

NORTH EAST ENTERS NEW ERA OF GROWTH: JITENDRA SINGH

Guwahati (TSIT): Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology, Jitendra Singh, on Monday underscored the intrinsic link between peace and progress, asserting that sustained development in the North East has been made possible by improved security and stability over the past decade.



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India issues Advisory asking its citizens in Iran to leave the country

New Delhi (TSIT) India on Monday asked its citizens in Iran to leave the country, exercise caution and avoid areas of protests and demonstrations in view of the evolving situation there. The Indian Embassy in Tehran issued an Advisory saying Indian nationals currently in Iran, including students, pilgrims, business persons and tourists, are advised to leave Iran by available means of transport, including commercial flights. The Embassy, while reiterating the January 14 Advisory, said "all Indian citizens should exercise due caution, avoid areas of protests and demonstrations, stay in contact with the Indian embassy and monitor local media for any development." The Advisory said all Indian nationals should have their travel and immigration documents readily available and contact the Embassy on emergency helpline numbers 989128109115, 98912809109, 98912809102 and 989932179359 and email cons.tehran@mea.gov.in

Two Andhra police officers caught accepting Rs 3 lac bribe



Amaravati (TSIT): The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) of Andhra Pradesh on Monday caught two police officers red-handed while allegedly accepting a bribe of Rs 3 lakh at a police station in YSR Kadapa district. The ACB officials laid a trap at Simhadripuram Police Station and apprehended N.V. Ramana, Circle Inspector of Pulivendula Rural Circle, and Dasari Anil Kumar, Sub-Inspector at Simhadripuram Police Station, while they were accepting the bribe amount. According to ACB officials, the two officers had allegedly demanded a bribe from an accused involved in chain-snatching cases. The accused had reportedly purchased a motorcycle from one Brahmam, who was allegedly part of a gang involved in selling stolen two-wheelers sourced from Kashmir after altering their registration number plates. The accused was allegedly using the motorcycle for committing chain-snatching offences and was suspected to be involved in snatching gold chains worth approximately Rs 15 lakh.

Telangana Cabinet Clears Rs.1.2 Cr Insurance, Cashless Health Scheme; Approves Metro Takeover and Major Infra Push

Hyderabad (TSIT Bureau):

In a series of landmark decisions under the chairmanship of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, the Telangana State Cabinet on Monday approved sweeping welfare, healthcare, and infrastructure reforms aimed at strengthening employee security, improving public health systems, and accelerating urban development across the state.

Rs.1.2 Crore Accident Insurance for Employees

In a historic step towards employee welfare, the Cabinet approved a comprehensive Accident Insurance Scheme for all serving government employees and pensioners without collecting any premium from them. Under the scheme, Rs.1.2 crore compensation will be provided in case of accidental death, while Rs.10 lakh term insurance will be applicable in case of natural death up to 60 years of age. The scheme will benefit 5.19 lakh regular employees and 2.38 lakh pensioners, covering a total of 7.57 lakh beneficiaries.

The insurance will be implemented through banking institutions, ensuring no financial burden either on employees or the state exchequer. The model, earlier implemented successfully in Singareni and Transco, is now being extended to all eligible government personnel across Telangana.

Cashless Employee Health Scheme

Fulfilling a long-pending demand, the Cabinet also approved a comprehensive Cashless Employee Health Scheme (EHS). The scheme



will cover 3.56 lakh regular employees, 2.88 lakh pensioners, and their dependent family members—benefiting a total of 17.07 lakh people.

Treatment will be completely cashless in all government hospitals and 652 empanelled private hospitals. The coverage includes 1,998 medical procedures. Each employee will be issued a Digital Health Employee Card for seamless access to services.

The scheme will be implemented through the Rajiv Aarogyasri Health Care Trust. Employees will contribute 1.5% of their basic pay, with the government matching the contribution. The total annual outlay of the scheme is estimated at Rs.1,056 crore.

Health Administration Reforms

In a significant administrative reform, the Cabinet approved the conversion of the Telangana Vaidya Vidhana Parishad into the Directorate of Secondary Health Care (DSH), granting it full departmental status. The move is expected to streamline procurement of medicines and surgical supplies, ensure better fund allocation, and facilitate timely salary payments.

A special committee headed by Health Minister Damodar Raja Narasimha will further examine

reforms in hospital administration to enhance efficiency and accountability.

Hyderabad Metro Takeover and Expansion

In a major infrastructure decision, the Cabinet approved the takeover of the 69-km Hyderabad Metro Phase-1 from L&T. The estimated takeover cost, including liabilities, stands at Rs.15,000 crore, while the current asset valuation is estimated between Rs.19,000 crore and Rs.22,000 crore.

The decision is expected to accelerate the implementation of Phase-II expansion. Proposals for more than 160 km of metro expansion have already been submitted to the Centre, paving the way for a significant upgrade in urban mobility.

Urban Infrastructure Boost

The Cabinet approved several urban development projects, including:

- Inclusion of four villages in Vikarabad district under HMDA limits.
- CRMP Phase-2 covering 300 km of additional roads in Greater Hyderabad at a cost of Rs.3,145 crore.
- Modernization of the Manjeera Water Supply Scheme at Rs.722 crore.

■ Rs.282 crore upgrade of Osman Sagar water pipelines to prevent nearly 30% water loss.

■ These initiatives aim to strengthen road connectivity, improve drinking water supply, and expand planned urban growth.

Land Allocation for Key Projects  
The Cabinet cleared multiple land allocations to promote industrial, educational, and social infrastructure development:

- 223 acres in Koheda for a Multi-Modal Logistics Park and Food Processing Park.
- 239 acres for a world-class fruit market.
- Land allocation for engineering colleges and 21 Young India Integrated Residential Schools across districts.
- 5 acres for a Greenfield Mini Stadium in Bhadrachalam.
- 20 acres in Khammam for temple construction under TTD.
- Equal value land allocation to the Defence Department in exchange for land used for elevated corridors.

Housing, Renewable Energy and Census Preparations

The Cabinet also approved the auction of shops constructed near double bedroom housing units and initiated a special drive to accelerate Indiramma housing construction.

Renewable energy distribution licenses were cleared for 300 MW data centers, reinforcing the state's push toward sustainable energy.

Additionally, preparations for Census 2027 were reviewed. The house listing phase will be conducted from May 11 to June 9, with 89,000 enumerators deployed across the state.



19 Killed as tourist Bus plunges into Trishuli river in Nepal

Trishuli (TSIT) At least 19 people were killed after a tourist bus lost control and plunged nearly 200 metres onto the bank of the Trishuli River in Nepal's central Dhading district in the early hours of Monday.

According to Nepalese police, the bus was travelling from Pokhara to the capital, Kathmandu, when the tragic accident occurred. There were 44 people onboard, including the driver. While 17 passengers died at the scene, two more succumbed to their injuries during treatment, officials said.

Among the deceased was a 24-year-old British man, identified by Nepalese authorities as Stewart Dominic Ethan. The UK Foreign Office confirmed it is assisting the family of a British national who died in Nepal but has not officially confirmed the name. A 40-year-old Chinese woman and a 32-year-old man from India were also among those killed.

Police said all 19 bodies have been identified. At least 25 passengers sustained injuries, including a Chinese national

and a New Zealander. All injured victims have been shifted to hospitals in Kathmandu for treatment. Children were also among those onboard at the time of the accident.

Multiple rescue teams, including police personnel, the Nepalese Army, and divers, were deployed to the crash site for search and rescue operations. Authorities stated that the bus fell onto the riverbank after losing control on a mountainous stretch of road.

Nepal's Home Ministry has constituted a five-member task force to investigate the cause of the accident.

Road accidents are relatively common in Nepal due to poor road conditions, difficult terrain, and narrow mountainous routes. In 2024, at least 14 people died when a bus travelling from Pokhara to Kathmandu fell into the Marsyangdi River in Tanahun district.

Nepal remains a major destination for international tourists, particularly mountaineers visiting the Himalayan region, which includes Mount Everest.

INDIA'S FIRST BULLET TRAIN TO USE JAPANESE J-SLAB TRACK TECH; TO CUT MUMBAI-AHMEDABAD TRAVEL TO JUST OVER TWO HOURS

Ahmedabad (TSIT) India's first Bullet Train project will deploy the advanced J-Slab ballastless track system based on Japanese Shinkansen technology along the 508-km Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) corridor, officials said. The high-speed rail project, spanning Maharashtra and Gujarat in western India, will provide rapid connectivity between the two states with stops at 10 cities — Thane, Virar, Boisar, Vapi, Bilimora, Surat, Bharuch, Vadodara, Anand and Ahmedabad, before terminating at Sabarmati.

"This is for the first time, the J-slab ballastless track system is being used in India," Principal Chief Project Manager Rajesh Aggarwal told a group of media persons from Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab during a week-long tour to Gujarat facilitated by the Press Information Bureau



(PIB) Jammu, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India.

Aggarwal said the entire track installation process is mechanised using cutting-edge machinery specially designed and manufactured as per Japanese specifications.

"The fleet of machines such as Rail Feeder Car, Track Slab Laying Car, CAM Laying Car and Flash Butt Welding Machine, will be used for track construction work," he said.

Trump warns of doing 'terrible things' against foreign countries, imposing much higher Tariffs.

New Delhi (TSIT) US President Donald Trump on Monday warned that he can do "absolutely terrible things to foreign countries," and ridiculed the country's Supreme Court for its February 20 ruling striking down the unilateral Tariffs. He said that any country that wants to "play games" with the ridiculous Supreme Court decision, especially those that have "Ripped Off" the U.S.A. for years, and even decades, will be met with a "much higher Tariff," and worse, than that which they just recently agreed to.

"BUYER BEWARE!!!!", he warned.

"The supreme court (will be using lower case letters for a while based on a complete lack of respect!) of the United States accidentally and unwittingly gave me, as President of the United



States, far more powers and strength than I had prior to their ridiculous, dumb, and very internationally divisive ruling," Trump said on his social media platform.

He said he can use Licenses to do absolutely "terrible"

things to foreign countries, especially those countries that have been "ripping off" the US for many decades, but cannot charge them a License fee.

Trump said the Court has also approved all other Tariffs, of which many can be used in a much more "powerful and obnoxious way, with legal certainty, than the Tariffs as initially used."

He said the "incompetent" Supreme Court "did a great job for the wrong people, and for that they should be 'ashamed of themselves.'" "The next thing they will rule in favour of China and others...this Supreme Court will find a way to come to the wrong conclusion, one that again will make China, and various other Nations, happy and rich," he said.

Assembly contest not one of equal strength: Stalin



CHENNAI (TSIT): Chief Minister and DMK president M. K. Stalin on Monday asserted that the forthcoming Assembly election would not be a contest of equal strength when compared to the DMK-led alliance. Responding to questions at a conclave organised by a media house in Chennai on Monday, Stalin dismissed suggestions that a multi-cornered contest would pose a serious challenge to his party. "Even if it is a multi-cornered contest, it is not an equitable one," he said, expressing confidence in the DMK's organisational strength and support base.

When asked about the increasing visits of national leaders of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) to Tamil Nadu ahead of the polls, Stalin said their presence would only benefit the DMK. "I have said this repeatedly. The Prime Minister and the Union Home Minister should visit frequently.

Governor R. N. Ravi should continue in office. These are the biggest campaigns for us," he remarked. On a question regarding demands from certain quarters that he take on a lead role in leading the INDIA bloc at the national level, Stalin responded with a reference to late Chief Minister M. Karunanidhi. "I know my heights," he said.

Teamwork Made Police Sports Meet a Success: CP Ramesh Reddy



Meet-2026 held under the Cyberabad Police Commissionerate. At a felicitation event in Gachibowli, he congratulated medal winners and appreciated officers for smooth conduct of the meet from February 18-21. The Commissioner encouraged police personnel to focus

Hyderabad (TSIT): M. Ramesh Reddy said collective efforts ensured the grand success of the 4th Telangana State Police Sports and Games

on fitness, professional excellence, and financial discipline, assuring support for talented sportspersons to compete at national level.

Mobile ban in Karnataka schools under discussion, parents also exerting pressure: Deputy CM Shivakumar

Bengaluru (TSIT): Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Monday said that the issue of banning mobile phones in schools is under discussion and that there is pressure from parents as well.

"Many countries have implemented such measures. The issue is also being discussed at the international level," he said in response to questions from the media near his residence here.

Asked about restricting mobile phone usage by children in schools, he said: "It is not appropriate to publicly disclose how mobile phones are being misused. That is



why discussions are being held on this issue."

On the issue of banning mobile phones, Home Minister G. Parameshwara stated there has been discussion on imposing a mobile ban in schools and colleges.

Giving mobile phones to children below 16 years of age is affecting their education in different ways, he said. "Many countries have conducted studies and imposed bans on mobile phones. The Chief Minister has also deliberated on this issue. A decision will be taken after studying its pros and cons," he added.

Asked about Minister Mahadevappa raising the issue of a Dalit Chief Minister, Shivakumar said: "He is our national leader. I offer him my greetings from here."

Responding to a question about a report by the National Water Quality Standards

Authority stating that Bengaluru's lake water is not fit for drinking, he said:

"The government has never said that lake water in Bengaluru should be used for drinking or bathing. These lakes exist to recharge groundwater. Water from the Thippagondanahalli reservoir is treated by the BWSSB. Bengaluru's lake water is not meant for drinking or bathing." On the issue of protest by Congress against Viksit Bharat—Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, he said the Central government has not issued any clarification or directive.

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HEALTHY COMPETITION MUST BEGIN IN CHILDHOOD: DR. DAMODAR



Hanamkonda: Dr. Pallepada Damodar, Secretary of the Sarvodaya Youth Organization, said that a spirit of healthy competition should be developed from childhood to achieve success in life.

An awareness programme held in Zilla Parishad Secondary Schools at Uppal, Gudur, and Ambala in Kamalapur Mandal. He advised students to set clear goals, work hard, and stay away from addictions.

SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY... Tender Notice No. DR/M/Works/BZA/07/2026 dt.23.02.2026

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

S.No.: 01 Tender No.: E-02-CENTRAL BZA-2026 Name of work: SW-I-Vijayawada Division: GDR-BZA & BZA-VSKP Section: Proposed PORS Depot at Duggirala Station Yard & SW-II-TFTR-Widening/repair of cess...

Tender Notice No. CEE/P/SC-2x25KV-OHR-MBNR-DHNE-2025-26-01 Date: 16.02.2026

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

S.No.: 01 Tender No.: 2x25KV-OHE-MBNR-DHNE, dt. 13.02.2026 Description of work: "Design, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning for OHE upgradation of existing 125KV system to 2x25KV AT feeding system with feeder and earthing works in Mahabubnagar (MBNR) (excl) - Dhone (DHNE) (excl) section of Hyderabad Division under South Central Railway. Total 184RKM/184TKM".

S.No.: 02 Tender No.: E-04-North-BZA-2026 Name of work: BZA Division: BZA-VSKP Section Proposed Replacement of existing Steel Girder Br No. 277 UP, 445 UP, 455 UP, 458 UP and Br. 470 UP with PSC Slab. IRPMS ID: 11.06.32.25.3.55.001 Tender value (₹): 5,25,12,04,3/- EMD (₹): 4,12,600/- Period of completion: 12(Twelve Months) Date of closing: 19.03.2026

S.No.: 03 Tender No.: E-05-North-BZA-2026 Name of work: BZA Division: BZA-VSKP Section Proposed Replacement of existing Steel Girder Br No. 608 UP, 608 DN & 702 UP with PSC Slab. IRPMS ID: 11.06.32.25.3.55.015 Tender value (₹): 5,80,93,476/- EMD (₹): 4,40,500/- Period of completion: 12(Twelve Months) Date of closing: 19.03.2026

S.No.: 04 Tender No.: E-06-North-BZA-2026 Name of work: Godavari Pushkarams - 2027: Permanent & Temporary Arrangements for Booking Counters at all Stations. Washable Apron, Coach Watering Arrangements for PF No.6 at RJY. (Umbrella Work Project ID: 11.06.53.25.3.55.018 of 2025-26) Provision of Temporary Arrangements at Kovvur, Godavari and Rajahmundry Stations. Tender value (₹): 9,99,04,938/- EMD (₹): 6,49,500/- Period of completion: 12(Twelve Months) Date of closing: 20.03.2026

S.No.: 05 Tender No.: E-07-North-BZA-2026 Name of work: Godavari Pushkarams 2027: Permanent & Temporary Arrangements for Holding Areas, Toilets, Watering Arrangements at Kovvur, Godavari and Rajahmundry Stations. (Umbrella Project ID Work 11.06.53.25.3.55.017 of 2025-26) Provision of Temporary Arrangements at Kovvur, Godavari and Rajahmundry Stations. Tender value (₹): 9,95,54,948/- EMD (₹): 6,47,800/- Period of completion: 12(Twelve Months) Date of closing: 20.03.2026

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GAURAVELLI PROJECT TO BE COMPLETED SWIFTLY SAYS UTTAM



Hyderabad (TSIT) Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy has affirmed that the State Government is firmly committed to completing the Gauravelli Project on priority by overcoming environmental and legal hurdles.

The reservoir, originally proposed with a storage capacity of 1.41 TMC, has now been revised to 8.23 TMC to expand irrigation coverage and bring additional ayacut under cultivation. Officials were instructed to submit revised proposals to the government at the earliest.

Emphasising the importance of land acquisition, the Minister directed district Collectors of Karimnagar, Jangaon and Siddipet to accelerate the process. He assured that required funds for land acquisition would be released before June 2 and stressed that farmers must receive lawful and timely compensation.

With the project-related case scheduled for hearing shortly, Uttam Kumar Reddy directed the Advocate General to prepare a strong legal strategy to overcome judicial challenges.

HARICHANDANA LAUNCHES 100-DAY DRIVE AGAINST CHILD MARRIAGE



Hyderabad: District Collector Desari Harichandana flagged off a 100-day child marriage eradication campaign at the Collectorate. The drive, led by the ICDS DCPO Unit with support from the Women and Child Welfare Department, will conduct awareness programmes in schools, slums, and public areas.

UMA SUDHIR SETS BENCHMARK IN PEOPLE-CENTRIC JOURNALISM

Hyderabad (TSIT): Senior journalist Uma Sudhir has completed a remarkable 27-year career at NDTV, where she served as Executive Editor for South India. Beginning her journey with The Times of India, she became known for her ground-level reporting on politics, rural issues and social justice across South India.

A recipient of the Chameli Devi Jain Award and the Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism Award, Uma Sudhir is widely respected for her impactful and field-driven journalism.

PROPOSALS SOUGHT FOR GODAVARI PUSHKARAMS ARRANGEMENTS.

Mancherial TSIT: Chief Secretary (Revenue and Endowments) Shaalaja Ramaiyer on Monday directed officials to submit comprehensive proposals for arrangements for the forthcoming Godavari Pushkarams. Reviewing preparedness through a video conference from Hyderabad with Collectors of Godavari riverbank districts and senior officials, she asked them to prepare detailed reports covering all aspects of the event.

She stressed the need to ensure hassle-free pilgrimage by making adequate arrangements for sanitation, drinking water, medical camps, deployment of swimmers, security and other essential facilities. She specifically instructed officials to submit district-wise proposals, including requirements for Mancherial district, keeping in view the expected heavy influx of pilgrims during the Pushkarams.

Speaking on the occasion, District Collector Kumar Deepak said all necessary steps would be taken to conduct the Pushkarams smoothly without any shortcomings.

GOVT FOCUSED ON SC, ST WELFARE: BAKKI VENKATAIAH

Mahabubabad: State SC and ST Corporation Chairman Bakki Venkataiah said the government is giving special priority to the development of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes by implementing various welfare schemes. During his visit to Mahabubabad, he paid tributes to Mahatma Jyotirao Phule and inspected development works in an SC colony on Illandu Road.

He stated that funds meant for SCs and STs are being allocated properly and that the Aambedkar Overseas Scheme will support students for higher education abroad. He also assured steps to promote small and medium industries for employment and speedy justice in SC/ST cases.

COLLECTOR INSPECTS 10TH SPECIAL CLASSES IN WARANGAL



Warangal, February 23: District Collector Satya Sharada paid a surprise visit to AB Government High School and inspected special classes for 10th students. She advised students to study well, overcome exam fear, and aim for high goals, calling Class 10 a turning point in life.

Teachers were directed to guide students individually and build their confidence. Officials including DEO Rangaiah Naidu and other staff attended the visit.

HINDUJA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

Corporate office at #167-169, 2nd Floor, Little Mount, Saidapet, Chennai- 600 015. POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Hinduja Housing Finance Limited (HHFL) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorized Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

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

Table with columns: Name of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor, Demand Notice Date and Amount, DATE OF POSSESSION. Includes details for NALAMASA SAYANNA and NALAMASAANITHARAO.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that the land and all R.C.C. Roof house with open place property bearing H.No.3-3 in measuring 208.25 Square yards ground floor R.C.C. Roof plinth area 174.12 sq ft situated at Penugonda Village Kesamudram Mandal Mahabubabad dist. Sub Registrar Mahabubabad as follows: Boundaries East: House of Pillalammari Laxmi, West: House of Nalamsa Rambabu, North: Cp Road, South: Cp Road.

Place: Mahabubabad, Date: 21-02-2026. Sd/- Authorised Officer, For Hinduja Housing Finance Limited

SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED

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

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of Shriram Finance Limited, Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shriram Finance Limited, by its Incorporation Certificate dt. 13-11-2022 a corporate body registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian Companies Act 1956, is doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No. 14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No. Q2, Aurum Q Parc, Gen 4th, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Gansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 19TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026.

Table with columns: Borrower Name and Address, Amount due as per Demand Notice. Includes details for VOLLALA MALLESHAM and VOLLALA MALLESHAM.

(1) VOLLALA Mallesham S/o. Thukkaiyah, Age: 51 Years, Occ: Toddy Topper, H.No: 4-73/4, Main Road, Muthyampet, Kondagatti, Mandal: Mallilal, Dist: Jagtial And also at VOLLALA Mallesham S/o. Thukkaiyah, Age: 51 Years, Open Place Bearing Sy.No: 294/B in the measuring to an extent of 181.50 Sq.Yards or 151.75 Sq.Mtrs. Situated at Muthyampeta Shivhar & Village, Mallilal Mandal, Karimnagar District, Registration District: Karimnagar & Sub-District Mallilal. (2) Goppu Gangadhar S/o. Raji Reddy, H.No: 3-73/14/7, Kondagatti, Muthyampet, Mandal: Mallilal, Dist: Jagtial.

JAGTITF1606250003 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: Property holder Name is VOLLALA MALLESHAM. Mortgage deed dated 28.06.2016 Registered as Document No. 1728/2016 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Mallilal. SCHEDULE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: The constructed Tin Shed Sy.No. 294/B in the measuring to an extent of 181.50 Sq.yards or 151.75 Sq. Mtrs., situated at Muthyampeta Shivhar & Village, Mallilal Mandal, Karimnagar District, Registration District: Karimnagar & Sub-District Mallilal. Bounded on: East: 12 Feet Wide Road Sharing Way, West: 110 Feet wide Pwd Road Karimnagar To Jagtial, North: Open Place of Sama Srinath, South: Open Place of Kola Lingiah.

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

Place: Mallilal, Date: 23-02-2026. Sd/- Authorised Officer Shriram Finance Limited

BOI KHAIRATABAD BRANCH

Bank of India KHAIRATABAD BRANCH. POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the undersigned being the authorised officer of the Bank of India, Khairatabad Branch under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 06.05.2024 calling upon the borrower Mr.Yellaiah Shivatharathi at Residential House No.5-96/3, Sy.No.259, situated at Govt Polytechnic College Road, Malipuram Revenue Village, Thirumalagiri Mandal, Nalgonda District, Telangana state, measuring 121.00Sq.yds. Belongs to Shivatharathi Yellaiah, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 46,14,824.46 plus interest @ 11.75 % p.a. plus 2.00% penal interest with monthly rests from 22.03.2024 in Over Draft Loan (860925110000060), Rs.1,28,175.54 with further interest there on 9.25% p.a plus 2.00% as penal interest compounded with monthly rests w.e.f 30.03.2024 and all costs and charges and expenses in Term loan account(860970210000132) and Rs.2,67,993.80 plus interest @ 11.75% p.a+2% as penal interest compounded with monthly in GECL loan(860970410000066) together with costs, expenses, etc. within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Mr. Yellaiah Shivatharathi the borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken POSSESSION of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this 19th day of February of the Year 2026.

Mr. Yellaiah Shivatharathi the borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the BANK OF INDIA for an amount Rs. 48,22,022.46 plus interest @10.50% p.a. plus 2.00% penal interest with monthly rests from 22.03.2024 Over Draft(860925110000060), Rs.1,28,175.54 with further interest there on 9.25% p.a plus 2.00% as penal interest compounded with monthly rests w.e.f 30.03.2024 and all costs and charges and expenses in Term loan account(860970210000132) and Rs.2,67,993.80 plus interest @ 11.75% p.a+2% as penal interest compounded with monthly in GECL loan(860970410000066) together with costs, expenses, etc. within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: All that Residential House No.5-96/3, Sy No.259, situated at Govt Polytechnic College Road, Malipuram Revenue Village, Thirumalagiri Mandal, Nalgonda District, Telangana State, measuring 121.00 Sq.Yds, Belongs to Shivatharathi Yellaiah and bounded as follows: NORTH: Thirumalagiri-Thungathurthi Road,SOUTH: Land of Ganta Janardhan Reddy,EAST: Land of Shivatharathi Venkanna, WEST: Land of Dandugula Lachaiiah.

Date:19th February, 2026 Place: Hyderabad. BANK OF INDIA, Authorized Officer KHAIRATABAD BRANCH

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BOI KHAIRATABAD BRANCH

Bank of India KHAIRATABAD BRANCH. POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the undersigned being the authorized officer of the Bank of India, Khairatabad Branch under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 14.11.2025 calling upon the borrower Mr. Macha Venugopal Reddy that All that the open plot no.11, measuring 124 sq.yds, and plot no.12, southern part, measuring 62 sq.yds or 155.49 sq.mts in survey no.1106, situated at "Spatika Lingeshwar Residency" Ghanapur Hamlet of Eulabad village, Ghanapur gram panchayat, Ghatkesar Mandal, Medchal, Malkajgiri district under S.R.O Ghatkesar and bounded by to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.93,19,056.56 plus interest @ 10.50% p.a. plus 2.00% penal interest with monthly rests from 13.11.2025 in Home Loan (860975110000675), together with costs, expenses, etc. within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Mr. Macha Venugopal Reddy the borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken POSSESSION of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this 20th day of February of the Year 2026.

Mr. Macha Venugopal Reddy in particular, and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the BANK OF INDIA for an amount Rs. 92,69,074.26 plus interest @ 10.50 % p.a. plus 2.00% penal interest with monthly rests from 13.11.2025 in Home Loan (860975110000675), and together with costs, expenses, etc.

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

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: All that the open plot no.11, measuring 124 sq.yds, and plot no.12, southern part, measuring 62 sq.yds or 155.49 sq. mts in survey no.1106, situated at "Spatika Lingeshwar Residency" Ghanapur Hamlet of Eulabad village, Ghanapur gram panchayat, Ghatkesar Mandal, Medchal, Malkajgiri district under S.R.O Ghatkesar and bounded by: North: Plot No.12,Northern part,South : Plot No.12,East : Plot Nos.26 & 27,West : 30' wide Road

Date:20th February, 2026 Place: Hyderabad. BANK OF INDIA, Authorized Officer KHAIRATABAD BRANCH

HINDUJA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

Corporate office at #167-169, 2nd Floor, Little Mount, Saidapet, Chennai- 600 015. POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Hinduja Housing Finance Ltd., under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (ACT No.54 OF 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice to below mentioned Borrower/s / Guarantor/s. After completion of 60 days from date of receipt of the said notice, the Borrower/s / Guarantor/s having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/s / Guarantor/s and

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DEMAND NOTICE

(Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act) read with Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002) All of you the below mentioned Borrowers are hereby informed that the Bank has initiated proceedings against you under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the Demand Notices on the dates mentioned below s/13(2) of the Act set by you Registered Post Ack due have been received bank undelivered. All of you are hereby called upon to take notice and pay the outstanding loan amount mentioned below within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the Bank will proceed against all of you by exercising its right under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Act by enforcing the below mentioned security to realize its dues with in needles to mention that the notice is addressed to all of you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Bank. As security for the repayment interests and costs. The account has been classified as Non Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India. This of the said loan to Axis Bank Ltd., all of you executed Loan Agreement, and also created, equitable mortgage by deposit of title deeds of the property detailed herein below. We draw your attention to Sec 13 (B) of the Securitisation Act as per which, no further steps shall be taken for transfer or sale of the secured asset. If the dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by secured creditor are tendered by you at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer of the secured assets.

SINO.:1 Ref No. 10/SARFAESI/13(2)/FEB/2026 Date: 16-02-2026 1) Mr. Seetha Ramanand (Applicant), C/o. Mr. Vijayanand Seetha, R/O. Opp. Shivajayam Road, Huda Colony, Chandanagar, Flat No.402, Sri Rama ACADE, Hyderabad, Telangana-500050. Also At: Mr. Seetha Ramanand (Applicant), C/o. Mr. Vijayanand Seetha, R/O. B143, Huda Colony, Opp. Shivajayam Road, Huda Colony, Chandanagar, Flat No.402, Sri Rama ACADE, Hyderabad, Telangana-500050. Also At: Mr. Seetha Ramanand (Applicant), C/o. Mr. Vijayanand Seetha, Proprietor for Vijayanand Watch Sale & Services, Door No.22-32, Kanunkota, RC Puram(Mandal) Medak Dist. Hyderabad-502032. 2) Mr. Seetha Bramarama (Co-Applicant), W/o. Mr. Mallesham Vishwanath, R/O. Opp. Shivajayam Road, Huda Colony, Chandanagar, Flat No.402, Sri Rama ACADE, Hyderabad, Telangana-500050. Also At: Mr. Seetha Bramarama (Co-Applicant), W/o. Mr. Mallesham Vishwanath, R/O. B143, Huda Colony, Opp. Shivajayam Road, Huda Colony, Chandanagar, Flat No.402, Sri Rama ACADE, Hyderabad, Telangana-500050. Loan A/c Number: PHR000801258501, NPA Date: 05-02-2026, Demand Notice Date: 16-02-2026, Outstanding amount: Rs.4,551,065 /Rupees Four Lacs Fifty One Thousand Sixty Five Only) being the amount due as on 15-02-2026 this amount includes interest till 15-02-2026 together with further interest thereon from 16-02-2026. SCHEDULE OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: All that the House bearing No. B1-43, in category-MIG, HUDA Colony, Block -II, in phase-I of Ramachandrapuram ring Town, measuring 250.70 Square yards or 289.625 Square metres, with builtup area 780.00 Square feet, RCC in survey No.366 and 367, situated at Chandanagar village, Serilingampally mandal and municipality, Rangareddy District and Bounded by:- Boundaries: For Flat North: House No. B1-44 MIG, South: House No. B1-42 MIG, East: House No. B1-38 MIG, West: 9.00 Metres Wide Road

SINO.:2 Ref No. 10/SARFAESI/13(2)/FEB/2026 Date: 16-02-2026 1) Mr. Hanuman Prasad Kedla (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Prahalad Roy, R/O. H.No.81-284/OU/383, OU Colony, Shaikpet, Hyderabad, Telangana-500008. Also At: Mr. Hanuman Prasad Kedla (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Prahalad Roy, C/o. #890 MC Modi Hospital Road, Near Pristine Hospital, Maha lakshmiapuram Layout, Bangalore-560086. 2) Mrs. Sarmita Kedia (Co-Applicant), S/o. Mr. Rama Chandra Routray, R/O. H.No.81-284/OU/383, OU Colony, Shaikpet, Hyderabad, Telangana-500008. Also At: Mrs. Sarmita Kedia (Co-Applicant), S/o. Mr. Rama Chandra Routray, C/o. #890 MC Modi Hospital Road, Near Pristine Hospital, Maha lakshmiapuram Layout, Bangalore-560086. Property Details: Mr. Hanuman Prasad Kedla (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Prahalad Roy, Mrs. Sarmita Kedia (Co-Applicant), S/o. Mr. Rama Chandra Routray, Flat No.908, in 9th Floor, in Block-B, 'JAINS CARLTON CREEK' Khasidaguda Village, Serilingampally mandal, Rangareddy district-500008. Loan A/c Number: PHR002702546071, NPA Date: 07-02-2026, Demand Notice Date: 16-02-2026, Outstanding amount: Rs. 49,23,012/-Rupees Forty Nine Lakhs Twenty Three Thousand Twelve Only) being the amount due as on 15-02-2026 this amount includes interest till 15-02-2026 together with further interest thereon from 16-02-2026. SCHEDULE OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: All that Part and Parcel of the flat No.908, in 9th Floor, in Block-B project by name 'JAINS CARLTON CREEK' with built up area of 1380 Square feet. With 1 car parking slots 140 Square feet in still level undivided share of land measuring 39.16 Square yards out of 66066 Square yards, in survey No. 74/7P/76/117, 118, 119, 120/P, 122/P, 124/P, 125, 126, 127, 129, 132/P, 133, 134/P, 138/P, 140, 141, 142/A, 142/A, 143/P, 144, 145/P, 146/P, 147/P, 150/P and 152 situated at Khasidaguda Village, Serilingampally mandal, Rangareddy district in the state of Telangana but not described as such in the Revenue records. The boundaries are as follows:- Boundaries: North: OTS & Flat No.909 B Block, South: Open To sky, East: Corridor and flat No.907 B Block, West: Open to Sky and A Block.

SINO.:3 Ref No. 06/SARFAESI/13(2)/FEB/2026 Date: 16-02-2026 1) Mr. Subhankita Mallick (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Khagendranath Mallick, R/O. Diamond 503, Devi Homes, Hafeezpet, Hyderabad, Telangana-500049. Also At: Mr. Subhankita Mallick (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Khagendranath Mallick, R/O. Savitri Nivas, Journalist Colony, Madhusudan Nagar, Tulasipet, Cuttack, Orissa-753008. 2) Mrs. Dashmita Mohanty (Co-Applicant), S/o. Mr. Pravash Chandran Mohanty, R/O. Diamond 503, Devi Homes, Hafeezpet, Hyderabad, Telangana-500049. Also At: Mrs. Dashmita Mohanty (Co-Applicant), S/o. Mr. Pravash Chandran Mohanty, R/O. Savitri Nivas, Journalist Colony, Madhusudan Nagar, Tulasipet, Cuttack, Orissa-753008. Property Address: Mrs. Dashmita Mohanty (Co-Applicant), S/o. Mr. Pravash Chandran Mohanty, Mr. Subhankita Mallick (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Khagendranath Mallick, Flat No.611 in Sixth Floor, in Block C (Carton), 'ADITYAS IMPERIAL HEIGHTS', Hafeezpet Village, Serilingampally, Telangana-500049, NPA Date: PHR00080347591, NPA Date: 05-02-2026, Demand Notice Date: 16-02-2026, Outstanding amount: Rs. 50,81,883/-Rupees Fifty Lakhs Eighty One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Three Only) being the amount due as on 15-02-2026 this amount includes interest till 15-02-2026 together with further interest thereon from 16-02-2026. SCHEDULE OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: All that the part and parcel of that flat No.601 in Sixth Floor, in Block C (Carton) of 'ADITYAS IMPERIAL HEIGHTS' with a built area of 1800 sft(including common area along with two car parkings) together with undivided share of land measuring 54.33 Square yards out of total 1000.00 Acres and 10 Cents, in survey No. 83, 84, 85, 86 & 87 situated at Hafeezpet Village, Serilingampally mandal and municipality, Rangareddy District, Telangana and Bounded by:- BOUNDARIES: Of Entire Land: North: 80' Wide Road; South: Property of the railways; East: Road and part of s.y.no.84; West: Sy. No. s.98 & 100;

SINO.:4 Ref No. 3/SARFAESI/13(2)/DEC/2023-24 Date: 24-07-2025 1) Mr. Manchala Sundeeep (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Manchala Hari Babu, R/O. 201, SRT, 410, Alwyn nagar, Sanathi Nagar, Near D-Mart, Hyderabad, Telangana-500018. Also At: Mr. Manchala Sundeeep (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Manchala Hari Babu, R/O. H.No.4-1-153, Uppugadda, Karimnagar, Telangana-505302. Also At: Mr. Manchala Sundeeep (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Manchala Hari Babu, Senior Manager Operations, Quijup Innovations Pvt. Ltd., #11-10/75/1106, 50th floor, Saptagiri Towers, Begumpet, Pantalone Building, Hyderabad, Telangana-500016. 2) Mr. Gunda Saranya (Applicant), D/o. Mr. Gunda Venkata Ramana, R/O. 201, SRT, 410, Alwyn nagar, Sanathi Nagar, Near D-Mart, Hyderabad, Telangana-500018. Also At: Mr. Gunda Saranya (Applicant), D/o. Mr. Gunda Venkata Ramana, R/O. H.No.4-1-153, Uppugadda, Karimnagar, Telangana-505302. Property Address: Mr. Manchala Sundeeep (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Manchala Hari Babu, Residential Duplex House bearing No.1-427/vg17, Hyderabad, Cillage, GHMC Kukatpally circle, Kukatpally mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Telangana State- 500072. Loan A/c Number: PHR1134109649042, NPA Date: 28-06-2025, Demand Notice Date: 24-07-2025, Outstanding amount: Rs. 5,970,334 /Rupees Fifty Nine Lakhs Seventy Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty Four Only) being the amount due as on 24-07-2025 this amount includes interest till 24-07-2025 together with further interest thereon from 25-07-2025. SCHEDULE OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: All that the part and parcel of property Residential Duplex House bearing No.1-427/vg17, PTIN No.1140105291, on Plot No. 17, in survey No. 52, 52/A 54 & 54/A in Vijetha Green Homes measuring 153.0 Square Yards or 127.90 Square Metres, along with a built up area of 2063 Square feet, situated at Hydernagar Cillage, GHMC Kukatpally circle, Kukatpally mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Telangana State and boundaries:- BOUNDARIES: North: 25-0' Wide Road; South: Plot No.18, East: Plot No.16; West: Neighbors Land.

SINO.:5 Ref No. 10/SARFAESI/13(2)/FEB/2026-27 Date: 16-02-2026 1) Mr. Tanniru Hari Babu (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Tanniru Kondiah, R/O. 3-2-309, Plot No.20, SBH Colony, Venture-2, Saroanagar, Bahadurguda, LG Nagar, KV Reddy, Hyderabad, Telangana-500074. Also At: Mr. Tanniru Hari Babu (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Tanniru Kondiah, Proprietor at Hari Infra Developers, H.No.3-2-309, Flat No.401, 4th floor, SBH Colony, Bahadurguda, LG Nagar, Telangana-50074. 2) Mrs. Tanniru Lakshmi (Co-Applicant), S/o. Mr. Ankiiah Kunchalra, R/O. 3-2-309, Plot No.20, SBH Colony, Venture-2, Saroanagar, Bahadurguda, LG Nagar, KV Reddy, Hyderabad, Telangana-500074. 3) Mrs. Sri Hari Akhila Constructions (Co-Applicant), Rep. by its Partner Mr. Tanniru Hari Babu, C/o. Plot No.20, 3-2-309, Saroanagar, SBH Colony, Venture 2, Bahadurguda, Hyderabad, Telangana-500074. Property Address: Mr. Tanniru Hari Babu (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Tanniru Kondiah, H.No.4-8-79 Bgth Hayathnagar village, Hayath Revenue Mandal Rangareddy District, under ward No.4, Block No.09 of GHMC Hayathnagar Cillage-500078. Loan A/c Number: PCR113412018192, NPA Date: 08-02-2026, Demand Notice Date: 16-02-2026, Outstanding amount: Rs. 2,50,75,415.18/-Rupees Two Crore Fifty Lakhs Seventy Thousand Four Hundred and Fifteen and Eighteen Only) being the amount due as on 15-02-2026 this amount includes interest till 15-02-2026 together with further interest thereon from 16-02-2026. SCHEDULE OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: All that the part and parcel of the house bearing Municipal No.4-9-79/PTIN: 1030400498) constructed on Plot No.170 & 171, measuring 301 Sq.Yrds and 251 Sq.Yrds respectively, in 52 SQ.Sq.Yrds or its Equivalent to 461.47 Sq.Mtrs having plinth area of 1572.51 Sq.Ft. in RCC Roofing, in survey No. 138, 139, 140, 141, 142 and 114, in Vijaynagar Colony, situated at Bgth Hayathnagar village, Hayath Revenue Mandal Rangareddy District, under ward No.4, Block No.9 of GHMC Hayathnagar Cillage, under registration sub District Hayathnagar and bounded by: Boundaries: North: 30 ft Wide Road; South: Neighbors Land; East: Plot No.98; West: Plot Nos. 168 & 169.

SINO.:6 Ref No. 06/SARFAESI/13(2)/FEB/2026 Date: 16-02-2026 1) Mr. Thota Abraham Hemalatha (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Santosh Chary, R/O. H. 1-55, Medchal, Hyderabad, Telangana-501041. Also At: Mr. Thota Abraham Hemalatha (Applicant), S/o. Santosh Chary, Mandal Primary Health Centre as MPH, Toopran, Medchal, Telangana-500039. 2) Mr. Bonthala Devraj (Co-Applicant), D/o. Mr. Santosh Chary, R/O. H. 1-55, Medchal, Hyderabad, Telangana-501041. Property Address: Mr. Thota Abraham Hemalatha (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Santosh Chary, Residential Flat No.302, in third Floor of Thota Strim Enclave, uppal Bhagayath village, uppal mandal, under GHMC Upplal Circle-II, Rangareddy District, Telangana-500039. Loan A/c Number: 245010600480574, NPA Date: 08-09-2024, Demand Notice Date: 16-02-2026, Outstanding amount: Rs. 2,47,763.41/-Rupees Two Lakhs Forty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Three and four paise Only) being the amount due as on 15-02-2026 this amount includes interest till 15-02-2026 together with further interest thereon from 16-02-2026. SCHEDULE OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: All that the Part and parcel of flat No.26 in Second Floor, measuring 540 Sft, of built up area including common area along with an undivided share of land measuring 10.0 Sq.Yrds out of total land of 1200 Sq.Yrds in the building complex 'AG towers open land in survey No.41, situated at village & grampanchayat Medchal Mandal & Sub dist Medchal, dist Rangareddy Dist and Bounded by:- BOUNDARIES: North: By Corridor; South: By Open to Sky; East: By Flat No. 2-E; West: By Flat No. 2-A;

SINO.:7 Ref No. 10/SARFAESI/13(2)/FEB/2025-26 Date: 16-02-2026 1) Mr. Santosh Kumar Kulkarni (Applicant), C/o. Mr. Aruna Kulkarni, R/O. Flat No.18, B Block-10, Janapriya Apartments, Mohan Nagar, Kothapet, Hyderabad, Telangana-500035. Also At: Mr. Santosh Kumar Kulkarni (Applicant), C/o. Mr. Aruna Kulkarni, Area Executive at ITL Limited, C/o. 7-1-125/3/2, Sidharth Plaza-4A, SD Road, Hyderabad-500003. 2) Mrs. Aruna Kulkarni (Co-Applicant), R/O. Flat No.18, B Block-10, Janapriya Apartments, Mohan Nagar, Kothapet, Hyderabad, Telangana-500035. Property Details: Mr. Santosh Kumar Kulkarni (Applicant), C/o. Mr. Aruna Kulkarni, Flat No.18 in first floor of Janapriya Quarters, Mohan Nagar, Kothapet uppal mandal, LG nagar Municipality, Rangareddy District-500035. Loan A/c Number: 245010600796422, NPA Date: 20-04-2025, Demand Notice Date: 16-02-2026, Outstanding amount: Rs. 3,99,274.54/-Rupees Three Lakhs Ninety Nine Thousand Two Hundred and five Paise Only) being the amount due as on 15-02-2026 this amount includes interest till 15-02-2026 together with further interest thereon from 16-02-2026. SCHEDULE OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: All that Part and Parcel of the flat No.18, in first floor of Janapriya Quarters measuring 825 Sq.ft of super built up area together with undivided shares of land measuring 21.37 Sq.Yrds or its Equivalent to 1135 Sq.Yrds(3 acres 23 3/4 guntas) on plot bearing no.10 in survey No.8 125 and 129, situated at Mohan Nagar, Kothapet uppal mandal, LG nagar Municipality, Rangareddy District, within the jurisdiction of SRO and Bounded by:- Boundaries for Entire Land: North: Plot No.9 of Vendors, South: Vendors Open Land, East: Road, West: Road, East: Boundaries for Flat No.18 in First Floor: North: Passage to stair case, South: Open to Sky, South: Open to Sky, West: Open to Sky;

SINO.:8 Ref No. 06/SARFAESI/13(2)/FEB/2026 Date: 16-02-2026 1) Mr. Syed Saleem (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Syed Jahangir, R/O. 8-7-140/1/A, Ghoni Nagar, Old Bowenpally, Proprietor for Limah Enterprises, # 601, SRS Media Centre, 6th Floor, Cheney trade centre, Park lane, Hyderabad, Telangana-500003. 2) Mrs. Syed Iqbal (Co-Applicant), R/O. H.No.5-4-22/2, Plot No.22, Malintra Colony, Old Bowenpally, Hyderabad, Telangana-500011. Also At: Mrs. Syed Iqbal (Co-Applicant), # 601, 6th floor, Cheney trade, Proprietor at Marble polishing and Laying Secbad, Telangana-500003. Property Address: Mr. Syed Saleem (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Syed Jahangir, Flat No.20, on second floor, SAI TEJA RESIDENCY Samata Nagar, old Bowenpally village balanagar mandal, Rangareddy District, Telangana-500003. Loan A/c Number: 245010600270591, NPA Date: 18-06-2025, Demand Notice Date: 16-02-2026, Outstanding amount: Rs. 4,03,864/-Rupees Four Lakhs Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Four Only) being the amount due as on 15-02-2026 this amount includes interest till 15-02-2026 together with further interest thereon from 16-02-2026. SCHEDULE OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: SCHEDULE PROPERTY A: All that the part and parcel of flat No.20, on second floor in the building known as SAI TEJA RESIDENCY having a plinth area of 685 Sft(including common area and balcony) together with undivided share in land area measuring 17.95 Sq.Yrds out of 339.2 Sq.Yrds in the premises bearing municipal No.9-7-2011/11, on survey No.97, in the village of Cheney trade centre, Old Bowenpally village balanagar mandal under Kukatpally Municipality, Rangareddy District and Telangana and Bounded by:- BOUNDARIES of Mortgaged Asset: North: Corridor; South: Open to Sky; East: Open to Sky; West: Open to Sky; BOUNDARIES of Total Complex: North: Plot No.17/1/Part; South: 40' wide road; East: Neighbours Land; West: 25' wide road;

SINO.:9 Ref No. 06/SARFAESI/13(2)/FEB/2026 Date: 16-02-2026 1) Mr. B Santosh Kumar Chary (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Dayanand Begampet, R/O. H.No.12-1-1345, Shanthi Nagar, North Telangana, Hyderabad, Telangana-500017. Also At: B Santosh Kumar Chary (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Dayanand Begampet, C/o. 370/1, Railway Quarters, North Lagadua, Hyderabad, Telangana-500017. Also At: Mr. B Santosh Kumar Chary (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Dayanand Begampet, Proprietor at S&S Ajan Stores, Near North Lagadua, Hyderabad, Telangana-500017. 2) Mrs. Sangeetha Begumpet (Co-Applicant), D/o. Mr. Suguna Chary, R/O. H.No.12-1-1345, Shanthi Nagar, North Telangana, Hyderabad, Telangana-500017. Property Address: Mr. B Santosh Kumar Chary (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Dayanand Begampet, House bearing Municipal No.12-1-1345, Shanthi Nagar, North Lagadua, Secunderbad, Hydrabad District Rangareddy District, Telangana-500017. Loan A/c Number: PHR002704928795, LTR002705141910, NPA Date: 19-01-2026, Demand Notice Date: 16-02-2026, Outstanding amount: Rs. 25,26,846.72/-Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Twenty Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Six and seventy two paise Only) for Loan No. PHR002704928795 & Rs. 3,99,274.54/-Rupees Three Lakhs Ninety Nine Thousand Two Hundred and five Paise Only) for Loan No. LTR002705141910. The amount due as on 15-02-2026 together with further interest thereon from 16-02-2026. SCHEDULE OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: SCHEDULE PROPERTY A: All that the Part and parcel of House bearing Municipal No.12-1-1345, measuring 104 Square yards or 89.94 Square metres, along with built up area 630 Square feet of RCC situated at Shanthi Nagar, North Lagadua, secunderbad, Hydrabad District, Telangana and Bounded by:- BOUNDARIES: North: 20'-0" Wide Road; South: H.No.12-1-1348 & 12-1-1349; East: H.No.12-1-1344; West: H.No.12-1-1345;

SINO.:10 Ref No. 06/SARFAESI/13(2)/FEB/2026 Date: 16-02-2026 1) Mr. Metta Subramanyam (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Metta Nagarjuna Rao, R/O. Plot No.105 & 106, G Floor, Sri nagar Colony, Swaroop Nagar Uppal, Near Telangana Co-operative Bank, Hyderabad, Telangana-500039. Also At: Mr. Metta Subramanyam (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Metta Nagarjuna Rao, C/o. 2-1-175/3/A, Raghavendra Colony, Sub Station, Uppal, KV Rangareddy, Hyderabad, Telangana-500039. Also At: Mr. Metta Subramanyam (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Metta Nagarjuna Rao, Proprietor at M/s VV Computer Services. Shop No.165, CTC Park Lane, Raymonds Show Room, Hyderabad, Telangana-500003. 2) Mrs. Metta Laxmi (Co-Applicant), D/o. Mr. Mruyunjaya Rao, R/O. Plot No.105 & 106, G Floor, Sri nagar Colony, Swaroop Nagar Uppal, Near Telangana Co-operative Bank, Hyderabad, Telangana-500039. Also At: Mrs. Metta Laxmi (Co-Applicant), D/o. Mr. Mruyunjaya Rao, C/o. 2-1-175/3/A, Raghavendra Colony, Sub Station, Uppal, KV Rangareddy, Hyderabad, Telangana-500039. Property Address: Mr. Metta Subramanyam (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Metta Nagarjuna Rao, House No.13-106, plot No. s.106, sri sri nagar colony, Bibi Saheb Makhta Village, Rangareddy District, Telangana-500039. Loan A/c Number: PHR000804189171, NPA Date: 18-01-2026, Demand Notice Date: 16-02-2026, Outstanding amount: Rs. 19,48,483/-Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Forty Eight Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty Three Only) being the amount due as on 15-02-2026 this amount includes interest till 15-02-2026 together with further interest thereon from 16-02-2026. SCHEDULE OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: SCHEDULE PROPERTY A: All that the House bearing No.13-106, consisting of Ground and first floors , on plot No.105 parts in survey No.13 to 16 measuring 262.83 Sq.Yrds or 219.72 Sq.Mtrs situated at sri sri nagar colony, Bibi Saheb Makhta Village, under Preetzarudra Municipality, Medchal Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Telangana and Bounded by:- BOUNDARIES: North: Plot No.105, South: 30' Wide Road; East: 30' Wide Road; West: Neighbors Land;

SINO.:11 Ref No. 06/SARFAESI/13(2)/FEB/2026 Date: 16-02-2026 1) Mr. Raavi Naveen (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Venkata Ranga Rao Raavi, R/O. H.No.6-849, Auroora Colony, IDA Jeedimetla, Qutbullaipur, Janapriya Velley, Hyderabad, Telangana-500055. Also At: Mr. Raavi Naveen (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Venkata Ranga Rao Raavi, Proprietor at Global Carnes Logistics, B-49 Auroora Colony, IDA, Jeedimetla, Qutbullaipur, Janapriya Velley, Hyderabad, Telangana-500055. 2) Mrs. R Madhuri (Co-Applicant), S/o. Mr. Saiya Narayana Thotakura, R/O. H.No.6-849, Auroora Colony, IDA, Jeedimetla, Qutbullaipur, Janapriya Velley, Hyderabad, Telangana-500055. Property Address: Mr. Raavi Naveen (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Venkata Ranga Rao Raavi, Apartment No.1001 in Floor No. 10th in Block No.k, 'APARNA NAGAR MARI GOLD' Gundlupochampalli village Municipality, Medchal Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District-500055. Loan A/c Number: PHR073305781925, NPA Date: 19-12-2025, Demand Notice Date: 16-02-2026, Outstanding amount: Rs. 57,14,265/-Rupees Fifty Seven Lakhs Fourteen Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty Five Only) being the amount due as on 15-02-2026 this amount includes interest till 15-02-2026 together with further interest thereon from 16-02-2026. SCHEDULE OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: SCHEDULE PROPERTY A: All that the Land measuring 55706.78 Sq.Mtrs Equivalent to Ac 13-30.4 Gzs out of the land measuring 57,504.44 Sq.Mtrs equivalent to Ac 14-08 gzs comprising of Ac 3-23 Gzs in Survey No. 45(1)P, Ac 10-1-30 Gzs in Sy.No.45(2)P Ac 0-04 Gzs in Sy.No.45(3)P and 19-12-2026 together with further interest thereon from 13-02-2026. SCHEDULE OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: SCHEDULE PROPERTY A: All that part and parcel of the Residential H.No.1-7-224, that is constructed in Survey No. 29, to an extent of 300.00 Sq. Yds or 252.00 Sq. Mtrs, situated at Revenue Colony, Subedari, Hanamkonda, Warangal District, Telangana State and Bounded by:- BOUNDARIES: North: Land in Survey No.45(2)P & 45(3)P; South: Aparna Kanopy Tpl Project; East: 24' Wide Road; West: Compound Wall; SCHEDULE B: Description of Apartment All that the Part and Parcel of Apartment No.1001 in Floor No. 10th in Block No.k with sealable area of 1930 Sft includes carpet area of 1237 Sq.Ft and area of External walls of 80 Sq.Ft and Balconies and utility area of 204 Sq.ft and common area of 409 Sft totalling to built up area of 1930 Sq.ft along with undivided share of land 59 Sq.Yrds together with 2 car parking slots to be constructed in the project named as 'APARNA KANOPY MARI GOLD' in schedule A and Bounded by:- BOUNDARIES: North: Open to Sky; South: Open to Sky; East: Stair case, Corridor & Open to Sky; West: Open to Sky;

SINO.:12 Ref No. 06/13(2)/HL&AP/FEB/2026 Date: 16-02-2026 1. Mr. Sayam Praveen Kumar (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Sayam Bhadraraj, R/O. H.No. 1-7-224, Revenue Colony, Subedari, Hanamkonda, Warangal, Telangana - 506001. Also At: Mr. Sayam Praveen Kumar (Applicant), Prop. Of Praveen Dairy Farm, R/O. H.No: 2-178, Shaipet, Dharmasagar, Warangal, Telangana - 506142. 2. Mrs. Sayam Sreedeevi Also Known as Bakkeria Sreedeevi (Co-Applicant), W/o. Mr. Sayam Praveen Kumar, R/O. H.No: 1-7-224, Revenue Colony, Subedari, Hanamkonda, Warangal, Telangana - 506001. Also At: Mrs. Sayam Sreedeevi Also Known as Bakkeria Sreedeevi (Co-Applicant), W/o. Mr. Sayam Praveen Kumar, R/O. H.No: 2-178, Shaipet, Dharmasagar, Warangal, Telangana-506142. 3. Mr. Sayam Bhadraraj (Co-Applicant), S/o. Sayam Somiah, R/O. H.No. 1-7-224, Revenue Colony, Subedari, Hanamkonda, Warangal, Telangana - 506001. Also At: Mr. Sayam Bhadraraj (Co-Applicant), S/o. Sayam Somiah, R/O. H.No: 2-178, Shaipet, Dharmasagar, Warangal, Telangana-506142. 4. Mrs. Sayam Shashirekha Also Known as Bakkeria Shashirekha (Co-Applicant), W/o. Mr. Sayam Bhadraraj, R/O. H.No: 1-7-224, Revenue Colony, Subedari, Hanamkonda, Warangal, Telangana - 506001. Also At: Mrs. Sayam Shashirekha Also Known as Bakkeria Shashirekha (Co-Applicant), W/o. Sayam Bhadraraj, R/O. H.No: 2-178, Shaipet, Dharmasagar, Warangal, Telangana-506142. Loan A/c Number: 1. LPR029205340027, 2. LTR029206044514, NPA Date: 08-08-2023, Demand Notice Date: 16-02-2026, Outstanding amount: Rs. 17,99,175/- Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Ninety Nine Lakhs One Hundred and Seventy Five Only) for Loan No: LPR029205340027 and Rs. 18,82,450/-Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Eighty Two thousand Four Hundred and Fifty Only) for Loan No: LTR029206044514 respectively and being the amount due as on 12-02-2026 this amount includes interest till 12-02-2026 together with further interest thereon from 13-02-2026. SCHEDULE OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: SCHEDULE PROPERTY A: All that part and parcel of the Residential H.No.1-7-224, that is constructed in Survey No. 29, to an extent of 300.00 Sq. Yds or 252.00 Sq. Mtrs, situated at Revenue Colony, Subedari, Hanamkonda, Warangal District, Telangana State, standing in the name of Mrs. Sayam Shashirekha W/o. Mr. Sayam Bhadraraj with Regd. Sale deed vide Doc. No: 3616/19/1 and bounded by: BOUNDARIES: North: Plot of Mr. Papiiah, South: Plot of Mr. Venkateshwari, East: 25' wide Road, West: Plot of Mr. Yelliah & Dhanalaxmi;

SINO.:13 Ref No. 06/SARFAESI/13(2)/NOV/2025 Date: 16-02-2026 1) Mr. Rama Krishna Reddy Beeram (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Laxmareddy Beeram, R/O. Flat No.104, Hanuman Towers, Kalyaninagar, Warangal, Telangana-506002. Also At: Mr. Rama Krishna Reddy Beeram (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Laxmareddy Beeram, R/O. H.No.1-86, udeppad, Atmakur, Warangal, Telangana-506342. Also At: Mr. Rama Krishna Reddy Beeram (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Laxmareddy Beeram, Proprietor at Hindu Traders, Shop No.179, Ennumalaka Market, Yard, Warangal, Telangana-506002. 2) Mrs. Beeram Sreelatha (Co-Applicant), W/o. Mr. Rama Krishna Reddy Beeram, R/O. Flat No. 104, Hanuman Towers, Kalyaninagar, Warangal, Telangana-506002. Also At: Mrs. Beeram Sreelatha (Co-Applicant), W/o. Mr. Rama Krishna Reddy Beeram, R/O. H.No.1-86, udeppad, Atmakur, Warangal, Telangana-506342. Property Address: Mr. Rama Krishna Reddy Beeram (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Laxmareddy Beeram, Flat No.8-502 in MH No.2-5-257/L2, Sai puja Varadaraja Enclave in Fifth Floor, Nakkalagutta, Hanamkonda, Warangal Urban Dist, Telangana-506002. Loan A/c Number: PHR02920683329, NPA Date: 15-10-2021, Demand Notice Date: 16-02-2026, Outstanding amount: Rs. 17,68,118/-Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Sixty Nine Thousand One Hundred and Eighteen Only) being the amount due as on 12-02-2026 this amount includes interest till 12-02-2026 together with further interest thereon from 12-02-2026. SCHEDULE OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: SCHEDULE PROPERTY A: All that Residential flat bearing Flat No.8-502 in MH No.2-5-257/L2, in Sai puja Varadaraja Enclave in Fifth Floor with Plinth Area 985.00 Sq.ft including common area together with undivided share of 32.00 Sq.Yrds out of total extent of 1192.00 Sq.Yrds, situated at Nakkalagutta, Hanamkonda, Warangal Urban Dist, within the limits of greater Warangal Municipal Corporation, and within the limits of Registration Dist: Warangal and Sub: Registrar Warangal(Urban) Co-Operative Bank, BOUNDARIES OF Flat: North: Open to Sky; South: Corridor; East: Flat No.7, West: Open to Sky; BOUNDARIES: North: House of Sugunamma & Rajgopal Rao; South: House of H Kamaladevi & Upender Rao; East: 40' Road; West: House of V Parakusha Rao;

SINO.:14 Ref No. 06/SARFAESI/13(2)/FEB/2026 Date: 16-02-2026 1) Mr. Metta Subramanyam (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Metta Nagarjuna Rao, R/O. Plot No. 105 & 106, G Floor, Sri nagar Colony, Swaroop Nagar Uppal, Near Telangana Co-operative Bank, Hyderabad, Telangana-500039. Also At: Mr. Metta Subramanyam (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Metta Nagarjuna Rao, C/o. 2-1-175/3/A, Raghavendra Colony, Sub Station, Uppal, KV Rangareddy, Hyderabad, Telangana-500039. Also At: Mr. Metta Subramanyam (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Metta Nagarjuna Rao, Proprietor at M/s VV Computer Services, Shop No.165, CTC Park Lane, Raymonds Show Room, Hyderabad, Telangana-500003. 2) Mrs. Metta Laxmi (Co-Applicant), D/o. Mr. Mruyunjaya Rao, R/O. Plot No. 105 & 106, G Floor, Sri nagar Colony, Swaroop Nagar Uppal, Near Telangana Co-operative Bank, Hyderabad, Telangana-500039. Also At: Mrs. Metta Laxmi (Co-Applicant), D/o. Mr. Mruyunjaya Rao, R/O. Plot No. 105 & 106, G Floor, Sri nagar Colony, Swaroop Nagar Uppal, Near Telangana Co-operative Bank, Hyderabad, Telangana-500039. Property Address: Mr. Metta Subramanyam (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Metta Nagarjuna Rao, House No.13-106, plot No. s.106, sri sri nagar colony, Bibi Saheb Makhta Village, Rangareddy District, Telangana-500039. Loan Number: PHR000804189171 NPA Date: 18-01-2026, Demand Notice Date: 16-02-2026, Outstanding amount: Rs. 19,48,483/-Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Forty Eight Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty Three Only) being the amount due as on 15-02-2026 this amount includes interest till 15-02-2026 together with further interest thereon from 16-02-2026. SCHEDULE OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: SCHEDULE PROPERTY A: All that Residential flat bearing Flat No.8-502 in MH No.2-5-257/L2, in Sai puja Varadaraja Enclave in Fifth Floor with Plinth Area 985.00 Sq.ft including common area together with undivided share of 32.00 Sq.Yrds out of total extent of 1192.00 Sq.Yrds, situated at Nakkalagutta, Hanamkonda, Warangal Urban Dist, within the limits of greater Warangal Municipal Corporation, and within the limits of Registration Dist: Warangal and Sub: Registrar Warangal(Urban) Co-Operative Bank, BOUNDARIES OF Flat: North: Open to Sky; South: Corridor; East: Flat No.7, West: Open to Sky; BOUNDARIES: North: House of Sugunamma & Rajgopal Rao; South: House of H Kamaladevi & Upender Rao; East: 40' Road; West: House of V Parakusha Rao;

Telangana Cabinet Upgrades TVVP to Directorate of Secondary Health Care



Hyderabad: The Telangana State Cabinet has approved the conversion of Telangana Vaidya Vidhana Parishad (TVVP) into the Directorate of

Secondary Health Care (DSH), aiming to strengthen administration and improve services in government secondary hospitals. TVVP, established in 1986 and later reorganised after state bifurcation, oversees 184 hospitals, including Community Health Centres, Area Hospitals, and District Hospitals. Due to its autonomous status, it faced delays in budget allocations and administrative approvals. Health Minister Damodar Rajanarasimha initiated the proposal, which was approved by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and the Cabinet. The new Directorate status is expected to ensure better funding, faster decisions, improved coordination, and enhanced patient care. Doctors and staff welcomed the move, calling it a major reform in Telangana's public healthcare system.

'Cloud' to boost efficiency in governance



Khammam: Officials should make effective use of the Artificial Intelligence (AI) tool 'Cloud' to enhance efficiency and speed in administration, said District Collector Anudeep Durishetty. He addressed district officials at a meeting held at the Collectorate in Khammam and explained its practical applications through a PowerPoint presentation. The Collector said the AI tool could be effectively used for data analysis in Excel, preparation of reports and designing presentations. By feeding the required inputs, officials can generate comprehensive reports and analytical outputs within minutes, significantly reducing the time spent on routine tasks that otherwise take hours. He cited the example of uploading five years' paddy procurement data to instantly identify rice millers with high pending dues and prioritise action accordingly. The tool can also assist in monitoring the progress of government schemes and reviewing departmental performance, thereby ensuring better service delivery and faster implementation of welfare programmes.

GITAM Student Ashritha Raju Wins Three Gold Medals at Telangana CM Cup



Hyderabad: GITAM Deemed to be University, Hyderabad campus, has announced that Ashritha Raju, a first-year B.Arch. student, secured three gold medals in Pickleball at the 2nd Edition of the Telangana Chief Minister's Cup 2025-26. Ashritha clinched gold in Women's Singles, Women's Doubles, and Mixed Doubles categories, delivering an outstanding performance at the state-level finals held on February 20-21, 2026, at the Lal Bahadur Shastri Stadium in Hyderabad. The prestigious tournament was organised by the Sports Authority of Telangana and conducted from January 8 to February 26, 2026. The event featured multiple disciplines, including Handball, Weightlifting, Powerlifting, Billiards, Fencing, Lawn Tennis, and Pickleball. The competition followed a structured multi-tier format, beginning at the Gram Panchayat level, progressing through Mandal and Urban Local Body rounds, and culminating in the state-level finals in Hyderabad. Congratulating Ashritha on her remarkable achievement, the university leadership—including Prof. D.S. Rao, Pro Vice-Chancellor, and Ambika Philip, Director - Hospitality & Campus Life—praised her dedication, discipline, and sporting excellence. They encouraged her to continue striving for greater milestones in future competitions. The GITAM community expressed immense pride in her accomplishment, stating that such achievements reflect the institution's commitment to promoting sportsmanship, teamwork, and holistic development alongside academic excellence.

WALT AIR DIVISION TO BOOST NON-FARE REVENUE VIA LOCOMOTIVE BRANDING

The South India Times, Visakhapatnam: In a significant move towards innovative non-fare revenue generation, the Waltair Division of East Coast Railway has successfully awarded a commercial advertisement contract for ten WAP-7 electric locomotives. The contract was awarded to a Delhi-based Catering and Hospitality Services firm through a competitive e-auction process for a period of three years, effective until 2028. Under this initiative, the high-speed WAP-7 locomotives will be adorned with company-approved designs, making them more colorful and visually striking to the public. The contract carries an annual licensing fee of over Rs.7 lakhs, with a

total contract value exceeding Rs.26 lakhs, contributing substantially to the Division's financial sustainability.



Approximately 38.56 square meters of space per locomotive has been earmarked for commercial branding in accordance with approved safety and technical drawings.

ACIC-CBIT Concludes GRIP Cohort III



Hyderabad (TSIT): ACIC-CBIT, supported by Atal Innovation Mission under NITI Aayog, successfully concluded GRIP Cohort III with the development of innovative, socially relevant prototypes. Key projects included an all-weather smart umbrella with thermoelectric cooling, a low-cost clay de-aeration machine for artisans, a portable water heater, ARANYA personal safety system, and an adaptive universal-fit helmet. Participants received mentoring in design thinking, prototype development, testing, and business orientation. The programme provided maker-space access and technical guidance, helping innovators convert ideas into practical solutions and strengthening the grassroots innovation ecosystem.

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STARTUPS PLAY A KEY ROLE IN THE DEFENSE SECTOR: VICE ADMIRAL SANJAY BHALLA

The South India Times, Visakhapatnam: Vice Admiral Sanjay Bhalla, Chief of Staff of the Eastern Naval Command, emphasized that the Indian defense sector is moving rapidly towards self-reliance, and the contribution of startups and MSMEs in this journey is

game-changers. Startups must come forward with innovative inventions in this field," he urged. Bhalla noted that recent events like the International Fleet Review and MILAN exhibitions in Visakhapatnam have showcased the talent of Indian startups to the world. He expressed pride in the fact that many warships and equipment featured in these displays were manufactured by indigenous firms. He assured that the Navy always welcomes new ideas and is ready to provide the necessary technical support to startups designing products tailored to defense requirements. Key Highlights from the Conference Dignitaries at the summit expressed their desire for the Indian defense sector to grow with the slogan: "Innovate in India, Make in India... Serve the Nation and the World."



Discussions focused on the need to significantly increase the use of drones for both defense and civilian purposes. It was clarified that MSMEs driving new innovations would receive full technical and commercial support from the Armed Forces. The event saw a large turnout, including renowned scientist Dr. Satish Reddy, Dr. Rajesh Singh, Indian Navy officials, representatives from DPSUs (Defence Public Sector Undertakings), startup founders, and representatives from various academic institutions. He attended as the chief guest at the 'Defense Startups and Autonomous Systems' conference organized by the Indian Chamber of Commerce at Radisson Blu Resort, Visakhapatnam, on Monday. Speaking on the occasion, the Vice Admiral called for a primary focus on promoting indigenous technology to reduce dependence on foreign imports for the needs of the Indian Armed Forces. "In modern warfare, autonomous technologies such as drones and unmanned vehicles are becoming

South Central Railway to Launch First-of-Its-Kind 'Rail Parcel App'; Hyderabad Division to Pilot Project

Secunderabad: South Central Railway (SCR) is set to launch a first-of-its-kind 'Rail Parcel App' aimed at providing seamless door-to-door parcel booking and delivery services to rail users. The initiative will be formally unveiled during a 'Rail Parcel Logistics' conclave scheduled on February 25, 2026, at Rail Nilayam Auditorium in Secunderabad.

Shri Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, General Manager, SCR, will grace the occasion as Chief Guest and officially launch the innovative digital platform. The app marks a pioneering initiative in Indian Railways, designed to simplify, modernize and enhance the parcel transportation experience for customers opting to move goods by train.

The Hyderabad Division of SCR will become the first division across Indian Railways to implement this pilot project. The Rail Parcel App is a comprehensive digital platform that integrates First Mile (pickup), Mid Mile (transportation through Railways), and Last Mile (delivery) services into a unified ecosystem. This initiative aims to make parcel movement more efficient, transparent and customer-friendly.

The next-generation app will function as a one-stop solution for booking, tracking and managing parcel consignments. It is designed to bring together individuals, businesses, industry stakeholders and logistics partners under a single digital framework, ensuring end-to-end convenience. Key features of the Rail Parcel App include online booking and digital payment options such as net banking, debit and credit cards, and UPI; real-time parcel tracking; and seamless doorstep pickup and delivery services. Customers will also receive automated push notifications on their registered mobile numbers at every stage of parcel handling, enhancing transparency and reliability. On the occasion, SCR will also sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB) to undertake a comprehensive Freight Logistics Market Study across the SCR network. As part of this strategic collaboration, IIM Bangalore will develop detailed, division-wise business plans aimed at enhancing the rail coefficient of freight traffic and strengthening SCR's position in the logistics sector. The initiative reflects SCR's commitment to leveraging digital technology and strategic partnerships to improve freight services.



TTD Additional EO Venkaiah Chowdhury tested the rafts' capacity. The thepposhavam will be held at Pushkarini for five days from the 26th: TTD Additional EO Venkaiah Chowdhury



A devotee named Sri Satuluri Tandava Krishna Murthy from Hyderabad donated Rs. 10,01,116 to the TTD Sri Venkateswara Pranadana Trust on Monday at additional EO office

Step Into an "Illusionary World": PARADOX MUSEUM OPENS TODAY IN HYDERABAD

Hyderabad (TSIT) Dive into a world of wonder as the Paradox Museum officially opens its doors today at the Ground Floor of Pranava One Hyderabad, Somajiguda (Metro Pillar 1139, near Irrum Manzil Metro Station Exit Gate D). The Paradox Museum formally inaugurated by Nidhi Agerwal - Indian Actress along with Satish Yadav - Director India, Paradox Museum & Nadia Roditi - Chief Operating Officer (COO), Paradox Museum. This global edutainment powerhouse blends art, science, and optical illusions to create an unforgettable experience. Founded in 2022 by Milos Kambourides and Sakis Tanimanidis, the Paradox Museum began in Oslo and has since thrilled over 4 million visitors across 16 iconic cities, including London, Paris, Miami, Stockholm, Berlin, Shanghai, Barcelona, and Mumbai.



What Awaits You in Hyderabad Visitors can expect over 50 mind-bending exhibits, including the Zero Gravity Room, Infinity Well, Tunnel, Paradox Sofa, Kaleidoscope, Mirror Maze, and the Ames Room. The Hyderabad location also features unique, locally inspired twists and "Melting Art" installations. Designed for all ages, the 60-to-90-minute experience offers a perfect mix of laughter, reality-warping fun, and endless photo opportunities for puzzle-loving families. Visit the Paradox Museum Hyderabad website for further details. https://paradoxmuseum.com/hyderabad/

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/hyderabad.paradoxmuseum?igsh=MTNubDVzY2EyMTN6eg== Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/share/16xXNpWy4K/ About Paradox Museum: Paradox Museum is the leading company in interactive entertainment, celebrated globally for its unconventional, fun, and exciting approach. As a pioneer in the field, Paradox Museum creates engaging, educational experiences that captivate and inspire. Boasting over 1,200 exhibits and having welcomed more than 4 million visitors globally, our museums span a total area of more than 15,000 square meters. With 16 locations currently open worldwide in Oslo, Miami, Stockholm, Berlin, Paris, Barcelona, Las Vegas, New Jersey, Shanghai, London, Hamburg, Helsinki, Mumbai and now in Hyderabad, each Paradox Museum is a unique edutainment destination filled with locally inspired concepts, stories, and facts that escape reality. Our tongue-in-cheek experiences offer new perspectives and endless fun, inviting visitors of all ages to challenge their senses, question reality, and create memories to last.

VALUES EDUCATION CONCLAVE

TIRUPATI: The values education conference organized with the aim of inculcating moral values and social responsibility among the students was successfully held in the auditorium of Sri Padmavati Mahila University, Tirupati on Monday afternoon. Prophecy Vachaspati Brahmarshree Chaganti Koteswara Rao gave the main speech in this conference. About 1200 students from various government schools of Tirupati district participated and listened to this lecture with interest. In his lecture, Brahmarshree Chaganti Koteswara Rao gave many guiding instructions fully addressed to the students. Mahatma Gandhi's simple way of life, honesty, discipline and cleanliness are explained by him. Gandhiji suggested that every student should put into practice in his life the idea of "If the individual changes, the society



changes". Stating that cleanliness is the first step to health, he said that apart from personal hygiene, it is everyone's responsibility to keep school, home and surroundings clean. Emphasizing that "our health is in our own hands", he explained that it is necessary to exercise daily, eat a balanced diet and stay away from bad habits. Giving examples of waste management and recycling practices in Japan and Sweden, the students were advised to reduce the use of plastic and protect nature and environment. Explain the physical, mental and social side effects caused by excessive use of cell phone and suggest to adopt good habits like reading books, sports and yoga without wasting time. Clarifying that "any work without moral values is equal to poison", he said that virtues like truth, discipline, respect and service should be the foundation of every student's life. Tirupati District Collector Dr. S. Venkateswarlu and SCERT Andhra Pradesh Director M.V. Krishna Reddy also addressed the students. In this program District Education Officer K.V.N. Kumar, APC General Education Gauri Shankar, Padmavati Mahila University Registrar Usha participated. Sri Chaganti Koteswara Rao gave good answers to the questions asked by students from various schools in this program. Also, the dance form of "Guru Ashtakam" performed by the students impressed the audience. Other cultural performances were also a highlight of the event.

INDIAN RAILWAYS UPGRADES RATNACHAL SUPERFAST EXPRESS WITH MODERN LHB COACHES

The South India Times, Visakhapatnam: In a continuous effort to provide a more comfortable and safer journey to the public, Indian Railways has decided to upgrade the Vijayawada - Visakhapatnam - Vijayawada (12718/12717) Ratnachal Superfast Express with modern LHB (Linke Hofmann Busch) coaches. Starting from February 24, 2026, both the Vijayawada-bound and Visakhapatnam-bound services will operate with a revised composition of 22 LHB coaches. This new rake will consist of 12 Second Class Chair Cars, 03 AC Chair Cars, 04 General Coaches, 01 Pantry Car, 01 Power Car, and 01 Second Class cum Luggage (Divyangjan) Coach. This transition to LHB technology aims to enhance the overall travel experience for daily commuters and passengers traveling between these two major cities of Andhra Pradesh.

**RAJAKA ASSOCIATION SEEKS STERN ACTION IN KUMMERA INFANT DEATH CASE**

Mancherla Feb 23, TSIT :Demanding immediate arrest and stringent punishment of those responsible for the death of an infant at Kummera village in Nagarkurnool district, leaders of the Mancherla Town Rajaka Association staged a rasta

roko in the district headquarters on Monday. The protest was held at IB Chowrasta, followed by a dharna in front of the Collectorate, where the association submitted a memorandum to District Collector Kumar Deepak. The leaders alleged that the infant died after being forcibly snatched and thrown during an attack on a Rajaka family that had gone to attend a temple festival.



**HINDUJA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED**  
5-89/2A, 1st Floor, Sara Complex, Above KBS Bank, Beside Maheswari Theatre, Yerruguntha, Mahabubnagar Town, Telangana-509001

**APPENDIX-IV Possession Notice (For Immovable Property)**

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Hinduja Housing Finance Limited (HHFL) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorized Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of HHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/Guarantor/LAN No.	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Date Of Possession
1. Mr. Mr. Venkat Ramreddy Velikicherla S/o. Sanjeeva Reddy, R/o.H.No. 2-8, Baspally Village, Doma Mandal, Vikarabad District, Telangana-501502. .... Borrower	14-11-2025 & Rs. 1387344/- (Thirteen lakhs eighty seven thousand three hundred and forty four only)	21-02-2026
2. Velikicherla Aishwarya W/o. Velikicherla Venkatrami Reddy, R/o.H.No. 2-8, Baspally Village, Doma Mandal, Vikarabad District, Telangana-501502. .... Co-Borrower		

LAN NO: APYKVB/KBD/A000000078

**DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHEDULED PROPERTY:** All That The House Bearing No.3-3/53, Assessment No.320999300253, Admeasuring An Area 133.33 Sq Yards, Or 111.47 Sq Meters, Having Built Up Area Of Admeasuring 795.37 Sq Feet, Covered By RCC Roof, Situated At Baspally Village And Grampanchayat, Doma Mandal Vikarabad District, Telangana State And Bounded By: North: House Of Narayana Reddy, South: House Of Bal Reddy, East: Cc Road, West: House Of Subha Reddy.

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

Place:Vikarabad Date:21-02-2026 Sd/-Authorized Officer For Hinduja Housing Finance Limited

**Choutuppal Branch, Jella Complex Vijayawada Highway Choutuppal - 508252, Phone : 9498675486**

**ANNEXURE C ANNEXURE VIII**  
(Sale notice format for Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor)

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Branch: Choutuppal Phone No: 9498675486

**Notice of sale under Rule 6(2) & (8) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 under The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002.**

To, 1. M/S Manikanta Agro Industries Registered office: Jayabheri Vasireddy, Residency Flat No. 102, Prabhathi Nagar, Chaitanyapur, Hyderabad, Rangareddy, Telangana-500035. 2. M/S Manikanta Agro Industries, Factory, address: H.No. 5-48/2, Sy. No. 129/1A, 12/2, Nellutla Village, Ghanpur Mandal, Jangaon, Telangana-506167. 3. Mr. Rammojan Jouluri, Flat No. 201, Lakshmi Sri Sai Durga Towers, Prabhathi Nagar, Backside Fruit Market, Kohapeet, Saroor Nagar, Rangareddy 500060. 4. Mr. Venkateswaraiah H. No. 1-3-9/11, Kisan Nagar, Bhongir, 508116. 5. Ms. Padma Kandukuri, H. No. 6-5-163/1, Raveendranagar, Nalgonda, 508001. 6. Ms. Tadiseti Sreedevi, Plot No. 22A, Janaki Enclave, Kamranthol, 7. Mr. Tadiseti Sreenu H. No. 22A, Janaki Enclave, Near Backside of KKR Function Hall, Kamranthol, 8. Ms. Tadikamalla Bharathamma H. No. 07-02-07/085, Durga Nagar, Jillegadda 9. Ms. Theesathil Kalyani Plot No. 22A, Kamranthol, Hyderabad, 10. Ms. Masthetti Kalpana Flat No. 401, H.No. 5-2-831, Meerabagh Colony, Srinivas town, Nalgonda 508011. 11. Ms. Pola Madhav H. No. 1-9-129/16/1C, Flat No. 102, Usha Khan Enclave, Musheerabad, Hyderabad 500020. 12. Ms. Edukula Manjulatha 6-5-178, Beati Market, Near TTD Kalyana Mandapam, Nalgonda. 13. Ms. Kandukuri Chandana H. No. 6-5-163/1, Raveendranagar, Nalgonda.

Sub- OCC and Term Loan accounts with Indian Bank, Choutuppal Branch-regd.

M/S Manikanta Agro Industries is secured by the said Term Loan facilities from Indian Bank, Choutuppal Branch, the repayment of which is secured by Mortgage of schedule mentioned properties hereinafter referred to as "the Properties". M/S Manikanta Agro Industries failed to pay the outstanding dues to the Bank. Therefore a Demand Notice dated 06.11.2025 under Sec. 13 (2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (for short called as "The Act"), was issued by the Authorized Officer calling upon Borrower(s), Guarantor(s) of M/S Manikanta Agro Industries liable to the Bank to pay the amount due to the tune of Rs. 4,11,09,726.28 (Rupees Four Crores eleven lakhs nine thousand seven hundred twenty six and paise twenty eight only) and the said amount carries further interest at the agreed rate from 05.11.2025 till date of repayment.

As Mrs. M/S Manikanta Agro Industries failed to make payment despite Demand Notice, the Authorized Officer took symbolic possession of the schedule mentioned properties under the Act on 21.02.2025 after complying with all legal formalities.

Sec 13 (4) of the Act, Secured Creditor is entitled to effect sale of the assets taken possession of and realize the proceeds towards outstanding balance. In accordance with the same, the undersigned / Authorized Officer intends selling the schedule mentioned securities in the following mode:

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The amount due as on 05.11.2025 is Rs. 4,11,09,726.28 (Rupees Four Crores eleven lakhs nine thousand seven hundred twenty six and paise twenty eight only) and the said amount carries further interest at the agreed rate from 05.11.2025 till date of repayment with further interest, costs, other charges and expenses thereon. Both Borrowers and Guarantors failed to make payment despite Demand Notice dated 06.11.2025.

As Mrs. M/S Manikanta Agro Industries failed to make payment despite Demand Notice, the Authorized Officer took symbolic possession of the schedule mentioned properties under the Act on 21.02.2025 after complying with all legal formalities.

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Please take note that this is notice of 30 days and the schedule mentioned properties shall be sold under the Act by the undersigned/Authorized Officer any time after 30 days. The date of sale is fixed as 25.02.2026 between 10.00 am to 4.00 pm, which would be by e-auction mode. Inspection of the scheduled properties and related documents up to date EC etc by the intending purchasers/bidders may be done at their expense from 22.02.2026 to 24.02.2026 between 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.

The Reserve price and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) for the sale of the secured assets is fixed as mentioned in the schedule The Tender/Bid Form with the Terms and conditions can be had on-line from the website (<https://www.baanknet.com>) (PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd.) and using the provision in the system/software. The tender form and the terms and conditions would be available in the website.

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In case of failure to deposit the amounts as above within the stipulated time, the amount deposited by successful bidder will be forfeited to the Bank and Authorized Officer shall have the liberty to conduct a fresh auction/ sale of the property & the defaulting bidder shall not have any claim over the forfeited amount and the property. The sale is subject to confirmation by the Secured Creditor. The sale is made on "As is where is and as is what is" basis and no representations and warranties are given by the Bank relating to encumbrance, Statutory liabilities etc. If the e-auction fails owing to any technical snag etc., the same may be re-scheduled by issuing 7 days' prior notice. "This Notice is without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Secured Creditor (this portion may be retained) if it is non-sufficed account". "This Notice is without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Secured Creditor and without prejudice to rights of the Secured Creditor to proceed with the proceedings presently pending before DRT/RO of DRT/ DRAT/ Court and proceed with the execution of order/decreed obtained/ to be obtained. (This portion may be retained if it is a self filed auction)

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Place: Choutuppal Date: 17.02.2026 Authorised officer

**Prime Accused in Rs.549.95-Crore Cyber Fraud Arrested**

Khammam: In a major breakthrough, Khammam district police arrested Vikas Choudary, the prime accused in a Rs.549.95-crore cyber fraud case that allegedly cheated victims across several states. He had been absconding for nearly two months. Police tracked him using technical surveillance, bank transaction details, and mobile call data records. He is accused of luring victims through fake investment schemes, fraudulent trading platforms, and bogus mobile apps by promising high returns. Choudary was arrested at Kallur and will be produced before a court for judicial remand. Police are investigating the money trail and possible links to inter-state cyber crime networks.



**Ryan Group Partners SATG for FIFA Academy**



Hyderabad: Ryan Group of Institutions signed a three-year MoU with the Sports Authority of Telangana to provide academic support at the FIFA Talent Academy in Hyderabad. Ryan Group will offer structured education, counselling, and exam support, while SATG will provide infrastructure. The partnership aims to help young footballers balance studies and professional training.

**Process Public Applications Quickly: Collector**

Wanaparthy: District Collector Adarsh Surabhi directed officials to resolve public applications without delay. He was speaking during the Prajavani public grievance programme held at the Integrated District Office Complex on Monday. A total of 40 applications were received from citizens seeking solutions to various issues. Additional



Collector Yadaya, Additional Collector (Revenue) Khimya Naik, and RDO Subrahmanyam were present at the programme. The Collector instructed district-level officials of all concerned

**Form No. INC-26**  
[Pursuant to rule 30 the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014] Before the Central Government Regional Director, Southern Region, Hyderabad In the matter of sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 and clause (a) of sub-rule (5) of rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014 AND In the matter of ALPHAVIMA TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED (CIN-U72200TG2019PTC137665) having its registered office at 2nd Floor, Plot No: 6-11, Survey No. 40 Gachibowli, Hyderabad - 500008 .....Petitioner Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the company proposes to make application to the Central Government under section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Extra-Ordinary General Meeting held on Thursday, 05th day of February, 2026 to enable the company to change its Registered Office from the "Hyderabad" to "State of Ahmadabad". Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the Company may deliver either on the MCA-21 portal ([www.mca.gov.in](http://www.mca.gov.in)) by filing investor complaint form or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the Regional Director, Southern Region, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, 9HCQ+GG2, GSI Post, Tattianaram, Corporate Bhawan Rd, Bandlaguda, Nagole, Hyderabad, Telangana 500068 within four days of the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company at its Registered Office address mentioned below: 2nd Floor, Plot No: 6-11, Survey No. 40 Gachibowli, Khajaguda Hyderabad - 500008 For & on behalf of Applicant Alphavima Technologies Private Limited Sd/- (Yashpal Verma), Director DIN: 02870185 Date: 10-02-2026 Place: Hyderabad

**National Magicians Day Celebrated at Telugu University**

Hyderabad: National Magicians Day was celebrated grandly at NTR Kal mandir, Nampally, under the joint auspices of the Department of Folk Arts, Potti Sreeramulu Telugu University, and the Magicians Academy of India. Telangana Legislative Council Chairman Gutha Sukender Reddy inaugurated the programme as Chief Guest. He said magic is an important traditional art that encourages creativity and intellectual skills among youth, and stressed the need to preserve such art forms. Vice-Chancellor Acharya Velidanda Nityananda Rao announced that a full-fledged Magic curriculum will be introduced from the next academic year. Registrar Acharya Kotla Hanumanth Rao noted that the University has been offering a Magic course for nine years, helping students move towards self-employment. Noted magician Samala Venu said the day marks the birth anniversary of legendary magician P. C. Sorcar.



**Indian Bank Choutuppal Branch, Jella Complex Vijayawada Highway Choutuppal - 508252, Phone : 9498675486**

**ANNEXURE C ANNEXURE VIII**  
(Sale notice format for Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor)

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Branch: Choutuppal Phone No: 9498675486

**Notice of sale under Rule 6(2) & (8) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 under The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002.**

To, 1. M/S Manikanta Agro Industries Registered office: Jayabheri Vasireddy, Residency Flat No. 102, Prabhathi Nagar, Chaitanyapur, Hyderabad, Rangareddy, Telangana-500035. 2. M/S Manikanta Agro Industries, Factory, address: H.No. 5-48/2, Sy. No. 129/1A, 12/2, Nellutla Village, Ghanpur Mandal, Jangaon, Telangana-506167. 3. Mr. Rammojan Jouluri, Flat No. 201, Lakshmi Sri Sai Durga Towers, Prabhathi Nagar, Backside Fruit Market, Kohapeet, Saroor Nagar, Rangareddy 500060. 4. Mr. Venkateswaraiah H. No. 1-3-9/11, Kisan Nagar, Bhongir, 508116. 5. Ms. Padma Kandukuri, H. No. 6-5-163/1, Raveendranagar, Nalgonda, 508001. 6. Ms. Tadiseti Sreedevi, Plot No. 22A, Janaki Enclave, Kamranthol, 7. Mr. Tadiseti Sreenu H. No. 22A, Janaki Enclave, Near Backside of KKR Function Hall, Kamranthol, 8. Ms. Tadikamalla Bharathamma H. No. 07-02-07/085, Durga Nagar, Jillegadda 9. Ms. Theesathil Kalyani Plot No. 22A, Kamranthol, Hyderabad, 10. Ms. Masthetti Kalpana Flat No. 401, H.No. 5-2-831, Meerabagh Colony, Srinivas town, Nalgonda 508011. 11. Ms. Pola Madhav H. No. 1-9-129/16/1C, Flat No. 102, Usha Khan Enclave, Musheerabad, Hyderabad 500020. 12. Ms. Edukula Manjulatha 6-5-178, Beati Market, Near TTD Kalyana Mandapam, Nalgonda. 13. Ms. Kandukuri Chandana H. No. 6-5-163/1, Raveendranagar, Nalgonda.

Sub- OCC and Term Loan accounts with Indian Bank, Choutuppal Branch-regd.

M/S Manikanta Agro Industries is secured by the said Term Loan facilities from Indian Bank, Choutuppal Branch, the repayment of which is secured by Mortgage of schedule mentioned properties hereinafter referred to as "the Properties". M/S Manikanta Agro Industries failed to pay the outstanding dues to the Bank. Therefore a Demand Notice dated 06.11.2025 under Sec. 13 (2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (for short called as "The Act"), was issued by the Authorized Officer calling upon Borrower(s), Guarantor(s) of M/S Manikanta Agro Industries liable to the Bank to pay the amount due to the tune of Rs. 4,11,09,726.28 (Rupees Four Crores eleven lakhs nine thousand seven hundred twenty six and paise twenty eight only) and the said amount carries further interest at the agreed rate from 05.11.2025 till date of repayment.

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Place: Choutuppal Date: 17.02.2026 Authorised officer

**SBI STATE BANK OF INDIA SMECC, Cyberabad - 64263, No 12 G 39 A 2F, Sy No. 698 B, 670, 671, Y Junction, Kukatpally, Medchal - Malkajgiri Dist., Hyderabad-500072**

**E-AUCTION OF SEIZED VEHICLE**

Quotations are invited for E-Auction of below mentioned CAR of our borrower in "as is where is" as is what is "and whatever there is" condition. The borrower defaulted in payment of EMI's. Bank seized the vehicle and the same is being Auctioned ONLINE on 03.03.2026

Sl No.	Name & A/c No.	Description of Car Regd. No./Model/KM Runned	Reserve Price & EMD	Auction Time	Contact No.
1)	PRASAD NADDI-4258926250	MARUTHI DZIRE VXI 1.2L 5MT BS VJI COLOR - PEARL ARCTIC WHITE VEHICLE NUMBER- TG 07 UP 0604 - CHASSIS NO: MA3CFB3SP8***** ENGINE NO: K12NP7386651	Rs. 434,000/- To Rs. 434,000/-	12.00 PM To 3.00 PM	R.Ganesh- Sri Balaji Infra solutions-8801804151 Mr.Rahul- 8106105828 Mr Sumanth Kumar - 7780120611
2)	SARA LAVANYA-43023843241	MARUTI DZIRE ZXI 1.2L 5 MT BS VPH COLOR - MET MAGMA GREY VEHICLE NUMBER- TG 07 T 2899 - CHASSIS NO: MA3CFB3SP883665 ENGINE NO: K12NN10****	Rs. 570,000/- To Rs. 570,000/-	12.00 PM To 3.00 PM	R.Ganesh- Sri Balaji Infra solutions-8801804151 Mr.Rahul- 8106105828 Mr Sumanth Kumar - 7780120611
3)	PAPUL BORAH-43957021897	MARUTHI Tour S ONG 1.2 5MT BS VJI PHCOLOR - PEARL ARCTIC WHITE VEHICLE NUMBER- TG 07 V 6380 CHASSIS NO: MA3CFB3SSA964253 ENGINE NO: K12NN11****, CNG PETROL	Rs. 450,000/- To Rs. 450,000/-	12.00 PM To 3.00 PM	R.Ganesh- Sri Balaji Infra solutions-8801804151 Mr.Rahul- 8106105828 Mr Sumanth Kumar - 7780120611
4)	M/S RPN LOGISTICS PVT LTD-43318741622	Ashok Leyland Tip Trailer (Model: Ashok Leyland NA5525N/34 TT CC Tipper) Vehicle No: CG10B0802 Chassis No: MB12VLD9RKP1645 Engine No: RKP2504246 Color- White	Rs. 36,28,000/- To Rs. 3,62,800/-	12.00 PM To 3.00 PM	Sera Sohan Singh- 9479060464 Mr.Rahul- 8106105828 Mr Sumanth Kumar - 7780120611

**Terms and Conditions of E-Auction:**

(1) E-auction is being held on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" and will be conducted "ONLINE". The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider at the web portal [baanknet.com](https://www.baanknet.com). Contact person- Sera Sohan Singh-9479060464, V Sai Rahul (O) B R Sumanth Kumar. At the web portal E-auction Tender Document containing online e-auction bid form (Annexure-I, Annexure-II), Declaration, General Terms and conditions of online auction sale are available in <https://www.baanknet.com>.

(2) To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer, there is no encumbrance on the movable properties. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent enquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of the movable properties put on auction and claims/rights/dues/ affecting the movable property, prior to submitting the bid. The e-auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the bank. The movable property is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to the bank. The authorized Officer / Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for third party / rights / dues.

(3) The EMO at 10% of reserve price shall be payable through "baanknet.com" wallet "on or before 02.03.2026 06.00 PM". The successful bidder has to pay the remaining amount immediately after auction on the same day. Otherwise EMD amount already paid will be forfeited and the bank will be at liberty to conduct re-auction of the movable property.</

# EDITORIAL

## WANTED, DESPERATELY: A 'FIXER' FOR RAHUL GANDHI

Optics are important in politics. And the optics have been damaging for the Congress in recent days as assembly polls near in five states, of which the party has high stakes in at least three: Kerala, Assam and Tamil Nadu. There was barely time to bask in the satisfaction of having resolved its Shashi Tharoor problem in Kerala with a peace meeting between the disgruntled Thiruvananthapuram MP and Rahul Gandhi when the Congress found itself fire-fighting again, this time on all sides. In Assam, its former state chief, Bhupen Borah, quit to join the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). He left despite Rahul Gandhi's personal intervention to persuade him otherwise, and as he quit, he fired a parting shot intended to hurt by raking up BJP allegations against his successor Gaurav Gogoi's "Pakistani links".

### Firefighting Everywhere

In Tamil Nadu, the Congress's staunchest ally, the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK), served notice to dump the Congress unless it agreed to the following: one, take action against two leaders considered part of Rahul Gandhi's durbar, Praveen Chakravarty and Manik Tagore, for their sustained campaign to launch a separate Congress-led front with film actor Vijay's fledgling Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK); two, come to the table without further ado for seat-sharing negotiations on the DMK's terms.

The unkindest cut came from Kerala, where long-time Gandhi family loyalist, Mani Shankar Aiyar, took pot shots at two other Rahul durbaris, KC Venugopal and Pawan Khara, and predicted a third successive win for the Left Front. "I am a Rajivian, not a Rahulian," he declared in typical Mani style. Almost simultaneously, another family friend and INDIA bloc ally, Farooq Abdullah of the National Conference, also forecast a Left Front victory in the state. Aiyar and Abdullah may not count for anything in Kerala, but when friends and allies use the Congress as target practice, it makes for embarrassing headlines in a state where the party fancies its chances at forming the next government.

### What Ahmed Patel Did For Sonia

Could the Congress have done damage control and saved itself from poor optics on the eve of crucial state elections? Perhaps. But for that, Rahul Gandhi would need to take a leaf out of his mother Sonia Gandhi's playbook and find himself an effective political aide, as she had in the late Ahmed Patel. Whatever his faults and shortcomings were, Patel earned his stripes in his long innings as Sonia Gandhi's chief factotum, serving as troubleshooter, party handler, backroom strategist and communication channel with allies during the UPA years. He was the first port of call for anyone who wanted a word with Sonia Gandhi and readily worked the phone lines or held lengthy in-person meetings late into the night to crack the whip, hammer out compromises and strike deals. Sonia Gandhi stepped in after Patel had prepared the ground for her. Although there were times when he was accused of making tactical errors and playing favourites, there is little doubt that he was largely instrumental in helping Sonia Gandhi to steer the UPA ship through two successive terms in power. A Crucial Difference Congress watchers see many similarities between Rahul Gandhi and his mother. Both are uncomfortable with messy situations - inevitable in the rough and tumble of politics - instinctively shy away from taking hard decisions, and rarely engage with knotty organisational issues.

# Flashy advertising, flashy packaging and misleading claims

- Dr. Satyavan Saurabh

(Right to Informed Choice in the Changing Nutrition Landscape)

India's nutrition landscape is undergoing rapid change. For a long time, public policy focused on hunger, malnutrition, and food availability, but today the country faces a dual nutrition crisis. While undernutrition, anemia, and stunting persist among children and women, non-communicable diseases such as obesity, diabetes, hypertension, and heart disease are rapidly increasing, the situation is not just a health issue, but also a social, economic, and human development issue. A significant driver of this shift is the changing food consumption habits. Traditional home-cooked meals have been replaced by canned, packaged, and highly processed foods. These products are often high in sugar, salt, and saturated fat. Attractive advertising, flashy packaging, and misleading claims lead consumers to believe these products are safe or healthy. As a result, consumers make decisions without understanding the actual nutritional value. In such an environment, the need for clear and simple labeling on the front of the package emerges. Traditional nutrition tables are often provided in small print on the back of the package, making it difficult for the average consumer to understand. In contrast, large, clear signs on the front of the package—such as "high sugar," "high salt," or "high fat"—can immediately alert the consumer. This system removes complexity from information and makes it available at a practical level. The right to informed choice is fundamental to consumer protection. However, in the context of food, this right is not merely market-related, but also intertwined with the right to life and health. Article 21 of the Indian Constitution guarantees life and personal liberty, which judicial interpretation has included the right to health. The right to life remains incomplete if citizens do not have access to information about whether a food product is harmful to their health. Therefore, clear labeling can be a means of realizing the constitutional right to health. An information imbalance between producer and



consumer is common in market systems. Producers have complete knowledge of their product's composition, ingredients, and potential effects, while consumers make decisions based on limited information. Front-package labeling attempts to mitigate this imbalance. When information is simple, direct, and warning-like, consumers make more informed choices. International experience demonstrates the effectiveness of this approach. For example, Chile saw a decrease in the consumption of high-sugar and high-fat products after implementing clear warning labels. This demonstrates that positive changes in consumer behavior are possible if information is accessible and clear. This system is also crucial for preventive health. The cost of treating non-communicable diseases is significant for both families and governments. Controlling dietary risk factors early can reduce disease burden in the long run. Simple labeling allows consumers to prioritize health in small daily decisions. This reinforces public health policy's emphasis on prevention rather than treatment. Clear and explanatory labeling systems have also been recognized as effective globally. The World Health Organization has noted

that simple, warning-based signs, especially in developing countries, increase consumer understanding and help change dietary behaviors. This motivates not only consumers but also product manufacturers to improve the composition of their products. Some in the industry argue that strict labeling could reduce sales and impact smaller producers. However, experience shows that when clear standards are set, the industry adapts through innovation and restructuring. If consumers begin to avoid products high in sugar or salt, producers naturally try to reduce their levels. Thus, labeling promotes healthy competition. In the Indian context, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India is responsible for food regulation. Furthermore, the Supreme Court of India has emphasized transparency and accountability in matters of public health. This clearly indicates that food labeling is not merely an administrative formality but a matter of broad public interest. However, there are several challenges to implementing this system. The first is resistance from industry, which views it as economically detrimental. The second is disagreement over the format of labeling—whether to adopt a warn-

ing-based model or some sort of grading system. The third challenge is enforcement and monitoring, as millions of food products are available in the country. The fourth challenge is consumer literacy, especially in rural and low-income groups, where nutrition awareness is limited. These challenges can be addressed through a balanced and phased policy approach. Widespread public awareness campaigns, the use of simple symbols, and strict enforcement mechanisms can help in this direction. Strengthening nutrition education at the school and community levels is also essential to ensure effective understanding of labeling messages. Ultimately, front-of-package labeling is an important tool to empower the right to informed choice in the changing nutritional landscape. It transforms consumers from passive buyers to active and informed citizens. Based on the principles of transparency, accountability, and preventive health, this system can move India from a treatment-focused approach to a health-oriented food system. If implemented with strong political will, scientific foundation, and social participation, it can prove to be a decisive step towards a healthy, capable, and aware India.

## India Shouldn't Sign A Deal With A Court-Defeated Trump

The United States Supreme Court has removed the legal foundation on which Washington's sweeping reciprocal tariffs were constructed. In *Learning Resources, Inc. v. Trump*, Chief Justice John Roberts wrote that the President claimed the power to impose tariffs "on imports from any country, of any product, at any rate, for any amount of time". The Court held that such authority does not exist under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act. Congress alone retains the taxing power. Emergency tariffism, as practised over the past year, is unconstitutional. Against this background, India should pause. It has rightly postponed its meeting on the proposed interim trade pact. Figures That Keep Changing The interim trade framework finalised by India and the US in early February was negotiated under the shadow of a 50% tariff regime, including a 25% penalty linked to Russian oil purchases. The deal reduced India's exposure to 18% under a reciprocal tariff structure. Within days of the Court's ruling, that 18% fell to 10% under Section 122 of the Trade Act of 1974, a temporary surcharge capped at 150 days. The legal and economic baseline has shifted materially. To sign a binding agreement while the tariff instrument set of the United States is in flux would be strategically imprudent. That interim framework included significant Indian concessions, with India agreeing to either completely eliminate or reduce tariffs on all US industrial goods and a wide range of agricultural products. The deal commits to addressing long-standing non-tariff barriers, including in medical devices and ICT (information and communication technology) goods, and to determine within six months whether US or international standards are acceptable in identified sectors. It signals intent to purchase \$500 billion of US energy, aircraft, technology products, and other goods over five years, and also accepts monitoring and reimposition clauses linked to Russian oil imports. In return, the United States applies an 18% reciprocal tariff rate and promises conditional removals under annexed procedures. That rate was already substantially above the pre-



2025 average US tariff of roughly 2.5% on Indian goods. Trump had announced that temporarily, this would be 10% for all countries. Within a day, he said it would be 15% globally. The asymmetry has narrowed, but the structure remains unsettled. There are Three Technical Reasons to Wait First, authority risk. The Supreme Court has made clear that sweeping tariff action requires clear congressional authorisation. The administration has pivoted to Section 122 for temporary surcharges and signalled reliance on Section 301 and Section 232 investigations for sector-specific action. These are slower, procedurally constrained and litigable. The United States still retains leverage, but the mode of leverage has changed. Any agreement signed today prices in a tariff authority that no longer exists in the form previously exercised. Second, durability risk. The interim agreement includes a clause allowing either party to modify commitments if tariffs change. If the US reconfigures its tariffs through statutory pathways after the 150-day window, India may find itself in serial renegotiations. Waiting until the US settles into a post-ruling tariff framework would allow India to negotiate against a clearer, steady state rather than a transitional regime. Third, strategic conditionality. The framework links trade concessions to energy sourcing, defence cooperation and broader economic security alignment. Trade is not

being negotiated in isolation. The US President has publicly framed tariffs as instruments of geopolitical leverage. Even if some of this rhetoric is political theatre, the structure of the agreement embeds monitoring and reimposition mechanisms. Signing under temporary tariff relief may lock India into durable external oversight in domains that extend beyond trade. Testing The Waters The counterargument is serious. The trade agreement was good for us because tariffs on India were better than those on its competitors. Now that the flat rate of 15% applies across the board, committing ourselves to something that might end up being higher than our competitors doesn't make any sense. Further, if Section 122 expires without congressional extension, the tariff structure will change again. If Section 301 investigations are launched, sectoral tariffs could rise in politically sensitive areas. If Congress asserts itself more strongly post the Supreme Court ruling, the trade landscape could shift toward legislated constraints. Signing a deal now would convert provisional leverage into irreversible concessions. Waiting does not mean walking away. It means sequencing. India can maintain the interim framework, continue negotiations toward the broader Bilateral Trade Agreement, and insist that final commitments be aligned with post-litigation US tariff architecture.

## The Unsettling Iranian 'War Logic' Trump May Be Ignoring

Post-World War II, the US has repeatedly failed to translate its military superiority into lasting political victories in the "nation-building" wars it has so far waged. Relatively smaller operations like Kosovo or, more recently, Venezuela aside, most of its other 'interventions' have failed. The Korean War was a stalemate, and Vietnam a humiliating retreat. The prevailing situation in the Gulf reminds one of the premature claims of victory after the First Gulf War. Saddam Hussein may have been ousted from power, but the current dispensation in Baghdad is equally sectarian (read pro-Iran). Libya post-Gaddafi is hardly a nation-state, much like the chaos in Yemen or Somalia. The ouster of Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad has led to a former al-Qaeda leader, Ahmed al-Sharaa, taking the reins. The longest American war, which went on for over two decades and was also the most expensive one (\$2 trillion), resulted in a hasty abandonment, only to hand Afghanistan back to the Taliban. Can Iran Be Subdued? This is hardly a reassuring list as Donald Trump lines up American firepower yet again, this time in the Persian Gulf. US forces led by the aircraft carrier strike groups USS Abraham Lincoln and USS Gerald Ford are assuming offensive postures against Iran in a tense battle of who blinks first. Trump's threat of "really bad things" happening is not entirely unfathomable, given that



the US and Israeli forces did jointly hit three Iranian nuclear facilities in Isfahan, Natanz and Fordow in June 2025. So, to that extent, there is a psychological precedent to an attack on Iran, in recent times. While the June 2025 strikes had the relative safety of distance, the current sabre-rattling entails the threat of a full-blown "war". But is it even plausible? Can Iran be coerced into kowtowing to Trump's diktats? Can it be defeated and subjected to a regime change? Can Iran end any differently from the outcomes in Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya or Syria? Indeed, Iran will be different from all previous US endeavours. And it's a far more complex and difficult undertaking. The reasons are twofold. Iran Is The 'Nucleus' Of The Islamic World Firstly, attacking Iran will lead to repercussions way beyond Iran itself. Secondly, its history and culture are proof that there is a unique, faith-based behavioural aspect that may

lead to a response that goes way beyond the ordinary. Iran is, above all, a sectarian and theological "idea", which transcends the limited definitions of a nation-state. While Shia theology is not exclusive to one country, with early communities centred around Medina, Kufa, Baghdad and later in Najaf, Karbala et al, post the 1979 Iranian Revolution, Iran became the emotional, spiritual, and political sanctum sanctorum for the 300-million-plus Shias spread across the world, including 25 million in India. The Constitutional foundation and the 'imagined purpose' of Iran is predicated on Wilayat al-Faqih, meaning the "Guardianship of the Islamic Jurist". Under the 'Twelver Shi'ism' framework, which adheres to the belief in twelve divinely ordained leaders known as Imams, the Supreme Leader of Iran, currently Ali Khamenei, becomes the 'Wali al-Faqih', affording him an outsized relevance across the world. The

Theory of Umm al-Qura ("Mother of Cities"), developed by Iranian thinker Mohammad Javad Larjani, also makes Iran central to the Islamic World. This has led to Iran inspiring what is often called the "Axis of Resistance", which manifests in powerful militias such as Hezbollah (Lebanon), Houthis (Yemen), Popular Mobilization Forces (Iraq), Liwa Abu al-Fadhal al-Abbas (Syria), Fatemiyoun Brigade (Afghanistan), and even the Pakistani Zainabiyyoun Brigade. Thus, any American attack on Iran's sovereignty could wound sensibilities way beyond the territorial borders of Iran and elicit global reactions. The 'Appeal' Of Martyrdom Then there is a far more deadly behavioural guarantee in attacking Iran, as it tends to readily invoke the Shi'i concept of martyrdom (Shahada), which is considered a deeply theological and spiritual duty that is to be upheld against any perceived enemy.

## Valentine's Day horror: Boyfriend, his friend drugged, gang raped me, says 19-year-old Bengaluru student

Bengaluru, Feb 23 : In a sordid tale of betrayal and bestiality, a 19-year-old private college student in Bengaluru has alleged that she was drugged and gang-raped by her boyfriend and his friend earlier this month. A case has been registered at the Amruthahalli Police Station, and an investigation is underway.

Police have booked the accused under Sections 64 (repeat rape offence), 70(1) (gang rape), and 351(2) (criminal intimidation) read with Section 3(5) (common intention) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. According to the com-



plaint, the victim, who hails from Tamil Nadu, is pursuing journalism and psychology at a reputed college in Bengaluru. She had been staying at a PG hostel with a female friend for the past five months.

The first accused, identified as Dickson Sandra, a resident of Bengaluru, allegedly got in touch with the victim through Instagram in January 2026. The two began chatting daily. Later, Sandra report-

edly expressed his love for her and asked to meet. She agreed and met him at a cafe in Koramangala. They met twice again at the same place, and during one of the meetings, he proposed to her, which she accepted.

The victim stated in the FIR that they continued to chat and speak over the phone every day. On February 14, Valentine's Day, she went to college at 10 a.m. as usual. After classes ended at 12.50 pm, she returned to her PG hostel. Later that evening, at around 8.30 p.m., she went out for dinner to a restaurant in Banashankari.

## Site inspection regarding establishment of "Elevated Rotary Flyover": Maheshwar Rao

JOINT INSPECTION WITH B-SMILE AND K-RIDE OFFICIALS

Bengaluru : Chief Commissioner Maheshwar Rao conducted a joint site inspection with officials from B-SMILE and K-RIDE regarding the construction of an elevated rotary flyover at the IOC Junction on Banaswadi Main Road.

At the IOC Junction, officials from K-RIDE and B-SMILE were instructed to coordinate with each other for the construction of an elevated rotary flyover of more than 3 km in length, along with an additional 2-lane railway over-bridge at the



Baiyappanahalli railway level crossing. They were directed to undertake the works simultaneously, ensure that no inconvenience is caused to the

public, and complete the project within the stipulated timeframe.

Tender Process: The tender process for the construction of the

rotary flyover is currently in progress and is at the stage of evaluation of financial bids. Rate negotiations with the contractor are underway, and the proposal will soon be submitted to the Government. Work will commence after receiving Government approval. As K-RIDE is also set to begin work on the Suburban Railway Project at the same location, the Chief Commissioner conducted the joint inspection to ensure necessary coordination and provided appropriate guidance.

## Palaniswami hits back at Udhayanidhi Stalin, questions DMK's 'dynastic politics'

CHENNAI: In a sharp escalation of political rhetoric ahead of the Tamil Nadu Assembly elections, Leader of Opposition Edappadi K Palaniswami (EPS) launched a strong counterattack against Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin, responding to recent criticism directed at him by the DMK leader.

The war of words began after Udhayanidhi Stalin alleged that, though the AIADMK is formally part of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), EPS had become a "subservient slave" of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

The remark drew immediate backlash from the AIADMK camp. Taking to



the social media platform X, Palaniswami shared photographs from his campaign trail in the Ponneri Assembly constituency and posed a series of pointed questions aimed at the Deputy Chief Minister.

In his post, EPS challenged Udhayanidhi's comments, asking what title he would assign to his own grandfather, former

Chief Minister M Karunanidhi, who had, at various points in political history, aligned with the BJP-led alliance.

"If I am a slave to the BJP, as Udhayanidhi Stalin claims, what would he call his own grandfather who was part of the same alliance? What designation would he give him?" Palaniswami asked.

## Basavaraj Bommai Urges Awareness on VBG Ram Ji Scheme, Says PM Narendra Modi Building a True

Haveri: Former Chief Minister and MP Basavaraj Bommai called upon party workers and the public to create widespread awareness about the VBG Ram Ji scheme, stating that it has been introduced to curb corruption in the rural Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) programme and to ensure good governance in villages. He was speaking after inaugurating the VBG-G Ram Ji public awareness convention organised by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Haveri district unit at Shivbasava Kalyana Mantapa in Haveri.

Bommai said the objective of the scheme is to bring structural reforms to rural employment programmes. Tracing the evolution of rural job schemes, he referred to the earlier "Food for Work" initiative, the Rozgar scheme and the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana, which was later renamed after Mahatma Gandhi in 2004. Though



MGNREGA has existed for nearly 25 years, he claimed rural development has not progressed as expected and unemployment has not reduced significantly, necessitating fundamental reforms.

Alleging irregularities, Bommai said the scheme had harmed poor labourers due to corruption and middlemen practices. He noted that when it was

implemented during the Congress-led UPA government under Sonia Gandhi, the daily wage was Rs.125 and the allocation stood at Rs.30,000 crore. Today, he said, the budget allocation has increased to Rs.1.30 lakh crore, with an average of Rs.1 lakh crore annually allocated since Narendra Modi assumed office. The intention was to re-

ate durable rural assets and employment, but corruption diluted the impact, he alleged.

He claimed agents collected commissions of 5-10 percent from labourers and recalled ordering a CBI probe into MGNREGA irregularities in Belagavi and Kalaburagi districts during his tenure. To ensure transparency, he said biometric attendance systems and worker photographs are now being synchronised. He also stated that guaranteed workdays were increased from 100 to 125 days, accusing the State government of refusing to provide wages for the additional 25 days.

Bommai criticised Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, alleging that despite claiming to represent backward classes and Dalits, little progress has been made for them. He remarked that Siddaramaiah has served longer as CM than Devaraj Urs and must account for his contributions to backward classes and Scheduled Castes.

## Plumbex India 2026 to Be Held in Bengaluru from April 16-18

BENGALURU : The Indian Plumbing Association (IPA) proudly announces that Plumbex India 2026, the nation's premier exhibition for water, sanitation, and plumbing products and technologies, will be held from 16th to 18th April 2026 at the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC), Bengaluru.

Plumbex India 2026 is supported by two key Ministries of the Government of India — the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) and the Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS) — reinforcing its alignment with national priorities on water security, sanitation, and sustainable urban development.

The Plumbex India continues its legacy as a leading industry platform that brings together manufacturers, developers, architects, consultants, policymakers, contractors, and innovators under one roof to shape the future of India's building services ecosystem.

As the largest and most influential platform for the plumbing, water, sanitation and building industry, Plumbex India has spent decades catalysing sectoral growth, contributing to standardization, and introducing global technologies



to the Indian market. Over the years, it has played a pivotal role in advancing the plumbing and sanitation sector by creating a unified platform for knowledge exchange, innovation showcases, and business collaboration. Previous editions have attracted thousands of visitors and hundreds of exhibitors, reinforcing its role in driving industry growth, innovation adoption, and sustainable practices across the construction and infrastructure value chain.

Why Bengaluru? Plumbex India has evolved beyond an exhibition — it is a catalyst for industry transformation. By connecting manufacturers, start-ups, and solution providers with architects, real estate developers, and MEP consultants, the platform enables meaningful partnerships that translate into real-world projects and scalable impact. With Bengaluru

expanding rapidly and facing unique urban water management challenges, Plumbex India 2026 serves as a critical convergence point for brands to showcase solutions in a market actively seeking Net-Zero Water buildings, smart water systems, and advanced MEP (Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing) technologies. Plumbex India 2026 will host over 15,000 visitors, representing a large and diverse pool of stakeholders, including architects, MEP consultants, real estate developers, contractors, channel partners, technical professionals, and representatives from government and urban development bodies.

Event Highlights - Plumbex India 2026

Plumbex India 2026, South India's largest dedicated to water, sanitation and plumbing (spread across 1.4 lakh sq. ft.), will host high-quality stakeholders from across the building and infrastructure ecosystem.

Key highlights include: High-level Symposiums & Panel Discussions featuring industry leaders and policymakers

The student-focused Architectural Design Competition - 'Around the Drop' The live IPA Bathroom

Challenge (with IAPMO & IWSH), aligned with NBC and UIPC-I standards

The prestigious IPA Award of Excellence

Focused networking with the industry stakeholders

A powerful platform to launch and showcase new products and technologies directly to decision-makers

The exhibition aligns strongly with India's growing push toward sustainable water management, green buildings, and resilient urban infrastructure.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Gurmit Singh Arora, National President, Indian Plumbing Association (IPA), said: "Plumbex India is far more than an exhibition — it is a strategic platform driving water security, public health, and sustainable growth. Over the years, the industry has evolved from conventional installations to integrated, high-efficiency water management systems. By bringing Plumbex India 2026 to Bengaluru, we aim to connect global innovations with India's most dynamic construction and infrastructure ecosystem, accelerating the adoption of future-ready plumbing and water management solutions."

## Minister M.B. Patil Launches Amazon's 11 Lakh Sq. Ft. Corporate Office

Bengaluru: Minister for Large and Medium Industries M.B. Patil on Monday inaugurated Amazon's newly constructed, fully equipped corporate main office spread across 11 lakh square feet (1.1 million sq.ft.) at Vinayaka Nagara near Yelahanka.

Speaking on the occasion, he said, "This is Amazon's 10th corporate office in the State. The company, which has shared a two-decade association with Karnataka, plans to invest 35 billion dollars in India over the next four years. This investment is expected to support 15 million small businesses and generate lakhs of employment opportunities. Karnataka will receive a significant share of this investment."

He pointed out that Karnataka has an annual per capita income of over Rs.3.80 lakh, ranking highest in the country. The State also stands second in annual GST contributions to the national exchequer, contributing Rs.1.6 lakh crore. Bengaluru has climbed to the 21st position globally in the Global Innovation Index and is the only Indian city to feature among the top 30 in the Tech-Cities Index. Last year, the city recorded 14.6 million square feet of industrial leasing, the highest in the country, he noted.

Of the 900 Global Capability Centres (GCCs) in India, nearly 35 per cent are located in Karnataka. The State also leads



in infrastructure required for e-commerce operations, with warehousing capacity of 42.48 lakh tonnes and 233 cold storage units. Correspondingly, e-commerce transactions in the State are growing at 11 per cent annually, he said.

To further promote industrial growth, projects such as dedicated freight rail corridors, multimodal logistics parks, dry ports and truck terminals have been planned, Patil urged Amazon and other global companies to leverage Karnataka's industry-friendly ecosystem by enhancing their investments in the State, manufacturing here and exporting to global markets. The event was attended by S. David Zapolsky, Senior Vice President, Global Public Policy, Amazon; Chetan Krishnaswamy, Vice President; Sameer Kumar, Vice President; and Sean Lee, Vice President, Global Real Estate, Amazon, among others.

## Mangaluru: Bishop leads tech initiative to streamline parish records & reporting

Mangaluru, Feb 23: Marking a major leap in administrative efficiency, the diocese of Mangaluru conducted a comprehensive training session for its new 'My Diocese ERP' software on Monday February 23 at the Pastoral Centre, Bajjodi. The event was graced by the presence of the bishop of Mangalore, signalling the high priority placed on the diocese's digital transformation. The technical training was spearheaded by Fr Evan J Gomes, SVD (ERP coordinator) and his specialised technical team. Fr Evan provided an in-depth exploration of the software's core features,



focusing on basic system requirements, the mechanism for regular updates, and the simplified process for automated report generation. The team provided hands-on guidance, ensuring that the clergy and office staff are well-equipped to handle digital records with ease.

The 'My Diocese' ERP is an IT initiative by the members of the Society of the Divine Word (SVD), India, Mumbai Province. It is a complete solution designed to manage diocesan parishes, and ministries with ease and efficiency. Trusted by over 5 dioceses and 300+ active parishes, the software features:

Complete family & member profiles: Centralised records with family links and participation history. Sacramental & contribution records: Seamless tracking of Baptisms, Marriages, Burials, and donations. Smart financial management: Integrated Tally support for annual budgets and pledges. Online mass booking: A mobile app allowing parishioners to book intentions anytime, anywhere. All-in-One toolkit: Includes inventory, council management, cemetery records, and automated reporting. Emphasising the long-term impact of the project.

## Final days of BJP nearing: DCM D K Shivakumar

SAVE MGNREGA AND SAVE VILLAGES, LABOURERS AND GANDHIJI

Bengaluru : Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar today said that the BJP is nearing its final days. Speaking at the MGNREGA Bachao convention at Chikkaballapura, he said, "Like the lamp which burns bright before dying, the BJP is nearing its end as they are planning to finish the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi." "We are organising this event to save the nation. The Congress party had given employment guarantee to the rural people through MGNREGA scheme. The Centre is trying to kill the scheme. We need to save MGNREGA and save Gandhiji's legacy," he said. "Panchayats had the power to decide which works to take up. The scheme ensured works worth Rs 1-2 crore in each of the 5900 panchayats. We need to save MGNREGA," he added. Panchayat offices to be named after Mahatma "MGNREGA is a scheme which gives self-confidence to farmers and labourers and we need to protect it. Our party and the government have decided to name the panchayat offices after the Mahatma," he said.

## Basavaraj Bommai Alleges Conspiracy Against MLA Chandru Lamani, Seeks Probe and Accountability from Siddaramaiah

Haveri: Former Chief Minister and MP Basavaraj Bommai has alleged that a conspiracy is being hatched against Shirahatti BJP MLA Chandru Lamani, claiming that there was an attempt to forcibly hand over money to the legislator in order to implicate him in a corruption case.

Speaking to the media in Haveri, Bommai said that even forcing someone to give or accept a bribe is an offence under the Prevention of Corruption Act. He stressed that a comprehensive investigation must be conducted from all angles to uncover the truth. He pointed out that since MLA Lamani runs a hospital and meets various people regularly, the circumstances surrounding the incident remain unclear at this stage. The Lokayukta has already registered a case, and Bommai expressed confidence



that the facts would emerge after a fair probe. He further stated that a young doctor engaged in public service should

not have his reputation tarnished by what he described as politically motivated conspiracies. No one should encourage attempts to destroy an individual's public life through such tactics, he added.

Referring to allegations by contractors' associations regarding commissions, Bommai said the "Congress drama" has been exposed. He noted that multiple associations—including BESCOM and PWD contractors—have publicly alleged an increase in commission demands. In light of these accusations, he questioned the moral authority of the Congress to target others on corruption issues.

On Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's remarks about being politically targeted, Bommai said that Siddaramaiah has served as Chief Minister for seven

years, surpassing the tenure of former CM Devaraj Urs. If a leader who has enjoyed the longest tenure claims injustice, it raises serious questions, he remarked. Bommai asserted that Siddaramaiah must provide a clear account of what his government has done for backward classes and Scheduled Castes during his tenure. He also addressed discussions within the Congress about appointing a Scheduled Caste leader as Chief Minister. Bommai pointed out that leaders such as B. Basavalingappa, K.H. Ranganath, and Mallikarjun Kharge have long supported the party and that Dalits have stood by the Congress for decades. If the party is truly committed, it should grant Dalits their rightful political representation instead of offering what he termed as token gestures.

## Vijay slams Stalin, says CM's real friends are "bribe, corruption"

VELLORE: Launching yet another scathing attack on Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin, TVK founder Vijay on Monday alleged that the DMK president's real friends are "bribe, corruption, and eyeing political gains." Vijay, who has been mounting sharp attacks against the DMK and Stalin in particular, dared the CM to declare his assets disclosing the financial status before he stepped into politics.

"What was the source. Was it your hard earned money or it was amassed after you came to power? Can you declare it openly," the actor asked the CM and added that if he raised the issue of corruption, then all corrupt elements would "fling mud on us."

But he was not concerned about that because people know about him. He also accused the chief minister of making false promises to the people and sought to debunk the governing party's claim of having developed the Tamil Nadu into a "superstar state." He alleged Stalin's "real friends are bribe, corruption, and eyeing political gains."

The CM and the ruling party has often said that the state registered, under the DMK rule, double-digit economic growth rate of 11.19 per cent (2024-25) Addressing a meeting of party functionaries here, Vijay termed the Assembly polls due in April this year as a "surprising election" as all parties in



the state are allegedly teamed up against him and reiterated that the contest was between the DMK and TVK only.

Playing the DMK's poll narrative of polls as a fight between "Tamil Nadu and Delhi-NDA," he said the battle was actually between the state's people and corruption and alleged that the DMK government was "inept."

The Assembly election is "a war between Vijay and Stalin," he said, and reiterated his refrain that TVK is a "pure force" and accused the DMK yet again as an "evil force".

Rejecting the DMK's claim of

having developed Tamil Nadu into a superstar state, Vijay, the chief of the fledgling Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) said that the state was "such a superb" on during the times of iconic leaders K Kamaraj, CN Annadurai and M G Ramachandran.

Dubbing the DMK regime as "good-for-nothing ultra model government," he alleged the state has been transformed into a super-standup comedian-run state. The TVK chief, targeting the CM again, said that he was not concerned about his personal life. "Be what you want to be. But your governance is flawed and not required

for TN," he alleged.

The actor-politician claimed that Tamil Nadu meant Vijay and he represented the entire state.

Referring to Stalin's statement that he had no foes in politics and that all were his friends, Vijay asked, "then why blame me for Karur stampede," referring to the tragedy during a TVK rally that killed 41 persons and injured many.

Further, he asked: "Why refuse venue and permission for TVK (rallies and events), if we are friends...you did everything and blamed us for Karur tragedy." Praising people for superb clarity, he said he would visit every village and personally meet the people once the TVK formed the government following a huge win in the 2026 Assembly election.

Vijay, who arrived to a rousing reception by party workers at Agaramcheri village near the Pallikonda toll plaza on the Chennai-Bengaluru Highway in this district, administered a pledge to the TVK members.

"No one can buy us, our vote is for (party symbol) whistle. We won't believe anyone and get deceived. We won't deviate from our words. This is the truth," Vijay said and asked his party workers to repeat after him. Vijay reiterated that the TVK's stand was secularism and social justice.

## Palaniswami hits back at Udhayanidhi Stalin, questions DMK's 'dynastic politics'

CHENNAI: In a sharp escalation of political rhetoric ahead of the Tamil Nadu Assembly elections, Leader of Opposition Edappadi K Palaniswami (EPS) launched a strong counter-attack against Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin, responding to recent criticism directed at him by the DMK leader.

The war of words began after Udhayanidhi Stalin alleged that, though the AIADMK is formally part of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), EPS had become a "subservient slave" of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

The remark drew immediate backlash from the AIADMK camp. Taking to the social media platform X, Palaniswami shared photographs from his campaign trail in the Ponneri Assembly constituency and posed a series of pointed questions aimed at the Deputy Chief Minister.

In his post, EPS challenged Udhayanidhi's comments, asking what title he would assign to his own grandfather, former Chief Minister M Karunanidhi, who had, at various points



in political history, aligned with the BJP-led alliance.

"If I am a slave to the BJP, as Udhayanidhi Stalin claims, what would he call his own grandfather who was part of the same alliance? What designation would he give him?" Palaniswami asked.

He further questioned whether Udhayanidhi was indirectly criticising Karunanidhi by invoking his name in the current political context. "Is he unable to criticise his grandfather directly and therefore using my name to speak about him?" EPS wrote, urging the Deputy Chief Minister to clarify his stand openly. The AIADMK leader also broadened his criticism to target what he described as dynastic politics within the ruling DMK.

Referring to the Stalin family as one of the wealthiest political families in the world, Palaniswami questioned the necessity of continued family-based governance in the state.

"Is there a need for such a wealthy family to continue ruling Tamil Nadu?" he asked, adding that the upcoming Assembly elections would serve as a referendum on dynastic and hereditary politics. "The forthcoming election will be one in which the people of Tamil Nadu uproot family rule and reject legacy politics," he asserted. With both leaders intensifying their attacks, the political atmosphere in Tamil Nadu appears set to grow more combative as parties gear up for the high-stakes electoral battle.



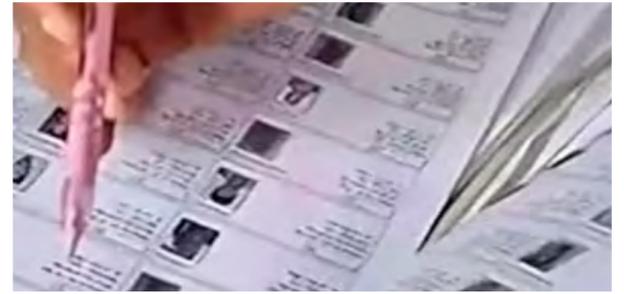
Minister for Social Welfare and Women Empowerment distributed welfare assistance to persons with disabilities and chaired the first meeting of the reconstituted Tamil Nadu Welfare Board for Persons with Disabilities at the Directorate of Social Welfare...

## Final voter list released in Tamil Nadu, here is a guide to check your name

CHENNAI: The Election Commission on February 23, 2026, at 2:30 pm released the final electoral roll for Tamil Nadu following the completion of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process. District Election Officers, who are District Collectors, published the list across the state. Voters can now verify whether their names are included in the final list by visiting <http://voters.eci.gov.in> or <http://electoralsearch.eci.gov.in>

The Election Commission has also advised voters to check their status through the Voter Helpline App.

The revision exercise began in 2025 ahead of the upcoming Tamil Nadu Assembly elections scheduled for April. The Special Intensive Revision (SIR) was conducted from November 4 to December 14, and the



draft electoral roll was published on December 19.

As per October 2025 figures, the state had 6.41 crore voters. During the revision, 97.30 lakh names were removed, reducing the total to 5.43 crore in the draft roll. The Commission later provided time

until the 10th of this month for additions, deletions, and corrections. During this period, 22.8 lakh applications were received for name inclusion, 2 lakh for deletion, and 9.90 lakh for corrections totaling 34.7 lakh applications, which were examined before finalizing the roll.

## Every Grain Has a Story: Wedding Waste Raises Questions of Responsibility



BY LATA JAIN

Amid shimmering décor, floral backdrops, and elaborate buffet counters, a quieter scene unfolded at a recent wedding reception — one that has triggered wider reflection on food waste and social responsibility.

After the guests had left their tables, plates lay scattered with uneaten rice, half-consumed sweets, abandoned kebabs, and partially used water bottles. For one attendee — the son of a farmer — the sight was more than untidiness. It was symbolic.

"What I saw was not just leftover food," he said. "It felt like an X-ray of our mindset."

Industry estimates suggest that 15% to 25% of food prepared at large weddings in India goes to waste. In a country where millions still struggle with food insecurity, the contrast is striking.

India hosts millions of weddings each year, many of them featuring extensive multi-course buffets. While abundance is often equated with hospitality, excess frequently translates into waste.

Caterers acknowledge that surplus food is common, especially at high-profile or large gatherings where hosts fear running

short. "No family wants to be remembered for inadequate arrangements," one event manager noted. "So they prefer excess over shortage."

Behind every wedding feast lies more than culinary preparation. Families often invest years of savings to organize socially respectable ceremonies. In some cases, provident funds are withdrawn, land is mortgaged, or loans are taken.

Long after the music fades and decorations are dismantled, hosts review expenses — and sometimes discover that a significant portion of the carefully prepared food ended up in garbage bins.

For farming families, the waste cuts deeper. Every grain of rice represents months of labor — sowing, irrigation, unpredictable monsoons, rising fertilizer costs, and manual harvesting under intense heat.

"When food is wasted casually, it feels like someone has dismissed that entire journey," the attendee reflected.

Observers point to a behavioral paradox. At restaurants, diners scrutinize menus and order cautiously. Portions are often finished completely because payment is personal.

At weddings, however, buffet culture encourages abundance.



Guests may fill plates with multiple dishes — sometimes out of curiosity, sometimes for display, and sometimes because the perceived cost is detached from personal spending.

Dessert counters are especially telling. Guests may take several sweets, consume only part, and leave the rest behind.

Nothing, however, is truly "free." The price is simply shifted — to hosts, to agricultural labor, and to natural resources.

Food waste is not merely a moral issue; it carries environmental implications:

Water used in crop cultivation

Energy spent in transportation and cooking

Packaging and plastic waste

Methane emissions from decomposing food in landfills

In an era of sustainability awareness, wedding waste presents a growing contradiction between celebration and conservation.

In several cities, NGOs and food recovery networks are working with banquet halls to redirect surplus food to shelters. However, logistical challenges, food safety standards, and timing constraints limit large-scale redistribution.

Experts suggest that meaningful change begins with individual awareness:

Take smaller portions first

Refill only if needed

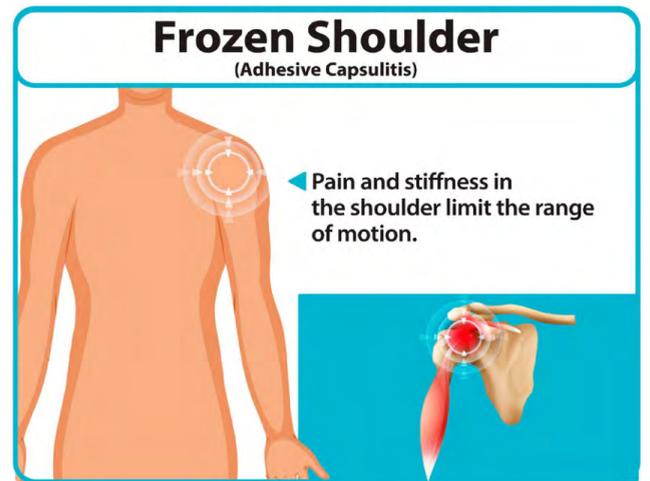
Avoid loading plates for appearance

Encourage hosts to coordinate with food donation groups

Opt for controlled serving counters instead of open excess

Weddings are celebrations of union, family, and gratitude. Yet the true measure of grandeur may not lie in the length of the buffet, but in the mindfulness of those who partake.

## Frozen Shoulder: Common but Treatable Condition



Tirupati: Frozen shoulder is a common yet often misunderstood condition that causes persistent pain, stiffness, and restricted movement in the shoulder joint. Many patients first notice difficulty in performing simple daily activities such as combing hair, wearing clothes, or reaching overhead. Night-time pain and disturbed sleep are frequent complaints.

Frozen shoulder develops gradually and progresses through three stages. The "freezing stage" begins with increasing pain and reduced movement. In the "frozen stage," pain may lessen, but stiffness becomes severe, making routine tasks difficult.

Finally, the "thawing stage" marks gradual recovery, with improvement in mobility over time. The full recovery process may take one to two years, but most patients regain normal function with proper treatment.

The condition is more common among individuals aged 40 to 60 years, women, diabetics, and those with thyroid disorders. It is also seen in people who keep their shoulder immobilised after injury or surgery. With rising diabetes cases and sedentary lifestyles, frozen shoulder has become increasingly common.

Experts stress that several myths delay recovery. Massage or painkill-

ers alone cannot cure the condition, and exercise does not damage the shoulder when performed correctly. In fact, physiotherapy plays a crucial role in restoring movement. More than 90% of patients recover without surgery. Dr. Jishnu Jonnalagadda, Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Specialist at BIRRD Hospital, advises early medical consultation, guided exercises, posture correction, and proper blood sugar control to prevent complications. With timely treatment and patience, frozen shoulder is fully manageable. Early movement and professional guidance remain the keys to recovery.

# APPLE'S FIRST EVENT OF 2026 IS UNLIKE ANYTHING IT HAS DONE IN YEARS



Apple has announced its first major event of 2026 on March 4 – and it is shaping up to be a departure from the company's usual play-book. Rather than the familiar gathering at its Cupertino headquarters, the March 4 event will take place simultaneously across three cities: New York, London and Shanghai. The invite itself may be dropping hints about what's coming. It features a 3D Apple logo rendered in yellow, green, and blue, which is a far cry from the company's signature silver and grey aesthetic. Bloomberg's

Mark Gurman has pointed out that these are the same shades Apple has reportedly been testing for its upcoming low-cost MacBook, which has only added to the speculation. What can we expect? The centerpiece is likely to be the affordable MacBook. It is said to be powered by the A18 chip, the same one found in the iPhone 16 Pro, and could feature a 12.9-inch LCD display. If the pricing rumours hold, it may come in under Rs 60,000 in India, which would make it Apple's most accessible laptop in some time. Alongside the

MacBook, Apple is also expected to unveil the iPhone 17e. The device is rumoured to pack the A19 chipset from the iPhone 17 series, with MagSafe charging and slimmer bezels reportedly in the mix, though the rear camera and notch design are said to remain largely unchanged. There's also an updated iPad Air, tipped to get the M4 chip for improved multi-tasking and graphics. Apple may also refresh its base iPad line with the A18 chipset, bringing it up to speed with its more premium siblings.

# RBI watching development around IDFC First Bank fraud: Guv Malhotra



## Highlights

■ THE RBI IS WATCHING THE DEVELOPMENT AROUND THE RS 590 CRORE FRAUD AT IDFC FIRST BANK AND THERE IS NO SYSTEMIC ISSUE, GOVERNOR SANJAY MALHOTRA SAID ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

**New Delhi:** The RBI is watching the development around the Rs 590 crore fraud at IDFC First Bank and there is no systemic issue, Governor Sanjay Malhotra said on

Monday, February 23. IDFC First Bank had on Sunday disclosed a Rs 590-crore fraud committed by certain employees and others at a particular branch in Chandigarh in a specific set of Haryana state government accounts. "We are watching the development, there is no systemic issue," Malhotra told reporters at a press briefing after the customary post budget address by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to the Central Board of Directors of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). IDFC First Bank had said that the fraud is "confined to a specific group of government-linked accounts within Haryana government" operated through the said branch in Chandigarh and stressed that it does not extend to other customers of the Chandigarh branch. IDFC First Bank had on Sunday disclosed a Rs 590-crore fraud committed by certain employees and others at a particular branch in Chandigarh in a specific set of Haryana state government accounts.

# US insurance major The Hartford opens Global Tech Centre in Hyderabad



**Hyderabad:** Telangana Information Technology (IT) and Industries Minister D Sridhar Babu on Monday, February 23, inaugurated the Global Technology Centre of US insurance major The Hartford in Hyderabad, marking the company's first-ever foray into India. The 160,000 sq ft. facility is located in the Financial District in the city's IT hub. The centre is expected to scale to a headcount of nearly 1,200 over the next few years as it expands advanced digital, engineering, and AI-led capabilities for the organisation globally, a state government release said. The facility will support the company's enterprise-wide technology transformation journey, with a strong focus on artificial intelligence (AI), digital innovation and engineering excellence, it

said. Operating in a start-up like environment, the centre is designed for "rapid prototyping and seamless cross-time-zone collaboration with the company's technology hubs in Hartford, Charlotte, Chicago, and Columbus (in the US)", it said. The Hartford's decision to begin its India journey in Hyderabad follows a "familiar pattern", Sridhar Babu said. When Microsoft expanded beyond the United States, their first major development centre outside Mountain View (in the US), Sridhar Babu said. In recent years, global leaders like McDonald's, Vanguard, Dai-ichi Life and Marriott

International have also made Hyderabad their "landing point" in India, building Global Capability Centres (GCCs) that drive advanced digital engineering, AI-led operations and global capability building, he said. "In Hyderabad, we measure our success by the impact we help global institutions create, and we welcome The Hartford as a partner in building the next chapter of digital innovation," he said. "The true strength of The Hartford has always been its people. By building on our world-class workforce with this technology center in Hyderabad, we are not only creating new digital and AI capabilities but also shaping the future of insurance technology," Shekar Pannala, Chief Information Officer of The Hartford, said.

# Will comply with NCLAT privacy guidelines: WhatsApp to SC

**New Delhi:** Global tech giants Meta Platforms Inc. and WhatsApp told the Supreme Court on Monday, February 23, that they will comply with the NCLAT's directions for extending the Competition Commission of India's (CCI) privacy and consent guidelines to advertising-related data. A bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul M Pancholi was hearing appeals filed by the tech giants against the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal's (NCLAT) directions of December last year. The court is also seized of a cross-appeal filed by the CCI, assailing the NCLAT ruling to the extent that it allowed WhatsApp and Meta to continue sharing users' data for advertising purposes. "These applications essentially seek a direction for a stay of the impugned judgment of the NCLAT to the extent it approves the direction issued by the CCI direct-



ing Meta to comply with the impugned directions contained in the NCLAT order dated December 15, 2025, containing certain directions issued to Meta," the CJ said. Taking note of the submissions made by senior counsel Kapil Sibal on behalf of WhatsApp that the appellants (the two tech giants) have decided to implement the tribunal's directions by March 16, the CJ dismissed the applications seeking a stay. He, however, clarified that the pleas are being dismissed, without prejudice to the issues in the main appeal. The

CJI also sought a compliance report from the companies. "Meanwhile, the appellants' affidavit regarding the privacy policy may be examined by the CCI and a response be placed on record," he said. WhatsApp is owned by Meta Platforms Inc. The apex court is hearing the appeals of the tech giants against a CCI order that imposed a penalty of Rs 213.14 crore on them over WhatsApp's privacy policy. On February 3, in a stinging rebuke, the court told both the firms that they cannot "play with the right to privacy of citizens in the name of data shar-

ing," and accused them of creating a monopoly in the market and committing theft of customers' private information. Decrying WhatsApp's privacy policy, the court referred to "silent customers", who are unorganised, digitally dependent and unaware of the implications of data-sharing policies, and said, "We will not allow the rights of any citizen of this country to be damaged." On November 4, 2025, the NCLAT set aside a section of a CCI order that had banned the instant-messaging app from sharing data with Meta Platforms for advertising purposes for five years, but retained a Rs 213-crore penalty on the social-media platform. Later, the tribunal clarified that its order in the WhatsApp matter on privacy and consent safeguards also applies to user-data collection and sharing for non-WhatsApp purposes, including non-advertising and advertising.

# Hyderabad airport contributes Rs 68,000 crore to Telangana economy: Study

**Hyderabad:** The Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) in Hyderabad has emerged as a major driver of Telangana's economy, contributing nearly Rs 68,000 crore in gross value added (GVA) and supporting about 3.5 lakh jobs, according to a study by the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER). The economic impact assessment, carried out by NCAER in October 2025, estimates that the airport accounts for about 4.6 per cent of the state's GVA. The study examined the airport's direct operations as well as the ripple effects generated through supply chains and household spending. RGIA, which began operations in 2008, has grown into a key economic asset for the state. Beyond passenger traffic, it supports trade, cargo movement and investment flows linked to Hyderabad's expanding business base. The study used an input-output framework to assess the airport's direct, indirect and induced impact on out-



put, GVA and employment. Direct impact includes on-site airport operations and related income. Indirect effects arise from procurement and linkages with suppliers, while induced impact reflects spending by employees and others whose livelihoods are connected to airport activity. According to the study, the Hyderabad airport's economic footprint extends well beyond its core aviation services. The integrated cityside development,

including GMR Aerocity, has added commercial offices, hospitality facilities, logistics parks and industrial capacity around the airport, strengthening its contribution to the economy. Cargo operations help connect to global markets. The report also highlighted the importance of cargo operations, particularly in pharmaceuticals and perishables, which have helped connect Hyderabad to global markets. Planned expansion of cargo terminals is

expected to further boost export-linked activity. The study noted that ongoing and proposed capital expenditure at the airport would generate construction employment in the short term and address long-term operational needs across airside, terminal and digital infrastructure. On governance and sustainability, the airport operates under a public-private partnership model, with a focus on service standards and stakeholder accountability.

# Olectra secures Letter of Intent from TGSRTC for 1,085 electric buses

**Hyderabad:** Olectra Greentech Ltd on Monday, February 23, said it has secured a Letter of Intent from the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) through Evey Trans Pvt Ltd for 1,085 electric buses under the PM E-DRIVE initiative. The Olectra electric buses will be deployed in Hyderabad, further strengthening the city's clean, efficient, and sustainable public transport ecosystem, a release said. Olectra Greentech Ltd Managing Director Mahesh Babu said: "Our continued commitment to the Make in India vision and to building world-class electric buses has received strong reinforcement through this prestigious order under the PM E-DRIVE programme". The company looks forward to working closely with TGSRTC to deliver efficient, comfortable, and sustainable public transportation that meets



the evolving expectations of citizens while contributing meaningfully to India's clean energy and net-zero ambitions, he said. For the order, Olectra buses will feature 12-metre low-floor configurations in both air-conditioned (AC) and non-AC variants, ingeniously designed and engineered to suit Indian road conditions and high-frequency urban operations, the release said. Each bus will be equipped with advanced front and rear air suspension systems to enhance ride comfort and passenger safety.

Powered by high-capacity Lithium-ion battery packs offering a range of over 250 kilometres per charge, the buses will support opportunity charging in approximately 45 minutes to ensure operational efficiency, it said. Dedicated wheelchair accommodation will also be integrated, reinforcing Olectra's commitment to accessibility and inclusive mobility, the release added. Olectra buses will feature 12-metre low-floor configurations in both air-conditioned (AC) and non-AC variants.

# Landmark Legal Victory for PURE Energy: Court Awards Rs. 50 Lakh in Damages Against Defamatory Social Media Influencer Mr. Aditya Prabhakar (known as "EV TraxelXP")

**Hyderabad, February 2026:** On January 29, 2026, the Court of the III Additional District and Sessions Judge at Sangareddy delivered a significant judgment in the case of PUR Energy Private Limited vs. M. Prabhakar Aditya (O.S. No. 78 of 2024). The court decreed a recovery of Rs. 50,00,000 (INR 50 Lakhs) in damages in favor of PURE Energy, marking a decisive victory for emerging startup brands against the rising tide of digital extortion and malicious misinformation campaigns orchestrated by social media influencers. **Judicial Findings:** Protecting the Right to Reputation Presiding Judge Smt. G. Sunitha Ravindra Reddy emphasized that the right to reputation is a fundamental right protected under the Constitution of India. The court found that the defendant's, Mr. Aditya Prabhakar (known as "EV TraxelXP"), resident of Ongole, Andhra Pradesh, actions caused "immense loss of reputation" and "irreparable loss which cannot be compensated." The court observed that the defendant, preying on the assumption that the legal system is slow, remained ex-parte (absent) during the proceedings, failing to contest

**Landmark Legal Victory: PURE EV vs. YouTube Defamation**

THE DISPUTE: MALICIOUS CONTENT & IP INFRINGEMENT

**Malicious Content & IP Infringement**

The defendant used the plaintiff's trademarked logo to falsely depict vehicles as defective.

**Extortionate Motive Behind Defamation**

Malicious videos were posted after the plaintiff refused legal demands for additional remuneration.

**Irreparable Reputational Damage**

The court found the videos caused significant loss of goodwill among drivers and customers.

**THE VERDICT: COURT DECREE & PENALTIES**

**Rs. 50,00,000**

Awarded in Damages

The court ordered this substantial payment for loss of reputation & goodwill.

**Financial Liabilities Imposed**

Damages for Defamation: Rs. 50,00,000

Total Legal Costs Awarded: Rs. 73,983

Court Fee Paid on Plaintiff: Rs. 54,256

**Mandatory Injunction for Public Apology**

The defendant must issue a public apology in newspapers and social media.

**Permanent Restraining Order**

A permanent injunction restricts the defendant from using the trademark of PURE EV for any further defamation.

the evidence provided by PURE Energy. This evidence included snapshots of defamatory comments, copies of emails, and the deceptive videos themselves. The Verdict: Financial and Legal Redress The court ruled entirely in favor of PURE Energy, granting the following reliefs: Beyond the financial penalty, the court issued a mandatory injunction requiring: The immediate take-down of all scandalous and derogatory content. A public apology in both national newspapers and across the defendant's social media platforms. A permanent restraint on the misuse or

dilution of the PURE EV trademark and designs. The Calculated Defamation Campaign The court's findings highlighted a deliberate attempt to tarnish PURE Energy's reputation through a YouTube video titled "One Company Destroyed the EV Industry | Poor EV | Real Face." The defendant's tactics included: Trademark Infringement: Shrewdly replacing the registered trademark "PURE EV" with "POOR EV" to escape liability while ensuring the audience identified the target. Malicious Fabrication: Using mor-

phed images and pasting PURE Energy's logo onto competitor vehicles that had caught fire to falsely represent the plaintiff's products as unsafe and defective. Baseless Allegations: Claiming "Poor Build Quality" despite PURE Energy's vehicles conforming to the best standards, solely to extort money from the brand. Contradictory Conduct: The influencer initially enjoyed a positive engagement to his youtube channel due to the brand. The court noted the defendant had previously praised the vehicles' comfort and mileage during his 30 days Kashmir to Kanyakumari journey on a PURE EV, yet later claimed 30 out of 100 vehicles were defective without having any evidence, a statement found to be made with "mal-intent to demean and devalue the goodwill" of the brand. Significance for the Startup Ecosystem This judgment serves as a landmark precedent for the Indian startup ecosystem. It sends a clear message to influencers and digital content creators that the freedom of expression does not grant a license for trademark infringement, extortion, or the dissemination of false narratives.

# 'Near impossible' travel conditions in New York as 22 inches of snow falls on US east coast

Power outages are affecting thousands of households and businesses across north-east US. Below are the latest outage figures in key states, according to blackout tracker PowerOutage.us:

- Massachusetts - 224,617
- New Jersey - 137,608
- New York - 17,440
- Delaware - 75,210
- Maryland - 29,553
- Rhode Island - 42,204

Ahead of the storm, Massachusetts governor Maura Healey warned residents to "prepare for the possibility of power outages by charging your devices and making sure you have a flashlight and batteries on hand". As a major winter storm hits parts of the north-east, local authorities and transport providers are urging people to avoid making journeys where possible. Here's a breakdown of the disruption: NJ Transit, which operates in New Jersey, parts of New York state and Pennsylvania,



says all train, bus, light rail and access link services are suspended until further notice. In New York City, some express subway trains are running on the local tracks, but the Metropolitan Transport Authority is warning of severe delays and advising customers to avoid travel. There are longer waits for local buses and articulated buses aren't running. In Connecticut, CT Transit has

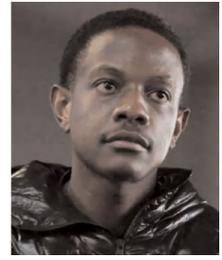
suspended all its bus services for the day, and says it hopes to restart them on Tuesday. Subway, bus and Commuter Rail services are operating on a reduced schedule in Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority says. Ferry services are cancelled. The transport provider in Delaware, DART First State, has suspended all services statewide across Monday

And in Pennsylvania, all bus services are suspended until further notices, according to the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA). Regional rail has also been temporarily suspended. The Philadelphia metro is partially running, but with possible delays and cancellations. Over 5,400 flights to, from or within the US have been cancelled

today, according to tracking website FlightAware. New Yorkers have woken up to between 8 and 15 inches of snow and blizzard conditions are still continuing. It's unusually quiet on the streets as a travel ban stays in effect. More figures are coming through showing how much snowfall landed overnight in the US. "Blizzard conditions will continue through much of today for the region," says the National Weather Service's prediction centre. The NWS shares the level of snowfall in more key cities as of 07:00 EST (12:00 GMT): Atlantic City Airport, New Jersey: 14.5" (37 cm) Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: 13.7" (35 cm) Wilmington, North Carolina: 8.3" (21 cm) Allentown, Pennsylvania: 5.2" (13 cm) Trenton, New Jersey: 15.6" (40 cm) Reading, Pennsylvania: 2.8" (7 cm)

Mount Holly, New Jersey: 19.2" (49 cm) I've been watching a neighbour trying to clear a path to their front door all morning. So far the blizzard is winning. Another neighbour tells me they've spent an hour trying to shovel out their car. The sleet shifted to heavy snow here in New York about 18:00 on Sunday, and it hasn't let up since. It's still dumping down, and sometimes comes at you sideways with the blustery winds. As we reported earlier, more than 5,000 flights heading in and out of the US have been cancelled today. One of the most impacted airports is LaGuardia in New York, where 1,025 flights are cancelled. We're now seeing photos come through of LaGuardia, which is covered in snow. Mari Scheffele is snowed in at home in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She says the weather has worsened over the last couple of hours.

## Robert Mugabe's son charged with attempted murder in South Africa



The youngest son of Zimbabwe's late former President Robert Mugabe has been formally charged with attempted murder at a brief appearance in a South African court. Bellarmine Mugabe, 26, was arrested last week after a 23-year-old man was shot and injured at a property in an upmarket suburb of Johannesburg last Thursday. He was then taken into custody alongside his bodyguard - neither man has commented on the charges. Appearing in court, dressed in black, Mugabe looked calm during the proceedings. Bellarmine is the youngest son of Robert and his second wife Grace Mugabe. Robert

Mugabe, who died in 2019, led Zimbabwe for 37 years before being forced out of power at the age of 93 in 2017. Searching the property in Hyde Park where the shooting happened, police have found bullet cartridges but no firearm so far. Mugabe and Tobias Tamirepi Matonhodze, 33, also face additional charges, including defeating the ends of justice, which relates to the missing firearm, prosecutors say. The victim is in hospital and in a critical condition. Speaking outside court, Mugabe's lawyer Sinenhlanhla Mnguni provided an update on his well-being, telling reporters his client was "fine" as he remains in custody. Describing the circumstances of the shooting, prosecutors allege that "an altercation occurred between the victim and the accused inside Mugabe's home". While attempting to flee the victim was then allegedly "shot in the back and collapsed outside the gate" and the gate was then closed, according to a statement from the National Prosecuting Authority.

## Armed man killed after entering secure perimeter of Trump's residence, Secret Service says



An armed man has been shot dead after entering the secure perimeter of US President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence in Florida, the Secret Service has said. The man was carrying a shotgun and fuel can when he was stopped and shot by Secret Service agents and a Sheriff's deputy, authorities said. The incident happened around 01:30 ET (06:30 GMT) on Sunday morning, when the president was in Washington DC. The suspect has been named as 21-year-old Austin T Martin of Cameron, North Carolina, according to the BBC's US partner CBS. His family in North Carolina had reported him missing in the early hours of Sunday morning, the Moore County Sheriff's Office said in a statement to the BBC. The missing persons information has since been turned over to federal authorities, the sheriff's office said. They added that the department had no record of prior history concerning Martin and that it was not involved in the Florida investigation. Officials are

looking into whether he bought the gun along the driving route he took from North Carolina to Florida, according to CBS. US Secret Service agents fired at him after they saw him "unlawfully entering the secure perimeter at Mar-a-Lago early this morning", agency spokesman Anthony Guglielmi posted on X on Sunday. The suspect "was observed by the north gate of the Mar-a-Lago property carrying what appeared to be a shotgun and a fuel can", the agency said in a statement. The man was then shot after refusing orders, Palm Beach County Sheriff Ric Bradshaw said. "The only words that we said to him was 'drop the items', which means the gas can and the shotgun," Bradshaw told a news conference. "At which time he put down the gas can, raised the shotgun to a shooting position," he said. At that point, agents fired their weapons to "neutralise the threat", Bradshaw added. The officers were wearing body cameras and no law enforcement officers were injured, he said.

## BONES OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI GO ON PUBLIC DISPLAY IN ITALY



The remains of Italy's patron saint, St Francis of Assisi, have gone on public display to mark 800 years since his death. Italian officials say about 400,000 people from around the world have reserved a place to see his bones in the central Italian town of Assisi. The 13th Century skeleton is being displayed from Sunday at the lower church of the famous Basilica of St Francis of Assisi. His

remains have only been seen in public once before - for a single day in 1978 to a very limited group of people. St Francis is one of the most venerated figures in Christianity and was born in the Italian city of Assisi in 1181 or 1182. He renounced his wealth and devoted his life to the poor, founding the order of the Franciscans. He is also the patron saint of animals and the environment.

## Four years into its full-scale war in Ukraine, Russia is feeling the effects

At first glance, Yelets in winter looks like something from a Russian fairy tale. From the embankment I spy the golden domes of Orthodox churches and, down below, ice fishermen dotted along the frozen river. But in this town, 350km (217 miles) south of Moscow, the fairy tale feeling is transient. On the riverbank I spot an army recruitment billboard. It promises a one-off sum equivalent to £15,000 to anyone who'll sign up to fight in Ukraine. Close by there's a poster of a Russian soldier taking aim with a Kalashnikov. "We're there where we need to be," the accompanying slogan declares. The Kremlin launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine on 24



February 2022. Outside Russia it was widely seen as an attempt to force Kyiv back into Moscow's orbit and to overturn the entire post-Cold War security architecture in Europe. The Russian leadership envisaged a short and successful military operation. It didn't go to plan. Four years later, Russia's war on Ukraine grinds on. It has lasted

longer than Nazi Germany's brutal war on the Soviet Union, known here as the Great Patriotic War. And, in this town, you can see some of the consequences. A giant mural fills one side of a nine-storey Yelets apartment block. Depicted here are the faces of five Russian soldiers, local men killed fighting in Ukraine. "Glory to the heroes of Russia!" has

been painted at the top. The Russian authorities do not release casualty figures for the so-called "special military operation". But Russia is known to have suffered huge battlefield losses. So many of the towns and villages I've visited in the last two years have had museums and monuments dedicated to soldiers killed in Ukraine, as well as separate sections for recent war dead at local cemeteries. "My friend's husband was killed fighting there. The son of my cousin, too. And grandson," says Irina, who has stopped to chat to me opposite the mural. "Lots of people have been killed. I feel sorry for these lads." Irina is a ticket collector at the bus station. She struggles to make ends meet.

## CARTEL HENCHMEN UNLEASH VIOLENCE AFTER TOP DRUG LORD KILLED IN MEXICO

Members of the Jalisco New Generation Cartel (CJNG), one of the most powerful and feared criminal organisations in Mexico, have unleashed a wave of violence across 20 Mexican states. They torched businesses and erected burning blockades in retaliation to the killing of their leader, Nemesio Oseguera Cervantes, better known as "El Mencho", who died in custody on Sunday shortly after being captured by Mexican special forces. El Mencho, Mexico's most wanted man, was seriously injured in a firefight between his bodyguards and the military commandos deployed to capture him. He died while the military was transport-



ing him from the town of Tapalpa, in Jalisco state, to the capital, Mexico City. At least six of El Mencho's security guards were also killed in the operation, while three members of the Mexican military were injured, the defence ministry said. As news of El Mencho's death

spread, members of his cartel launched attacks in many towns and cities where the CJNG is active. In some towns, they blocked roads by throwing spikes and nails on to the tarmac - in others, they commandeered buses and other vehicles they then torched in the middle of the

road. Cartel members also set alight dozens of banks and local businesses such as pharmacies. Footage recorded by locals showed plumes of smoke rising above several towns and cities, including the beach resort of Puerto Vallarta, which is popular with tourists. In Guadalajara - one of the host cities of the forthcoming Fifa World Cup - travellers at the airport could be seen running and crouching on the floor in panic. News site Milenio reported that the panic spread when a group came running into the airport to seek shelter after they had heard gunshots ring out from the nearby highway.

## ROB JETTEN BECOMES NETHERLANDS' YOUNGEST EVER PM



Rob Jetten has become the youngest and first openly gay prime minister of the Netherlands after his minority government was sworn in. The 38-year-old claimed victory in October's election with his Democrats 66 party (D66) narrowly beating anti-Islam populist Geert Wilders in a nail-biting election. Jetten formed a centre-right minority government with the People's Party for Freedom and Democracy (VVD) and the Christian Democratic Alliance (CDA). It is a minority cabinet, meaning every major reform in the coalition deal - from an extra 19bn (£16.6bn) for defence to painful cuts in healthcare and benefits - will have to be negotiated vote by vote in the Netherlands' two parliamentary houses. The coalition also wants fewer asylum seekers, with refugees having to apply for asylum outside Europe, not after they arrive. Asylum migration has been a particularly sensitive issue in Dutch pol-

itics, contributing to the downfall of the country's last two coalition governments. Jetten succeeds Dick Schoof as prime minister who oversaw one of the shortest-lived governments in Dutch history. D66 will provide seven ministers, VVD will provide six, and CDA five, with three state secretaries each - junior members of cabinet. Jetten was formally sworn in by King Willem-Alexander at the Huis ten Bosch Palace in The Hague on Monday. Posting a selfie ahead of his swearing-in ceremony, Jetten wrote on X: "Proud to be doing this together. In a new phase, with great responsibility and, above all, a shared promise to work for everyone in the Netherlands." "By not dwelling on what's wrong, but by building on what can be improved. That requires courage and collaboration." "Let's get to work" Slick, smiling and patient, Jetten has spent years shaking off the nickname "Robot Jetten", earned for his stiff.

# PUTIN MUST BE STOPPED: ZELENSKY

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky continues to send out a firm message of defiance. When we met this weekend in the government headquarters in Kyiv, he said that far from losing, Ukraine would end the war victorious. He was firmly against paying the price for a ceasefire deal demanded by President Vladimir Putin, which is withdrawing from strategic ground that Russia has failed to capture despite sacrificing tens of thousands of soldiers. Putin, Zelensky told me, has already started World War Three, and the only answer was intense military and economic pressure to force him to step back. "I believe that Putin has already started it. The question is how much territory he will be able to seize and how to stop him..."

Russia wants to impose on the world a different way of life and change the lives people have chosen for themselves." What about Russia's demand for Ukraine to hand over the 20% of the eastern region of Donetsk that it still holds - a line of towns Ukraine calls "fortress cities" - as well as more land in the southern regions of Kherson and Zaporizhzhia? Isn't that, I asked, a reasonable request if it produces a ceasefire? "I see this differently. I don't look at it simply as land. I see it as abandonment - weakening our positions, abandoning hundreds of thousands of our people who live there. That is how I see it. And I am sure that this 'withdrawal' would divide our society." But isn't it a good price to pay if that satisfies Putin? Do you think it would satisfy him? "It



would probably satisfy him for a while... he needs a pause... but once he recovers, our European partners say it could take three to five years. In my opinion, he could recover in no more than a couple of years. Where would he go next? We do not know, but that he would want to

continue [the war] is a fact." I met Zelensky in a conference room inside the heavily guarded government enclave in a well-to-do corner of central Kyiv. In the interview he spoke mostly in Ukrainian. You get a sense of the weight of leadership carried by Zelensky from the diligence

of his security guards. Visiting any head of state requires rigorous checks. But entering the presidential buildings in Kyiv takes the process to a level I have rarely experienced before. It is not surprising in a country at war, with a president who has already been targeted by Russia. Despite all that, the man who started as an entertainer, who won the Ukrainian version of Strictly Come Dancing in 2006, and played the role of an unexpected president of Ukraine in a TV comedy, before becoming the real-life president of Ukraine, seems to be remarkably resilient. US President Donald Trump said on the eve of the most recent ceasefire talks in Geneva that "Ukraine better come to the table fast". He continues to default to put-

ting more pressure on Ukraine than on Russia. Western diplomats have indicated since last summer that Trump agrees with Putin that territorial concessions from Ukraine to Russia are the key to the ceasefire. Trump wants, ideally before this coming summer. Plenty of analysts outside the White House also judge that Ukraine cannot win the war and, without making concessions to Moscow, will lose it. I asked Zelensky whether Trump and the others had a point. "Where are you now?" Zelensky asked in return. "Today you are in Kyiv, you are in the capital of our homeland, you are in Ukraine. I am very grateful for this. Will we lose? Of course not, because we are fighting for Ukraine's independence."

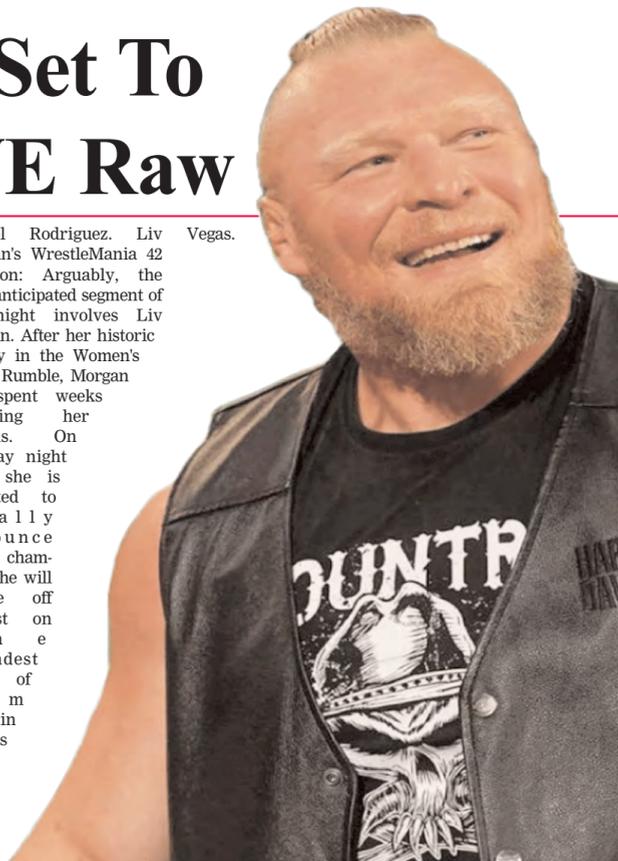


# Brock Lesnar Set To Return At WWE Raw

The countdown to WrestleMania 42 has begun, with storylines intensifying and match-ups being finalised. Monday's episode of WWE Raw is set to give a glimpse into what to expect, especially with the Elimination Chamber premium live event looming. From the return of the legendary Brock Lesnar to career-defining decisions, there's a lot to look forward to for fans at State Farm Arena in Atlanta. "The Beast" Brock Lesnar Returns: After an explosive showing at the Royal Rumble in Riyadh, where The Beast Incarnate held his own against new powerhouses like Oba Femi, Monday's episode of Raw is officially set to make Lesnar's true presence felt on the red brand. While WWE officials have kept tight-lipped regarding the specific purpose of his appearance, the timing is

impossible to ignore. With WrestleMania season in full swing, Lesnar's return likely signals the beginning of a high-stakes storyline. Whether he's looking to settle a score with those who eliminated him from the Rumble or has new targets in sight, we'll soon find out. Final Men's Elimination Chamber Qualifying Match: A massive Triple Threat Match will determine who joins the likes of Cody Rhodes and Randy Orton inside the Chamber. Fans simply can't afford to miss the battle between Bronson Reed, Jey Uso, and "The Original" El Grande Americano. Final Women's Elimination Chamber Qualifying Match: The women's division will also see its final spot filled tonight in what promises to be a technical masterclass. The match will see an enthralling battle between IYO SKY, Kairi Sane and

Raquel Rodriguez. Liv Morgan's WrestleMania 42 Decision: Arguably, the most anticipated segment of the night involves Liv Morgan. After her historic victory in the Women's Royal Rumble, Morgan has spent weeks weighing her options. On Monday night Raw, she is expected to finally announce which champion she will square off against on the "Grandest Stage of Them All" in Las Vegas.



# Benfica's Prestianni gets provisional one-match ban

Benfica's Gianluca Prestianni has received a provisional one-match suspension after Real Madrid's Vinicius Jr reported alleged racist abuse during last week's Champions League meeting. Vinicius told referee Francois Letexier that he had been racially abused by the Argentina winger during the first leg of their Champions League knock-out phase play-off tie in Lisbon last Tuesday. Uefa announced the provisional ban on Monday following the appointment of an ethics and disciplinary inspector to investigate the incident. The European governing body said further punishment could be handed out once the investigation is completed. Prestianni has denied racially abusing the Brazilian. Real Madrid and Benfica meet for the second leg in the Spanish capital on Wednesday (20:00 GMT). Last week's first leg was halted for 10 minutes after



Vinicius alerted on-field official Letexier to the second-half incident, before he and his team-mates temporarily left the pitch. It came after Vinicius, 25, scored a stunning goal and then received a yellow card for his celebrations in front of the Benfica supporters. Benfica manager Jose Mourinho, who is suspended for the second leg follow-

ing his sending off later in the match, was criticised for his post-match comments after saying he believed that Vinicius had celebrated disrespectfully. Because of his ban, Mourinho will not speak to the media before the match - but Benfica have the option of making the assistant coach available instead.

# "They Abuse Pakistan": Mohammad Amir Responds To India Legends' Criticism

A war of words has emerged between Mohammad Amir and retired Indian players over some of the comments that the former Pakistan pacer made about Team India's campaign so far in the T20 World Cup 2026. While Amir has been critical of the Pakistan team, he specifically chose to target India's Abhishek Sharma, calling him a "slogger". Amir later also said that India would not qualify for the T20 World Cup 2026 semifinals. His comments left many former Indian players fuming. "When asked about the criticism he has been getting from across the border over his comments, Amir justified the remarks, saying he only shared his opinion, but did-



n't use any bad language. "I have just given my opinion. We have always praised India when they perform well. I have also said this earlier, one should respect one's opinion. If I talk about the kinds of things some former Indian players say, they use such bad language. They abuse Pakistan. We

have never done so, just tell me one time if I ever used bad language against India," said Amir on the "Haarna Mana Hai" show. "When it comes to Abhishek, I just said that he doesn't have a defensive game. A player who cannot stop the ball, what else do I call him? Just tell me what

to call him if he can't come into the line and defend the ball," he added. Amir further explained the comments he made about India potentially not qualifying for the semifinals, suggesting he only spoke from the perspective of a pundit who has closely seen South Africa and West Indies' performances. "Learn to respect someone's opinion. There are 100 people in the world; not everyone can have the same opinion. We have played the sport, so we know how it works. Looking at how India and South Africa have been playing cricket, I think South Africa are better," said Amir. "I was just talking from that sense," he explained.

# Indian Golf Premier League Secures 100 Million Dollars in Franchise Commitments Across 10 Cities

The Indian Golf Premier League (IGPL) on Monday announced a landmark \$100 million capital commitment from ten franchise partners across India, marking the largest private investment in Indian golf history. Each franchise has committed approximately \$10 million over ten years, signalling a long-term strategic bet on professionalizing and democratizing golf across India and beyond. The franchise rights have been awarded to leading business entities across Hyderabad (Phoenix), Mumbai (Atri), Kolkata (Flyingman Academy), Delhi (RVR Infra), Chennai (Vimtra Ventures), Visakhapatnam (Green Fuels), Goa (Auro Realty), Bengaluru (GolfKonnekt), Punjab (Krishna Auto) and



Gurugram (Honor Homes Consortium). The ten-city format ensures pan-India representation and brings professional golf to key metropolitan and emerging markets. Beyond the league operations, franchise partners have committed to a collective \$250 million infrastructure investment to build accessible golf facilities, including compact 8-10-acre courses in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities and villages, fundamentally expanding the sport's

reach beyond traditional elite circles. The IGPL will launch with an aggressive global expansion strategy, establishing a presence across three continents India, Africa, and the Middle East in its inaugural year, with plans to operate in five countries within three to four years. Commenting on the announcement, Uttam Singh Mundy, CEO, IGPL stated, "This is not a traditional sports investment it's a strategic platform for business

amplification and nation-building through sports. Our franchise partners come from Pharma, Infrastructure, Real Estate, and Venture Capital, and they see IGPL as a multi-decade opportunity to build a sports culture while leveraging the platform for their core businesses. The \$100 million commitment reflects their conviction in our vision." "We're not just creating a league we're building an ecosystem. From village courses to global tournaments, IGPL will make golf accessible, competitive, and commercially viable. Our three-continent launch strategy and infrastructure mandate position us as a transformative force in global golf, not just Indian golf," Mr. Mundy added.

# O'SULLIVAN SIGNS UP FOR WORLD SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP



Ronnie O'Sullivan is set to make his debut in the World Seniors Snooker Championship at Sheffield's Crucible Theatre in May. The tournament begins on 6 May - two days after the completion of the main World Championship where the 50-year-old will be aiming for a record-breaking eighth win. Changes to seniors tournament rules mean players aged 45 or over who are ranked in the world's top 64 are now eligible to take part. Despite skipping several

tournaments this season, O'Sullivan - who won his most recent world title in 2022 - is currently 11th in the rankings. Four-time seniors champion Jimmy White - the most successful player in the event's history - is also set to take part this year. Other names in the draw include 1997 world champion Ken Doherty, 2015 winner Stuart Bingham, 12-time women's world champion Reanne Evans and current British Seniors Open champion Joe Perry.



United States' Madison Chock and Evan Bates perform in the ice dance routine at Milano Ice Skating Arena.

# "Who Said We Should Play Washington?" Ajinkya Rahane's Unfiltered Dig As Gautam Gambhir Faces Heat

In a scathing assessment of India's recent selection policy, veteran batter Ajinkya Rahane has launched a stinging critique against the national team management after the defeat against South Africa in the T20 World Cup Super 8 match in Ahmedabad on Sunday. Rahane did not pull any punches when discussing the decision to sideline all-rounder Axar Patel in favour of Washington Sundar during the series against South Africa, suggesting that the team's leadership has fallen into a trap of overthinking their tactical choices. Rahane expressed surprise at the decision-making process, questioning why a proven performer was left out. "I'm really surprised Axar Patel is not playing the match. I don't understand what is happening. Axar has been doing so well for India in different situations. Sometimes when you become



too smart, I feel selection-wise that can hamper you," he said during a panel discussion on Cricbuzz. The crux of Rahane's argument lies in the danger of over-analysing "match-ups" at the expense of proven quality. "You took Washington Sundar because there are too many left-handers in the South Africa team, but he only bowled two overs. And there is no guar-

antee that an off-spinner is going to bowl really well against left-handers. We saw what Keshav Maharaj did today against all the top left-handed batters." Too Many Brains In The Backroom Rahane, who has led the Indian team in Tests, took aim at the modern reliance on data analysts and backroom staff, suggesting they are over-complicating a sim-

ple game. "In this era of the game, there are so many in the backroom, there are so many analysts, there are so many scientists, too many brains, and sometimes the brains over-complicate life. When you get so many around the table, and you've been winning, I want to know the person who was around that board meeting and went, 'I think we should play Washington Sundar.'" Addressing the possibility of an injury, Rahane noted that captain Suryakumar Yadav's comments at the toss suggested a tactical choice rather than a medical one. Gautam Gambhir Faces Heat India head coach Gautam Gambhir is the first man to come under the line of fire after India's defeat. Gambhir's love for Sundar isn't hidden from anyone. Many believe that Gambhir is likely to have played a role in Sundar's selection over Axar.

# 'HEIST' AT FOREST BOOSTS LIVERPOOL'S TOP-FOUR HOPES



Carnage would be an understatement to describe the closing moments of Liverpool's victory at the City Ground, but it would not be over the top to call the win a heist - one that puts Arne Slot's side firmly in the Champions League hunt. The fact that Nottingham Forest boss Vitor Pereira said he was "angry with football" summed it up. Forest did not deserve to lose. For large parts of the afternoon, the home fans chanted "In your head, Arne, Arne, Arne" to the tune of "Zombie" by The Cranberries as Pereira's side dominated the defending champions. Before today, Slot had failed to beat Forest in any of his previous three attempts as Liverpool boss. Yet as the Liverpool players made their way to the away end after snatching a remarkable victory through Alexis Mac Allister, the same chant came from the travelling support, who could

hardly believe their luck. Liverpool were dull for most parts but deserve praise for their resilience and the importance of Mac Allister's 97th-minute winner cannot be underestimated in the sense that it took Liverpool level on points with Chelsea and Manchester United, in fourth and fifth. "It's one of the biggest robberies I've seen in the Premier League this season," said Jamie Carragher on Sky Sports. For Slot, who has regularly insisted that Liverpool have been unfortunate on many an occasion this season, there was an acceptance that his side had finally got the rub of the green. "My emotions were emotions of happiness and relief because this is the first time I have to do a different post match press conference," said Slot. "We did not play a good game. We have been on the wrong side of the score after a good performance too many times.

## D/O Prasad Rao Kanabadutaledhu is packed with gripping twists and will not disappoint anyone," said Rajeev Kanakala at the Grand Preview Event

The Telugu web series D/O Prasad Rao Kanabadutaledhu, starring Rajeev Kanakala, Udaya Bhanu, Vasanthika, and Sriram Venkat in prominent roles, is set to premiere on ZEE5 from February 27. Produced by K.V. Sriram under the South India Screens banner and directed by Krishna Poluru, the series had two episodes screened exclusively for the media ahead of its streaming debut, followed by a grand preview event attended by the cast and crew.

Speaking about his role, Rajeev Kanakala described it as one of the most significant characters in his career. "I've played many roles over the years, but this one stands out as a milestone. The emotional transitions, the modulation, and the dialogue delivery are completely different from what audiences have seen from me so far. Krishna presented me in a refreshing way," he said. He added that the narrative unfolds with consistent tension and unexpected turns. "It's layered, intense, and emotionally grounded. Viewers will stay engaged till the last moment."

Director Krishna Poluru shared that the story began as a simple idea and gradually evolved into a fully fleshed-out script



over nearly two years. "After Recce, I wanted to explore something emotionally powerful yet gripping as a thriller. It took time to shape the characters properly. I'm grateful to the team at ZEE5 for believing in the vision," he said. He emphasized that the series balances sensitivity with suspense, ensuring both emotional resonance and narrative momentum.

Udaya Bhanu expressed excitement about the

release and said she connected deeply with her character. "I was waiting for audiences to watch this. The shoot moved quickly, but we ensured the emotional core remained intact. As a mother, several moments in the story felt very personal," she said. She also mentioned that playing a police officer was a long-standing wish and that the role gave her the opportunity to portray both strength and vulnerabil-

ty. Producer K.V. Sriram stated that the series would strongly connect with fathers and families. "When I watched the final output, I saw only the character — not the actor. That level of immersion is rare," he said, referring to Rajeev's performance. He added that each episode carries high intensity. "Every episode feels like a climax in itself. The thrill is maintained throughout." He also thanked ZEE5

Telugu for their continued support. ZEE5 Telugu Senior Vice President Jayanth Raghavan said the series adds depth to their growing slate of Telugu originals. He shared that the father's character personally resonated with him and praised the team's collaborative effort. He highlighted the cinematography by Mahesh and dialogues by Shruti as strong pillars supporting the narrative.

## Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka Unveils MAA Diary



The Movie Artists Association (MAA), under the dynamic leadership of Vishnu Manchu, continues to strengthen its presence with a series of impactful initiatives. As President, Vishnu Manchu has been actively introducing programs aimed at enhancing the welfare, health, and professional support of MAA members. His focus on sustained health-awareness activities, regular medical camps, and member engagement has earned widespread appreciation across the industry. Taking another step toward organi-

zational development, the newly compiled MAA Diary-featuring key annual updates, member information, and association plans, was formally unveiled by Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka. The release took place in the presence of Vishnu Manchu, who invited the Deputy CM to grace the occasion and launch the diary. The event saw enthusiastic participation from several MAA office bearers and committee members, including Vice President Madala Ravi, Treasurer Shiva Balaji, Executive members

Jayavani, Malakpet Shailaja, Shiva Narayana, Shashank, Haranath Babu, Manik, and popular actor Sampurnesh Babu, along with MRC Vadlapatla and others. After unveiling the diary, Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka appreciated Vishnu Manchu for his proactive leadership and the continuous efforts being made to uplift the association and its members. The launch further highlighted MAA's commitment to transparency, member welfare, and structured progress under its current administration.

## Gauahar Khan gets emotional as she visits Medina in the holy month of Ramadan



Mumbai: Actress Gauahar Khan recently shared an emotional moment from her spiritual trip to Medina, Saudi Arabia, where she was seen offering prayers during the holy month of Ramadan. Taking to her social media account, Gauahar posted a video from Medina and

wrote: "alhamdulillah for this!!!! this feeling is ... Overwhelming in every way." In the video, Gauahar is seen wearing a modest outfit with a headscarf, and looked extremely overwhelmed and teary-eyed. The serene backdrop of Medina added more to the spiritual intensity of the moment.

## "Arunachala Giri Pradakshina" First Glimpse Unveiled by Renowned Actor Tanikella Bharani



Renowned actor, writer, and director Tanikella Bharani, who beautifully explored the philosophy of Lord Shiva through "Aatagadara Shiva", has unveiled the first glimpse of the prestigious film "Arunachala Giri Pradakshina", set against the spiritually powerful backdrop of Arunachalam. Produced by noted filmmaker Tummala Rama Satyanarayana under the

Bhimavaram Talkies, the film is being directed by talented VFX expert Harsha M. The music for the film is composed by the duo Dr. A. J. Sandhyavarshini and Dr. V. R. A. Pradeep. A song from the film has lyrics penned by Chintala Srinivas, with vocals rendered by Madhu. Blending strong emotional elements with a touching sentiment,

"Arunachala Giri Pradakshina" is being crafted as a spiritually enriching and emotionally engaging film. On this occasion, Tanikella Bharani expressed his best wishes, hoping the film achieves great success. The makers have announced that the second schedule of shooting will commence shortly, and they are planning to release the film in April.

## Realistic Violent Love Story Movie "Cockroach" Coming to Grand Theatrical Release on 6th March

Director P. has received awards and audience rewards with films like Sonta Ooru, Gangaputru, a romantic crime story, Gulf, Vaali. Sunil Kumar Reddy's latest film is "Cockroach". The film stars Abhilash Sunkara, Premasan, Naveen and Theertha in lead roles. The movie "Cockroach" is produced by B. Bapiraju and M u t h u k i Nagasatyanarayana under the banner of Sri Lakshmi Pictures. The film is going to have a grand theatrical release on March 6, which has completed all the programs. In this context, a movie press meet was arranged at Hyderabad Film Chamber. In this program Producer B. Bapiraju said - We made successful and good films in our combination with Sunil Kumar Reddy. This is another dif-



ferent movie we are doing together. We have made this film as a realistic form of the happenings in the society. We faced some challenges during the production of this film. We did risky shooting in natural locations. Censor has given A certificate to our movie.

We are bringing our movie to the audience on 6th March. Our director Sunil Kumar Reddy directed the movie even better than the script said. Our movie gives something new to the audience who are tired of watching routine movies. Said.

## VISION CINEMA HOUSE COMPLETES FIRST SCHEDULE OF "HAIKU", EYES SEPTEMBER 2026 RELEASE



### Highlights

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Vision Cinema House has officially announced the successful completion of the first shooting schedule of its much-anticipated film Haiku. The opening schedule was completed smoothly and on time, setting a confident and positive tone for the film's production journey. The first phase of filming featured crucial sequences involving lead actors Aegan and Sridevi, along with strong performances by Adrichi Arun and Kalaivani Baskar. The cast delivered emotionally rich performances, adding depth and authenticity to the narrative during this initial schedule. Haiku is written and directed by Yuvaraj Chinnasamy, with additional screenplay contributed by Hariharan Ram. This creative collaboration has resulted in a screenplay that balances sensitivity, realism, and strong cinematic storytelling, raising expecta-

tions among film circles. The team is extremely pleased with the visuals captured so far, especially highlighting the work of cinematographer Priyesh Guruswamy, whose visual treatment has beautifully established the film's mood and emotional tone. The footage from the first schedule is said to have exceeded expectations. Produced by Dr. D. Arulanandhu and Mathewo Arulanandhu under the Vision Cinema House banner, the film is progressing as planned. The producers expressed their pride in the team's dedication and the quality of output achieved so far. The next shooting schedule will commence soon in Chennai, where important portions of the story will be filmed. With strong momentum and creative energy, Haiku is slated for a grand worldwide theatrical release in September 2026.

## Committee Kurrollu' Triumphs at 70th Filmfare Awards South with Major Debut Wins as Yadhu Vamsi and Sandeep Saroj Take Home Top Honours

The journey of Committee Kurrollu has reached yet another defining milestone. At the prestigious 70th Filmfare Awards South, the film secured two major honours - Best Debut Male for Sandeep Saroj and Best Debut Director for Yadhu Vamsi, marking a powerful moment of recognition for the team and for Telugu Cinema. The Filmfare Awards South, one of the most respected platforms celebrating excellence across the southern film industries, place these wins in a league of national credibility and industry validation. For a debut feature to earn recognition in two key debut categories reflects not only the freshness of its talent but also the strength of its storytelling conviction. For Sandeep Saroj, winning

Best Debut Male is a significant breakthrough, affirming his nuanced and emotionally grounded performance that anchored the film's central conflicts. His portrayal brought vulnerability and authenticity to a character navigating friendship, ego, and moral awakening, a performance that resonated strongly with both audiences and critics. For Yadhu Vamsi, the Best Debut Director win further cements his arrival as a filmmaker with clarity of voice and thematic courage. His direction balances humour and social commentary with restraint, crafting a narrative that feels intimate yet socially aware. What began as a modest debut has now evolved into one of the most celebrated Telugu directorial launches in recent years. These



Filmfare wins add to the film's growing list of accolades. Committee Kurrollu previously won Best Feature Film on National Integration, Communal Harmony and Social Uplift of Depressed Classes and Best Debut Director at the

Gaddar Telangana Film Awards 2024. It also received international recognition at the Gulf Academy Movie Awards 2025 in Dubai, where Yadhu Vamsi won Best Debut Director and Niharika Konidela was honoured as

Best Debut Producer. At the SIIMA Awards 2025, the film earned Best Debutant Producer (Telugu) for Niharika Konidela and Best Debutant Actor (Telugu) for Sandeep Saroj. Produced by Padmaja Konidela and Jayalakshmi Adapaka under the banners Pink Elephant Pictures and Shree Radha Damodar Studios, and presented by Niharika Konidela, the film marked Niharika's first theatrical presentation. The project reflects a conscious effort to champion rooted, content-driven stories that foreground social realities without sacrificing entertainment. Shot by Edurolu Raju, who captured the earthy textures of the Godavari landscape with visual authenticity, and scored by Anudeep Dev, whose music underscores

the film's emotional shifts with subtlety, Committee Kurrollu blends sincerity with craft. The film's production operations were overseen by Manyam Ramesh. Released on August 9, 2024, Committee Kurrollu emerged as a blockbuster hit. Made on a budget of ₹9 Crores, the film went on to score big at the box office with a theatrical collection of ₹18.5 Crores and non-theatrical revenue of ₹6 Crores, taking its total earnings to ₹24.5 Crores. The commercial success further validated the film's strong word of mouth and audience acceptance. With her very first feature film as a producer, Niharika Konidela created a significant milestone in Tollywood, earning applause both as an actress and as a producer backing meaningful content.