering precise cancer treatment while ensuring fetal safety. The 48-year-old patient, who conceived after multiple IVF attempts, was diagnosed with a left thalamic high-grade glioma at 20 weeks of gestation. Following neurosurgery in November 2025, post-operative scans revealed tumor progression, necessitating urgent intervention during pregnancy. Given the rarity of brain tumors during pregnancy—estimated to occur in approximately 1 in 13,000 to 17,000 pregnancies—a multidisciplinary tumor board



was convened. The team, including specialists from neurosurgery, radiation and medical oncology, obstetrics, neonatology, anesthesiology, and the hospital's ethics committee, opted for IGRT after determining that chemotherapy posed risks to fetal safety. Utilizing advanced treatment planning, continuous imaging guidance, and specialized fetal shielding, the team delivered targeted radiation exclusively to the tumor while ensuring radiation doses remained within internationally accepted safety limits. Dr. Kavita

Uppala, Radiation Oncologist at Medicover Cancer Institute, stated, "Treating cancer during pregnancy demands exceptional precision and coordination. Our priority was to safeguard both mother and child. With IGRT, we were able to focus radiation accurately on the tumor while ensuring fetal protection." The mother is currently stable and under close joint supervision by oncology and obstetric teams, with fetal growth and development remaining reassuring, hospital authorities confirmed.

AISECT and Genpact Launch Skill Program in Warangal

WARANGAL: In a significant move to enhance youth employability, AISECT, in collaboration with Genpact, has launched the Skill BUILD Program in the city. The initiative, rolled out under Genpact's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) umbrella, aims to upskill candidates with industry-relevant skills to make them job-ready. The launch event was held at MVR Convention in Hanamkonda and saw enthusiastic participation from academia and corporate representatives. The program is currently being implemented across six locations in India, includ-



ing Jaipur, Jodhpur, Lucknow, Kolkata, Madurai, and Warangal. Addressing the gathering, Mr. Bhosle Rupanand of AISECT highlighted the role of structured skilling in bridging the gap between education and employment. Mr. R. Vignesh, Assistant Vice President of Genpact, reaffirmed the company's commitment to youth development through skilling initiatives. Mr. B.



Naveen Kumar, General Manager, District Industries Centre, Hanamkonda, and Mr. Srinath Gattu, Zonal Head – South, BFSI, Sector Skill Council, who stressed the importance of personal development and entrepreneurship. Following the formal proceedings, Ms. Swetha Vemula, Management Trainee at Genpact, conducted a role model talk to motivate enrolled trainees.

SPIRITUALITY "BLOSSOMS" IN THE DIVINE ABODE



AMODEI, ALTMAN REFUSE TO HOLD HANDS FOR GROUP PIC AT AI IMPACT SUMMIT



New Delhi (TSIT) : OpenAI's Sam Altman and Anthropic's Dario Amodei didn't hold hands for a group photograph with Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the India AI Impact Summit on Thursday and raised their fists instead, the awkward moment between the

once colleagues and now rival CEOs captured on camera and quickly going viral. The tech giants, including Google CEO Sundar Pichai, had gathered on stage after Modi's address at the summit. Pichai and Altman were standing on either side of Modi, who held

their hands aloft and asked others to join in. However, Altman and Amodei, standing next to each other, conspicuously did not do so and raised their fists, breaking the chain. The two tech leaders looked distinctly uncomfortable as well. Altman, 40, has been

CEO of the American AI research organisation OpenAI since 2019. Amodei, three years older, is the co-founder and CEO of Anthropic, the American company behind the large language model series Claude. They worked together in OpenAI before

Amodei branched out. Amodei, his sister Daniela Amodei, and other senior OpenAI researchers left the company in 2020 due to disagreements with Altman and the board over the company's direction. The Amodei siblings subsequently founded Anthropic.

MLA Veerlapalli Shankar Directs Strengthening of Veterinary Services in Shadnagar



RANGAREDDY (TSIT) Shadnagar MLA and Chairman of the Government Public Sector Undertakings Committee, Veerlapalli Shankar, held a comprehensive review meeting with veterinary doctors of the Shadnagar Assembly constituency at his camp office, calling for enhanced and farmer-centric veterinary services. During the meeting, the MLA stressed that veterinary officials must remain easily accessible to farmers and ensure prompt medical assistance for livestock. He instructed the District Veterinary Officer, Srinivas Rao, to immediately cancel deputations of staff who were allotted to Shadnagar but currently serving in other areas. He underlined that such arrangements were affecting service delivery in the constituency and must be corrected without delay. Pointing to the staff shortage, Veerlapalli Shankar noted that 22 Veterinary Assistant posts are lying vacant and assured that he would raise the matter with State Minister Vakiti Srihari to expedite their recruitment. He further assured that necessary repairs to veterinary hospital buildings would be taken up in phases to improve infrastructure and ensure better services for the farming community.

KAVITHA SLAMS CONGRESS OVER RTC MERGER DELAY



Hyderabad: BRS MLC K. Kavitha on Thursday accused the Congress government of betraying RTC workers by failing to implement the merger of the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation with the State government. Addressing a press meet at the Telangana Jagruthi office, she questioned the delay despite the merger bill being passed and demanded specific budget allocation in the upcoming session. She alleged that employees are working long hours, nearly 1,000 workers were removed for

minor reasons, and retirement benefits remain pending. Kavitha sought immediate reinstatement of dismissed staff, compensation for affected workers, and a white paper on funds allocated for the Mahalakshmi free bus scheme. She also opposed alleged moves toward privatization and outsourcing of RTC services. Extending support to the "Chalo Secretariat" protest on February 24, she warned of intensified agitation if demands are not addressed.

SHIVAJI MAHARAJ STATUE UNVEILED AT SHAMSHIGUDA



Hyderabad: The 396th birth anniversary of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj was celebrated at Mahankali Nagar, Shamshiguda, where his statue was unveiled in a grand Eatala Rajender, Member of Parliament from Malkajgiri, attended as Chief Guest and described Shivaji Maharaj as a symbol of dharma, courage and self-respect. He said Shivaji's vision of Swarajya and governance continues to inspire generations and urged youth to embrace discipline and patriotism. Former Telangana State BC Commission Chairman Dr. Vakulabharanam Krishna Mohan Rao highlighted Shivaji's administrative brilliance, commitment to Rajadharma and inclusive governance. The programme was organised by Shivaji Yuva Sena, with several leaders and community members participating in the celebrations.



TOWN POLICE, ALONG WITH TRAFFIC SI ARUN KUMAR AND SI SABIR, CONDUCTED DRINK AND DRIVE TESTS AS PART OF ROUTINE CHECKS AT THE LOCAL MOTHER TERESA STATUE AT THE FOREST OFFICE CENTER IN MAHABUBABAD TOWN, KEEPING PUBLIC SAFETY IN MIND.

PROTEST IF BJP FAILS ON PROMISES: KOMATIREDDY

Karimnagar, February 19: Suda Chairman Komatireddy Narendar Reddy said people should stage protests if the BJP fails to implement its promises. Addressing a press conference, he alleged that the BJP was indulging in "divert and drama politics" and accused Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar of failing to deliver development for Karimnagar despite the



BJP holding MP, MLC and Mayor posts. Narendar Reddy claimed the BJP had a secret understand-

ing with the BRS to target the Congress and criticised attempts to lure corporators. He demanded that the Centre fulfil all assurances given to the people. Stating that the State government has been implementing welfare and development schemes sincerely, he urged the BJP to prove its commitment or face public opposition. Several Congress leaders were present at the meeting.

WARANGAL COMMISSIONERATE CONTINUES TO BE ACTIVE IN POLICE SPORTS

WARANGAL, February 19, TSIT : Police athletes of Warangal Commissionerate continued their efforts on the third day on Thursday in the State Police Games and Sports Meet, which was started by Saibababad Commissionerate. In these games till now the athletes of Warangal Police Commissionerate have won a total of 42 medals, including 9 gold medals, 15 silver medals and 18 bronze medals. Among the medals won so far, mainly in archery sports, the police sportspersons performed brilliantly



and SI Anil Kumar won the gold medal in the Indian Olympic category on Thursday, while another athlete Chalopathy won the bronze medal. In the same archery event, team section Warangal Commissionerate players SI Anil Kumar, SI Mahender constables

Rahul and Chalopathy won the gold medal. In another event, Constable Surender Sawarna won the gold medal in hammer throw, while female constable Bhuvaneshwari won the Rajita medal in weight jumping. Constable Kalyani silver, Head Constable Sujatha, Latha and Constable Sarvesh won bronze medals in power lifting sport. Similarly, in some other sports, the players of Warangal Police Commissionerate secured medals by reaching the finals in various sports. Warangal Police Commissioner Sanpreet Singh and Team Manager Nagaiah congratulated the police athletes who won medals on this occasion.

IAS AND IPS FOUNDATION LAUNCHED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF VIGYAN GROUP OF SCHOOLS



Yadadri Bhongir TSIT: IAS and IPS program will be organized under the auspices of Vigyan Group of Schools in Bhuvanagiri town of Yadadri Bhongir district on Saturday, 21st of this month at Sai Convention Hall, said Chairman Dr. Pagidala Jalandhar Reddy. The chief guests for this program were Bhuvanagiri Member of Parliament Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, Bhuvanagiri MLA Kumbham Anil Kumar Reddy, District Collector Hanumanth Rao, Additional DGP Mahesh Bhagwat, Municipal Chairman Tangallapalli Srivani Ravikumar, District SP Akshansh Yadav, Additional Collector Bhaskara Rao, District Library Chairman Aje Chisti, DEO Satyanarayana, Swarnagiri Trust Chairman Rama Rao, keynote speaker Suddala Ashok Teja, Vice Chairman Pothamsetty Manjula Venkatesh, students, parents, and a large number of participants. They requested for a successful event.

COLLECTOR REVIEWS HEALTH, WOMEN & CHILD WELFARE DEPARTMENTS



Mahabubabad: District Collector held an extensive review meeting with officials of the Medical & Health and Women & Child Welfare departments at the Collectorate conference hall. The Collector directed officials to reduce maternal and child mortality, prevent female foeticide and conduct regular inspections of private hospitals. Stressing strict implementation of the PCPNDT Act, 1994, he called for coordinated field-level action by medical officers, CDPOs, Anganwadi and ASHA workers, with police support where necessary. He instructed that awareness programmes be intensified to highlight that gender determination is a crime and emphasised collective responsibility to protect the girl child. Regular quarterly reviews and monthly inspections of private hospitals were ordered, with strict action against violators. The Collector also directed proper implementation of welfare schemes and quality nutrition and education in Anganwadi centres. Additional Collector Lenin Vatsal Toppo, DMHO Dr. Ravi Rathod and other officials attended the meeting.

ENSURE BASIC FACILITIES IN ANGANWADI CENTRES: COLLECTOR PRAVEENYA

Sangareddy, February 19: District Collector P. Praveenya has directed officials to provide basic infrastructure in Anganwadi centres across the district. During a review meeting with Panchayat Raj Engineering, Rural Development and Electricity department officials, she stressed better coordination to expedite works in schools and Anganwadi centres. She called for effective utilisation of government funds and sought details of completed and ongoing projects. The Collector ordered speedy construction and repair of toilets in schools, ensuring quality standards. She also directed that completed Anganwadi buildings with electricity and basic facilities be handed over without delay. Further, she instructed officials to complete SHG federation buildings, compound walls in schools and Anganwadi centres in EGS villages, and ensure timely payment of EGS wages.

ON THE OCCASION OF CHHATRAPATI SHIVAJI MAHARAJ'S BIRTHDAY,

Nizamabad TSIT : grand celebration was organized by Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj Yuva Sena at Hanuman Junction in Vinayaka Nagar, Nizamabad. Prasad distribution program was also held. Speaking on the occasion, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj Yuva Sena President Kautanya Mutyam Goud said that Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's services to our Hindu community are memorable and inspiring. Chief guest of this event was 4th Town SI Sandeep and his team. He was honored by Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj Yuva Sena. Ratnakar Goud, Madhusudan Reddy and Darshan Suresh were also special guests of the event. Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj Yuva



Sena team members Mutyala Suresh, Bangari Navin, Rekoti Shivakumar (Bittu), Mettu Gangadhar, Chandu Rathod, Neeraj, Sai Kumar, Navin Kumar, Nitin Patel, Kranti Kumar, Kotha Bharat Patel, Akshit Gaud, Nagarjuna, Uday, Mutyam, Chhotu and others participated.

BANDI SANJAY EXTENDS HELP TO DISTRESSED KARIMNAGAR FAMILY

Karimnagar, February 19: Union Minister and Karimnagar MP Bandi Sanjay Kumar extended support to a distressed family from R a m n a g a r, Karimnagar, who lost their money and belongings during a pilgrimage to Kanchipuram. The family, including women



and children, reportedly lost their luggage to unidentified thieves while sleeping at a temple after darshan. Upon receiving information, the Minister immediately alerted his office staff

and arranged assistance. Food and temporary accommodation were provided, train tickets were booked, and travel expenses were borne to ensure their safe return to Karimnagar. The family expressed gratitude to the Minister for his swift response and timely help.

FROM BIOASIA DEBUT TO BUILDING MEANINGFUL AI: QUADRIC IT'S JOURNEY INTO 2026



Hyderabad (TSIT) Quadric IT's journey at BioAsia began in 2025 with the debut of Renote AI, a reusable, intelligent note-taking platform designed to turn fragmented handwritten and digital notes into structured, usable knowledge for research, pharma, and enterprise teams. The idea was simple but powerful: reduce manual effort, improve documentation quality, and help teams retain and reuse knowledge more effectively. Renote AI marked Quadric IT's entry into applied AI—focused not on experimentation, but on solving real problems on the ground. In 2026, Quadric IT returns to BioAsia with a broader and more meaningful vision: building AI solutions that create real-world impact for people, professionals, and enterprises. One of the most inspiring additions to Quadric IT's portfolio is the Smart AI Cane, an assistive mobility device designed to help visually impaired individuals move more safely and confidently. The idea originated from a high school student who wanted to build an advanced yet affordable smart cane for the blind. Recognizing the potential of this vision, Quadric IT's engineering team transformed it into a working AI-powered solution. The Smart AI Cane uses sensors and computer vision to detect obstacles and provides audio and vibration alerts to guide users in real time. The goal is simple: make mobility safer, improve independence, and ensure that advanced technology remains accessible and affordable for those who need it most. From a single product debut in 2025 to a growing portfolio in 2026, Quadric IT's story is one of steady evolution—from showcasing innovation to building practical, scalable, and meaningful AI solutions...

EDITORIAL

TIM COOK SEEMS DETERMINED TO KEEP BRUISING APPLE

For America's brands, the second Trump administration has been a field of rakes lying in wait to give them black eyes. But unlike most rakes, these have big red flags telling you where they are. Which makes it even more surprising and disappointing that the purveyor of one of America's shiniest and strongest brands keeps stepping on them. Apple Inc. is one of this country's flagship businesses. For the past 19 years, it has been the world's most admired company, according to surveys of executives, directors and analysts by Fortune Magazine and the consulting firm Korn Ferry. For 13 years running, the iPhone maker has been the world's most valuable brand as measured by the consulting firm Interbrand. It's routinely considered one of the world's best employers. For most of those 19 years as the Gallant to so many corporate Goofuses, Apple has been led by Chief Executive Officer Tim Cook, who took over from founder Steve Jobs in 2011. Succeeding such a legend would seem to be a poisoned chalice, but Cook's low-key leadership was apparently just what the company needed to carry on in the style to which it had grown accustomed under the hard-charging Jobs, if not better. Cook, who raised money for Hillary Clinton during the 2016 election, navigated Trump 1.0 with aplomb and even a touch of bravery. At a Bloomberg Global Business forum in 2017, he criticized the administration's immigration policies, saying: "This is unacceptable. This is not who we are as a country." The worst President Donald Trump could ever do in return was call him "Tim Apple."

Trump 2.0 has been a much different story. Where once he managed to stay on Trump's good side without embarrassing himself, this time Cook has bent fully to the political winds. It hasn't been a good look. He donated \$1 million of his own money to Trump's inaugural committee and attended the inauguration with a bevy of other tech CEOs. In August, he presented the award-hungry Trump with a bespoke glass-and-gold plaque and glazed the president as "one of the great and most esteemed business leaders and geniuses and innovators anywhere in the world."

Most infamously, Cook attended a private White House screening of Melania - a \$40 million favor from a less-beloved brand, Amazon.com Inc., to Trump and the first lady - just hours after federal agents shot and killed Alex Pretti in Minneapolis. It took days of furious criticism for Cook to finally release a milquetoast statement calling for "deescalation." More stealthily, Apple last year killed incentives for Cook and other executives to consider the environmental impact of their decisions, Bloomberg News reported. In doing so, Apple joined a recent trend of companies backing away from climate commitments, encouraged by a US government whose official policy is that climate change is a myth.

Such commitments aren't just important for woke virtue signaling. An increasingly chaotic climate makes it harder to do business, especially for a company with global reach and supply chains such as Apple. Nor have Cook's MAGA flirtations been nearly enough to remove Apple from the American Conservative Values ETF's list of 37 overly woke companies in which it refuses to invest. The ETF's managers say they want to "exclude companies perceived to be most hostile to conservative values without sacrificing performance." The ETF consistently lagged the S&P 500 for most of last year. Apple's stock price has shown no obvious reaction to Cook's political stumbles, rising consistently during the Melania debacle.

Beyond Robodog: The Hollowness of Indian Higher Education



(Academic quality is dying in the race for certification)

— Dr. Priyanka Saurabh

The recent controversy surrounding the display of Robodog at Galgotias University has generated widespread discussion on social media and in the mainstream media. On the surface, this issue appears to be about appropriateness, priorities, or campus culture, but in reality, it is merely a symptom of a deeper, structural crisis that has been brewing in India's higher education system for years. The problem isn't Robodog. The problem is what our universities have gradually become. The past two decades have seen unprecedented expansion in higher education in India. The number of private universities, self-financed colleges, and degree institutions has grown rapidly. This expansion has often been presented as a result of "increased access to education" and a "demographic dividend." However, when this expansion occurred without corresponding regulation, academic rigor, and accountability, quality has come at a cost. The result has been that quantity has increased, but quality has steadily declined. Today, most—though not all—private universities and degree colleges in the country have become less centers of learning

and more centers of degree distribution. Education is becoming a transaction rather than an intellectual process—degrees in exchange for money. Attendance, academic participation, laboratory work, and intellectual discipline are no longer mandatory but are subject to negotiation. What was once non-negotiable in higher education has now become flexible, weak, and distorted. This decline is particularly worrisome in subjects where rigor is essential. Weakening theoretical studies is one thing, but the hollowing out of science education is far more serious. Today, students are receiving bachelor's and master's degrees in science without attending regular classes or receiving practical laboratory training. Experimental work—once the backbone of scientific training—has become a mere formality. Degrees are awarded, but competence is not ensured. The consequences of this hollowing out become apparent when students apply for jobs. A master's degree in chemistry can't explain basic scientific concepts. A commerce graduate can't explain the basic concepts of debit and credit. A student with a management degree appears weak in problem-solving and critical thinking. These aren't isolated examples, but rather common trends observed repeatedly by industry. Naturally, this leads to frustra-

tion among students and parents. When employment fails despite years of study and substantial financial investment, questions arise. Parents are right to ask why their children remain unemployed despite their education. This discontent often targets the government, which is accused of failing to create jobs. While job creation is a policy challenge, this discourse ignores an uncomfortable truth—that a significant number of graduates are actually unemployable. This raises the fundamental question. If students lack the necessary knowledge and skills, how did they obtain the degrees that qualify them? Who gave such institutions permission to issue certificates without ensuring academic quality? The answer lies in the regulatory framework for higher education. Higher education in India is overseen by a number of ministries, departments, and regulatory bodies whose stated purpose is to safeguard standards, ensure quality, and maintain academic integrity. Accreditation systems, inspections, evaluations, and academic audits were created for this purpose. However, in practice, these processes often remain formalities rather than genuine evaluations. Inspections are often pre-planned. Documents are embellished to fulfill formalities. Buildings and infrastruc-

ture are prioritized over teaching quality. Compliance is placed above learning outcomes. The actual academic experience of students, the quality of teaching, the rigor of examinations, and the culture of inquiry—these are rarely seriously and consistently monitored. As a result, institutions learn to "manage" regulators rather than improve education. This regulatory laxity has led to a vicious cycle—institutions operate with minimal academic accountability, regulators maintain the appearance of oversight, and degrees continue to be issued. The price of this system is borne not by institutions nor by regulators—but by students, employers, and society. Ironically, while industry complains about a shortage of qualified human resources, the country grapples with a serious crisis of educated unemployment. This is not a contradiction, but a natural consequence of a system that prioritizes certification over competence. Companies are forced to spend heavily on retraining new employees, while young professionals struggle with a lack of confidence and career stagnation. The biggest victims of this system are honest and talented students who, often due to a lack of options or misleading branding, end up in mediocre institutions. They work hard and want to learn, but ultimately, they are burdened more by the institution's name on their marksheet than by their own abilities. Their individual merit is overshadowed by the lack of institutional credibility. This is not only unfair, but a waste of talent on a national scale. It must be acknowledged that India still has some high-quality institutions that compete internationally. But they are the exception, not the rule. It's worth noting that school education up to grade 12 remains relatively structured and controlled. As students enter higher education, oversight loosens and expectations become blurred. If this trend is not arrested in time, the long-term consequences will be dire. The social and economic value of degrees will decline. Public trust in higher education will weaken. The distinction between merit and mediocrity will become ever more blurred. Phrases like "university on every street" will become not satire but a description of reality—where universities will be everywhere, but education will not.

Delhi Scorpio Tragedy: Why These Four States Top The Hit-And-Run List

Two years ago, there was the Pune Porsche case - which still remains in court, by the way. Now, Delhi has been jolted by another fatal road incident: a 23-year-old was killed after being struck by an allegedly speeding Scorpio. Preliminary reports indicate that the vehicle was driven by a minor who did not apply the brakes at the point of impact and attempted to flee the scene, which places this harrowing episode within a troubling pattern of attempted hit-and-run cases. While public outrage, particularly in metropolitan centres like Delhi, tends to frame such cases as sudden moral breakdowns from reckless teenage drivers making a panicked escape, national road safety data tells a more structural story. Persistent enforcement gaps, low conviction rates, rapid motorisation, and uneven state capacity have together eroded credible deterrence. The pattern suggests not isolated deviance, but a systemic failure of governance. India's Road Toll in Numbers National data suggest that hit-and-run fatalities are not episodic spikes but part of a sustained upward trajectory. According to the National Crime Records Bureau and the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, hit-and-run deaths increased from 18,702 in 2013 to 31,209 in 2023, a rise of nearly 67% over a decade. Their share in total road fatalities has expanded from roughly 13-14% to nearly 18%, indicating that fleeing the scene is accounting for a growing proportion of fatal crashes. The post-pandemic rebound sharpened this pattern. Between 2021 and 2022 alone, hit-and-run deaths rose by about 18%, outpacing the increase in overall road fatalities. Delhi's recent cases have amplified public anger, but the capital is not statistically exceptional. The trend is national. The data points less to isolated moral collapse and more to a widening gap between rapid motorisation and credible enforcement. UP Tops The List The national aggregate masks sharp regional concentration. Data from NCRB and the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways show that Uttar Pradesh recorded roughly 16,300 hit-and-run cases in 2022, accounting for a disproportionately large share of the national toll.



It was followed by Madhya Pradesh, with around 9,000 cases, Maharashtra with more than 3,600, and Rajasthan with 2,850. Together, these four states contributed close to two-thirds of all hit-and-run fatalities that year. Yet, absolute burden does not equal density. When normalised by population, smaller states and Union Territories reveal different risk patterns. Even a few hundred cases in Delhi, with a population exceeding 20 million and with one of the highest vehicle densities in the country, translate into elevated per-lakh exposure. Crucially, high motorisation does not automatically imply higher hit-and-run density. Tamil Nadu, despite leading in overall crash volumes, performs differently from Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh on fatality intensity. Similarly, Kerala and Chandigarh combine high vehicle ownership with comparatively lower fatality ratios. The divergence underscores a central inference: exposure is driven by traffic volume, but density of death is driven by other things. Two-Wheeler Riders Are The Most Vulnerable Data from the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways also show that in 2022, two-wheeler riders accounted for roughly 44.5% of all road deaths, while pedestrians constituted nearly 19.5%, together forming the largest victim categories. This aligns with findings from the World Health Organization (WHO) that in low and middle-income countries

(LMICs), over half of fatalities involve vulnerable road users. Temporal clustering is equally stark. About 20.8% of accidents occurred between 9 pm and midnight, the single highest time band nationally. Darkness reduces detection probability, impaired driving increases impact severity. Geographically, nearly 68% of road fatalities occur in rural areas, where surveillance, lighting and emergency response infrastructure remain limited. The convergence is structural: vulnerable victims, high-speed corridors, low-visibility hours, weak monitoring. Hit-and-run, in statistical terms, is patterned exposure meeting limited enforcement, not episodic deviance. But Why Do Drivers Flee? The data suggests that the problem is not merely reckless driving, but weak consequence management. According to the NCRB, nearly 47,800 hit-and-run cases were registered in 2022. Yet, the legal funnel thins dramatically thereafter. Conviction rates in negligent driving cases hover below 50%, while over 90% of cases remain pending at different stages of trial. In deterrence economics, certainty outweighs severity. India has increased statutory penalties through the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 2019 and more recently under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023. But if enforcement probability is low and adjudication is slow, harsher punishment does not automatically translate into better behaviour.

Trump Might Not Actually Have A 'Real' Plan For Iran

The United States under President Donald Trump has taken the decision to go into talks with Iran regarding the country's contested nuclear programme. This sentence might as well remind one of 2013, when under the American presidency of Barack Obama, pressure was being exerted against Tehran to come to the negotiating table. Back then, as Iran agreed to do so, it led to the signing of the Iran nuclear deal in 2015 (officially known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, or the 'JCPOA'). After that, Trump had been one of the deal's most vocal critics, finally terminating US participation in 2018. The US, as of writing this, is building a massive military arsenal in the Middle East. Rumour mills are abuzz as to what kind of action Trump may be mulling, considering that a second round of talks hosted by Oman in Geneva, Switzerland, was, as per reports, not entirely a failure. Even so, two American aircraft carriers are being stationed in the Mediterranean and Arabian waters alike, while open-source information on social media is lit up with a column of US Air Force mid-air refuellers heading to Europe, potentially aimed at supporting a military campaign in the Middle East. The deepening anxieties are not without merit. In 2025, a similar military movement was used as a cover by the US and Israel to launch strikes against Iranian nuclear and air defence sites using stealth B-2 bombers carrying weapons only in the American arse-



nal, which could target facilities deep underground. Since then, much has happened with the Iran file, including months of protests called upon by Reza Pahlavi, son of the former Shah of Iran. That unrest saw thousands of protesters take to the streets, leading to an internet ban, a communications blackout, and the state dispersing such gatherings with force. 1. Trump Has Already Shown His Cards Any impending second strike against Iran by the US will have to lay out a different set of political and military aims compared to June last year. One of these is expected to be a final takedown of Iran's expansive missile stocks. The earlier strikes against Iranian nuclear facilities, which are built deep underground, have already utilised primary weapon systems that the US has for such roles. In the months following the attacks, it has been more evident that while they caused much damage across

Iranian facilities, the bombings did not provide the death blow to the programme as the US was expecting. The three main sites, namely, Natanz, Fordow, and Isfahan, suffered significant damage, but the underground depth of the sites largely spared them from long-term damage. Iran's nuclear designs seem to have been built around redundancy and contingency of lopsided air power being used against it. True, Israeli air strikes in the past decommissioned nuclear facilities in Iraq (1981) and Syria (2007), but Iran is a much more complex affair, as the past few months have shown. 2. Are There Alternatives Within Iran? There is no doubt that US and Israeli firepower over the past year has shaken the Iranian establishment as well as the 86-year-old Ayatollah Khamenei in the core. Prior to this, Israeli air strikes and intelligence operations deep inside Iranian cities had also removed

some of the country's top political, military, and intelligence leadership. However, some resilience of structure and loyalty of personnel has kept the state from any impending collapse, at least till now. A new round of military strikes, which will almost exclusively rely on air power, will come with unclear aims. Trump's impending wish for regime change, whether holistic or engineered, seems to be wishful thinking. Any push to install a new regime through military power cannot be successful without sustained on-ground operations. And this too will only work if there were robust anti-regime forces and personalities within Iran readily available to take charge or offer alternatives. The recent US actions in Venezuela, a precise and impressive military operation leading to Nicolás Maduro's second-in-command taking over the country - in cahoots with the US - is now commonly cited as a model.

Protection of Citizen's Fundamental Rights is the duty of officials: T Shyam Bhat



Udupi, Feb 19: The fundamental rights granted to citizens are human rights, and it is the duty of government officials to protect them. In case of any violation, the public can file complaints before the Commission, said the president of the Karnataka State Human Rights Commission, T Shyam Bhat.

Officials act as custodians of human rights and must ensure that the rights of common citizens are not violated. When grievances related to human rights violations are brought before departmental authorities, they must respond with courtesy and patience, carefully listen to complaints, and resolve them in accordance with the rules.

Commission Member S K Vantigodi said that every individual is naturally endowed with human rights from birth. Every person in society has the right to live with dignity, and they also have the right to question and challenge violations of these rights.

Deputy Commissioner Swaroopa T K stated that Udupi district has geographical differences compared to other districts. Certain modifications and relaxations may be necessary to effectively implement some government schemes, programs, and regulations.

PURAVANKARA LAUNCHES PURVA SILVERSKY, A PREMIUM RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN ELECTRONIC CITY, BENGALURU



Bengaluru : Puravankara Limited (NSE: PURVA | BSE: 532891), one of India's most trusted and admired real estate developers, announces the launch of Purva Silversky, a premium residential development in Hebbagodi, Electronic City, off Hosur Road, Bengaluru.

Spread across approximately 6.99 acres, the project comprises 356 exclusive residences across three iconic 32-storey towers. The project Purva Silversky offers nearly 88% open-to-sky spaces. It is positioned as a low-density development with just four residences per floor, offering enhanced privacy, openness, and elevated living.

SHIVAKUMAR APPEALS TO STATE ELECTION COMMISSION TO RECTIFY LAPSES IN VOTERS LISTS

Bengaluru : Deputy Chief Minister and KPCC President DK Shivakumar has written a letter to the State Election Commission to rectify the lapses in voter list and map the households to voting booths in Greater Bengaluru Authority area.

BENGALURU'S DEEVIA SOFTWARE WINS TOSHIBA GRIDDB IOT HACKATHON.



Bengaluru : Toshiba Digital Solutions Corporation, in collaboration with Toshiba Software India Private Limited, successfully concluded the GridDB Cloud IoT Hackathon, an innovation initiative aimed at enabling students, developers, and startup companies to build real-time IoT applications using Toshiba's GridDB® Cloud Database Service for Big Data and IoT.

Minister K.J. George Directs Immediate Action on Infrastructure Issues in K.G. Halli

BENGALURU, February 19: Reaffirming that people are the true custodians of democracy, Energy Minister and Sarvagnanagar MLA K.J. George on Thursday undertook an extensive field visit across Kadugondanahalli (K.G. Halli), directly engaging with residents and instructing officials to address civic grievances without delay.



through five blocks of Pillanna Garden, hearing residents' concerns regarding the renovation of Slum Development Board houses and the availability of clean drinking water. Locals also highlighted persistent

water supply issues in Vinoba Nagar and Bharat Mata Layout. Summoning BWSSB officials to the spot, the Minister issued stern instructions: "Do not make excuses. Tell me the exact date by which clean drinking water connections will be provided. Otherwise, strict action will be taken."

90 lakh grant from the MLA's Recurrent Development Fund for the project. He also visited the Anganwadi centre at Bharat Matha Layout, which is CSR-funded by Embassy Golf Links Business Park, and assured all necessary support for its smooth functioning.

Land Acquisition Holds the Key to Fast-Tracking Railway Growth in Karnataka

Karnataka stands at a crucial juncture in its railway infrastructure expansion, with several transformative projects underway across the State. While substantial financial allocations and project approvals have paved the way for enhanced rail connectivity, the pace of execution now largely hinges on the timely acquisition of land.

hectares, the Shimoga-Harihara New Line (79 km) requires 488 hectares, the Whitefield-Kolar New Line (53 km) requires 337 hectares, and the Hassan-Belur New Line (32 km) requires 206 hectares — all of which remain fully pending.

and delivering enhanced rail connectivity to the people of the State. The pending land acquisition thus represents not just an administrative hurdle but a developmental challenge. Every delay in securing land pushes back project timelines, escalates costs and postpones the socio-economic benefits that these projects promise to deliver.

With nearly two-thirds of the required land already acquired, Karnataka has demonstrated substantial progress. The focus must now shift toward resolving pending cases through proactive coordination, stakeholder engagement and streamlined processes.

MLC Dinesh Gooligowda Submits Key Budget Proposals to CM Siddaramaiah

BENGALURU: With the presentation of the 2026-27 State Budget approaching, MLC Dinesh Gooligowda has submitted a comprehensive set of proposals to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar for incorporation into the upcoming financial plan.



In his letter, Gooligowda outlined several key demands spanning healthcare, infrastructure, agriculture, education, and technology. Healthcare Expansion: The MLC has requested the establishment of a new unit of the Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences & Research on approximately 20 acres of land at Kempegowda Layout on the outskirts of Bengaluru.

Initiatives In line with emerging employment trends, Gooligowda has proposed the introduction of Job & Skill Upgraded AI Diploma Courses under the Higher Education Department in every district to equip youth with Artificial Intelligence skills. He has also requested the establishment of a Regional Centre of Karnataka State Law University in Mysuru to serve students from Bengaluru, Mysuru, and surrounding districts who currently must travel to Hubballi for administrative work.

SWAN APPOINTS BWSSB CHAIRMAN DR. RAM PRASATH MANOHAR TO GLOBAL SENIOR UTILITY ADVISORY GROUP; SOLE REPRESENTATIVE FROM INDIA

LONDON / BENGALURU : The Smart Water Networks Forum (SWAN), the leading global voice for the smart water sector, has announced the formation of its 5th Senior Utility Advisory Group (UAG). In a proud moment for India's water sector, Dr. Ram Prasath Manohar, Chairman of the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB), has been selected to join this elite global committee.

CM Stalin releases first set of Dravidian Archive's 7 books tracing ideological legacy

The seven books cover a range of topics, tracing the history of the Dravidian movement.

CHENNAI: Chief Minister MK Stalin launched seven books from the 'Dravidian Archive,' prepared under the aegis of Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation (TNTBESC), at the Secretariat on Wednesday.

The seven books cover a range of topics, tracing the history of the Dravidian movement. "Works for the Dravidian repository have been ongoing for the past three years with a team of researchers on the ideology and creative resources of the Dravidian movement," stated the official press note.

The first phase is planned as 13 collections; the CM released seven collections on Wednesday: History of Justice Party, collection of Thanthai Periyar School of Thought, collection of Arignar Anna School of Thought, collection of Dravidian Movement and Women Thinkers, Dravidian Movement and Socio-



Cultural and Economic Changes, and collections of Dravidian Movement short stories-2.

The project aims to shed more light on how the term 'Dravidian' has been used in anthropology, linguistics, history, and cultural studies for years to refer to a people, language family, and cultural group living in South Asia. The note further stated, "In the field of

knowledge, the word Kalanjiyam means a reference work or compendium providing summaries of knowledge, either general or special to a particular field or discipline. 'Dravidic Kalanjiyam' is a collection of knowledge about Dravidian ideology, a collection of works of the Dravidian movement, and a collection of studies on Dravidianism."

Education department begin induction training for new teachers

CHENNAI: The School Education Department has commenced entry-level training for over 1,061 newly recruited Postgraduate Teachers. Among these, 40 teachers are associated with Chennai Corporation schools. Through the Teachers' Recruitment Board (TRB), as many as 12,894 candidates were appointed by the TN government. CM Stalin distributed the appointment orders on February 14. "The training has been extended for 1,061 PG teachers, and those teachers with expectation, including differently-abled PG teachers, will be given training at the respective district by the education department," said a department official. The induction training was inaugurated by Minister of School Education, Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi, at the Anna Centenary Library (ACL) here on Wednesday. Speaking at the event, the minister said, "I request the new PG teachers to introduce themselves to this society through their performance. Teachers must not limit themselves to the curriculum, but must go beyond it. Otherwise, students will end up studying just for marks."

VCK backs Cong demand for share in govt if DMK alliance returns to power in TN

CHENNAI: VCK leader and Member of Parliament from Chidambaram Lok Sabha constituency, V Thirumavalavan, has defended the Congress party's demand for a share in government if the DMK-led alliance wins the upcoming Tamil Nadu Assembly elections, stating that such a request is neither unusual nor unreasonable within a coalition framework.

Speaking to reporters in Tiruchi, Thirumavalavan responded to questions regarding Congress seeking ministerial participation should the DMK form the government again.

He said that discussions and negotiations are a natural part of alliance politics during election season. "During elections, such discussions happen in every alliance. The Congress has asked for a share in the government. Whether it can be given or not will be decided through talks. These matters are resolved through dialogue," he said.



The VCK leader emphasised that such demands alone would not destabilise the alliance. According to him, Congress, as a long-standing ally, has the right to raise such a request.

"For years, we have all worked for the success of the DMK. If Congress now seeks a share in power, what is wrong with that?" he asked. Chief Minister and DMK president M.K. Stalin had earlier stated that sharing power in Tamil Nadu was not feasible within the current political framework.

Responding to this, Thirumavalavan reiterated that discussions would determine the final decision and stressed that the Congress party would continue to remain part of the DMK alliance.

Couldn't rein in Manickam Tagore, but questions PM on Trump: Tamilisai slams DMK over alliance drift "We played a role in forming this alliance, and we also have a role in protecting it. There is no need to create unnecessary pressure over the demand for a share in power," he added.

Poll code case against DMK MP Thanga Tamil Selvan quashed



CHENNAI: The Madras High Court has quashed the election code violation case registered in 2019 against DMK Member of Parliament Thanga Tamil Selvan. During the 2019 by-election to the Tirupparankundram Assembly constituency in Madurai, when AMMK candidate Mahendran proceeded to file his nomination papers, the Thirunagar Police registered a case alleging violation of the Model Code of Conduct. It was alleged that Thanga Tamil Selvan, along with 15 others, accompanied the candidate in contravention of election norms. Accordingly, a case was registered against Mahendran, Thanga Tamil Selvan, and 15 others. Seeking quashing of the said proceedings, Thanga Tamil Selvan filed a petition before the High Court, which came up for hearing before Justice AD Jagadish Chandira. During the hearing, it was submitted on behalf of the petitioner that although the alleged occurrence took place in 2019,

Eye on polls, DMK to hold district secretary meet on February 20

CHENNAI: The ruling Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) will convene a meeting of its district secretaries on Friday to discuss preparations for the 'Vellum Tamil Pengal' initiative, a statewide door-to-door campaign planned ahead of the forthcoming Assembly election. In a statement issued on Thursday, party general secretary Duraimurugan said the meeting would be chaired by party president and Chief Minister MK Stalin via video conferencing. District secretaries, MPs, MLAs and constituency observers from across the State are expected to participate.

The 'Vellum Tamil Pengal' (Victorious Tamil



Women) campaign is scheduled to be held from February 23 to March 8, coinciding with International Women's Day. The campaign will highlight the welfare schemes implemented by the DMK-led government, including the advance disbursement of benefits under the Kalaingar Magalir Urimai Thogai scheme. Party sources said the meeting would finalise the strategy and coordination mechanisms for the outreach programme across all Assembly constituencies.

TN govt signs MoU to tackle dementia in elderly

CHENNAI: In a public health initiative aimed at addressing the rising burden of dementia among senior citizens, State Health and Family Welfare department on Wednesday signed a MoU with the Dementia India Alliance to strengthen early diagnosis, treatment and awareness efforts across the State.

The agreement was signed at the Secretariat in the presence of Health Minister Ma Subramanian, with Health Secretary P Senthilkumar and Dementia India Alliance president Dr Radha Moorthy formalising the partnership.

According to the official release, the initiative will include structured training for healthcare personnel and care-



givers, guidance and support for family members, establishment of care centres and promotion of research on dementia. The National Centre for Ageing will serve as the nodal coordinating institution for the initiative. The department said the collaboration was intended to create an integrated framework that combines medical services, caregiver training and community outreach to

improve quality of life for elderly persons affected by memory-related disorders. The initiative targets individuals aged 60 years and above, focusing on identifying dementia at an early stage and ensuring timely medical intervention. It also seeks to expand public awareness on prevention strategies, enhance access to medical support and build institutional capacity for long-term care.

Coimbatore: Villagers lay siege to FRO for halting fence works

COIMBATORE: Tension prevailed in Gudalur after villagers laid siege to the forest range office on Thursday, protesting the forest department's decision to halt the installation of solar-powered fencing to deter wild elephants.

Farmers from Srimadurai panchayat, situated on the fringes of the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve (MTR), had pooled funds to install an eight-kilometre-long solar fence across their farmlands to prevent frequent crop damage by elephants and other wildlife.

Forest officials, however, halted the work at Vadavayal two days ago, leading to a standoff. The



department maintained that the proposed fencing could obstruct traditional elephant corridors and potentially push the animals into human settlements, escalating conflict.

Angered by the move, villagers marched to Gudalur, raising slogans and staging a sit-in outside the forest range office. District Forest Officer N Venkatesh Prabhu held talks with the protesters and assured them that a field inspection

would be conducted and permission granted if their proposal was found feasible. Following the assurance, the villagers dispersed but warned that they would resume their agitation if approval was denied. In another wildlife-related incident, an elephant strayed out of the forest area and attempted to enter a house in search of food in the Coimbatore outskirts on Wednesday night.

CCTV footage of the incident shows the elephant approaching the entrance of a house owned by Karthikeyan at Varappalayam near Thadagam, along the foothills of the Western Ghats.

Muscle loss with age: Why strength training after 40 is essential, says Bengaluru orthopaedic expert

Bengaluru, Feb 19: Most people worry about weight gain as they grow older. Far fewer think about muscle loss. Yet sarcopenia — the gradual, involuntary loss of muscle mass and strength with age — is both common and often overlooked.

According to Dr. Pradeep Kocheppan, Consultant Orthopaedics at Apollo Hospitals, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru, Indians — especially South Indians — are genetically predisposed to having lower baseline muscle mass compared to many Western populations. Combined with sedentary lifestyles, desk-bound jobs and minimal physical strain, this increases the risk of age-related muscle decline.

Modern lifestyles demand far less physical effort. Groceries are delivered, doors open automatically, and most work happens on screens. Over time, reduced resistance-based activity — especially involving the upper limbs — leads to what doctors call disuse atrophy.

Biologically, sarcopenia mainly affects type 2 (fast-twitch) muscle fibres, which are responsible for power and quick movements. These fibres help you catch yourself during a fall or lift heavy objects. Type 1 (slow-twitch) fibres, which support endurance, are relatively less affected. This explains why many older adults can manage slow, sustained activities but struggle with sudden

bursts of strength.

Dr. Kocheppan explains that fitness training must align with individual goals:

- **Strength training:** Focuses on increasing maximum force, typically using heavier weights with fewer repetitions (e.g., squats, deadlifts, bench presses).

- **Endurance training:** Sustains activity over longer durations using lighter resistance (e.g., rowing, cycling).

- **Power training:** Combines force and speed (e.g., plyometrics, medicine ball throws).

- **Hypertrophy training:** Aims to increase muscle size by lifting weights that fatigue muscles.

- **Functional training:** Mimics everyday movements, improving coordination and balance.

For preventing age-related muscle loss, he emphasises that strength training is non-negotiable.

Muscle loss accelerates after 40, particularly affecting type 2 fibres. Without intervention, decline becomes almost inevitable. Adults over 40 should ideally include at least 20 minutes of strength and power exercises several times a week. However, gyms tend to have fewer senior adults, partly due to a lack of trainers experienced in guiding older individuals safely.

A structured approach is key. Doctors often assess 1RM (one-repetition maximum), the maximum weight a person can lift

once. Strength training typically involves working at 80% or more of 1RM with fewer repetitions. Power training uses lighter weights — about 30-50% of 1RM — performed at higher speeds.

Strength improves muscle mass; power improves movement speed. Together with endurance and functional training, they create a balanced routine.

Muscle health is closely tied to bone health. Bones respond to the stress placed on them by muscles. Without muscle strengthening, bone density can decline.

"If a DEXA scan shows reduced bone density, exercise becomes even more critical. But sometimes, exercise alone isn't enough," Dr. Kocheppan said.

In advanced cases, medications may be required. These can include anabolic agents that stimulate muscle response when combined with exercise. Optimising vitamin D and B12 levels is also crucial. Doctors may evaluate parathyroid hormone levels and prescribe treatments to improve bone density. Newer medications such as romosozumab (marketed as Evenity) target specific pathways involved in bone loss and are administered monthly under supervision. Other treatments include ibandronate and injectable therapies like denosumab, which help maintain or improve bone mass.

New Delhi, Feb 19: Neurological injuries can change life in an instant. A stroke, traumatic brain injury or progressive neurological disorder does not merely weaken muscles; it disrupts coordination, balance, perception and often a person's confidence and identity. For many patients, the most difficult challenge is not paralysis itself, but the uncertainty about regaining independence.

Rehabilitation today is increasingly measured not just by survival, but by the ability to return to meaningful daily activities. Structured neurorehabilitation frameworks such as Bobath therapy, also known as Neurodevelopmental Treatment, play a key role in this journey by helping patients relearn movement safely, efficiently and functionally.

Beyond exercises

Bobath therapy is often misunderstood as a simple set of exercises. In reality, it is a clinical reasoning approach grounded in neuroplasticity and motor control science. The focus is not merely on producing movement, but on restoring the quality of movement, including alignment, timing, coordination and efficiency. Neurological injuries often lead to compensatory patterns such as leaning excessively to one side, using abnormal muscle synergies or locking joints for stability. While these strategies may help in the short term, they increase long-term risks such as falls, pain, joint damage and fatigue.

Bobath therapy addresses these challenges through facilitated movement, where skilled hands-on guidance helps nor-

Bobath therapy offers structured hope for neurological recovery



malise muscle tone and improve alignment; enhancing postural control and trunk stability, as functional movement originates from the core; task-specific practice such as sit-to-stand, reaching, turning and walking; adaptive clinical reasoning based on patient response and stage of recovery; and functional integration into activities of daily living such as dressing, feeding and mobility. The emphasis is on purposeful activity, as the brain relearns movement more effectively through meaningful, real-life tasks rather than isolated muscle contractions.

Neuroscience and recovery

Bobath therapy is grounded in neuroplasticity, the brain's ability to reorganise and form new neural connections after injury. Research in motor learning shows that repetitive, goal-directed and context-specific practice strengthens neural pathways and improves functional outcomes.

Clinical evidence suggests that Bobath-based interventions can improve postural control, balance and mobility, especially in early recovery phases and in

patients with significant tone abnormalities. However, contemporary reviews indicate that Bobath is not consistently superior to other task-specific approaches, particularly for fine upper-limb recovery. Experts emphasise that no single approach is universally optimal. Recovery depends more on early intervention, therapy intensity and functional relevance than strict adherence to one model. In modern practice, Bobath principles are often integrated with strength training, constraint-induced movement therapy, occupational therapy and technology-assisted rehabilitation to provide individualised care.

Wide range of beneficiaries

Bobath therapy is widely used across age groups in conditions such as stroke, traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis and Parkinsonian disorders.

In adult stroke rehabilitation, patients often show improvements in trunk stability, balance, transfer ability and step symmetry. Improved postural control can significantly reduce fall risk,

which is critical for long-term independence.

In paediatric neurorehabilitation, early intervention helps children develop efficient movement patterns, supporting motor milestones and participation in school and play. Gains such as independent sitting or safe transfers also reduce caregiver strain and improve overall family well-being.

Restoring dignity and independence

Neurological injury affects identity as much as physical ability. The inability to perform everyday tasks can lead to social withdrawal, anxiety and reduced self-worth. Rehabilitation must therefore restore not only strength but also confidence and dignity.

Bobath therapy offers a structured pathway to reconnect movement with meaning. Improvements in trunk alignment, balance and walking ability are not minor achievements; they represent regained independence and renewed participation in life. When delivered within a multidisciplinary framework that includes physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, cognitive retraining and advanced rehabilitation technologies, Bobath principles support adaptable, patient-centred care. Individualised treatment plans aligned with real-life goals can significantly improve both physical and mental health outcomes.

Rehabilitation remains a journey of rebuilding. With structured guidance, meaningful practice and scientific integration, recovery can help individuals regain movement, confidence and independence.

Ahead of Modi's visit, India and Israel sign another MoU deepening defence ties

Tel Aviv: Ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Israel later this month, an MoU was signed between India and Israel to deepen defence ties and strengthen ongoing joint activities, including future seminars and cooperative initiatives. The International Defence Cooperation Directorate (SIBAT) within Israel's Ministry of Defense (IMOD) have facilitated meetings between leading Indian and Israel defence industries leading to the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). SIBAT in cooperation with the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM) and India's Ministry of Defence led a seminar and B2B meetings this week between leading Indian and Israeli defence companies, the IMOD said. "The seminar was led by SIBAT Director, Brig. Gen. (Res.) Yair Kulas, and brought together small, medium and large Israeli and Indian defence companies for substantive engagements, with the goal of deepening familiarity with India's defense industrial ecosystem and its updated Defense



Acquisition Procedure (DAP) 2026 - India's national defense procurement policy," a statement from the IMOD said. "The event featured representatives from 30 Indian and 26 Israeli defence companies," it said. The Indian delegation was led by Ramesh K, Director General of SIDM, and included J P Singh, Ambassador of India to Israel, and Gp Capt. Vijay Patil, Defence Attaché of

India to Israel. < "Both sides expressed their commitment to advancing the bilateral dialogue and emphasised the importance of continued cooperation between two defence industries that have stood shoulder to shoulder in times of crisis," the statement said. The IMOD said that the strategic seminar advances the strategic vision of Israel Ministry of Defence Director General Maj Gen (Res.) Amir

Baram to broaden Israel's defence exports and deepen strategic partnerships with key countries. The event follows the Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting held in November last year when the two sides inked a landmark agreement to enhance defence, industrial and technological cooperation, enabling sharing of advanced technology to promote co-development and co-production. Modi

would arrive on February 25 on a two-day visit to Israel. He is likely to touch upon all issues of bilateral and regional interest during his meetings. "Both sides expressed their commitment to advancing the bilateral dialogue and emphasised the importance of continued cooperation between two defence industries that have stood shoulder to shoulder in times of crisis," the statement said.

Cognizant Expands Strategic Partnership with Google Cloud to Operationalize Agentic AI at Enterprise Scale

BENGALURU, INDIA, Feb. 2026 - Cognizant (NASDAQ: CTSI) announced a new phase in its strategic partnership with Google Cloud, advancing from platform integration to enterprise-scale execution to help organizations operationalize agentic AI in real-world environments. Building on the recently announced collaboration to adopt Gemini Enterprise, Cognizant is combining enterprise-wide internal deployment, commercial execution and scaled delivery investments to turn the potential of agentic AI into measurable business outcomes. As part of this next phase in the partnership, Cognizant has invested in, and is deploying, Google Workspace alongside Gemini Enterprise internally, with the goal of enhancing productivity, employee experience and delivery velocity across the enterprise. Building on this internal execution, Cognizant will also go to market with a new productivity offering that brings together Gemini Enterprise and Google Workspace to help clients move from manual, fragmented tasks to streamlined, AI-driven workflows, including use cases such as collaborative content creation and supplier communications.

"This partnership reinforces Cognizant's position as an AI builder, a new kind of services partner focused on creating purpose-built, enterprise-grade solutions that drive real business outcomes," said Annadurai Elango, President, Core Technologies and Insights, Cognizant. "Cognizant brings together the optimal combination of people and technology, including proprietary IP and deep service expertise, to build industry-specific platforms, embed context into systems, and co-create agentic solutions tailored to each client's business." To support scalable and repeatable delivery, Cognizant - a multi-year Google Cloud Data Partner of the Year award winner - is establishing a dedicated Gemini Enterprise Center of Excellence and investing in the delivery capabilities required to deploy agentic AI consistently at enterprise scale. Cognizant will operationalize this delivery model through its Agent Development Lifecycle (ADLC), integrating AI directly into the development workflow, from design and blueprinting through implementation, validation and production rollout. "Our partnership with Cognizant brings together advanced AI

technology and deep industry expertise to help enterprises operationalize agentic AI" said Kevin Ichhpurani, President, Global Ecosystem and Channels at Google Cloud. "Together, we are enabling organizations to deploy enterprise-ready AI solutions that deliver real business impact." With tools such as Cognizant Ignition, enabled by Gemini, Cognizant helps accelerate discovery, prototyping, and optimize our clients data foundations. Leveraging Cognizant Agent Foundry, Cognizant will help clients realize rapid value through no-code capabilities and pre-configured solutions for high-impact use cases such as AI-powered contact centers and intelligent order management. With its global cadre of Gemini-trained specialists, Cognizant will continue to scale delivery across agentic coding initiatives and Google Distributed Cloud programs. These capabilities will be showcased through Cognizant's existing Google Experience Zones and Gen AI Studios. Together, Cognizant and Google Cloud are demonstrating a practical model for how enterprises can adopt agentic AI at scale, moving beyond platform selection to execution-ready operating models.

TCI AND FLYING WHALES ANNOUNCE A STRATEGIC COLLABORATION TO STRENGTHEN INTEGRATED LOGISTICS SOLUTIONS IN INDIA

Delhi February 2026: On the occasion of the official summit between the President of the French Republic, Emmanuel Macron, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, FLYING WHALES SERVICES (FWS) and Transport Corporation of India Limited (TCI) are pleased to announce strategic collaboration to strengthen integrated logistics solutions in India. The MOU was signed in the presence of Mr. Vineet Agarwal, Managing Director, and Mr. Rajkiran Kanagala, Chief Business Officer, Transport Corporation of India and Mr. Sébastien Bougon, President of FLYING WHALES and President of FLYING WHALES SERVICES, FLYING WHALES' operation subsidiary. Transport Corporation of India Limited ("TCI"), India's leading integrated logistics and supply chain solutions provider and a publicly listed company on the National Stock Exchange (NSE) and Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), today announced that it is working together with



FLYING WHALES and FLYING WHALES SERVICES its operation subsidiary, a French group that is developing the LCA60T aeronautical program, a rigid cargo airship with a large payload capacity of 60 tons. The LCA60T has the unique ability to load and deliver its cargo in stationary flight. It will decarbonize transportation of goods, including heavy or bulky loads, and explore new and develop existing logistics, infrastructure and supply chain solutions in India, with a specific focus on enabling high-value and mission-critical programs.

Commenting on the collaboration, Mr. Vineet Agarwal, Managing Director, TCI said: "TCI has consistently partnered with leading global and domestic organizations to provide state-of-the-art logistics solutions for our customers. Flying whales innovative technology will provide low carbon, efficient solutions to remotest locations thus accelerating PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan for Multi-modal connectivity." "Marking our first strategic partnership in India, this collaboration with TCI is a pivotal step in FLYING

WHALES' international expansion. By combining our LCA60T technology, the world's only solution for heavy-lift transport without ground infrastructure with TCI's unparalleled logistical expertise, we are providing a tangible answer to India's connectivity and ecological transition challenges. Together, we are making the impossible possible: delivering 60 tons of strategic equipment to the country's most remote areas with a minimal environmental footprint", explaining Sébastien Bougon, President of FLYING WHALES.

SMFG India Credit Champions "Sarvottam Seva" Through Pashu Vikas Day; Impacts Over 1.55 Lakh Rural Lives

Hyderabad, February 19, 2026: SMFG India Credit, one of India's leading NBFCs, successfully concluded the 8th edition of Pashu Vikas Day (PVD), its flagship livestock welfare and rural livelihood initiative, on February 14, 2026. Anchored around the theme 'Sarvottam Seva: Pashu, Parivar aur Pragati', the initiative reinforced the organisation's commitment to holistic rural development by strengthening livestock health, family wellbeing, and sustainable progress. Launched in 2014, Pashu Vikas Day addresses the critical healthcare needs of cattle owners by providing access to free veterinary services and expert guidance. Over the years, the initiative has evolved into one of the largest one-day cattle welfare programmes in the country. SMFG India Credit positively impacted over 1.55 lakh lives, including the treatment of approximately 1.4 lakh cattle and healthcare support for over 14,000 people, benefitting more than 30,000 households. The initiative was conducted in 16 states, across 510 SMFG Gramshakti branches, underscoring the company's deep reach into rural India. In



Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, Pashu Vikas Day was held across 47 locations and provided essential health care services to over 8,350 cattle, benefitting more than 2,300 households. Each camp offered services like free cattle check-ups by local veterinary doctors, distribution of free medicine and vaccinations for cattle, and advice on increasing the yield for milch animals. Commenting on the successful conclusion of the initiative, Mr. Ravi Narayanan, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, SMFG India Credit, said, "Sarvottam Seva" is about delivering service at its

highest standard—where empathy meets impact and intention translates into lasting change. In rural India, the health of livestock, the security of families, and economic progress are deeply interconnected. Pashu Vikas Day embodies our commitment to nurturing this ecosystem by caring for cattle, strengthening livelihoods, and supporting community well-being. Through this initiative, we aim to create sustainable outcomes that empower farming households and drive inclusive growth from the grassroots level." Over the years, the initiative has earned multiple national and global

recognitions, underscoring its scale and impact. PVD was featured in the Limca Book of Records in 2015, Best of India Records in 2018, World Book of Records in 2019 and the World Records Union in 2024 for hosting the largest single-day cattle care camps nationwide. Building on this legacy, SMFG India Credit achieved a significant global milestone in 2025, when Pashu Vikas Day set a Guinness World Record for the 'Largest Cattle Welfare Lesson', conducted simultaneously across multiple locations in India—further reinforcing the company's long-standing dedication to rural welfare.

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

Mumbai, February, 2026: HDFC Life, one of India's leading life insurance companies, announced a strategic partnership with Muthoot FinCorp Ltd., the flagship company of Muthoot Pappachan Group (Muthoot Blue), headquartered at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. The partnership will enable Muthoot FinCorp Ltd.'s customers access HDFC Life's comprehensive suite of Group and Individual life insurance solutions including range of protection and long-term savings products to meet their long-term financial goals. These will be offered through Muthoot FinCorp Ltd.'s extensive network of 3750+ branches pan-India as well as through its digital platform. Speaking on this partnership, Vibha Padalkar - Managing Director & CEO, HDFC Life said: "Our partnership with Muthoot FinCorp Ltd. marks an important step towards achieving the industry's goal of 'Insurance for All by 2047'. We are committed to offering



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

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

MobiKwik turns PAT profitable in Q3 FY26; Delivers strong upswing of INR 593 Mn YoY

Hyderabad, February 2026: One MobiKwik Systems Ltd. (MobiKwik) (NSE: MOBIKWIK / BSE: 544305), India's largest digital wallet[2], today announced its earnings results (standalone and consolidated) for the quarter ended December 31, 2025. The Company reported a profitable quarter, underpinned by strong execution across its Payments and Financial Services businesses. This marks a significant inflection point as MobiKwik transitions to profitability while continuing to scale its platform & strengthens its role in enabling digital financial access across Bharat. The company delivered a strong operating quarter in Q3FY26 through sharp cost control & healthy margin expansion. Operational discipline led to a INR 576 Mn EBITDA swing on YoY basis, delivering PAT profitability. Headline Results for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2025 Consolidated Financials Total income remained steady at INR 2,972 Mn, reflecting a balanced growth profile Contribution profit increased 76% YoY (34% QoQ) to INR 1,288 Mn, underscoring continued focus on cost efficiency Fixed



Costs as a % of Total Income reduced to 38% in Q3FY26 from 42% Q3FY25 EBITDA for Q3 FY26 stood at INR 150 Mn, marking a profitable quarter with a sequential improvement of INR 576 Mn YoY (INR 214 Mn QoQ) Payments The Company's core payments business continued to deliver strong growth with improving unit economics and high operating leverage. Consistently ranked as the #1 PPI Wallet in India Ranked amongst Top 5 Fastest Growing UPI Apps[1] in India's UPI Ecosystem, achieving 3.2x YoY growth in UPI transactions

Payments GMV hit an all-time high of 481 billion, growing at 63% YoY (11% QoQ), marking a record high for the 12th quarter in a row. User base grew to 186.6 Mn and merchant base expanded to 4.79 Mn Best-in-class Net payments processing margin of 17 bps, reflecting improved monetisation beyond UPI Consequently, gross margin for the payments business reached an all-time high of 37%, reflecting a 125% YoY expansion (36% QoQ) #7th largest Customer Operating Unit [3] in the BBPS ecosystem Financial Services Business makes a turn-

around, delivering High-Quality Revenue on the back of enhanced credit quality and collection efficiency. ZIP EMI GMV grew 126% YoY (12% QoQ), reflecting renewed momentum in the lending business ZIP EMI GMV reached an all-time high of INR 9,000 Mn, surpassing previous peak levels and marking a full recovery from the interim slowdown Financial services Gross Profit at INR 372 Mn, up by 405% YoY (45% QoQ) Net FS Margin Quadrupled YoY from 1.05% in Q3FY25 to 4.13% in Q3FY26, owing to improvement in credit quality The improvement across these metrics reflects a complete recovery in the Lending business. With profitability firmly re-established, the Company is well positioned to accelerate growth across its digital financial services portfolio in a calibrated and sustainable manner. Commenting on the Company's performance, Upasana Taku, Executive Director, Co-founder and CFO, MobiKwik, said: "We are pleased to report a profitable quarter, reflecting disciplined execution and sustained cost optimization across our businesses.

SUDAN ATROCITIES ARE 'HALLMARKS OF GENOCIDE', UN SAYS

A UN fact-finding mission has determined that evidence of atrocities carried out during the siege and takeover of the Sudanese city of el-Fasher points to genocide. The paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) captured el-Fasher, located in the western region of Darfur, at the end of October after an 18-month blockade. It was one of the most brutal chapters in Sudan's nearly three-year civil war and triggered widespread international outrage. This is the closest the UN has come to declaring that genocide is being carried out by RSF fighters in Darfur during the current conflict. The RSF has not commented on the report but has denied previous such accusations. "The body of evidence we collected — including the prolonged siege, starvation and denial of humanitarian assistance, followed by mass killings, rape, torture and enforced disappearance, systematic humiliation and per-

petrators' own declarations - leaves only one reasonable inference," said fact-finding mission expert Mona Rishmawi. "The RSF acted with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, the Zaghawa and Fur communities in El-Fasher. These are the hallmarks of genocide." The report concludes that at least three underlying acts of genocide were committed, including killing members of a protected ethnic group; causing serious bodily and mental harm; and deliberately inflicting conditions of life calculated to bring about the group's physical destruction in whole or in part. Calling the findings "truly horrific", UK Foreign Secretary Yvette Cooper said she would take the report's conclusions to the UN Security Council on Thursday. In a statement she said there must be international criminal investigations to ensure accountability for perpetrators and justice for victims, and an end to



the arms flow feeding the conflict. Sudan's civil war erupted in April 2023 out of a power struggle between the regular army and the RSF over how and whether the paramilitaries would integrate into the security forces. It evolved into a country-wide conflict fuelled by longstanding local grievances and ethnic divisions. In the Darfur region, Arab militias that form the backbone of the RSF have targeted non-Arabs they see as enemies, using savage tactics also employed some 20 years ago. At that time, they massacred hundreds of thousands of Darfuris from indigenous African ethnic groups,

employed by the country's then authoritarian leader Omar al-Bashir to put down local rebellions. The report says the city was deliberately starved and destroyed during the long siege, which systematically weakened the "targeted population" and left them defenceless against the extreme violence that followed. "Thousands of persons, particularly the Zaghawa, were killed, raped or disappeared during three days of absolute horror," it says, as RSF troops failed to distinguish between Zaghawa civilians and the armed groups defending the city. Investigators described RSF conduct in el-Fasher as an aggravation of earlier patterns but on a far more lethal scale, noting that this demonstrates the failure to prevent the atrocities despite clear warning signs. They say without prevention and accountability, the risk of "more genocidal acts remains serious and ongo-

ing". The mandate issued by the Human Rights Council in Geneva called on the investigative team to "identify, where possible" suspected perpetrators in a bid to ensure they are "held accountable". The report names RSF Leader Lt Gen Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo (widely known as Hemedti) and spokesperson Lt Col Al-Fatih Al-Qurashi, citing the way they publicly claimed and celebrated the operation. It notes that General Hemedti acknowledged some "violations" had occurred during the takeover of the city but that while he described el-Fasher as a "catastrophe", he justified the assault as necessary. The RSF leader also issued instructions for his fighters not to harm civilians or kill prisoners, and he promised investigations. But investigators say the RSF did not respond to the mission's request to clarify the steps it had taken, or any other questions.

Australian presenter apologises for drinking before slurred Olympics report

An Australian sports presenter has apologised after a clip of her slurring her way through a live cross from the Winter Olympics in Italy went viral, with even Australia's prime minister weighing in. Channel Nine reporter Danika Mason said she had "misjudged the situation" by drinking ahead of her appearance on live television, also blaming the altitude, the cold and her failure to eat dinner. "I want to take full responsibility, it's not the standard I set myself," she said during another appearance a day later, adding that she was "embarrassed". Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said he was "pro-Danika" and that there was "nothing to see here" suggesting she had been affected by jet lag. Mason stumbled over her words and talked about iguanas and the price of coffee as she reported on the day's sports events. "Literally like the price of coffee over here is actually fine, it's more the price of coffee in the US that we're gonna have to get used to. I'm not sure about



the iguanas, where are we going with that one?" she said during her cross to the breakfast television show Today on Wednesday, apparently in response to comments from the studio hosts. With glazed eyes she then stumbled through the rest of her sports report, mixing up her words as well as the UK and the US, while studio host Karl Stefanovic could be heard laughing in the background. "Look the cold weather is a thing, right," Stefanovic said unprompted afterwards. "You can't actually move your lips." Social media clips of her report prompted mixed reactions from Australians.

Do not give away Diego Garcia, Trump tells UK in fresh attack on Chagos deal



Donald Trump has thrown the UK's Chagos deal into doubt as he launched a stinging criticism of the plan that would see the UK hand over the Chagos Islands to Mauritius and lease back a joint UK-US military base. The US president urged Sir Keir Starmer not to "give away Diego Garcia" - the largest island on the archipelago and home to the base. Trump said "this land should not be taken away from the UK" and if it did it would be "a blight on our Great Ally", in a post on social media. This comes despite Washington on Tuesday giving its official backing to London's plan to cede sovereignty of the British Indian Ocean Territory to Mauritius. In response to Trump, the UK Foreign Office said the Chagos Islands deal was "crucial to the security of the UK and our key allies, and to keeping the British people safe". "The agreement we have reached is the only way to guarantee the long-term future of this vital military base," it said in a statement. Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer has previously insisted the deal is necessary to protect the continued operation of the base, amid previous attempts from

Mauritius to dispute the legality of British sovereignty over the islands. Diego Garcia is the largest island in the archipelago, and is used as a joint military base by the UK and US armed forces. Under the deal - which was announced last May - the UK will lease back Diego Garcia for a period of 99 years at an average cost of £101m a year. Trump's latest comments come ahead of talks between the US and Mauritius planned for next week. The US president's position on the issue has seen rapid U-turns in recent months - from describing the planned transfer as an "act of great stupidity" to saying the deal was the "best" the prime minister could make. UK ministers have previously said that the deal could not go ahead unless it had the support of the US. The bill, aimed at enshrining the agreement into UK law, has been delayed and there is no date set for the next stage. UK Minister Alex Davies-Jones said the bill would return to the House of Lords "as soon as parliamentary time allows". Posting on the Truth Social platform on Wednesday, Trump wrote: "I have been telling Prime Minister Keir Starmer, of the United Kingdom.

OVER 1,000 KENYANS ENLISTED TO FIGHT IN RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR, REPORT SAYS



A total of 1,000 Kenyans have been recruited to fight for Russia, according to a Kenyan intelligence report that details a network of rogue officials allegedly colluding with human trafficking syndicates. The report, submitted to parliament on Wednesday by Kenya's National Intelligence Service (NIS), said 89 Kenyans were on the front lines of the Russia-Ukraine war as of

February this year. At least one Kenyan has died, while several others have returned home injured or traumatised, it added. The Kenyan government, which previously estimated that about 200 of its nationals had been recruited to fight for Russia, wants Moscow to bar the conscription of Kenyan soldiers. Presenting the report to MPs, parliament majority leader Kimani Ichungwah, revealed what he termed a "deeply disturbing" network of rogue state officials allegedly colluding with human trafficking syndicates to recruit and transport Kenyans to fight in the Russia-Ukraine war. The spy agency detailed how recruitment agencies have allegedly been colluding with rogue Kenyan airport staff, immigration officers.

White House presses Iran to make deal, while ramping up military presence

The White House has warned Iran would be "very wise" to make a deal with the US, amid reports that President Donald Trump is weighing fresh military action against the Islamic Republic. Press secretary Karoline Leavitt told a news briefing that Trump was still hoping for a diplomatic resolution over Tehran's nuclear programme. Her comments came as the US moves a second battleship into the region, and a day after progress was reported at US-Iran talks in Switzerland. US media reported on Wednesday that Trump had discussed attack options with advisers, and that a US strike could take place as early as Saturday. Last summer the US military launched strikes on three Iranian nuclear

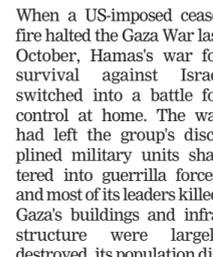


facilities. Trump had not yet made a final decision about whether to attack and ongoing conversations were described as fluid, sources have told the BBC's US partner CBS News. Leavitt told reporters on Wednesday there were "many reasons and arguments that one could make for a strike against Iran". She referred to US strikes in June, adding:

"Iran would be very wise to make a deal with President Trump and with his administration. Although no breakthrough seemed to have emerged from Tuesday's indirect talks in Geneva, both sides indicated that there had been steps in the right direction. Iran said an understanding had been reached with the US on the main 'guiding principles'

that will frame efforts to resolve the dispute around Tehran's nuclear programme. Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi added that work still needed to be done. The US said "progress was made" and Badr Albusaidi, the foreign minister of Oman, which is mediating the talks, said the negotiations "concluded with good progress" on common aims and technical issues. Asked about the Geneva negotiations, the White House press secretary said that Washington and Tehran were still "far apart" on some key issues. "I think you heard from the administration and the state department yesterday that there was a little bit of progress made, but we're still very far apart on some issues," Leavitt said.

Hamas is reasserting control in Gaza despite its heavy losses fighting Israel



When a US-imposed ceasefire halted the Gaza War last October, Hamas's war for survival against Israel switched into a battle for control at home. The war had left the group's disciplined military units shattered into guerrilla forces, and most of its leaders killed; Gaza's buildings and infrastructure were largely destroyed, its population displaced, and its economic life in ruins. More than 72,000 Gazans were killed by Israeli attacks during the conflict, and Hamas-run health ministry says. Four months on, Gazans say Hamas is again extending its control over security, tax revenue, and government services, raising



questions about its long-term strategy, and whether it is prepared to give up its weapons and authority, as now required under the second stage of Donald Trump's peace plan. "Hamas regained control of more than 90% of the areas where it is present," said Mohammed Diab, an activist in Gaza. "Its police and security agencies have returned, and are now present in the streets, controlling crime and pursuing those it labels as collaborators and people with opinions. Citizens must go to the

Hamas authorities for identity cards or health procedures, and it is also reasserting control over the judiciary and courts." At markets across Gaza, stallholders describe regular police patrols - and a renewed iron grip on official fees and taxes. "The markets are quiet, but the municipality keeps pursuing us for rent," one stallholder said. All those who spoke to there about Hamas control in Gaza asked that we hide their identity. "Every single day they come to us aggressively, with the same demands and the same determination, saying if we don't pay they'll throw us and our goods into the street.

EIGHT SKIERS FOUND DEAD AFTER CALIFORNIA AVALANCHE



Rescue teams combing through the backcountry of California's Lake Tahoe region say they have found the bodies of eight skiers who went missing in an avalanche on Tuesday. The search for a final missing skier continues but that person is presumed dead, Nevada County Sheriff Shannan Moon said at a news conference on Wednesday. Officials said one of the deceased was the spouse of someone on one of the search-and-rescue teams, making continued rescue efforts "challenging emotionally". Fifteen skiers were reported missing on Tuesday after a "football-field" sized avalanche came barreling down in the Castle Peak area around 11:30 local time (19:30 GMT). Six have been rescued. "I want to offer my condolences to the family in this very trying time," Placer County Sheriff Wayne Woo said on Wednesday. The bodies of the eight dead skiers were still trapped in the snow and could not yet be recovered due to "pretty horrific" conditions, officials said. Since the avalanche, another 3ft (90cm) of snow has fallen on the area, Tahoe National Forest supervisor Chris Feutrier said. "The

hazard remains high," he said. Once the bodies are recovered, they will be transported to the Placer County morgue. Families of the deceased have been notified. Authorities have not yet released any of their names. Officials say the victims are seven women and two men. Sugar Bowl Academy, a ski school in Placer County, California, said multiple members of its community had died in the avalanche. "Emergency responders are still working to recover all of the victims and are not at this time sharing the personal details of the victims and the survivors out of respect for the families affected," the academy said. "We are an incredibly close and connected community," executive director Stephen McMahon said. "This tragedy has affected each and every one of us. The depth of support for the families whose lives have been changed forever reminds us of how special this community is." Sheriff Woo said the rescue operation was a joint effort involving two teams and roughly 50 crew members who had to traverse "extreme weather conditions" using specialised equipment.

SOUTH KOREA'S EX-PRESIDENT JAILED FOR LIFE OVER MARTIAL LAW ATTEMPT

South Korea's ex-president Yoon Suk Yeol has been jailed for life for masterminding an insurrection by trying to impose martial law. Yoon attempted to subvert the constitution by deploying military troops to seal off the National Assembly and ordering the arrest of politicians on 3 December 2024, a Seoul court ruled. His actions fundamentally damaged South Korea's democracy and deserves a harsh punishment, presiding judge Ji Gwi-yeon told the court. Prosecutors had sought the death penalty. Though it was short-lived, Yoon's martial law order left the nation more polarised than ever, and those deep divisions were on full display

as the sentencing took place. Huge crowds of Yoon's supporters gathered outside the court hours before the hearing, holding banners reading "Yoon, again". Many of them broke down in tears following the verdict. Also present were anti-Yoon protesters, rallying for him to be sentenced to death. Yoon himself showed no emotion as he learned of his fate. His lawyers alleged that the verdict was not backed by evidence and accused the judge of following a "pre-written script". If either side launches an appeal, the case will go up to the Supreme Court, which means it could be months before the verdict is finalised. Yoon shocked his nation on 3 December 2024



by declaring martial law on live television. He claimed it was to protect the country from "anti-state" forces that sympathised with North Korea, but it soon became clear he was driven by domestic troubles: the opposition which held a parliamentary majority left him a

lame duck president, while his wife Kim Keon Hee was at the centre of various corruption allegations. He rolled back the order within hours, after lawmakers fought their way into the National Assembly to overturn it. What followed were months of political chaos,

Yoon's impeachment, and a string of indictments against him and other top officials. Former prime minister Han Duck-soo was handed a 23-year jail term last month for his part in the insurrection, while ex-defence minister Kim Yong-hyun, who advised Yoon to impose martial law, was jailed for 30 years on Thursday. Former interior minister Lee Sang-min, former intelligence commander Roh Sang-won, and ex-police chief Cho Ji-ho were among the other officials jailed for what judges have described as "an insurrection from the top". Security was tight outside the court on Thursday, with dozens of police buses forming a cordon to restrict pub-

lic access. Some 1,000 officers were deployed for security operations, local media reported. Inside the court, judge Ji called Yoon the "insurrectionist leader", although the judging panel found insufficient evidence to rule that he'd planned the martial law order a year before his announcement. Yoon defended his actions throughout his trial, arguing that as president he had had the authority to declare martial law, sounding the alarm over opposition parties' obstruction of government. He maintained that the order was necessary "to protect the freedom and sovereignty of the people and to preserve the nation and its constitution".

IPL-LINKED TEAMS 'NOT CONSIDERING PAKISTAN PLAYERS'

Pakistan cricketers are not being considered by Indian-owned sides for next month's Hundred auction, sources have told BBC Sport. Players from Pakistan have not featured in the Indian Premier League (IPL) since 2009 because of diplomatic tensions between the two countries. Four of The Hundred's eight franchises - Manchester Super Giants, MI London, Southern Brave and Sunrisers Leeds - are now at least part-owned by companies that control IPL teams. In messages seen by the BBC, a senior official from the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) indicated to an agent that interest in his Pakistan players would be limited to sides not linked to the IPL. Another agent described the situation as "an unwritten rule" across T20 leagues with Indian investment. ECB chief executive Richard Gould said last year he expected "players from all nations to be selected for all teams" in The



Hundred and warned "clear anti-discrimination policies" were in place. None of the four teams or ownership groups in question responded to requests for comment. An ECB spokesperson said: "The Hundred welcomes men's and women's players from all over the world and we would expect the eight teams to reflect that. "Almost 1,000 cricketers from 18

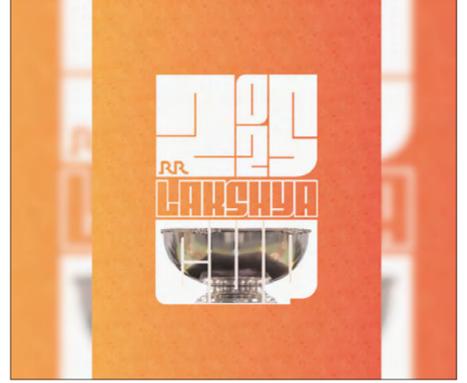
nations have registered for The Hundred auction, with representation on the longlist of over 50 players respectively from Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, Pakistan and West Indies." Two Pakistan internationals - Mohammad Amir and Imad Wasim - appeared in last year's tournament, which was the final edition before new investors took control.

Others - including Shaheen Afridi, Shadab Khan and Haris Rauf - featured in earlier seasons of the men's competition. No Pakistan players have appeared in the women's Hundred. Pakistan's men are ranked sixth in the ICC T20 world rankings, external with the women's team eighth. The men's side are scheduled to play a Test series in the West

Indies during this year's Hundred, though white-ball specialists would still be available. The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has previously withdrawn no-objection certificates (NOCs) - required for players to take part in overseas tournaments - at short notice. However, sources point to the participation of seven leading players in Australia's recent Big Bash League as evidence the PCB has shown flexibility over player availability. A growing trend in franchise cricket No Pakistan players have featured in South Africa's SA20, which launched in 2023. All six of its teams are owned by IPL franchise groups - including the four now involved in The Hundred. In the UAE's ILT20, franchises controlled by the owners of MI London and Southern Brave have not signed a Pakistan player across four seasons, but have recruited cricketers from 15 other nationalities.

16TH LAKSHYA CUP 2025 TO FEATURE INDIA'S TOP-RANKED AIR RIFLE SHOOTERS IN NAVI MUMBAI

India's top 20-ranked 10m Air Rifle shooters will compete at the 16th RR Lakshya Cup 2025, powered by RR Global, at the Lakshya Shooting Club, Karnala Sports Academy, Panvel, Navi Mumbai. The Invitation only tournament scheduled for 21st and 22nd February will bring together leading junior and senior athletes in a professionally run competition aligned with international standards, with equal podium opportunities for men and women, and prize money and equipment awards for top finishers. The top-contenders like Kiran Jadhav (reigning National Champion and World Championship medalist), Sonam Maskar (ISSF World Cup medalist), Parth Mane (reigning National Games Champion and Junior World Champion), Rajshree Sancheti (international shooter and former National Champion), and Ojasvi Thakur (Asian Championships Youth gold



medalist) will compete, where the Senior Champion will receive ₹1.5 lakhs and the rotating Silver Trophy, currently held by Kiran Jadhav of the Navy. The Junior Champion will receive ₹75,000, with additional cash prizes for other podium finishers. Athletes will also be eligible to win shooting equipment and accessories from equipment partner Capapie Sports and accessories partner Tiro

Sports. Founded in 2006, Lakshya Shooting Club introduced the Lakshya Cup in 2009 as an intra-club event. The tournament was conceptualised by Olympian, Arjuna Awardee and Dronacharya Awardee Suma Shirur, Founder and High-Performance Director of Lakshya Shooting Club. Since 2016, it has developed into one of India's most respected invitation-only rifle competitions.

Italy defeat puts GB's men into curling semi-finals

Team GB's men's curlers are now just two victories away from a remarkable Winter Olympic gold after sneaking into Thursday's semi-finals in Cortina. Bruce Mouat's world champions were on the brink of a shock early exit in Italy after losing their penultimate round-robin match to Canada. However, a comprehensive victory over the United States on Wednesday - coupled with favourable results elsewhere - revived their hopes. And Italy's defeat by Switzerland on Thursday morning ensured the British rink would advance to a last-four meeting with the unbeaten Swiss at 18:35 GMT. Should the Scottish



quartet win that repeat of last April's world final, they will play in Saturday's gold-medal contest (18:05) and would be guaranteed to at least match the silver they won in Beijing four years

ago. Lose, and they will go for bronze on Friday (18:05) against whoever loses the other semi between Canada and Norway, who edged GB into fourth in the standings on the head-to-head

record. The women's rink must win a third game in a row - against the Italians on Thursday (13:35) - and hope Switzerland beat the US if they are to make Friday's semi-finals.

"Everyone Turned Against Me, Had To Resign": Pakistan Great's Big Revelation On Suggestion To Drop Babar Azam

Mohammad Yousuf has publicly criticised Babar Azam amid the latter's ongoing struggles in the T20 World Cup, asserting that the former Pakistan captain lacks the requisite skill set to excel in the shortest format of the game. Babar has managed to score only 66 runs across three matches, prompting renewed scrutiny of his place in the playing XI. Yousuf further disclosed that he resigned from his role as a selector because he had proposed dropping Babar from the squad - a recommendation that was rejected, as the entire team management opposed his stance. "I've been saying this for 2-3 years that Babar's technique has gone for a toss. I've been hearing



that he is out-of-form, but he is not. A player can only be out-of-form for two to three series and he has not scored runs for the past two-three years. The moment I suggested resting Babar, everyone suddenly turned against me. I had to

resign because of this. He was eventually dropped a couple of series later," Yousuf said on "How Does It Work?" podcast. Yousuf also offered a blunt assessment, arguing that mindset alone cannot be considered the issue, as mental

strength holds little value without the requisite skill set. "The churan of mindset is being sold very wrongly. Until you don't have the skill, the mind can't do anything. If you don't have the skill, what will the mind do?" he added. When asked to compare Babar with players from his own era, Yousuf asserted that Pakistan greats such as Inzamam-ul-Haq, Saeed Anwar, Yousif Khan, and Zaheer Abbas operated on an entirely different level. "Inzy Bhai and Saeed Bhai's level can't be matched. They can't be matched. They were very big players. Zaheer Abbas... These four players were of different categories and levels. Babar is nothing in front of them."

NORRIS ADMITS NEW F1 CARS 'NOT PUREST FORM OF RACING'



Lando Norris has admitted he described the new Formula 1 cars as "a lot of fun" last week to "see what the reaction was of everyone". The world champion also suggested Max Verstappen, who had said the cars were "just not F1", could "go and find something else to do" if he did not like them. On Thursday, at the second pre-season test, Norris said: "I just didn't want to come out into the media and complain to everyone on the first weekend back. I just wanted to say that and see what the reaction was of everyone. "It's been quite an amusing week, and it certainly made a lot of people comment and say a lot of things." The McLaren driver also admitted that the cars were "certainly not the purest form of racing", and that he shared Verstappen's views in many ways. "I agree with Max on a lot of comments," the McLaren driver said. "Probably most of the comments I agree with, but it's not that I don't have fun out there. So there's two sides. "I do agree with basically every

other driver, because I think every other driver has made their comments pretty clear. I just didn't want to come out into the media and complain to everyone on the first weekend back. I want to still enjoy my time and just say what I feel. "I had fun last week. I've still been having fun out there now. And I think we know as a championship with FIA and with Formula 1, we're trying to improve the car that we have now, because it's certainly not the purest form of racing, and that's what Formula 1 should be. "A lot of the driving is focused on just trying to get the battery to work properly and less focused on how can you as a driver get everything out of the car." Verstappen's criticisms centred on the amount of energy management that is required with the new cars. The combination of the power provided by the electrical part of the engine being increased three-fold, to about half of the total output, and the batteries being more or less the same size, has led to drivers doing tasks they have described as counter-intuitive.



'For Dad, who didn't get to see this' - Shiffrin wins gold

The 20-year-old newspaper column that gave a hint to Man City's new tactics

Last week, Pep Guardiola replied to a journalist's question by saying: "Do you want to be my assistant coach? You are brilliant, you are top." The journalist asking that question was me. The reason for my question was to try to gain insight into Manchester City's increasing use of narrow and fluid attackers. In City's stellar side of 2017-18, Leroy Sane and Raheem Sterling would finish games with white paint on their boots after being stationed high and wide. Almost a decade on, Guardiola's system looks very different. To understand why requires a deep dive. "In my question I referenced an article Guardiola wrote for Spanish newspaper El Pais in 2006, in which he analysed Spain's 3-1 win against Tunisia. An important aspect of that column



was his analysis of how to break down low blocks, which has been a key theme this season. "When you decide to play on the counter-attack, you have plenty of space. When you decide to attack [with the ball], you have less. [But] when you play on the counter-attack, the ball belongs to the opponent," he wrote. At the start of this season, City leant into the counter-attacking strengths of individuals

such as Erling Haaland and Tijjani Reijnders. By November, they had scored more goals from fast breaks than in the previous two league campaigns combined. In response to increasingly physical and centrally compact defences in the Premier League, City were scoring by bypassing teams' low-blocks altogether. And although City still look to use their fast attackers, the Spaniard has

applied the brakes in recent weeks, with his words from 20 years ago hinting as to why. Playing more directly can lead to more turnovers, especially centrally. In those circumstances, the attacking side can become stretched with the forwards far from the midfielders and defenders. If a side's shape off the ball is not compact and a team loses the ball often, the logic behind Guardiola wanting to minimise the risk around playing directly is obvious. "After [their opening goal], Tunisia wanted the game to be 14-a-side. They wanted a game with little space," he continued in his column. Given how many Premier League teams now look to defend City in a way that mirrors how Tunisia played on that day, the rest of his words become even more insightful.

HOW SZOBOSZLAI BECAME LIVERPOOL'S KEY MAN



On his forearm, Dominik Szoboszlai has a tattoo in Hungarian which reads "Talent is a divine blessing, but without incredible will and humility, it is worth nothing". Dig a little deeper and you find the quote is attributed to Steven Gerrard. When midfielder Szoboszlai arrived at Liverpool from RB Leipzig in 2023 for £60m, there was a reason why he took the number eight shirt that had become synonymous with Gerrard at Anfield. Earlier that summer, Alexis Mac Allister turned down his chance to take the number, but Szoboszlai craved that main-character energy. The 25-year-old has been Liverpool's main character this season, scoring his 10th goal of the season last weekend, to go with seven assists. When it was put to him that he was having a "Steven Gerrard season", he politely disagreed and insisted he was writing his own story. Only forward Hugo Ekitike has more goal involvements

and captain Virgil van Dijk has played more minutes than Szoboszlai for Liverpool this season - and close friend Mohamed Salah described him as "one of the best players in the world right now". The Hungary international may insist on being his own man, but when it comes to taking responsibility as others struggle, and having his own goal of the season competition at the club, there are certainly similarities to the iconic and inspirational Gerrard. Szoboszlai hasn't always played in his preferred number 10 position this season, but is scoring more frequently - his stunning free-kicks against Arsenal and Manchester City came in games he started at right-back. The step-up in both consistency and output has been clear. In a tumultuous Liverpool campaign that has involved speculation about the future of Salah and defenders Ibrahima Konate and Andy Robertson.

Father, Fear, and Rising Suspense – Emotional Crime Thriller ‘D/O Prasad Rao Kanabadutaedhu’ Unveils a Powerful, Tense Trailer Ahead of 27th February Premiere on ZEE5

The makers of D/O Prasad Rao Kanabadutaedhu have unveiled a powerful and tension-filled trailer, offering a compelling glimpse into the emotional crime thriller set to stream exclusively on ZEE5 from 27th February. Directed by Krishna Poluru and produced by K.V. Sri Ram under the banner of South India Screens, the Telugu Original series blends heartfelt emotion with layered investigative intrigue. The trailer opens on an intimate and deeply personal note, capturing the warmth of a father-daughter relationship before shifting abruptly into anxiety and uncertainty. Portrayed by Rajiv Kanakala, Prasad Rao is introduced as a devoted father whose world is shaken when his daughter Swathi suddenly goes missing. The emotional contrast between affection and absence establishes the tone immediately — this is not merely a mystery, but a story rooted in love and loss. Vasanthika plays Swathi, whose presence resonates throughout the narrative even in disappearance. The trailer carefully establishes her aspirations and the tenderness she shares with her father, making her absence feel profoundly unsettling. As the search intensifies, the narrative transitions into a gripping investigative track. Uday Bhanu, portraying



Investigation Officer Rebecca Joseph, brings authority and emotional sharpness to the case. A striking moment in the trailer suggests that while clues may seem visible, something essential is being overlooked — hinting at unexpected twists and layered revelations. The preview raises compelling questions: Was Swathi's disappearance linked to her hostel life? Did something occur at her workplace? Is someone

close to her involved? Each frame builds intrigue while carefully withholding answers. The ensemble cast further deepens the narrative fabric. Gayatri Bhargavi and Hima Bindu contribute to the evolving emotional and investigative layers surrounding the central conflict, while Sri Ram Venkat appears in a significant role that adds dimension to the unfolding web of relationships. The screenplay by Krishna

Poluru is structured to escalate suspense gradually while remaining grounded in emotional authenticity. Dialogues by Maidaala Shruti lend credibility and texture to character interactions, ensuring the drama feels lived-in rather than exaggerated. The background score composed by Sri Ram Maddury heightens tension with measured precision, amplifying both suspense and sentiment without overwhelming the narrative.

Technically, the series is shaped with clarity and rhythm. Editing by Chandrashekar G.V maintains narrative momentum, allowing key emotional beats to resonate while sustaining intrigue. Cinematography by Ram K Mahesh captures a visual landscape defined by unease and emotional fragility, reinforcing the psychological undercurrents that drive the story. With its emotionally resonant core and suspense-driven structure, D/O Prasad Rao Kanabadutaedhu positions itself as more than a conventional crime thriller. It explores the unbreakable bond between a parent and child, the anguish of uncertainty, and the resilience that emerges when hope refuses to fade. By combining psychological depth with investigative tension, the series promises an experience that is both emotionally stirring and narratively compelling. As a platform committed to elevating regional storytelling, ZEE5 continues to expand the scale and ambition of Telugu Originals. With D/O Prasad Rao Kanabadutaedhu, it reinforces its vision of presenting stories that are emotionally powerful, technically refined, and resonant with contemporary audiences. D/O Prasad Rao Kanabadutaedhu premieres exclusively on ZEE5 on 27th February.

We Are Confident ‘Hey Balwanth’ Will Be a Sure Shot Hit” – Distributor & Producer Vamsi Nandipati at Release Press Meet



“Hey Balwanth’ Will Be a Memorable Film in Telugu Cinema” – Senior Actor Naresh After delivering blockbuster films like Little Hearts, Raju Weds Rambhai, and Isha, the successful duo Bunny Vasu and Vamsi Nandipati are now coming together once again with a full-length out-and-out entertainer titled Hey Balwanth. The film is being presented under the banners of Nandipati Entertainments and Bunny Vas Works. The movie stars Suhas, Shivani Nagaram, senior actor Naresh, and anchor Sravanti in prominent roles. The film is directed by Gopi Achhar and produced by B. Narendra Reddy under the Trishul Visionary Studios banner. Hey Balwanth is slated for release on February 20. Ahead of its release, the film unit organized a grand release press meet. Vamsi Nandipati Speaks Speaking at the event, Vamsi Nandipati said:

“We have spoken about Hey Balwanth on many platforms so far. The film is releasing in over 650 screens, which reflects our confidence. As the release approaches, we have already started paid premieres in several locations from Thursday evening, and we’ve planned them across all areas. You don’t need to follow a one-month diet or hit the gym for a month. Just give us three hours, and we’ll give you a month’s worth of happiness and energy. We have a strong story, powerful emotions, and wholesome entertainment. This is a film that must be experienced in theatres. Come, laugh wholeheartedly, and enjoy the ride. We are confident that we will score a definite hit.” Senior Actor Naresh Shares His Excitement Senior actor Naresh added: “From ‘Hey Bhagwan’ to ‘Hey Balwanth,’ it has grown even stronger. The film is releasing in over 300 the-

atres overseas, and many shows are already houseful. There’s tremendous positive buzz both in India and abroad. Anil Sunkara garu, after witnessing the overseas response, has already called it a blockbuster. Another director called to say he laughed non-stop for two and a half hours. Even the media has started congratulating us in advance. This year looks very promising for Tollywood. Hey Balwanth comes with freshness and family entertainment. Suhas is entering the next phase of his career. The climax will particularly impress everyone. This film will become a memorable one in Telugu cinema. Everyone has delivered outstanding performances. In Gopi, the industry has found a talented director. If Vamsi Nandipati is involved, the film is bound to be a hit. Premieres have already begun from the evening of February 19, and we are all celebrating with great enthusiasm.”

Lets create MIRACLE! Says Heartthrob Hebba Patel



Hebba to join the sets of Prabhas Nimmala's MIRACLE The upcoming out-and-out action entertainer “Miracle”, directed by Prabhas Nimmala, is progressing at a brisk pace. The film is being produced under the Saida Family Entertainment banner by Ramesh Eggidi, Srikanth Mogadasu, and Chander Goud. After successfully completing two schedules, the team is gearing up for the third schedule, which will commence on February 24 in and around Hyderabad. Actress Hebbha Patel is joining the project and will participate in this schedule. The film features Randheer Bheesu as the lead hero, while senior actors Sriram and Suresh are playing crucial roles. Naidu Pendra is being introduced as the antago-

nist. Senior film journalist Dheeraj Appaji will be seen in the role of a forensic officer. The supporting cast includes Janardhan, Yogi Katre, Vijay Surya, Imtiaz, Saibaba, Dil Ramesh, Jhansi, Suryanarayana, Sridhar, Srikanth, Shiva, Amani, Haimavathi, Navya (Ammu), Sameer Datta, Anushree, Bezawada Mastan, R. Kumar and others in important roles. Speaking about the film, the producers said that director Prabhas Nimmala, who earlier showcased his talent with “Satya Gang” and “Fighter Shiva,” is confident that “Miracle” will live up to its title. They stated that Hebbha Patel's glamour, the strong performances of senior actors, and the high-voltage action sequences will be the major highlights of the movie.

THE LOVE SONG “OOSULADE..” FROM THE MOVIE “SON OF”, STARRING SAI SIMHADRI, HAS RECEIVED A SUPERB RESPONSE

Produced under the Sai Simhadri Cinema banner, “Son Of” features Sai Simhadri as both the hero and producer. The film is directed by Battula Satish. The movie is scheduled to release on February 27. As part of the promotions, the love song titled “Oosulaade..” was released on Wednesday. The song beautifully portrays the love between the hero and heroine and is captivating listeners. Meera Raj plays the female lead in this film, while senior actor Vinod Kumar appears in a key role.



REVIEW: A BEAUTIFUL BREAKUP - STRONG YET GROUNDED

A Beautiful Breakup proves that strong performances can sustain a film without the need for large ensemble casts. Making a two-character film for 90 minutes is an ambitious decision. It requires courage and immense trust in the actors. Thaksh and Matylda justify that trust. Their natural acting makes the emotional journey feel believable. Thaksh brings a composed yet intense performance that stands out. There is star quality in his calm confidence — a new face with significant poten-



THE SOUTH INDIA TIMES REVIEW & Rating: 3.25/5. Matylda complements him well, ensuring the emotional balance never feels one-sided. The film's technical aspects are handled with care.

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