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Indian-origin Asha Sharma named CEO of Microsoft Gaming



New York (TSIT): Technology giant Microsoft has named Indian-origin Asha Sharma as Executive Vice President and CEO of Microsoft Gaming, joining a long and growing list of Indian-descent leaders at the helm of global companies. In a message announcing the appointment, Microsoft Chairman and CEO Satya Nadella Friday said that Sharma has helped build and scale services that reach billions of people and support thriving consumer and developer ecosystems over the last two years in her role at Microsoft, and previously as Chief Operating Officer at Instacart and a Vice President at Meta. She brings "deep experience building and growing platforms, aligning business models to long-term value, and operating at global scale, which will be critical in leading our gaming business into its next era of growth," Nadella said.

CM Revanth Urges Unity, Merit-Based Leadership at DCC Presidents' Meet



HYDERABAD TSIT BUREAU: Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday called for unity and ideological commitment while addressing the inaugural session of the District Congress Committee (DCC) Presidents' Training Programme. Describing the initiative of the All India Congress Committee (AICC) as timely, he said the Congress party, founded over 140 years ago, played a pivotal role in India's Independence and the framing of the Constitution. He alleged that attempts are being made to weaken constitutional val-

HIGHLIGHT POINT:

A. Revanth Reddy emphasized unity, internal democracy, and public service, asserting that a strong Congress is essential for safeguarding constitutional values and strengthening both Telangana and the nation.

ues and asserted that the Congress believes the soul of India lies in its villages.

Paying tributes to Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi, and Rajiv Gandhi, he highlighted their sacrifices for the nation. He also lauded Sonia Gandhi and

Rahul Gandhi for their dedication, mentioning Rahul Gandhi's 4,000-km padyatra.

The Chief Minister recalled the welfare governance of Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy and appreciated Y. S. Sharmila for her outreach efforts. Advising DCC Presidents to encourage internal democracy, he stressed that unity helped Congress return to power in Telangana. He revealed that the party enrolled 42 lakh digital members across 119 constituencies and asserted that leadership opportunities are based solely on merit.

Highlighting rising public confidence, he said the Congress vote margin increased from 2 percent in Assembly polls to 12 percent in municipal elections. He also underscored the state's caste census and SC categorization initiatives, noting significant representation of BC and OBC communities in local bodies.

Revanth Reddy urged leaders to prioritize public service over positions, emphasizing that the Congress must grow stronger in both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh as the party and the nation are inseparable.

Rahul slams Modi over US trade deal after SC strikes down Trump tariffs

NEW DELHI (TSIT): Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of being "compromised" after the Supreme Court of the United States struck down President Donald Trump's global tariff measures. In a post on X, Gandhi alleged that the Prime Minister's "betrayal" in the India-US interim trade deal now stood exposed. "The PM is compromised. His betrayal now stands exposed. He can't renegotiate. He will surrender again," he said.

The remarks came a day after the US Supreme Court, in a 6-3 verdict, invalidated Trump's sweeping global tariffs, ruling that he had exceeded his authority under emergency powers law. Congress general secretary (communications) Jairam Ramesh claimed that had the Prime Minister not been "desperate" to protect his "fragile image" and waited 18 more days, Indian farmers would have been spared distress and national sovereignty would have been safeguarded. Ramesh questioned what compelled Modi to ensure that Trump announced the India-US trade deal on the night of February 2, 2026. He alleged that the agree-



ment had turned into an "ordeal" for the country due to the Prime Minister's "desperation and surrender".

The Congress leader also referred to Trump's recent remarks in which the US President reiterated that the India deal was "on" and described his relationship with Modi as "great". Trump maintained that there was no change in the agreement despite the Supreme Court ruling and said India would pay tariffs while the US would not. Earlier this month, the US and India announced a framework for an interim trade agreement under which Washington would lower reciprocal tariffs on Indian goods from 25 per cent to 18 per cent. Trump also issued an executive order removing 25 per cent punitive tariffs imposed on India over its purchases of Russian oil, citing New Delhi's commitment to reduce energy imports from Moscow and increase purchases of American energy products.

Congress faces heat from several quarters over 'shirtless' protest at AI summit

NEW DELHI (TSIT): BJP workers agitated in several states on Saturday against the "shirtless" protest of Youth Congress activists at the India AI Impact Summit here, accusing the opposition party of bringing India into disrepute on a global platform. While Congress leader Rahul Gandhi was shown black flags by BJP workers while he was on his way to attend a court hearing in Maharashtra's Thane, Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) activists held protests in Jammu, Jaipur, Patna, Bengaluru, Panchkula and Indore, among other places. Leaders from other political parties, including Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) chief Mayawati, also slammed the Congress over the protest at the summit venue.

A group of India Youth Congress (IYC) workers staged a brief protest on Friday at an exhibition hall of Bharat Mandapam, the venue of the AI summit, raising slogans against Prime Minister Narendra Modi, before being whisked away by security personnel.

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TELANGANA ZONAL OFFICE, RECOVERY DEPARTMENT
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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002 & RULES FRAMED THEREUNDER

The undersigned being Authorized Officer of Bank of India is having full powers to issue this notice of Sale and exercise all the powers of sale under the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and the Rules framed there under. Notice is hereby given to you/borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor Bank of India, the constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized officer of Bank of India, will be sold on "As is, where is", "As is, what is" and "Whatever there is" basis through e-auction on 25-03-2026 for Recovery of dues as detailed below due to the secured creditor Bank of India from Borrowers and Guarantors detailed below

Date and Time of Sale: 25-03-2026 at Time 11.00 AM to 5.00 PM (With Multiple Extensions till Sale is Concluded)

1) The general public and interested buyers are advised to contact the above mentioned Branch for any enquiries participating in the bid and for all other matters in this regard (except submitting their online bid as stated in the terms & conditions) or for any other enquiry with regard to purchase of any property. 2) General Public/Interested buyers are cautioned that bank shall not be liable/responsible/answerable for any of the act/dealings of the general public / Interested buyers with any third party in this regard or for any remittances to third parties, which may be done at their risk and responsibility. 3) It is also informed that the total amount payable by the successful bidder of the property to the bank is only their final bid amount quoted in the bidding process (as per the terms and conditions) plus applicable taxes (TDS, Stamp Duty, Charges/ Fees towards registration of sale certificate to be separately who are to be borne by the bidder). 4) Buyers shall satisfy themselves about registrability of property since bank is not aware of any prohibition of registration of property at any SRO. 5) The intending bidders shall ascertain and satisfy themselves about any statutory/ Government/ Municipality claims on the property like property tax, electricity, water, Welfare Association Maintenance dues or any other dues etc. prior to submitting bid. 6) Intending bidders to note that in case of any litigations arise in future in respect of the subject e-auction property/ies, the auction will be subject to outcome of such litigation. 7) Intending bidders should conduct proper/independent due diligence prior to submitting bid.

Sl. No. Name of the Branch, Name and Address of the Borrowers/Guarantors/legal heirs of Borrowers & Guarantors, Total due with further Interest, Date of Demand Notice [U/s 13 (2)], Date of Possession [U/s 13(4)]

1) **BRANCH: SIDDIPET BRANCH:-** Mr Pallamaina arun kumar S/o Pallamaina Venkatesh H no 15-3-1/2, Narsapuram village, Prashanth nagar, siddipet-502103. Ganganaboina Hemalatha W/o P Venkatesh H.no 3-4-1 Hanumannagar siddipet 502103. **Amount Due: Rs. 38,29,554.81 (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakhs twenty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Four and Paise Eighty One)** plus further interest @ 8.10% p.a compounded with monthly rests from 20-04-2025 and all costs, charges, expenses incurred by the Bank, etc plus Charges. **Demand Notice Dated: 06-06-2025 Possession Notice taken on: 18-09-2025. Description of the Immovable Property:** All that the part and parcel of R.C.C building bearing H no 15-3-1/2 with assessment no 1113014097 of total extent 103 Sq Yards or 86-11 Sq. Meters RCC ground floor plinth area 550-00 Sq Feet and first floor plinth area 550-00 Sq. Feet out of SY no 74 situated at Narsapuram Village, Old G.P Hanumannagar, Siddipet City and District and Siddipet Municipality. North: 18 Feet Road, South: House of Karre Vijaya Laxmi, East: 12 Feet Wide Road, West: House of Jakkula Srinivas, Document No: 1259/2024 dated 07-02-2024 SRO: Siddipet, MOD no & Date 1260/2024 dated 07-02-2024 SRO: Siddipet. Google Coordinates 18.108025, 78.863963

Property ID: BKID300738692, Possession Type: Symbolic
Reserve Price: Rs. 36,76,000/- ; EMD: Rs. 3,67,600/- Bid Increase Amount: Rs. 25,000.00

2) **BRANCH: L B Nagar BRANCH:-** MR. LAKY REDDY RAJASHEKAR REDDY 19, BHAVANI NAGAR, NEAR BUS DEPOT, DILSUKHNAGAR SAROORNAGAR RANGAREDDY-500060. MRS. LAKKIREDDY CHANDRAKALA, 19, BHAVANI NAGAR, NEAR BUS DEPOT, DILSUKHNAGAR SAROORNAGAR RANGAREDDY-500060. **Amount Due: Rs. 48,76,040.00/-** (Rupees Forty Eight lakhs Seven Six thousand Forty) plus further interest @ 9.05% p.a compounded with monthly rests from 28-01-2024 and all costs, charges, expenses incurred by the Bank, etc plus Charges. **Demand Notice Dated: 03-12-2024 Possession Notice taken on: 11-02-2025. Description of the Immovable Property:** All that part and parcel the residential House on Plot No. 92, in Survey No. 66, admeasuring 200 Sq. Yards or 167.20 Sq. Mtrs, with a Built-up area 1260 Sft. R.C.C., in Ground Floor, situated at Nagaram Village & Grampanchayat, Keesara Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District and property belongs to MR. LAKY REDDY RAJASHEKAR REDDY and bounded by:-North: Plot no. 86, South: 30' Wide Road, East: Plot no. 93, West: Plot no. 91 Document No: 19272/18 dated 15.12.2018 SRO: Keesara Google Coordinates 17.496361, 78.620777

Property ID: BKID188791843, Possession Type: Symbolic
Reserve Price: Rs. 77,28,000/- ; EMD: Rs. 7,72,800/- Bid Increase Amount: Rs. 75,000.00

3) **BRANCH: KOMPALLE BRANCH:-** Mr. Markandeya Raju Manthana (borrower) S/o Mr Bhimaraju Manthana Flat No. 404, Block-B, NLC North, Emerald Residency, Kompally, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Hyderabad - 500 055. Mr. Markandeya Raju Manthana (borrower) S/o Mr Bhimaraju Manthana Flat No. 404, Block-B, NLC North, Emerald Residency, Kompally, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Hyderabad - 500 055. Mrs. M.N.V.S.A.S.S. Lakshmi (co-borrower) W/o Sri Markandeya Raju Manthana Flat No. 404, Block-B, NLC North, Emerald Residency, Kompally, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Hyderabad - 500 055. Mrs. M.N.V.S.A.S.S. Lakshmi (co-borrower) W/o Sri Markandeya Raju Manthana Flat No. 404, Block-B, NLC North, Emerald Residency, Kompally, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Hyderabad - 500 055. Mr. Manthana Subbaraja Varma (Co-borrower) S/o Sri Markandeya Raju Manthana Flat No. 404, Block-B, NLC North, Emerald Residency, Kompally, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Hyderabad - 500 055. Mr. Manthana Subbaraja Varma (Co-borrower) S/o Sri Markandeya Raju Manthana Flat No. 404, Block-B, NLC North, Emerald Residency, Kompally, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Hyderabad - 500 055. **Amount Due: Rs. 9,98,440.22/- (Rupees Nine Lakhs Ninty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Forty and Paise Twenty Two)** plus further interest @ 12.25% p.a compounded with monthly rests from 29.07.2025 and all costs, charges, expenses incurred by the Bank, etc plus Charges. **Demand Notice Dated: 30-04-2025 Possession Notice taken on: 24.07.2025. Description of the Immovable Property:** All that the door No. 2-1/11B/404, Flat bearing no. 404, in fourth floor, admeasuring 1130 sq.ft. of super built area including common area along with an undivided share of land admeasuring 24 sq.yrds, out of total land of 1240.00 sq.yrds in the building complex "EMERALD RESIDENCY", Block-B in survey no.105/F (Part) situated at Kompally village & Municipality, Quthbullapur Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri district, Hyderabad, Telangana and bounded by: NORTH: Passage, SOUTH: Part of Sy.No.105/F, EAST: Part of Sy.No.105/F, WEST: Flat No.405, Document No: 7687/2003 dated 05-07-2003 Registered with SRO: Medchal, MOD Document No. 6865/18 dated 28-05-2018 Registered with Medchal Google Coordinates 17.526056, 78.483806

Property ID: BKID185783318, Possession Type: Physical
Reserve Price: Rs. 30,09,000/- ; EMD: Rs. 3,00,900/- Bid Increase Amount: Rs. 25,000.00

4) **BRANCH: KACHIGUDA BRANCH :-** Mrs. Kallamandi Govardhini C-3 , Type-2 Chikkadpally , Postal quarters Musheerabad , Secunderabad Hyderabad -500020. The post Master Ramakrishnamath S.O Domalaguda Hyderabad -500029 Mr. Varadarajumunna Chitra C-3 , Type-2, Chikkadpally , postal Quarters, Musheerabad , Secunderabad, Hyderabad -500020. **Amount Due: Rs. 20,89,343 + Interest @ 8.65% + 2% penal interest** at monthly rests from 29.02.2020 & Term Loan -Rs. 1,25,536/- + Interest @ 13.20% + 2% penal interest at monthly rests from 28.02.2020 at monthly rests from 28.02.2020 together with costs, expenses etc. **Demand Notice Dated: 02.03.2020. Possession Notice taken on: 01.10.2020. Description of the Immovable Property:** All that the flat bearing No. 806, GHMC No. 6-2-975/806 (PTI No: 1100605189) on Eighth floor, Block No-B, of "KUSHAL TOWERS" admeasuring 573 sq.ft, together with undivided share of land 1/234" equivalent to 12.73 sq.yds out of total extent of land measuring 2980 sq.yds, in premises bearing Municipal No: 6-2-975, Situated at Khairatabad , Hyderabad, Telangana 500004 standing in the name of Mrs. Kallamandi Kavitha Govardhini W/o. Mr. Varadarajumunna Chitra Bounded by North: Open to sky, Tower Road, South: Common passage & Flat No: 807, East: Common Passage & stair case West: Flat No: 804 Document No & Date :1415/2018 & SRO Name: S.R. Nagar Google Coordinates 17.408317, 78.461081

Property ID: BKID186142277, Possession Type: Physical
Reserve Price: Rs. 17,37,000/- ; EMD: Rs.1,73,700/- Bid Increase Amount: Rs. 25,000.00

5) **BRANCH: KHAIRATABAD BRANCH :-** Mr. Swagath Shyam Bannick VIM-568, Sailashree Vihar, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar Khundra, Odisha -751021. Mr. Swagath Shyam Bannick Apartment No: 1806, 18" floor Block C, Mantri Celestia, Nanakramguda Village Serilingampally, Cyberabad. **Amount Due: Rs. 40,12,198.32+ Interest @ 9.00% p.a and penal interest @ 2% p.a** at monthly rests from 02.01.2025 together with costs, expenses etc. **Demand Notice Dated: 02.01.2025. Possession Notice taken on: 20.08.2025. Description of the Immovable Property:** Schedule A: All that the apartment No. 1806 in 18" floor of block no. C in Mantri Celestia situated on schedule A of property in all measuring 11 acres 15 Guntas in Sy. No. 126, 127, 130, 131, 132 and 133 of Nanakramguda village , Serilingampally municipal council and Cyberabad development authority measuring 980 sq.ft of SBA and undivided share in proportion to super built up area of the apartment with 1 car parking space in the ground floor/1" floor together with all common area attributable thereto and an undivided share standing in the name of Mr. Swagath Shyam bounded as follows: North : Neighbours land (Sy Nos 130&115/1), South: Proposed 45 meters Road, East: 36 meters wide road, West: Neighbours land (Sy Nos 123, 124&125). **Boundaries of the Apartment:** North: Open to sky, South: Open to sky, East: Corridor, West: C 1805 MOD No. 11208/18 dtd 06.07.2018 SRO Name: Rangareddy Sale deed No. 10084/18 dtd 21.06.2018 SRO Name: Rangareddy Google Coordinates 17.423011, 78.340454

Property ID: BKID149389207, Possession Type: Symbolic
Reserve Price: Rs. 63,14,000 ; EMD: Rs. 6,31,400/- Bid Increase Amount: Rs. 50,000.00

6) **BRANCH: FILM NAGAR BRANCH :-** Mr. Rajendra Prasad Pasumarthi S/o Mr. Prakash Yadav Badri R/o Flat No. 301, Apple Ridge Apartments, Opposite Dhamam Infra, Miyapur, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500049. Mrs. Saraswathi Gogireddy W/o Mr. Rajendra Prasad Pasumarthi R/o Flat No. 301, Apple Ridge Apartments, Opposite Dhamam Infra, Miyapur, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500049. **Amount Due: Rs. 44,33,350/- (Rupees Forty Four lakhs Thirty Three Thousand three Hundred Fifty)** plus further interest @ 10.50% p.a compounded with monthly rests from 15-12-2024 and all costs, charges, expenses incurred by the Bank, etc plus Charges. **Demand Notice Dated: 01-09-2025. Possession Notice taken on: 24-11-2025. Description of the Immovable Property:** All that the residential flat No 301, in Third Floor of "Apple Ridge", with built up area of 1272.5 sq. feet (including common area and car parking) together with an UDS of land admeasuring 52.39 sq. yards out of 866.66 sq. yards constructed on Plot Nos 15, 16, 17 in Survey no 44/1 situated at JNTU Welfare Society Colony, Miyapur, GHMC Serilingampally Circle, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana North: Open to Sky, South: Open to Sky, East: Open to Sky, West: Corridor, Staircase and Flat No. 302. **Sale Deed Doc No: 18890/2019 dated 17.10.2019 SRO: Ranga Reddy MOD Doc No: 20553/2022 dated 09.12.2022 Google Coordinates 17.493083, 78.361417**

Property ID: BKID302434308 Possession Type: Symbolic
Reserve Price: Rs. 73,36,000/- ; EMD: Rs. 7,33,600/- Bid Increase Amount: Rs. 75,000.00

7) **BRANCH: KARIMNAGAR BRANCH :-** Mr. Katukojwala Satyanarayana (Borrower) S/o. Katukojwala Veerabrahmam, H. No. 1-6-162, Hanuman Street, Karimnagar, Telangana - 505001 **Amount Due: Rs. 16,78,372.69/- plus interest (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Seventy Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy Two and paise Sixty Nine)** plus further interest @ 9.70% p.a for various accounts with monthly rests compounded with monthly rests from 22.04.2025 and all costs, charges, expenses incurred by the Bank, etc plus Charges. **Demand Notice Dated: 08-05-2025. Possession Notice taken on: 14-10-2025. Description of the Immovable Property:** All that part and parcel of Residential Building bearing H.No. 1-6-162 (New), 1-6-178 (Old) with builtup area of 485 Sq.ft. and tiled house of 591.50 Sq.ft., situated at Hanuman Street, Karimnagar, to an extent of 333 Sq. Yds or 278.40 Sq. Mts., and property belongs to Mr. Katukojwala Satyanarayana and bounded by:-North: House of the P Srinivas, South: House of Venkata Papiiah, East: Road, West: Gouthami School. Google Coordinates 18.431157, 79.136275

Property ID: BKID181463022, Possession Type: Symbolic
Reserve Price: Rs. 70,21,000/- ; EMD: Rs. 7,02,100/- Bid Increase Amount: Rs. 75,000.00

8) **BRANCH: SULTAN BAZAR BRANCH:-** Mr. Anugu Rakesh Reddy, H.No. 7-2-7-170, Plot nos. 4/Part, 5/Part, 170/Part Ward No. 7, Block No. 2 Road No. 8/2, Durga Nagar Colony Bairamalguda Village, Kharmanghat, Saroornagar Mandal, RR dist., Hyderabad-500079 **Mr. Anugu Rakesh Reddy, Flat No: 503, SV Enclave, Gaddianaram, Dilsukhnagar, Hyderabad - 500016. Mr. Anugu Lokesh reddy, Flat No: 503, SV Enclave, Gaddianaram, Dilsukhnagar, Hyderabad - 500016. Mr. Anugu Lokesh reddy, H.No. 7-2-7-170, Plot nos. 4/Part, 5/Part, 170/Part Ward No. 7, Block No. 2 Road No. 8/2, Durga Nagar Colony Bairamalguda Village, Kharmanghat, Saroornagar Mandal, RR dist., Hyderabad-500079. **Amount Due: Rs. 43,48,005.46 + Interest @ 10.00 %** at monthly rests from 30.07.2025 together with costs, expenses etc. **Demand Notice Dated: 29.08.2025. Possession Notice taken on: 21.11.2025. Description of the Immovable Property:** All the part and parcel of Residential Land & Building situated at House bearing No. 7-2-7/170, on Plot Nos. 4 Part, 5 Part and 170 Part, total admeasuring 167 Sq. Yards or 139.62 Sq. Mtrs, having Plinth area of 824 Sq. Feet in Ground Floor and 824 Sq. Feet in First Floor. Total plinth area of 1648 Sq. Feet with R.C.C Roof, in Sy No. 52/1, 52/2, 53/1, 53/2, 53/3, 54 & 55, Ward No. 7, Block No. 2, situated at Durga Nagar of Bairamalguda Village, Saroornagar Revenue Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, under G.H.M.C., L.B. Nagar Circle, Telangana state held in the name of Mr. A. Rakesh Reddy & Mr. A. Lokesh Reddy bounded by:-North-Plot No. 167, South-Part of Plot Nos. 4, 5 & 170, East-24' Wide Road, West-Plot No. 169, Document No: 9767/2014 dt 18.07.2014 SRO Name: L.B. Nagar Google Coordinates 17.341444, 78.538139**

Property ID: BKID142914640, Possession Type: Symbolic
Reserve Price: Rs. 1,23,12,000/- ; EMD: Rs. 12,31,200/- Bid Increase Amount: Rs. 1,00,000.00

District Collector P. Praveenya Urges Sarpanches to Focus on Holistic Village Development



Sangareddy, February 21 (TSIT): P. Praveenya, District Collector of Sangareddy, called upon newly elected sarpanches in the district headquarters to work with dedication and commitment for the all-round development of villages. She was speaking as the chief guest at the valedictory session of a five-day training programme organized for newly elected sarpanches at Mahila Pranganam in the district headquarters on Saturday. Addressing the participants, the Collector advised the sarpanches to effectively utilize the knowledge gained during the training for the progress of their respective villages. She emphasized that ensuring efficient and transparent governance is the primary responsibility of sarpanches. Proper utilization of funds, responsible discharge of duties, and coordination among all sections of society are crucial for achieving comprehensive village development, she noted. The Collector directed the sarpanches to ensure the effective implementation of government welfare schemes at the grassroots level and to respond promptly to the needs and grievances of the people.

Social Support Vital for Thalassaemia Patients



Khammam (TSIT): Social support is as crucial as medical care for thalassaemia patients, said IMA president Dr Rehana Begum and senior physician Dr Gongura Venkateswarlu at a thalassaemia awareness rally organised by Sankalpa Voluntary Organisation on Saturday. The rally began at Pavilion Grounds and concluded at the Government Hospital, drawing participation from doctors, members of the paediatric association and nursing students. The doctors said thalassaemia is a genetic disorder that can be detected at the carrier stage through Hb electrophoresis (HbA2) testing. Screening before marriage and during pregnancy can prevent its transmission to the next generation, they noted. Affected children often suffer from severe anaemia and require frequent blood transfusions. Urging society to treat patients as "clinically challenged" individuals rather than as sick persons, they called on youth to donate blood voluntarily and expressed hope that advances in medical technology could offer a complete cure in the future.

SHRUTHI-2026 Institute Day Celebrated with Grandeur at CBIT



Hyderabad, Feb 21: Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT), Gandipet, celebrated its Institute Day "SHRUTHI-2026" with great enthusiasm and grandeur on Saturday evening at the college Cricket Ground. The programme began with the traditional lighting of the lamp and invocation. Ms. Gundam Jahnavi, Student President, presented the Student Activities Report, highlighting achievements in academics, research, sports, cultural and technical domains during the academic year. Prof. C. V. Narasimulu, Principal of CBIT, presented the Institute Report, detailing milestones in academics, research contributions, industry collaborations, placements and accolades received. Prof. G. Laxmaiah, HoD - Mechanical Engineering and Chairman of SHRUTHI-2026, spoke about the significance of Institute Day and introduced the distinguished guests. Film Director and Screen Writer Gunasekhar Karri attended as Guest of Honour and encouraged students to pursue their passions with creativity and commitment. Dr. K. Anand Kumar, Managing Director of Indian Immunologicals Ltd., emphasised innovation, research orientation and industry-readiness among engineering graduates. The Chief Guest, V. V. Lakshmi Narayana, inspired students to uphold integrity, leadership and social responsibility in their careers. Meritorious students were honoured with academic awards and medals. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. K. Sriya, Student Vice President, followed by vibrant cultural performances. The presence of management, faculty, students and alumni made SHRUTHI-2026 a memorable success.

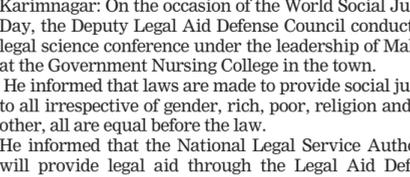
Laws are for social justice

Karimnagar: On the occasion of the World Social Justice Day, the Deputy Legal Aid Defense Council conducted a legal science conference under the leadership of Mahesh at the Government Nursing College in the town. He informed that laws are made to provide social justice to all irrespective of gender, rich, poor, religion and any other, all are equal before the law. He informed that the National Legal Service Authority will provide legal aid through the Legal Aid Defense Council system to provide free legal aid to persons facing criminal charges who cannot afford to hire a lawyer. Students are advised to develop awareness about laws and also to contact the toll free number 15100 of the National Judicial Authority for advice on any legal issue. The Legal Defense Council along with Mahesh along with She Team Police Constables Swapna, Vice Principal of Aruna College and teachers participated in the event.

Funds Prioritised for Development and Welfare

Khammam (TSIT): MP Local Area Development (MPLAD) funds will be utilised strictly for development and public welfare programmes in the district, Khammam MP Ramasahayam Raghuram Reddy said on Saturday. He met District Collector Anudeep Durishetty and reviewed the progress of ongoing works as well as new proposals. During the meeting held in the Collector's chamber, the MP sought details on works taken up under MPLAD funds and their current status. He directed officials to ensure that all sanctioned works are completed within stipulated timelines without compromising on quality. He also asked for a status report on pending works and instructed the administration to expedite delayed projects. He stressed the need to prioritise basic infrastructure in both rural and urban areas, including drinking water supply, internal roads, improvement of educational institutions and strengthening of healthcare facilities. Funds should be channelled to projects that directly benefit the public, he said. Additional Collector P. Srinivas Reddy also participated in the meeting. The MP laid emphasis on speeding up EGS works to enhance employment opportunities in rural areas and directed officials to ensure that all eligible beneficiaries receive work.

International Conference on Biomedical Research Concludes at Kakatiya Government College



Hanumakonda, Feb 21, 2026: A three-day International Conference on "Biomedical Research for Global Health: Advances, Opportunities and Challenges" concluded successfully at Kakatiya Government College (Autonomous), Hanumakonda. The conference was organized by the Department of Zoology from February 19 to 21 in hybrid mode. Prof. G. Srinivas, Principal of the college, presided over the conference. The event began with a keynote address by Prof. Karnam Srinivas Murthy from Virginia Commonwealth University, USA, who highlighted the molecular foundations of modern medicine. Technical sessions covered diverse themes including cancer biology, integrative medicine, infectious disease therapeutics, drug discovery, regenerative medicine, and lifestyle diseases. Prof. R. Suresh from IIT Madras spoke on the hallmarks of cancer, while Prof. D. Samba Reddy from Texas A&M University discussed new drug development pathways. Prof. A. Uma from JNTUH elaborated on functional nutrition strategies. Experts also presented research on parasitic diseases, cardiovascular therapeutics, metabolic health, and biomedical models. Prof. Rajendar from NIN Hyderabad addressed genetic factors in lifestyle diseases, while Prof. Shamitha from Kakatiya University and Prof. M. Estari from KU spoke on animal models and infectious disease therapeutics. On the final day, sessions focused on stem cells, AI in drug discovery, and metagenomics. The conference, convened by Dr. P. Rohini, provided a vibrant platform for interdisciplinary knowledge exchange and global health research collaboration.



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PAC CHAIRMAN AREKAPUDI GANDHI DISTRIBUTES EXAM KITS TO 10TH GRADERS IN HYDER NAGAR



SERILINGAMPALLY TSIT: Under the auspices of the Kshatriya Youth Federation, exam kits—including geometry boxes, pads, and pens—were distributed to 10th-grade students at the Zilla Parishad Government High School on Nizampet Road in the Hyderabad Division to help them prepare for their board examinations. The kits were handed over by (PAC) Chairman MLA Arekapudi Gandhi along with former corporator Srinivasa Rao, in the presence of school headmaster Sai Kumar and Kshatriya Seva Samithi leaders, including President Sudheer Varma, Vice President Suresh Varma, Joint Secretary Chaitanya Varma, and KYF members Raviteja Varma, Yashwanth Varma, and others.

Mega Job Drive on Feb 23 at Government Degree College, Hayatnagar



Hayatnagar, Feb 21: The brochure for the Mega Job Drive to be held at Government Degree College, Hayatnagar was formally launched on Friday. The job drive is scheduled to take place on February 23, 2026, from 10:30 am to 3:00 pm on the college premises. College Principal Dr. Suresh Babu informed that the Mega Job Drive is being jointly organised by the English Department, Career Guidance and Placement Cell, and the Telangana Skill Knowledge Center. The initiative aims to provide employment opportunities to students currently studying or those who have completed Intermediate (third year) and Degree courses including B.A., B. Com., B.Sc., and BBA between the academic years 2020 and 2026.

KITS Warangal organized A Seminar on 'Union Budget 2026-27' at KITS Warangal

WARANGAL TSIT : Department of MBA (Management), Kakatiya Institute of Technology & Science, Warangal (KITSW) organized A Seminar on "Union Budget 2026-27" told by the principal Prof.K. Ashoka Reddy. The guest lecture was delivered by the chief guest, Ch. V. Sai Prasad, Former Director, Indian Accounts & Audit Services, Hyderabad. It was held at Silver Jubilee Seminar Hall, KITS Warangal campus on 20th February, 2026.



On this occasion former Rajyasabha MP and KITSW Chairman, Capt. V. Lakshminantha Rao,

On this occasion the chief guest, Ch. V. Sai Prasad, Former Director highlighted that the Indian economy is 30 trillion dollars now, by 2047 expecting an increased economy of 60 trillion dollars. Viksith Bharath is the motto of Govt. of India with respect to technological development. It helps to nurture and transform the students as global professional managers in future. He concluded that It focuses on the 'Orange economy' which refers to encouragement of youth in creativity, intellectuality, content writing and innovation.

KITSW Treasurer, P. Narayana Reddy and Husnabad former MLA & KITSW additional secretary, Vodithala Sateesh Kumar have congratulated and appreciated the Department of MBA and their faculty for successful conduction of Union Budget 2026-27 Seminar.

Grand Opening of Vysyaraju Jewellers Showroom on Sunday



Hyderabad (TSIT): The grand opening of the new showroom of Vysyaraju Jewellers at Dilsukhnagar will be held on Sunday, February 22, 2026, marking a significant milestone in the brand's expansion. The showroom was recently blessed by Sri Sri Sri Tridandi Chinna Srimannarayana Ramanuja Jiyar Swami, who performed the sacred Jyoti Prajwalana and special puja rituals amid traditional Vedic chanting. The spiritual ceremony created an auspicious atmosphere ahead of the official launch. On the occasion, Swamiji emphasized the importance of ethical business practices, devotion, and service to society, while blessing the management and staff for continued growth and customer goodwill. The management expressed gratitude for the blessings received and announced that customers can look forward to an exclusive collection of traditional and contemporary jewellery designs. Special inaugural offers are also expected to attract jewellery enthusiasts on the opening day. The grand opening is anticipated to witness the presence of customers, well-wishers, and prominent members of the community, ushering in a new chapter of trust and excellence in Hyderabad's jewellery sector.



MANIKANTHA REDDY WAS ONCE AGAIN ELECTED AS AISF STATE PRESIDENT

Karimnagar, February 21, TSIT: All India Student Federation (AISF) Telangana State 4th Congress was held at Nizamabad District Center from February 18 to 20. In these Mahasabhas,



the new state council was elected and Kasireddy Manikantha Reddy from Karimnagar city was once again elected as the state president. Many people expressed joy over Manikantha Reddy's election. Manikantha Reddy is constantly at the forefront of struggles on student and public issues.

TTD JEO(H&E) Inspects Incense Stick Manufacturing Unit

Tirupati: The TTD Joint Executive Officer (Health & Education) Dr. A. Sharath inspected the TTD incense stick manufacturing unit set up at the SV Gosamrakshanasala in Tirupati on Saturday evening. During the visit, he reviewed the manufacturing process, quality standards, raw material usage, packaging methods, and interacted with staff. He also suggested steps to enhance production capacity.



Dr. Sharath informed that currently six varieties of incense sticks are being produced, including fragrances of chrysanthemum, rose, and lotus. He added that

three more varieties with sampangi, veyyi varahalu, and tulasi fragrances will be introduced soon. He stated that the initiative aims to utilize resources available at the Gosamrakshanasala effectively while providing high quality, spiritually enriching products to the devotees. Later, he also inspected the SV Goshala and directed officials to ensure timely feed, drinking water, veterinary care, cleanliness, and display of signboards indicating milk transportation schedules. TTD Gosala Director Dr. AVN Siva Kumar, officials of the incense unit, Gosala, and other staff were present.

Shivraj Singh Chouhan Inaugurates 'Kshamata Bhawan' at ICAR-NAARM

Hyderabad, Feb 21: Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the 'Kshamata Bhawan' at the ICAR-National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM) in Hyderabad on Saturday. The institute is currently celebrating its Golden Jubilee Year.



The newly inaugurated 'Kshamata Bhawan' will serve as an additional infrastructure facility to enhance capacity-building programmes for stakeholders and strengthen educational initiatives, including agribusiness management courses for students. During his visit, the Minister reviewed the progress and future plans of various ICAR institutes located in Hyderabad. Appreciating their efforts, he called upon the institu-

tions to prepare clear roadmaps for achieving self-sufficiency in key sectors such as oilseeds and millets, while also focusing on increasing farmers' profitability. Earlier, Mangi Lal Jat, Secretary, DARE and Director General of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), interacted with scientists and encouraged innovative, out-of-the-box approaches in agricultural research. Joy Krishna Jena, Deputy Director General (Fisheries and Agricultural Education), was also present. The programme was organized by Gopal Lal, Director of ICAR-NAARM, who briefed the Minister on the academy's capacity-building initiatives.

CARE HOSPITALS HOSTS CARE CONNECT – HR CONCLAVE 2026, HIGHLIGHTS WORKFORCE HEALTH AS BUSINESS PRIORITY



Hyderabad, Feb 21, 2026: CARE Hospitals hosted CARE Connect – HR Conclave 2026 at Le Meridien Hyderabad, bringing together over 200 HR leaders, CXOs, and corporate decision-makers to deliberate on workforce health and organisational wellbeing as strategic business imperatives.

The conclave saw participation from Dr. Pawan Kumar, CEO; Mr. Shalabh Dang, Chief Sales & Marketing Officer; Dr. Nikhil Mathur, Chief of Medical Services; Dr.

Amit Singh, Chief Human Resources Officer; and Mr. Siddharth Datta, Head – Credit Business, along with senior HR leaders from leading organisations.

Delivering the keynote address, Dr. Pawan Kumar emphasized the need for organisations to move beyond reactive healthcare models and adopt structured preventive care frameworks. He noted that workforce health is a strategic investment that directly impacts productivity, engagement, and long-

term resilience. Mr. Shalabh Dang highlighted the importance of integrated corporate healthcare solutions encompassing preventive care, early diagnosis, emergency preparedness, and continuous engagement.

The Health Leaders Dialogue featured focused sessions on workplace burnout, mental health, preventive screenings, and structured wellness programs aimed at reducing long-term health risks. Industry leaders from organisations such as ICRISAT.

YASHODA HOSPITALS HOSTS 'DECCAN HEMATOLINK 3.0', LARGEST AI CONFERENCE IN HEMATOLOGY

Hyderabad, Feb 21, 2026: Yashoda Hospitals – Hitech City hosted "Deccan Hematolink 3.0," a two-day international conference focused on Artificial Intelligence (AI) advancements in the diagnosis and treatment of blood cancers. Over 700 national and 10 international oncology and hemato-oncology experts are participating in the conference held on February 21 and 22.



The conference was inaugurated by Dr. G. S. Rao, Managing Director of Yashoda Group Hospitals, who emphasized that fighting blood cancer requires not only medical expertise but also mental strength, financial support, and community awareness. Highlighting the rising cancer burden in India, he noted that new cancer

cases are projected to increase significantly, with blood cancers such as leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma forming a growing part of clinical practice, especially in urban centres like Hyderabad. He underscored the importance of early detection and advanced treatment options, including bone marrow transplants and CAR-T cell therapy.

Senior Hematologist Dr. Ganesh Jaishetwar stated that Yashoda Hospitals has performed over 600 suc-

cessful bone marrow transplants in the past 13 years and treated thousands of blood cancer patients. He said advanced therapies such as targeted treatments, gene therapy, and CAR-T cell therapy are transforming hematologic care. With indigenous CAR-T therapies now available in India at affordable costs, he affirmed that blood cancer is no longer a death sentence, as survival rates are improving with early diagnosis and cutting-edge treatment.

EAST COAST RAILWAY ACHIEVES 250 MILLION TONNES OF ORIGINATING FREIGHT LOADING.



The South India Tiles, Visakhapatnam : East Coast Railway has achieved a significant milestone by loading 250 Million Tonnes (MT) of originating freight in just 324 days of the current financial year. With this accomplishment, ECoR has become the first railway zone in the country to reach the 250 MT mark. This achieve-

ment has been accomplished 31 days earlier compared to the previous financial year (2024-25), registering a robust growth of 10.6% over last year's freight loading performance. The remarkable performance reflects the dedicated efforts of railway officials and staff, improved operational efficiency, enhanced coordination with

industries, and optimized freight management strategies. Bulk commodities such as coal, iron ore, steel, cement, and other essential goods have contributed significantly to this record loading. The milestone further strengthens ECoR's position as one of the leading freight-loading zones under Indian Railways and underscores its vital role in supporting industrial growth and economic development in the region. East Coast Railway remains committed to improving infrastructure, enhancing customer service, and sustaining its growth momentum in freight operations

DRM WALTAIR INSPECTS DIESEL LOCO SHED AT VISAKHAPATNAM



THE SOUTH INDIA TIMES, Visakhapatnam : Shri Lalit Bohra, Divisional Railway Manager, Waltair Division of East Coast Railway, inspected the Diesel Loco Shed at Visakhapatnam today, 21.02.2026. During the visit, the DRM reviewed various ongoing activities, infrastructure upgrades, and

technical modifications being undertaken at the shed to enhance operational efficiency and maintenance standards. He was accompanied by Shri M.K. Sahoo, Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer (Diesel); Shri K. Rama Rao, ADRM (Operations); Shri Sanjeev Dixit, Deputy Chief Engineer/Construction; Shri B. Sairaj, Senior Divisional Engineer (South); Shri K. Jagadish, Senior Divisional Engineer; along with other senior officers of the Division. DRM particularly reviewed the progress of the project for maintenance of 300 locomotives by Siemens at the Diesel Loco Shed, Visakhapatnam. The project, being executed under the supervision of the Construction Wing of Waltair Division, aims to significantly strengthen locomotive maintenance capacity. Once completed, the enhanced maintenance facilities are expected to support improved availability of locomotives, thereby facilitating smoother freight operations and contributing to increased freight loading in the Division.



Dr. Y. Lakshmi, has been awarded the prestigious Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Commerce & Management from Chaitanya Deemed to be University, Hyderabad. Her doctoral research was in the area of "A Study on analysis of Digital Financial Literacy among students of higher education in Hyderabad city of Telangana State" under the guidance of Dr. S. Pratap. She is presently working as Asst. Professor in Arora's PG College, Ramanthapur.

IN THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II, AT HYDERABAD
O.A.No. 1074 OF 2025
Between:
State Bank of India,
Medchal Main Road, Medchal District-501401,
Telangana, Represented by its Chief Manager
...Applicant
And
Colonel Neela Vijaya Rao,
Near Hope Hospital, Saidabad,
Hyderabad - 500 059, Cell No.8897069907.
...Defendant
SUMMONS BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION
To
Colonel Neela Vijaya Rao,
S/o. Neela Abraham,
17-1-383/P-20, Indraprastha PH-1,
Near Hope Hospital, Saidabad,
Hyderabad - 500 059, Cell No.8897069907.
Please take the Summons in the above OA No.1074/2025 filed by Applicant for Recovery of Money of Rs.27,28,635/- against you. The Hon'ble Tribunal ordered a summons to you by way of paper publication in "South Indian Times", English Daily News Paper, Hyderabad Edition and in "Mana Telangana" Telugu daily, Hyderabad edition and posted the matter to 23-3-2026.
In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:
i) To show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted.
ii) To disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application.
iii) You are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties.
iv) You shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and / or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal.
v) 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 Date: 23-03-2026 at 10.30 a.m. 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 18th day of February, 2026.
(By order of the Court)
ASST. REGISTRAR
Debts Recovery-II, Hyderabad-500001

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II 1st FLOOR, TRIVENI COMPLEX, ABIDS, AT HYDERABAD
O.A. No.1030 OF 2025
UNION BANK OF INDIA ...Applicant AND
M/S VIK Warehousing Enterprises ...Defendants
SUMMONS BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION
To,
DR. MRS. RATAKONDA SARALA DEVI
Partner: M/S VIK Warehousing Enterprises
Also Partner: M/s Veena Constructions
Wife of Sri Ratakonda Ramreddy
Plot H No:2-682/1, 5th Floor, Landmark Building Beside Chins Road No. 12, Banjara Hills, HYDERABAD 500 034
Also at
Villa No: 204, Adarsh Palm Residency
Bellandur, BANGALORE
4. M/S VEENA CONSTRUCTIONS
Managing Partner
Mrs. Madhupata Kalpana Prasad
(Defendant No 2 above) H.No. 8-2-309/12, D1
Trendsville, Road No. 12, Banjara Hills,
Banjara Hills, Hyderabad-500034
5.MRS. T. VEENA REDDY
W/o Sri T. Sudeesh Reddy Major
Partner: M/s Veena Constructions, Plot Flat 303,
Tapovan Apartments, Central Express Colony,
Bagh Amberpet, HYDERABAD 500 013
10.MRS. RATAKONDA SARLA DEVI
Also Partner: M/s Veena Constructions
Wife of Sri Ratakonda Ramreddy
(3rd Defendant) Plot H No:2-682/1, 5th Floor
Landmark Building Beside Chins, Road No. 12,
Banjara Hills, HYDERABAD 500 034
Also at
Villa No: 204, Adarsh Palm Residency
Bellandur, BANGALORE
Please take the summons in the above O.A.No. 1030 OF 2025 filed by the Applicant for Recovery of money Rs. 22,59,11,140.56 PSH- against you. The Hon'ble Tribunal ordered a summons to you by way of paper publication in "South Indian Times", English Daily News Paper, Hyderabad Edition and in "Mana Telangana" Telugu daily, Hyderabad edition newspaper, and posted the matter on 01-04-2026.
In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants, are directed as under:
i) To show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.
ii) To disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application.
iii) 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.
iv) You shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/or other assets and properties disclosed or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal.
v) You shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by the sale of secured assets of 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 01-04-2026 at 10.30 a.m. 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 seal of this Tribunal on this 19 day Feb, 2026.
(By order of the Court)
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Hyderabad.

4th Telangana State Police Sports & Games Meet-2026 Concludes with Grand Ceremony in Cyberabad

Hyderabad (TSIT): The 4th Telangana State Police Sports & Games Meet-2026 concluded on a grand and patriotic note at the Cyberabad Police Commissionerate Grounds, celebrating discipline, fitness, and true sporting spirit among police personnel across the State.

The closing ceremony was graced by Dr. A. Soni Bala Devi, Vice Chairperson & Managing Director of the Sports Authority of Telangana (SATs), as the Chief Guest. She received the ceremonial guard of honour along with senior police officials.

A total of 2,532 athletes from 33 districts, including nearly 300 women personnel, participated in the prestigious meet, reflecting the department's strong emphasis on inclusivity and physical fitness. The Tug of War competitions added excitement to the concluding day. In the women's category, Malkajgiri Commissionerate clinched first place after a gripping contest against Hyderabad Commissionerate, while Cyberabad secured third place. In the men's category, TGSP-I emerged vic-



torious over TGSP-II in a closely fought final. Sports as a Tool for Strength and Resilience Addressing the gathering, Dr. Soni Bala Devi praised the dedication of Telangana Police personnel. "Sports help over-

come professional stress and build mental resilience, leadership, and teamwork. Telangana Police must continue to excel at national-level competitions and bring laurels to the State," she said while distributing medals and trophies to the winners. Dr. M. Ramesh Reddy, Commissioner of Police, Cyberabad, appreciated the participants for their enthusiasm and sporting spirit.

He noted that the event fostered unity, discipline, and mutual respect among personnel from various districts, commissionerates, and special forces including TGSP, Greyhounds, OCTOPUS, CID, Intelligence, and IT & Communications wings. He congrat-

ulated all participants and thanked the organizing team for the seamless conduct of the event.

Welfare & Wellness Expo Receives Applause

A special Police Welfare & Wellness Expo held alongside the games received an overwhelming response from police personnel and their families. Stalls related to nutrition, fitness, technology, and sports equipment created awareness on health and well-being. The closing ceremony concluded with a visually impressive retreat parade accompanied by the stirring tunes of the Golconda Army Regimental Pipe Band. Amid enthusiastic cheers and a colorful fireworks display, the Police flag was ceremonially handed over, formally marking the end of the sports meet.

The event witnessed the presence of senior officials including ADGP Sanjay Kumar Jain, IG (Sports & Welfare) Dr. Gajarao Bhupal, and several DCPs of Cyberabad Commissionerate.

Issued by Cyberabad Police Commissioner's Office.

Telangana prioritises women's financial inclusion for inclusive growth: Seethakka

Hyderabad : Telangana Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Minister Anasuya Seethakka on Saturday said the State has placed women's financial inclusion at the core of its development strategy, resulting in rapid economic growth and a sharp reduction in poverty.

Speaking at the 25th Meeting of the National Coordination Committee of the Rural Development Department held at a private hotel here, the Minister said Telangana has emerged as one of the fastest-growing economies in the country, recording an average annual growth rate of 12.9 per cent since its formation.

She noted that multidimensional poverty in the State has declined significantly from 13.18 per cent to 3.76 per cent, an achievement acknowl-



edged at the national level.

Seethakka said systematic inclusion of vulnerable communities, particularly rural women, into the formal financial system has been central to this progress. Under various women empowerment initiatives, over 26,000 crore rupees in outstanding loans have been integrated into the formal banking system, benefiting more than 46 lakh rural women organised

into over four lakh Self-Help Groups (SHGs).

Over the past two financial years, loans amounting to Rs 35,435 crore were disbursed to SHGs with a low NPA of 1.40 per cent, while Rs 1,121 crore was provided as interest subsidy to 3.70 lakh groups. She said the average loan size has increased from Rs 1.90 lakh to Rs 9.55 lakh in recent years, enabling the establishment of over two lakh micro enterprises.

Highlighting innovative initiatives, the Minister said SHG members are being integrated into sectors such as solar energy, milk procurement and fuel retail through strategic partnerships. Platforms like Indira Mahila Shakti and Indira Mahila Mela have helped connect rural producers to urban markets, generating sustainable incomes.

National Conclave on Financial Literacy, 25th CLCC meet held in Hyderabad

Hyderabad: The Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, organised the National Conclave on Financial Literacy & Resilience in Hyderabad followed by the 25th Central Level Coordination Committee (CLCC) meeting on Saturday, marking a significant step in strengthening coordination across the rural financial ecosystem.

The conclave brought together policymakers, regulators, financial institutions, State Rural Livelihood Missions (SRLMs) and community leaders to deliberate on enhancing financial awareness, household resilience and inclusive economic growth in rural India.

Technical sessions focused on financial literacy, household-level resilience and access to credit, underscoring the role of Self Help Groups (SHGs) and their federations as trusted platforms for last-mile financial inclusion. The CLCC meeting was chaired by union minister for

Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development Shivraj Singh Chouhan, who stressed that strengthening bank linkage for SHGs and expanding enterprise finance for women are central to achieving inclusive rural transformation.

He said credit to SHG women should be viewed as a safe and productive investment and called for focused support to help women move from Lakhpati to higher levels of income, thereby contributing to the vision of Viksit Bharat. He also emphasised the need to strengthen last-mile financial access, improve risk protection mechanisms and promote women-led enterprises.

The meeting was attended by Union Minister of State for Rural Development and Communications Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani and Telangana Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Minister D Anasuya Seethakka, along with senior officials from the Ministry of Rural Development and the Telangana government.

Congress Leaders Grace Wedding Reception of CPRO Hari Prasad's Daughter

Hyderabad: Prominent Congress leaders attended the wedding reception of the daughter of Gandhi Bhavan CPRO Kapara Hari Prasad, held at BMR Convention Centre, Manna Guda, Sagar Road, Advisor to Government Harkara Venugopal, Food Corporation Chairman M.A Faheem, Telangana Mahila Congress Vice President Dr.Rekha Boyalapalli, and TPCC Spokesperson Chiranjeevi Kaushik were among those who graced the occasion.



The leaders extended their warm blessings to the newlywed couple and wished them a joyful and prosperous married life. They also conveyed their best wishes to Hari Prasad and his family on the

happy occasion. The event witnessed the presence of party leaders, well-wishers, and family members, making it a memorable celebration.



SUPERINTENDENT ANITHA GARU AND SRINIVAS REDDY DISTRIBUTED BREAD PACKETS AT THE CITY CIVIL COURT PREMISES.

BRS Will Not Be Intimidated by False Cases, Alleges T. Harish Rao

Sangareddy, February 21 (TSIT): Former Minister T. Harish Rao on Friday alleged that the state government was continuing a "repressive rule" and targeting BRS activists with false cases, asserting that the party would not be intimidated.

Harish Rao visited BRS activists from Medak who were allegedly arrested and lodged in Kandi Central Jail in Sangareddy district. He met the detained leaders, inquired about their health condition, and gathered details of the cases registered against them, extending his support and reassurance.

He was accompanied by Sangareddy MLA Chinta Prabhakar, Zaheerabad MLA Manik Rao, and former MLAs Padma Devender Reddy and Shashidhar Reddy.

Speaking to the media later, Harish Rao alleged that 13 BRS



activists in Sangareddy district were falsely implicated as part of a conspiracy to influence elections through unfair means. He claimed that in Medak, BRS had won more wards than the Congress party.

He questioned the propriety of an MLA visiting a ward with a convoy of vehicles while the election code was in force and alleged that cases were filed selectively. He further claimed that despite complaints of election code violations and other incidents, police failed to register cases against Congress leaders.

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DEMAND NOTICE

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Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower / Co-Borrowers Property Holders as the case may be	Description of Secured Assets / Mortgage Property	Dt. of Demand Notice U/s 13(2) & Total U/s
1	Loan Account No. FEDNIZH0500088 1. Mr. Gatla Naven (Borrower) 2. M/S. Sri Devi Medicals (Co - Borrower) 3. Mr. Gatla Vijay Kumar (Co - Borrower) 4. Mrs. Gatla Sangetha (Co - Borrower) 5. Mrs. Soujanya Kodiganti (Co - Borrower)	All that the Newly RCC Roofed Residential building construction over the open Plot No. 6, Lies in Survey No. 1340 and in 9th Block, admeasuring total site area 1374.84 sq. feet or 152.76 sq. Yds. or 127.70 Sq. mtrs. at Sheeppal town and Mandal, Nizamabad District (TS), Regn Sub Dist Bhemgal and Regn Dist Nizamabad. Boundaries: North - Plot No.5, South - Plot No.7, East - 30-0 wide Road, West - Plot No.11	NPA Date: 4/2/2026 Demand Notice Date: 05/02/2026 Rs. 24,25,040/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakhs Twenty Six Thousand and Forty only) as on 05/02/2026
2	Loan Account No. FEDWARST10534842 1. SURA SRINI (Borrower) 2. SURA RAMA (Co - Borrower) 3. SURA SAMMAIAH (Co - Borrower)	All Piece And Parcel Of Mortgaged Property Bearing House No 19-269 In Ward No 19A Ading To An Extent Of 107.48 Sq Yards Or 82.874 Sq Mtrs Including R C C Pirth Area 445 Sq Fts Situated At Parka Village And Mandal Hanamankonda District And Within The Municipal Limits Of Municipal Corporation Parka Within The Jurisdiction Of Sub Registration Parka, warangal-506164, telangana. Bounded By: East: House of Podishetti Kumaraswamy, West: Municipality C Road, North: House Of Sura Harikrishna, South: House of Sura Raghu	NPA Date: 4/2/2026 Demand Notice Date: 05/02/2026 Rs. 23,52,307/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lac Fifty Two Thousand Three Hundred Seven Only) as on 05/02/2026

The borrower(s) are hereby advised to comply with the Demand Notice(s) and to pay the demand amount mentioned therein and herein above within 60 days from the date of this publication together with applicable interest, additional interest, bounce charges, cost and expenses till the date of realization of payment. The borrower(s) may note that Fedbank is a secured creditor and the loan facility availed by the Borrower(s) is a secured debt against the immovable property / properties being the secured asset(s) mortgaged by the borrower(s). In the event borrower(s) are failed to discharge their liabilities in full within the stipulated time, Fedbank shall be entitled to exercise all the rights under section 13(4) of the Act to take possession of the secured asset(s) including but not limited to transfer the same by way of sale or by invoking any other remedy available under the Act and the Rules thereunder and the payment of Fedbank is also empowered to ATTACH AND / OR SEAL the secured asset(s) before enforcing the right to sale or transfer. Subsequent to the Sale of the secured asset(s), Fedbank is also entitled to initiate separate legal proceedings to recover the balance dues, in case the value of the mortgaged properties is insufficient to cover the dues payable to the Fedbank. This remedy is in addition and independent of all the other remedies available to Fedbank under any other law.

The attention of the borrower(s) is invited to Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets and further to Section 13(13) of the Act, whereby the borrower(s) are restrained / prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the secured asset(s) or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business) any of the secured asset(s), without prior written consent of Fedbank and non-compliance with the above is an offence punishable under Section 29 of the said Act. The copy of the Demand Notice is available with the undersigned and the borrower(s) may, if they so desire, can collect the same from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

Date: -22-02-2026 Place: - TELANGANA
Sd/- (Authorized Officer) - Fedbank Financial Services Ltd

INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK
Regional Office, 3rd Floor, ABK Mall, Rammagar Cross Road, Beside Old Bus Depot, Hanamankonda, Telangana
Tel No.: 0870-2431775, Cell : 8520951196

WANTED PREMISES FOR RENT / LEASE
IOB requires suitable commercial premises for establishing their new branches at ADILABAD Town, BHUPALPALLY Town, HUZURABAD Town and MULUGU Town of Telangana State. Requirements : Approx. 2000 SFT of Carpet area in ground floor with adequate parking area. Interested Owners have to submit their proposal forms to Regional Office, Warangal on or before 07-03-2026 by 3:00 P.M. For more details please visit bank's website www.ioab.bank.in or contact our Regional office as stated above.

Date: 22-02-2026 Sd/- Senior Regional Manager

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, HYDERABAD Triveni Complex, 1st Floor, Abids, Hyderabad.
O.A. No. 1052 OF 2025
Between:
Canara Bank, Jilleguda Branch (erstwhile Syndicate Bank), Jilleguda Branch, situated at #9-8 Gayatri Nagar, Jilleguda, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana-500097, by its Senior Manager
...Applicant Bank
AND
Smt. Sabavath Achaali and another
...Defendants
SUMMONS BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION
To,
1. Smt. Sabavath Achaali, W/o Sri Sabavath Maanya, Aged: 47 Years Occ: Business, R/o, 17-1-316 2, Laxmi Nagar Colony, Saidabad, Hyderabad-500059, Telangana...Defendants
Please take summons in the above OA No.1052 of 2025 filed by M/s Canara Bank, Jilleguda Branch before the Hon'ble DRT-II, Hyderabad for recovery of Rs.22,79,611/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand Six Hundred and Eleven Only) against the Defendant. The Hon'ble Tribunal ordered summons to the Defendant by way of paper publication and the matter stands posted on 09.03.2026.
In accordance with Sub-Section 4 of Section 19 of the Act, you the Defendants are directed as under:
i) To show cause within 30 days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted.
ii) To disclose particulars of assets other than properties and assets specified by Applicant under serial number 3A of the Original Application.
iii) You are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the Original Application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties.
iv) You shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in ordinary course of his business, any other assets over which security interest is created and/or other assets and properties specified by applicant under serial number 3A of the Original Application without the prior approval of the Tribunal.
v) 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 Bank or Financial Institutions holding security interest over such assets.
You are hereby required to show cause on 09.03.2026 at 10:30 AM before Debts Recovery Tribunal-II Hyderabad, 1st Floor, Triveni Complex, Abids, Hyderabad 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 seal of the Tribunal on this day of the 17th day of February, 2026.
// By Order of the Tribunal//
Sd/- Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Hyderabad.

FORM NO. URC-2
Advertisement giving notice about registration under Part I of chapter XXI of the Act [Pursuant to section 374(b) of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 4(1) of the Companies (Authorized to Register) Rules, 2014]

- Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 366 of the Companies Act, 2013, an application is proposed to be made after fifteen days hereof but before the expiry of thirty days hereinafter to the Registrar at Central Registration Center that TRAVEL WORKS MANAGEMENT LLP (LLPIN: AAR-2638) a Limited Liability Partnership may be registered under Part I of Chapter XXI of the Companies Act 2013, as a company limited by shares with its name as TRAVEL WORKS MANAGEMENT PRIVATE LIMITED.
- The principal objects of the company are as follows:
 - The Company shall be engaged in the business of travel and tourism services including tour operations, ticket booking, visa assistance, travel consultancy, holiday packages, accommodation arrangements and other allied travel related services. The Company may also undertake all incidental and ancillary activities necessary for the promotion and facilitation of its business.
- A copy of the draft Memorandum and Articles of Association of the proposed Company may be inspected at the registered office at Plot No 512, Road no 31, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad, Telangana, India, 500033.
- Notice is hereby given that any person objecting to this application may communicate their objection in writing to the Registrar at Central Registration Centre (CRC), Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), Plot No. 6, 7, 8, Sector 5, IMT Manesar, District Gurgaon (Haryana), 122050, within twenty one days from the date of publication of this notice, with a copy to the proposed company at its registered office.

Dated this 22nd day of February, 2026
For and on behalf of Travel Works Management LLP
1. Nishant Singh Bhaduria - Designated Partner
2. Apurva Nishant Singh - Designated Partner

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 INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.
RC/18/2024 10-02-2026

STATE BANK OF INDIA
Versus
M/S. SUREX ENGINEERING WORKS Syed
(CD 1) M/S. SUREX ENGINEERING WORKS Syed Syed Nasir Hussain Syed Munawar Hussain REPRESENTED BY ITS PARTNER MR. SYED NASIR HUSSAIN, G-14/A, HUSSAIN SAB ROAD, RURAL INDUSTRIAL AREA, ALLIPUR, ZAHEERABAD Sangareddy, TELANGANA-502002
(CD 2) MR. SYED NASIR HUSSAIN S/O. MR. SYED MUNAWAR HUSSAIN, AGED: MAJOR, MALE, 6-2-164/6, SAPHIRE CASTLE, G-2, 1ST FLOOR, P AND T COLONY, NEAR GLENDALE ACADEMY SCHOOL, SUNCITY, BANDLAGUDA JAGIR, DANBASCO NAGAR, RAJENDRA NAGAR, K.V. RANGA REDDY Rangareddi, TELANGANA-500086
Also At: 1-6-113/B, ADARSHNAGAR, ZAHEERABAD SANGAREDDY, TELANGANA-502220
Also At: H.N.O. 11-95, MOOSANAGAR COLONY, ALLIPUR, ZAHEERABAD, SANGAREDDY, TELANGANA-502220
(CD 3) MR. SYED MUZAFEEH HUSSAIN S/O. MR. SYED MUNAWAR HUSSAIN, AGED: MAJOR, MALE, 1-8-113/1, ADARSHNAGAR, ZAHEERABAD Sangareddy, TELANGANA-502220
Also At: H.N.O. 6-2-164/6, SAPHIRE CASTLE, G-2, 1ST FLOOR, PAND T COLONY, NEAR GLENDALE ACADEMY SCHOOL, SUNCITY, BANDLAGUDA JAGIR, DANBASCO NAGAR, RAJENDRA NAGAR, K.V. RANGA REDDY, Sangareddy, TELANGANA-502220
Also At: H.N.O. 11-95, MOOSANAGAR COLONY, ALLIPUR, ZAHEERABAD, Sangareddy, TELANGANA-502220
(CD 4) MR. SYED HAJEE HUSSAIN S/O. MR. SYED MUNAWAR HUSSAIN, AGED: MAJOR, MALE 1-6-113/1/D, ADARSHNAGAR, ZAHEERABAD Sangareddy, TELANGANA-502220
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Also At: H.N.O. 11-95, MOOSANAGAR COLONY, ALLIPUR, ZAHEERABAD Sangareddy, TELANGANA-502220

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/204/2023 an amount of Rs. 29,07,104 (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Seven Thousand One Hundred Four Only) along with pendente lite and future different rates of interest as mentioned in the Recovery Certificate Simple Interest Yearly w.e.f. 12-06-2023 till realization and costs of Rs. 53,905 (Rupees Fifty Three Thousands Nine Hundred Five 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 an affidavit the particulars of your assets on or before the next date of hearing.
- You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 29-04-2026 at 10:30 a.m. for further proceedings.
- In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:
 - Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.
 - 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: 10-02-2026.
Recovery Officer,
PP DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, HYDERABAD (DRT 1)

EDITORIAL

RISING SYNERGY

The jogging by Emmanuel Macron, the President of France in the streets of Mumbai is not only a story of routine physical exercise, it is also a sign of the fast-growing friendship between two countries. The bilateralism between France and India is deepening by leaps and bounds. The elevation of the ties into a Special Global Strategic Partnership indicates how the relationship is becoming comprehensive and multi-dimensional. The partnership has stood the test of time. French President Emmanuel Macron is currently on a three-day visit to India, which began on February 17, 2026. His visit aimed at strengthening bilateral ties focusing on areas like trade, defence, innovation and technology. The highlights of the visit include the launching of India-France year of innovation, the elevation of partnership, AI Impact Summit, and defence cooperation, mainly the procurement of 114 Rafale fighter jets and joint production of helicopters. The visit reflected the growing strategic convergence between India and France with shared interests in the Indo-Pacific and global stability. The main driver for this growing partnership is the adherence to strategic autonomy in the foreign policies of both countries. Let us recall that during the Cold War, as the West overlooked India for its Non-Aligned approach, France was more accommodative to India than its fellow-member countries in NATO. This was because France did not succumb to American pressure and refused to completely toe its line. In 1998, when India carried out the nuclear test, France was the only western power that did not impose economic sanctions on New Delhi. France has been the first country in the world that recognizes India as an independent power centre, a credible democracy, offering economic opportunities for the world. There has been a consensus in French politics that if European Union has to carve out an independent political identity apart from alignment with America or China, it must embrace India. This perspective was amply manifested in Macron's latest visit to India. Macron asserted that both countries oppose domination of any kind from India-Pacific to any field of technology in any part of the world. He likened friendship with India to a sovereign alliance. Prime Minister Modi in his response said, "Both countries believe in a multipolar world and are working diligently to make it happen". The ties between France and India in defence sector are growing stronger day-by-day. It is evident from the facts that France is next only to Russia in exporting defence equipment to India. It will be no surprise if France overtakes Russia in near future if one takes into account the increasing number of agreements on the sale of fighter jets, submarines, and the joint production of defence material. To counter China and consolidate power in Asia, France is set to co-manufacture Rafale aircrafts, H-125 helicopters, HAMMER missiles, scorpene submarines and the fifth generation of jet engines. Notably, France does not sale any deadly weapons to China or Pakistan whereas Russia has been supplying sophisticated weaponry to China, and America to Pakistan. The collaboration between France and India is not limited to export of arms. Keeping the importance of emerging technologies in strategic thinking, France and India have constituted a Joint Advanced Technology Group which will co-develop emerging technologies, secure military supply chains, and maintain the competitive strategic advantage. This Group also included critical minerals, collaboration on AI, digital technology, aerospace and innovation. This initiative falls under the broader framework of 2026 India-France Year of Innovation. The partnership is evolving innovatively. Prime Minister and President Macron jointly inaugurated the India-France Innovation Forum in Mumbai on 17 February, calling it a reflection of the deepening strategic partnership, shared democratic values, and expanding collaboration in innovation and technology. This will open up scope for work for scientists, researchers, traders, and entrepreneurs from both countries. France and India are becoming active in the fields of AI, space, and aviation. The AI World Conference, currently in progress in India was initiated jointly by France and India. Both countries are working for democratization of AI which should be used for common good.

The 'Quiet Panic' That Led To Trump Blinking On Anti-India Tariffs

In recent years, India has concluded several bilateral trade agreements, including with the UK, Oman, and the EU. Another notable development is the announcement of an interim trade agreement between India and the United States. Although early discussions centred on a comprehensive, multi-sector agreement focused on market access and reducing trade barriers, the decision to settle for an interim deal appears influenced by broader factors. Rising inflation in the US, particularly following tariffs in sectors such as household durable goods, food and beverages and textiles, may have prompted a recalibration of trade relations. US Inflation Was Rising India has become an increasingly important supplier within the United States' import structure. In 2024-25, Indian exports to the US totalled approximately USD 86.51 billion, representing around 2.6% of total US imports. This role is particularly evident in several sectors, with India supplying approximately 9.2% of US textile and apparel imports, roughly 3.2% of housing-related consumer durables, and nearly 5% of food and beverage imports during that period. These figures indicate India's growing integration into key segments of the US consumption market. At the same time, the United States has implemented a series of tariff increases affecting a broad range of Indian exports. Inflation within the sectors under consideration, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), remained positive throughout this period. Specifically, for January 2025-26, CPI inflation was approximately 2.9% for food and beverages, 1.7% for textiles and apparel, and 3.9% for housing-related consumer durables. Notably, larger movements in inflation were observed following the tariff notifications issued in August 2025. While multiple factors likely contributed, the timing suggests that recent trade measures may have played a role alongside other domestic and global influences in shaping observed price trends. Americans Felt The Pinch Recent inflation forecasts highlight concerns regarding tariff pass-through for domestic policymakers. According to RBC Economics, core goods inflation in



the United States is expected to increase this year, peaking at approximately 3%. These figures are comparable to levels observed during the 2008 financial crisis in the United States. Empirical research increasingly supports the link between tariffs and price pressures. Research from Federal Reserve organisations, including the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, has provided evidence that the recent increase in tariffs indeed contributed significantly to the growth in consumer prices. This observed link between tariffs and inflation has prompted the US to deploy compensatory measures. One example has been the expansion of federal support packages for American farmers as agricultural producers were among the most visible casualties of retaliatory tariffs, prompting administrations to authorise significant amounts in relief and subsidy programmes. These transfers acknowledge that trade restrictions can generate domestic economic stress requiring fiscal mitigation. Federal Reserve data indicate that overall consumer

goods production increased modestly in 2025, with output rising by approximately 0.7% in December 2025 compared to earlier months. Food and beverage manufacturing, a non-durable good, recorded mild gains consistent with short-term adjustments in domestic supply. Production of household durable goods, including appliances and furniture, also edged upward, reaching an industrial production index of approximately 81.9 in December 2025, slightly higher than levels earlier in the year. In contrast, textiles and apparel production remained subdued, with available data indicating stagnation or decline through 2024-25, reflecting longer-term structural constraints within the sector. Overall, the data suggest that while certain industries experienced short-run increases in domestic production, these gains were modest and uneven, and do not indicate a broad-based or sustained expansion in US manufacturing capacity. There's More To The Tariff Rollback Than Diplomacy Against this backdrop, the newly

announced US-India trade adjustments assume increased economic significance. The reduction of tariffs on exports from India - including textiles, engineering goods, and industrial components - should not be understood solely in the context of Indo-US bilateral relations. Rather, this adjustment aligns closely with established anti-inflationary economic principles, aiming to eliminate artificial cost escalations that contribute to underlying price increases. This reading does not eliminate the geopolitical or strategic aspects of the Indo-American relationship. Indeed, the diversification of supply chains, Indo-Pacific alliances, and technological partnerships continue to drive significant forces. Nevertheless, the economic environment within which this tariff rollback occurs should not be overlooked. Policy shifts in trading relations seldom occur in economic isolation, especially with inflation dominating the economic policy debate. After all, trade agreements are intended to increase consumer choice and reduce inflation.

ART OF DELAY

It's telling that Punjab is still kicking the can down the road on appointing a regular Director General of Police, even after the Supreme Court flagged the "acting DGP" culture as a serious institutional flaw. For over three years now, Gaurav Yadav, technically an "acting" DGP, has been calling the shots in Punjab Police. That's longer than most bureaucrats stay at a single desk in New Delhi. And yes, that very arrangement drew the apex court's ire, precisely because it goes against the spirit (if not the letter) of the Prakash Singh judgment, which sought to insulate police leadership from political expediency. The state government's official line seems to be that it's waiting on the UPSC to communicate next steps, an argument that feels more like a stall tactic than a strategy. After all, the court's directive clearly empowers the UPSC to push for compliance, not to act as a go-between. What's striking is how this delay feeds into a deeper problem: the public perception, and sometimes reality, that police leadership can be held in suspended animation for years, with all the institutional uncertainty that invites. Police forces thrive on stable command, continuity of strategy, and clarity of authority. The longer a state dithers on "acting" arrangements, the more it undermines that very foundation. It can be argued that Punjab isn't alone. Several states have flirted with acting chiefs rather than regular appointments. But that doesn't absolve any of them, particularly when the Supreme Court has signalled that this shouldn't be normal administrative practice. If Punjab wants to credibly claim it takes rule-based governance seriously, it should walk the talk: forward a proper panel of candidates, let the UPSC do its job, and install a full-time DGP. Anything less is just bureaucratic inertia dressed up as prudence. 63 lateral entries and 3,000 empty chairs For years now, we've been told that India's bureaucracy is being "reimagined." More agile. More specialised. More fit for a complex, 21st-century economy. The numbers tell a different story. As informed in the Rajya Sabha, nearly 3,000 posts across the IAS, IPS



and IFS are vacant. The IAS alone is short by over 1,300 officers. The IFS, the face of India abroad, is functioning with a deficit that would make any corporate HR head break into a cold sweat. This isn't a minor staffing glitch. It's structural. Now enter lateral entry. This reform was supposed to disrupt the cosy generalist club. Since its launch in 2018, just 63 appointments have been made across ministries. Seven years, 63 people. That's not disruption; that's a rounding error. Which raises a fair question: was lateral entry meant to fix a talent deficit or merely signal reform? Because if the goal was to infuse domain expertise into policymaking, the scale simply doesn't match the rhetoric. If the goal was to compensate for a shrinking intake through the UPSC pipeline, it clearly hasn't. Meanwhile, governance doesn't pause for recruitment bottlenecks. Trade negotiations, climate diplomacy, cyber security, and financial regulation don't wait for files to be filled. An understaffed babudom doesn't just stretch officers thin; it stretches institutional capacity. The larger worry isn't vacancies per se. Governments can and do recalibrate cadre strength. The concern is drift, a gap between ambition and execution. A small circular, a big signal Delhi's babu grapevine has delivered a small but delicious irony. The Centre has apparently told senior officials to "promptly dispose" of letters from Members of

Parliament. So far, so routine. But here's the kicker: they are to do so without leaning on that sacred relic, known as the pre-printed, copy-paste reply. Yes, that one where the template begins with "I am directed to refer to your letter..." and ends with something so non-committal it could run for office! A fresh note now solemnly reminds officials that elected representatives "occupy a very important place in our democratic set-up." One imagines this line was typed with the straightest of faces. After all, MPs are not exactly pen pals looking for polite acknowledgements; they are supposed to represent millions of citizens. Their letters are not spam. Or at least, not all of them. What triggered this bureaucratic awakening? No one is saying. But it doesn't take Sherlock Holmes to suspect that some MPs may have grown tired of receiving replies that felt... recyclable. Change the name, tweak a line, press send. Governance, by template. To be fair, standardisation has its uses. It keeps files moving and language uniform. But when every response reads as a mildly bored algorithm assembled it, it signals something deeper: disengagement. A mechanical state talking back to a human mandate. The real test, of course, is not whether the templates disappear. It's whether the replies begin to show signs of thought, specificity, accountability, or even a timeline.

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 unac-



ceptable. 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. When other corporate leaders have celebrated Trump 2.0 by gesturing their brands into decline, Apple's perch still seems relatively safe. But Apple's brand value did drop about 4% last year. And among American consumers, Apple's reputation is just middling. In YouGov rankings, Apple places 209th. Among tech brands, it's seventh, between Dell and Windows. With a little more spine and forethought, Cook can avoid further black eyes. There's no value in finding out how many more it can take.

K. J. George Inspects Proposed Banaswadi Underpass, Reviews Civic Works in Sarvagnanagar

Bengaluru: Energy Minister and Sarvagnanagar MLA K. J. George on his second consecutive day of visit to the constituency inspected the proposed site for a new underpass near the existing Banaswadi railway underpass constructed by K-RIDE. The proposed underpass aims to ease traffic congestion and improve connectivity in the area.

Emphasizing smooth traffic management, the Minister directed officials to remove hurdles and expedite necessary measures for seamless vehicle movement. He reviewed several ongoing development works across Sarvagnanagar, including roads, parks, water supply connections, drainage systems, and underpasses,



instructing authorities to maintain quality standards and adhere to timelines. George toured Banaswadi, Kammanahalli, Kalyanagar, Kacharakana Halli, Lingarajapura, and M.S.

Nagar, interacting with residents and addressing their grievances. He expressed concern over delays in certain projects and directed officials to accelerate progress. The Minister also inspected

water supply and sewage network works undertaken by Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) near Kalamma Road in Kammanahalli and reviewed drainage works in multiple layouts. He further examined the UFW project in Dr. S. Kumar Layout, instructing officials to curb water leakage and streamline billing systems. Inspecting development works at Dr. Rajkumar Park in Kammanahalli, he directed authorities to complete the park soon with walking tracks, open gym facilities, toilets, and landscaping to enhance civic amenities. Local Congress leaders and officials from BWSSB, K-RIDE, BESCOM, and KPTCL were present during the inspection.

Kumaraswamy Inaugurates EVready Expo 2026, Highlights PM Modi's Net Zero Vision

Bengaluru : Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy on Saturday inaugurated the EVready Expo 2026, Karnataka's largest electric vehicle exposition, in Bengaluru, emphasising that India's electric mobility transition is gathering unprecedented momentum under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The expo, organised by News First, brought together policymakers, industry leaders, technology providers and startups on a single platform, reflecting the growing depth and maturity of India's EV ecosystem. The Minister inaugurated the expo and later undertook an extensive tour of the exhibition stalls, interacting with innovators and exhibitors.

Addressing the gathering, Kumaraswamy underscored the strategic importance of electric mobility in India's economic and environmental roadmap.

"Electric mobility stands at the very heart of India's transformation. EVs are not merely about cleaner transport; they are about energy security, technological leadership and new economic opportunities for our youth," he said. Highlighting the policy momentum created under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Minister noted that India has set an ambitious national objective of achieving Net Zero emis-



sions by 2070, with Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat serving as key pillars driving domestic capability in sunrise sectors. Union Minister Kumaraswamy pointed to strong market indicators, stating that India's EV market has recorded a compound annual growth rate exceeding 60 percent over the past six years, with registrations nearing two million units in FY 2024-25. Two-wheelers continue to lead mass adoption, while electric passenger vehicles, buses and commercial fleets are witnessing steady expansion. Detailing the Centre's policy interventions, he highlighted the impact of the FAME-II scheme. "With an outlay of Rs.11,500 crore, FAME-II has supported more than 16.71 lakh electric vehicles and sanctioned over 9,000 public charging stations across the country," he noted.

He further emphasised that the PM E-DRIVE scheme, backed by Rs.10,900 crore, is accelerating adoption through demand incentives and charging infrastructure expansion, with more than 20 lakh EVs supported so far. The government has additionally earmarked Rs.2,000 crore under the scheme to establish over 70,000 charging stations nationwide.

In a forward-looking policy signal, Kumaraswamy also referenced the recently approved REPM scheme with an outlay of Rs.7,280 crore to promote indigenous manufacturing of sintered rare-earth permanent magnets which are critical components for electric vehicles and advanced electronics.

He stressed that the next phase of mobility will be deeply integrated with digital innovation. "The future of mobility will be shaped by connected vehicles, intelligent transport

systems and data-driven mobility solutions. India's digital public infrastructure and vibrant startup ecosystem give us a unique advantage to lead globally," he said.

Union Minister Kumaraswamy also singled out Karnataka's growing prominence in the sector, noting that Bengaluru's strong base in electronics, automotive engineering and startups positions the state to emerge as a global centre for electric mobility innovation and manufacturing. Dr Hanif Qureshi, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Heavy Industries, who was present at the event as highlighted the rapid pace of progress in the automobile sector and elaborated on the government's sustained push to scale up electric mobility nationwide.

The expo witnessed participation from leading industry stakeholders including K. N. Radhakrishnan, Suman Mishra and S. Ravikumar, reflecting strong industry-government alignment in advancing clean mobility.

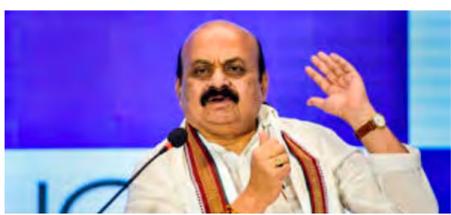
Reiterating the Centre's commitment, Kumaraswamy assured industry players of a stable and forward-looking policy environment.

"The Government of India remains fully committed to providing a predictable and supportive ecosystem for investors, manufacturers and innovators driving the EV tran-

"Whatever Our Elders Did Has Meaning Behind It"

Haveri: The village deity fair is a grand celebration, and whatever their elders did always carries a deeper meaning, said former Chief Minister and Member of Parliament Basavaraj Bommai.

He was speaking after visiting the temple as part of the Sri Gramadevi and Sri Durgadevi Jatra Mahotsava at Kerimattihalli village in Haveri taluk of Haveri district. He offered prayers, received blessings, and accepted a felicitation before addressing the gathering. The MP said that it is heartening to see everyone



organizing the fair together with devotion and faith. He prayed that the village deity and Goddess Durgadevi bless all the villagers. By establishing the village deity temple in the center of the village, our elders intended to protect the community from diseases and

misfortunes. No matter how large the temple structure may be, the sanctum sanctorum (garbhagudi) is always kept small. The reason behind this, he explained, is to remind people that no matter how powerful, wealthy, or high-ranking one may be, every-

one must bow their head in humility before God and offer respect.

The former CM further noted that a large temple chariot is built so that the entire village can come together to pull it. The intention of the elders was to foster unity and collective participation. Whatever our elders practiced has meaning and purpose, and it is our responsibility to carry forward those traditions. Bommai expressed happiness that the people of the village are continuing their customs and culture with devotion and dedication.

"PadmaShri Dr. C.N. Manjunath and His Team Successfully Perform Life-Saving Coronary Angioplasty for Poor Auto Rickshaw Driver-Free of Cost"

Bengaluru: Mr. Ramesh, a 45-year-old resident of Ramanagara district and an auto driver by profession, was admitted to an outside hospital two months ago with severe chest pain. He was diagnosed with an acute heart attack and underwent a Coronary Angiogram (CAG), which revealed significant blockages in his coronary arteries. He was advised to undergo open heart (bypass) surgery.

However, due to his poor financial condition and responsibilities of supporting his family, including two small children, he was unable to afford the recommended surgery.

Through the support of his relatives and friends, Mr. Ramesh approached PadmaShri Dr. C.N. Manjunath, renowned Cardiologist and Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Bangalore Rural, at Bangalore Hospital, South End Circle, Jayanagar.

After a detailed review of his medical reports and CAG CD, Dr. C.N. Manjunath Sir provided moral support and reassurance to the patient and his family. Instead of open heart surgery, he advised PTCA (Percutaneous Transluminal Coronary



Angioplasty) with stent placement to clear the blockages in the coronary arteries.

Dr. Manjunath also informed the family about the "Have a Heart Foundation," which supports economically weaker patients by providing financial assistance for life-saving cardiac procedures. The entire treatment was provided completely free of cost to the

patient under this noble initiative.

On 18/02/2025 (Wednesday), the PTCA with stent procedure was successfully performed by Dr. C.N. Manjunath, Dr. Nischal Hegde, Cath Lab Technician Mr. Mohan, and the entire Cath Lab team. The procedure was successful, and the patient his discharged in stable condition. The Management of Bangalore

Hospital, Dr. Abhishek and Dr. Lahari Madam, extended the support from hospital side. Mr. Ramesh responded well to the treatment and was later discharged in good condition. Mr. Ramesh and his family have conveyed their heartfelt gratitude to Dr. C.N. Manjunath and his team, as well as to the donor, Have Heart Foundation, and the hospital management.

Ecofluence 3.0 International conference on Economics & Public policy and Research Championship at IBA

Bengaluru : Ecofluence 3.0 (where 'Eco' stands for economics), an International conference jointly organised by Indus Business Academy in association with the Indian Economic Association (IEA), Association of Indian Management Schools (AIMS) and supported by AMDISA, commenced its first day on February 20, 2026, at IBA.

The conference was inaugurated with a welcome speech by Dr. Easwar Krishna Iyer, Director of Indus Business Academy, and an address by Dr. Subhash Sharma, Chief Mentor and Chairman Governing Council, IBA. Conference Co-Chairs Prof. Prashant Kulkarni and Dr. Mansi Bansal provided the formal introduction to Ecofluence.

The inaugural address was delivered by the Chief Guest, Dr. S. Mahendra Dev, Chairman of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council (PM-EAC). Dr. Charan Singh, Founder and CEO of the EGROW Foundation and former IIMB Professor, addressed the gathering as the Guest of Honour.

Dr. R.S. Deshpande, Chair Advisory Committee, and Dr. Ravindra Brahma, General Secretary of the Indian Economics Association, also addressed the gathering during the inauguration. Another highlight of the morning was the release of the book titled "Micro-Motives and Macro-Behaviour of Modinomics" by authors



Prof. Prashant Kulkarni and Dr. Mansi Bansal.

The day's agenda progressed with special talks, including "The Digital and the Regenerative" by Dr. Shishir Jha and "Decoding Government Policies" by Dr. Pravakar Sahoo. A prominent Panel Discussion focusing on "Karnataka, India and the Digital Economy" was held in the afternoon, featuring expert panelists Dr. Neelakanta NT, Dr. Mahesha M, Dr. Shivasubramanian, Dr. B. M. Nasir Khan, and Dr. K.S Rajshankar.

The other notable dignitaries present for extensive sessions on Development Economics and Sustainability included Dr. MH Suryanarayana, Dr. Ashok Dalwai, Dr. Lallan Prasad, Dr. Vinayak Deshpande, Dr. Elumalai Kannan, Dr. N Sivakumar, Dr. Navitha Thimmaiah, and Dr. Pushkarni Panchamukhi, alongside preliminary rounds for the Debate and Research Championships.

The inaugural ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks and concluding comments, paving the way for the remainder of the day's academic discourse.

Basavaraj Bommai: If Hindus Prosper, India Will Prosper

Hubballi: Former Chief Minister and MP Basavaraj Bommai asserted that India's growth is closely linked to the prosperity of Hindus, stating that strengthening the Hindu economy, particularly in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities, is essential for the nation's rise. "No force on earth can stop India from becoming the world's number one nation," he declared.

He was addressing the National Chapters Meet 2026 organized by the Hindu Economics Forum at Denissons Hotel in Hubballi. Bommai said human life is blessed with intellect and emotion, and individuals must shape their own destiny. Emphasizing civilization's roots in Sanatana Dharma, he spoke about the four Purusharthas—Dharma, Artha, Kama, and Moksha—as guiding principles of life. Quoting Basavanna's "Kayakave Kailasa," he underlined the importance of hard work and equitable circulation of wealth.

Highlighting the shift of global power from land to money and now to knowledge, he urged youth to embrace Artificial Intelligence and prepare for emerging challenges. He stressed that Hindus must move from being a large consumer base to becoming a production-oriented society focused on quality, research, and strong customer relations.

Praising Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Bommai said India is on track to become a superpower by 2047. He also cited entrepreneurs like Vijay Sanjeshwar, Aravind Melligeri, and Muruges Niranjan as examples of innovation-driven success. Concluding, he called for balanced economic and spiritual growth, urging society to give back and expand development beyond metropolitan cities to smaller towns.

KHARGE'S ASSURANCE TO SATISH JARKIHOLO ON RESOLVING LEADERSHIP ISSUE: DCM DK SHIVAKUMAR SAYS 'HAPPY ABOUT IT'

I DON'T HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON CM'S TWEETS

Bengaluru : Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar today said he was happy about AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge's assurance to Satish Jarkiholi on resolving leadership issue in Karnataka. The DCM was speaking to reporters at Karnataka State Higher Education Council here. Asked about CM's article and series of tweets, he said, "I don't have any information on that." Replying to a question on Bagalkote violence, he said, "I returned to Bengaluru from Assam last night and I was very tired. I don't have any information on that yet, will seek details of it." Asked if the government would give compensation to the victims in Bagalkote in view of the Congress delegation's visit, he said a decision would be taken after officials give a report. Asked about BJP MLA Dheeraj Munniraju saying he had not demanded any funds for allowing garbage dumping in his constituency, he said, "We will talk about it later."

Government and private sectors to work together to eradicate tuberculosis (TB) in India at the earliest: Dr. C. N. Manjunath.

Bengaluru: The Annual Scientific Meeting of the Karnataka Pulmonologists Association (PULMOKARN 2026) was inaugurated on 21 February 2026 at the U.R. Rao Auditorium, Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium Campus, Bengaluru. Padma Shri Dr. C. N. Manjunath, Member of Parliament and eminent cardiologist, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and delivered an insightful address highlighting the growing burden of respiratory diseases in India.

Dr. Manjunath observed that respiratory illnesses are emerging as a major public health challenge due to the country's large population and increasing air pollution. He emphasized that strong clinical



evaluation must always be correlated with appropriate investigations such as CT and MRI to ensure accurate diagnosis and timely treatment. He also stressed the need to make healthcare more affordable and accessible, along with ensuring clean air, clean water, and safe food for the public.

Recalling the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Manjunath lauded the extraordinary service rendered by pulmonologists and frontline doctors. During the COVID pandemic, pulmonologists did a wonderful job for the nation. When the entire world was struggling, our doctors stood on the front line with courage, commitment, and compassion. Their selfless service will always be remembered in the history of Indian healthcare, he said.

He further stated: The Union Health Ministry has provided the necessary infrastructure, diagnostic services, and free drugs for all TB patients. What is now required

is greater awareness among patients and strict adherence to the full course of treatment.

Dr. Manjunath called for coordinated action, noting that the government and private sectors must work together to eradicate tuberculosis (TB) in India at the earliest and achieve the national goal of TB elimination by 2030.

He also highlighted the importance of preventive care: Special focus is needed for elderly people above 65 years, especially those with diabetes and kidney disease, so that the incidence of pneumonia can be brought down significantly. Air pollution is also a very important risk factor for respiratory diseases and must be addressed on priority.

Chennai Corporation council clears renaming of roads, halls and installation of leaders' statues



CHENNAI: The GCC council Friday adopted a series of resolutions to rename roads and public facilities and to install statues of prominent leaders across the city.

It approved a proposal to rename the Marina Loop Road after Sinthanai Sirpi Singaravelar, hailed as South India's first communist leader.

A modern sports complex coming up near the

Sunnambu Kalvai in Tondiarpet will be named Kalaigarr Centenary Sports Complex.

The newly opened hall on Vellalar Street in Ward 110, Teynampet zone will be named Peraringar Anna Marriage Hall. Another community hall on Dr Besant Road will be named Annal Ambedkar Marriage Hall.

The one at Venkatapuram, Little

Mount in Adyar zone will be named after Kalaigarr M Karunanidhi. The council also cleared the installation of bronze statues of former chief ministers CN Annadurai and Karunanidhi on a private land at Karambakkam village along the Mount-Poonamallee Road. A statue of MC Raja will be installed at the MC Raja Social Justice Students' Hostel in Saidapet.

Madras HC to Aavin: Try non-plastic milk sachets for the Nilgiris



CHENNAI: The Madras High Court on Friday directed state-owned milk cooperative Aavin to propose an alternative to plastic sachets for milk distribution in hill stations, particularly the Nilgiris.

A special bench of Justices N Sathish Kumar and D Bharatha Chakravarthy issued the order after senior counsel T Mohan, appointed to assist the court (amicus curiae), informed the court that over 60 lakh plastic sachets are generated daily in the Nilgiris alone through Aavin milk sales,

amounting to more than 18 crore annually.

He also noted that Aavin had undertaken in 2013 to supply milk in glass bottles and had floated tenders. The bench directed Aavin to replace plastic sachets and clarified that the ban on PET water bottles applies equally to poly-coated Tetra Paks and multi-layered packs, which, it said, are even more harmful. Authorities were ordered to strictly enforce the ban, seize violative packs, and seal the premises of offenders.

Ramadoss's pleas to freeze 'mango' symbol, defer Assembly polls binned

CHENNAI: In a significant development, the Madras High Court has dismissed the writ petitions filed by S Ramadoss, founder of the Pattali Makkal Katchi (PMK), seeking a direction to the Election Commission of India (ECI) to freeze the 'mango' symbol and not to notify the Assembly elections in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry until he is recognised as the party president. In his petitions, PMK founder Dr Ramadoss sought the quashing of the order issued by the poll body recognising Anbumani Ramadoss as the president of PMK. He further prayed for a direction to the ECI to recognise him as the party president along with the office-bearers appointed by him. He also sought an interim direction to defer the announcement of elections in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry.

In a separate petition, he sought a direction to the ECI to freeze the party's electoral symbol, 'mango,'



until the leadership dispute between him and his son Anbumani Ramadoss is resolved.

Both petitions were heard by a Division Bench comprising the Chief Justice Manindra Mohan Shrivastava and Justice G Arul Murugan. The counsel appearing for Dr Ramadoss contended that a civil suit had already been filed before the civil court in Chennai seeking a declaration of Dr Ramadoss as the party president. Alleging that Anbumani had taken away the party and grabbed everything, the counsel emphasised

that it was Dr Ramadoss who had earlier facilitated Anbumani's appointment as a Union Minister at the age of 35. Counsel for the ECI submitted that the Delhi High Court had directed the parties to approach the civil court and contended that, in view of the pending civil proceedings and the nature of the intra-party dispute, the Commission could not intervene in the internal affairs of a registered but unrecognised political party, nor could it decide upon freezing the party symbol in such circumstances.

Vijay appoints state, district election observers across Tamil Nadu and Puducherry



CHENNAI: Actor and Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) president Vijay on

Saturday appointed State-level and district-level election observers across Tamil Nadu and Puducherry, intensifying the party's preparations ahead of the forthcoming Assembly polls.

In a statement, Vijay named N Anand, K A Sengottaiyan and Aadhav Arjuna as State election observers, entrusting them with supervising organisational work and monitoring poll preparedness across regions. Separate district-level observers have been appointed for all 38 revenue districts and Puducherry to coordinate grassroots activities and ensure streamlined execution of election plans.

Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi launches 4th volume of Tamil-Indo-European root words dictionary

CHENNAI: Tamil Nadu Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin on Saturday released the fourth volume of the 'Tamil-Indo-European Root Words Comparative Dictionary' and inaugurated an international conference on the subject.

The dictionary project, a collaborative effort between the Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation and Oxford University Press, aims to explore the deep-rooted linguistic links between Tamil and Indo-European languages. The fourth volume was received by Professor Klaus Peter Sauer from Norway on the occasion of International Mother Language Day. The project was initially announced in the 2022-23 State Budget with an allocation of Rs 8



crore. Under the supervision of the Tamil Nadu Textbook Corporation, a team of 20 scholars led by Editor-in-Chief K Arasendran has been working on this four-year initiative since July 2022. The research is based on findings by English etymologist Walter Skeat, who identified 461 root words as the basis of Indo-European languages. The project

committee believes that 300 of these root words share a direct relationship with Tamil. According to the official release, the fourth volume traces how 19 Tamil root words served as the foundation for words in Western Indo-European languages including Latin, Greek, German, French, and English as well as Eastern Indo-European languages like Sanskrit, Pali, and Sinhala, based on established hypotheses. The state government had previously signed an agreement with Oxford University Press on January 13, 2025, to publish the research findings in 12 volumes. Chief Minister M K Stalin had released the general introduction and the first volume in March 2025, followed by the second and third volumes during the Chennai International Book Fair in January 2026.

Pilgrimage turns tragic as two teenage sisters drown in Tamirabarani river

CHENNAI: A family trip to Tiruchendur ended in tragedy after two teenage girls drowned in the Tamirabarani river on Friday.

Sankara Kumar from Theni had planned to visit the Lord Murugan temple in Tiruchendur with his family. Before reaching Tiruchendur, they stopped at the Arunachala Swami Temple in Eral for darshan, according to Daily Thanthi.

After visiting the temple, his daughters, Abhinaya (16) and Meenakshi (12), went to bathe in the Tamirabarani river. Excited by the water, the girls entered a deeper part of the river and soon began to struggle. Seeing his daughters in distress, their father



jumped into the river to save them but began to drown himself. A man from Thoothukudi, who was bathing nearby, came to their rescue and attempted to save the girls and their father.

Later, the Fire and Rescue Services personnel reached the spot and recovered the two teenagers after a pro-

longed search. The girls' parents and relatives were devastated as the bodies were brought to the riverbank.

They were taken to a nearby government hospital, where doctors declared them dead. The bodies were later sent to Thoothukudi Government Hospital for post-mortem examination.

Rising breast cancer risk in Indian women linked to sleep, stress, and central obesity



New Delhi, Feb 21: Breast cancer cases among Indian women are increasing at an annual rate of 6%, according to a recent ICMR study. Experts point to lifestyle and metabolic changes — including poor sleep, chronic stress, and central obesity — as key contributors, particularly among younger women. Dr Shubham Garg, director of Surgical Oncology at Dharamshila Narayana Hospital, explains how these factors influence risk and what can be done to reduce it.

Sleep Disruption and Cancer Risk: Evidence linking poor sleep to breast cancer is growing. Data from the National Centre for Disease Informatics and Research in India aligns with global studies showing that disrupted circadian rhythms affect melatonin secretion, estrogen regulation, immune surveillance, and DNA repair. While not a standalone cause, chronic sleep deprivation amplifies risk, especially when combined with obesity, stress,

sedentary habits, and urban lifestyles.

Modifiable vs Non-Modifiable Factors: Poor sleep is emerging as a significant modifiable risk factor, though age and family history remain the strongest predictors. Clinically, many women without a genetic predisposition develop breast cancer after prolonged sleep deprivation, night-shift work, or metabolic dysfunction, making it a crucial consideration in risk assessments.

Central Obesity: Fat accumulated around the waist carries a higher risk than overall body weight. Visceral fat produces inflammatory cytokines, drives insulin resistance, and increases estrogen, particularly after menopause when adipose tissue becomes the main source of the hormone. Waist circumference serves as a better marker of chronic inflammation and metabolic stress than BMI alone.

Lifestyle Interventions: While lifestyle changes cannot completely eliminate

risk, they can substantially reduce it. Adequate sleep, stress management, and reducing central obesity help restore hormonal balance, lower inflammation, improve insulin sensitivity, and support immune function. These interventions also enhance outcomes and reduce recurrence in women already treated for breast cancer. Impact of Chronic Stress: Persistent stress raises cortisol levels, suppresses immune defenses, promotes inflammation, disrupts estrogen metabolism, and alters glucose regulation — creating a biological environment conducive to tumor development.

Younger Onset in India: Breast cancer is increasingly diagnosed in women aged 35-50. Lifestyle-related factors such as sedentary habits, central obesity, poor sleep, delayed childbirth, reduced breastfeeding, and chronic stress accelerate risk, similar to trends seen in Western countries. Delayed diagnosis in India further highlights the need for early lifestyle interventions, risk-based screening, and community awareness programs.

Delayed Childbirth: While postponing pregnancy slightly increases lifetime estrogen exposure, risk is not inevitable. Healthy lifestyle practices, regular exercise, weight management, sleep hygiene, breastfeeding when possible, and appropriate screening can mitigate this risk.

Study finds tirzepatide drugs may lower diabetic retinopathy risk

Washington, Feb 21: A commonly prescribed class of medications for type 2 diabetes may also help reduce the risk of developing diabetic retinopathy, a serious eye condition that can lead to vision loss, according to a new study published in the journal Ophthalmology.

Researchers found that GLP-1-based weight loss drugs such as Mounjaro and Zepbound, which contain the active ingredient tirzepatide, were associated with a lower risk of new-onset diabetic retinopathy or progression to more severe stages of the disease in people with type 2 diabetes.

The study's lead author, Dr Szilard Kiss of NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center, said the findings suggest that patients with diabetic retinopathy may be less concerned about worsening of their condition while taking tirzepatide. He noted that those on the medication appeared less likely to require advanced eye treatments such as laser therapy or injections, typically needed in severe cases.

The researchers analysed electronic health records of over 174,000 patients across 70 health systems in the United States. They compared individuals with type 2 diabetes who began tirzepatide therapy with similar patients who relied solely on lifestyle interventions such as dietary changes and exercise counselling.

After one year, patients on tirzepatide showed a lower risk of worsening diabetic retinopathy or related complications. For instance, mild non-proliferative diabetic retinopathy occurred in 0.49 per cent of tirzepatide users,



compared to 1.2 per cent in the lifestyle-only group.

Earlier research on semaglutide-based medications like Ozempic and Wegovy had suggested a temporary worsening of diabetic retinopathy. However, those effects were found to be short-term, with no significant long-term increase in disease progression over three years.

Experts not involved in the study cautioned that the findings are observational and do not establish direct cause and effect. They noted that rapid improvements in blood sugar levels, rather than the drugs themselves, may sometimes tem-

porarily worsen retinopathy in patients with advanced disease. Over the long term, however, better glucose control is generally linked to improved retinal outcomes.

Diabetic retinopathy occurs when prolonged high blood sugar damages blood vessels in the retina. It is one of the most common causes of preventable blindness in the United States and affects millions of people with diabetes. The condition often shows no symptoms in its early stages but can eventually cause blurred vision, floaters, difficulty seeing at night and, in severe cases, vision loss.

Doctors recommend that people with diabetes maintain good control of blood sugar, blood pressure and cholesterol, adopt healthy lifestyle habits, and undergo annual dilated eye examinations to detect changes early. Patients starting powerful glucose-lowering medications are also advised to consider closer eye monitoring during the initial months of treatment.

While the findings are encouraging, researchers emphasised the need for longer-term studies to better understand the sustained impact of tirzepatide on eye health.

Reciprocal tariffs are gone, but several other U.S. tariffs are still hitting Indian exporters

While the U.S. Supreme Court has struck down the reciprocal tariffs imposed by U.S. President Donald Trump on various countries, including India, several other tariffs remain in place that still have an impact on various sectors, trade analysts and export data show. India will now face a lower reciprocal tariff of 10 per cent, down from 25 per cent, after US President Donald Trump announced a new global levy on items imported into America in the wake of the Supreme Court verdict against his sweeping duties on several nations. According to Trump's proclamation, the temporary import surcharge of 10 per cent is for a period of 150 days from February 24. A proclamation, dated February 20, was issued by the White House. With the US Supreme Court striking down President Donald Trump's global tariffs and Washington issuing a new order imposing a temporary 10 per cent import surcharge, Indian goods will now face only a 10 per cent reciprocal levy from February 24, 2026. For instance, if a product faces a 5 per cent MFN duty in America, an additional 10 per cent will be imposed now, taking the effective duty to 15 per cent. Earlier, this was 5 plus 25 per cent. Trump's procla-



mation, dated February 20, said: "I impose, for a period of 150 days, a temporary import surcharge of 10 per cent ad valorem on articles imported into the United States, effective February 24, 2026" at 12:01 a.m. Eastern Standard Time. "Instead of different RTs on different countries, it is 10 per cent now on everyone for the goods which were covered under RTs," a source said. From February 7 to February 24, 2026, the Russia-oil penalty was removed, reducing the additional duty to 25 per cent. The February 6 joint statement proposed lowering this reciprocal tariff to 18 per cent, but the change has not yet been implemented. Beginning February 24,

2026, a temporary across-the-board 10 per cent tariff will apply for 150 days in addition to MFN duties, replacing the earlier reciprocal tariff structure. After 150 Days There is no clarity yet about what the reciprocal tariff imposed by the US will be on countries, such as India, after the 150-day period. India-US Trade Pact To finalise the legal text for the first phase of the bilateral trade agreement, the Indian team is scheduled to meet its counterparts in Washington from February 23, 2026. Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal, on February 20, said that India and the US are expected to sign the deal next month, and it may be opera-

tionalised in April. Expert's Take Think tank GTRI said that, as the RT on Indian goods has come down to 10 per cent from 25 per cent, India should re-evaluate the trade pact with the US. India agreed to reduce tariffs for the US based on Washington's decision to cut RT on India to 18 per cent, but now the US has reduced the RT for all nations to 10 per cent. "Deals are not charity. Both sides must gain. Now, India's gains need fresh evaluation," GTRI founder Ajay Srivastava said. Trump On Deal With India Trump said nothing changes in the trade deal with India in the wake of the Supreme Court verdict against his sweeping tariffs, as he

responded to the ruling by announcing an additional 10 per cent global levies on items imported into the US. Goods Under Exempted Category A fact sheet issued by the White House noted that some goods will not be subject to the temporary import duty because of the needs of the US economy or in order to ensure the duty more effectively addresses the fundamental international payments problems facing the United States. The goods include certain critical minerals, metals used in currency and bullion, energy, and energy products; natural resources and fertilisers that cannot be grown, mined, or otherwise produced in the United States or grown, mined, or otherwise produced in sufficient quantities to meet domestic demand; certain agricultural products, including beef, tomatoes, and oranges; pharmaceuticals and pharmaceutical ingredients. Other items are certain electronics goods; passenger vehicles, certain light trucks, certain medium and heavy-duty vehicles, buses and certain aerospace products. Sectoral Tariffs On India The sectoral tariffs (steel, aluminium, copper at 50 per cent, and a few auto components attracting 25 per cent) will continue. Why is the US imposing Tariffs .

Evvah – Weavers Hub exhibition showcases over 1,000 handloom sarees in Nanakramguda



Hyderabad: Handlooms & Textiles Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao inaugurated the Evvah – Weavers Hub exhibition at Firewater Neo Bar & Kitchen, Nanakramguda on Saturday. The exhibition is being organised by socialite Alekhya Reddy. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said handloom and silk hold a unique and prestigious place in Indian culture and urged everyone to wear handloom garments more frequently and called for greater encouragement and support for

handloom weavers. Alekhya Reddy said the exhibition will continue until February 22 and the exposition features an exclusive collection of traditional and handcrafted textiles, with more than a thousand varieties of handloom sarees on display. The exhibition includes renowned weaves such as Varanasi, Banarasi, Kanchipuram Kanjeevaram, Gadwal, Pochampally and Mangalagiri sarees, representing the rich diversity of India's handloom heritage.

Highlights

HANDLOOMS & TEXTILES
MINISTER TUMMALA NAGESWARA RAO INAUGURATED THE EVVAH – WEAVERS HUB EXHIBITION AT FIREWATER NEO BAR & KITCHEN, FINANCIAL DISTRICT, NANAKRAMGUDA ON SATURDAY.

'Hard to keep lights on' - Business owners cautiously welcome tariff ruling

As soon as she heard the US Supreme Court had struck down President Donald Trump's authority to impose sweeping global tariffs, Jenelle Peterson's mind raced to the possibilities for her toy business. She might import more toys to the US and invest in designing new ones - things she had put on hold as Trump's levies on China, where her Canadian firm Wild Life Outdoor Adventures makes its products, took a 25% bite out of her profits last year. Still, uncertainty about refunds and other tariff authorities that the Trump administration might leverage is keeping her on edge. "I have a bit of reservation in too much celebration," she said. "But for us, every percentage point matters." Many business owners greeted the Supreme Court's ruling with cautious optimism. Their rejoicing was tempered by questions about a potentially complex process to obtain refunds for tariff fees they've



already paid. Trump said on Friday he expected the issue to be tied up in court for years. And the Trump administration could still leverage other tariff authorities that were not implicated in the ruling. The Supreme Court case only covers duties that the Trump administration imposed using a 1977 law, the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA). On Friday, Trump said he planned to sign an executive order to impose a 10% global tariff, under a separate statute that allows the president to put

import taxes of up to 15% in place for 150 days. "We have other ways - numerous other ways," Trump told a White House briefing. Learning Resources, a family-owned educational toy maker, was among the businesses that challenged Trump's tariff policy - and received a ruling in its favour on Friday. Rick Woldenberg, the firm's chief executive, told the BBC that he was unimpressed with the president's proposed alternatives to IEEPA tariffs. "If the government is bound and determined to

try to harm us through excessive taxes, I'm sure they'll find a way," Woldenberg said. But he called the Supreme Court's ruling a "major victory". Even with the IEEPA tariffs struck down, consumers and businesses will face an average effective tariff rate of 9.1% - the highest since 1946 excluding 2025, according to the Budget Lab at Yale University. That means tariff-related pain continues to loom over business decisions. "Although bringing an end to most tariffs will undoubtedly benefit Main Street, we know that tariffs have already caused significant and irreparable harm to many small businesses," John Arensmeyer, chief executive of the Small Business Majority, an advocacy group, said in a statement. "We hope that today's decision is a step forward for small businesses that need more certainty as well as relief from high prices in order to continue operating.

From 'buy America' to 'bye America', Wall Street exodus gathers pace

London, Feb 20: US investors are pulling money out of their own stock market at the fastest pace in at least 16 years as Big Tech returns fade and better-performing overseas markets look more attractive. In the last six months, US-domiciled investors have pulled some \$75 billion from US equity products, with \$52 billion flowing out since the start of 2026 alone, the most in the first eight weeks of the year since at least 2010, according to LSEG/Lipper data. The shift comes despite a weakening of the dollar against other currencies, which makes buying overseas assets more expensive for US investors. It's a compelling sign that the diversification away from US assets by some international investors in the past year is gaining traction among US investors. Since the global financial crisis ended in 2009, the "buy America" trade has rewarded investors at home and abroad thanks to a strong economy and earnings growth and dominance in the tech sector leading to outsized gains in US stocks.



More recently, the AI boom pushed the S&P 500 index record highs last year, a strong buffer from US President Donald Trump's unpredictable approach to trade policy and diplomacy, as well as his attempts to undermine Federal Reserve independence. **LOOKING FURTHER AFIELD** But as concerns have grown about the possible risks from AI, as well as the costs involved, the lure of Wall Street stocks has ebbed. The surge in value in the US megacap tech stocks that have led gains until now are

making investors pickier and many are spotting more attractive opportunities elsewhere. Bank of America's February fund manager survey showed investors switched from US equities to emerging market equities at the fastest rate in five years. "I've had lots of conversations with our wealth business in the US this year," said UBS's head of European equity strategy and global derivatives strategy Gerry Fowler. "They're all talking about investing more offshore because at the end of the year, they looked at the performance of foreign mar-

kets in dollars and they're like, wow, I'm missing out." US investors have poured some \$26 billion into emerging-market equities so far this year, with South Korea the largest single country destination, with an inflow of \$2.8 billion, followed by Brazil, with \$1.2 billion, LSEG/Lipper data shows. One of the clear results of Trump's policies has been the 10% decline in the dollar against a basket of currencies since last January. While that is a disadvantage for US investors hunting for opportunities abroad, dividends in dollar terms from better performing overseas markets will also be pumped up. In the last 12 months, the S&P 500 has risen around 14%. In dollar terms, Tokyo's Nikkei is up 43%, Europe's STOXX 600 has surged 26%, Shanghai's CSI 300 has returned 23% and Seoul's KOSPI has doubled in value. European banking stocks, one example of cyclical stocks that typically benefit when economic growth picks up, surged 67% last year and are up a further 4% so far in 2026.

IIT Madras launches BSc in management and data science

Hyderabad: IIT Madras has launched a new Bachelor of Science in Management and Data Science, an interdisciplinary undergraduate programme, designed to equip learners with expertise in business decision-making, quantitative thinking and data-driven problem solving. Geographic Reference The graduates of the programme will receive a Bachelor of Science degree from IIT Madras, carrying the same academic recognition as any other degree offered by the Institute Admissions, platform, placement and career support will be facilitated through IIT Madras' Centre for Outreach and Digital Education. The Institute is also engaging with industry partners to offer internships and project-based learning opportunities to enhance graduates' industry readiness. The first batch of this programme will commence in June 2026. The last date for applying to the programme is May 31. Details of the programme and admis-



sions can be accessed . The graduates of the programme will receive a Bachelor of Science degree from IIT Madras, carrying the same academic recognition as any other degree offered by the Institute. Admissions, platform, placement, and career support will be facilitated through IIT Madras' Centre for Outreach and Digital Education (CODE). The Institute is also engaging with industry partners to offer internships and project-based learning opportunities to enhance graduates' industry readiness. The first batch of this program will com-

mence from June 2026. The last date for applying to the programme is 31st May 2026. IIT Madras, launched the program in the campus today (21st Feb 2026) in the presence of Chief Guest Ms. Gangapriya Chakravarti, India Site Head and Managing Director, Ford Motor Company, Guest of Honour Mr. Rajiv C. Lochan, Managing Director and CEO, Sundaram Finance Limited, Prof. Saji Mathew, Head, DoMS, IIT Madras, Prof. Andrew Thangaraj, Chair, CODE, IIT Madras, Prof. Prathap Haridoss, Dean, Academic Courses.

TRUMP EYES VENEZUELA VISIT – BUT OBSTACLES TO HIS OIL PLAN REMAIN

After US President Donald Trump oversaw the seizure of his Venezuelan counterpart Nicolás Maduro last month, he vowed to tap the country's oil reserves – the world's largest. Trump now says that he plans to visit the South American country, although no date has been set. His comments, made last Friday, came after US Energy Secretary Chris Wright completed a two-day trip to Venezuela to see how the nation is starting to reopen its oil sector to US companies. Wright's visit came shortly after Venezuela's National Assembly passed a law to allow both private and foreign investment in its oil industry, following two decades of tight state control. In Trump's eyes it is a big business opportunity for the US oil sector. "We're going to be extracting numbers in terms of oil like few people have seen," he said at a news conference in mid-January, after a meeting with energy bosses at the White House. But for the US oil firms that Trump wants to invest heavily in Venezuela, the question is a simple one - do the numbers add up? William Jackson, chief emerging markets economist at Capital Economics, says the US president's



aim is to "revive Venezuela's oil sector and use that energy to increase supply and reduce costs to the consumer, possibly providing a source of revenue for a more friendly Venezuelan government to rebuild the economy after years of mismanagement". For US energy companies, however, there are huge practical difficulties to be overcome. Venezuela's state-owned oil company, PDVSA, is a shadow of its former self. The governments of Maduro and his predecessor, Hugo Chávez milked the firm for all it was worth, and used the money to finance social spending on housing, healthcare

and transport. But they failed to invest in maintaining oil production levels, which have plummeted in recent years - partly, but not solely, because of US sanctions, which could now be revised. "In Venezuela, you're dealing with equipment that's been degraded by many years of neglect," says Jackson. "Ten to 15 years ago, Venezuela was producing 1.5 million barrels a day more than it does today." Monica de Bolle, senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics, agrees that PDVSA is in a parlous state. "A lot of things have to be scrapped completely and rebuilt from the

ground up," she tells the BBC. "In fact, if political constraints did not matter, the best thing to do would be to scrap PDVSA, but that isn't going to happen. It's a big nationalistic symbol, it's attached to sovereignty. Would the Venezuelans be willing to do whatever the US says and roll over? I don't think so." Trump has asked US oil firms to spend at least \$100bn (£75bn) on restoring Venezuela's battered infrastructure - an absolute necessity before his plan to ramp up sales can be realised. Officially, Venezuela has 300 billion barrels of oil reserves - yet in 2023, it exported just 211.6 million barrels of oil, worth about \$4bn. Compare that to second-placed Saudi Arabia, which has 267 billion barrels of reserves, but had exports worth \$181bn in the same time period. So on paper at least, there is room for improvement. However, Jackson says there are doubts over the true size of Venezuela's oil reserves. During the Chávez presidency, Venezuela reclassified its reserves. Previously, there were thought to be just 80 billion barrels of extractable oil, but by 2011, its reported figure had nearly quadrupled.

Trump brings in new 10% tariff as Supreme Court rejects his global import taxes

US President Donald Trump has imposed a new 10% global tariff to replace ones struck down by the Supreme Court, calling the ruling "terrible" and lambasting the justices who rejected his trade policy as "fools". The president unveiled the plan shortly after the justices outlawed most of the global tariffs the White House announced last year. In a 6-3 decision, the court held that the president had overstepped his powers. The decision was a major victory for businesses and US states that had challenged the duties, opening the door to potentially billions of dollars in tariff refunds, while also injecting new uncertainty into the global trade landscape. Speaking from the White House on Friday, Trump indicated that refunds would not come without a legal battle, saying he expected the matter to be tied up in court for years. He also said he would turn to

other laws to press ahead with his tariffs, which he has argued encourage investment and manufacturing in the US. "We have alternatives - great alternatives and we'll be a lot stronger for it," he said. The court battle was focused on import taxes that Trump unveiled last year on goods from nearly every country in the world. The tariffs initially targeted Mexico, Canada and China, before expanding dramatically to dozens of trade partners on what the president billed as "Liberation Day" last April. The White House had cited a 1977 law, the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA), which gives the president power to "regulate" trade in response to an emergency. But the measures sparked outcry at home and abroad from firms facing an abrupt rise in taxes on shipments entering the US, and fuelled worries that the levies would lead to high-



er prices. Arguing before the court last year, lawyers for the challenging states and small businesses said that the law used by the president to impose the levies made no mention of the word "tariffs". They said that Congress did not intend to hand off its power to tax or give the president an "open-ended power to junk" other existing trade deals and tariff rules. In his opinion,

Chief Justice John Roberts, a conservative, sided with that view. "When Congress has delegated its tariff powers, it has done so in explicit terms and subject to strict limits," he wrote. "Had Congress intended to convey the distinct and extraordinary power to impose tariffs, it would have done so expressly, as it consistently has in other tariff statutes." The decision to strike down

the tariffs was joined by the court's three liberal justices, as well as two justices nominated by Trump: Amy Coney Barrett and Neil Gorsuch. Three conservative justices, Clarence Thomas, Brett Kavanaugh and Samuel Alito, dissented. At the White House, Trump said he was "absolutely ashamed" of the Republican appointees on the court who voted against his trade policy. He said they were "just being fools and lap dogs" and were "very unpatriotic and disloyal to our Constitution". Shares on Wall Street rose after the announcement, with the S&P 500 closing up about 0.7%, as businesses across the US cautiously welcomed the ruling. "I feel... like a thousand-pound weight has been lifted off my chest," said Beth Benike, the owner of Busy Baby products in Minnesota, which manufactures products in China. Nik Holm, chief executive of Terry Precision

Cycling, one of the small businesses involved in the case, called the ruling a "relief". "Though it will be many months before our supply chain is back up and running as normal, we look forward to the government's refund of these improperly-collected duties," he said. California's Democratic Governor Gavin Newsom said Americans deserved refunds from what he called the "illegal cash grab". "Time to pay the piper, Donald," he wrote on X. "Every dollar your administration unlawfully took needs to be immediately refunded - with interest." His counterpart in Illinois, JB Pritzker, separately sent Trump an invoice demanding nearly \$9bn (£6.6bn) in tariff refunds, equivalent to \$1,700 per family in the state. "Compensation is owed to the people of Illinois, and if you do not comply we will pursue further action," he wrote.

Killing of nationalist student leaves French far left in deep trouble as elections loom

Is the far left about to replace the far right as the pariah of French politics? The question is inescapable following the killing in Lyon of nationalist student Quentin Deranque by suspected far-left militants. Deranque was killed on 12 February after a small university protest by far-right feminists, who he was supposed to be protecting. Mobile phone footage shows him being repeatedly kicked and punched on the ground by masked and hooded young men. He died of head injuries. Since then a torrent of condemnation has come down on the main party on the radical left, La France Insoumise, and on its leader, veteran firebrand Jean-Luc Mélenchon. LFI - or France Unbowled - has a bloc of some 70 MPs in the 577-member National Assembly. The seven suspects now charged in connection with the killing were all members of, or close to, an organisation called La Jeune Garde (The Young Guard) which used to



provide security for LFI before it was banned last year. One of the suspects - Jacques-Elie Favrot - was the salaried parliamentary assistant of an LFI deputy, Raphaël Arnault, who set up The Young Guard in 2018. Favrot has been charged with "complicity to murder by instigation", not with delivering the blows that killed Deranque. But Adrian Besseyre - who according to his lawyer also worked in Arnault's team at the National Assembly - is one of those charged with murder. All the suspects deny any intention to kill, according to the investigating magistrate.

Katseye's Manon to take 'temporary hiatus' to focus on health



Katseye member Manon Bannerman is taking a temporary break to focus on her health and wellbeing, the group has announced. The 23-year-old Swiss singer told fans she was "healthy" and "taking care of myself," adding: "Sometimes things unfold in ways we don't fully control, but I'm trusting the bigger picture." The six-member girl group, formed in 2023, said the decision had been made following "open and thoughtful conversations together". The announcement comes weeks after Katseye performed at the Grammy Awards in Los Angeles, where they were nominated for best new artist and best pop duo/group performance for their song, Gabriela. "Thank you for standing by me," Bannerman wrote on Katseye's WeVerse fan page on Friday. "I love you endlessly and can't wait to see you again." In a statement on WeVerse shared by their label, HYBE and Geffen

Records, the group said: "We fully support this decision. Katseye remains committed to showing up for one another and for the fans who mean everything to us." Katseye confirmed they would continue scheduled performances during Bannerman's absence and "look forward to being together again when the time is right". No timeline has been given for her return. The group - which also includes Daniela Avanzini, Lara Raj, Megan Skiendiel, Sophia Laforteza and Yoonchae Jeung - was formed during the 2023 reality competition series The Debut: Dream Academy. They released their first single in June 2024 with the song Debut and have since released two EPs, SIS (Soft is Strong) and Beautiful Chaos, alongside a string of singles. The group has previously spoken about the pressures of their rapid global rise to fame and the online scrutiny that has accompanied it.

ITALIAN TODDLER DIES AFTER TRANSPLANT WITH HEART 'BURNED BY FROSTBITE'



A toddler in Italy who received a damaged donor heart has died, the family's lawyer has said. Two-year-old Domenico died shortly before 09:30 local time (08:30 GMT) on Saturday, Francesco Petrucci told reporters. Monaldi Hospital, where he was being treated, said he had suffered a "sudden and irreversible worsening of his clinical condition". The heart given to Domenico during a transplant in late December was reportedly

transported to the hospital in direct contact with dry ice, causing severe tissue damage. Prosecutors have opened an investigation into the incident and six medics have been placed under formal investigation in a case which has sparked outrage in Italy. Petrucci said the organ arrived "burned by frostbite" after being transported over 800km (490 miles) from Bolzano to Naples in an unsuitable container alongside the ice.

Palestinian Authority in dire straits as Israel's hold on West Bank deepens

With Israeli settler violence surging in the occupied West Bank, al-Mughayyir, north-east of Ramallah, has found itself on the frontline. It faces regular incursions by the Israeli army and has seen farmland seized by settlers who have built new outposts. Marzoq Abu Naim from the village council says the settlers aim to force out Palestinians. "They're doing it silently, not openly, it's true. But this is annexation. We can't reach our lands." Sitting among green rolling hills, studded with olive groves, most homes in al-Mughayyir are in an area where Israel's military controls security, but the internationally backed Palestinian Authority (PA) should provide



basic services. Increasingly though, it cannot - it is mired in a deep economic crisis. "When I go to them, they can't give me the support I need," Abu Naim says. "The Authority has no money!" After the deadly 7 October Hamas-led attacks on Israel, some 100,000 Palestinians lost permits to work in Israel. On top of that, Israel is

withholding tax transfers that it collects for the PA because of an ongoing dispute about Palestinian school texts and stipends to the families of those jailed or killed by Israel, including attackers. The PA says it is now owed more than \$4bn (£3bn; 3.4bn euros). It has been paying most public sector workers - including doctors, police officers

and teachers - just 60% of their salaries. Its schools - where more than 600,000 children study - open just three days a week. "It's truly hard," a mother-of-eight in al-Mughayyir tells me, explaining that the schools there also close when settlers or soldiers are nearby because of fears for the children. "There is so much disruption that some children have reached fourth grade and still can't read. We put them in private lessons with a teacher in the village. She starts with the alphabet so that they can learn to read from scratch." Driving away from al-Mughayyir, there are Israeli military gates used to close off Palestinian villages from each other and restrict movement.

FAMILY OF PALESTINIAN-AMERICAN MAN KILLED IN WEST BANK DEMAND ACCOUNTABILITY

The family of a 19-year-old Palestinian-American man who they say was shot dead by an Israeli settler in the occupied West Bank have called for accountability over his killing. Nasrallah Abu Siyam was shot near the city of Ramallah in the occupied West Bank on Wednesday, becoming at least the sixth American citizen killed by Israeli settlers or soldiers in the territory in the last two years. The Trump administration said it stood ready to provide consular assistance, but did not respond to claims its policies had failed to stem a surge in settler violence. The Israeli embassy in Washington said the inci-



dent was under review and an "operational inquiry... must be completed as soon as possible". Abu Siyam was a US citizen born in Philadelphia. His family said he was among approximately 30 residents of the village of Mukhmas who

were trying to stop armed settlers from stealing their goats on Wednesday. As both residents and settlers threw stones, said one witness, settlers shot at least three of the villagers, including Abu Siyam, who was struck fatally.

Abdulhamid Siyam, cousin to Abu Siyam, told the BBC that the 19-year-old's death was a "big loss" and the actions of settlers in the West Bank had gone unchecked. "A young man of 19 shot and killed in this cold blood and no responsibility, impunity completely," he said. The Trump administration has faced criticism from rights groups for lifting Biden-era sanctions on violent settlers, who have rarely faced criminal punishments from Israeli authorities. The US State Department said it was aware of the death of a US citizen and was "carefully monitoring the situation".

Anna Murdoch-Mann, writer and former News Corp director, dies aged 81



Anna Murdoch-Mann, writer and ex-wife of media baron Rupert Murdoch, has died aged 81, his media outlets have announced. Married to the media mogul for 31 years, she played an influential role on the board of his publishing giant, News Corp. She was mother to three of Murdoch's children, Elisabeth, James, and Lachlan Murdoch - who is now chairman of Fox and News Corp - and stepmother to his daughter, Prudence. Murdoch-Mann, who was also a philanthropist, died on 17 February "surrounded by family" at her home in Palm Beach, Florida. Born Anna Torv in Glasgow and raised as a Catholic, she moved to Australia aged nine. After her parents' divorce, she is said to have brought up her own siblings. She became a reporter for the Sydney Daily Telegraph and the Sydney Daily Mirror, where she met Rupert Murdoch and went on to serve on the board of his company. "He never made a major business decision without her input", the Australian, another title in his media stable, writes. She penned several novels during their marriage, including the 1988 Family Business about a multi-generational media dynasty. The couple moved to London, where in 1969 a woman was abducted and held to ransom in Hertfordshire - mistaken for Murdoch-Mann. Muriel McKay was killed by her kidnappers and there have been renewed efforts to find her body in recent years. The then-Murdochs divorced in 1999 in one of the most expensive separations in history - Murdoch-Mann received a \$1.7bn (£1bn) settlement. Murdoch married his third wife, Wendi Deng, 17 days later. In an exclusive interview after her separation, Murdoch-Mann told Australian Women's Weekly, "I think there's going to be a lot of heart-break and hardship" over the succession for Murdoch's media empire. "There's been such a lot of pressure that they needn't have had at their age," she added. These tensions inspired the television series Succession and played out in courts in real life too. A years-long court battle ended with Murdoch's eldest son, Lachlan, being set to control the news group late last year. Murdoch-Mann went on to remarry, first to financier William Mann, who died in 2017.

Israeli strikes kill at least 10 in Lebanon

Israeli air strikes have killed at least 10 people in eastern Lebanon, Lebanese officials say, despite a ceasefire. Israel's military said it targeted sites belonging to Hezbollah, a Shia Muslim militia and political party, in the Bekaa Valley, an area where the group has a strong presence. Hezbollah confirmed that at least six of its members had been killed, including a senior field commander. The strikes are among the deadliest in Lebanon since a ceasefire ended the war between Israel and Hezbollah in November 2024. Despite the deal, which followed 13 months of conflict, Israel has carried out near-daily strikes on Lebanon. Images posted online from one of the locations hit on Friday night



showed heavy damage in what appeared to be a residential neighbourhood. In a statement, the Israeli military said it had struck "Hezbollah command centres" and that Hezbollah "systematically embeds its assets

within the civilian population". It said the group's activities were "a violation of the understandings between Israel and Lebanon". Hezbollah, considered a terrorist organisation by countries including the UK and

the US, says the ceasefire deal only applies to southern Lebanon, in the area between the Litani river and the Blue Line, the unofficial border between Lebanon and Israel. There, the Lebanese army has dismantled infrastruc-

ture used by the group, in the first stage of a plan to disarm Hezbollah after its devastating 13-month war with Israel. The group, however, has so far rejected calls from Lebanese authorities to discuss the future of its weapons elsewhere in the country, including in the Bekaa Valley, where part of its arsenal is believed to be located. This week, Hezbollah dismissed a decision by the government to advance the second phase of the disarmament plan in areas between north of the Litani and the Awali river, in the port city of Sidon. Lebanon's government said Israel's ongoing actions were a violation of the ceasefire deal and urged the international community to put pressure on Israel to stop its attacks. The

Lebanese Prime Minister Nawaf Salam recently said the situation had become a "one-sided war of attrition". Hours before the attacks in the east, an Israeli strike hit the densely populated Palestinian refugee camp of Ain al-Helweh, on the outskirts of Sidon, in the country's south. The Israeli military said it had struck a "command centre" that had been used by Hamas, which said two members had been killed. The strikes come amid heightened tensions in the region, with the United States threatening to attack Iran if negotiations between the two countries fail to reach a deal. There are concerns in Lebanon that Iran might force Hezbollah to join its response to an attack if Israel becomes involved.



Shikhar Dhawan Marries Long-Time Girlfriend Sophie Shine

Former Indian cricket team batter Shikhar Dhawan got married to his long-time girlfriend Sophie Shine in a private wedding ceremony in Delhi NCR on Saturday. The couple dated for a few years before making their relationship public in 2025. Dhawan's former teammate Yuzvendra Chahal shared pictures from their wedding on Saturday. Dhawan and Shine were first spotted together during a Champions Trophy 2025 match in Dubai. Earlier, Dhawan posted photos from his Sangeet night with fiancée Sophie Shine on Thursday. "Sangeet night. Almost the Dhawans," Dhawan wrote on Instagram. Dhawan and Shine announced their engagement on social media in January. "From shared smiles to shared dreams. Grateful for the love, the blessings, and every good wish for our engagement as



we choose togetherness forever - Shikhar & Sophie," he wrote on Instagram. Reports suggest that Sophie worked as a product consultant and

holds a degree in Marketing and Management from the Limerick Institute of Technology. While cricketing celebrities are often

linked with personalities from the world of social media and entertainment, Sophie's case is quite different. The Ireland-born profes-

sional has an impressive academic background from Castleroy College, along with credentials that can impress anyone. She currently serves as Second Vice President at Northern Trust Corporation, based in Abu Dhabi. Sophie completed her entire education in Ireland. She now heads the Shikhar Dhawan Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Da One Sports. Sophie has close to 367,000 followers on Instagram and has been posting pictures and videos with Shikhar for a while now. She has been spotted with Dhawan on multiple occasions, watching cricket matches with the former India opening batter. However, the news about their relationship status was only confirmed after the southpaw made it public. Dhawan was earlier married to Ayesha Mukherjee, with whom he has a son, 11-year-old Zoravar Dhawan.

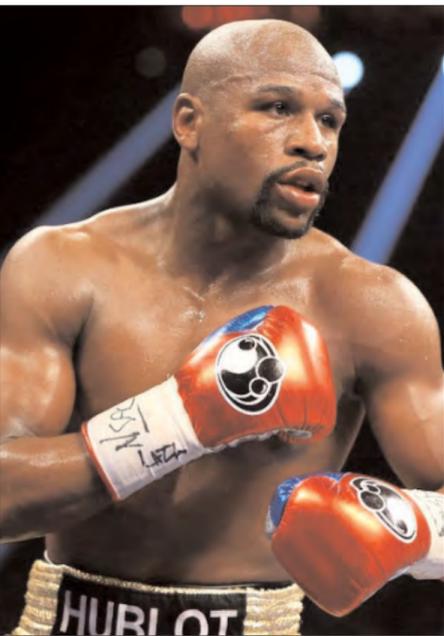
THE ROUTE TO GLORY OPEN TO ALL - COULD YOU BE A WINTER OLYMPIC ATHLETE?

You're at home. Lying on the couch. Packet of crisps almost finished. Mild lower back pain niggling away. Dishes in the sink still to do. And yet, as you watch athletes hurl themselves down a snow-covered mountain in the pursuit of glory at the Winter Olympics, you're thinking: "pfft, I could do that". Well, why not see if you really could? For almost two decades UK Sport has held in-person talent ID sessions for aspiring athletes, designed to test their physical performance and match them up with the sport that would suit them best. It is exactly how skeleton gold medallists Matt Weston and Tabitha Stoeker discovered they were well suited to sliding head first down an ice slope at 80mph. But here's the thing - anybody can apply online to attend a session. So how does it work, and could you really be Great Britain's next Olympic or Paralympic star? How are athletes matched with new sports? UK Sport's Talent ID



days are designed to take those with natural athleticism and sporting talent, figure out where their major strengths are, and match them up with a sport they may never have tried or even heard of before. The analysis at a Talent ID day includes a series of tests measuring power, stamina, speed, and agility. Anybody aged 17 or over can apply online, and athletes who drop out of one sport in the

early stages of their career are often invited along to see if something else may work for them. Examiners also assess each athlete's character, scoring their ability to regulate emotions, control their performance and under pressure, and understand and respond to feedback. Though applications are open to anybody, eventual selection for a sport still requires a high level of natural ability.



MAYWEATHER, 48, OUT OF RETIREMENT FOR FOURTH TIME

Former world champion Floyd Mayweather has announced he will come out of retirement for a fourth time later this year. The 48-year-old, whose most recent retirement was in 2017, is due to face former undisputed world heavyweight champion Mike Tyson in an exhibition bout this spring. But Mayweather has confirmed he will return to professional boxing for the first time in nine years after that fight. While an opponent has not yet been announced, it will be Mayweather's first professional fight since beating mixed martial arts fight Conor McGregor with a

10th-round technical knockout in 2017. Mayweather won titles across five weight classes during his career, and his victory over McGregor secured his 50th professional win to remain undefeated. "I still have what it takes to set more records in the sport of boxing," Mayweather said in a statement. No details of date or location for the fight have been released. He continued: "From my upcoming Mike Tyson event to my next professional fight afterwards - no one will generate a bigger gate, have a larger global broadcast audience and generate more money with each event - than my events."

RAHUL DRAVID REVEALS HIS 'DREAM' T20 WORLD CUP 2026 FINAL

Rahul Dravid has seen Indian cricket grow from strength to strength over the last two decades-first as a player, then as captain, and finally as head coach. His stint as India's coach ended with the T20 World Cup 2024 triumph in the West Indies. India's title defence has started on solid footing in the 2026 edition, with the Suryakumar Yadav-led side entering the Super 8 undefeated. Ahead of the T20 World Cup 2026 Super 8, Rahul Dravid spoke exclusively to NDTV about what, according to him, would be the "dream final." "India vs any team. They could get to the semi-final and then make it to the final. I would like to see one of the lesser teams along



with India," Dravid told NDTV in an exclusive interview. India have been clubbed with South Africa, West Indies and Zimbabwe. The final of the T20 World Cup 2026 will be played on March 1. Dravid was also asked about Imran Khan. Earlier,

expressing concern over Khan's reported health issues, former India captain Sourav Ganguly said he hopes the former Pakistan skipper-who led his country both as captain of the national cricket team and later as Prime Minister-receives proper medical care and the respect he

deserves. Reports regarding Imran Khan's health have been significant, including claims of partial vision loss. He is also reportedly undergoing treatment in extremely difficult conditions, with family visits repeatedly denied.

"Like any fellow cricketer or captain, we would wish him really good health and hope that, irrespective of politics-I don't want to get into the politics of it-you would want anyone to be healthy and to get whatever medical care and attention they need and deserve. None better than Imran Khan, who has not only inspired Pakistan but also the whole world with his achievements and performances," Dravid said.

'Sacrifices' & celebrations - why Chelsea's Neto is misunderstood



Chelsea winger Pedro Neto could not resist putting his fingers in his ears after scoring against Hull City - a pointed celebration he has done numerous times this season but refused to explain. Asked if it was directed at anyone in particular, the winger told BBC Sport: "Yes. I will not tell it, but yes. I'll continue my work. I want to help my team-mates and all the fans. I'll keep working hard and move on to the next one." Those cryptic comments felt jarring in the wake of his first career hat-trick and a season in which he has scored 10 goals in all competitions and provided four assists - leaving him behind only Enzo Fernandez and Joao Pedro for goal involvements at Chelsea this term. Neto opened the scoring at Hull last Friday with a sensational swerving effort. His subsequent corner went straight in for the second, and he completed the 4-0 FA Cup rout with a strike from just outside the box. The Portuguese had a

slight dip in form - along with the rest of the team - during a poor winter run in which former manager Enzo Maresca departed on New Year's Day. But Maresca's replacement Liam Rosenior could not understand why anyone would have been critical of the winger, describing Neto as "world class" and praising the "sacrifices" he makes for the team. Rosenior's second point hints at why Neto may be misunderstood by some. "Never going to be an Eden Hazard" After Maresca left Chelsea, they drew 1-1 at Manchester City, and Sky Sports pundit Gary Neville singled out Neto for criticism. "He frustrated me like you won't believe," Neville said. "He's a smidgen away from being an Eden Hazard, but he's never going to be an Eden Hazard because he hasn't got that killer instinct." Neto only scored 14 times in 135 games for Wolves before his £54m move in August 2024 - averaging one goal every 9.6 matches.



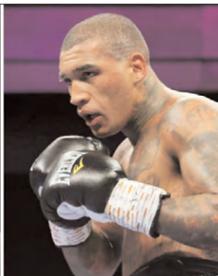
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HEARN 'DEVASTATED' AS BENN JOINS RIVAL PROMOTER WHITE

Eddie Hearn says he is "devastated" after Conor Benn made the "very painful" decision to leave Matchroom Boxing to join Dana White's Zuffa Boxing promotional company. The 29-year-old had been with Matchroom since turning professional and beat long-time rival Chris Eubank Jr in a blockbuster rematch at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in November, having lost their first bout in April. Hearn, who learned of Benn's decision via email from the Briton's lawyer, said he made a "mistake" in trusting Benn because he "misjudged his character." "I'm not going to sit here and hang Conor Benn out to dry but me, personally, I'm pretty devastated," Hearn told iFLTV, external. "I've had a few days to digest what might happen. Maybe this interview is different to what it could've been



a couple of days ago. "It's not often I get shocked. And I blame myself because I forgot it was boxing." Hearn said after reading the email he messaged Benn to say the pair should speak over the phone but Benn refused. "I just felt that the loyalty we've shown would never, ever put us in this position," continued Hearn. "I just felt that I never really needed to push Conor Benn to sign a new contract previously - and I



probably could've got him to sign a new contract previously. "I just felt... everything that we gave him, the loyalty that we gave him, the support we gave him would be enough to talk it through and get close to a number. But there wasn't really the interest. "Very surprising. Very painful. But just another moment in life that you live and learn from." Hearn was undecided when asked whether he could work with

Benn again in the future. "He text me just after the announcement and I replied," said Hearn. "We had a few back and forths." He also revealed he "had some very choice words" with Benn's manager, Keith Connolly. In a statement on Instagram, Benn said he was "filled with excitement and hunger for what's ahead with Zuffa Boxing" while paying tribute to his former promoters. "First and foremost I want to thank Eddie and the entire team at Matchroom for everything they have done for me over the past decade," wrote Benn, the son of former two-weight world champion Nigel. "From guiding me when I first turned pro, to headlining stadium shows. They were not only with me for those highlight moments but stood shoulder to shoulder with me during the tough times."

SVITOLINA BEATS GAUFF IN EPIC TO REACH DUBAI FINAL



Ukraine's Elina Svitolina upset world number four Coco Gauff to set up a final against Jessica Pegula at the Dubai Tennis Championships. American Pegula was the first to win her semi-final, fighting back from a disastrous opening set and early break of serve in the second set to defeat compatriot Amanda Anisimova 1-6 6-4 6-3. Gauff, 21, had a chance to make it an all-American final on Saturday, but Svitolina recorded a 6-4 6-7 (13-15) 6-4 in an epic encounter that lasted three hours and three minutes. The 31-year-old Svitolina had four match points in the second-set tie-break and could not take them, but still managed to win the decider. It means she is back in the final of the event for the first time since claiming back-to-back Dubai titles in 2017 and 2018. "I was playing like there is no tomorrow, just trying to put all the effort in," she said. In the men's Qatar Open, world number one Carlos

Alcaraz maintained his perfect start to 2026 with a 7-6 (7-3) 6-4 victory over Russia's Andrey Rublev to move into the final. The 22-year-old Spaniard has already won the Australian Open this year to become the youngest man to complete a career Grand Slam - and this was his 11th victory out of 11 in 2026. "I know what I am able to do every time I step on the court, what I am capable of doing," Alcaraz said. He will play France's Arthur Fils in the final, after he beat Jakub Mensik of the Czech Republic - who knocked out world number two Jannik Sinner on Thursday - 6-4, 7-6 (7-4). Meanwhile, seven-time Grand Slam champion Venus Williams has been awarded a wildcard entry into Indian Wells, the tournament announced on Friday. The 45-year-old American will compete in both the singles and doubles. "It's great to be heading back to Indian Wells and returning home to California," said Williams in a statement.

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Seedhe Maut Sets PEARL 2026 Ablaze at BITS Hyderabad

PEARL 2026, one of South India's largest student-led cultural festivals hosted by BITS Pilani Hyderabad Campus, began with electrifying energy as rap duo Seedhe Maut delivered a high-octane performance on Day 1.

Thousands of students packed the venue, with reports of heavy internet traffic across campus as attendees flooded social media with live updates and reels. Fans from across the country traveled to witness the duo perform, transforming the campus into a national youth hotspot.

The artists opened with explosive energy, performing chartbusters like Khatta Flow, Nanchaku, Hola Amigo, and the iconic 11K. One of the night's most talked-about moments came during 11K, when the duo surprised the crowd by gifting Rs.11,000 to a fan, drawing thunderous cheers.

With immersive sound design, dazzling lights, and a sea of phone flashlights illuminating the night, the campus



pulsed to Hindi rap anthems and bass-heavy beats. Social media platforms were flooded with posts tagging the duo, highlighting the event's massive digital footprint.

The celebrations continued with a high-energy DJ set blending South Indian mass beats with Hindi hits, keeping the crowd on its feet late into the night.

The excitement is far from over. On February 22, acclaimed singer Jonita Gandhi is set to take the PEARL stage. Tickets are available on BookMyShow and Unifest, and are expected to sell out quickly as anticipation builds. With such a spectacular start, PEARL 2026 promises two more days of unforgettable performances and celebrations.



RAJINIKANTH-KAMAL FILM 'KH X RK' PROMO RELEASED

Indian cinema legends Rajinikanth and Kamal Haasan have earned the love of millions of audiences over the years. Fans and movie lovers have been eagerly waiting for a film featuring both icons together. This most-awaited project is being brought to audiences by the prestigious banner Red Giant Movies. After 47 years, the legendary duo Rajinikanth and Kamal Haasan are coming together for a massive pan-world film, officially announced under the working title "KH x RK." The film will be directed by talented filmmaker Nelson Dilipkumar. The makers released the historic promo today. The promo showcases Rajinikanth and Kamal Haasan preparing competitively, creating an engaging and entertaining vibe. One rejects the suit chosen by the other, while the other dismisses the selected shoes, adding a fun element throughout. The promo ends humorously with both stars questioning the director about who the real hero is. Anirudh's background score stands out as a major highlight, while both legends impress with their stylish looks. More details about the film will be announced by the makers soon.

'The Rise of Ashoka' Trailer Launched, Release on 27th

The trailer of mass commercial entertainer 'The Rise of Ashoka' was released at a grand event. The film stars Sathish Ninasam and Sapthami Gowda, and is directed by Vinod V. Dhondale. It is being made simultaneously in Kannada, Telugu, and

Tamil. Actor Satyadev attended the Telugu trailer launch as chief guest and expressed confidence that audiences would support the content-driven film. He praised Sathish's dedication and said Telugu viewers always encourage strong storytelling. Sathish Ninasam said the film offers a fresh

concept beyond regular commercial cinema, while Sapthami Gowda shared that the film carries strong emotions and a powerful message rooted in village backdrop. Produced under Vriddhi Creations and Sathish Picture House, the film will release in all languages on the 27th.



Thrigun's 'Aakarshitha' Launched with Grand Pooja



Aakarshitha, starring Thrigun in the lead role, was officially launched with a grand pooja ceremony on February 21. The film marks Production No.1 under the banner Lucky Entertainments and is directed by debutant Surisetty Kishore. Padine Kumar plays the female lead. The ensemble cast includes Raj Kumar Kasireddy, Adhurs Raghunath, Satyam Rajesh, Ravi Varma and

Priya, among others. The project is jointly produced by Kore Sandeep Yadav and Srikanth Battu. Shaik Hazrathaiyah (Vali) handles cinematography, while Rohith Babu composes the music. The muhurtham clap was given by noted producer C. Kalyan, while astrologer Venu Swamy handed over the script. Baby Aashka and Keerthana switched on the camera, and actress Priya unveiled the title. Producer-

distributor Vamsi Nandipati and producer Damodara Prasad were among the prominent guests present. Thrigun expressed happiness about collaborating with a new team and said the film has a strong and refreshing story. Director Surisetty Kishore stated that the movie will offer something new to audiences. The team members expressed confidence that 'Aakarshitha' will captivate viewers. Shooting is set to commence soon.

'GS (GODS AND SOLDIERS)' WRAPS SHOOT; VJAY MILTON DIRECTORIAL ENTERS POST-PRODUCTION

Rough Note Production's ambitious Tamil-Telugu bilingual Gods and Soldiers (GS) has officially completed its principal photography. Directed by acclaimed filmmaker and cinematographer Vijay Milton, the film wrapped up an intense multi-location schedule and has now moved into an extensive post-production phase. Mounted on a grand scale with a strong emotional core, Gods and Soldiers promises a gripping cinematic experience blending rooted storytelling with mass appeal—hallmarks of Vijay Milton's style. The film features a stellar ensemble cast. Aari Arujunan will be seen in a never-before-seen cop role, while Raj Tarun makes his Tamil debut with this project. Bharath takes on a powerful emotional arc, with Ammu Abhirami and Kishore adding depth through performance-driven roles. Independent music sensation Vedan appears in a special role, bringing his raw voice and socially charged appeal to the film's narrative, enhancing its cultural and emotional intensity. Speaking on the occasion, Vijay Milton expressed gratitude to the cast and crew for their dedication. He noted that the film demanded both physical endurance and emotional honesty, adding confidence that its energy will resonate with audiences. With shooting complete, the team is now focusing on editing, background score, sound design, and visual enhancement to deliver a technically rich and immersive theatrical experience. Further updates on the teaser, music, and release plans will be announced soon.



Anil Ravipudi Unveils Teaser of Sci-Fi Thriller 'Killer'

Blockbuster director Anil Ravipudi has unveiled the teaser of the trend-setting science fiction film Killer, starring Jyoti Poorvaaj and Poorvaaj in the lead roles. The film also features Manish Gilada, Chandrakant Kollu, Vishal Raj, Archana Ananth, and Gautham Chakradhar Koppishetty in key roles. Produced under the banners of Think Cinema and AU & I Studios by Poorvaaj and Padmanabha Reddy A., with the blessings of

Dhyanam Nannagar, the film is presented by Urveesh Poorvaaj and directed by Poorvaaj. Killer is gearing up for a grand theatrical release soon. Interestingly, although the teaser was scheduled for release a day later, Anil Ravipudi chose to unveil it earlier after watching and appreciating it. Speaking at the event, he lauded Poorvaaj for producing, directing, and acting in the film, calling it a commendable effort. He described Killer as an



impressive blend of sci-fi and thriller elements, praising its unique combinations and grand scale of execution. He also appreciated Jyoti's transformation from television serials to an intense action role, adding that audiences would be surprised by her performance. Jyoti Poorvaaj thanked Anil Ravipudi for his support despite his busy schedule, while director Poorvaaj expressed gratitude for his encouragement and positivity towards new talent.