

'SURRENDER' MODI: RAHUL SAYS PM SLIPPED TO ISRAEL AMID US TRADE ROW

New Delhi: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday, February 25, took a swipe at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying it has been more than 24 hours since he challenged the PM to scrap the India-US interim trade deal. In a post in Hindi on X, Gandhi said, "Narendra 'Surrender' Modi, it's been more than 24 hours since I challenged you to cancel the US Trade Deal — and once again, you've quietly slipped off to Israel."



US TRADE ROW

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RS 590-CRORE IDFC FIRST BANK FRAUD: FOUR ARRESTED

Chandigarh (TSIT): In a major breakthrough in the Rs 590-crore fraud linked to IDFC First Bank in Haryana, the State Vigilance Bureau has arrested four persons, including the alleged mastermind, for siphoning off government funds through fraudulent transactions. The accused have been identified as Ribhav Rishi, Abhay Kumar, Swati Singla and Abhishek Singla. Two of them are former officials of IDFC First Bank, while the others are private individuals running a partnership firm. The scam surfaced at the bank's Chandigarh branch after investigators detected that nearly Rs 590 crore had allegedly been diverted through unauthorised transactions from accounts linked to Haryana government departments. According to officials, two accounts were opened in September 2025 under the Mukhya Mantri Gramin Awas Yojana-2.0 scheme at IDFC First Bank and AU Small Finance Bank, with deposits of Rs 50 crore and Rs 25 crore respectively. The funds were meant to remain untouched until further approval from the government.

Sudden rains in Telangana destroy crops, leave farmers in despair

Hyderabad: Untimely rains in Telangana caused a heavy blow to red chilli farmers, who woke up on Tuesday, February 24, to a devastating sight of their crops completely soaked and ruined. Of the many visuals that have surfaced is a heart-rending video of an elderly farmer couple — Banoth Anki and Laxma Naik — from Mahabubabad district, trying hard to dry their soaked crops with their bare hands. "What should we do now? We toiled hard, waking early, going hungry for days, only to be ruined by the rains. How will we survive now? What should we do, Oh Lord! Please tell us," a helpless Anki says as she attempts to dry their soaked crop. The couple had taken five acre of agricultural land on lease and invested around Rs 5 lakh. They were growing chilli crop on four acre and paddy on the remaining land.

CM Revanth, Adobe CEO discuss 'Telangana Rising 2047' vision

Shantanu Narayen and Revanth Reddy discuss the steps to be taken by the state government on global trends and the opportunities in investments.

Hyderabad (TSIT): Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Wednesday, February 25, emphasised that constructive plans needed to be envisaged to invite investments from noted global companies and promote the state as a manufacturing hub. In a meeting with Adobe Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Telangana Rising 2047 vision board member Shantanu Narayen, who made a courtesy visit to the CM at the latter's residence in Hyderabad, Revanth Reddy stressed that the state government needed to prepare new plans and act aggressively to attract huge global investments. Narayan and Reddy discussed the steps to be taken by the state government on global trends and the opportunities in investments. They shared their



views on global manufacturing, green energy and the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on jobs, skilling and reskilling. The Chief Minister also inquired with Narayan about the impact of the AI revolution

on the economy and the effective use of AI in the coming days. He sought further cooperation from the board member to take Telangana forward on the path of development and bolster the state economy.

US imposes 126 % countervailing duty on Indian solar panels along with South East Asian countries

NEW DELHI/WASHINGTON (TSIT): The US Department of Commerce has announced preliminary countervailing duties on solar panel imports from India, Indonesia, and Laos, aimed at what it describes as offsetting subsidies provided by these countries to their producers. Preliminary duty rates have been set at 125.87 per cent for India, 104.38 per cent for Indonesia, and 80.67 per cent for Laos. U.S. Customs will begin collecting cash deposits based on these preliminary rates.

The duties follow petitions filed on July 17, 2025, by the Alliance for American Solar Manufacturing and Trade, representing domestic solar panel producers. The petitions claimed that imports of crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells, whether or not assembled into modules, from the three countries were being sold in the US at less than fair value (LTFV) and were causing, or threatening, material injury to the domestic solar industry. The petitions included countervailing duty requests and were



accompanied by supplementary information submitted between July 21 and August 4, 2025, records revealed. The action follows findings by the US International Trade Commission in August 2025 that imports from India, Indonesia, and Laos had caused material injury to the domestic industry. The US Commerce department's review used import data from India's most recent fiscal year and 2024 calendar-year data for Indonesia and Laos.

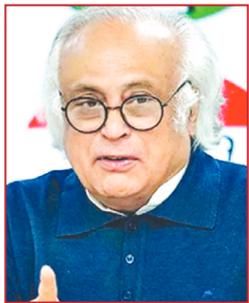
Preliminary anti-dumping duty determinations are scheduled for

April, with final combined duty rates expected in September. A final injury determination by the International Trade Commission is set for October, after which Customs will collect the final tariffs. Shares of Indian solar equipment makers plunged on Wednesday after the United States imposed preliminary duties on imports from India, Indonesia, and Laos. Makers were hit hard in early trading, with Waaree Energies and Premier Energies tumbling around 15 per cent, while Vikram Solar fell nearly 8 per cent before partially recovering some losses.

Indo-US trade deal one-sided, should be put on hold: Congress

NEW DELHI (TSIT): The Congress on Wednesday said the Indo-US interim trade deal is distinctly one-sided and the only way forward is for India to be bold in putting it on hold, as it will be disastrous for lakhs of farmers across the country. In a post on X, Congress general secretary, communications, Jairam Ramesh said it is quite

extraordinary that the US has just imposed 125.87 per cent duty on imports of solar modules from India. "What does this say of President Trump's commitment in letter and spirit to the India-US trade deal, so much praised and applauded by his good friend in New Delhi as opening doors for India's exports to the US?," he asked.



L&T bags major power transmission project orders in India, West Asia

Mumbai (TSIT) Larsen & Toubro (L&T) officially announced here today its Power Transmission & Distribution (PT&D) vertical has won a batch of engineering, procurement and construction orders aimed at strengthening electricity grid systems in domestic as well as international markets in West Asia (Middle East).

The newly announced contracts fall under the "major" classification, which, according to L&T's order classification table, means projects which are valued anywhere between Rs 5,000 crore and Rs 10,000 crore. The scope of the orders covers establishing key grid system elements designed to enhance transmission capacity and network reliability, according to the company's official statement. In India, L&T has received an order for the design, supply and construction of two 220 KV Gas Insulated Substations in the Durgapur-Raniganj-Asansol industrial belt located in West Bengal. The West Bengal project also includes associated transmission line segments equipped with advanced conductors and multi-circuit towers, the statement mentioned.

MILAN 2026 Concludes Grandly Aboard INS Vikrant off Visakhapatnam Coast



Visakhapatnam (TSIT): The 13th edition of the prestigious multilateral maritime exercise 'MILAN 2026', organised by the Indian Navy, concluded grandly on Wednesday with a spectacular closing ceremony held on the deck of the indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant. Rear Admiral Alok Anand, Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet, presided over the ceremony, marking a significant milestone in maritime cooperation and security. A total of 75 friendly foreign nations participated in this edition of MILAN, conducted under the motto "Camaraderie, Cohesion, and Collaboration." The exercise was held from February 19 to 25 in two phases — the Harbour Phase (February 19-20) and the Sea Phase (February 21-25).

During the Harbour Phase, participating navies engaged in Subject Matter Expert Exchanges (SMEE), young officer interactions, and cross-deck visits. Sports and cultural programmes were also organised to foster camaraderie and mutual trust among naval personnel from different countries. The Sea Phase witnessed advanced combat drills and high-intensity maritime operations. A total of 40 ships and 29 aircraft took part, including 18 ships and

5 aircraft from foreign navies. Key maneuvers included Anti-Submarine Warfare exercises, Air Defence operations, and Over-the-Horizon Targeting drills. A major highlight was the air defence demonstration featuring MiG-29K fighter jets operating from INS Vikrant. Precision gunnery firing was carried out to engage targets at sea, while mid-sea refuelling of foreign vessels was successfully executed by the fleet tanker INS Shakti. Officials stated that MILAN 2026 achieved new heights not only in scale but also in professional standards. Naval officers expressed satisfaction over the seamless coordination among participating nations, emphasising that such joint exercises play a crucial role in strengthening international maritime security. The exercise was aligned with India's MAHASAGAR vision — Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR). Foreign delegates at the closing ceremony commended the Indian Navy for its meticulous planning, professional excellence, and warm hospitality. MILAN 2026 has further reinforced cooperation and mutual understanding among partner nations in addressing shared maritime challenges and ensuring safe global sea lanes.

NAGARKURNOOL BABY DEATH:

KTR demands murder charges against perpetrators

Hyderabad (TSIT): Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president KT Rama Rao on Wednesday, February 25, strongly condemned the killing of a two-month-old infant during Kummera Mallanna Jatara in Telangana's Nagarkurnool district and demanded action against the perpetrators irrespective of their party affiliation. Stating that the entire Telangana society has bowed its head in grief and anguish over the inhuman tragedy, he asserted that anyone who stands by the killers of the innocent child is unquestionably guilty. KTR visited Kummera village in Nagarkurnool district and consoled the family of the



deceased child. He met leaders and activists from various sections who have been protesting for justice and expressed solidarity with the victim's family. The incident occurred on February 18 when the family, belonging to the OBC, was alleg-

edly denied entry to the temple and was attacked by a few persons. The child sustained critical injuries and was rushed to a hospital, but succumbed on February 21. The BRS leader said that it is absolutely wrong for anyone, whether Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, the local MLA, or the local MP, to support those responsible for taking the life of the child. Demanding strict action, KTR stated that

irrespective of who the perpetrators are or which party they belong to, they must be sent to jail. He specifically demanded that murder charges be filed against the eight accused involved in the attack and that they be arrested immediately.

Those in high constitutional office must not target communities, says SC

New Delhi (TSIT) The Supreme Court has observed that it is constitutionally impermissible for anyone, including State and non-State actors, to vilify or denigrate any community through speeches, memes, cartoons or visual art. The apex court emphasised that this mandate becomes even more critical when individuals holding high constitutional posts, such as ministers, engage in such conduct. "Cultivating a sense of brotherhood and respecting fellow citizens irrespective of caste, religion or language is a constitutional dharma each one of us must follow," Justice Ujjal Bhuyan observed.



THE TOP COURT SAID THIS RULE BECOMES EVEN MORE IMPORTANT WHEN PEOPLE HOLDING HIGH CONSTITUTIONAL POSTS, SUCH AS MINISTERS, BEHAVE IN SUCH A WAY.

These remarks come days after a bench led by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant dismissed a petition seeking an

FIR against Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma for alleged hate speech. The court had directed the petitioners to approach the Gauhati High Court with their grievances. The matter gained traction following the release of a now-deleted video by the state Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) unit, which purportedly showed the Chief Minister pointing a gun at two men from the Muslim community. While Sarma maintained he was unaware of the video and asserted that his remarks remained within the constitutional framework, the court's observations highlighted the specific responsibilities of public office holders.

MODI, NETANYAHU HAVE 'PRODUCTIVE MEETING', REVIEW FULL SPECTRUM OF BILATERAL RELATIONS

Tel Aviv/New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Israeli counterpart Benjamin Netanyahu held a "productive meeting" and reviewed the full spectrum of the India-Israel bilateral relations. The two leaders discussed expanding cooperation in areas such as water management, agriculture, technology and more, the Prime Minister's Office said. "Had an excellent meeting with Prime Minister Netanyahu. Expressed gratitude to him for the warm welcome earlier in the day. It is a delight to be back in Israel after 9 years. We discussed a wide range of subjects aimed at boosting bilateral ties. Sectors such as



technology, water management, agriculture, talent partnership and more offer immense scope for close collaboration. We also discussed key developments in the region," Prime Minister Modi said on X. On his arrival, the Prime Minister said he is "extremely honoured" to be received by Prime Minister Netanyahu and Mrs Netanyahu at the airport.

IIFL FINANCE PUBLIC NOTICE The branch of IIFL Finance Limited located at Door No. 9-4-31, Meer Complex, Station Road, Opp. Harayana Handloom, Khammam, Telangana 507001, is shifting to below mentioned address with effect from 01.06.2026.

Storm damage - collapsed electricity poles Mahabubabad District Correspondent (Balne Suman): Heavy rain and windstorm in Kothaguda mandal on Wednesday created havoc. In Otai village of the mandal, life was suddenly disrupted due to the force of strong winds. Windstorm in Otai village due to intensity - Power supply was cut off at the time of the collapse of collapsed electricity poles.



Three Arrested in Shadnagar Ganja Bust; 1.7 Kg Contraband Seized



Shadnagar: In a major crackdown on narcotics trafficking, Excise Enforcement officials arrested three persons and seized 1.7 kilograms of dry ganja within the limits of the Shadnagar Excise Station in Ranga Reddy district. According to Enforcement CI A. Balaraju, the department received credible information regarding the illegal sale of ganja in the area. Acting on specific intelligence and under the guidance of senior officials, the Ranga Reddy Division Enforcement team conducted a raid on the evening of February 24. During the operation, the prime accused, Atma Mahto, a native of Bihar and caretaker at Sri Balaji Poultry Farm in Chintaguda village of Ferozganar mandal, was apprehended.

BRS CONDEMNNS DEMOLITIONS IN KHAMMAM



Khammam (TSIT): The BRS has strongly condemned the demolition of houses at Velugumathla in Khammam, alleging that poor families were rendered homeless despite holding land allotments from the Bhoodan Trust Board. MLC and district BRS president Tata Madhusudhan said the demolition drive, carried out amid heavy police deployment, created panic in the locality. He claimed that nearly 1,895 families who had been residing in the area for several years were affected. Terming the action "inhuman," the party alleged that the authorities proceeded with the demolitions despite a reported status quo order from the court. Women, children and elderly residents were left distressed in the aftermath, he said.

"Libraries Are Modern Temples," Says Additional Collector Lenin Vatsal Toppo



Mahabubabad: District Additional Collector Lenin Vatsal Toppo stated that libraries are modern temples and serve as invaluable centers of knowledge that shape a brighter future. He was speaking at the general meeting of the District Library Association held in Mahabubabad. Addressing the gathering, he described libraries as treasure troves of wisdom and learning, emphasizing that they pave the golden path to success by enabling individuals to climb greater heights and achieve their goals. "Libraries are repositories of knowledge that empower society and guide future generations towards progress," he said. The Additional Collector urged municipalities and gram panchayats in the district to promptly remit the library tax collected from time to time and actively contribute to the strengthening and development of libraries. He stressed that sustained financial support is essential to enhance infrastructure, expand resources, and ensure access to quality knowledge for all sections of society. District Library Secretary T. Sripatha, District Public Relations Officer Rajendra Prasad, Thorrur Municipal Commissioner Shyamunder, Maripeda Municipal Commissioner Vijay Anand, Dornakal Municipal Commissioner Niranjan, Revenue Officer Raghu, District Science Officer Apparao, Kesamudram Municipal Senior Assistant Akula Kishore, DPO Office Junior Assistant Vikram, Rudrarapur Virender and others participated in the programme.

SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY Tender Notice No. SCR-BZA-SNT-E25-OT-25-26 Dt: 24.02.2026 For and on behalf of the President of India the undersigned invites E-Tenders for the following work up to 15.30 hrs on Dt: 23.03.2026.

Divisional Railway Manager (S&T), Vijayawada Tender No. GTL-EM-68-2025-26 Date: 24.02.2026 Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/Maintenance/Guntakal acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders for the following works.

CHANGE OF NAME I, ANDLURI LAKSHMI DEVI, W/o. ANDLURI BALAGANGI REDDY, R/o. 2-471-3, Thilak Nagar, Akkayapalli, Kadapa Dist, Andhra Pradesh, INDIA (Old Address). #05, 3rd cross, Dinesh Reddy PG For Gents, Chikka Begur Road, Singasandra, Bengaluru - 560 068, Karnataka, India (New Address) I have change my name ANDLURI LAKSHMI DEVI (Old Name) to ANDLURU LAKSHMI DEVI (New Name) for all purposes.

TENDER NOTICE No. 18_DRM_W_HYB_26 dt. 23/02/2026 On behalf of the President of India, Divisional Railway Manager/Works, Hyderabad Division, South Central Railway, Secunderabad invites Open Tenders for the following works through e-procurement up to 15.00 hours on 20/03/2026.

Tender No.: 19_DRM_W_HYB_26 Name of the work: A) Provision of yard material Stacking room at six station each under SSE/P.Way/MED & WDR. B) Hyderabad Division - Sleeper Matting at station and P.WI offices C) Hyderabad Division - CVB - Side drain raising (Stone masonry) for 500m D) Hyderabad Division - BKU - Provision of side drain in cutting with Stone masonry for 600m E) Hyderabad Division - Provision of approach road for LC No. 2A at MLY Approx Value (₹): 5,91,59,895 EMD (₹): 4,45,800

Tender No.: 20_DRM_W_HYB_26 Name of the work: A) HYB Division: Construction of Running Room 28 Beds Capacity at KRNT. IRPSM ID : 11.03.64.25.3.52.008 (B) HYB Div :- Merchant room, Hamals shed at ALPR and Merchant room only at JKPT and Open Showers of 6 Nos each at 04 Goods sheds viz VDI, ALPR, GWD, JCL (IRPSM ID: 11.03.53.25.3.52.004) Approx Value (₹): 4,48,10,431 EMD (₹): 3,74,100

Police Destroy 5,000 Litres of Illicit Gudumba Wash in Buyyaram Village Mancherial, Feb 25 (TSIT): In a major crackdown on illicit liquor production, the Ramagundam Police Commissionerate conducted a special drive against illegal gudumba brewing units in Buyyaram village. During the drive, officials seized and destroyed nearly 5,000 litres of fermented jaggery mixture, commonly known as gudumba wash, which was prepared for illegal liquor production. The wash was disposed of on the spot to prevent further misuse. Addressing villagers, Chennai Rural CI Krishna warned that the manufacture and sale of illicit liquor is a punishable offence under law. He stated that stringent legal action would be taken against individuals involved in such illegal activities and urged residents to refrain from brewing gudumba and to cooperate with law enforcement agencies. The special drive saw the participation of Chennai Excise CI Hari, Mancherial DTF CI Sammaiah, Chennai Excise SI Ramana, Bellampalli Excise SI Sharada, along with police and excise department personnel.

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Tender No.: 21_DRM_W_HYB_26 Name of the work: Hyderabad Division: A) Extension of Pit line towards SC End in Power car shop in CWS/LGD under SSE/WWS/LGD. B) Reflooring in CWS Lallaguda with Epoxy Reflooring System under SSE/WWS/LGD Approx Value (₹): 64,38,658 EMD (₹): 1,28,800

Tender No.: 22_DRM_W_HYB_26 Name of the work: Hyderabad Division - A) STTC - Improvement to Admin Building facade and rooms in STTC/MLY, B) STTC - Proposed Improvement of Hostel building at STTC Moola Ali, C) STTC - Proposed construction of Store room (11mx8m) at STTC Moola Ali Approx Value (₹): 3,57,24,881 EMD (₹): 3,28,600

Divisional Railway Manager A2563 (Works), Hyderabad For further details visit the website www.ireps.gov.in For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at https://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

THE SOUTH INDIAN BANK LIMITED Gold Auction for Mortgages at Bank Whereas, the authorized officer of The South Indian Bank Ltd., issued sale notice(s) calling upon the borrower to clear the dues in gold loan availed by him. The borrower had failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned will conduct online auction of the gold ornaments strictly on "As is What is Basis" & "Whatever there is Basis" & "Without recourse Basis". The auction will be conducted online through https://sibgold.auctiontiger.net on 05.03.2026 from 12:00 pm to 03:00 pm for the borrower Mr. Gautam Ker account number 0547653000106489.

FORM URC-2 Advertisement giving notice about registration under Part I of Chapter XXI [Pursuant to section 374(b) of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 4(1) of the Companies (Authorised to Register) Rules, 2014] 1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 366 of the Companies Act, 2013, an application is proposed to be made after fifteen days hereof but before the expiry of Thirty Days here to the Registrar at the Office of the Registrar of Companies, Central Registration Centre, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), Plot No.6.7.8, Sector 5, IIT Manesar, Gurgaon, Haryana India 122050 that M/s. MINERVA GRAND HOSPITALITIES LLP a Limited Liability Partnership firm may be registered under Part I of Chapter XXI of the Companies Act 2013, as a company limited by shares.

HINDUJA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED APPENDIX-IV [Rule 8(1)] 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 the public in general that the undersigned has taken Physical Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on them under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this

Application No. Borrower and Co-Borrowers Name and Address Demand Notice Date and Amount Total Outstanding amount as on DATE OF PHYSICAL POSSESSION 1 Mr. CHILLA GANGADHAR Borrower 24.12.2024 and Rs. 6,68,442/- (Rupees Six Laks Sixty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Forty Two Only) 25-02-2026. Rs. 7,31,382/- 25-02-2026

HINDUJA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED DEMAND NOTICE You the below mentioned Borrowers, Co-borrowers and Guarantors have availed Home Loans/ Loan Against Property facility (ies) by mortgaging your immovable properties/ properties from HHFL. You defaulted in repayment; your loan/s was classified Non-Performing Assets. A Demand Notice under section 13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 for the recovery of the outstanding dues sent on last known addresses however the same have returned un-served. Hence the contents of which are being published here with as per Section 13 (2) of the Act read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 as and by way of Alternative Service upon you.

SHRIRAM Finance Notice to the Borrower Informing about Sale (30 days' notice) 8 (6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 To: Particulars of Borrowers / Guarantors: 1) Dasi Manjula W/O Sidhar, age: 45 years, Occ: M/s Maheshwara Kiranam and General Stores, R/O H.No. 17-312, Jawahar Nagar Colony, Jayashankar Bhupallyapally District-506163, Cell: 9618345036. 2) And Also At Dasi Manjula W/O Sidhar, age: 45 years, Occ: M/s Maheshwara Kiranam and General Stores, # Open Sy No 325, 242.00sq Yds Or 202.346 Sq Mts, Bhupallyapally Village And Mandal Of Warangal District, Noid Jayashankar Bhupallyapally District. Borrower 2) Dasi Sidhar S/O Keshavulu, age: 51 years, Occ: Business, R/O H.No. 17-312, Jawahar Nagar Colony, Jayashankar Bhupallyapally-506169, Cell: 955047994. Co-Borrower/Guarantor. 3) Guntuku Lakshmaiah S/O Buchi Ramaiah, age: 40 years, Occ: Business, R/O H.No.4-68, Mulugupalle, Bayyaram, Karimnagar District-505503, Cell: 9603331442. Co-Borrower/Guarantor. Sub: Sale of property belonging to Dasi Manjula (Borrower/Guarantor) in the account of CDPRKT2211300009 for realization of amount due to Shriram Finance Limited under The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. Shriram Finance Limited, Parkal Branch, the secured creditor called a demand notice dated 17.09.2025 under section 13(2) of The Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, calling upon you to pay Rs. 21,09,149/- (Rupees Twenty One Laks Nine Thousand One Hundred and Forty Nine Only) within the time stipulated period therein. Since you failed to comply with the said notice within the stipulated period, the Authorized Officer, has taken summary possession of the immovable secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on 17.01.2026. you have not paid the amount due to Shriram Finance Limited. As such, it has become necessary to sell the below mentioned property by holding public e-auction after 30 days from the date of receipt to this notice through online mode. The date and time of auction along with the Reserve Price of the property and the details of the service provider, in which the e-auction to be conducted, shall be informed to you separately. Therefore, if you pay the amount due to Shriram Finance Limited along with subsequent interest, costs, charges and expenses incurred by Shriram Finance Limited before the date of publication of sale notice, no further action shall be taken for sale of the property and you can redeem your property as stipulated in sec. 13(8) of the Act.

SHRIRAM Finance DEMAND NOTICE Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD, (Formerly known as Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited), subsequently Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited name changed as Shriram Finance Limited) who stated that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD. under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers/guarantors /mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices. The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

FOR ADVERTISEMENT PLEASE CONTACT: 9948480279, 7330778889

HINDUJA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

Corporate office at #167-169, 2nd Floor, Little Mount, Saidapet, Chennai- 600 015.

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

Public Notice For E-Auction Cum Sale (Appendix - IV A) (Rule 8(6))

Sale of Immovable property mortgaged to Hinduja Housing Finance Limited (HHF) having its Corporate Office at 167-169, 2ND Floor, Little Mount, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015. and Branch Office at :- Hinduja Housing Finance Limited 8-4-238/6 1st Floor, Hanuman Nagar, Karimnagar, Telangana -505001 under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002(hereinafter "Act").

Table with 5 columns: SI No, Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s), Demand Notice Date and Amount, Date of Possession, Reserve Price, Date of Inspection of property. Includes details for Mr. ARAPALLI THIRUPATHI and Mr. AREPALLI LAVANYA.

Description of the Immoveable property/ Secured : RCC Roofed House bearing Do-or No.3-26, having a - area 208.24 OR 174.11 Total area 208.24 Sq. Yards OR 174.11 Sq.Mts., Situated at Hanumanthunipet H/o. Rampalli at Village locality, within the limits of Hanumanthunipet Grampanchayath, under the Registration District Karimnagar and Sub. Dist. Peddapalli. BOUNDED BY:East:House of Nakka Ramanna,West:Road North:Open Place of Arelli Komuriah, South:Road.

Table with 5 columns: SI No, Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s), Demand Notice Date and Amount, Date of Possession, Reserve Price, Date of Inspection of property. Includes details for Mr. BOMMAKA SRINIVAS and Mr. BOMMAKA SUMALATHA.

Description of the Immoveable property/ Secured : All that the House bearing No.21-4-44/1, in Survey No.584, admeasuring area 363 Sq.yards equivalent to 303.51 Sq.mts. And Finth Area RCC 1135.12 Sq.Fts. RCC 44.28 Sq.Fts of Toilets And Poritico 119.25 Sq.Fts Situated at Shanthinagar F.C.I Road, Janagan Shivar, Ramagundam Mandal and Municipal Corporation, Peddapalli District, Telangana State. Under the Jurisdiction of Registration Sub-District Peddapalli and Registration District Karimnagar and bounded as follows: EAST: Open Land of Sudha, WEST: Road, NORTH: H.NO. 21-4-44 of B.N.Sharma, SOUTH: Open Land of Chelipuri Rayamouli

Table with 5 columns: SI No, Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s), Demand Notice Date and Amount, Date of Possession, Reserve Price, Date of Inspection of property. Includes details for Mr. CHETLA RAMESH and Mr. CHETLA SWAPNA.

Description of the Immoveable property/ Secured : ALL THAT THE R.C.C. ROOF HOUSE PROPERTY BEARING H.No.6-42C, in Survey No.648/11/5 (Previous Survey No.648/1), in the Land admeasuring 990.39 Sq. Yds or 326.41 Sq. Meters and having R.C.C Roof G.P. Plinth Area 528.66 Sq.Feet, R.C.C Roof F.F. Plinth Area 528.66 Sq.Feet, R.C.C Roof S.F. Plinth Area 528.66 Sq. Feet. Situated at Jagti Road, DHARAMAPURI Town and Mandal, under the limits of Dharamapuri Municipality, within the Jurisdiction of Registration Sub-District Jagti, and Registration District Karimnagar with the following boundaries :- EAST : Place of Gunishetti Anjanma, WEST: Place of Chetla Mahesh and Tekumatta Prabhakar, NORTH: Place of Govt. College, SOUTH: 100 Feet Wide Road & Place of Chetla Mahesh

Table with 5 columns: SI No, Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s), Demand Notice Date and Amount, Date of Possession, Reserve Price, Date of Inspection of property. Includes details for Mr. CHILLA GANGADHAR and Mr. CHILLA VAJRAMMA.

Description of the Immoveable property/ Secured : Bangalore Tiled bearing H.No.5-75, Plinth area 621.00 Sq. Feet in the land admeasuring 129.50 Sq.Yds or 108.26 Sq.Meters, in Sy. No.380, Situated at ALGUNUR, Karimnagar Municipal Corporation, Karimnagar District, Regn. Sub-Dist. Karimnagar Rural (Thimmapur), Regn. Dist. Karimnagar Telangana State. Boundaries East: House of Chilla Naramma, West:-12'00" Feet Wide Way, North: 12'00" Feet Wide Way, South: House of Uthman Sampath

Table with 5 columns: SI No, Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s), Demand Notice Date and Amount, Date of Possession, Reserve Price, Date of Inspection of property. Includes details for Mr. EDUNURI SATHISH KUMAR and Mr. EDUNURI KEERTHANA.

Description of the Immoveable property/ Secured : RCC house bearing No: 6-5-603/8/1, with Extent 238.32 Sq Yds Equivalent 199.26 Sq. Feet. Years before established RCC Roofed ground floor admeasuring 886.89 sq Feet and 48 sq Feet RCC roofed with toilets, THE property is situated at sivar Janagan village H.NO 6-5-603/8/1, POWERHOUSE COLONY, RAMAGUNDAM, Urban, Karimnagar, Telangana, India -505209 Bounded By: EAST: Road, WEST: House of N Gattiah House H.No:6-5-603/8/1A, NORTH: Road, SOUTH: Open place of E Rajireddy

Table with 5 columns: SI No, Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s), Demand Notice Date and Amount, Date of Possession, Reserve Price, Date of Inspection of property. Includes details for Mr. GODISHELA KIRAN and Mr. GODISHELA LAXMI.

Description of the Immoveable property/ Secured : The R.C.C and ACC Sheets roofed house bearing H.No.2-58, Having R.C.C Plinth Area 321.09Sq.Fts and A.C.C.Sheets Plinth Area 250.02Sq.Fts. In the Land Admeasuring:151.00 Sq.Yards or equal to 126.25 Sq.Meters, Situated at Akenpally Village, Patha Bellampalli Grampanchayathi, Bellampalli Mandal, Mancheril Dist. within the limits of GP Patha Bellampalli, Regn. Sub-Dist. Mancheril, Regn. Dist. Adilabad, Telangana State. With the Following Boundaries:- East : C.C.ROAD, West : HOUSE OF GODISHELA RAJU AND VENKATI, North: WAY, South: ROAD

Table with 5 columns: SI No, Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s), Demand Notice Date and Amount, Date of Possession, Reserve Price, Date of Inspection of property. Includes details for Mr. GUDA KRISHNAMURTHI and Mrs. GUDA SHARADA.

Description of the Immoveable property/ Secured : All that the flat bearing No.106(C2) admeasuring 1083 sq feet in Second floor of the building called as Godavari Residency together with UDS of 50.66 Sq yards of land bearing Door no.1-176/8-27, Sy.No. 272, Block No.2 situated at Vikas Nagar, Mancheril District, Telangana State and bounded as follows: BOUNDARIES OF LAND : East : Land belonging to Magadha Construct, South : Land belonging to Anjaniah, West:Land belonging to Magadha OF LAND : North : 30 feet wide road BOUNDARIES OF LAND : East : Corridor, South:Duct, West:Open to sky, North:Open to sky

Table with 5 columns: SI No, Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s), Demand Notice Date and Amount, Date of Possession, Reserve Price, Date of Inspection of property. Includes details for Mr. KANDUKURI RAVEEN and Mr. KANDUKURI NAVEEN.

Description of the Immoveable property/ Secured : The R.C.C and ACC Sheets roofed house bearing H.No.2-58, Having R.C.C Plinth Area 321.09Sq.Fts and A.C.C.Sheets Plinth Area 250.02Sq.Fts. In the Land Admeasuring:151.00 Sq.Yards or equal to 126.25 Sq.Meters, Situated at Akenpally Village, Patha Bellampalli Grampanchayathi, Bellampalli Mandal, Mancheril Dist. within the limits of GP Patha Bellampalli, Regn. Sub-Dist. Mancheril, Regn. Dist. Adilabad, Telangana State. With the Following Boundaries:- East : C.C.ROAD, West : HOUSE OF GODISHELA RAJU AND VENKATI, North: WAY, South: ROAD

Table with 5 columns: SI No, Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s), Demand Notice Date and Amount, Date of Possession, Reserve Price, Date of Inspection of property. Includes details for Mr. KOYYALA RAJAJIAH and Mr. KOYYALA SANDHYA.

Description of the Immoveable property/ Secured : The R.C.C and ACC Sheets roofed house bearing H.No.2-58, Having R.C.C Plinth Area 321.09Sq.Fts and A.C.C.Sheets Plinth Area 250.02Sq.Fts. In the Land Admeasuring:151.00 Sq.Yards or equal to 126.25 Sq.Meters, Situated at Akenpally Village, Patha Bellampalli Grampanchayathi, Bellampalli Mandal, Mancheril Dist. within the limits of GP Patha Bellampalli, Regn. Sub-Dist. Mancheril, Regn. Dist. Adilabad, Telangana State. With the Following Boundaries:- East : C.C.ROAD, West : HOUSE OF GODISHELA RAJU AND VENKATI, North: WAY, South: ROAD

Description of the Immoveable property/ Secured :The R.C.C Ground Floor With Open Place bearing H.No.5-17(Assessment No.1219100529), Total Extent Area: 236.07 Sq.Yards, equal to 197.37 Sq. Meters and 316.90 Sq. Feet having as boundaries mentioned below, Situated at Nasrup Village, Revenue Mandal and Municipality Nasrup, District Mancheril, T.S and within the limits of Nasrup, Regn. Sub-Dist. Mancheril, Regn. Dist. Adilabad, Telangana State. More Particularly mentioned in the sketch map Attached herewith. Boundaries East: OPEN LAND OF KOYYALA KOMURIAH, West: HOUSE OF KOYYALA LINGIAH, North C.C. ROAD, South: OPEN LAND OF CHURCH, West: Duct & Open to Sky, Flat No.205

Table with 5 columns: SI No, Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s), Demand Notice Date and Amount, Date of Possession, Reserve Price, Date of Inspection of property. Includes details for Mr. VEMUNURI RAMULU and Mrs. BANU VEMUNURI.

Description of the Immoveable property/ Secured : The R.C.C Ground Floor and A.C. Sheets With House bearing H.No.26-5-162 (ASSESSMENT No.1095006992), Total Extent Area: 224.20 Sq.Yards, equal to 187.45 Sq. Meters and R.C.C 545.46 Sq.Feet and A.C. Sheets 247 Sq. Feet, Total Plinth Area 792.46 Sq. Feet having as boundaries mentioned below, Situated at RADAGAMBALA BASTHI / AMBEDKAR NAGAR, BELLAMPALLY Revenue Mandal and Municipality BELLAMPALLY, District Mancheril, T.S and within the limits of Bellampally, Regn. Sub-Dist. Mancheril, Regn. Dist. Adilabad, Telangana State. More Particularly mentioned in the sketch map Attached herewith Boundaries East:-HOUSE OF CHANDH PASHA, West:- HOUSE OF ISHANKAR, North: 12 FEET WIDE ROAD, South: HOUSE OF F. THIRUPATHI.

Table with 5 columns: SI No, Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s), Demand Notice Date and Amount, Date of Possession, Reserve Price, Date of Inspection of property. Includes details for Ms. MAHESH VENNELA and Mr. VIJAY SAGAR MAHESH.

Description of the Immoveable property/ Secured : The R.C.C Roof House Bearing No.19-1-40/6/A/1, having Plinth Area 850.00 Sq. Fts, in the land admeasuring 284.66Sq. Yards or 238.00 Sq.Yards, equal to 187.45 Sq. Meters and R.C.C 545.46 Sq.Feet and A.C. Sheets 247 Sq. Feet, Total Plinth Area 792.46 Sq. Feet having as boundaries mentioned below, Situated at RADAGAMBALA BASTHI / AMBEDKAR NAGAR, BELLAMPALLY Revenue Mandal and Municipality BELLAMPALLY, District Mancheril, T.S and within the limits of Bellampally, Regn. Sub-Dist. Mancheril, Regn. Dist. Adilabad, Telangana State. More Particularly mentioned in the sketch map Attached herewith Boundaries East:-HOUSE OF CHANDH PASHA, West:- HOUSE OF ISHANKAR, North: 12 FEET WIDE ROAD, South: HOUSE OF F. THIRUPATHI.

Table with 5 columns: SI No, Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s), Demand Notice Date and Amount, Date of Possession, Reserve Price, Date of Inspection of property. Includes details for Mr. Manthena Sandeep and Mr. Manthena Mallaiah.

Description of the Immoveable property/ Secured : The R.C.C Roofed House bearing H.No.22-67/3, In the Land Admeasuring:242.00 Sq.Yards or equal to 202.33 Sq.Meters in Sy.No.484/15, Having R.C.C Plinth Area 1106Sq. Fts, Situated at Ward No.22,Block 22, Saikunta, Gammila Village, Mancheril Town, Mancheril Municipality, Mancheril Mandal, Mancheril Dist. within the limits of Mancheril Municipality, Regn. Sub-Dist. Mancheril, Regn. Dist. Adilabad, Telangana State. With the Following Boundaries:-East:- PLOT OF AKULA DILEEP, West:-20'-0" WIDE ROAD North :- PLOT OF THANDRA RAYALINGAM, South:-LAND OF SAGE LAKSHMI AND SAGE OMKAR

Table with 5 columns: SI No, Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s), Demand Notice Date and Amount, Date of Possession, Reserve Price, Date of Inspection of property. Includes details for Mr. METTUPELLY SATHIAIAH and Mrs. METTUPELLY MOUNIKA.

Description of the Immoveable property/ Secured : All that the R.C.C. roofed house bearing H.No. 2-93, having R.C.C. plinth area 609.5 Sq. Feet, 363 Sq. Yds. = 303.51Sq.Mtrs. Situated at Ikkal Shivar, within the limits of Luxettipet Municipality, Revenue Mandal Luxettipet, District Mancheril. Under the Jurisdiction of Sub-Registration District Mancheril and Registration District Adilabad. Assessment No. 1222100247 BOUNDARIES EAST:House of Mettupally Bhumes, WEST:House of Mettupally Mallaiah, NORTH:MUNICIPAL ROAD, SOUTH:Land of Donor

Table with 5 columns: SI No, Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s), Demand Notice Date and Amount, Date of Possession, Reserve Price, Date of Inspection of property. Includes details for Mr. MOTHKURI RAMESH and Mrs. BUSARAPU MAMATHA.

Description of the Immoveable property/ Secured : The ACC Sheets Roofed House bearing Municipal H. No. 4-64, (PTA No. 428) Total Extent Area: 430.105q. Yards, equal. To 359.61 Sq.Meters plinth area of RCC Roofed House is 748.125 Sq.Feet and RCC Roofed Toilets is 48.125 Sq.Feet Situated at Abadi Gramankantam Locality of Basantnagar G.P. of Palakurthi Revenue Village of Palakurthi Mandal Dist Peddapally within the limits of Reg. Sub-Dist. Ramagundam Regn. Dist. Karimnagar Telangana State. Boundaries East: House of Katkuri Shankar, West: Open Place of Bhoomiah, North: Open Place of Narasiah, South: GP CC Road

Table with 5 columns: SI No, Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s), Demand Notice Date and Amount, Date of Possession, Reserve Price, Date of Inspection of property. Includes details for Mr. PRASHANTH MESU and Mrs. PADMA MESU.

Description of the Immoveable property/ Secured : All that the R.C.C. house bearing H.No. 2-47, having plinth area 410.26 Sq Feet, in the land admeasuring 244.44 Sq. Yards or 204.37 Sq.Meters, situated at Rapalli Village, Rapalli Gramma Panchayath, Hajipur, Mandal, Mancheril District, with the following BOUNDARIES: East:Plot of Donor, West:House of Mekala Prakash, North:C.C Road, South:Plot of Sunkarli Malliahath

Table with 5 columns: SI No, Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s), Demand Notice Date and Amount, Date of Possession, Reserve Price, Date of Inspection of property. Includes details for Mr. RAJAMALLU BOPPANAPPELLI and Mrs. THIRUMALA BOPPANAPPELLI.

Description of the Immoveable property/ Secured : All that the RCC house bearing H.No.14-30, having plinth area 300 sq feet, in the land admeasuring 726.00sq yards, or 607.02sq meters, situated at Venkatraopet Village Venkatraopet Gramma Panchayath, Luxettipet Mandal Mancheril District, with the following BOUNDARIES OF THE PROPERTY: East : House of Kandrapu Shankaraih, West :10-00 Wide Road, North: Land of Gandham Narasiah, South: Road

Table with 5 columns: SI No, Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s), Demand Notice Date and Amount, Date of Possession, Reserve Price, Date of Inspection of property. Includes details for Mr. RAJENDRAN GOUD PONNAM and Mrs. SUMALATHA PONNAM.

Description of the Immoveable property/ Secured : All that the R.C.C. house bearing H.No. 2-142, having ground plinth area 381.37 Sq Feet & First plinth area 381.37 Sq Feet in the land admeasuring 242.00 Sq. Yards or 203.68 Sq.Meters, situated at Nasrup Village, (codeNo. 1931018) Nasrup Grama Panchayath, Dandepalli Mandal, Mancheril District, with the following BOUNDARIES: EAST:LAND OF GAJULA SHEKAR, WEST:LAND OF GAJULA MALLA GOUD, NORTH:GRAMA PANCHAYATHI ROAD, SOUTH:LAND OF LAKKAM KISHITTAIAH

Table with 5 columns: SI No, Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s), Demand Notice Date and Amount, Date of Possession, Reserve Price, Date of Inspection of property. Includes details for Mr. SALLURI PRASAD and Mrs. SALLURI MAHESHWARI.

Description of the Immoveable property/ Secured : The R.C.C Roofed House bearing H.No.32-1048, In the Land Admeasuring 242.66Sq.Yards or equal to 206.24Sq.Meters Its Having R.C.C Ground floor Plinth Area.787.95Sq.Fts and First floor Plinth Area.787.95Sq.Fts, Situated at Ward No.01, Block-32, Code No.82, Nasrup Village, Nasrup Town, Nasrup Municipality, Nasrup Mandal, Mancheril Dist. within the limits of Nasrup Municipality, Regn. Sub-Dist. Mancheril, Regn. Dist. Adilabad, Telangana State. With the Following Boundaries:-East: 25 FEET ROAD, West: LAND OF OTHERS, North: 25 FEET ROAD, South: HOUSE OF SALLURI BHOOMIAH

Table with 5 columns: SI No, Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s), Demand Notice Date and Amount, Date of Possession, Reserve Price, Date of Inspection of property. Includes details for Mr. THALLA RAVIKUMAR and Mrs. THALLA RAJITHA.

Description of the Immoveable property/ Secured : RCC Building House Bearing Door No: 20-56/H/1 in Sy. No.979 Old Sy. No. 8/46 RCC Building Plinth area 1227 Sq. feets total area measuring 484 Sq Yds OR 404.67 Sq Mts, Situated at Ganapuri Street Locality of Manthani Municipality, Dist. Peddapalli, Bounded by:-EAST : Road, WEST: Open place of Nalla Buchi Reddy & Prathap Reddy, North: Way, SOUTH: Open Place of Neerati Sangetha.

Table with 5 columns: SI No, Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s), Demand Notice Date and Amount, Date of Possession, Reserve Price, Date of Inspection of property. Includes details for Mr. THOTAPALLI KANAKARAJU and Mrs. THOTAPALLI VANITHA.

Description of the Immoveable property/ Secured : All that the House bearing No. 19-1-101 admeasuring area 83.07 Sq.yards Equivalent to 69.45 Sq. Meters, situated at Markandeya Colony Janagan Village, Shivar, Ramagundam Mandal, in the limits of Ramagundam Municipal Corporation, Peddapally District, Telangana State. Under the Jurisdiction of Registration Sub-District and Registration District Peddapally and bounded as follows: Bounded By: EAST: Open land of Donor, WEST:40 Feet Wide Road, NORTH: 20' Wide Road, SOUTH: House of Donor

Table with 5 columns: SI No, Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s), Demand Notice Date and Amount, Date of Possession, Reserve Price, Date of Inspection of property. Includes details for Mr. THUDI SRIVAN KUMAR and Mr. THUDI SRUJANA.

Description of the Immoveable property/ Secured : SCHEDULE - A PROPERTY/LAND :All that the open Place/Plot, in Survey No. 589, admeasuring net area 1840.96 Sq. Yds., or 1539.27 Sq.Mrs., after deducting road affected area out of total land admeasuring 1936.00 Sq. Yds., or 1618.74 Sq.Mrs., Situated at Shanthinagar FCI Locality of JANAGAN Revenue Village of Ramagundam Mandal & Municipal Corporation, Peddapally District, Telangana State and bounded by: BOUNDARIES :North:House of Williams H.No.21-3-178/A, South:Open Place of Md. Ankoos, H.No. 21-3-178/A of K. Rajiah, H.No. 21-3-178/B of K. Venkataiah and H.No. 21-3-178/2 of K. Anandam, West:House No. 21-3-162 & 21-3-162/1, of T. Prakash, and H.No. 21-3-161 of J. Shanmaha, West:Existing 60 feet Wide Road. SCHEDULE - B APARTMENT/FLAT :All that the residential apartment/flat admeasuring 1221 Sft of super built up area, including common areas bearing apartment/flat No.203 in 2nd Floor along with car parking bearing No. "14" in Cellar floor of residential apartment complex known as "METRO ELITE" together with the undivided share of land admeasuring 45.4 Square yards out of the Schedule "A" land, situated at Shanthi Nagar, FCI Locality of Jangoon Revenue village, Ramagundam Mandal & Municipal Corporation, GodavariKani Town, Peddapally District, Telangana State -505209 & the apartment/flat is bounded by: North : Open to sky, South:Corridor, Flat No.204, East :Corridor, & Flat No: 201, West: Duct & Open to Sky, Flat No.205

Mode Of Payment :-All payment shall be made by demand draft in favour of "Hinduja Housing Finance Limited" payable at Vijayawada through RTGS/NEFT. The accounts details are as follows: a) Name of the account:- Hinduja Housing Finance Limited b) Name of the Bank:- HDFC, c) Account No:- Given above in Schedule, d) IFSC Code:- HDFC0004989

TERMS & CONDITIONS OF ONLINE E-AUCTION SALE:-

1. The Property is being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS, WHATEVER THERE & WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS". As such sale is without any kind of warranties & indemnities. 2. Particulars of the property / assets (viz. extent & measurements specified in the E-Auction Sale Notice has been stated to be of best information of the Secured Creditor and Secured Creditor shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission. Actual extent & dimensions may differ. 3. E-Auction Sale Notice issued by the Secured Creditor is an invitation to the general public to submit their bids and the same does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation on the part of the Secured Creditor. Interested bidders are advised to peruse the copies of title deeds with the Secured Creditor and to conduct own independent enquiries /due diligence about the title & present condition of the property / assets and claims / dues affecting the property before submission of bids. 4. Auction/bidding shall only be through "online electronic mode" through the website https://www.bankauctions.com/ Or Auction provided by the service provider M/s C1 India Private Limited, who shall arrange & coordinate the entire process of auction through the e-auction platform. 5. The bidders may participate in e-auction for bidding from their place of choice. Internet connectivity shall have to be ensured by bidder himself. Secured Creditor /service provider shall not be held responsible for the internet connectivity, network problems, system crash, power failure etc. 6. For details, file, procedure and online bidding on e-auction prospective bidders may contact the Service Provider M/S C1 India Pvt Ltd, Plot No- 68, 3 rd Floor Sector 44 Gurgaon Haryana - 122003 (Contact no. 7291981124, 25,26) Support Email - Support@bankauctions.com, Mr. P.Dharani Krishna Mob. 9948182222. Email: andhra@c1india.com. 7. For participating in the e-auction sale the intending bidders should register their name at https://www.bankauctions.com/ well in advance and shall get the user id and password. Intending bidders are advised to change only the password immediately upon receiving it from the service provider. 8. For participating in e-auction, intending bidders have to deposit a refundable EMD of 10% OF RESERVE PRICE (as mentioned above) shall be payable by interested bidders through Demand Draft/NEFT/RTGS in favor of "Hinduja Housing Finance Limited" on or before 04-April-2026. 9. The intending bidders should submit the duly filled in Bid Form (format available on https://www.bankauctions.com/) along with the Demand Draft (remittance towards EMD in a sealed cover addressed to the Authorized Officer HHF Regional Office No. Hinduja Housing Finance Limited 8-4-238/6 1st Floor, Hanuman Nagar, Karimnagar, Telangana-505001 latest by 03:00 PM on 04-April-2026. The sealed cover should be super scribed with "Bid for participating in E-Auction Sale - in the Loan Account No.s (as mentioned above) for property of Names mentioned above. The sealed cover should be super scribed with "Bid for participating in E-Auction Sale- in the Loan Account No. (as mentioned above) for property of Borrower Names mentioned above. 10. After expiry of the last date of submission of bids with EMD, Authorized Officer shall examine the bids received by him and confirm the details of the qualified bidders (who have quoted their bids over and above the reserve price and paid the specified EMD with the Secured Creditor) to the service provider M/S C1 India Pvt Ltd to enable them to allow only those bidders to participate in the online inter-se bidding / auction proceedings at the date and time mentioned in E-Auction Sale Notice. 11. Inter-se bidding among the qualified bidders shall start from the highest bid quoted by the qualified bidders. During the process of inter-se bidding, there will be unlimited extension of "10" minutes each, i.e., the end time of e-auction shall be automatically extended by 10 minutes each time if bid is made within 10 minutes from the last extension. 12. Bids once made shall not be cancelled or withdrawn. All bids made from the user id given to bidder will be deemed to have been made by him alone. 13. Immediately upon closure of E-Auction proceedings, the highest bidder shall confirm the final amount of bid quoted by him BY E-Mail both to the Authorized Officer K.SHANKAR, Hinduja Housing Limited, Regional Office No 8-4-238/6 1st Floor, Hanuman Nagar, Karimnagar, Telangana-505001 and the Service Provider for getting declared as successful bidder in the E-Auction Sale proceedings. 14. The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the bid amount (including EMD) on the same day of the sale, being knocked down in his favour and balance 75% of bid amount within 15 days from the date of sale by DD/Pay order/NEFT/RTGS/Chq favouring Hinduja Housing Finance Limited. 15. In case of default in payment of above stipulated amounts by the successful bidder / auction purchaser within the stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the amount already paid (including EMD) will be forfeited and the property will be again put to sale. 16. At the request of the successful bidder, the Authorized Officer in his absolute discretion may grant further time in writing, for depositing the balance of the bid amount. 17. The Successful Bidder shall pay 1% of Sale price towards TDS (out of Sale proceeds) and submit TDS certificate to the authorised officer and the deposit the entire amount of sale price (after deduction of 1% towards TDS), adjusting the EMD within 15 working days of the acceptance of the offer by the authorized officer, or within such other extended time as deemed fit by the Authorised Officer, failing which the earnest deposit will be forfeited. 18. Municipal / Panchayat Taxes, Electricity dues (if any) and any other authorities dues (if any) shall be paid by the successful bidder before issuance of the sale certificate. Bids shall be made taking into consideration of all the statutory dues pertaining to the property. 19. Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful bidder only upon deposit of entire purchase price / bid amount and furnishing the necessary proof in respect of payment of all taxes / charges. 20. Applicable legal charges for conveyance, stamp duty, registration charges and other incidental charges shall be borne by the auction purchaser. 21. The Authorized officer may postpone / cancel the E-Auction Sale proceedings without assigning any reason whatsoever. In case the E-Auction Sale scheduled is postponed to a later date before 30 days from the scheduled date of sale, it will be displayed on the website of the service provider. 22. The decision of the Authorised Officer is final, binding and unquestionable. 23. All bidders who submitted the bids, shall be deemed to have read and understood the terms and conditions of the E-Auction Sale and be bound by them. 24. For further details and queries, contact Authorised Officer Hinduja Housing Finance Limited, Mr. K.SHANKAR, Mo. No. 9676399441 & 9704128567. 25. This publication is also 30 (Thirty) days' notice to the Borrower / Mortgagee / Guarantors of the above said loan account pursuant to rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, about holding of auction sale on the above-mentioned date / place.

Place : Karimnagar Date :-25th Feb-2026 Sd/-Authorised Officer, For Hinduja Housing Finance Limited Special Instructions / Caution: Neither in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Bidding Hinduja Housing Finance Limited nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements / alternatives such as back-up power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

Inter exams started transparently :District Collector

Karimnagar, February 25, TSIT : District Collector Pamela Satpathy said that the intermediate examinations are being conducted in an armed and transparent manner in the district. District Collector Pamela Satpathy inspected several examination centers in view of the commencement of Intermediate First Year



Examinations on Commerce) at District Wednesday. Inter examination centers set up at Government Junior College (Arts & Commerce) at District Center and Narayana Junior College at Mukarampura were inspected. The facilities installed

in the examination centers and the CC camera system were inspected. Attendance percentage of students, check of hall tickets, arrangements etc. were inquired about. She said that it should be ensured that the students take the exams in a calm environment. Strict measures have been ordered to prevent malpractices.

City Development Is Our Prime Goal: Mayor Darni Madhukar.



Mancherla, Feb 25, TSIT: Mayor Darni Madhukar of the Mancherla Municipal Corporation on Wednesday inspected the municipal limits covering the 10th, 30th, and 32nd divisions along with the Municipal Commissioner and respective ward corporators. During the visit, the Mayor reviewed the ongoing sanitation works and the status of road construction in the divisions. He sought detailed information from the Commissioner and issued instructions to ensure better quality of works and to take immediate measures so that the public does not face inconvenience. Stating that overall city development is the primary objective, the Mayor directed officials to expedite all development works. He ordered that a special drive be launched from Thursday to intensify sanitation activities and to carry out thorough cleaning of drains across the wards. Municipal Commissioner Anvesh, 10th Division Corporator Rachakonda Gopal Rao, 30th Division Corporator Karre Srinivas, municipal staff, and residents of the concerned wards participated in the programme. During the inspection, Mayor Darni Madhukar personally interacted with local residents, examined ground-level issues, and assured them that their problems would be resolved through timely and planned action.

Cyberabad Police Explores AI-Based Predictive Traffic Management Model



Hyderabad (TSIT): In a forward-looking initiative aimed at strengthening smart mobility solutions, the Cyberabad Police on Wednesday reviewed the adoption of an AI-based predictive traffic management system aligned with European standards. The review meeting was held at the SCSC Meeting Hall, PSIOC, Cyberabad Police Commissionerate, and was chaired by Commissioner of Police Dr. M.Ramesh Reddy. He instructed officials to thoroughly examine the feasibility of introducing intelligent traffic technologies to enhance congestion management, improve enforcement efficiency, and ensure greater road safety

across the Commissionerate limits. During the meeting, Dr. Lucas Ambul, CEO of Zurich-based Swiss firm Transcality, presented an advanced AI-driven predictive traffic solution. The system demonstrated its capability to analyse traffic patterns, forecast congestion points, and optimise signal timings for smoother traffic flow. The proposed model can simulate traffic conditions in real time, predict peak-hour congestion, and assist authorities in proactive decision-making. It is also designed to support long-term urban traffic preparedness, especially in view of upcoming infrastructure expansion in the capital region.

The meeting was attended by DCP (Admin) T. Annapurna, DCP (Traffic) I. Ranjan Ratan Kumar, ADPCP (Traffic - Madhapur) Hanumantha Rao, SCSC CEO Naved, along with senior officers. Representatives from the Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI) also participated in the deliberations. Officials stated that a detailed assessment of technical integration, cost feasibility, and operational adaptability will be conducted before taking further steps. The initiative underscores Cyberabad Police's commitment to leveraging technology for smarter and safer urban traffic management.

Grand Opening of Vasavi Vastralaya in Rajanna Sircilla by Suma Kanakala & Bulliraju

Rajanna Sircilla, February 25, 2026: 'Vasavi Vastralaya,' a new and vibrant destination for quality garments, was grandly inaugurated on Tuesday at Gandhi Chowk in Rajanna Sircilla. The launch event witnessed an overwhelming response from local residents, business leaders, and public representatives.



The store was ceremonially inaugurated by popular television anchor Suma Kanakala and noted actor Bulliraju, adding glamour and excitement to the occasion. The Managing Partners — Mateti Durham Prakash, Mateti Sunitha, Mateti Sai Kumar, and Mateti Uma Maheshwari — welcomed the guests and expressed gratitude for the community's support. The event was graced by several prominent dignitaries who attended as special guests, including Smt. & Sri Jindam Kala Chakrapani, Municipal Chairperson of Sircilla, and Sri Darla Sandeep, Municipal Vice

Chairman. They congratulated the management and extended their best wishes for the success of the new venture. Speaking on the occasion, the management of Vasavi Vastralaya shared their vision: "We are extremely happy to launch Vasavi Vastralaya in Sircilla. Our aim is to provide high-quality garments at wholesale prices to the people of Rajanna Sircilla. Especially for weddings and auspicious occasions, we will continuously offer the latest collections, attractive deals, and an exclusive range of bridal pattu sarees."

Padmam Silver Jewellery Opens Grand New Branch in Rajam

Visakhapatnam: Padmam Silver Jewellery has expanded its presence with the grand inauguration of its new branch in Rajam. The showroom, located at CMR Shopping Mall on Palakonda Road, was formally inaugurated by senior TDP leader Kondru Jagadish. The launch event was attended by several prominent personalities, including the first customer, Dr. Prakasarao, a noted gynecologist, along with other distinguished guests. Addressing the gathering, Kondru Jagadish expressed his happiness at inaugurating the new out-



let and appreciated the wide range of exquisite silver ornaments on display. He also highlighted the attractive inaugural offers introduced for customers, including free silver jewellery worth Rs.50,000 on purchases of Rs.1,00,000, Rs.25,000 worth of free silver jewellery on purchases of Rs.50,000, and Rs.12,500 worth of free silver jewellery on purchases of Rs.25,000. He stated that these offers provide an excellent opportunity for customers to invest in sil-

ver jewellery. Sri Mavuri Venkata Ramana, Chairman of the CMR Group, noted the growing popularity and demand for silver jewellery. He showcased the diverse collections available at the store, including CZ Jewellery, Temple Jewellery, Antique Jewellery, Victoria Collection, Kundan Collection, and Mozo Night Collection. The management has invited residents of Rajam and nearby areas to visit the newly opened showroom and make the most of the limited-time inaugural offers.

Food Safety Officials Conduct Surprise Raids on Milk Vending Centers in Visakhapatnam

THE SOUTH INDIA TIMES, VISAKHAPATNAM : With the health of consumers as their primary goal, Food Safety officials of Visakhapatnam district conducted surprise inspections on loose milk vending centers in various parts of the city on Wednesday. These raids were carried out under the leadership of District Food Safety Officer G.V. Apparao and Assistant Food Controller Kalyan Chakravarty. Samples were collected from five major milk vending centres in the city. The officials stated that inspections were carried out at Direct Farms Milk in Akkayyapalem (Cow Milk), Krushi Dairy Farm (Buffalo Milk), Anthony Dairy in Seethammadhara (Buffalo Milk), Rabbani Milk Foods in



Shivaji Palem (Buffalo Milk), Bharathi Milk Foods near Rama Talkies (Buffalo Milk) during the inspections, officials used lactometers to measure milk density and preliminarily check for water adulteration. Additionally, pH indicator papers were used to observe

chemical changes in the milk. The collected samples have been sent to the State Food Laboratory in Hyderabad for further analysis. There, tests will be conducted to determine the fat content, SNF (Solid-Not-Fat), sugar, starch, urea, carbides, and the presence of harmful

chemicals like hydrogen peroxide. The officials warned of strict action under the FSS Act (Food Safety and Standards Act) if the milk does not meet the standards or is found to be adulterated, Section 51 Up to Rs.5 lakh fine for sub-standard quality. Section 52 Up to Rs.3 lakh fine for misleading labelling. Section 59 a fine of Rs.10 lakh and the possibility of life imprisonment depending on the severity of the harmful adulteration. Officials clarified that cases would be registered and legal action would be taken against the respective owners as soon as the lab report is received. Food Safety Officers P. Srinu, S. Anandarao, and others participated in these inspections.

GITAM Faculty Wins Best Paper Award at International Conference

Hyderabad: Dr. P. Sridhar, Assistant Professor in the Department of Accounting & Finance at GITAM School of Business, Hyderabad, secured First Place – Best Paper Award in the Finance Track at the International Conference on Business Innovation and Transformation (ICBIT 2026). The prestigious conference was hosted by CHRIST (Deemed to be University) in Bengaluru. Dr. Sridhar's research paper titled "Sustainable Transformation and Financial Markets: The Role of IBC in Green Technology Firms" received high appreciation from the review panel for its originality, research depth, academic rigor, and clarity of presentation. The conference committee lauded the paper for its strong relevance to the theme and its meaningful contribution to contemporary financial research. The leadership of GITAM Deemed to be University, including Prof. D. S. Rao, DVVSR Varma, and Dr. Divya Kirti Gupta, congratulated Dr. Sridhar on his achievement and encouraged him to continue pursuing excellence in academic research and innovation.

GITAM Marks 150 Years of Vande Mataram with Grand Celebration

Hyderabad: GITAM Deemed to be University celebrated the 150th anniversary of "Vande Mataram" with a solemn and inspiring programme at its Hyderabad campus. The event featured a mass singing of the complete national song, paying tribute to the iconic composition that played a significant role in India's freedom movement. The celebration formed part of the nationwide commemorations approved by the Union Cabinet under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The year-long observance, from November 2025 to November 2026, marks 150 years of the national song, honoring its historic and cultural significance. Faculty members and students participated enthusiastically in the programme, reaffirming their commitment to India's rich cultural heritage, unity, and patriotic values.

Yashoda Hospitals Saves 10-Month-Old with Rare Bone Marrow Failure Through Haploidentical Stem Cell Transplant



Hyderabad, February 25, 2026: Doctors at Yashoda Hospitals have given a new lease of life to a 10-month-old boy suffering from a one-in-a-million rare bone marrow failure disorder by successfully performing a state-of-the-art haploidentical stem cell transplantation. The child, Master M. Khadar Armaan, from Nandavaram in Kurnool district, was brought to Yashoda Hospitals-Somajiguda on December 26, 2025, with a persistently low platelet count. According to Senior Hemato-Oncologist and Bone Marrow Transplant Specialist Dr. Ashok Kumar Pillai, the infant suffered an aspiration episode while feeding soon after admission, leading to sudden respiratory distress, hypoxia, and bradycardia. He was immediately intubated and placed on mechanical ventilation in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit for four days. Following comprehensive clinical and laboratory investigations, the child was diagnosed with Congenital Amegakaryocytic Thrombocytopenia, a rare inherited bone marrow failure disorder characterized by severe thrombocytopenia and high risk of bleeding. Doctors informed the parents that the only curative treatment for this life-threatening condition is an allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation. As no fully matched donor was available, the child's father was evaluated and selected as a haploidentical (half-matched) stem cell donor. The transplant procedure using paternal stem cells was successfully performed on January 8, 2026. Post-transplant, the child showed steady recovery under continuous monitoring and advanced critical care support. As his platelet counts gradually improved, ventilatory support was withdrawn. Dr. Pillai confirmed that the child was discharged after achieving medical stability, marking a successful transplant outcome. Unit Head Dr. S. Prashanth Reddy stated that the case underscores the importance of early diagnosis, timely access to advanced transplant facilities, and coordinated multidisciplinary care in managing rare pediatric hematological disorders. He noted that the success reflects the combined efforts of the departments of Hematology and Transplantation, Pediatrics, Transfusion Medicine, Nursing, and Hospital Management. He added that such advanced medical interventions demonstrate that several childhood blood disorders, once considered fatal, can now be effectively cured with modern treatment, and emphasized the need to raise public awareness for early detection and appropriate care.

Cavaliers CC, ECoRSA Register Dominant Wins in UCC Cricket Tournament

Visakhapatnam (TSIT): The 12th UCC Cricket Tournament underwritten in Visakhapatnam witnessed thrilling action on Wednesday as Cavaliers CC and East Coast Railway Sports Association (ECoRSA) secured impressive victories in the third-day league matches. In the morning fixture, Cavaliers CC posted a competitive total of 163 for 7 in their allotted 20 overs after winning the toss and opting to bat. Vittal Kumar top-scored with 39 runs, while KSS Jayanth and Prithvi Raj chipped in with 31 runs each. For City CC, V. Nani delivered a standout bowling performance, claiming 4 wickets for just 19 runs.



Chasing a target of 164, City CC faltered and were bowled out for 133 in 19.2 overs. Manikantha fought valiantly with 42 runs, but lacked support from the other batters. Cavaliers' bowler Bhubaneshwar turned the game in his team's favour by picking up 3 crucial wickets. Vittal Kumar was adjudged 'Man of the Match' for his all-round performance. In the

afternoon match, East Coast Railway Sports Association (ECoRSA) registered a commanding 5-wicket victory over City Police. Batting first, City Police were bundled out for just 83 runs in 17.3 overs against a disciplined ECoRSA bowling attack. Prasad (3/14) and G. Shankara Rao (3/18) dismantled the opposition with impressive spells. ECoRSA comfortably chased down the target in 13.1 overs, scoring 87 for 5. Deepak contributed 21 runs to steady the innings, while City Police bowler Ishwar claimed 3 wickets. G. Shankara Rao was named 'Man of the Match' for his match-winning bowling performance.

Construction work of new Tehsildar office should be expedited-District Collector Adarsh Surabhi

Wanaparthy: District Collector Adarsh Surabhi ordered to speed up the construction work of new Tehsildar office building in Srirangapur mandal center and hand it over quickly. On Wednesday, the Collector visited Srirangapuram and directly inspected the office works under construction. The Collector ordered the engineering officials to complete the construction work expeditiously. Also, the engineering officers were ordered to complete the new Tehsildar office buildings of Revalli and Yedula mandals quickly. Tehsildar Raju, other officials and others were with the collector.

INFINITUS 2026 Kicks Off at SRM University-AP with 6,000+ Participants

Amaravati: SRM University-AP inaugurated its four-day national techno-cultural fest, INFINITUS 2026, in the presence of Chief Guest Vijay Thirumala, Vice President of Swiss Re, along with Vice Chancellor Prof. Ch. Satish Kumar, Registrar Dr. R. Premkumar, Director-Student Affairs Major General Gurdeep Singh Narang, Associate Director-Student Affairs Ms. Revathi Balakrishnan, faculty members, the Student Council, and students. With over 6,000 participants from across the country, INFINITUS 2026 promises a dynamic blend of technology, innovation, and cultural vibrancy. The



fest features more than 25 technical competitions, including hackathons, robotics contests, coding challenges, VR competitions, drone simulators, and specialised workshops and seminars. Additionally, 10+ non-technical events such as

photography competitions, fashion showcases, and cubing contests offer students a platform to showcase their creativity and strategic thinking. An electrifying lineup of artists, including Karthik, Jonita Gandhi, and Ali Merchant, along with DJ

Gautam, will perform live on campus, adding high-energy entertainment to the celebrations. Addressing the gathering, Chief Guest Vijay Thirumala encouraged students to use such fests to develop strategic thinking, adaptability, and collaboration—qualities essential for successful leaders and entrepreneurs. Vice Chancellor Prof. Ch. Satish Kumar described the fest as a celebration of innovation and creativity, emphasising its role in holistic student development. Major General Gurdeep Singh Narang noted that INFINITUS 2026 provides a platform for students to lead, innovate, inspire, and connect beyond the classroom.

Dr. Kota Neelima Actively Resolving Public Issues Among the People

Hyderabad: Kota Neelima, Vice President of the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) and Congress In-charge of Sanathnagar Constituency, is emerging as a proactive grassroots leader by directly engaging with citizens and resolving their issues on priority. Dr. Neelima has been consistently visiting various colonies across Sanathnagar, interacting with residents, listening to their grievances, and coordinating with officials to ensure timely solutions. From drinking water shortages and drainage blockages to road repairs and streetlight installations, she has been closely monitoring civic works and pressing departments for swift action.



being accessible and accountable to the people. "Development must not come at the cost of people's livelihoods. My priority is to stand with citizens, understand their problems on the ground, and ensure solutions through constructive engagement with authorities," she stated. Known for combining academic insight with public service, Dr. Neelima's hands-on approach has earned appreciation from local communities. Residents have acknowledged her regular visits and follow-ups, noting that issues pending for months have been addressed after her involvement.

Recently, she met local residents regarding infrastructure concerns and personally submitted representations to GHMC officials seeking corrective measures. In several instances, her intervention has helped prevent hardships to families affected by development projects, ensuring that public welfare remains at the forefront of planning.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Neelima said that true leadership lies in

With a focus on participatory governance, transparent communication, and protection of vulnerable sections, Dr. Kota Neelima continues to strengthen her connect with the people by staying among them and working relentlessly for their welfare.

Srihari Calls for Stronger Animal Husbandry Sector to Boost Telangana Economy



Hyderabad: Telangana Minister Vakati Srihari on Tuesday directed officials to strengthen the Animal Husbandry and Dairy sectors to boost the state's economy. At a review meeting held at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Secretariat on the 2026-27 budget proposals, he stressed the need for innovative reforms, effective fund utilisation, and measurable outcomes. He urged officials to study

successful models from Haryana, Tamil Nadu, and Gujarat and implement suitable strategies in Telangana. The Minister emphasized hygienic milk, quality meat and fish production, veterinary infrastructure upgrades, vaccination drives, and better coordination, including the proposal to appoint an IAS-level officer for faster dairy sector growth.

Collector Conducts Surprise Inspection of Intermediate Examination Centres

Sangareddy, February 25 (TSIT) On the first day of the Intermediate Public Examinations in Sangareddy district, District Collector P. Pravinia conducted surprise inspections at several examination centres. She reviewed the conduct of the examinations and assessed the basic facilities provided at the centres.

On Wednesday, the Collector visited the Government Boys Junior College and Shaheen Junior College examination centres. She closely examined the functioning of CCTV cameras installed in the examination halls and verified student attendance details. Officials were questioned regarding the security of question papers and the procedures followed for opening them as per prescribed



guidelines. The Collector ensured that examinations were being conducted transparently under CCTV surveillance and directed officials to take strict measures to prevent any malpractice. She also reviewed facilities such as drinking water, availability of medical staff (ANM), and toilet amenities at the centres. She instructed authorities to ensure that all necessary arrangements are in place to avoid any inconvenience to students. Further, she directed officials to transport answer sheets to the designated centres immediately after the completion of exams under tight police security. Emphasizing transparency, the Collector made it clear that there should be no scope for copying or irregularities. Officials from the concerned departments participated in the inspections.

DGP Shivadhar Reddy Orders Early Security Preparations for Godavari Pushkaralu

Hyderabad: Telangana Director General of Police B. Shivadhar Reddy has directed officials to immediately commence comprehensive security preparations for the forthcoming Godavari Pushkaralu scheduled from June 26 to July 7 next year.



Chairing a high-level video conference at the DGP Office, he reviewed arrangements with district police chiefs and senior officers. Shailaja Ramaiaier, Principal Secretary of the Endowments Department, also participated in the meeting along with senior

officials. The DGP instructed police officers in districts along the Godavari River — including Nizamabad, Nirmal, Mancherial, Jagtial, Peddapalli, Jayashankar Bhupalpally, Mulugu, and Bhadradi Kothagudem — to initiate ground-level preparations and submit detailed reports at the earliest.

Police Commissioner Goush Alam visited the examination centers

Karimnagar (TSIT): Police Commissioner Goush Alam made a surprise visit to several examination centers in Karimnagar city in the wake of the intermediate annual examinations that started from Wednesday across the state.



He thoroughly examined the security arrangements and CCTV surveillance at the examination centers. Speaking on the occasion, the CP said that all measures have been taken to ensure that the examinations are conducted in a transparent and peaceful environment. A 'Static Force' has been assigned to keep a continuous vigil at each examination center. He said that the staff will remain on duty till the end of the examination. He assured that the police department will cooperate in providing all necessary facilities to the students to write the exams with confidence without any pressure. The officials were directed to be alert to the staff on examination duties and to take strict action against those violating the rules. The visit was attended by other police officers and representatives of the Education Department.

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APPENDIX IV-A [See proviso to rule 9 (1)]
Sale Notice for sale of immovable properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., Ramachandrapuram Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on 18-03-2026, for recovery of Rs.43,58,413/- (Rupees forty three Lakhs fifty Eight thousand and four Hundred thirteen only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from Kandyana Ravikiran (S/O Kandyana Anjiah (Borrowers) and Basa Suvarna W/O Kandyana Ravikiran (Co-Borrowers), as on 25-02-2026 together with further interest and other charges thereon. The reserve price will be Rs. 25,00,000 (Rupees twenty five lakhs only) and the earnest money deposit will be Rs. 2,50,000 (Rupees two lakh fifty thousand only).

Description of the Immovable Property:
All that the Residential House No. 12-29/201 (PTIN No.1227116040), Flat No.201, in Second Floor of "FIRDIOUS RESIDENCY", having Built-up area 1100 Sq. Feet., (including common areas and Car Parking), along with undivided share of land admeasuring 33.0 Sq. Yards or 27.58 Sq. Mtrs., (out of 270.0 Sq. Yards), on Plot No.4, in Survey Nos. 142, 143, 144 and 145, situated at NAGARAM VILLAGE AND MUNICIPALITY, Kesara Mandal, Medak Tal. S. bounded as follows: North: lift, staircase, corridor & Flat no. 202; South: open to sky; East: open to sky; West: open to sky; Nil encumbrances

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd., (<https://www.canfinhomes.com/Search/Auction.aspx>).
Link for participating in e-auction: www.bankauctionwizard.com

Date: 25-02-2026 Sd/- Authorized Officer,
Place: Ramachandrapuram Can Fin Homes Ltd.

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APPENDIX IV Rule 8(1) POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of PIRAMAL FINANCE LIMITED, 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, 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 PIRAMAL FINANCE LIMITED for an amount as mentioned herein with interest thereon.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Date of Possession
1	Unit Code - HLSA0006FZD & HLSA0006FZDTU BRANCH NAME - Hyderabad - Amerpet Main Bingi Swamy Property Address: Open Plot Survey No.3.EE, Rajni Village & Gram Panchayat, Bhongir Mandal, Nalgonda District, Telangana - 508116 Resident Address: House No.3 16 97 5 2 A Venkat Reddy Nagar, Near Temple Ramanthapur Hyderabad - 500013 Office Address: Venkateshwara Colony Sai Nagar, Bus Depot, Pheezadiguda Hyderabad Telangana - 500039 Bingi Radha House No.3 16 97 5 2 A Venkat Reddy Nagar, Near Temple Ramanthapur Hyderabad Telangana - 500013	All the piece and Parcel of the Property bearing All that the part & parcel of the Open Plot in Sy No.3.EE admeasuring 200 sq.yards or equivalent to 167.2 sq.meter. Situated in Rajni Village, Bhongir Mandal, Nalgonda District, Regn Sub-Dist. Bhongir Regn Dist. Nalgonda G.P.Bhngir, M.P.P. Bhongir, Z.P.P. Nalgonda, East. Vendor's Land, West. Road, North. Vendor's Land, South. House of Ramudu.	29/Oct/25 For Rs. 62,04,008/-	25-02-2026
2	Unit Code - HLSA000A84C BRANCH NAME - Hyderabad - Amerpet Main Vasile Rao Property Address: Flat No.103, 1st Floor, Block B, 'Sankalpa Home & Developers Pvt. Ltd., Nirmal B, Harmonious Living (Seshma Fortune City)', Constructed on Open land bearing survey Nirmal Sy. No. And 337/3/2 Gajipet Shivir, Adilabad, Telangana-504108. Resident Address: P.No.11, F.No.204, BhaskaraApts, Indira Nagar, Shamshuguda, K.V. Rangareddy-500090, Telangana. Permanent Address: House No.8 3 228 67 1009 2071, One Nagar, Yousaf Guda, SPRI Hites, Hyderabad-500045, Telangana. Office Address: Sri Bhavani Civil Works, Plot No.11, Shamshuguda Nagar, Kukatpally, Malkajgiri, K.V. Rangareddy-500090, Telangana. Vasile Nani P.No.11, F.No.204, Bhaskara Apts, Indira Nagar, Shamshuguda, K.V. Rangareddy-500090, Telangana.	All the piece and Parcel of the Property bearing Flat No.103, 1st Floor, Block B, 'Sankalpa Home & Developers Pvt. Ltd., Nirmal B, Harmonious Living (Seshma Fortune City)', Constructed on Open land bearing survey Nirmal Sy. No. And 337/3/2 Gajipet Shivir, Adilabad, Telangana-504108. Sy.Yrds along with 1410 Sq.Fts. Flnd 62.19 Sq.Yrds out of 1755.30 Sq.Yrds along with 1410 Sq.Fts. Flnd Gajipet Shivir, Mandal Nirmal, District Nirmal, Adilabad, Telangana-504106. East. Open to Sky, West: 69' Feet corridor and after lat no.111 & 112 Block B, South: Open to Sky, East: 112 Block B and Nt No.5-12-525/21.	26/Sep/25 For Rs. 2632255/-	21-02-2026

Place: Hyderabad Date: 25-02-2026 Authorized Officer, PIRAMAL FINANCE LIMITED.

Entrepreneurship Workshop Held at IFHE



Ranga Reddy: ICFAI Law School organised an Entrepreneurship Awareness Workshop at IFHE Auditorium on February 25 with 200 students participating. Sponsored by the Ministry of MSME, the programme aimed to promote entrepreneurial thinking. Speakers, including officials from Union Bank of India and National Institute for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, highlighted MSME schemes, financial support, and opportunities under Aatmanirbhar Bharat. The event concluded with a vote of thanks and the National Anthem.

Demolitions on Bhoodan Lands Were Legal



District Collector Anudeep Durishetty said on Wednesday. The action pertained to 31 acres and 7 guntas in Survey Nos. 147, 148 and 149, which were under encroachment. The land, valued at over Rs. 250 crore, was resumed following directions from the CCLA and the High Court, thereby safeguarding valuable government property, he said.



MLA Yennam Srinivas Reddy stated that the dream of owning a house for the poor is becoming a reality through the Indiramma Indlu housing scheme launched by the state government. He was speaking at the Indiramma Indlu Gruha Pravasha programme held in Hanwada and Kothapet villages under the Mahabubnagar constituency, where he inaugurated newly constructed houses along with beneficiaries.

Damodar Rajanarsimha Inaugurates SAP Kidney Extension Centre at Toli Chowki

Hyderabad: Minister and Health Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha inaugurated the SAP Kidney Extension Centre at Toli Chowki in Hyderabad on Wednesday. On the occasion, the Minister inspected various departments of the hospital and reviewed the facilities set up at the newly established kidney centre. He interacted warmly with patients undergoing treatment and enquired about the medical services being provided. Appreciating the hospital management for establishing the centre with modern



equipment and advanced facilities, the Minister congratulated the organisers for their commitment to quality healthcare. Addressing the gathering, he stated that the Telangana government is providing free medical services on par with corporate

hospitals. He highlighted that the government has established free dialysis centres for kidney patients within every 30-kilometre radius across the state to ensure accessible treatment. He further noted that the government is giving strong encouragement to both the education and healthcare sectors, aiming to deliver quality services to all sections of society. The programme was attended by SAP Hospital Chairman Niyaz Khan, noted nephrologist Dr. Shoab Khan, and other dignitaries.

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DEMAND NOTICE

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The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantors	NPA DATE: 30.06.2018	Date of Demand Notice: 20.01.2026
1. Mandala Anil Kumar, S/O. Mandala Srihari Goud, Aged About: 32 Years , Occ: Bio Fuels Business, R/O:Hno : 3-37, Domadugu Village, Jinnaram Mandal, Medak Dist- 502313, Cell No: 9985771122.....	2. Mandala Prabhavathi, W/O. Mandala Srihari Goud, Aged About: 48 Years , Occ: House Wife , R/O:Hno: 3-97, Domadugu Village, Jinnaram Mandal, Medak Dist- 502313, Cell No: 8185080424.....	3. Ranganathan Srinivasan, S/O, Rangathan Peruswamy, Aged About: 48 Years , Occ: Govt Employee (Air Force Academy), R/O:Type-1,46/3, Airforce Academy, Dundigal, Hyderabad Dist- 500043, Cell No: 9550074705.

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

AMRPTT7170830001- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: All that the House bearing No.3-97, Survey No.370, admeasuring 120 Square Yards, having Plinth area of ACC 900 Square feet, Situated at Domadugu Village and Gram Panchayath, Gummadiala Mandal, Sangareddy District, T.S. Registration Sub District Sangareddy and bounded as follows : NORTH : 36.Seri, House of Sanjeevani Yadagoud, SOUTH : House of Mandala Nagender Goud, EAST : 5.Seri House of Tekula Rajireddy, WEST : PWD Road (Medak) Hyderabad.

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

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

Date:25.02.2026
Place: Dundigal, Hyderabad.

Authorized Officer
SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED

SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED
Registered Office: Sri.Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032.
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Name of the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantors	NPA DATE: 09.03.2025	Date of Demand Notice: 21.01.2026
1. Nawab Agro Agencies Rep By Its Prop Mohammad.Rafiuddin, S/O Mohammad.Nawab Sahab, Aged About 55 Years, R/O:Plot No.36, Main Road, Mogudampally Village, Zaheerabad Mandal, Sangareddy Dist- 502313, Ph: 9100921063.....	2. Mohammad. Rafiuddin, S/O. Mohammed. Nawab Sahab, Aged About 55 Years, Occ: Fertilizers, Pesticides & Seeds Business, R/O:H.No.7-20/3, Main Road, Mogudampally Village, Zaheerabad Mandal, Sangareddy Dist- 502221, Ph: 9100921063.....	3. Sameer Kausar, W/O. Mohammed. Rafiuddin, Aged About 40 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/O:H.No.7-20/3, Main Road, Mogudampally Village, Zaheerabad Mandal, Sangareddy Dist- 502221.....

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

ZHRBDF2406280014: Description of the Immovable Property: ITEM I: All that Building constructed House Bearing G.P.No. 14-28, Built on Plot Nos. 20, 21 & 22 in Survey No.175 admeasuring area 45000 Sq.Yards (150 Sq.Yards each Plot) in L.P.No.1/25/2019 with the Ground floor, First floor and Second floor Built up area of 395,00 Sq.feet each. Roof covered with R.C.C. Situated at Golden Hills Colony, Mogudampally Village and Mandal, Sangareddy District, Telangana State and bounded as follows: NORTH : Existing RT Road to Mogudampally, SOUTH : Plot Nos.24 & 23, EAST: Plot No.19, WEST : Others Land.

ITEM II: All that, Plot Nos. 23 & 24 in Survey No.175, admeasuring area 300.00 Sq. Yards (i.e.150 Sq.Yards each Plot) in L.P.No. 1/25/2019, Situated at Golden Hills Colony, Mogudampally Village and Mandal, Sangareddy District, Telangana State, and bounded as follows: NORTH : Plot Nos.22, 21 & 20, SOUTH : 25Wide Road, EAST : Plot No.25, WEST : Others Land.

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Date:25.02.2026
Place:Zaheerabad, Sangareddy.

Authorized Officer
SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED

EDITORIAL

How Israel Once Defied Its Biggest Ally To Secretly Help India Against Pakistan

India and Israel enjoy a unique relationship steeped in historic people-to-people connect with ancient roots. The ancient Jewish communities in India, including the Bene Israelis, Cochin Jews, Baghdadi Jews and Bnei Menashe, survived and thrived in India and contributed to India's growth story and cultural treasure. Even though large numbers went back to Israel and the remaining have been invited, they remain a living bridge between the two countries. Having walked the halls of power from Asia to the Americas to Europe, I have often observed that diplomacy is usually a cold game of chess. Yet, the bond between India and Israel feels less like a match and more like a homecoming.

THE 1980S

As we look toward the horizon of 2026, we must ask, what is the true crux of this partnership? It is no longer enough to simply list our trade figures. We must confront uncomfortable realities and the monumental successes that define us. Real trust is not built on signed papers. It is built by showing up when things get difficult. During the 1971 India-Pakistan war, Israel secretly supplied India with critical military equipment, such as 105 mm mortars, ammunition and specialised training, despite the absence of formal diplomatic ties and defying its own super-power ally, the US. This was a time when the world had turned its back on India. But Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir reportedly facilitated assistance through an Israeli arms manufacturer and promised continued help. Israel also helped the Mukti Bahini, the Bengali guerilla force fighting Pakistan, which ultimately helped in the creation of Bangladesh. The episode is recorded in the meticulously maintained papers of Indira Gandhi's principal secretary, PN Haksar, based on which American journalist Gary Bass wrote his book *The Blood Telegram*. In the early 1980s, Israel again offered to assist India in destroying Pakistan's Kahuta nuclear facility to dismantle the country's nuclear programme. It even sought permission for its fighter jets to use Indian airspace and refuelling facilities. The plan was shelved only due to fear of retaliation from Pakistan - which could lead to an all-out war - and intense pressure from the US, which, in turn, was relying on Islamabad for its Afghanistan operations. Israel's offer, nonetheless, was an audacious geopolitical move, driven by its own concerns about an 'Islamic bomb' and its implications for West Asia. The whole episode remains one of the great 'what ifs' of history. These precedents became an important precursor to the two countries finally establishing official diplomatic ties in 1992.

Israel's Op Sindoor Support - Despite Trump's Comments

Today, that trust has matured. During the recent Pahalgam terror attacks, Israel's support during Operation Sindoor wasn't just diplomatic; it was a reflection of a shared understanding that terrorism is a civilisational threat. Because of this history, Prime Minister Netanyahu recently suggested that as India becomes a permanent power at the UN, Israel might rely more on New Delhi than on Washington. This is not just talk, it is a sign of deep faith in India as a strong and steady power. India has always supported a "two-state solution", where both Israel and Palestine live side-by-side in peace. This was recently repeated in the Delhi Declaration at the India-Arab League meeting. For decades, the narrative has been one of "Israeli occupation", but a historical audit reveals a more complex tragedy of missed opportunities.

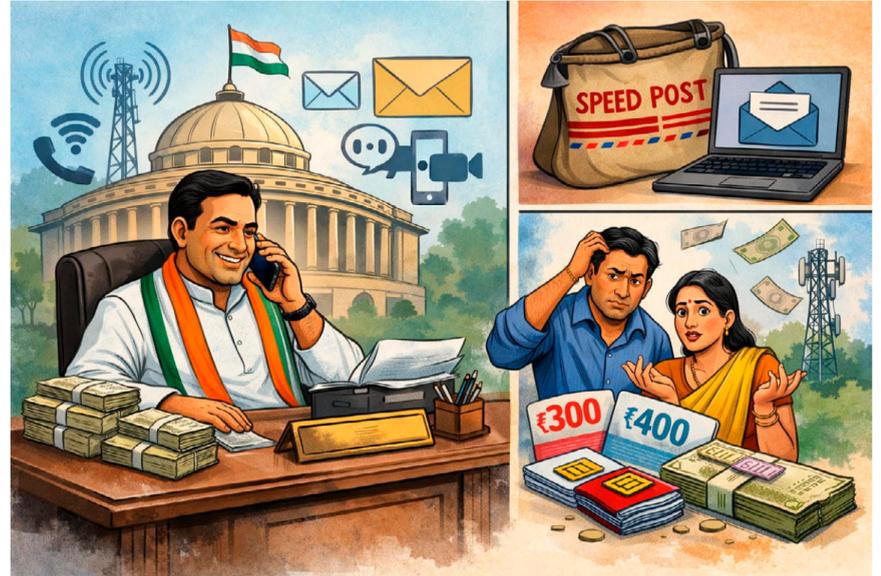
Telephone allowances for MLAs: Wasteful expenditure or a public relations necessity?



DR. SATYAWAN SAURABH

(When unlimited calls and data are possible for Rs 300-400, why such a huge allowance for public representatives?)

In a democratic system, the facilities provided to public representatives have always been a topic of discussion and debate. The fundamental purpose of salaries and allowances is to enable elected representatives to serve the public without financial worries. However, when the size of these benefits increases and transparency in their use is diminished, questions naturally arise. Recently, the Bihar Legislative Assembly decided to increase the monthly telephone allowance for MLAs and MLAs to ₹8,300. The most significant feature of this decision is that this amount will be provided without any bills or vouchers, meaning proof of expenditure will not be mandatory. This is why this issue has suddenly become the focus of public discussion. Today, India is undergoing a digital revolution. Mobile phones and the internet have completely transformed the face of communication. Until a few years ago, call rates and data packs were expensive, but now, thanks to private telecom companies, communication services have become significantly cheaper. A monthly recharge of 300 to 400 rupees provides the average citizen with unlimited calls, data, and messaging. At this time, it's natural to question why, when ordinary citizens can manage their communications with such a small amount, a separate allowance of thousands of rupees is necessary for public representatives. Bihar's decision has sparked widespread debate. The state has 243 MLAs. If each MLA is given a telephone allowance of ₹8,300 per month, the annual amount would reach crores of rupees. Critics say this money is public money and could



be used for education, health, rural development, or other important areas. This is why many on social media are viewing it as an unnecessary expense or a political privilege. However, there's another side to this issue that can't be ignored. The work of public representatives isn't limited to the Assembly. They have to maintain constant contact with the people of their constituency. Listening to citizens' problems, communicating with officials, providing information about government schemes, and participating in party events—all of these require constant communication. Often, an MLA has to make or receive hundreds of phone calls a day. Network problems in rural areas require carrying SIM cards from different companies. Furthermore, video conferencing, online meetings, and communication via social media have also become part of the work of public representatives. Yet the real issue of debate isn't just the amount, but transparency. Disputes are reduced if the use of an allowance is clearly documented and its accounting is made public. However, when an allowance is provided without a bill, it raises suspicions that the facility is becoming a source of additional income. This is why many experts believe that while providing a communication allowance isn't wrong, its

use needs to be transparent and accountable. Telephone or communication allowances for MLAs vary across different states in India. For example, in Uttar Pradesh, MLAs receive a communication allowance of approximately ₹10,000. In a large and expensive state like Maharashtra, this amount can be even higher. Haryana, on the other hand, provides a relatively lower allowance. Kerala set an example by reducing its allowances after the COVID-19 pandemic. Meanwhile, in Delhi, communication and travel allowances are combined. These examples clearly demonstrate that there is no uniform policy across states, and each state makes decisions based on its own circumstances. It's also true that technology has made communication easier and cheaper over time. While long-distance calls used to be expensive, internet-based services have significantly reduced the cost of communication. WhatsApp calls, video meetings, and social media interactions are now commonplace. Therefore, many question whether the current allowance structure is still based on outdated needs. Transparency and accountability are considered the most important principles in a democracy. The public elects its representatives so that they understand

their problems and work towards solutions. Clear information about the benefits provided to public representatives strengthens public trust. However, when expenditure details are unclear, criticism is natural. Experts suggest that certain improvements could be made to make this system more balanced. For example, bills or digital records could be made mandatory for telephone allowances. The government could provide official mobile connections, allowing direct control and monitoring of expenses. Furthermore, a maximum limit could be set for allowances to avoid unnecessary expenditure. Periodic audits and public reports could also make the process more transparent. This issue isn't just about a single allowance, but also about the very philosophy of governance. If governments and public representatives themselves promote transparency, public trust will be strengthened. On the other hand, if perks continue to increase while accountability diminishes, it could lead to a sense of distrust in democracy. Ultimately, it's important to understand that providing communication tools to public representatives isn't wrong. In fact, it helps them fulfill their responsibilities. However, this facility must be designed to be both practical and accountable.

"5 Jets Down", Or 7, Or 11? Trump And The Horror Of His 'India-Pak' Fantasies

There is something almost surreal about the narrative that Donald Trump has constructed around the 2025 military escalation between India and Pakistan and how he claims personal credit for brokering peace. Over the course of nearly a year, Trump's recounting of the events has shifted repeatedly, not only in the details of what he supposedly achieved but even in the basic facts of what happened on the battlefield - the latest being his claim in his State of the Union (SOTU) address that Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif had told him that "around 35 million people would have died" in India's Operation Sindoor if it were not for US intervention. At various public events, interviews, and speeches, Trump has been fashioning himself as the linchpin in ending one of the most dangerous escalations in South Asia in decades. His story of a brewing war between two nuclear-armed nations, which only stopped because he intervened, has all the makings of present-day gothic. A Faustian transactional bargaining rather than diplomatic finesse, and a shapeshifting narrator. Each time he narrates it, the elements of the story change. Sacrificing Facts For Drama At the Board of Peace event in Washington, Trump boasted about his most recent, framing the crisis in stark economic terms: "I said, if you're going to fight, then it's fine, but you are not doing business with the US, and you are going to pay a 200 per cent tariff... And they both wanted to fight. But when it came to losing a lot of money, they said, 'We don't want to fight...' 11 jets were shot down. Very expensive jets." The language is striking.



Dr Faustus being lured by Mephistophilis; a negotiation about war reduced to a tariff threat. For a heightened dramatic effect, the tally of aircraft losses is used as a prop. Yet, even this account has not been consistent. In July 2025, Trump was quoted saying something closer to "five jets were shot down" during the conflict, though he didn't specify whose aircraft they were. Later in that year, he told a different audience that "seven planes were shot down... and I got it stopped". Just months later, he referred to "eight planes were shot down" and claimed credit for stopping that escalation as well. This fluid number of jets down, ranging from five, seven, eight, ten, to eleven, reveals a lot about Trump's narrative strategy. A President Who Loves His Own Stories These shifting figures should not be dismissed as anecdotal quib-

bles. Each variant is presented as if it were a definitive account of how close India and Pakistan came to a larger war and how crucial his intervention was. But on the ground, neither India nor Pakistan has released verified figures supporting any of these tallies. Indian officials have outright rejected Trump's premise that the United States mediated the ceasefire. Whether it was a good diplomatic move is another story. Long after Trump began claiming to have brokered the ceasefire, India stated that at no point were issues like US trade deals or external mediation part of the direct communication between established India-Pakistan military channels. This contradiction illuminates the broader issue with most of Trump's accounts of geopolitical events. They often seem crafted not to clarify what happened, but to aggran-

From Kerala To Keralam: What's Really In A Name? A Lot, Apparently

The Union Cabinet approved the long-standing demand of Kerala to be renamed Keralam. It marks a rare instance of political consensus across the board, in the backdrop of the trailer of *The Kerala Story 2* setting the internet on fire. Some formal legislative business might still be pending, but it can safely be concluded that Keralam, rather than Kerala, will go to polls come April. Shakespeare's famous adage - "A rose by any other name would smell as sweet" - may very well hold true for Kerala, but the change of nomenclature has thrown up mixed reactions in the state. It is a fact that Malayalis aren't generally as passionate as their Tamil brethren when it comes to identity - unless, of course, a propaganda film targeting them comes along. There also seems to be a generation gap between people who have welcomed the move, as opposed to those who aired their disapproval of it. Whereas the older generation has received the news wholeheartedly, the millennials seem less enthused about it. Kerala has always been Kerala - with an 'anusvara' suffixed to it - in Malayalam, the spoken language in the state, while in Hindi, it became 'Keral'. It's also not uncommon to see people misspelling Kerala as 'Karela' (bitter gourd), often leaving a bitter aftertaste for those at the receiving end of it. Provenance of Keralam A lot of misconceptions have also emerged in the wake of the change, especially regarding the provenance of Keralam. And so it becomes even more important to con-



textualise its historical significance. While multiple theories are ascribed to the origin of Keralam, most scholars agree that it is derived from 'Cheralam', the land of the Cheras (Chera dynasty). Keralam is a Sanskritised derivative of Cheralam, according to Ulloor S Parameswara Iyer, the great Malayalam poet. This is seconded by (the late) eminent historian MGS Narayanan, who had specialised in Kerala history over the course of his lifetime. There is another theory on Cheralam coming from 'cherive-alam' in Tamil, which translates to the sloping land sandwiched between the mountain (Western Ghats) and the water (Arabian Sea), over time becoming Keralam. The likes of Indologist MG Sasibhooshan place as much emphasis on this theory as the popular one. According to the Malayalam dictionary *Sabdatharavali*, Keralam is also identified as the land of the Kera, or coconut trees; 'Malayala Nadu' (land of Malayalis) is

listed as the closest synonym to Keralam. Another synonym for Keralam is Malabar, supposedly coined by spice traders, a mix of "Mala" (hill) in Malayalam and "bur" (country) in Arabic/Persian - as recorded in William Logan's *Malabar Manual*. German scholar Herman Gundert, who compiled the first Malayalam-English dictionary in the 19th century, placed emphasis on the theory put forth in *Keralolpathi* - whose provenance is disputed - of Keralam originally extending from Gokarna in Karnataka to Kanyakumari in the south, which would encompass the districts that make up 'Tulu Nadu' in Karnataka today, along with Kerala. This theory in *Keralolpathi* also corresponds to the legend of Parasurama, one of the ten avatars of Vishnu, credited with the creation of Keralam in the Puranas. The earliest historical record of Keralam is seen in Ashoka's edicts (as *Keralaputra* or son of Chera) from 3rd Century BC, as recorded in John Keay's

seminal work, *India: A History*. There are many references to Keralam in Sanskrit texts over the centuries, although there was no specialised strand of history-writing in Sanskrit, according to Kerala Sahitya Akademi president K Satchidanandan. There are references to Keralam even in epics *Ramayana* and *Mahabharata*, as per writer MN Karassery. Keralam as a Marker of Identity In spite of Keralam being geographically divided into the princely states of Travancore, Cochin and Malabar at the turn of the 20th century, the longing for a united Kerala was foremost in the literature of the times. The evolution of the Malayalam language from the 15th century also helped instil a sense of common identity among its speakers, leading to the sentiment of a united homeland. It was Ramakrishna Pillai, editor of *Swadeshabhimani* daily, who began writing about the 'Aiky Kerala', or a united Keralam, in the early 1900s, which caught on gradually.

Govt will take steps for corruption-free recruitment drive: Shivakumar

Have done it in the past, are doing it now, will do it in the future



Bengaluru : Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar today assured the youth that the government was working on steps to ensure corruption-free recruitment drive.

Speaking to reporters at the Nehru Planetarium, he said, "Our government is working on corruption-free recruitment drives, youth must be brave. We will soon discuss it in the Cabinet and give a good

message soon. We are committed to it."

Asked about protest by youth in Dharwad, he said, "Vacant posts could not be filled during the previous BJP rule due to many scams. We understand the pain our youth, hence our government is working on corruption free recruitment drive."

"We have prepared a plan for filling up vacant positions. We have given

responsibilities to KPSC and other agencies to fill up the positions. There are some obstacles with respect to internal reservations. We brought Yuvanidhi to help the youth," he said.

Metro expansion one of the objectives of the govt

Asked about the expansion of metro to 175 km by 2027, he said, "We are conducting a survey regarding this and we will fulfil our promises. I will shortly meet the Union Minister as the Centre is asking for clarifications on double decker flyovers."

Asked about the pending bills in various departments, he said, "During Yediyurappa and Bommali's period, the BJP government had issued more tenders without considering the financial situation. Some contractors are in trouble as they took up work without funds."

Addressing India's vertigo challenge, NeuroEquilibrium expands specialised clinics in Bengaluru

Bengaluru : In India, nearly six crore people suffer from vertigo and balance disorders, yet many are misdiagnosed or managed only with symptom-suppressing medication instead of addressing the root cause. FutureCure Health Private Limited, a super-specialty healthcare provider, is working to bridge this gap by expanding access to evidence-based care for vertigo and balance disorders through its wholly owned subsidiary, NeuroEquilibrium, which focuses on accurate diagnosis and targeted treatment of these conditions.



Most approaches treat symptoms. NeuroEquilibrium - the world's largest chain of vertigo clinics - identifies the root cause of vertigo - whether in the inner ear, brain, or balance system - so the treatment is targeted, not temporary. Working closely with hospitals, ENT clinics, and neurology centres, NeuroEquilibrium has diagnosed and treated over 150,000 patients, significantly improving long-term outcomes. Dr. Anita Bhandari, Founder, FutureCure Health, added: "Vertigo/dizziness is often misdiagnosed, leaving patients untreated for years. Our work with more than 150,000 patients proves that accurate diagnosis changes outcomes. This funding will help us take specialised vertigo care global." NeuroEquilibrium currently operates 16 clinics in

Bengaluru, covering Hebbal, Sahakar Nagar, Kodigehalli, Malleswaram, Whitefield, Kundalahalli, Kalyan Nagar, Hennur, JP Nagar, Arekere, HSR Layout, Electronic City, and Frazer Town.

FutureCure Health recently raised Rs 104 crore in a completed funding round, led by Carnelian Asset Management LLP and other investors. The fundraising follows an earlier USD 4 million round in 2022 backed by Kotak Alternate Asset Management, RVCF Ventures, and Unicorn India Ventures. Rajneesh Bhandari, Founder, FutureCure Health, said: "This funding has reinforced our conviction that globally relevant healthcare technologies can be built in India. As we scale NeuroEquilibrium across hospitals in India and international markets and expand into chronic lifestyle diseases such as migraine and diabetes, our focus is on using technology to bridge the shortage of specialist doctors. Precise, scalable diagnostics can democratise super-specialty healthcare and act as a true force multiplier for better outcomes."

Family of Brain-Dead Youth from Mandya Donates Organs, Brings Hope to Six Lives

SUCCESSFUL ORGAN TRANSPLANT AT VICTORIA HOSPITAL'S TRAUMA CARE CENTRE

Bengaluru : In what doctors are calling the noblest of all donations, the family of a young man from Chikka Mandya village in Mandya's Kasaba hobli has turned grief into purpose by consenting to donate their son's organs, giving a new lease of life to several patients. The organ transplant was successfully carried out at the Trauma & Emergency Care Centre (TECC) of Victoria Hospital, Bengaluru, with the government hospital's medical team providing the service at affordable cost to the public.



Medical Superintendent Dr. Deepak and special officer at TECC Dr. Asima Banu while sharing details of the case, commended the dedicated efforts of the Bengaluru Medical College and Research Institute (BMCRI), the Trauma & Emergency Care Centre staff, and the Jeevasarthakate (organ donation facilitation) team.

"We are deeply grateful to the family members who, even in their moment of profound grief, made the noble decision to serve society and brighten others' lives," said Dr Asima & Dr. Deepak.

Darshan, a young man from Chikka Mandya village, fell off his bike on February 22 and sustained injuries. Initially dismissing the fall, he

returned home and went to sleep. When his condition appeared serious, he was rushed to hospital, where doctors discovered severe internal brain hemorrhage.

He was immediately transferred to the TECC at Victoria Hospital, Bengaluru. Despite extensive treatment and tests, he showed no response. After two days, a senior medical panel comprising Dr. Kavya, Dr. Deepak, and Dr. Asima Banu of BMCRI officially declared him brain dead.

Following counseling sessions with the family by the Jeevasarthakate team, the family of Dinesh consented to organ donation—a decision that will live on as a tribute to his memory. Dinesh's liver, kidneys, heart valves, and other organs were retrieved and transplanted into eligible recipients. The hospital's medical team has wholeheartedly applauded the family's courageous and selfless decision.

34 LEADING GLOBAL SCIENTISTS WRITE TO MINISTER N.S. BOSERAJU, BACK KARNATAKA'S Q-MINT INITIATIVE

Bengaluru : Karnataka's technology vision has received significant global endorsement, with 34 eminent scientists from some of the world's most prestigious research institutions formally writing to Minister for Science and Technology N.S. Boseraju, expressing strong support for the State's proposed Quantum Materials Innovation Network (Q-MINT). The endorsement emerged during the recent Frontiers in Quantum Condensed Matter Physics (FQCM) international conference held at ICTS-TIFR. In a joint communication, the global scientific community lauded Karnataka's forward-looking proposal to establish Q-MINT as a key pillar of the State's ambitious Quantum City programme. The scientists emphasized that advanced quantum materials form the critical foundation for next-generation breakthroughs in computing, communication and sensing technologies. Welcoming the global backing, Minister Boseraju said the support from 34 leading quantum researchers reaffirms Karnataka's direction in building a world-class innovation ecosystem. "Karnataka has always stood at the forefront of technological progress. This endorsement from globally respected scientists demonstrates that we are on the right path. Through Q-MINT, we aim to create a robust ecosystem for advanced research and manufacturing, laying the foundation for a \$20 billion quantum economy by 2035 while generating employment opportunities and achieving technological self-reliance," he stated. In their recommendations, the scientists advised the State's Science & Technology and IT/BT Departments to establish a centralised Quantum Materials Foundry, develop integrated computational and data science infrastructure, and promote multi-institutional collaboration. They also highlighted the need for phased implementation through confidence-building pilot projects.

Kumaraswamy Stresses Robust Financing Ecosystem for Construction Equipment Growth

New Delhi: Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel, H. D. Kumaraswamy, on Wednesday highlighted the importance of a resilient financing ecosystem in accelerating India's infrastructure and manufacturing ambitions. He was addressing the 6th Annual Construction Equipment Finance Conclave held in the national capital.

Emphasising the theme of the conclave — "Building a Resilient Infrastructure and Construction Equipment Financing Ecosystem: Towards Building Domestic Strength for Global Reach" — the Minister said it aligns strategically with India's rapid economic growth. He noted that India is currently the world's fourth-largest economy and is on track to become the third-largest in the coming years, driven by infrastructure expansion, manufacturing growth and sustained capital investment.

Referring to the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Kumaraswamy stated that the government is not only building roads and bridges but laying the



foundation for Viksit Bharat 2047. He said the Centre's long-term focus includes strengthening industrial capacity along with creating physical infrastructure.

The Minister pointed out that the Union Budget 2026-27 has allocated a historic Rs.12.2 lakh crore towards public capital expenditure, covering highways, railways, logistics corridors, ports, renewable energy infrastructure and urban expansion. He described it as a structural and multi-year push to enhance national development.

Kumaraswamy also spoke about the proposed Scheme for

Enhancement of Construction & Infrastructure Equipment (CIE), being steered by the Ministry of Heavy Industries, aimed at boosting domestic manufacturing of high-value and technologically advanced construction equipment. The initiative, he said, will help manufacturers scale operations, innovate confidently and compete in global markets. According to industry estimates cited by the Minister, the Indian construction equipment market is currently valued at around \$9.5 billion and is expected to more than double by 2030. The sector recorded sales of over 1.4 lakh units in FY25 and aims to reach a \$25-billion market size by the end of the decade.

Highlighting technological advancements, Kumaraswamy said automation, AI-enabled fleet management, predictive maintenance, and electric and hybrid equipment are transforming the sector. Government initiatives such as PM E-DRIVE are also supporting the transition towards cleaner and sustainable industrial growth.

Hi Life Brides Brings Exclusive Bridal Showcase to Bengaluru

Bengaluru: The city's most awaited bridal showcase, Hi Life Brides, is all set to offer an extraordinary wedding shopping experience on February 27 and 28 at the iconic Taj West End. Positioned as a one-stop destination for brides-to-be, Hi Life Brides promises an exclusive collection of breathtaking bridal couture, exquisite fine jewellery, trousseau essentials, and curated wedding inspirations. The showcase will feature renowned designers and premium brands, bringing together the latest trends and timeless classics under one roof. From elegant wedding ensembles to statement jewellery and must-have accessories, the exhibition aims to make bridal shopping seamless and memorable. Brides and their families can explore a wide range of collections tailored to different tastes, traditions, and contemporary styles. With its luxurious setting and carefully curated exhibitors, Hi Life Brides offers not just shopping but a complete wedding planning experience. For those embarking on their wedding journey, the event promises inspiration, exclusivity, and unforgettable finds—all beginning at Hi Life Brides.



Flood Management Committee Constituted for Comprehensive Urban Flood Action Plan – D.S. Ramesh

Bengaluru: In order to prevent water logging during the monsoon season within the jurisdiction of the Bengaluru East City Corporation, a Flood Management Committee has been constituted to implement comprehensive urban flood management measures. Additionally, a Road Restoration Committee has been formed to ensure quality restoration of roads cut by various departments and agencies for development and public service works, informed Commissioner D.S. Ramesh.



Flood Management Committee

Considering the increasing incidents of urban flooding caused by rapid urbanization, obstruction to smooth flow of rainwater, encroachments on stormwater drains (rajakaluves), drainage issues, and gaps in emergency response systems, the Flood Management Committee has been constituted under the leadership of the Commissioner. The committee comprises officials from the Corporation's Engineering Department, KRIDL,

Minor Irrigation Department, Police Department, South Western Railway, Public Works Department, BESCOM, District Disaster Management Authority, and other concerned departments.

The committee will function in coordination with the Engineering, Health, Disaster Management, and other relevant departments to ensure that public life is not disrupted during the monsoon season, while safeguarding public safety and urban infrastructure.

Road Restoration Committee
Within the Corporation's

jurisdiction, various utility agencies undertake road cutting works for laying electric cables, water pipelines, sewer lines, telecom lines, and other infrastructure. Improper restoration of such roads has resulted in traffic disruptions, accidents, and deterioration of road quality. To address this issue, a Road Restoration Committee has been constituted under the leadership of the Additional Commissioner. The committee includes officials from the Corporation's Engineering Department, BESCOM, KPTEL, BWSB, GAIL, Traffic Police, and OFC operators.

Public Information on Releasing Street Dogs at the Same Location after Surgery as per ABC Act 2023

Bengaluru: Within the jurisdiction of the Bengaluru North City Corporation, the Animal Birth Control (ABC) programme is being implemented systematically in accordance with the ABC Act 2023 and the guidelines of the Central Government, with the objective of controlling the street dog population and safeguarding public health.

Under this programme, street dogs are captured in a humane manner (Humane Capture) and undergo sterilization (surgery) and Anti-Rabies Vaccination by qualified veterinarians. After the surgery, necessary post-operative care and recovery support are provided, following which the dogs are released as per the prescribed norms.

Regarding Release at the Same Location: As per the provisions of the ABC Act 2023, sterilized street dogs must be mandatorily released at

their original location from where they were captured. This practice is followed for the following reasons:

- To maintain ecological balance in the area
- To prevent the entry of other aggressive or unsterilized dogs
- To respect the territorial nature of dogs
- To reduce human-dog conflict

Appeal to the Public: Street dogs that have undergone sterilization and bear an ear notch (identification mark) should not be relocated under any circumstances. Harming such dogs or shifting them to another location is illegal. Citizens are requested to cooperate and support the Corporation's ABC programme. City Corporation Commissioner Pommala Sunil Kumar has appealed to the public to extend their cooperation in making the ABC programme successful.

Approximately 1707.51 Sq. Mtrs. of Relinquished (RD) Properties Taken Over by the Corporation – D.S. Ramesh



Bengaluru: The properties reserved for road widening (RD properties) measuring approximately 1707.51 square meters along ITPL Main Road, within the jurisdiction of the Bengaluru East City Corporation, have been taken over by the Corporation in accordance with the Revised Master Plan-2015, which proposes widening of the road to 150 feet, informed Commissioner D.S. Ramesh.

To facilitate road widening works, a dedicated team comprising Executive Engineers of the concerned divisions, Assistant Directors of Town Planning, Assistant Executive Engineers (Land Acquisition & TDR), and Surveyors was constituted to take possession of the relinquished properties reserved for road widening. Accordingly, the RD properties situated along ITPL Main Road were taken over today, the Commissioner stated. Details of RD Properties

have been taken possession of by the Corporation. The acquired RD properties now belong to the Bengaluru East City Corporation and are reserved for road widening purposes. To prevent encroachment, signboards have been installed at the sites. Until the road widening works are undertaken, the feasibility of utilizing the land temporarily for pay-and-park facilities to ease traffic congestion will be examined, the Commissioner added.

CM Stalin vows Sri Lankan Tamils' citizenship; unveils homes

CM Stalin shared a post on social media after inaugurating the houses that the State would continue to press for permanent citizenship for Sri Lankan Tamils residing in India



NAGERCOIL: In the presence of Chief Minister MK Stalin, 90 newly constructed houses built at a cost of Rs 7.85 crore were inaugurated at the Sri Lankan Tamil Rehabilitation Camp in Perumalpuram near Kanniyakumari on Monday. The houses, equipped with basic infrastructure facilities, were formally opened by a woman residing in the camp. The Chief Minister later inspected the newly built units and interacted with the Sri Lankan Tamil residents.

CM Stalin shared a post on social media after inaugurating the houses that the State would continue to press for permanent citizenship for Sri Lankan Tamils residing

in India. He also noted that the government has extended multiple welfare measures, including educational assistance of Rs 11.07 crore to 5,771 students over the past three academic years to support higher education among children from Sri Lankan Tamil families.

The State has also provided financial support to self-help groups and skill development training programmes to strengthen livelihoods, he said, adding that the Dravidian model government remains committed to their welfare.

Expressing hope that the Union government would expedite the grant of citizenship to Sri Lankan Tamils who have been residing in India for decades, Stalin said the State would continue to raise its voice in support of the community until the demand is fulfilled.



Honble Minister for Handlooms and Textiles inaugurated a Mini Handloom Park at Emaneswaram, Jeeva Nagar, Paramakudi, Ramanathapuram District, and distributed weaving equipment to the weavers

TN Higher Education Dept warns students: Beware of fraudulent calls on scholarship, placement ads from colleges

CHENNAI: Following complaints, the State Higher Education Department has cautioned students against fraudulent calls on scholarship process. In addition, the official also advised all the higher educational institutions, especially private colleges, to maintain accuracy and transparency in all placement-related communications.

The Directorate of Technical Education (DoTE), in an internal circular to all the principals of engineering colleges and other technical institutions, stated that for any scholarship approval process, the DoTE staff would not contact students directly or request them to share their bank account details. The notification further said that students must not share their bank account details, Aadhaar details, OTP with anyone claiming to represent the DoTE or any other authority. Accordingly, the DoTE has instructed the deans and principals of all the colleges to cir-



culate information about fraudulent calls to all the students and advise them to remain vigilant and cautious against any such calls, messages, emails, or activities by unknown persons. If any fraudulent activity is reported, the heads of the institutions were asked to immediately inform and coordinate with the cyber security officers. Similarly, TN State Council for Higher Education (TANSCH), in a separate circular, stated that some institutions were presenting placement-related ads that had inflated salary packages (CTC) and internships as full-time employment. It said such practices created unrealistic expectations among students and parents, and hence, must be avoided.

Arivalayam's DMDK move leaves Ramadoss in political abyss

CHENNAI: In yet another setback for PMK founder Ramadoss, the ruling party's talks with the faction on a possible alliance have reportedly been stalled following DMDK's decision to join the DMK-led alliance. The development has cast fresh uncertainty over the political future of PMK founder S Ramadoss. The setback for Ramadoss comes at a time when he is grappling with internal challenges with his son, Anbumani Ramadoss. The Anbumani-led faction has already aligned with the NDA for the forthcoming elections, closing the door on that option. The situation has left Ramadoss' faction struggling to secure a suitable alliance partner. The only party left with doors open for alliance is Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam, joining which may be unsuitable for Ramadoss, given his past hysterics against actors in politics. The situation became more

complex after the Madras High Court dismissed Ramadoss' plea to defer internal party polls and freeze the party's 'mango' symbol. Sources indicate that preliminary discussions were held between representatives of the Ramadoss faction and senior DMK leaders in recent weeks. According to PMK sources, the Ramadoss camp was keen on joining the DMK alliance, and the ruling party engaged in initial-level talks, reportedly exploring the possibility of consolidating the Vanniyar vote base. However, the DMK's move to accommodate the DMDK in its coalition appears to have significantly altered the political equation, leaving the Ramadoss faction out of the emerging alliance framework. Sources said the DMK is planning to contest between 165 and 170 seats to secure a clear, comfortable majority on its own.

New Amrit Bharat and express trains to launch from Madurai on March 1

CHENNAI: Tamil Nadu Railways will see a major boost with new Amrit Bharat and express train services launching from Madurai on March 1, 2026. Redeveloped railway stations under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme will also be dedicated to the nation. Under the new services, the following trains will operate from March 1: Tambaram - Mangaluru Amrit Bharat, Coimbatore - Dhanbad Amrit Bharat.

Nagercoil - Charlapalli Amrit Bharat, Rameswaram - Mangaluru Express. The announcement states that these services aim at strengthening long-distance connectivity for Tamil Nadu and beyond. In addition, several redeveloped stations under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme are set to be dedicated after redevelopment. The stations listed are: Pollachi, Karaikkudi Junction.

Srivilliputtur, Tiruvarur, Manapparai, Morappur, Bomidi, Sholavandan. The developments have been described as a significant boost for Tamil Nadu Railways. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Madurai, Tamil Nadu on March 1, 2026, and virtually flag off new Amrit Bharat and Express train services.

Collector Dasari Harichandana Calls for Mandatory Newborn Hearing Screening



Hyderabad: Stressing the importance of early detection of hearing impairment among infants, Hyderabad District Collector Dasari Harichandana called for mandatory hearing screening immediately after birth. She was speaking at an awareness programme organised on the occasion of International Cochlear Implant Day by MAA ENT Hospital in the city. Medical experts at the event highlighted that nearly one lakh children are born with hearing impairment in India every year, with around 27,000 suffering from profound hearing loss. Studies indicate that three out of every 1,000 newborns may have some form of hearing deficiency. If not identified early, the condition can severely affect speech development, education, and social integration. Addressing the gathering, Collector Harichandana said awareness about advanced treatment options remains low

among parents. "Many families approach us seeking help for hearing aids, but they are unaware that cochlear implant surgery is available for severe cases. We will ensure that such children are guided to the right specialists. We stand with you," she assured. She emphasised that coordination between the government and healthcare institutions is essential to provide timely and affordable treatment to children from economically weaker backgrounds. Dr. Meghnath, Managing Director of MAA ENT Hospital, explained that speech development depends entirely on hearing ability. "Just as we monitor growth milestones, we must also check whether infants respond to sound. If there is any doubt, parents should immediately consult a specialist," he said. He noted that cochlear implant surgery involves placing an electronic device in the inner ear to help chil-

dren with severe hearing loss perceive sound when conventional hearing aids are ineffective. Early intervention, preferably before the age of one, significantly improves outcomes, as the brain adapts better to sound at a younger age. The hospital has successfully performed over 700 cochlear implant surgeries and conducts free hearing screening programmes for newborns. CMD Sunitha G. Kumar thanked the district administration for supporting underprivileged children requiring surgery and acknowledged the contributions of Rotary Lake District Moinabad members for their assistance. The event concluded with inspiring performances by children who had undergone cochlear implant procedures, showcasing their confidence and talent. Experts reiterated that early diagnosis, timely surgery, and consistent speech therapy can help children lead normal, successful lives.

Indian council of medical research data flags rising stroke risk among Indians under 45

Mumbai, Feb 25: Stroke, long considered a disease of the elderly, is increasingly affecting younger Indians, according to the latest analysis from the ICMR-led National Stroke Registry Programme. The registry, which analysed nearly 35,000 stroke cases from 30 hospitals between 2020 and 2022, reveals that 13.8% of stroke patients in India are below 45 years of age — roughly one in seven cases. With a mean patient age of 59 years, the findings mark a worrying epidemiological shift and signal an emerging public health challenge. The data also exposes serious gaps in acute stroke care. Only about 20% of patients reached hospitals within the crucial 4.5-hour therapeutic window, limiting access to time-sensitive treatments such as thrombolysis and mechanical thrombectomy. Alarming, nearly 40% arrived more than 24 hours after symptom onset. As highlighted by the World Health Organization, stroke is a medical emergency where rapid response is vital. The widely promoted FAST acronym — Face drooping, Arm weakness, Speech difficulty, Time to call emergency services — remains central to early recognition. Delayed hospital arrival significantly increases the likelihood of death or long-term disability. Registry data indicates that more than half of patients experience death or significant disability within three months of a stroke. 1. Hypertension and Metabolic Disorders High blood pressure remains the most dominant risk factor, affecting nearly three-quarters of stroke patients across age groups. Diabetes, smoking, smokeless tobacco use and alcohol consumption are also major contributors. Urbanisation, sedentary lifestyles, processed diets and rising stress levels have led to increased prevalence of hypertension, dyslipidemia and metabolic syndrome among young adults — conditions once associ-



ated primarily with ageing. 2. Lifestyle and Stress Factors Medical experts link young-onset strokes to irregular sleep cycles, high-stress work environments and prolonged sedentary habits. Increasing numbers of professionals in their 30s and 40s are now presenting with stroke symptoms, a demographic previously considered low-risk. 3. Emerging and Region-Specific Causes Beyond traditional cardiovascular risks, conditions such as sleep apnoea, obesity and cardioembolic disorders are gaining attention. Sleep apnoea, in particular, causes intermittent oxygen deprivation, straining blood vessels and elevating stroke risk. In certain Indian regions, rare vascular conditions like Takayasu's arteritis, cerebral

venous thrombosis and inherited coagulation disorders show relatively higher incidence among younger patients compared to Western populations. Prevention and the Way Forward Global health agencies, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, emphasise that stroke prevention is largely achievable through sustained lifestyle and medical interventions. Key measures include: • Blood pressure control: Regular screening, medication adherence and lifestyle modification. • Healthy living: Balanced diet, physical activity, adequate sleep and avoiding tobacco and excessive alcohol. • Diabetes and cholesterol management: Early diagnosis

and strict control to prevent vascular damage. • Public awareness: Recognising warning signs and seeking immediate medical attention. The registry's findings underscore that stroke is no longer confined to older age groups in India. As patterns evolve, healthcare systems must strengthen emergency response infrastructure, especially in semi-urban and rural areas, while policymakers intensify preventive campaigns targeting young adults. Stroke is increasingly treatable when detected early — but prevention remains the most powerful defence. Protecting India's productive young population will require a coordinated effort spanning individuals, clinicians and public health systems alike.

Paramount boosts Warner Bros offer to rival Netflix in takeover bid

Paramount Skydance has boosted its proposal to buy Warner Bros Discovery, with an offer that could finally knock rival bidder Netflix out of the game. Warner Bros, which put itself up for sale last year, said Paramount had agreed to increase its purchase offer by \$1 per share, creating a bid that its board had determined "could reasonably be expected to lead to a... superior proposal". Warner Bros said it would engage in further talks before making a final decision about whether to abandon the deal it struck with Netflix in December. Netflix, which would have four days to make a counter-offer, did not immediately comment. In a recent interview with the BBC, Netflix co-chief executive Ted Sarandos declined to say whether the company was prepared to engage in a bidding war, calling the back-and-forth "part of the process". "I don't want to do hypotheticals," he said, before the new Paramount bid was made. "We very much like the deal where we're at right now, we're very disciplined buyers and we always have been." "This is all a process of price-discovery," he added later. Paramount, which is backed by tech billionaire Larry Ellison and led by his son



David, has waged an outspoken campaign to buy Warner Bros since last year as it looks to transform itself into a Hollywood heavyweight. But Warner Bros has so far spurned Paramount's offers. Instead, in December it said it had agreed to sell its film and streaming divisions, including HBO, to Netflix in a deal worth \$27.75 per share or roughly \$82bn (£61bn), including debt. Warner Bros said it would spin-off the remainder of its business, including traditional television networks and the news channel CNN, as an independent company. After getting rejected, Paramount has sweetened its original pro-

posal, which called for paying \$30 per share to take over the entire company. But this is the first time the company has officially agreed to pay more. Warner Bros said Paramount had now offered to pay \$31 per share in cash, with additional money due if completion is delayed. It has also agreed to pay \$7bn should the deal fall through and cover the \$2.8bn fee Warner Bros had agreed to pay Netflix in the event of a break-up of the merger plan. Warner Bros said its board had not made a final determination on what to do. Lawmakers have raised concerns about both proposals, citing monopoly considera-

tions and the impact on the wider entertainment industry. In a hearing in Washington earlier this month, Sarandos faced questions about potential price rises and the future of cinema. The Ellison family's ties to the Trump administration have also drawn attention from Democrats. Warner Bros said the firm would "engage further... to determine if a proposal that constitutes a company superior proposal... can be reached," it said. In an interview before Paramount's offer was revealed, Luke Stillman, managing director at the US media and advertising consultancy Madison and Wall, said

he thought Warner Bros was looking to create a bidding war. He said he thought the price could ultimately go as high as \$33 per share.

HIGH-STAKES BATTLE FOR HOLLYWOOD'S CROWN JEWEL

Either deal will reshape the power structure of Hollywood by handing the suitor one of the industry's most coveted studios and an extensive content library, as well as lucrative entertainment franchises such as "Game of Thrones" and DC Comics. Netflix has ample cash and could bump up its offer for the HBO Max owner. Paramount, though, has argued it has a clearer path to U.S. regulatory approval than Netflix, and it earlier indicated that if Warner Bros rejects the new bid, it would be ready to launch a board challenge at this year's annual meeting. One of its possible director candidates could be one of Warner Bros' biggest shareholders, Pentwater Capital Management's chief executive Matthew Halbow. Separately, activist investor Ancora Holdings, which owns a small stake in Warner Bros, has stepped up pressure on the HBO owner by saying the company did not adequately engage with Paramount.

From April 1, all petrol pumps mandated to sell E20 fuel

New Delhi: The government has mandated the sale of petrol with up to 20 per cent ethanol and a minimum Research Octane Number (RON) of 95 across all states and Union Territories from April 1, 2026. The oil ministry in a February 17 notification, said, "the central government hereby directs that oil companies shall sell ethanol-blended motor spirit (petrol) with percentage of ethanol up to 20 per cent as per the Bureau of Indian Standards specifications and having minimum Research Octane Number (RON) of 95, in states and the Union Territories". The central government can allow exceptions in special situations, for specific regions and for a limited time. Ethanol is made from sugarcane, maize, or grain. It is renewable, domestically produced and has cleaner burning than pure petrol. The government has mandated ethanol blending in petrol to help cut oil imports as also reduce emissions. Such a mandate also supports farmers as it boosts demand for sugarcane, maize and agricultural surplus. Most vehicles manufactured in India from 2023-2025 onward are designed to run on E20 and no major issues are expected, industry officials said.



Older vehicles may however see a slight drop in mileage (3-7 per cent). Also rubber/plastic component may wear. The insistence on minimum RON 95 is to prevent engine damage. RON, or Research Octane Number, is a measure of a fuel's resistance to engine knocking (pre-ignition). Knocking happens when fuel burns unevenly inside the engine, causing pinging sound, loss of power and possible engine damage over time. The higher the RON, the more resistant the fuel is to knocking. In simple terms, octane is like a fuel's 'self-control under pressure' - higher RON means fuel stays stable under high compression. Ethanol naturally has high

octane value (around 108 RON). Blending 20 per cent ethanol in petrol, increases knock resistance. Encouraged by India achieving 10 per cent ethanol doping in petrol in June 2022 - five months ahead of the target date - the government advanced 20 per cent blending to 2025-26 from 2030. Most pumps in the country now sell E20 or petrol blended with 20 per cent ethanol. According to the oil ministry, since 2014-15 India has saved more than Rs 1.40 lakh crore in foreign exchange through petrol substitution. Most vehicles manufactured in India from 2023-2025 onward are designed to run on E20 and no major issues are expected, industry officials said.

Hyderabad's RGIA named best airport for arrivals in global passenger survey

Hyderabad: Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) in Hyderabad has been named one of the best airports in the world for the arrivals experience at the 2025 Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Customer Experience Awards. Under the "Best Airports at Arrivals Globally" category, the honour, presented by the Council International (ACI) World, follows a comprehensive survey where passengers rated their experience at the airport in Shamshabad specifically upon arrival. In 2025, nearly 7.07 lakh passengers worldwide participated in the ASQ survey programme. The initiative is widely regarded as one of the most credible benchmarks for airport service standards as it collects feedback from travellers while they are physically present at the airport, making it harder to game than most industry recognitions. According to airport officials, the recognition reflects the facility's performance across several parameters, including arrival formalities, cleanli-



ness, ambience, staff service and overall ease of movement through the terminal. Pradeep Panicker, chief executive officer (CEO) of GMR Hyderabad International Airport Ltd, said the award was significant because it was based directly on passenger feedback. "Being recognised as one of the world's best airports at arrivals is deeply rewarding. We believe the arrival experience sets the tone for the entire journey," Panicker said. Justin Erbacci, Director General of ACI World, noted that the distinction acknowledges the airport's commitment to delivering high standards. The ASQ programme covers

more than half of the world's air passengers, making it a difficult standard to meet. The Hyderabad airport was among a select group of global airports to be chosen in the arrivals category for 2025. Currently, RGIA connects Hyderabad to over 100 domestic and international destinations, including major hubs in the Middle East, Europe and Southeast Asia. Mr. Justin Erbacci, Director General, ACI World, said, "Congratulations to GMR Hyderabad International Airport Ltd. for meeting and exceeding passenger expectations! Your success in the Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Awards reflects the

dedication your team puts into making each passenger's journey memorable. You've set a new standard for excellence, one that leaves a lasting impression on travellers and inspires airports around the world." ASQ Awards Highlights: In 2024, over half of the world's travellers passed through an ASQ airport, underscoring the program's credibility and influence in shaping the standards for exceptional airport services. From 7,00,000 surveys collected in 2024, 181 ASQ Awards have been won by 95 airports around the world. Categories for departures include Best Airports by Size and Region, as well as Most Dedicated Staff, Easiest Airport Journey, Most Enjoyable Airport, and Cleanest Airport. For arrivals, the category is Top Airports Globally. GMR Hyderabad International Airport has consistently set benchmarks in service and operational excellence. It secured a spot among the Top 3 Global Airports for nine consecutive years

NMDC RD Centre and IIT Hyderabad Sign MoU Strengthening Academic and Research Collaboration

Hyderabad, 25 February 2026: The RD Centre of NMDC, Responsible Miner has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IITH), a significant step towards shaping the future of India's mineral and metals sector. The MoU was signed by Shri Sanjeev Sahi, ED (RD), NMDC, and the Dean (Sponsored Research Consultancy), IIT Hyderabad, in the presence of Prof. B. S. Murty, Director, IIT Hyderabad, aimed at advancing indigenous technology in mineral processing and allied areas. This partnership represents a strong collaboration between field expertise and academic excellence. Together, NMDC and IIT Hyderabad will drive research in iron ore beneficiation and agglomeration, green steelmaking technologies, alternate ironmaking using indigenous raw materials, and advanced modeling and simulation of mining and metallurgical processes. The collaboration will also chart new pathways in the extraction



of critical and rare earth minerals from primary and secondary sources, strengthening India's mineral security and resource resilience. Aligned with the rapid digital transformation of the mining sector, the MoU will drive research and pilot initiatives in autonomous vehicle movement, Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things (IoT), Mining 4.0 frameworks, and drone-enabled surveying and monitoring. By integrating operational strength with research-driven innovation, the collaboration aims to deliver sustainable, technology-led solutions that

enhance efficiency, productivity, and environmental stewardship across India's evolving mineral landscape. On the occasion of the MoU signing, Shri Amitava Mukherjee, Chairman-cum-Managing Director, NMDC, said, "The MoU with IIT Hyderabad strengthens NMDC's commitment to innovation through industry-academia collaboration. By leveraging IIT Hyderabad's research excellence and NMDC's domain expertise, this partnership will advance indigenous technologies in mining, mineral processing, and emerging areas, contributing to sustainable develop-

ment and the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat." This partnership underscores NMDC's commitment to innovation-driven growth and IIT Hyderabad's role in translating research into impactful industrial applications. Together, the institutions will contribute to the national vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat. Significantly, this collaboration comes at a landmark moment as NMDC's RD Centre celebrates 50 years of dedicated contribution to India's mineral growth story, reinforcing its legacy of research excellence and its enduring pursuit of technological advancement.

NTPC SRHQ CSR Initiatives Drive Meaningful Impact Across Communities

February 25, 2026: NTPC Southern Region Headquarters (SRHQ) organised a CSR Meet themed "Care, Collaboration & Community Impact", highlighting the organisation's impactful CSR initiatives across health, education, sanitation, sports, and community development in Telangana and the Southern Region. The programme highlighted the proposed signing of two MoAs (Memorandum of Agreement)—with CSEA Foundation for support to the Telangana Softball Association (Men & Women) to enable participation in national and international tournaments, and with the Sports Coaching Foundation for financial assistance towards procurement of e-Auto Rickshaws to promote grassroots sports and community mobility. A key highlight was the interaction and felicita-



tion of beneficiaries of the life-saving cardiac surgery support programme for children born with congenital heart disease, implemented in partnership with Sri Sathya Sai Health & Education Trust. Under this initiative, 30 children received free corrective surgeries at Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospital. In his keynote address, Shri S. N. Panigrahi, CGM (HR) - NR & SR, reiterated NTPC's CSR focus on health, education, sanita-

tion, and sports, and underscored the importance of strategic partnerships for creating sustainable community impact. Senior NTPC officials, CSR partners, beneficiaries, sportspersons, were present on the occasion. Through sustained partnerships and targeted interventions, NTPC SRHQ continues to create measurable social impact, reinforcing its commitment to inclusive development and community well-being.

AIRLINE LOSSES TO NARROW TO RS 12,000 CRORE NEXT FISCAL: ICRA

Mumbai: Indian airlines are expected to reduce losses to an estimated Rs 11,000-12,000 crore next fiscal from a projected Rs 17,000-18,000 crore this financial year, ratings agency ICRA said on Tuesday, February 24, even as it maintained a "stable outlook" for the domestic aviation industry. ICRA also estimates the domestic air passenger traffic to grow by 6-8 per cent and touch 175-179 million passengers in FY2026-27. ICRA, in December 2025, had revised its domestic air passenger growth estimates to 0-3 per cent for the current financial year from 4-6 per cent envisaged earlier. The international air passenger traffic growth for Indian carriers is expected to remain relatively stronger, aided by low base effect, expanding e-visa/visa-on-arrival coverage, and the Central Government's focus on developing theme-based and iconic tourist destinations, the ratings agency said. ICRA said the international air passenger traffic is seen growing at 7-9 per cent for this financial year and 8-10 per cent next year, and added that the current fiscal year has seen a period of modest domestic air passenger traffic growth due to cross-border



disruptions, weather-related disruptions, travel hesitancy following the June 2025 aircraft accident, the impact on business travel owing to the headwinds stemming from elevated US tariffs and operational disruptions at IndiGo in December 2025. ICRA has maintained a "stable outlook" for the Indian aviation industry, supported by expectations of modest growth in domestic air passenger traffic and a gradually improving operating environment, despite near-term challenges, said Kinjal Shah, senior vice president at ICRA. "The Indian aviation industry is expected to report a net loss of Rs

170-180 billion (17000-18000-crore) in 2025-26, significantly higher than the estimated net loss of around Rs 55 billion (5,500 crore) in 2024-25. However, the same is likely to reduce to Rs 110-120 billion (11,000-12,000 crores) in 2026-27, led by growth in domestic air passenger traffic and expected normalisation of operations post disruptions seen in 2025-26 that had resulted in flight cancellations and passenger refunds," she said. The industry's debt metric, which weakened in 2025-26 with an estimated interest cover of 0.70-0.9 times from 1.8 times in 2024-25, is also expected to

improve to 1.3-1.5 times in 2026-27, despite increasing debt linked with new aircraft deliveries, according to Shah. The yields of the industry have declined in the April-December period of 2025-26 on a YoY basis due to a series of external events like cross-border escalations, airplane crash and operational disruptions at IndiGo in the first week of December 2025, ICRA said. Despite these challenges, the drop in yields was not as steep as the reduction in fuel Cost per Available Seat Kilometre (CASK), as airlines strived to sustain the yield levels amid rising cost pressure from currency fluctuations and operational expenses related to flight cancellations and delays, it said. ICRA expects the yields to improve in the near term as temporary disruptions ease. Nonetheless, the movement in prices of ATF and the USD-INR rate will remain key monitorable. According to the ratings agency, the industry saw around 4 per cent capacity addition in CY2025, and the total number of aircraft stood at 865 as of December 31, 2025. Various industry players have announced large aircraft purchase orders and as per the indicative numbers.

Trump's theatrical State of the Union address offers little hint of any change in course

Donald Trump delivered a combative State of the Union address on Tuesday night that hailed what he said was an American "turnaround for the ages". At a time when polls suggest many in the US are dissatisfied with the current state of the nation - and with Trump's leadership of it - the president offered little hint of a change of course. Instead, with an eye on crucial midterm elections later this year, he delivered a sales pitch to the nation, a patriotic rallying cry to his loyal supporters and taunts for his political opponents. It was a speech filled with theatrical flourishes - the kind of made-for-the-camera moments the man who once hosted a reality television show seems to enjoy. Early on, he welcomed the US Olympic men's hockey team to the gallery. They held up their gold medals as Republicans chanted "USA!" and even Democrats stood and applauded. Later, Trump praised military heroes

including a 100-year-old World War Two veteran who received a Medal of Honor, and a Coast Guard swimmer who rescued 165 people trapped in last year's Texas flooding and was given a Legion of Merit award for Extraordinary Heroism. Although his speech set a record for length at 107 minutes, these moments quickened the pace of the evening and fit with the president's larger theme of American patriotism and accomplishment. His speech opened with familiar lines. "Our nation is back," he said. It was the "hottest" country in the world. At one point, after blaming Democrats for creating a crisis of "affordability", he added: "We are doing really well." He pointed to the rising incomes, a growing stock market, lower petrol prices, a southern border with dramatically reduced undocumented migrant crossing and tamed inflation. "Our country is winning again," he con-



cluded. The challenge for the president is that his public approval ratings are hovering around 40 percent, and the American public wants him to do more to address their concerns. Two months ago, he gave a national address from the White House where he struck similar themes and cited similar statistics - but it hasn't convinced the public. The president and his aides appear to

be hoping that with a bigger State of the Union audience, which should measure in the tens of millions, the results will be different. What Trump didn't do in this speech, however, was offer much in the way of new policies. He sprinkled the nearly two-hour address with a handful of ideas, including new retirement savings accounts for working-class Americans and a deal with AI companies to provide sufficient electricity for their plants to avoid consumers being hit with higher bills. He made new pitches for other, older ideas, such as a healthcare plan that provides direct payments to Americans to help cover insurance premiums, a law to require all voters to prove their citizenship and a ban on providing commercial driver's licences to undocumented migrants. He also pledged to continue to push ahead with his broad tariff regime, even in the face of last Friday's Supreme Court decision striking down many of the duties he had previously imposed. Three of the justices who had ruled against the president remained expressionless as they watched on from the front row. Earlier, Trump and Chief Justice John Roberts - who penned the court's tariff opinion - briefly shook hands, but neither man smiled. In a speech that was frequently interrupted by cheering Republicans in the crowd, Trump's tariff discussion prompted murmurs from Democrats and uncomfortable silences from Republicans, many of whom have been uneasy about their economic cost and the threat their unpopularity with the public might pose to their electoral chances. If tariffs sucked the air out of the chamber, when Trump turned to immigration tempers flared. Trump's passages on what he said was the threat of "illegal aliens" prompted some of the most thunderous applause from Republicans in the chamber and angry shouts and icy stares from Democrats. The immigration issue had been one of Trump's political strengths, but his enforcement surge in Minneapolis, which resulted in the shooting deaths of two American citizens by federal agents, has significantly eroded his standing.

Don't break up NewJeans and I'll forgo \$18m payout, says ex-K-pop boss



The ex-boss of NewJeans' record label has offered to forgo a 25.6bn won (\$17.9m; £13.2m) payout if entertainment giant Hybe drops all lawsuits against the K-pop group. Min Hee-jin said she "can no longer bear to watch" NewJeans get "torn apart" when its five members "should instead be standing happily on stage". Hybe, whose client list includes K-pop royalty like BTS and Seventeen, said in December it had terminated the contract of NewJeans member Danielle Marsh and was suing her for contract violation and other damages. The chart-topping band has been locked in a bitter feud with its label Ador, a Hybe subsidiary, since it sacked Min as the label's CEO in August 2024. NewJeans, who saw Min as a mentor, announced they would leave the agency following her dismissal, but a South Korea district court ruled last October that they must honour their contract with Ador, which runs until 2029. In a separate ruling earlier this month, the court sided with Min in a put option dispute with Hybe, ordering the entertainment giant to pay her 25.6bn won. A put option is a contract that gives its owner the right to sell an asset at a future date at a predetermined price.

Chinese dance group's tour triggers bomb threat against Australian PM



A bomb scare at the Australian prime minister's home originated from written threats directed at a Chinese dance and music group banned by Beijing. In emails seen by local media and the BBC, performers of the Shen Yun group were told to cancel their upcoming Australian shows or risk explosives being detonated at Anthony Albanese's official residence in the nation's capital. Authorities refused to comment on the emails, only confirming they had attended an "alleged security incident" at the leader's home on Tuesday and "nothing suspicious was located". Shen Yun was founded by the religious movement Falun Gong, which is banned in China.

The threat was reported to police by Shen Yun on Tuesday, according to the Australian Broadcasting Corporation. A statement from Shen Yun sent to the BBC said they would proceed with their performances in Australia and called on the Australian government to conduct a comprehensive investigation. Asked about the email threats, a spokesperson for the Australian Federal Police declined to comment. In a social media post on Wednesday morning, Albanese thanked police and people who had sent in "kind messages", accompanied by a photo of his cavoodle guarding the door. "Toto on alert but all good," he said. Interrupted by protesters at an event on Wednesday, Albanese also repeated previous calls to lower the temperature of political debate in the country. "I think it's just a reminder to take every opportunity to tell people turn the heat down, for goodness sake, we can't take these things for granted." Religious group banned in China The incident follows a similar bomb threat made last week in the US, which forced an evacuation of the Kennedy Center of Performing Arts in Washington DC.

Australia police make arrests over alleged murder of grandfather mistakenly kidnapped



Australian police have arrested two men for the murder of a Sydney grandfather they say was mistakenly kidnapped, a day after human remains were found. Widower Chris Baghsarian, 85, was abducted from his North Ryde home in a pre-dawn raid on 13 February. Police say he was not the intended target of the alleged attack, which local media have reported may have been aimed at a family with links

to organised crime. On Wednesday, two men, aged 24 and 29, were arrested for questioning, as forensic testing confirmed the body located near a golf course on the city outskirts belonged to Baghsarian. Police have said they expect to charge both men, who were previously known to authorities for minor matters. More arrests are likely, investigators added, as they believe others were involved in the alleged kidnapping and murder. Baghsarian's family have welcomed news of the arrests, and requested the media respect their privacy. In the days after the kidnapping, police made several pleas for those who had taken the octogenarian to safely return him as he had health issues and needed daily medication.

JAPAN TO DEPLOY MISSILES ON ISLAND NEAR TAIWAN BY 2031

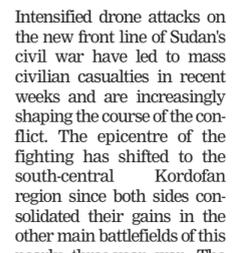


Japan plans to deploy surface-to-air missiles to its remote western island near Taiwan by March 2031, its defence minister said, as regional tensions simmer. It is the first time that Japan specified a timeline for the missile deployment to Yonaguni island since it was announced in 2022. China claims self-ruled Taiwan as its own and has not ruled out the use of force to "reunify" with it. Yonaguni is visible from Taiwan's shores on a clear day, located just 110km (68 miles) away. Tensions between Tokyo and Beijing have run high since November when Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi appeared to suggest that Japan would activate its self-defence force in the event of an attack on

Taiwan. The worry has long been that any attack on Taiwan, which counts the US as an ally, could result in a direct military conflict between Washington and Beijing, then widen to include other US allies in the region such as Japan. Takaichi's remarks to parliament plunged ties with China to their lowest level in years and Beijing has been

entity, citing national security concerns. Koizumi said the Yonaguni unit will be equipped with medium-range surface-to-air missiles able to intercept incoming aircraft and missiles. With a range of about 50km and 360-degree capability, the Japanese-made missile system can track up to 100 targets simultaneously and engage up to 12 at once. China has yet to react to Koizumi's announcement. But when Koizumi visited Yonaguni in November, Beijing said Japan was moving to "create regional tension and provoke military confrontation". Within days, China flew drones near the island to express its anger, prompting Japan to scramble aircraft jets in response.

DRONES HAMMER SUDAN'S GOLD AND OIL ZONE - THE PIVOTAL NEW FRONT LINE



Intensified drone attacks on the new front line of Sudan's civil war have led to mass civilian casualties in recent weeks and are increasingly shaping the course of the conflict. The epicentre of the fighting has shifted to the south-central Kordofan region since both sides consolidated their gains in the other main battlefields of this nearly three-year war. The conflict between the Sudanese regular army and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) has become one of the deadliest in Africa for civilians and shows no sign of abating despite US-led peace efforts. The near-daily drone strikes have hit targets including markets,

health facilities, aid convoys and residential areas across the Kordofan region, prompting outrage from the UN and humanitarian officials. "The continued attacks by all parties on civilian objects must stop," the UN human rights chief Volker Türk said last week. "The parties must take

urgent measures to protect civilians, including by refraining from the military use of civilian objects." He was speaking after reports that more than 50 civilians had been killed over two days in separate drone strikes in North and West Kordofan. Those attacks were blamed on the Sudanese military by local reports and war monitors, but both sides are accused of deadly strikes on civilians and civilian infrastructure. Greater Kordofan comprises three states and serves as a vital axis linking the western Darfur region, controlled by the RSF, to the capital, Khartoum, in the eastern Nile Valley, now in army hands. The war erupted in April 2023, triggered by a power struggle between the leaders of the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the paramilitaries. It began to intensify in Kordofan, a strategic area rich in gold and oil, once the SAF regained control of Khartoum last year.

Senegal PM proposes tougher anti-LGBT law, doubling prison terms



Senegal's Prime Minister Ousmane Sonko has introduced legislation that could double the maximum penalty for same-sex relations, making them punishable by up to 10 years in prison. The proposal was sent to parliament on Tuesday after cabinet approval last week, after a wave of arrests over alleged same-sex relationships, already banned under Senegal law. Addressing lawmakers, Sonko said the bill would punish what it describes as "acts against nature" with prison sentences ranging from five to 10 years, compared with the current one-to-five-year terms. "If an act is committed with a minor, it will attract the maximum penalty," he said. The bill has been criticised by rights advocates. Debate over LGBT rights has long generated tension in Senegal, a conservative country where some groups portray pro-LGBT activism as foreign interference. Religious organisations have held demonstrations in recent years calling for harsher punishments. Earlier this month, police detained 12 men, among them two public figures and a prominent journalist,

under anti-LGBT laws. Local media outlets say around 30 people have been arrested in total this month. Sonko explained that the draft law defines any sexual conduct between two people of the same sex as an "act against nature". The bill proposes prison terms of three to seven years for anyone found to be promoting or advocating same-sex relations. It also prescribes separate punishment for those who accuse others of homosexuality "without proof". Those found guilty of crimes in the bill could also face fines up to 10 million CFA francs (about \$18,000; £13,000), Sonko added. Sonko said the revised law would keep the offence at its current misdemeanour level. "We can achieve the intended objectives without going so far as to elevate the acts to the level of more serious crimes," he added. A date has yet to be set for parliament to vote on the bill, in a chamber controlled by Sonko's Pastef party. Sonko, a former firebrand opposition leader appointed prime minister in 2024, had pledged to criminalise same-sex relations in the Muslim-majority country.

Ukraine remembers its dead as war enters a fifth year

Four years since Russia launched its full-scale invasion, people across Ukraine have remembered their dead from a war which shows no sign of ending. As the conflict enters a fifth year, the Ukrainian military continues to resist being overrun by Russian forces, but military losses are mounting on both sides and Ukraine's population faces near-daily aerial attacks. On Tuesday, Volodymyr Zelensky said "Ukraine never chose this war", adding: "We have defended our independence, we have not lost our statehood." The Kremlin, which believed it could capture Kyiv within days, acknowledged its war aims "haven't been fully achieved yet" and said it intended to continue attacking Ukraine. Spokesman Dmitry Peskov

repeated a frequent Kremlin accusation that western support for Ukraine had enlarged the conflict, turning it into a "confrontation between Russia and the West". Russia now controls just under 20% of Ukraine but the Ukrainian military has prevented it from capturing the entirety of the eastern Donbas region. A minute's silence at 10:00 brought Kyiv to a halt on a sombre day for the country, though one on which a sense of solidarity was palpable. In the city's Maidan square, where a growing host of flags has commemorated the dead since the launch of Russia's full-scale invasion, banners and heads were lowered as people stood in silent contemplation. Surrounded by the glowing 11th Century mosaics of the Cathedral of



St Sophia, in the heart of the capital, Zelensky and his wife Olena led a prayer service. The Ukrainian president was accompanied by some of his most ardent European supporters, including Finland's Alexander Stubb, Sweden's Ulf Kristersson and European Commission President Ursula Von der Leyen. In Bucha, a town west of the capital that in 2022 witnessed some of the

worst horrors that have accompanied Russia's invasion, a steady stream of people laid flowers on the black granite headstones of soldiers. "The war has taken a lot of lives," observed a man called Valentyn, who had come to visit the graves of fallen comrades. "Unfortunately for us it's too many," he said. "No-one one thought it would last this long." Across the vast coun-

try there are many places like this, where photographs of the fallen stand alongside thousands of Ukraine's blue and yellow flags fluttering in the breeze. The war has touched everyone in Ukraine, in so many different ways, from losses on the battlefield, to the scattering of families, and the search for warmth and light in the midst of Russia's winter bombardments. In Zelensky's lengthy morning video address, the Ukrainian president was seen striding through subterranean corridors of the presidential palace in central Kyiv - underground passages lined with pipes and cables, reminiscent of Winston Churchill's World War Two offices in London. Acknowledging the staggering loss of life Ukraine has

endured, Zelensky said: "We have every right to say: we have defended our independence, we have not lost our statehood. Ukraine exists not just on the map." The video offered a rare glimpse of the world where the president and his staff have spent much of their time since February 2022. "This is where I held my first conversations with world leaders at the start of the war," Zelensky said as he walked along echoing underground passages. Back then, many thought Zelensky's days were numbered and that Ukraine would fall. Instead, four years on, Ukraine continues to hold its own against Russian troops across the east of the country, at an ever-increasing cost of manpower and resources for Moscow.



Adani Group Working To Restart Formula 1 In Greater Noida: Karan Adani

The Adani Group is working on strategies to restart the Formula 1 motor sport at the Buddh International Circuit in Greater Noida, Karan Adani, the MD of Adani Cement said on Saturday. According to official sources, Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya recently visited the circuit and held talks with officials from Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority. "I'm very excited... obviously the Buddh circuit comes (as) part of the deal. I'm very personally engaged in terms of bringing Formula 1 back into India. I think India has a lot of potential. There's a lot of following in Formula 1 from India," Adani, who is also the MD of Adani Ports & SEZ, said while speaking at the 70th Foundation Day of All India Management Association (AIMA) in the national capital. The Adani Group is in the fray to buy the troubled Jaiprakash Associates Ltd (JAL) - the flagship company of the



Jaypee Group. In November 2025, the infrastructure-to-energy group won majority lenders' vote for takeover of debt-laden Jaiprakash Associates as its Rs 14,535 crore acquisition proposal included a higher upfront payment than rival bidders. Adani further said he has

been following the sport since 2000 and believes India can set a benchmark for global events like Formula 1. "Reputation of India and Indians has improved very, very significantly... I do believe that India can really showcase Formula 1... and can be a benchmark for a

global event," he said. Adani said the exposure to such sports in India is limited and people have to go to other countries like Abu Dhabi or Singapore to experience the sport. Re-starting Formula 1 will also provide an opportunity to showcase not just the infrastructure but the hospi-

tility and the heritage of country, he said. The F1 race was held in 2011, 2012, 2013 at the Buddh Circuit before being halted due to tax dispute with the Uttar Pradesh government, which said the event was entertainment and not a sport.

Courting controversy and befriending Trump - Fifa's 'unlikely saviour'

It is 10 years since Gianni Infantino was elected Fifa president, with a remit to rescue football's world governing body. The decade since has been one of reform, expansion and, more recently, controversy. Infantino was installed with Fifa engulfed by claims of widespread corruption and after predecessor Sepp Blatter had resigned. Fifa's finances were in a desperate state. There was a reported \$550m (£392m) black hole, external after sponsors walked away. In Infantino, the game felt it had found a safe pair of hands. "I will work tirelessly to bring football back to Fifa, and Fifa back to football," Infantino said. Ten years on, there can be no doubt the governing body is in rude health. It expects to report record revenues, external of \$13bn (£9.6bn) for the three-year cycle through to the end of this year. But those figures only tell part of the story. They are boosted by the controversial Club World Cup, and the biggest-ever World Cup with its high ticket



prices. Infantino has clashed with players' unions and European football, but he remains in an impregnable position at the top of the world game. This is the story of his presidency and his legacy. It is easy to forget Blatter's successor as Fifa president was supposed to be Michel Platini. But after Platini was drawn into the scandal at the organisation - both he and Blatter were later fully cleared of corruption charges - Infantino was thrust forward as Uefa's preferred candidate. As the general secretary of European

football's governing body, Infantino had been the right-hand man of president Platini for seven years. But he was an unlikely saviour - a man who was rarely in the consciousness of the average football fan. To many he was just the guy who presented Champions League draws. Ten years on, you would be hard pressed to find a football fan who does not recognise him. Turning Fifa around was no small task. The US Department of Justice had indicted a large number of top executives and it needed root-and-branch reform.

Ranji Trophy Final Highlights Karnataka vs Jammu And Kashmir Day 2: J&K consolidate to 527/6

Skipper Paras Dogra made a gutsy 70 but his intentional head-butting of Karnataka substitute KV Aneesh overshadowed an otherwise solid batting performance from Jammu and Kashmir, who reached 527 for 6 at stumps on the second day of the Ranji Trophy final. Dogra along with keeper batter Kanhaiya Wadhawan (70), Sahil Lotra (57 batting) all made handsome contributions as it became a real toil for the Karnataka bowlers save Prasidh Krishna (3/90 in 29 overs) didn't make much of an impact! See you tomorrow! And that's Stumps on Day 2! J&K are firmly in the driver's seat at a mammoth 527/6 and will look to pile on the runs tomorrow to bat the opposition entirely



out of the game. Because we lost a few overs to the fading light today, there will be a 10-minute early start on Day 3 to make up for lost time. Make sure you tune in at 9:20 am IST (3:50 am GMT). You can join us a bit earlier for our analysis as well. Until then, it's goodbye from the commentary box! Stumps called early due to bad

light! It was a shortened final session, but the batting side remains in complete control as fading light forced the umpires to call the players off the field. Sahil Lotra, unbeaten on 57 and Abid Mushtaq on 20 safely navigated the tricky period, ensuring their team walks back to the pavilion in the driver's seat with a mas-

sive 527/6 on the board. J&K dominated the afternoon session - In the afternoon, the batting duo continued their great work, putting together a massive 110-run stand before Wadhawan was caught out shortly after reaching his half-century. Dogra also pushed past fifty, but was eventually bowled by spinner Shreyas Gopal for a well-made 70. Even after losing these two wickets, J&K ended the Tea break in a dominant position at 478/6, with Sahil Lotra and Abid Mushtaq finishing the session safely at the crease. A crucial partnership for J&K - Just when Karnataka seemed to be gaining momentum, Kanhaiya Wadhawan and skipper Paras Dogra stepped up to rescue the innings for J&K.

"I Think Players Would Agree": Daniil Medvedev Suggests Tennis Ranking System Rethink

Daniil Medvedev beat Shang Juncheng on Tuesday to reach the last 16 of the Dubai Open but implored tour organisers to limit ranking points to only the most prestigious events to reduce player workload. A week after beating the Chinese world number 262 in Doha, Medvedev again faced Shang and won 6-1, 6-3 in his opening match in the 500-level event in the UAE. After the victory, Medvedev said he would like to see more mandatory events in the calendar, but for ranking points only to be attributed to Masters-level events and Grand Slams in order to convince players to enter less tournaments. "I would think the players would agree, from what I'm hearing, to



making... even more mandatory tournaments," the 11th-ranked Russian told reporters. "I would say make four Grand Slams, I don't know, 11 Masters, and that's it. The other tournaments (500- and 250-level events), maybe make them without points or something." The 2021 US Open winner said

that the chase for points to climb the rankings and reach the ATP Finals - reserved for the top eight in the world - causes players to increase their workload, sometimes to the detriment of their bodies. "What happens is last year, Holger (Rune) got injured in Stockholm (250 event),

everybody was like, 'Yeah, but you don't have to play it'. If he wants to be in Turin (for the ATP Finals), he has to, even if it's not a mandatory tournament," Medvedev said. "Last year, I played in seven tournaments in a row. Did I have to? No. I played bad in the beginning of the year, maybe I can get 100 points here, 200 points here, be higher seeded next year. "If there would be no points there, at least it is an easier decision. But it's not going to happen." Medvedev will next meet a fellow former Grand Slam champion when he faces 40-year-old Stanislas Wawrinka in the round of 16. Elsewhere in Dubai, second seed Alexander Bublik beat lucky loser Jan-Lennard Struff 6-3, 6-4.

Morocco Captain Romain Saiss Announces International Retirement



Veteran Morocco captain Romain Saiss announced on Tuesday his retirement from international football, bringing to a close what he called "the most beautiful chapter of my life". Saiss's decision comes after repeated injuries, including in the last Africa Cup of Nations, where he only played 18 minutes in the opening match against Comoros before he was substituted due to an issue with his left thigh. The 35-year-old former Angers and Wolverhampton Wanderers centre-back said on social media the decision followed "careful reflection" and was made with "immense emotion". "Wearing the colours of Morocco and

becoming their captain will remain the greatest honour of my career," he wrote. "Every time I wore it, I felt the weight of responsibility, but above all an indescribable pride." His brief AFCON return in December had followed an 18-month absence, also due to injury, having skipped the side to the 2022 World Cup semi-final. Saiss's retirement comes just three months ahead of this year's World Cup, in which Morocco are set to face Brazil, Scotland and Haiti. "I will now be your number one supporter," he said. "I am leaving the national team, but I will forever remain a Lion." Saiss will still play for Qatar Stars League club Al Sadd.



Serie A: AC Milan Beaten By Parma, Napoli Rage At Officials

CHELSEA AND WEST HAM FINED OVER 'MASS CONFRONTATION'

Chelsea have been fined £325,000 and West Ham £300,000 over a "mass confrontation" between players during their Premier League game in January. The incident at Stamford Bridge started when Chelsea forward Joao Pedro reacted to West Ham winger Adama Traore's shove on Blues defender Marc Cucurella in added time. Both sets of players came together in ugly scenes and, following a lengthy video assistant referee (VAR) check, Hammers defender Jean-Clair Todibo was shown a straight red card by referee Anthony Taylor for grabbing Joao Pedro by the neck. "It was alleged that Chelsea FC failed to ensure its players didn't behave in an improper and/or provocative way around the 95th minute," said an Football Association statement, external "It was also alleged that West Ham



United FC failed to ensure its players didn't behave in an improper and/or provocative way at this time. "Both clubs subsequently admitted the charges against them." In imposing the fines, an independent regulatory commission took the fact that both clubs had committed previous breaches of FA Rule E20.1 into account. The rule states that there should be no behaviour that is "improper, offensive, violent, threatening, abusive, indecent,

insulting or provocative". Chelsea hit back from two goals down to beat West Ham Chelsea were 2-0 down in the match but went on to win 3-2 thanks to Enzo Fernandez's injury-time goal, which came before the confrontation. In its written reasons, the independent regulatory commission stated "this was a serious incident" involving a number of Chelsea's players. It added: "It was not accepted that Mr Cucurella was wholly without fault. He was aware of his actions

after conceding the corner kick and returning to his feet. "He sought to invite a reaction from Mr Traore. That is not to justify Mr Traore's disproportionate reaction from which the mass confrontation ensued. "Furthermore, the commission noted that three of the Chelsea players were in some way seeking to incite the crowd during and towards the end of the incident. "There is no justification for this behaviour, irrespective of what had happened during the course of the game or within the mass confrontation itself. It was accepted that the club had admitted the charge and was contrite." The commission said both clubs "contributed to the incident" and that Traore's "disproportionate reaction to Mr Cucurella's movement as he returned to his feet, was the catalyst for what occurred".

ROOKIE KNUEPPEL RACES TO NBA THREE-POINTER RECORD



Rookie Kon Knueppel became the fastest player to reach 200 three-pointers in NBA history as the Charlotte Hornets defeated the Chicago Bulls 131-99. The 20-year-old American scored 21 points, including three three-pointers, while Brandon Miller added 23 as the visiting Hornets condemned the Bulls to a 10th consecutive defeat for the first time since the 2018-19 season. Knueppel needed only 58 games to tally up his 200th three-pointer - 11 less than previous record holder Duncan Robinson - and is also just the second rookie to reach the milestone. With a league-leading 201 three-pointers, Knueppel only needs six more to break Keegan Murray's record of 206 in 2022-23 for the Sacramento Kings for the most three made by a player in their first season. Having played college basketball for the Duke Blue Devils, Knueppel was drafted as a

fourth overall pick by the Hornets in the 2025 draft. "It is exciting and refreshing [to coach Knueppel]," said head coach Charles Lee after the Hornets' eighth straight win on the road. "It elevates our whole culture when you have a guy who is that good but that humble and has no ego, and it becomes contagious throughout the whole organisation." Meanwhile, new signing James Harden scored 20 points as the Cleveland Cavaliers returned to winning ways with a 109-94 victory over the New York Knicks. The result helped them draw level on 37 wins and 22 losses with the Knicks, who are third in the Eastern Conference. Harden, who left the Los Angeles Clippers this month, is an 11-time NBA All-Star and regarded as one of the greatest guards in history, but the 36-year-old has never won an NBA title.

EVERYONE WILL ENJOY 'SAMPRADAYINI SUPPINI SUDDAPOOSANI' RELEASING IN THEATRES ON MARCH 6: HERO SHIVAJI

The crime comedy family thriller 'Sampradayini Suppini Suddapoosani', produced and headlined by noted actor Shivaji under the banner of Sri Shivaji Productions, is set for a worldwide theatrical release on March 6. Shivaji and Laya, who earlier delivered several hit films together and earned popularity as a successful pair, are reuniting once again in this film. Directed by Sudheer Sriram, the movie is jointly produced by Shivaji and leading OTT platform ETV Win. Prominent producers Bunny Vasu and Vamsi Nandipati are releasing the film in theatres through their banners. A press meet was held in this regard. Speaking on the occasion, hero and producer Shivaji said that the film will release globally on March 6. He expressed happiness over the film being released with the support of ETV Win, Bunny Vasu, and Vamsi Nandipati. He stated that the project was initially planned for a theatrical release and was made as envisioned. Though ETV Win was looking for fresh original content for OTT, the team felt the film would offer a better theatrical experience and decided to release it in cinemas. He said everyone who watched the film laughed heartily and expressed confidence that it is



a good film that will appeal to all audiences. Shivaji thanked director Anil Ravipudi for supporting the theatrical release. ETV Win Business Head Saikrishna said it is '????' that Shivaji and Laya are acting together again after a long gap. He described the film as a crime comedy family thriller and expressed confidence that audiences will enjoy it in theatres and extend their support. Actress Laya said she initially felt both happy and slightly disappointed when the film was planned for OTT release, as she always associates films with the theatre experience since childhood. She expressed joy that the film is now releasing in theatres and thanked everyone responsible. She said she is eagerly waiting, like the audience, to watch the film and believes it will mark a strong beginning to her second innings. She added that the film contains all elements required for success and should be experienced in theatres for its emotional impact. Bunny Vasu said director Anil Ravipudi encouraged them to release the film in theatres after watching it. With Shivaji's confidence, they decided on a theatrical release. He appreciated Shivaji's performance,

stating that he has reached another level after his films in the 1990s. He also praised Laya's performance, saying her role will be memorable. He expressed confidence that the combination of crime thriller and family emotion will make the film a success. Vamsi Nandipati said Shivaji and Laya's hit combination is returning to the big screen with this film. He expressed happiness in associating with his favorite actress Laya and described the film as a thriller and entertainer. He voiced confidence that the film will become a blockbuster. Director Sudheer Sriram said the film was ini-

tially planned for OTT, but after Anil Ravipudi watched it and suggested a theatrical release, the team decided to bring it to cinemas. He said it felt like a miracle that ETV Win and Shivaji agreed to the decision. He added that good content has found its way to theatres and announced that a new trailer will be released soon. Actor Ali said the director has made the film in a neat and engaging manner. He invited audiences to watch and enjoy the film in theatres on March 6 and expressed confidence that the Shivaji-Laya combination will achieve success once again.

Chaitanya steps into an entirely new space by collaborating with Karthik Dandu, the filmmaker who made an emphatic statement with his debut blockbuster Virupaksha. Together, they embark on an ambitious mythical thriller unlike anything seen before, titled Vrushakarma. Crafted on a grand scale, the film is jointly produced by SVCC and Sukumar Writings, with Bapineedu presenting the project. From the moment two cryptic behind-the-scenes videos unveiled followed by first look, curiosity surrounding the film has only intensified. Meanwhile, the makers came up with an update on the film's first glimpse, which will be out on March 5th to give a first sneak peek into the mystical world of Vrushakarma. The announcement poster shows Naga Chaitanya standing inside a dark, rugged cave, bathed in sharp shafts of light breaking through from above. His muscular frame, rugged beard, and intense, unwavering gaze project resilience and quiet fury. Dressed in a worn outfit with climbing gear strapped around his waist and a digging weapon in hand, the character feels like a man pushed to extremes. The ropes, rocks, and uneven terrain around him heighten the sense of peril and adventure. Naga Chaitanya

Yuva Samrat Naga Chaitanya, Karthik Dandu, SVCC, Sukumar Writings' Never Before Mythical Thriller Vrushakarma First Glimpse On March 5th

has taken on an intense challenge in preparing for the role, undergoing a significant physical transformation and adopting a raw, rugged look demanded by the character. He will also be seen performing several breathtaking stunts, adding authenticity and thrill to this high-adrenaline adventure. Director Karthik Dandu, fully aware of the expectations following his blockbuster debut and the powerful combination at hand, is being extra cautious in shaping Vrushakarma to deliver a truly immersive experience. Meenakshi



Chaudhary is the leading lady opposite Chaitanya, while Sparsh Shrivastava of Laapatna Ladies fame will be seen as the antagonist. Vrushakarma brings together a powerhouse technical crew that elevates the film's scale and vision. The visual tone is crafted by Ragul D Herian behind the camera, while Ajaneesh B Loknath provides music. The world of the film is built under the guidance of production designer Sri Nagendra Tangala, with Naveen Nooli ensuring a sharp and impactful narrative flow through his editing.



Priyanka Chopra Is an Asset to Varanasi!

Global star Priyanka Chopra is once again making headlines, but this time for consistently putting Varanasi on the world map. During almost every Hollywood interview for her recent projects, Priyanka has been passionately speaking about Varanasi and how close it is to her hearts. In one such interaction she said, "We travel time, we travel the world, it's an adventure. I think it's really cool and defining for Indian cinema," while referring to Varanasi. What stands out is her excitement and pride each time she mentions the SS Rajamouli film. Even while promoting big-ticket Hollywood ventures, Priyanka makes it a point to bring up Varanasi whenever possible, without hesitation. It is a known fact that big stars are usually not keen to talk

about other projects while promoting their ongoing films. But Priyanka breaks that barrier for Varanasi, openly expressing her enthusiasm every chance she gets. Industry observers feel that her repeated references are not random. By talking about Varanasi on global platforms, she is indirectly drawing international attention to the cultural richness of Indian films and the Mahesh Babu starrer. At a time when global audiences are increasingly curious about Indian stories, such mentions can play a key role in boosting the hype around the film. Many believe Priyanka is truly an asset to Varanasi. Her global reach, combined with her genuine enthusiasm, is helping create worldwide buzz around the film big time.

Yash's 'Toxic' team introduces Darrell D'Silva as Salvador in film

Bangalore: The makers of director Geethu Mohandas's 'Toxic: A Fairy Tale for Grown Ups', featuring Rocking Star Yash in the lead, have now officially unveiled the stylish first look of actor Darrell D'Silva as Salvador in the film. Taking to his social media timelines, Yash shared Darrell D'Silva's first look poster, saying, "Introducing Darrell D'Silva as SALVADOR in - A Toxic Fairy Tale For Grown-Ups. #Toxic In Cinemas Worldwide from 19-03-2026. #ToxicTheMovie #ToxicOnMarch19th." Director Geethu Mohandas praised Darrell D'Silva's work in the film, saying, "It isn't easy to learn Kannada and deliver it with such fluency and confidence. I truly bow to your dedication and



discipline. Your energy on set was absolutely infectious. You lifted every moment with your presence and passion. See you soon in India @humphrybaudilaire." The makers have already released actors

Obero, Sudev Nair and Balaji Manohar's first looks in the film While Balaji Manohar plays Bheera, actors Akshay Oberoi plays Tony and Sudev Nair

plays Karmadi in the film. Director Geethu Mohandas, who took to her Instagram stories to share her experience of directing Balaji Manohar, wrote, "It has been an absolute pleasure working with you. I noticed how you chose to stay on set even after your shots were done, simply to soak in the process of cinema. That kind of dedication is rare. Your enthusiasm, your constant curiosity, and your willingness to contribute thoughtful suggestions never go unnoticed. You just don't perform your role, you invest in the film. Thank you @balajimanoharofficial." Speaking about Sudev, director Geethu Mohandas shared on social media, "This journey would have been much tougher without the right casting for Karmadi.

MARVEL'S WOLVERINE GAME GETS RELEASE DATE FOR PS5

Hyderabad: Insomniac Games has confirmed that Marvel's Wolverine will release on September 15, 2026, only for PlayStation 5. This announcement comes after months of waiting and speculation. Fans have been excited about this game since it was first announced in September 2021.

GAME DETAILS AND PLATFORM

Marvel's Wolverine will be available only on PlayStation 5. The game will use the full power of the PS5, with features like better graphics, lighting, and effects. The game will also work with the PlayStation 5 Pro, making it even better. Fans can now

add the game to their wishlist on the PlayStation Store, although it is not yet available for pre-order.

PRICING AND EXPECTATIONS

The game is expected to cost Rs. 5,999 for the Standard Edition and Rs. 6,999 for the Deluxe Edition in India. The release date is set before other big games, like GTA 6, making it one of the most anticipated games of the year.

GAMEPLAY AND STORY

In the game, players will control Logan (Wolverine), a mutant with sharp claws and fast healing powers. The game will focus on close com-

bat and stealth. The story will take players to places like the Canadian wilderness, Madripoor, and Tokyo. The game will explore Wolverine's past and his struggles.

KEY CHARACTERS AND DEVELOPMENT

The game will include famous Marvel characters such as Mystique, Omega Red, and the Sentinels. The voice of Wolverine is Liam McIntyre, known for his role in Spartacus and for voicing characters in Gears of War and Star Wars Jedi: Fallen Order. Insomniac Games is developing the game with Marcus Smith as the creative director and Mike Dalyas the

game director. Marvel's Wolverine promises to offer a thrilling and



intense experience for PlayStation 5 players when it releases in September 2026. Marvel's Wolverine will be available only on PlayStation 5, the game will use the full power

of the PS5, with features like better graphics, lighting, and effects.

THE ULTIMATE WOLVERINE FANTASY

Marvel's Wolverine is built on Insomniac Games staples like fast, fluid, and ferocious combat; exhilarating, action-packed set pieces; robust accessibility features; and a gripping story that taps into the core tenets of one of the most compelling comic book characters of all time. The game will explore Logan's signature spin on heroism - which is much darker and more brutal than you might expect from Insomniac.

ICONIC CHARACTERS

Independence is often the way of Wolverine, although he'll encounter familiar faces on his journey, like the elusive Mystique and the brutish Omega Red. Some will fight alongside Logan against all odds, while others will unleash all-out attacks, such as the Reavers, an enemy faction that will keep our hero's instincts on edge.

