

25-02-2026
Total pilgrims: 73,035
Tonsures: 27,090
Hundi kanukalu: 4,48CR
Waiting Compartments: 25

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PRIYANKA GANDHI CALLS FOR 'MORAL ACCOUNTABILITY' OVER NAMES IN 'EPSTEIN FILES'

WAYANAD (KERALA) : Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Thursday called for "moral accountability" from public office-bearers whose names



appear in the 'Epstein files', alleging that such accountability was lacking in India. Speaking to reporters in Wayanad, Vadra said that across the world, those in public office whose names appear in the 'Epstein files' have resigned. Her remarks come at a time when Congress is demanding the resignation of Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, whose name figures in the 'Epstein files' released in the United States.

ECI HOLDS ALL-PARTY MEETING IN CHENNAI AHEAD OF 2026 TAMIL NADU ASSEMBLY POLLS

Chennai, Feb 26: The Election Commission of India on Thursday held extensive consultations with recognised national and state political parties in Chennai as part of its preparations for the upcoming Assembly elections in Tamil Nadu. The meetings were chaired by Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi, along with the Chief Electoral Officer of Tamil Nadu and other senior officials. Representatives from six recognised national parties attended the meeting: Aam Aadmi Party, Bahujan Samaj Party, Bharatiya Janata Party, Communist Party of India (Marxist), Indian National Congress and National People's Party. Five recognised state parties also participated: All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, Desiya Murpokku Dravida Kazhagam, Naam Tamilar Katchi and Viduthala Chiruthaigal Katchi.

UPHOLD SPIRIT OF TELANGANA MARTYRS: CM REVANTH TO NEW OFFICERS

Hyderabad TSIT BUREAU:

Anumula Revanth Reddy addressed the valedictory ceremony of the training programme for newly recruited Group-1 and Group-2 officers, congratulating them on successfully completing their training and stepping into public service.

"Just recently, you were students. Yesterday, you were unemployed. Today, you are officers," the Chief Minister said, reminding them that they are now entrusted with serving four crore people of Telangana under the Praja Palana (people's governance) framework.

He underlined that the people of Telangana may endure hunger, but they will never accept domination. Recalling historical struggles, he said leaders like Komaram Bheem and Ramji Gond did not fight for kingdoms but rebelled against oppression. Similarly, Sammakka and Saralamma revolted against the mighty Kakatiya Empire in pursuit of justice and dignity, and are today revered as forest deities. They became martyrs for social justice, equality, freedom and equal opportunities, he said.

The Chief Minister urged the new officers to remember the aspirations of the people and the sacrifices of martyrs while discharging their duties. He highlighted that out of nearly six lakh aspirants, 582 candidates secured Group-1 posts and 775 secured Group-2 posts on merit.

Noting that Group-1 posts were not filled for nearly 15 years, he said the present people's government fulfilled long-pending aspirations by conducting the examina-



Telangana Chief Minister Anumula Revanth Reddy urged newly appointed Group-1 and Group-2 officers to uphold transparency, serve the poorest with dedication, and draw inspiration from reformist leaders as the government strengthens administrative excellence through global training collaborations.

tions transparently. The government undertook reforms in the Telangana Public Service Commission (TGPSC), appointing individuals with subject expertise as Chairman and Members, and ensuring stringent measures to prevent question paper leaks.

Referring to legal challenges, he said some vested interests

approached courts soon after the results were announced, but the government stood firmly by the merit-based selection process and urged the case up to the Supreme Court to protect the interests of genuine candidates.

The Chief Minister cautioned officers not to forget their responsibilities after assuming office and not to fall morally. "You are the eyes and ears of the government. It is your responsibility to ensure welfare schemes reach the poorest of the poor," he said.

He stated that he met them not mechanically but with emotional attachment, and advised them to remember legendary civil servant S. R. Sankaran before entering their offices, drawing inspiration from his dedication to the poor. He also urged officers to respect and care for their parents, adding that the government is considering legislation to ensure accountability in this regard.

BLUEPRINT TO BE PREPARED TO COMPLETE IRRIGATION PROJECTS: CHANDRABABU NAIDU

Amaravati (TSIT) : Asserting that the coalition government is committed to supplying water to all regions in Andhra Pradesh, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Thursday announced that a blueprint to complete irrigation projects will be prepared soon. Speaking on budget allocations to the irrigation sector in the Assembly session, the Chief Minister said that the state government is focusing on water security, which is essential to attract investments and industries.

He stressed the need for linking of rivers right from Vamsadhara to Penna to ensure water supply to all the regions in the state and stated that efforts are on to prepare



necessary plans.

The Chief Minister said that Rs 20,000 crore was spent on the irrigation sector during the past 20 months. As a result, water was supplied to the Paramasamudram tank in Kuppam through the Handri Neeva canal.

Stating that all the irrigation projects were developed during

the TDP regime, the Chief Minister said that Telugu Ganga, Galeru Nagari and Handri Neeva projects were launched during former chief minister NT Rama Rao's regime to supply water to Rayalaseema. Through the Pattiseema lift irrigation, 100 TMC of water was supplied to Rayalaseema. He assured the completion of the Veligonda project to benefit the Markapuram and Prakasam districts. He said that the Polavaram project will be completed before the Godavari pushkaram, and the Chintalapudi lift irrigation scheme will be completed to supply water to the upland areas of both Krishna and Eluru districts.

Rahul, Priyanka lay foundation stone for 100 homes in Wayanad, call survivors 'family'

Wayanad (TSIT): In a significant outreach to landslide-affected families in Wayanad, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and Wayanad MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Thursday laid the foundation stone for 100 houses being constructed by the Congress for survivors of the Chooralmala-Mundakkai disaster.

Addressing beneficiaries, Priyanka recalled her first visit to the region soon after the tragedy struck on July 30, 2024. "What I saw that day will never leave me," she said, recounting how families had lost homes, livelihoods, schools and businesses overnight.

What struck her most, she added, was the unity and courage displayed by people across religious lines. Though she was not the MP at the time, Priyanka said she now feels like a member of the community. "Between then and now, I have become a part of your family," she said, describing how she had met proud farmers forced to take up daily wage work and small traders struggling after their shops were washed away.

She said the party had raised the issue at multiple forums, including Parliament, met Union Home Minister Amit Shah seeking a national disaster declaration, and written to the Prime Minister.

"Irrespective of politics, all



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stood together," she noted. The housing project will provide 1,100 sq ft homes on eight cents of land each. While 3.25 acres have been acquired and sale deeds executed, another 2.18 acres will be purchased soon, with negotiations completed for five acres. She also announced financial assistance of Rs five lakh for 40 affected shopkeepers to restart

businesses. Rahul Gandhi said the tragedy had revealed the resilience and compassion of Wayanad's people. "You lost a lot, but not your courage or your humanity," he said, calling the ceremony an act of remembrance for those who died. In a lighter moment, he narrated a sibling disagreement during their journey, drawing laughter from the gathering. "The other day I said something silly to my sister and since then she has not spoken to me. I told my mother that my sister is not speaking to me and till the flight landed here, she had a long face. The moment we landed here, she changed. That's what Wayanad means to us," he said, reaffirming that their association with the district goes beyond politics.

Pakistan 'hallucinating', living in 'La La Land': India slams Pakistan at UNHRC

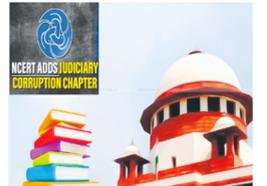


Geneva/New Delhi, Feb 26 (TSIT) India slammed Pakistan at the UN Human Rights Council for "hallucinating" and living in "La La Land," asserting that the developmental budget of Jammu and Kashmir is more than double the recent bailout package that Islamabad sought from the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

India also asked Pakistan to vacate Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (POK), pointing out that the only outstanding dispute regarding this region is the illegal occupation of Indian territories by Pakistan. Exercising India's Right of Reply at the High-Level Segment of the 61st Regular Session of the UN Human Rights Council, Ms Anupama Singh, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of India to the UN, said, despite Pakistan's efforts to destabilise the region through relentless State-sponsored terrorism, Jammu and Kashmir continues to surge ahead - politically, economically and socially. Pakistan would do well if it focuses on fixing its deepening internal crises rather than masking them with grandstanding at such a platform - the world can certainly see through its charade, Ms Singh said.

SC bans NCERT class 8 book over chapter on corruption in judiciary, says gunshot fired to bleed institution

NEW DELHI (TSIT): The Supreme Court on Thursday imposed a "complete blanket ban" on any further publication, reprinting or digital dissemination of NCERT's Class 8 social science book as it contains "offending" contents on corruption in the judiciary, saying they



have fired a gunshot and the judiciary is "bleeding". Observing that there appeared to be a "deep-rooted conspiracy" and "calculated move" to undermine the institution and demean the dignity of judiciary, the apex court directed that all copies of the book - physical and digital - currently in circulation be immediately seized and removed from public access without any delay. A bench headed by Chief Justice Surya Kant issued show cause notices to the NCERT director and the secretary of the department of school education asking them to explain why suitable action, including that of contempt, be not initiated against those found responsible for introducing the "offending" chapter.

India & Israel elevate ties to special strategic partnership, vow to soon conclude free trade deal

JERUSALEM (TSIT) India and Israel on Thursday elevated their "time-tested" relationship to a special strategic partnership and agreed to soon firm up a "mutually beneficial" free trade deal even as Prime Minister Narendra Modi strongly backed the Gaza peace initiative, asserting that humanity must never become a victim of conflict.

Following talks between Modi and his Israeli counterpart Benjamin Netanyahu, the two sides inked a plethora of agreements to expand cooperation in areas of trade, agriculture, energy, cyberspace and digital payment.

India and Israel also vowed to expand their already close defence partnership by working towards joint development and joint production of mili-



tary hardware under the framework of the transfer of technologies. In his media statement, Modi said India's security interest is linked to peace and stability in the Middle East, adding that New Delhi fully supports the Gaza

Peace Initiative. "India's stance is clear: humanity must never become a victim of conflict. A path to peace has been created through the Gaza Peace Plan. India has fully supported these efforts," he said. "In the future

as well, we will continue dialogue and cooperation with all countries," he said. PM Modi landed in Israel on Wednesday on a two-day visit. It is his second visit to Israel in nine years. In his remarks, the prime minister said India and

Israel have a united view that there is no place for terrorism in the world and both sides stand shoulder-to-shoulder in countering terrorism and its supporters. "Our relationship is founded on the strong bedrock of deep trust, shared democratic values, and human sensitivities. Our bond has stood the test of every trial of time," he said.

"Today, we have taken the historic decision to elevate our time-tested partnership to the status of a 'Special Strategic Partnership,'" he said.

The prime minister also announced the establishment of an India-Israel critical and emerging technologies partnership to impart a new momentum for cooperation in areas of artificial intelligence, quantum, and critical miner-

als. "I am pleased that an agreement has been reached for the use of UPI in Israel," he said. The prime minister, referring to the threat of terrorism, said India and Israel will continue to confront the menace unitedly. "India and Israel are completely clear that there is no place for terrorism in the world. In any form, in any expression, terrorism cannot be accepted," he said.

"We have stood shoulder-to-shoulder in opposing terrorism and its supporters, and we will continue to do so," he added. India and Israel also discussed the implementation of the India-Middle East Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) and cooperation under the framework of I2U2 (India-Israel-UAE-USA).

ASEZ Green Concert at Telangana Secretariat Promotes Plastic-Free India



Hyderabad: An environmental awareness concert was held at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat promoting the theme "Plastic Free India - Green Earth." The programme was organized by ASEZ, the university student volunteer group of the World Mission Society Church of God. Around 250 participants, including Secretariat staff and officials, attended the event featuring music and cultural performances spreading awareness on reducing plastic use and protecting the environment.

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, the chief guest, called for collective action to adopt plastic-free practices in daily life. Secretariat Association President G. Srinivas Reddy emphasized that government offices must lead by example. ASEZ representatives urged youth and employees to work together for a greener and sustainable India.

Harichandana Inspects Page Junior College During Inter Exams



Hyderabad (TSIT): District Collector Dasari Harichandana conducted a surprise inspection at PAGE Junior College during the Intermediate Second Year examinations on Thursday. She reviewed exam arrangements, facilities, and overall conduct at the centre. The Collector stated that all 217 examination centres in the district have been equipped with basic amenities to ensure a smooth and peaceful environment for students. A total of 1,75,271 candidates, including 81,898 first-year and 93,373 second-year students, are appearing for the exams. On the first day of the Second Year exams, 78,377 students attended while 2,824 were absent, officials said. The Collector directed authorities to ensure students face no inconvenience until the exams conclude.

Chief Secretary Reviews MoU Dashboard, Stresses Timely Execution



Hyderabad: Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao reviewed the progress of the State government's MoU monitoring dashboard at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat on Thursday. The real-time dashboard tracks implementation timelines, investment commitments to ensure

strong coordination, resolve bottlenecks quickly, and regularly update the dashboard for transparency and accountability. He emphasized that MoUs must translate into tangible benefits, including economic growth, increased investments, and job opportunities for the people of Telangana.

Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka Invites Governor to Son's Wedding



Hyderabad: Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, Deputy Chief Minister of Telangana, called on Jishnu Dev Varma at Lok Bhavan and formally invited him to attend the wedding ceremony of his son, Surya Vikramaditya. During the courtesy meeting, the Deputy Chief Minister presented the wedding invitation card to the Governor and requested him to grace the occasion and bless the newlyweds. The wedding is scheduled to be held in Hyderabad on 5th of March. The Governor conveyed his best wishes to the family on the happy occasion.

Cyberabad Police Intensify Patrolling, Conduct Special Vehicle Checks



Cyberabad: The Cyberabad Police Commissionerate has stepped up surveillance and visible patrolling under the initiated "Police on Watch - Patrolling in Every Lane" to maintain law and order. Special vehicle checking drives were conducted in Balanagar and Allapur limits under the supervision of ACP Naresh Reddy. Police teams inspected driving licences, vehicle documents, and pending challans, while monitoring suspicious movements. At Gurumurthy Nagar and Vishnu Vistara Road, officers carried out intensive checks and created awareness among motorists on traffic rules and safety. Officials said such surprise inspections and regular patrolling will continue to enhance public safety and prevent unlawful activities.

CP Ramesh Reddy Holds Innovative Reviews to Boost People-Friendly Policing in Cyberabad

Hyderabad: M. Ramesh Reddy, Commissioner of Police, Cyberabad Police Commissionerate, is conducting structured review meetings to promote citizen-centric and transparent policing. The initiative focuses on improving public service delivery, accountability, and trust in police stations. Officers have been directed to treat citizens with respect and ensure prompt grievance redressal, with special attention to women, children, senior citizens, and cybercrime victims.



The Commissioner emphasized technology-driven and data-based policing to match Cyberabad's rapid urban growth. Performance is being reviewed through measurable indicators, while outstanding officers are being encouraged. The meetings also highlight professional standards, discipline, and staff welfare, aiming to strengthen Cyberabad as a model for modern urban policing.

Jagga Reddy Seeks Rajya Sabha Berths for V. Hanumantha Rao and Jetty Kusuma Kumar



Hyderabad / New Delhi: Telangana Congress Working President T. Jagga Reddy stated that he has discussed the vacant Rajya Sabha seats from Telangana with Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, the PCC President, and party in-charge Nataraj, urging that senior leader V. Hanumantha Rao and youth leader Jetty Kusuma Kumar be considered for nomination. Jagga Reddy said he travelled to New Delhi to meet senior Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge to press for their candidature. However, he mentioned that Rahul Gandhi was unavailable due to prior commitments. He met Mallikarjun Kharge and formally requested that the party consider offering Rajya Sabha opportunities to V. Hanumantha Rao and Jetty Kusuma Kumar. Jagga Reddy said he urged the leadership to deliberate on their names seriously. Highlighting Jetty Kusuma Kumar's background, Jagga Reddy described him as a former Youth Congress and student leader belonging to the Kamma community, and said representation should be given to a capable Kamma leader. He also noted that Kusuma Kumar comes from a family of freedom fighters and that his entire family has remained loyal to the Congress party.

RAMMOHAN REDDY DEFENDS MUSI PROJECT, ASSURES COMPENSATION TO MADHU PARK RESIDENTS



Hyderabad (TSIT): Sama Rammoohan Reddy clarified that the Madhu Park Apartment issue is being unnecessarily politicized and has no link with the Musi rejuvenation project. Speaking at Gandhi Bhavan, he said that

though the apartment falls under the buffer zone, the government will not act arbitrarily and is committed to protecting residents' interests. He announced Rs.5,000 per square foot compensation for affected owners, higher than the government value of Rs.3,000, assuring that families will not face losses. He said residents are supportive of the Musi River rejuvenation. Reddy accused BRS and BJP leaders of spreading misinformation to stall the project and create fear among Hyderabad citizens.

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 The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from ICICI Home Finance Company Limited ("ICI HFC") and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset/ Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Ande Hari Krishna (Borrower), Ande Raja Mani (Co-Borrower), H.No. 3 5 184 3 3 Pumping Well Road Khammam Urban Khammam-507003 Telangana, LHKHA00001300890	All That The Part and Parcel of H.No. 3-5-184/3/3 Admeasuring 203.29 Sq.yds or 169.97 Sq.mts Rcc Building For Ground Floor- 1424.76 Sqfts, First Floor- 1414.88 Sqfts and Rcc Second Floor- 541.21 Sqfts In S.No. 122 Situated At Pumping Well Road, Khammam Municipal area, Khammam Municipal Corporation and Dist 507003 Telangana. Bounded By- North: By My Own House No. 3-5-111/5, South By: 20 Ft Wide Road, East By: D Raghavendra Rao House No. 3-5-111/1 and Govt School, West By: N. Venkateswar Rao House No. 3-5-184/3/3/A.	10-02-2026 Rs. 24,23,147/-	3-Feb-2026
2.	Shaikh Abdul Raheem (Borrower), Shaik Amtul Saigga (Co-Borrower), Hno 6 2 7 1 2 Jamnabanda Khammam Rural Khammam-507001 Telangana, LHKHA00001294567	All That The Part and Parcel of Semi-finished Residential Flat With Rcc Pillars and Roof Bearing Flat No. 403, Third Floor With A Plinth area of 1025 Sq.Fts Including Common Area & Car Parking For 50 Sq.Fts in Silt Floor, Lift By Name Sai Surya Arcade Together With Undivided Share of Land Equivalent to 26 Sq.yds In Plot No. 10 Part 11, S.No. 496 403 Total Admeasuring of 538.88 Sq.yds (129.33 + 409.57 Sq.yds) Sai Surya Arcade, Srinagar Colony, Gollagudem, Khammam-507001 Telangana. and Boundaries For Entire Land- East: Open Place of Gurram Ramarao. West: 35 Wide Road. North: Plot No. 10 Part. South: Plot No. 12. Boundaries For Residential Unit- East: Open to Sky, West: Common Corridor. North: Open to Sky. South: Flat No. 404. Bounded By-	10-02-2026 Rs. 26,46,665/-	3-Feb-2026

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.
 Date: February 27, 2026.
 Place: Khammam
 Authorized Officer, ICICI Home Finance Company Limited

NIWAS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED
 (Formerly, Niwas Housing Finance Private Limited)
 Regd. Office: - Unit No. 305, 3rd Floor, Wing 2/E, Corporate Avenue, Andheri- Ghatkopar Link Road, Chakala, Andheri (East), Mumbai - 400093

Notice under Section 13 (2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

NHFL has sanctioned home loan/mortgage loan/construction loan to the following borrowers against mortgage of residential premises. The repayment of the said loans were irregular and the accounts are finally classified as Non-Performing Asset in accordance with directions and guidelines of National Housing Bank/RBI.

NHFL has therefore invoked its rights and issued a notice under section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and called upon the below listed borrowers to repay the total outstanding mentioned below within 60 days from the date of the demand notice. The following borrowers are hereby called upon by this publication to pay the total dues mentioned therein plus further charges & interest accrued till payment within 60 days from the date of the said demand notice, failing which NHFL shall resort to all or any of the legal rights to take possession of the secured assets, dispose/sale it and adjust the proceeds against the outstanding amount.

The borrowers are also restrained from alienating or creating third party interest on the ownership of the properties.

Sr. No.	Location/ Loan Account Number	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantor	NPA Date	Date & Amount as per Demand Notice
1	KHAMMAM / LNKMMOHL-1223009380	DERANGULA LAXMIBA (BORROWER) DERANGULA VENKANA(CO-BORROWER)	07-Feb-2026	13-Feb-2026 Rs.8,48,415 As on 12-Feb-2026
2	BODUPPAL / LNBODDHL-03240041531	SAIKURAM KASTHULA (BORROWER) KASTULA ANAJMMA(CO-BORROWER)	07-Feb-2026	13-Feb-2026 Rs.12,59,213 As on 12-Feb-2026
3	KURNOOL / LNKURLAP-12240040279	BRAMHAIYA VADLA (BORROWER) CHITTAIAMA (CO-BORROWER)	07-Feb-2026	11-Feb-2026 Rs.10,72,901 As on 11-02-2026

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY/SECURED ASSET: - ALL THAT RESIDENTIAL BUILDING HOUSE NO. 4-28, AN EXTENT OF TOTAL ADMEASURING 260.54 SQ.YARDS OR EQUIVALENT TO 217.83 SQ. MTRS. WITH AN BUILTUP PLINTH AREA 697 SQ. FT, RCC ROOF COVERED, SITUATED AT H.NO. 4-28, THUMALLAPALLI VIL & GRAMPANCHAYATHI & REVENU, KONJERLA MDL, KHAMMAM DISTRICT, TELANGANA-507305. REGISTRATION WYRA SUBDISTRICT KHAMMAM REGISTRATION DISTRICT KHAMMAM AND THE FOLLOWING BOUNDED BY: EAST: GRAMPANCHAYATHI ROAD, WEST: HOUSE OF GUNJI RAMESH (NO 3-43/1), NORTH: HOUSE OF R SAIDULU (NO 3-54/1), SOUTH: HOUSE OF CHALLARAMA RAO (NO 3-52/1).

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY/SECURED ASSET: - ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE PROPERTY BEARING H.NO.3-18, KOTHALEM(V), DHARUR (M), JOGULAMBA GADWAL 509125,ADMEASURING 286.6 SQUAREYARDS OR1125 SFT, SITUATED ATKOTHALEM(V),DHARUR(M),JOGULAMBA GADWAL VIL, TELANGANA STATE.THE FOLLOWING BOUNDARIES ARE NORTH BY: HOUSE OF BOYAKISTAMMA, SOUTH BY: HOUSE OF KALAPPA, EAST BY: ROAD, WEST BY: GUTTA.

Date: 27-02-2026
 Place: Telangana
 Sd/- Authorized Officer
 NIWAS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

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DEMAND NOTICE

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from Shiriram Finance Limited, (Formerly known as Shiriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shiriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shiriram Transport Finance Company Limited name changed as Shiriram Finance Limited, by its Incorporation dt.30-11-2022). We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of Shiriram 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(2) 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 to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices. The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

NAME OF THE BORROWER(S)/ Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors

1) Mote Balakrishna, S/o: Mote Buchaiah, Age: 35 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O:H.No: 3-64, Peddaravulapally, Near Gram Panchayath, Bhoodhan, Pochampally, Nalgonda- 508284, B/O: Laxminarsimha Milk Dairy Farm And Lory Transport At# Same As Resi Address, 9666598726.	NPA DATE: 08.03.2024 DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE: 24.01.2026
2) Mote Buchaiah, S/o: Mote Gandaiiah, Age: 60 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O:H.No: 3-64, Peddaravulapally, Near Gram Panchayath, Bhoodhan, Pochampally, Nalgonda- 508284, B/O: Laxminarsimha Milk Dairy Farm And Lory Transport At# Same As Resi Address, 991273454.	OUTSTANDING AMOUNT: Rs.24,87,285/-
3) Cheemala Sathyanarayana, S/o: Cheemala Narsimha, Age: 50 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H.No: 1-13, Peddaravulapally, Near Water Tank, Nalgonda-508284, B/O: Lory Owner Cum Transport At# Same As Resi Address, 9966318484.	LOAN AMOUNT: Rs.15,00,000/-

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

PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS: MALPRTF230720004- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
 All That The Open Plot Of Appurtenant To H.No. 1-124 In Sy.No.573, Admeasuring An Area Of 2978q. Yds Equivalent To 248.298q. Mtrs Situated At Pedda Ravulapally Village And Grampanchayat, Bhoodhan Pochampally Mandal, Yadadri- Bhongir District And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: C. C. Road. Towards West: Temple Land. Towards North: House Of Sangem Venkatesh. Towards South: House Of Palla Ranemma.

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under.
 Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Dated: 26.02.2026
 Place: NALGONDA
 Sd/-Authorized Officer
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 Branch Address: 3rd Floor, 3-903/10, Nagarjuna Nagar colony, Yella Reddy Guja, Ameerpet, Punjagutta, Hyderabad, Telangana- 500073
 Branch Address: D.No: 16-11-20/6/6/1/1, 1st Floor, Opp. TV Tower, Malakpet, Near Musarepambaji Metro station, Dilshuknagar, Hyderabad, Telangana- 500036.
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Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset/ Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Pothana Veera Venkata Pavan Naga Rajesh (Borrower), Bobburi Geetha Bhavani (Co-Borrower), House No. 232 Flat No 202 Narayandri Nilayam Huda Mayuri Nagar Miyapur Hyderabad- 500049 Telangana, LHRCD00001589665	All That The Part and Parcel of Residential Flat Bearing No. 301, H.No. 2-62/SA/A-97/301, Ptin No. 1266203621 With Plinth Area of 1440 Sq.fts Including Common Area and Car Parking Area of 80 Sq.fts Along With Undivided Share of Land Admeasuring 38.5 Sq.yds Out of 626.38 Sq.yds in The Building Known As Sunshine Apartments Constructed on Plot Bearing No. A-97, A-98 Part, A-99 and A-100 Part Inn S. No. 102 Situated At Bochupally Md, Now in Nizampet Village- 500072 Telangana and Boundaries For Land - North: 40 Wide Road, South: Passage in Plots No. A-97 P & A-100P, East: 40 Wide Road, West: Plot No. A-97 P & A-98 -P, Boundaries For Flat-North: Lift & Staircase. South: Open to Sky, East: Corridor & Staircase. West: Open to Sky, Bounded By-	10-02-2026 Rs. 54,00,598.99/-	03/02/2026
2.	K J Prasad Reddy (Borrower), M Madhavi (Co-Borrower), 23 68 2 Madhura Nagar Rallaguda Road Shamsabad Rangareddy- 501141 Telangana, LHDSK00001562148	All That The Flat No.102, First Floor, HG Brundhanavam, RCC Roofed in Block-A, Plinth Area 1250 Sq.fts Including Common Area and Corridorand One Car Parking 112 Sq.fts in Silt Floor Along With Uds 27.27 Sq.yds 22.82 Sq.mts Out of 1140 Sq.yds or 953.97 Sq.mts Constructed on Plot No. 183/8 in S. No. 267, 269, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296 & 304 in Sama Enclave, Situated At Shamsabad Village, Mandal and Municipality, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana- 500040 and Bounded As North: Staircase & Open to Sky, South: Flat No. 101, East: Corridor, West: Open to Sky, Bounded By-	16-02-2026 Rs. 46,68,096.41/-	08/02/2026
3.	K J Prasad Reddy (Borrower), M Madhavi (Co-Borrower), 23 68 2 Madhura Nagar Rallaguda Road Shamsabad Rangareddy- 501141 Telangana, LHDSK00001562450	All That The Flat No.102, First Floor, HG Brundhanavam, RCC Roofed in Block-A, Plinth Area 1250 Sq.fts Including Common Area and Corridorand One Car Parking 112 Sq.fts in Silt Floor Along With Uds 27.27 Sq.yds 22.82 Sq.mts Out of 1140 Sq.yds or 953.97 Sq.mts Constructed on Plot No. 183/8 in S. No. 267, 269, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296 & 304 in Sama Enclave, Situated At Shamsabad Village, Mandal and Municipality, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana- 500040 and Bounded As North: Staircase & Open to Sky, South: Flat No. 101, East: Corridor, West: Open to Sky, Bounded By-	16-02-2026 Rs. 1,73,055/-	08/02/2026
4.	Bhaskar Shivarathi (Borrower), Alakuntia Rajachana (Co-Borrower), H No Plot No 40 Tapovan Colony Karmanghat Saroor Naga, Saroornagar, Flat, Saroornagar, Hyderabad-500035 Telangana, LHNDH00001656992	All That The Open Plot No. 52 Vtn/ Assessment No. 321004101096 in Survey No 863/A Alakuntia Rajachana (Co-Borrower), H No Plot No 40 Tapovan Colony Karmanghat Saroor Naga, Saroornagar, Flat, Saroornagar, Hyderabad-500035 Telangana, LHNDH00001656992	16-02-2026 Rs. 18,04,942/-	08/02/2026
5.	Bhaskar Shivarathi (Borrower), Alakuntia Rajachana (Co-Borrower), H No Plot No 40 Tapovan Colony Karmanghat Saroor Naga, Saroornagar, Flat, Saroornagar, Hyderabad-500035 Telangana, LHNDH00001657019	All That The Open Plot No. 52 Vtn/ Assessment No. 321004101096 in Survey No 863/A Admeasuring 167 Sq.yds or 139.6 Sq.mts Situated At Korremula Village Chowdriyada Hamlet, Gram Panchayath, Under Pocharam Municipality Ghatkesar Md, Medchal Malkajigiri Dt, Telangana- 500050. Bounded By-	16-02-2026 Rs. 68,080/-	08/02/2026
6.	Ronak Gattani (Borrower), M/s Herbavedic Exports (Co-Borrower), Mmata Maheshwari (Co-Borrower), 5 5 1044 Ft 504 Raj Towers Goshamahai Hyd Nampally Hyderabad-500012 Telangana, LHNDH00001601403	All That The Part and Parcel of Flat No. 406 Happy Municipal House No. 2-4-46/P/A/406 on Fourth Floor In The Premises Known As Beping Homes Palace, Block-a, Bearing S.No. 26,27 & 34 of Sogbolli Village With A Super Plinth Up Area of 615 Sq.fts Inclusive of Wall Thickness and Common Area Excluding The Terrace Rights With An Undivided Share of Land 24.6 Sq.yds Scooter Parking of 18 Fts At Rajendranagar Mandal Locality Under Nampally Hyderabad-500012. Circle Rr Dist Telangana- 500012. Bounded By North By : Flat No.407, South By : Flat No.405, East By : Corridor, West By : Open To Sky .	16-02-2026 Rs. 13,50,851.42/-	08/02/2026
7.	Velaga Anil (Borrower), Velaga Latha Sri (Co-Borrower), H No 3 2 26 2 3rd Floor B S Big Bazar Baghameer Kukatapally Medchal Hydernagar Medchal Malkajigiri Hyderabad-500072 Telangana, LHNDH00001593249	All That The House Bearing No. 5-6-1/2/nr, Ptin No. 1140501443, Admeasuring 63.07 Sq.yds or 52.73 Sq.mts With A Built Up Area 560 Sq.fts of Rcc Situated At Dayarguda, Moosapet Village, Gmc Kukatapally Circle, Balanagar Mandal Medchal Malkajigiri Dist, Telangana- 500072. Bounded By- North By : House No.5-6-2/2, South By : Highway Road, East By : 25 Wide Road, West By : House No.5-6-1/1.	16-02-2026 Rs. 50,07,791/-	08/02/2026
8.	Shiv Singh Tank (Borrower), Varsha Tank (Co-Borrower), 8 1 112 3rd Floor Shivaji Nagar Secunderabad Hyderabad-500003 Telangana, LHKKY00001558823	All That The Semi-Finished Flat No. 308, in A Block, 3rd Floor, 2Bhk Type Having Carpet Area of 805 Sq.fts and Wash and Balcony Area of 97 Sq.fts Built Up Area of 957 Sq.fts Under Shivaji Nagar Secunderabad Hyderabad-500003. Bounded By- North By : Flat No.309, South By : Flat No.307, East By : Corridor, West By : Open To Sky, South: Open to Sky, South: Open to Sky, East: Open to Sky, West: Corridor and Staircase. Bounded By-	16-02-2026 Rs. 53,24,291.9/-	08/02/2026

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.
 Date: February 27, 2026
 Place: Hyderabad, Rangareddy
 Authorized Officer
 ICICI Home Finance Company Limited

TELANGANA TO SET UP 100 MODEL PUBLIC SCHOOLS; MAJOR EDUCATION REFORMS ANNOUNCED

Hyderabad: Chief Minister Anumula Revanth Reddy has announced sweeping education reforms, including the launch of 100 Telangana Public Schools—one in each Assembly constituency outside Hyderabad—from this academic year. Model schools will be developed on the lines of the Telangana Public School at Arutla in Rangareddy district with world-class infrastructure and facilities. Government schools under CURE limits will be upgraded to corporate stan-



dards, with 12 integrated schools to be completed and 17 upgraded. AI education will be introduced from the school level, with special training for teachers and new AI courses in technical institutions. From 2026-27, breakfast and milk will be provided to all government school students. Comprehensive school kits will also be distributed. The Chief Minister emphasized strengthening universities, including Osmania University, and proposed stricter regulation of private school fees.

SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
Details of the Tender Notices of S.C. Railway can be seen on our website: www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

Open e-Tender Notice No. DRM/Works/BZA/08/2026 Dt. 25.02.2026

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

SI. No. 1, Tender No.: E-09-North-BZA-2026, Details of Work: Name of the work: Godavari Pushkarams - 2027 : Permanent & Temporary Arrangements for Holding Areas, Toilets, Watering Arrangements at Kovvur, Godavari and Rajahmundry Stations. (Umbrella Work Project ID : 11.06.53.25.3.55.017 of 2025-26) - Provision of Road Work at Kovvur, Godavari and Rajahmundry Stations., Period of completion: 09 (Nine Months), Tender value (₹): 4,78,66,496.00, E.M.D. (₹): 3,89,300.00, Date of closing: 20.03.2026.

SI. No. 2, Tender No.: E-10-North-BZA-2026, Details of Work: Name of the work: Godavari Pushkarams - 2027 : Permanent & Temporary Arrangements for Holding Areas, Toilets, Watering Arrangements at Kovvur, Godavari and Rajahmundry Stations. (Umbrella Work Project ID : 11.06.53.25.3.55.017 of 2025-26) - Provision of COP Shelters at Kovvur, Godavari and Rajahmundry Stations., Period of completion: 09 (Nine Months), Tender value (₹): 2,61,92,998.00, E.M.D. (₹): 2,61,000.00, Date of closing: 20.03.2026.

1) Tender conditions/ other particulars such as the details of Name of work in full, the similar nature of the above works, eligibility criteria etc., are available in the Tender documents published in website at "www.ireps.gov.in".

2) The prospective tenderers are advised to visit website "www.ireps.gov.in" before the date of tender closing to note any changes/corrigenda for any tender.

3) The Tender Notice is also displayed in the Notice Board located in the office of Divisional Railway Manager (Works), S.C.Railway, Vijayawada and ADEN sub-divisional offices of Vijayawada Division which can be seen.

4) The Railway reserves the right to cancel the tender without assigning any reason thereto.

Divisional Railway Manager (Works), Vijayawada

Tender No. GTL-EM-78-2025-26 Dt. 25.02.2026

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer / Maintenance / Guntakal acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Tender No. GTL-EM-78-2025-26, Name of work: Guntakal Division: Raichur - Provision of Electrical Arrangements for Upgradation of Raichur Goods Shed Duly dismantling existing H/L Platform. Approximate Value (₹): 70,61,086.20.

Closing date and time: 20.03.2026 at 15:00 hrs

For bidding the tender and other details login to <http://www.ireps.gov.in>. Corrigendum of tender, if any will be issued online only. Tender Document may be downloaded from to <http://www.ireps.gov.in> by the tenderers free of cost.

Note: To participate / Bid in this e-Tender, tenderer should have valid DSC (Digital Signature Certificate).

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer, Maintenance, Guntakal

No. NW/148/Will/Tender Notice/ 2025-26, Date: 25.02.2026

Sr. Divisional Engineer, Coordination Nanded, South Central Railway invites E-Tenders on behalf of the president of India for the following works

SI. No. 1, Tender No.: T-202526-3-114, Authority: Co-ord, Tender value in Rs.: 2,12,92,726.36, Earnest money in Rs.: 2,56,500.00, Completion period: Twelve Months, Description of the work: Nanded Division: Manmad - Mukhed - TBR - 40.550 Km, TBR (TO) - 76 Sets (sanctioned locations enclosed as Annexure), Cost of Tender form in Rs.: 0.00

SI. No. 2, Tender No.: T-202526-2-115, Authority: Co-ord, Tender value in Rs.: 16,50,25,139.04, Earnest money in Rs.: 9,75,100.00, Completion period: Twelve Months, Description of the work: Nanded Division- SSE/Pway/ NED Jurisdiction: Proposed safety related yard improvement & upgradation works at various yards (CRU, LBG, NED, MTDI & MGC-5 Yards), Cost of Tender form in Rs.: 0.00

SI. No. 1, Tender No.: T-202526-3-114, Similar nature of work (for Costing above 50 lakhs): Any Railway Track Work including track maintenance work.

SI. No. 2, Tender No.: T-202526-2-115, Similar nature of work (for Costing above 50 lakhs): Any Civil Engineering works (excluding Track works / Zonal works).

The above tender will closed on 20.03.2026 at 15:00 Hrs.

Sr. DEN/Co-ord/ Nanded

Tender Notice No. 42-2025-26, Sr. DEE_TRD_HYB, dt: 26.02.2026

Sr. DEE/TRD/HYB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No. 42, 2025-26. Sr. DEE, TRD, HYB, dt: 26.02.2026, closing date: 20.03.2026, 15:00hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/ revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

SI. No. 1, Description of work: Hyderabad Division: SC - DHNE section: Elimination of 11 Manned Level Crossing Gates at 1. LC No. 05 at Km 56/0-100 between PASR and GWD Stations. 2. LC No. 33 at Km 69/0-100 between SHNR - BARR Stations. 3. LC No.65 at Km 122/200-300 between MBNR-MQN Stations. 4. LC No.68 at Km 126/500-600 between MBNR-MQN Stations. 5. LC No.77 at Km 126/500-600 between MBNR-MQN Stations. 6. LC No.76 at Km 141/900-142/0 between DKC - KQQ Stations. 7. LC No. 83 at Km 152/500-600 between KQQ-WPR stations. 8. LC No.92 at Km 169/0-100 between WPR-SRNR Stations. 9. LC No.96 at Km 180/0-100 between SRNR-GWD Stations. 10. LC No.138 at Km 253/100-200 between KRNT-DUU Stations. 11. LC No.141 at Km 258/600-700 between DUU-VDI Stations - Electrical TRD Arrangements., Tender Advertised Cost (₹): 49,19,588.00, EMD (₹): 98,400.00, Completion Period: 06 Months, Date of Closing: 20.03.2026

Website particulars: www.ireps.gov.in

Notice Board Location where complete details of tender can be seen: Office of the Sr.DEE/TRD/HYB, Hyderabad Bhavan, Secunderabad - 500025.

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/ TRD/ Hyderabad

Tender Notice No. 43-2025-26, Sr. DEE_TRD_HYB, dt: 26.02.2026

Sr. DEE/TRD/HYB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No. 43, 2025-26. Sr. DEE, TRD, HYB, dt: 26.02.2026, closing date: 20.03.2026, 15:00hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/ revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

SI. No. 1, Description of work: Hyderabad Division: SC - MUE Section: 1. Construction of RUB in lieu of LC No. 240 at Km 582/300-400 between MOB - MED Stations. 2. Construction of RUB in lieu of LC No. 241 at Km 593/700-800 between MOB - MED Stations. 3. Construction of RUB in lieu of LC No. 238 at Km 575/700-800 between ME-MOB Stations. 4. Construction of RUB in lieu of LC No. 231 at Km 559/600-700 between WDR-ME Stations. 5. Elimination of manned level crossing gate No.225 at Km 550/300-400 by providing RUB between MZL-WDR Stations. 6. Elimination of manned level crossing gate No.216 at Km 528/700-800 by providing RUB between TMD-BKU Stations. 7. Elimination of manned level crossing gate No.207 at Km 504/400-500 by providing RUB between UPW-KMC Stations. 8. Elimination of manned level crossing gate No.189 at Km 446/750-800 by providing RUB between NVT-JKM Stations. 9. Elimination of manned level crossing gate No.189A at Km 448/800-850 by providing RUB between NVT-JKM Stations. 10. Elimination of manned level crossing gate No.187 at Km 444/250-300 by providing RUB between BSX-NVT Stations. 11. Elimination of manned level crossing gate No.180 at Km 422/100-150 by providing RUB between DAB-BSX Stations. 12. Elimination of manned level crossing gate No.4/JB at Km 5/550-550 by providing RUB between JKM-BDHN Stations - Electrical TRD arrangements., Tender Advertised Cost (₹): 5,6,97,620.34, E.M.D. (₹): 1,12,800.00, Completion Period: 06 Months, Date of Closing: 20.03.2026

Notice Board Location where complete details of tender can be seen: Office of the Sr.DEE/TRD/HYB, Hyderabad Bhavan, Secunderabad - 500025.

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/ A2569 TRD/ Hyderabad

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

Komatireddy Reviews R&B Works in Nalgonda, Sets Strict Deadlines

Nalgonda (TSIT): Roads & Buildings and Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy on Thursday conducted a comprehensive review of key Roads & Buildings (R&B) projects in Nalgonda district and fixed strict timelines for their completion. At a review meeting held at the Minister's Camp Office, Indira Bhavan, detailed discussions were held on the progress of Buddharam, Appajipeta and Bramanavellamla road works. The Minister directed officials to complete these projects within two months and cautioned against any further delays. The Pagidimarri Bridge over Somannavagu also came up for review. The Minister instructed that the bridge works be completed within three months, emphasizing close supervision and strict adherence to quality standards. He directed authorities to immediately commence the proposed four-lane road from Kanagal Junction to Kanagal village and to expedite the Kanagal-Thimmanagudem road works. Periodic progress reports were sought to ensure timely execution.



Minister Komatireddy also examined the status of works at Mamidala, Godhorigudem and Yellammagudem. He specifically ordered that the CC road in Mamidala be laid without further delay to address public inconvenience. Strong directions were issued to the concerned contractor to immediately begin the Narketpally-Mandra road works. The progress of YTPS road works was also reviewed with the Superintending Engineer, Nalgonda. Reiterating the government's commitment to strengthening road connectivity across Nalgonda district, the Minister emphasized that infrastructure development remains a top priority and warned that accountability would be fixed for any negligence or delay.

Producer Allu Aravind Invites Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy to His Son's Wedding

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'Arrive-Alive' Program Held at Singapore KITS College; CP Flags Road Accident Deaths

Karimnagar: An awareness conference titled 'Arrive-Alive' was conducted at Singareni Institute of Technology and Science (Singapore KITS College) to promote road safety among engineering students. Karimnagar Police Commissioner Goush Alam, the chief guest, expressed concern that nearly 200 people lost their lives in road accidents in the commissionerate last year. He said over-speeding, drunk driving, not wearing helmets and seat belts, and other human errors were the main causes. Notably, 85% of the victims were men, mostly two-wheeler riders. Students pledged to follow traffic rules. NCC cadets were felicitated for assisting police during municipal elections, and guidance was provided for obtaining learning licences in coordination with the Transport Department.



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Chief Secretary's Remarks on Salary Burden Spark Political War in Telangana

Secunderabad: A political storm has erupted in Telangana following remarks by Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao highlighting the steep rise in the State's salary and pension expenditure over the past decade. During deliberations linked to the 16th Finance Commission, the Chief Secretary reportedly stated that Telangana's monthly outgo on salaries and pensions has increased from around 1,500 crore in 2014 to nearly 6,000 crore at present a fourfold surge in ten years. The increase, attributed to successive pay revisions and growing allowances, has significantly expanded the State's fixed expenditure commitments. Reacting strongly, BJP Telangana Chief Spokesperson and Media In-Charge N.V. Subhash said the disclosure validates the Opposition's longstanding concerns over fiscal management. He alleged that successive governments had prioritised political considerations

over economic prudence by implementing repeated pay hikes without adequate long-term planning. Subhash clarified that the BJP is not opposed to fair wages for government employees but stressed that compensation policies must be sustainable and aligned with fiscal responsibility norms. He warned that a rising salary and pension burden could crowd out development spending on infrastructure, welfare schemes, and capital projects. He further criticised what he termed the expansion of administrative overheads, including appointments of advisors and re-employment of retired officials, stating that such measures add to the financial strain. The BJP has called on the State government to present a clear fiscal roadmap, undertake expenditure reforms, and restore financial discipline to prevent further stress on the exchequer.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset/ Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Srinivas Nadem (Borrower), Sriyidya Nadem (Co-Borrower), 6-62 Hanuman Basthi Jagtial Telangana, Dharmaram, Flat, Dharmaram, Karimnagar- 505416 Telangana, LHVNL00001648865	All That The Part and Parcel of Existing RCC Roofed G+2 House With Open Place, Property Bearing GP House No. 1-85 Part (Old) 2-86/1 (New) Admeasuring 123.24 Sq.yds or 103.02 Sq.mts In Sy No 229 Situated At Adjacent to Main Road Dharmara Village GP Dharmaram Mandal Peddipalli Dt. GP Dharmaram- 505172 Telangana and Bounded As East: Open Place of Vendor (Nadem Laxmaiah), West: Road Leading From Karimnagar to Manchiryal, North: Open Place of K. Shankar & Molliah, South: House of The Vendor (Nadem Laxmaiah) Bearing No. 1-85 Part. Bounded By-	16-02-2026 Rs. 28,12,099.18/-	08/02/2026

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date: February 27, 2026, Place: Karimnagar Authorized Officer, ICICI Home Finance Company Limited

SHRIRAM Finance

Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Gindly, Chennai-800032

Administrative office: 8th Floor (Level 9), Building No.02, Aunim Q Park, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Gansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710

DEMAND NOTICE

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/ mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from Shriram Finance Limited, (Formerly known as Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shriram Finance Limited, by its Incorporation dt.30.11.2022). We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of 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.

NAME OF THE BORROWER(S)/ Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors	NPA DATE: 07.01.2024
1) Kandoju Santhosh Kumar Chari, S/o: Kandoju Bramha Chari, Age: 36 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H No: 2-129, Routhapuram Village, Thurkapally Mandal, Yadadri-Bhongiri Dist, 508116, B/O: Proprietor/ Of/ Narayana Medical Hall's Hospital, At/ Same As Resid Address, 508116, 9849965300, 9603418601.	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE: 24.01.2026
2) Kandoju Balamani, W/o: Bramha Chari, Age: 62 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/O: H No: 2-95, Raigiri Village, Near Hanuman Temple, Bhongiri Mandal, Yadadri-Bhongiri Dist-508116, 7075912307	OUTSTANDING AMOUNT: Rs.24,18,539/-
3) Edukakanti Narendar, S/o: Edukakanti Yadagiri, Age: 43 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H No: 2-93, Raigiri Village, Bhongiri Mandal, Yadadri-Bhongiri Dist: 508116, B/O: Proprietor/ Of/ Lic Agent & Adviser And Financial Services, At/ Same As Resid Address, 8309074363.	LOAN AMOUNT: Rs.17,00,000/-

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

PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS: MALPRTF230300004- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY.

All That Part And Parcel Of House Bearing No. 2-95, Admeasuring 245 Sq.Yds Equivalent To 204.81 Sq.Mtrs Situated At Raigiri (Village), Bhongiri (Mandal), Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri District Telangana State And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: 30' Ft Wide Road. Towards West: House Of Edukakanti Yadagiri, Towards North: House Peddaganai Chennaiah, Towards South: House Of Peddaganai Ramachandraiah.

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 in.

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

Dated: 26.02.2026 Sd/-Authorized Officer SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD.

Place: YADADRI-BHONGIRI.

CAN FIN HOMES LTD

Branch Office: PLOT No 28, 1st Floor, Bramarambika colony, Beeramguda Main Road Ramachandrapuram, Hyderabad - 502032 Tel: 08455-280777, Cell:7625097184 CIN No. L85110KA1987PLC008699

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APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)] 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 readwith proviso to Rule 8 (6) 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 properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Can Fin Homes Ltd., Ramachandrapuram Branch, will be sold on 04-04-2026**, from respective Borrowers and Guarantors as on the respective dates, together with further interest and other charges thereon.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrowers and Guarantors	Date of Demand Notice	Amount due as per liability	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit	Type of Possession	Description of the property
1	MR. VUYUYUR HANEESH BABU S/O RAM MOHAN RAO VUYUYUR (Borrowers) and MRS. VALVETI DEVASENA W/O VUYUYUR HANEESH BABU (Guarantors)	03-06-2025	Rs. 50,16,748 (Rupees Fifty lakhs sixteen thousand seven hundred forty eight only)	Rs. 41,60,000/- (Rupees forty one lakhs sixty thousand only)	Rs. 4,60,000 (Rupees Four Lakhs Sixty Thousand only)	physical	All that the Residential Flat bearing No.201 in Second Floor of "SN GANAPATH ARCADE", bearing Municipal No.6-3-261/201 (PTIN NO. 1010601108), with a Super Built-up area of 1020 Sq.Feet and one Car Parking area of 100 Sq.Feet earmarked in the Parking Place in Slit Floor, together with undivided share of land admeasuring 43.00 Sq.Yards or 35.94 Sq.Mtrs., out of 425.00 Sq.Yards or 355.30 Sq.Mtrs., constructed in Premises No.6-3-261, in Survey Nos.13 and 14, situated at VALLUVAR NAGAR, Annamguda Village, within the limits of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation Kapra Circle and Malkajgiri Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District and bounded by: Flat Boundaries: North By: Open To Sky, South By: Corridor, Staircase & Flat No.202 East By: Open To Sky West By: Open To Sky Complex Boundaries: North By: 40'-0" Wide Road South By: Plot No.234 East By: Plot No.262 West By: Plot No.262.
3	N Prasad (Borrowers) and N Lakshmi (Co-Borrower)	03-03-2025	Rs. 46,17,211 (Rupees forty six lakhs seventeen thousand two hundred eleven only)	Rs. 39,20,000 (Rupees thirty nine lakhs twenty thousand only)	Rs. 3,92,000 (Rupees three lakhs ninety two thousand only)	physical	Flat No G-3, Ground Floor (land Owner Share), Plot No.46-D-47-D-48 Block D, Sunrise Classic, Land Admeasuring 31.25 Sq. Yards, (out Of 600 Sq.yards), Built Up Area 1150 Sq.feet (including Common Area & Car Parking Area), Survey No 163, A Situated At Indresham Village, Patancheru Mandal, Sangareddy District Telangana 502319 And Boundaries Of Land: North: 30'-0" Wide Road, south: Plot No.D-53-d-54-d-55, east: Plot No D-49, west: Plot No D-45, Boundaries Of Flat: North: 6'-0" Wide Corridor, Along With Undivided Share Of Land Area 38.50 Square Yards, (out Of 6'-0" Wide Corridor West: 4'-0" Wide Corridor
4	RADHARAPU AJITH (Borrowers) and RADHARAPU RAMMURTHY (co-borrower)	03-11-2025	Rs. 42,51,019 (Rupees forty two lakhs fifty one thousand nineteen only)	Rs. 46,30,000 (Rupees forty six lakhs thirty thousand only)	Rs. 4,63,000 (Rupees four lakhs sixty three thousand only)	constructive	All That The Flat No.g-1, Bearing Municipal No.10-3-656/g-1 (pti No.1071019728), On Ground Floor, Built-up Area 1000 Square Feet (including Common Areas), And One Car Parking Area Of 125 Square Feet In Slit Floor, Along With Undivided Share Of Land Area 38.50 Square Yards, (out Of 308 Square Yards), In The Building Known As "sri Surya Residency", In Premises Lg House No. 133/3rt, Bearing Municipal No. 10-3-656. Situated At Vijayanagar Colony, Malleshpally, Hyderabad, T.s., And Bounded By As Under:- North : Staircase And Corridor, South:open To Sky, East: Flat No.g-2, West:open To Sky/Road.
5	Renagi Gayathri Dio Sreenivasulu (Borrowers)	03-03-2025	Rs. 43,48,090/- (forty three lakhs Forty eight thousand ninety rupees only)	Rs. 26,20,000 (Rupees twenty six lakhs twenty thousand only)	Rs. 2,62,000/- (two lakhs sixty two thousand Rupees)	physical	Flat No G-1 ground floor, Plot No.15,16,17, Block No 180, Satwika Heights, Land Admeasuring 22 Sq. Yards out Of 799.98 Sq.Yards), Built Up Area 750 Sq.feet (including Common Area) Car Parking 80sq.feet. Survey No 147 148 156/part 161 180/A, Prasanthi Paradise Situated At Bachupally Village, Nizampet Municipal Corporation, Bachupally Mandal, Medchal Malkajgiri District Telangana, Boundaries For Land: North: 30'-0" Wide Road, South: Plot No 2,1/a And 1, East: 40'-0" Wide Road, West: Plot No. 14, Boundaries For Flat: North:open To Sky & Lft. South: Open To Sky, East: Shop, West: Corridor.
6	sara Srinivas goud (Borrowers) and SARA JAYASREE (co-borrower)	02-05-2025	Rs. 34,89,920 (Rupees thirty four lakhs eighty nine thousand twenty only)	Rs. 30,50,000 (Rupees thirty lakhs fifty thousand only)	Rs. 3,05,000 (Rupees three lakhs five thousand only)	constructive	All That The Piece And Parcel Of Flat No.201, In Second Floor, Of "manasi Heights", With A Built Up Area Of 1017 Sft., (including Common Areas And One Car Land Of 25.96 Sq. Yds. (out Of Total Parking), Along With Undivided Share Of Land Of 25.96 Sq. Y Admeasuring 534 Sq. Yds. On Plot Nos.913 & 942, In Sy.nos.32 & 573, Situated At Multhangi Village & G.p, Patancheru Mandal, Sangareddy District And Bounded By: Boundaries For Flat No. 201 In Second Floor: North: Open To Sky; south:open To Sky; east: Open To Sky; Boundaries Of Entire Land: North: Plot Nos.914 & 941 South: 40' Wide Road East: 30' Wide Road West: 30' Wide Road.

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

Nil Encumbrances

Date: 26-02-2026 Place: Ramachandrapuram (Hyderabad)

Sd/- Authorised Officer, Can Fin Homes Ltd

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15 people affected by milk adulteration in Andhra still in hospitals

Amaravati, Feb 26 : Fifteen people affected by milk adulteration in Andhra Pradesh's Rajahmundry remained under treatment, officials said on Thursday. The milk adulteration claimed five lives and left 15 others ill, who are under treatment at six hospitals. One of those undergoing treatment is on ventilator, six on dialysis and eight on ventilator-dialysis.



(absence of urine output), vomiting, abdominal pain, acute renal dysfunction requiring dialysis.

The government on Thursday revealed details of the incident, which triggered an uproar. An official note also mentions about the measures taken by various departments. Officials said situation is currently under control. Senior Officials, including Commissioner Health, Director Food Safety, have been deputed to monitor the situation. Further action will be taken based on laboratory confirmation and investigation findings, officials said. The first patient was admitted on February 16. A total of 20 people were admitted till February 24. Of them, five have died.

The deceased include a six-year-old boy. Three of the deceased were in their 70s. On February 22, the District Medical and Health Officer (DM and HO), East Godavari received intimation from KIMS Hospital, regarding multiple admissions of elderly persons presenting with anuria

Clinical findings indicated acute renal failure with elevated blood urea and serum creatinine levels, suggestive of toxic exposure. Preliminary epidemiological investigation indicated strong connection to milk consumption as the probable source of exposure. Authorities found that milk was supplied to 106 families from Varalakshmi Milk Dairy, Narasapuram Village, Korukonda Mandal.

Milk supply from this dairy has been immediately stopped. A household survey was conducted on February 25.

Nine medical teams were deployed to cover 110 families. A total of 307 people were covered. Six houses were found locked during survey. They families contacted over phone and none of them were found to have any

symptoms. Blood samples were collected from 315 people for testing. Only two of them were found to have elevated results. However, this was not connected to milk adulteration. According to officials, Rapid Response Teams were constituted comprising district surveillance officer, general medicine specialists, microbiologist, pediatrician, forensic, epidemiologists and nephrologists.

Fourteen field surveillance teams were deployed which visited 679 houses visited and screened 957 families. The authorities collected 12 blood and three urine samples were collected and sent to Indian Institute of Technology, Tirupati for GCMS for evidence of nephron toxins. Food Safety Officer inspected Varalakshmi Milk Dairy, Narasapuram Village, Korukonda Mandal from where the milk was supplied. Surveillance sam-

ples of milk (500 ml each), paneer, ghee, drinking water and vinegar, one enforcement sample of milk collected.

Sample collection of milk and curd also done from affected houses. Surveillance sample of paneer, ghee, drinking water, vinegar and milk were sent to JNTU, Kakinada. Samples of milk and curd from affected houses, one surveillance and enforcement sample of milk from the Narasapuram dairy were sent to VIMTA Lab, Hyderabad.

Testing was done for microbial analysis, physicochemical analysis and detection of toxic adulterants. Police registered a criminal case at under Section 194 BNSS and Section 174 Cr.P.C on a complaint given by son of a deceased. Suspected milk vendor, Addala Ganeswararao, 33, resident of Narasapuram Village, was identified and taken into police custody. Police had been conducting an investigation to identify milk suppliers, the distribution network, and affected consumers. A team consisting of four veterinary doctors are investigating the case. It collected 41 milk samples. Samples of concentrate feed, water, dry and green fodder fed to the animals have collected for analysis of proximate principles and toxicology analysis. Samples sent to VBRI (Veterinary Biological Research Institute), Vijayawada.

BRS PROMISES TO REBUILD DEMOLISHED HOMES

Khammam (TSIT): BRS assured families affected by the recent demolitions in Velugumatla on the outskirts of Khammam that houses would be rebuilt at the same spot, with the assurance given during an interaction by its working president K. T. Rama Rao. He was accompanied by Rajya Sabha MP Vaddiraju Ravichandra, MLC Tata



Madhusudhan and former minister Puvvada Ajay Kumar during the visit. Speaking to the affected residents, he examined land pattas, Bhoodan Board documents, property tax receipts and electricity connection records shown by the families. The residents claimed they had been living there for years after applying under government orders during the previous regime, and alleged that the demolitions were carried out without prior notice and with heavy police deployment.

Termining the drive "inhuman and illegal," he said it was unjust to raze houses despite residents possessing official documents and tax receipts. He maintained that merely transferring officials would not address the issue and demanded justice and proper rehabilitation for the displaced families. "Do not lose heart. We will ensure houses are rebuilt at the same spot," he said, adding that the party would raise the issue in the Assembly and explore legal options, if necessary, to secure relief for the affected families.

STRICT MEASURES TO CURB ROAD ACCIDENTS: COLLECTOR

Mancherial: District Collector Kumar Deepak ordered stringent road safety measures across the district on Thursday. Chairing a Road Safety Committee meeting, he



instructed officials to clear road obstructions, enforce traffic rules strictly, and improve lighting on highways. He also called for action against overloaded vehicles and stressed special safety arrangements for the upcoming Godavari Pushkarams. DCP A Bhaskar set a target to reduce accidents by 20% this year.



Siddipet Police and Rapid Action Force jointly organized a grand flag march in Husnabad town on Thursday to maintain peace and create a sense of security among the people in Husnabad, Siddipet district. Siddipet Police Commissioner Rashmi Perumal personally participated in the program and directed the personnel.

EXPEDITE VMRDA MASTER PLAN, SAYS MINISTER NARAYANA



Visakhapatnam (TSIT): Municipal Administration Minister Narayana directed officials to expedite development projects under VMRDA on a war footing, aiming to transform Visakhapatnam into an international standard city.

Chairing a high-level review meeting at the Secretariat on Thursday, the Minister instructed timely release of the final master plan being designed by IIT Kharagpur. The public suggestions deadline is March 10, after which officials will review inputs for finalization. Priority areas include completing seven major roads connecting to Bhogapuram International Airport, with tenders already finalized. The proposed Semi-Ring Road from Bhogapuram to Rambilli was discussed, and six projects under PPP model were ordered for immediate study.

The Minister also called for swift preparation of the Visakhapatnam-Kakinada Petrochemical Region Master Plan and land pooling for MIG residential layouts. Kailasagiri Master Plan and Visakhapatnam Economic Region works were stressed. Officials including Principal Secretary Suresh Kumar, VMRDA Commissioner Tej Bharat, and others participated.

ANDHRA UNIVERSITY GEARS UP FOR GRAND CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS



THE SOUTH INDIA TIMES, VISAKHAPATNAM : Andhra University Vice-Chancellor Prof. G.P. Rajasekhara, along with other university officials, announced a series of prestigious events to mark the university's Centenary Celebrations and National Science Day. Speaking at a press conference held at the AU Academic Senate Hall on Thursday, the VC detailed a lineup of academic, sporting, and cultural events. These include a two-day National Symposium on scientific research progress scheduled for February 27 and 28. The symposium will kick off at the AU Convention Centre on Beach Road with nine eminent experts, including four Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize winners and professors from premier institutions like IIT Madras, IIT Guwahati, IISc, and SV University. On the second day, nearly 3,000 students will participate in a rally to pay tribute to the Sir C.V. Raman statue at the Physics Department, followed by the presentation of Best Research Poster awards. Following the science events, the university will host national-level inter-university bodybuilding competitions from March 2 to 4. This massive event will see participation from 500 bodybuilders and 200 coaches representing 120 universities across India, with 24 winners being selected across eight different categories. Additionally, March will feature a vibrant Food and Cultural Festival involving 1,100 international students from 55 different countries currently studying at AU. This festival aims to provide a platform for foreign students to showcase their unique traditions, cuisines, and cultural heritage to the local community. The Vice-Chancellor also highlighted several infrastructure and academic initiatives, including the inauguration of the Rs.10 crore Aurobindo Skill Development Centre on March 5. The university is also collaborating with the Pharmacy Council of India for a special program titled "Anveshana." To support regional education, AU will offer summer internship opportunities in its laboratories for students from affiliated colleges. Furthermore, a unique panel discussion is being organized featuring former AU faculty members who have gone on to serve as Vice-Chancellors of other universities. The press meet was attended by Rector Prof. P. King, Science College Principal Prof. M.V.R. Raju, Dean Prof. Paul Douglas, and other senior faculty members.

MGU Botany Department welcomes its juniors

Nalgonda, Feb 26 (TSIT): "This welcome party isn't just a celebration; it's a testament to the spirit of our Botany family - nurturing growth, one leaf at a time. To our new MSc cohort, welcome to the green heart of our university! You've chosen botany not just as a subject, but as a gateway to understanding life's quiet miracles right from the intricate dance of photosynthesis that powers our planet, to the resilient ecosystems fighting climate change," said Head of the Department of Botany of Mahatma Gandhi



University (MGU) Dr Madhavi. Participating as the chief guest at the Welcome Party organized by the final year students of the Department of Botany on Thursday, Dr Madhavi

wished the students best of luck in their future endeavors. Speaking on the occasion, Adjunct Professor Dr B Digambar Rao encouraged the students to dive into labs alive with ferns

and fungi, field trips blooming with discoveries, and research that could shape a sustainable future. Earlier the welcome party truly came alive with cultural performances by students with folk songs and dances and skits, showcasing their talent and team spirit. Teachers of Botany Dr P Sreenu, Dr Y Venkateshwarlu, Dr T Narsimha Swamy and Dr E Shrivaya Puri were also present.

GITAM Hyderabad Gears Up for Pramana 2026: Three Days of Music, Motorsports, and Talent

Hyderabad, February 2026: GITAM Deemed to be University, Hyderabad is set to host Pramana 2026, its annual fest, on 27-28 February under the Directorate of Student Life. Themed "Three Days - Three Vibes," the celebration will feature an Auto Expo, live music, and cultural competitions.



Pre-fest events from 24-26 February include dance and singing contests, an Auto Expo, and "Fit Body, Fit Mind" sessions. The Grand Opening on 27 February showcases The Deccan Project, playback

singer Geetha Madhuri, and DJ NANDZY. Day two highlights Kasyap - The Musical Sensation - and DJ Swattrex, alongside elite dance, drama, and music battles. Organizers promise surprise collaborations, inviting students and visitors to experience Hyderabad's vibrant

One-day awareness conference for PM Vishwakarma beneficiaries at Mahabubabad district headquarters

Mahabubabad (TSIT): A one-day awareness program for PM Vishwakarma beneficiaries and applicants was organized grandly at Sri Veerabhadra Crazy Food World, local Kuravi Road, Mahabubabad town, jointly organized by MSME-DFO Hyderabad and District Industries Centre (DIC) Mahabubabad. District Industries Centre (DIC) General Manager Srimannarayana Reddy, Assistant Director Dinesh, Lead District Manager (LDM) Yadagiri, and BC Corporation Officer Srinivasa Rao, DPRO



Rajendra Prasad were present as the chief guests of the program. Highlights of the meeting The beneficiaries were explained how to sell their products through online platforms in line with the changing times of digital marketing. Experts explained the importance of attractive packaging along with the quality of packaging items and its demand in

the market. Government schemes provided complete understanding of various types of subsidies, loan facilities and other development schemes provided to artisans by the Central and State Governments. GM Srimannarayana Reddy said that there is a great opportunity for artisans to grow economically through the PM Vishwakarma scheme and called on them to expand their businesses by adding technology. Vishwakarma beneficiaries, applicants and officials from different mandals of the district participated in this program.

Collector, CP Launch TWJF Media Diary



Mancherial: District Collector Kumar Deepak and Ramagundam Police Commissioner Ambar Kishore Jha released the TWJF 2026 Media Diary on Thursday. The diary, designed as a resource tool for journalists, was unveiled at the Collectorate along with DCP A Bhaskar. Officials appreciated the federation's initiative.

PAC Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi Inaugurates Open Gym and Children's Play Area

SERILINGAMPALLY TSIT: Public Accounts Committee (PAC) Chairman and Serilingampally MLA Arekapudi Gandhi inaugurated an open gym and children's play equipment in AS Raju Nagar Colony, Vivekananda Nagar Division, on The facilities, set up at an estimated cost of Rs.19 lakh, aim to promote health and fitness among residents of all ages. Speaking on the occasion, Gandhi emphasized that future generations deserve good health and a peaceful life more than material assets. "It is our collective responsibility to provide them with that," he said. He highlighted the open gym's benefits for morning and evening walkers, children, adults, and senior citizens, enabling them to exercise conveniently. Gandhi also noted the installation of play equipment for children and urged everyone to plant trees generously and protect parks. The event saw enthusiastic participation from local leaders including Nai Neni Chandrakant Rao and Narsimha Rao, along with party workers, women, and colony residents.



GALAXY CC ENTERS UCC T20 FINAL



THE SOUTH INDIA TIMES, VISAKHAPATNAM : The winning streak of Galaxy CC continues in the 12th UCC T20 Cricket Tournament being held at the ACA Stadium in Visakhapatnam. In the first semi-final held on Thursday, Galaxy CC comfortably entered the finals by defeating the ECoRSA team by 6 wickets. P. Avinash, who impressed with an all-round performance, was named 'Man of the Match'. After winning the toss, the Galaxy team opted to field first. Galaxy bowlers effectively restricted the ECoRSA

team during their batting innings. ECoRSA scored 131 runs for the loss of 7 wickets in the allotted 20 over. In their team, N. Lovaraju (32 off 19 balls; 2 fours, 3 sixes) and G. Shankara Rao (22) performed well. Among the Galaxy bowlers, Y. Vasu (3/19) and P. Avinash (2/19) bowled tight spells to limit the opponent to a low score. Chasing a target of 132 runs, Galaxy CC reached the goal in just 11.4 overs, losing only 4 wickets. Opener P. Avinash went on a rampage, scoring 63 runs off just 27 balls (4 fours, 6 sixes). Another batter, SDNV Prasad, played a lightning innings, scoring 42 runs off 17 balls (4 fours, 4 sixes), making the team's victory easy. Although NJSSR Prasad from the ECoRSA bowlers took 3 wickets, it was in vain. The final battle of this tournament will take place between Galaxy CC and Vizag Colts in the Grand Finale at the ACA Main Stadium on Friday at 12:30 PM.

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SBI Hyd Circle contributes Rs.53 lakh to Armed Forces Flag Day Fund



Hyderabad, Feb 26 (TSIT): Governor Jishnu Dev Varma lauded the dedication of the staff of the State Bank of India, Hyderabad Circle, for their generous contribution of Rs.53,00,000 to the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund.

along with other senior officials from the Department of Sainik Welfare and SBI, Hyderabad Circle. Appreciating the commendable efforts of SBI employees, the Governor described the contribution as a noble gesture and expressed confidence that it would inspire other organizations and citizens to extend similar support.

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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

MAHABOONNAGAR BRANCH, H NO. 2-2-123/18, PBNO.25, CLOCK TOWER ROAD, NEAR OLD BUS STAND MAHABOONNAGAR DIST-509001

APPENDIX-IV (Rule-8(1)) POSSESSIONNOTICE (for immovable property) Date:24-02-2026 The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Indian Bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 17/11/2025 calling upon the borrower M/s Akshay Milk Point (Proprietorship Firm), Reg Address: Akshay Milk Point, Ram Mandir Road, Mahabubnagar, Telangana (Borrower) and Proprietor Mr. Thota Srinivasulu S/O T Ramulu, Address: H No 2-5112, Village and Post - Kolhapeta, Hanwada (Mandali), Mahabubnagar, Telangana to repay the amount mentioned in the notice Rs.33,40,666/- (Rs. Thirty Three Lakh Forty Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Six Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

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

FORM No. 14 [See Regulation 33(2)] By Regd. A/D, Dasti failing which by Publication DEMAND NOTICE NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961. STATE BANK OF INDIA Versus VALLURI DHANUNJAYA RAO Valluri (CD 1) VALLURI DHANUNJAYA RAO Valluri Purna Rao C/O. V. PURNA RAO, AGED ABOUT 47 YRS, OCC: GOVT EMPLOYEE, MALE, ADDRESS: 25-29/18/11/2, SRI SAI NAGAR COLONY, BEERAMGUDA, RAMACHANDRAPURAM, Sangareddy, TELANGANA-502319.

Chada Venkata Reddy Urges CM to Allocate Rs.100 Crore for Gandipalli Reservoir

Husnabad (TSIT) : CPI national executive member and former MLA Chada Venkata Reddy has urged Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to allocate Rs.100 crore for the completion of the Gandipalli reservoir in Husnabad constituency.

In a letter to the CM on Thursday, Reddy recalled that the project was launched in 2007 under the Jalayagnam programme by the then Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy government to provide irrigation water to farmers in the Husnabad Metta area. He expressed regret that the project remained incomplete due to negligence and lack of funds under previous regimes.

Reddy noted that while land acquisition for Gandipalli is partially complete—300 of the required 660 acres acquired—only 40 percent of the work has been done. He emphasized that completing the reservoir would irrigate about 14,000 acres in Akkamanpet mandal and fulfill the Sriramsagar flood canal goal. He welcomed recent reviews of the Gauravelli project by ministers but expressed disappointment over Gandipalli not being discussed. Copies of the letter were also sent to Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy and District Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar.

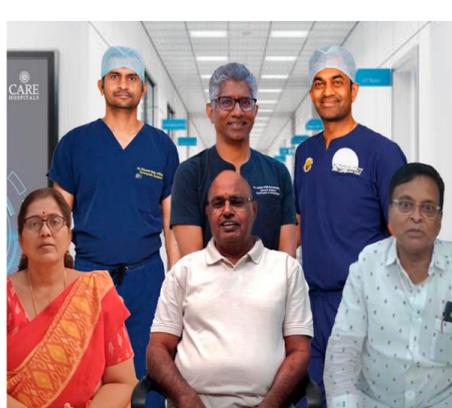
CBIT Hosts CSI AI 100K Initiative to Boost Student AI Readiness



Hyderabad, February 26, 2026: The Computer Society of India (CSI) Student Branch at Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT) successfully hosted the CSI AI 100K Record Initiative Program for AI Readiness on Thursday at the college premises.

The program, conducted in two sessions, witnessed participation from around 350 students and faculty members across departments. It was inaugurated by Chief Guest Mr Kiran Kumar Ch, along with CSI Advisor Dr Ramakrishna Kolikopu, Professor Dr V Barla, and CSI Coordinator Mr Santosh Kumar. Delivering the welcome address, Prof. Ramakrishna Kolikopu emphasized that AI is transforming sectors like healthcare, agriculture, finance, and smart cities. He encouraged students to innovate responsibly and build ethical AI solutions.

CARE Hospitals Hits 250 Robotic Knee & Hip Replacements with Mako System



Hyderabad : CARE Hospitals, Hitech City, has successfully completed 250 combined robotic-assisted knee and hip replacement surgeries using the advanced Mako Robotic-Assisted System, emerging as one of the fastest centres in Telangana to achieve this milestone soon after introducing the technology.

The achievement marks a significant advancement in orthopaedic care in the region, strengthening the hospital's leadership in precision-driven and patient-centric joint replacement surgery. With knee and hip arthritis increasingly affecting people above 50 years due to sedentary lifestyles, obesity, and longer life expectancy, the demand for advanced joint replacement solutions has been steadily rising across the state.

The Mako system enables CT-based, patient-specific surgical planning with real-time robotic guidance, allowing surgeons to achieve greater accuracy in implant positioning while preserving healthy bone and soft tissues. Compared to conventional procedures, robotic-

assisted surgery supports early mobilisation, shorter hospital stays, and faster recovery. Dr. Gottomukkala Ashok Raju, Clinical Director and Senior Consultant - Orthopaedics, said robotic-assisted joint replacement represents a major shift in surgical precision and predictable outcomes. Senior consultants Dr. Sharath Babu and Dr. Vasudeva Juvvadi highlighted the improved alignment, reduced post-operative discomfort, and quicker return to daily activities experienced by patients.

The robotic joint replacement programme at CARE Hospitals is led by an experienced orthopaedic team that has collectively performed over 10,000 joint replacement surgeries. Patients who underwent the procedure shared positive recovery experiences, noting reduced pain and improved mobility. With this milestone, CARE Hospitals, Hitech City, reinforces its commitment to delivering advanced, technology-enabled orthopaedic care and helping patients regain mobility and independence.

Tribal Groups Celebrate Transfer of Mahabubabad Collector with Crackers, Sweets

Mahabubabad (TSIT): Tribal and public organizations celebrated the transfer of District Collector Advait Kumar Singh by bursting crackers and distributing sweets at the local MRO office, expressing gratitude to the state government.



President Boda Ramesh Nayak alleged that Singh, who served over two years in the largest tribal district, neglected tribal and failed to address key issues including land problems, patta dar passbook errors.

Hyderabad CEO Sridhar Peddireddy Honored with UN Peace Award for Cancer Care



Hyderabad, February 26, 2026: Sridhar Peddireddy, Founder and CEO of Renova Group of Hospitals, received the prestigious 'International Peace Conclave Award' from the United Nations Global Peace Council at the UN Headquarters in the New York. The honor recognizes his transformative work in expanding accessible cancer care to underserved regions of India.

Peddireddy was selected for his efforts in bridging healthcare disparities, notably growing Basavatarakam Indo-American Cancer Hospital from 100 to 600 beds and establishing oncology centers in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities, including Kurnool, Warangal, and Jaipur. Under the Renova banner, he is further extending comprehensive cancer services—from diagnostics to surgery—into smaller towns.

"This recognition is a tribute to our teams working to ensure patients don't have to travel far for world-class treatment," Peddireddy said. The award highlights his commitment to combining clinical excellence with social responsibility, setting a new benchmark for healthcare leadership in India.

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EDITORIAL

Supreme Court-NCERT Row: How Do You Really Teach Children About Judiciary?

For once, Manipur is in the national and global gaze for the right reason. The Manipuri-language film Boong has won the British Academy of Film & Television Arts (BAFTA) award in the Children and Family category, the first time an Indian film has claimed that honour. At the grand stage of BAFTA, a small film from a troubled corner of the Northeast rang a bell that could be heard across continents. Let us also be honest: for nearly three years, Manipur has occupied the national consciousness for all the wrong reasons - ethnic violence, displacement, and the painful reality of buffer zones dividing neighbour from neighbour since May 2023. Highways have fallen silent. Townships have burned. Trust has thinned like old paper.

THE TOWN THAT ONCE WAS

Written and directed by Lakshmi Priya Devi, or 'LP', as she is fondly called by her associates, the film tells the story of a boy searching for his missing father, hoping to reignite happiness for his mother. The child protagonist, played by Gugun Kipgen - a Kuki boy portraying a Meitei character - journeys towards Moreh, the border town that later erupted in flames. The irony is sharp: the shooting in Moreh wrapped up barely a week before violence engulfed the township. Many who stood behind and before the camera are today internally displaced. The Moreh preserved in Boong may well be the last visual memory of the town that was. Both communities that now stand estranged participated in the making of this "small film with a big heart". In that sense, Boong is a reminder that Manipur's social fabric, though frayed, was once interwoven in everyday collaboration. LP's camera caught what politics failed to protect. But while the symbolism is powerful, one must not romanticise the achievement without acknowledging the labour behind it. Credit must go squarely to the director and producers who chose to back a regional-language story in an era obsessed with crime and spectacle. Supporting Manipuri content is not a commercially safe bet. It demands conviction - in story, in language, in people.

THOSE WHO PAVED THE WAY FOR BOONG

This moment should also be seen from a historical perspective. Long before Boong, Manipuri cinema had already stamped its artistic depth. In 1981, Imagi Ningthem, directed by the doyen Aribam Syam Sharma and based on a story by Maharaj Kumari Binodini Devi and shot and produced by Kongbrailatpam Ibohah Sharma, won the Grand Prix at the Festival des 3 Continents in Nantes - the first Indian film to do so. A decade later, Ishanou, again a collaboration between Binodini Devi and Aribam, was officially selected in the Un Certain Regard section of the Cannes Film Festival. Its digitally restored version returned triumphantly in 2023 to the Cannes Classics section, reaffirming that Manipuri cinema had already carved a space in the world cinematic landscape. However, there are hard truths: Manipur lacks the institutional and structural ecosystem that talents deserve. For decades, filmmakers here have worked with shoestring budgets and stubborn willpower. In the early 2000s, when insurgency and economic blockade choked theatrical exhibition, Manipur led the country in producing low-budget video features - sometimes 50 to 60 films annually. It was, by necessity, a parallel film economy driven by passion rather than profit. Today, the industry has transitioned into digital production, averaging around 20 to 25 certified features annually. This is no small feat for a state of its size. Importantly, it was through persistent advocacy by Film Forum Manipur that video films were eventually made eligible for entry into the National Film Awards - a structural change that acknowledged the reality of regional production practices. That insistence altered policy.

INDIA'S WARM HOSPITALITY TO JEWISH COMMUNITY

On the occasion of the visit of the Honourable Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi to Israel on 25th and 26th February, 2026, his second visit to strengthen a great friendship and strategic partnership between the two countries, we take a look at the deep bonds of culture and history between India and the Jewish community. This history goes back 3,000 years and is a significant reminder of India's warmth and hospitality to visitors since ancient times. In recent times, there has been a warm recognition of the bonds between the countries and the significant development of strategic ties. In keeping with India's ancient tradition of warmth and hospitality to visitors, the Jewish community was welcomed in India and flourished here, even 3,000 years ago. They were a prosperous community and well-integrated in society and business. It is notable to see that one of the grandest synagogues in the world was made in Pune, India. The Ohel-David Synagogue in Pune was built by the eminent Indian businessman and shipbuilder David Sassoon in 1863. The synagogue is a well-known landmark in Pune. The Jewish community lives happily and flourishes in India, and the Sassoon shipbuilding docks in Mumbai have been a shining example of the success of this community in this country. David Sassoon (1792-1864) was a Baghdadi Jewish merchant who settled in Mumbai after fleeing persecution in Iraq. He built a vast trading empire and funded major public institutions, including docks, libraries and synagogues in Mumbai and Pune. The Sassoon legacy reflects the prominence of Jewish entrepreneurs in India and forms part of the shared historical memory of India and the Jewish diaspora. The Jewish community of Mumbai is the largest in India and is vibrant till today. Though it has been dwindling, there are 3,500 to 4,000 individuals in Mumbai. There are two groups among them: the Bene Israel, who have been here for centuries, and the Baghdadi Jews, who came here in the 18th-19th centuries. Five centuries ago, the Jews were welcomed to Mumbai and were given special privileges, as well as allowed to practise their faith. Many of the community took to trade and commerce, while others took to professions such as medicine.



Synagogues and a Jewish cemetery were also built here. Over the centuries, Jews have not only contributed to the economy of Mumbai but have also helped to shape the cultural landscape of the city. Historic synagogues across Maharashtra, Kerala and West Bengal reflect centuries of peaceful coexistence and the absence of anti-Semitism in India. These synagogues today serve as cultural bridges in India-Israel relations, highlighting a shared heritage that predates modern diplomatic ties. The Jews in Kerala, also known as the Cochin Jews, have been settled in India since very early times. In fact, they trace their roots back to the ancient period. Initially they were based in the ancient port town of Kodungallur (previously known as Muziris) and then Kochi. They made their mark in the spice trade, as well as in handicrafts. In the 1950s, there was mass emigration to Israel, and very few Jews are left in Kerala. However, there are important heritage sites of the Jewish faith and worship. The Jewish community in Kerala are believed to have settled in the Kodungallur region, even as early as the reign of King Solomon in the 10th century BCE. They later shifted to the Cochin area, perhaps on account of floods. They were granted privileges by local Hindu rulers, as is seen in the 10th-century copper plate inscriptions. The Jews established many synagogues in Kochi, which include the well-known Paradesi Synagogue, which was built in 1568 in Mattancherry. The site attracts many tourists and stands as a tangible reminder of the historic links between India and the Jewish diaspora. The Cochin Jews are today one of the smallest religious communities in India, but they have a very rich heritage and legacy preserved in museums and cultural heritage sites. It is notable that India has preserved this ancient culture, going back 3,000 years. Cooperation in Modern Times The Battle of Haifa (23 September 1918) was fought during World War I when Indian cavalry units of the British Indian Army captured the city from Ottoman forces. Soldiers from princely states such as Jodhpur, Mysore and Hyderabad played a decisive role, and many who lost lives are buried in Haifa today. The battle is commemorated annually in both India and Israel, symbolising early military cooperation and the sacrifice made by

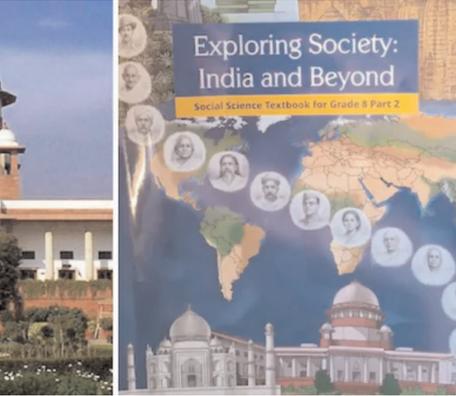
Indians. Teen Murti Chowk in Delhi was renamed Teen Murti Haifa Chowk in 2018 by Honourable PM Modi and Honourable PM Netanyahu. Malabar Street in Israeli cities such as Rishon Letzion commemorates the Malabar Coast of Kerala, from where many Cochin Jews emigrated to Israel. The name reflects the transplantation of Indian Jewish heritage into Israeli society. Such place names symbolise the enduring cultural imprint of Indian Jews within Israel's national fabric. Baroda (Vadodara) in Gujarat was historically associated with the Bene Israel Jews who prospered under princely patronage. The Gaekwad rulers welcomed Jewish families who integrated into commerce and education. These communities later formed part of the migration stream to Israel, contributing to people-to-people ties between Gujarat and Israel. A statue of Maharaja Digvijaysinhji Ranjitsinhji, the "Good Maharaja" of Nawanagar (Gujarat), was unveiled on November 11, 2025, in Moshav Nevatim, Israel, honouring his compassionate rescue of nearly 1,000 Polish children, including many Jews, during World War II. The monument honours his legacy of providing refuge at Balachadi.

Supreme Court-NCERT Row: How Do You Really Teach Children About Judiciary?

The recent intervention of the Supreme Court of India over a Class 8 Social Science textbook issued by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has sparked a debate that extends far beyond a contested line in a civics chapter. The reference to "corruption in the judiciary" prompted a Bench led by the Chief Justice of India to question whether such phrasing was appropriate for middle school students and whether it risked undermining confidence in a constitutional institution. Predictably, the responses have been polarised. One camp sees the Court's concern as a legitimate effort to safeguard institutional dignity. Another views it as judicial overreach into academic space. Both positions miss the larger constitutional moment. The issue is not about silencing criticism or sanitising reality. It is about how a democracy introduces complexity to young citizens. In India's constitutional design, the judiciary occupies a distinct place. Through doctrines such as the basic structure principle articulated in Kesavananda Bharati v. State of Kerala, the Supreme Court has positioned itself as the guardian of constitutional identity. Unlike the executive or legislature, courts command neither the purse nor the sword. Their authority rests on legitimacy and public confidence. It is, therefore, understandable that the Court would be sensitive to how it is portrayed in school textbooks. Early adolescence is a formative stage.



Civic impressions acquired at thirteen often endure for decades. Yet, democracies cannot thrive on curated innocence. Young Indians are not insulated from public debate. They witness high-profile controversies, hear discussions on case backlogs, and see media scrutiny of institutions. If textbooks omit real challenges, they risk appearing disconnected from lived reality. The real question, then, is one of pedagogy. How should flaws be framed? Language matters. A phrase like "corruption in the judiciary" can suggest isolated wrongdoing or systemic decay. Adults may infer nuance. Adolescents may not. The danger is not rebellion but premature cynicism. If foundational trust erodes before civic maturity develops, disengagement can follow. Trust and transparency are not opposites. In fact, accountability mechanisms strengthen institutional legitimacy. Teaching students about impeachment provisions, ethical codes, judicial



review and appellate correction demonstrates that the system contains self-correcting features. Framing challenges within reform narratives cultivates informed trust rather than blind faith. At the same time, academic autonomy deserves respect. Curriculum design is primarily the domain of educators and scholars. Courts must tread carefully when engaging with educational content. The ideal path is collaborative rather than adversarial. Structured consultation between curriculum experts, constitutional scholars, and child psychologists can help ensure age-appropriate accuracy without compromising integrity. This episode offers NCERT an opportunity. Civic education can be staged progressively. At the middle school level, emphasis can remain on constitutional structure, values, and accountability mechanisms. At the secondary stage, case studies of reform and controversy may be introduced. Senior second-

ary classrooms can host deeper analytical debates on judicial activism, transparency, and institutional critique. Such tiered learning respects developmental capacity while preserving intellectual honesty. India's constitutional journey has been marked by landmark judgments expanding rights as well as legitimate criticism over delays and infrastructure deficits. Both truths coexist. The art of civic education lies in presenting them proportionately and progressively. Democracy depends on two pillars: accountability and legitimacy. Education must nurture both. If this controversy results in more thoughtful curriculum design and deeper institutional dialogue, it may ultimately strengthen constitutional culture. The classroom is where civic character is shaped. Teaching trust and teaching truth need not be competing goals. When balanced carefully, they become complementary lessons in sustaining the Republic.

Congress's 'Jamaat' Experiment In Kerala Can Backfire Badly. But Does It Care?

The literary term 'hamartia' was introduced by the Greek philosopher Aristotle, but it came to be popularly associated with the tragic heroes of Shakespeare. Hamartia is a fatal flaw or error of judgment that results in the downfall of Shakespeare's central characters. If hamartia were to be understood in the context of the politics of the day, the curious case of Kerala's Leader of Opposition (LoP), VD Satheesan, comes to mind. How he is seeking to whitewash the Jamaat-e-Islami Hind and defend its principle of 'theo-democracy' - or 'Hukumat-e-Ilahiya' - as espoused by its founder, Syed Abul Ala Maududi, is a case in point. But why exactly is the Congress, buoyant after winning the local body polls held in December, warming up to the Jamaat-e-Islami in this election? The general defence from the party is to suggest that the consolidation of each and every vote matters. Sure, that makes sense arithmetically. However, Satheesan has gone one step further, issuing not once but twice a 'secular certificate' to the outfit. And this even as contrary voices emerged from the Jamaat itself on ideology, with secretary Shaikh Muhammad Karakunnu explicitly denying there has been any dilution towards the goal of an "Islamic Republic". But what explains this embrace? Once Bitten, Twice Not Shy? It is important to recall how the Jamaat dalliance had cost the UDF dearly in the previous assembly polls, when incumbent Pinarayi Vijayan beat a four-decade pattern of alternating governments in the state.



Back then, the UDF lost the delicate communal balance it had always upheld when the Church-backed Kerala Congress (Mani) quit the UDF to join the Left Democratic Front (LDF) on the eve of the local body polls. That led to Muslim groups commanding a greater space within the UDF - a fact that the LDF effectively milked, which, in turn, only exacerbated the polarisation between the Christian and Muslim communities in the run-up to the polls. Congress reckons that the situation has changed this time around, with the Syro-Malabar Church throwing its weight behind it. However, there is unease among the clergy on the brand of 'Political Islam' espoused by the Jamaat-e-Islami. To this, some Congress leaders are quick to point out that the Jamaat supported the Left in Kerala until the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. But they forget that there is a crucial difference: in the past, the Jamaat, unlike today, had little visibility and remained below

the radar outside Malabar. Another defence put forward by Congress leaders to justify the dalliance is the propaganda framework of the Jamaat-e-Islami, promoting 'Muslim opinion' through its news channel and newspaper. However, the jury is still out on whether this propaganda messaging actually gives the UDF an advantage or if it's a liability. Jamaat-e-Islami's Complex History The Jamaat-e-Islami has always punched above its weight in Kerala's public sphere despite having a limited following within the Muslim community. After distancing itself from the Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) and retracting its position on Jamaat members not joining government services, it started the Madhyamam daily in Malayalam in 1987. The daily was noticed for foregrounding the Bhagalpur riots of Bihar and was at the forefront of championing VP Singh. Through Madhyamam, the Jamaat was also engaged in a prolonged campaign to separate the IUML from the Congress.

Despite that vicious campaign in the wake of the Babri Masjid demolition, the IUML stayed put, though it eventually split, which led to the formation of the Indian National League (INL) under Ebrahim Sulaiman Saif. By targeting the Congress constantly, the Jamaat also succeeded in injecting a sense of alienation among Muslim youth. The news of former president Mohammed Najibullah's assassination and the takeover of Afghanistan by the Taliban in 1986 was celebrated as "Vismayam" (wonder) by Madhyamam. Smuggling Political Islam By smuggling political Islam into its coverage of international news and gradually becoming the Malayalam daily of choice among Malabar Muslims, Madhyamam succeeded in radicalising a couple of generations by varying degrees. It played an instrumental role in spreading hysteria among Muslim youth on issues such as the capture and assassination of Saddam Hussein and the Arab Spring; by that time, its agenda of political Islam had also become more blatant. Around that period, the Jamaat secured the licence for a news channel - MediaOne - and began broadcasting its political opinions across Kerala. MediaOne began to acquire wider visibility from 2023 following the Gaza war, when its editorial show 'Out of Focus' began to act as an unofficial spokesperson for Hamas. While people initially found it funny and began likening C Dawood - the vocal managing editor of the channel - to Comical Ali, the show's potential to polarise people became evident as the coverage turned borderline antisemitic. "

Guarantees will not be stopped, says Shivakumar amid fiscal heat



Bengaluru, Feb 26 (TSIT) Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Thursday asserted that none of the state's flagship guarantee schemes would be discontinued despite financial pressures, while accusing the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led Centre of not extending adequate support. "Karnataka guarantees won't be stopped. Whatever the difficulties are, we are just moving ahead," Shivakumar said, striking a defiant note amid opposition criticism over the State's fiscal position. Positioning the Congress government as both welfare-driven and

development-focused, he maintained that infrastructure and administrative work were continuing uninterrupted. "The development work is also continuing. The Karnataka government is a sound government. It is a government with good administration, and work is going on," he said. Taking a swipe at the BJP at the national level, the Deputy Chief Minister alleged that the Centre was not cooperating with the state. "Though the BJP at the national level is not helping us in any way, we are still managing," he remarked, framing the issue as one of resilience

rather than constraint. Shivakumar also referred to public concerns surrounding more than Rs 21 crore transferred to the accounts of families of those who lost their lives under various circumstances. He said the government has examined these issues and noted that some beneficiaries themselves have indicated they do not require the assistance. "There is some demand from various sections, including women. All these issues have been looked at, and some people are coming forward. We are financially sound; we don't need this guarantee or power. That is what some of them have said. We'll discuss this issue," he added. The remarks come amid a broader political debate over the sustainability of Karnataka's welfare guarantees, with the ruling Congress defending them as social commitments and the opposition questioning their fiscal impact.

ED files chargesheet against Ranya Rao in gold smuggling case

Bengaluru, Feb 26 (TSIT) The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has filed a prosecution complaint (chargesheet) under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) before a special court in Bengaluru against Kannada actor Ranya Rao and two others in connection with an alleged large-scale gold smuggling and money-laundering network. The development marks a major advancement in one of the most high-profile smuggling probes in recent times. The chargesheet names Ranya, her alleged associate Tarun Konduru, and Ballaribased gold dealer Sahil Sakariya Jain as accused. The ED's investigation follows an FIR registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in March 2025, based on a complaint from the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI). The probe revealed that between March 2024 and March 2025, a total of 127.287 kilograms of foreign-origin gold, valued at approximately Rs 102.55 crore, was allegedly smuggled into India and sold in the domestic market through a network of handlers and jewellers. The proceeds, authorities said, were generated in cash and funnelled through hawala channels in India and abroad, before being routed



through multiple bank accounts to conceal the illicit origin of the funds. Ranya, 32, was earlier intercepted and arrested by the DRI on March 3, 2025, at Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru, upon her arrival from Dubai. Officials seized 14.213 kg of smuggled gold bars, worth about Rs 12.56 crore, concealed on her person, some wrapped around her body and others hidden in personal belongings. Subsequent searches of her residence uncovered gold jewellery valued at about Rs 2.06 crore and unaccounted Indian currency amounting to Rs 2.67 crore. Investigators have alleged that Ranya's frequent international travel profile — including multiple trips to Dubai — was exploited to carry out repeated smuggling runs. Media reports also suggest she may have earned commission up to Rs 4-5 lakh per kilogram of gold smuggled, indicating the financial scale of operations linked to her role in the network.

Parameshwara slams Goyal's remarks on Rahul Gandhi

Bengaluru, Feb 26 (UNI) Karnataka Home Minister G Parameshwara on Thursday objected to remarks made by Piyush Goyal against Rahul Gandhi, stating that such statements were completely inappropriate and would not help the political narrative of the ruling party. Addressing reporters in Bengaluru, the minister said this was not the first time that leaders of the Bharatiya Janata Party had made remarks targeting Rahul Gandhi. He alleged that such statements were repeatedly made with the intention of lowering the morale of the Congress leader, but maintained that such efforts would not succeed politically or personally. Goyal called Rahul Gandhi as a puppet of anti-India forces and organisations. He also claimed that Rahul Gandhi had travelled abroad 247 times, suggesting that it had raised concerns regarding adherence to government security protocols. Parameshwara said Rahul Gandhi has demonstrated strong political



resilience and has consistently faced criticism from rival parties. He added that Gandhi is fully capable of handling political pressure and challenging situations. The minister asserted that attempts to weaken his morale through public statements would not produce any political benefit for those making such remarks. He further said that political leaders should maintain dignity in public discourse and avoid making unnecessary personal comments. Parameshwara termed Goyal's statement as com-

pletely unacceptable, saying that democracy thrives on constructive debate rather than political attacks aimed at individuals. The Karnataka Home Minister said Rahul Gandhi is one of the key political figures in the country and is widely regarded as a prominent face of the Indian National Congress. He added that Gandhi has played a significant role in shaping contemporary political discussions and has often positioned himself as a leader raising issues concerning the public. Parameshwara also said that Gandhi is known for raising people's concerns in Parliament and in public forums. He said that because of this political positioning, it is natural for opposition leaders to respond critically, but criticism should remain within democratic and acceptable limits. Responding to questions about BJP's political strategy, the minister said that attacking opposition leaders will not strengthen any party's electoral prospects.

Karnataka govt makes body cameras mandatory for passport police verification

Bengaluru, Feb 26: In a significant move to curb harassment and corruption during the passport verification process, the state government has issued an official order making it mandatory for police personnel to wear body cameras while conducting field verifications. The order, issued by DG & IGP MA Saleem, aims to bring complete transparency to the process and ensure that citizens are not subjected to bribery demands or unnecessary delays. Key guidelines issued by the state police chief

According to the new guidelines, police officers must personally visit the residential address provided by the applicant. During the visit, they are required to collect necessary information from neighbours and residents. The order strictly prohibits calling applicants to the police station for the purpose of verification. To ensure better coordination, the police must inform the applicant at least 24 hours in advance via SMS or a phone call before visiting their home. The most critical aspect of the new mandate is the use of body-worn cameras. Personnel must keep the camera switched on from the beginning of the verification process until its completion. The entire interaction must be recorded to ensure transparency. Furthermore, the guidelines state that no 'adverse reports' can be submitted against an applicant without clear and valid evidence. Harassment for bribes, intentional delays, or causing inconvenience to the public is strictly forbidden. Any violation of these rules or dereliction of duty will invite stringent disciplinary action against the concerned staff.



Bantwal: CM Siddaramaiah to attend 15th annual Moodooru-Padooru Kambala on Mar 7



Bantwal, Feb 26: The 15th annual "Bantwal Kambala" is scheduled to take place on March 7 and 8 at the Moodooru-Padooru double track in Navor Kudibail. Chief minister Siddaramaiah will be the chief guest for the event, confirmed former minister and honorary president of the Kambala committee, B Ramanath Rai. Speaking at a press conference in B C Road after releasing the invitation card, Rai shared details regarding the grand scale of the upcoming festivities. The inaugural ceremony will commence at 8:45 am on March 7

in the presence of Sri Vikhyatananda Swamiji of Soluru Mahasanthana, Sri Vidya Vachaspati Dr Santosh Guruji of Barkur Mahasanthana, Dr Padmaprasada Ajila of Aladangady Palace, and Fr Robert D'Souza, parish priest of Allipade Church. The formal stage programme at 6:30 pm will be inaugurated by chief minister Siddaramaiah. The event will also see the participation of assembly speaker UT Khader, home minister Dr G Parameshwara, transport minister Ramalinga Reddy, district in-charge minister Dinesh Gundu

Rao, Kasargod MP Rajmohan Unnithan, and Kasargod MLA NA Nellikkunnu, among other political and social leaders. Rai emphasised that the Bantwal Kambala is organised as a major folk festival. "We have consistently introduced innovations over the past 15 years, making it an unparalleled event that attracts film stars and prominent leaders," he said. To accommodate the large number of fans, the committee has constructed a permanent stage and improved local infrastructure. A new road has been built from Pangodi to ensure smooth traffic flow, and extensive parking facilities have been arranged in nearby fields. This year, a special food festival will also be held alongside the traditional buffalo races. Kambala committee president Pius L Rodriguez, working president Chandraprakash Shetty, convenor B Padmashekara Jain, general secretary Rajeeva Shetty Edthoor, and treasurer Philip Frank were present at the press conference.

Grand Souq e Deccan Expo Opens in Gudimalkapur with 5,000+ Visitors

Hyderabad, February 27, 2026: The three-day Souq e Deccan Expo, one of Hyderabad's largest lifestyle exhibitions, commenced grandly at Kings Classic Gardens and Kings Crown Convention in Gudimalkapur, drawing over 5,000 visitors on the first day.



The expo features an exquisite blend of fashion, beauty, lifestyle brands, along with real estate and automobile companies, and a dedicated entertainment zone for children. Distinguished guests included Telangana Minority Commission Chairman Mr. Tariq Ahmed Ansari, Congress Spokesperson Mr. Khaleel Ur Rehman, and others. Organizers Mr. Faheem Ul Haq, renowned actor and influencer, and Ms. Shazia Saleem highlighted the event's meticulous planning and seamless

execution. Three major announcements marked the occasion: the launch of AURAE ATELIER, an event management company; the establishment of Souq e Deccan Trust for community upliftment; and the announcement of the second edition in Qatar from March 12-15, 2026, marking international expansion. The vibrant ambience and overwhelming response reaffirmed Souq e Deccan's growing reputation as a premier lifestyle exhibition platform.

Karnataka Fast-Tracks 28 Pending Services to Boost Ease of Doing Business

Bengaluru: Reaffirming the State Government's commitment to fostering a robust Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) ecosystem in Karnataka, Minister for Large and Medium Industries M. B. Patil on Thursday directed officials to expedite the necessary amendments to streamline the remaining 28 services and make them more industry-friendly. To review progress, he chaired a meeting on Ease of Doing Business and the Single Window Committees at the Vidhana Soudha conference hall. Senior officials from various departments were present. Addressing the media later, the Minister said, "We face intense competition from neighbouring States. We have studied their policies and regulations and are determined to establish a system that is even more efficient and industry-friendly. Under the Single Window system, 115 services across 20 departments have already been integrated. The remaining 28 services have been prioritised for time-bound implementation. These include services related to the Revenue, Forest, Home, Environment, Primary Education, Fire Services and Energy departments. Our goal is to ensure that investors do not lose valuable time and are encouraged to invest in Karnataka. Cooperation from all departments is essential in this regard." He noted that while



Karnataka has long been a front-runner in the IT sector, the rapid emergence of Artificial Intelligence (AI) presents new uncertainties. Therefore, all departments, including KIADB, must ensure expeditious approvals for industrial projects. Clearances for electricity connections, Fire Department NOCs and Pollution Control Board approvals must be issued promptly. Entrepreneurs should not be subjected to unnecessary delays, he emphasised. Reduced Time Limit The Minister further explained that the time limit for issuing Fire

Department NOCs, previously 60 days, has now been reduced to 21 days. The approval timeline for electricity connections has been cut from 25 days to 10 days. Permission for lift and escalator operations has been reduced from 40 days to 20 days, while approval for new water connections has been brought down from 42 days to 30 days. The Labour Department will now issue industrial licences and boiler registrations within 14 days instead of 30 days. Necessary notifications have already been issued in this regard. These amendments will soon be placed

before the Cabinet and formalised through legislation on a fast-track basis, he added. He also stated that the time-frames for various approvals at the State Pollution Control Board have been significantly reduced. Likewise, permission for change of land use within Bengaluru city limits, which earlier took up to 120 days, will now be granted within 45 days. At present, 32 data centres are operating across the State. Ensuring uninterrupted power supply to these facilities is critical. To support their operations, there is a need to develop dedicated data centre clusters and provide exclusive power lines, Patil said. He added that a ministerial-level meeting will soon be convened to identify suitable locations for new data centres and to ensure the provision of essential infrastructure, including power connectivity. Principal Secretary of the Industries Department S. Selvakumar, Additional Chief Secretary (Energy) Gaurav Gupta, Forest dept principal Secretary Manoj, Urban Development Secretary Deepa Cholan, Industries Commissioner Gunjan Krishna, Revenue Commissioner Meena Nagaraj, BESCOC Managing Director Dr Shivashankar, along with Secretaries and senior officials from several departments, attended the meeting.

Ktk ministers flag 'misinformation' in textbooks, urge proactive role for SC

Bengaluru, Feb 26 (TSIT) Karnataka Minister Priyank Kharge on Thursday flagged what he described as "misinformation" in school textbooks and urged a more proactive role from the Supreme Court in safeguarding institutional integrity and constitutional values. Speaking on the controversy surrounding an NCERT textbook chapter on the judiciary, Kharge said that while the apex court had justified its intervention and protected its institutional standing, there were several other areas where judicial scrutiny would help strengthen the country's democratic fabric. "A lot of misinformation is being put in our textbooks — altered history, mythology being passed off as history, the decline of scientific temperament, and the erosion of the social fabric," he said, adding that citizens continue

to repose faith in the Supreme Court and expect it to act decisively. Kharge maintained that beyond the immediate issue concerning the judiciary chapter, there were broader concerns about how history and culture were being represented in academic material. Echoing similar concerns, Karnataka Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao alleged that history was being distorted to suit ideological narratives. "They want to create a new history of India based not on facts but on their RSS ideology, their Hindutva ideology and the BJP ideology, and that is being pushed into textbooks. I hope the same rules will be applied to everybody else," he said. Karnataka Minister Santosh Lad welcomed the Supreme Court's decision to take up the matter, saying NCERT had acknowledged its mistake but that other

serious concerns also required attention. "I feel the Supreme Court should consider such things. Whatever the Supreme Court has done, I'm very happy that it is really taking care of such things," he said. Describing the episode as a serious lapse, Karnataka Minister M C Sudhakar said references that could demoralise the judiciary should not find place in student textbooks. "Any mention of the judiciary in such a context is not in good taste and is unacceptable," he said, adding that NCERT must exercise greater caution to avoid crossing limits in sensitive matters. The remarks by the Karnataka ministers come amid heightened political debate over textbook content, judicial intervention and the broader question of how history and institutions are represented in educational material.

Sasikala says new party name within a week, confirms 2026

"We are holding talks regarding an alliance, and it will culminate in a good decision," Sasikala said



CHENNAI: VK Sasikala, former aide of late Chief Minister and AIADMK leader J Jayalalithaa, on Thursday said that the name of her new political party will be revealed within a week. Speaking to reporters at

Chennai airport, she confirmed that the party will definitely contest the 2026 Assembly elections in Tamil Nadu

"We are holding talks regarding an alliance, and it will culminate in a good decision," Sasikala said. Responding to a query about the limited time available before the elections, she expressed confidence, stating that the people of Tamil Nadu are well aware of her, and therefore, the party would face no difficulties.

Sasikala also paid tribute to senior leader Nallakannu, who passed away recently. Describing him as someone who dedicated his life to the welfare of the poor, she said, "He was never an MP or an MLA, but he remained true to his movement. He was affectionate with everyone. His loss is a huge irreparable loss to his family and his movement."



Honble Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity distributed appointment orders to newly appointed junior binders and assistant offset machine technicians at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai

TN polls : Amid leadership row, Ramadoss says alliance to be announced by Feb 28

Chennai, Feb 26 (TSIT) Rocked by the leadership row in the first family of the Vanniyar-OBC dominated Pattali Makkal Katchi (PMK) leading to a vertical split and the faction headed by his son and former union Minister Anbumani clinching an alliance with the AIADMK-BJP-led NDA for the ensuing Assembly elections, the one headed by Party Founder Dr S Ramadoss on Thursday said would announce its alliance strategy by February 28, Saturday.

Talking to reporters at this Thailapuram residence at Tindivanam in Villupuram district after a meeting with his supporters, the senior Ramadoss categorically said that his party would enter into an alliance with the Dravidian parties only.

Having repeatedly said that he would finalise the alliance strategy and the front with which his PMK was a member would be the victorious, what stand the octogenarian leader was going to take would be



known on Saturday.

With his son's faction already with the AIADMK led Front, Dr Ramadoss could consider forging an alliance with the formidable multi-party DMK-led Secular Progressive Alliance (SPA). But there is a hitch as the SPA has dalit outfit VCK, whose party was ideologically opposite to the PMK. According to reports the VCK had reportedly stated that it would quit to DMK front if PMK was included in it. The SPA had repeatedly proved it was a victorious front having been winning all the elections right from 2029 Lok Sabha and the Assembly elections with

resounding margins in the company of Congress, MDMK, the two Left Parties-CPI and CPI(M)-new entrant DMDK of late actor-politician Vijayakanth (aligning for the first time), VCK led by Thol Thirumavalavan, who is also a Lok Sabha MP, the Makkal Needhi Maiam (MNM) of actor-politician Kamal Haasan, also a Rajya Sabha member, muslim outfits IUML, a long time ally, and Manithaneya Makkal Katchi and other fringe parties that included the TVK of Velmurugan and KMDK.

After forming the seat sharing panel rather belatedly due to some irritants

over Congress' power sharing demand, the DMK had already initiated seat sharing talks with its allies and has held with three of its allies, and would be holding talks with key ally the Congress and the CPI-M tomorrow. The DMK was planning to complete the seat sharing exercise by March one, when Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and DMK President M K Stalin turns 73.

With almost all the allies bargaining for more seats in this polls, putting the DMK in a tough situation, it remains to be seen whether the Ramadoss faction could secure the number of seats it was aiming in the event of being accommodated in the SPA, after Mr Stalin managed to convince the VCK. The other option for Dr Ramadoss is the nascent Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam of actor-turned-neta Vijay, said to be a greenhorn who would be testing his electoral fortunes for the first time.

Filing of Nominations open for Mar 16 RS polls to fill six vacancies from TN Assembly

Chennai, Feb 26 (TSIT) Filing of nominations for the March 16 biennial elections to fill six seats that would fall vacant from the Tamil Nadu Assembly in April, began on Thursday. On the opening day, none has filed the papers as none of the two Dravidian majors, the ruling DMK and the Opposition AIADMK, were yet to finalise their candidates. With the alliance parties in their respective fronts bargaining for RS berths, the candidates are expected to be finalised

during seat sharing talks for the ensuing Assembly elections. In the DMK, key allies, Congress, MDMK and new entrant DMDK of late actor Vijayakanth, have sought RS berths, while the PMK faction was said to have sought one of the two RS seats which the AIADMK could win on its own. Of the six members from Tamil Nadu, four of them were from the DMK and one each from the AIADMK and its ally, the Tamil Maanila Congress (TMC).

The term of six Rajya Sabha members from Tamil Nadu which would expire in April are N R Elango, P Selvarasu, Trichy N Siva and Dr Kanimozhi NVN Somu (all DMK), M Thambidurai (AIADMK) and G K Vasan (TMC). As per the poll schedule announced on February 18 by the Election Commission, the filing of nominations opened today with the issuance of notifications. The last date for filing of nominations is March five.

Both diet and regular sodas are linked to liver disease, new study finds

Diet versions of beverages are often hailed as healthier than the sugar-sweetened original versions.

Research is ongoing regarding the potential dangers of sugar-sweetened and artificially sweetened drinks.

Recent study results identified a link between drinking higher amounts of sugar-sweetened beverages and low or non-sugar-sweetened beverages and an increased risk for metabolic dysfunction-associated steatotic liver disease (MASLD).

Metabolic dysfunction-associated steatotic liver disease (MASLD) Trusted Source involves a buildup of fat in the liver that did not result from drinking alcohol. People with this condition have a possible risk for more significant liver problems or other conditions like cardiovascular disease.

A recent study focused on how sugar-sweetened and low or non-sugar-sweetened beverages related to liver health. Based on analysis of over 103,000 participants, higher consumption of both beverage types was linked to a higher risk for MASLD.

Additionally, low or non-sugar-sweetened beverages were linked to a greater risk for liver-related mortality. While the study hasn't been published yet, the findings shed light on the potential risks of these beverages, particularly low or non-sugar-sweetened beverages. The study results were presented at UEG Week 2025, the annual congress of United European Gastroenterology. They are yet to appear in a peer-reviewed journal.

Drinking more than 1 can of any soda daily linked to liver problems

This study was a prospective cohort study where researchers used data from the UK Biobank. Researchers examined data from 103,251 participants who did not have baseline liver disease. The median follow-up was a little over 10 years, and during this time "949 participants developed MASLD, and 103 died from liv-



er-related causes."

Participants reported on their consumption of sugar-sweetened and low or non-sugar-sweetened beverages. Researchers were also able to consider participants' liver fat content based on MRI data. Researchers looked at the associations between drinking these beverages and someone's risk for MASLD. They also looked at liver-related mortality and liver-fat content and their association with the related beverages.

Consuming more than 330 grams (g), or about 1 can, of drinks from either beverage category daily was associated with a higher risk for developing MASLD.

Sugar-sweetened beverages were associated with about a 50% greater risk for MASLD, and low or non-sugar-sweetened beverages were associated with 60% greater risk. The results also found that consuming either beverage type was linked to liver fat content.

At the same time, drinking low or non-sugar-sweetened beverages was associated with an increased risk for liver-related mortality, but sugar-sweetened beverages did not have a significant association.

The researchers also found that the association between low or non-sugar-sweetened beverages and liver-related mortality was dose-dependent; drinking more was linked to a higher risk. Swapping soda for water helps lower liver disease risk

When looking at substituting beverages, researchers found that switching out 330 g of either beverage type daily for water helped to decrease risk for MASLD.

The effect was a little larger when switching out sugar-sweetened beverages for water, which decreased MASLD risk by 14.7%.

Researchers found that switching out the beverage types for each other did not change the risk for MASLD. The findings highlight the potential danger of both beverages, but particularly low or non-sugar-sweetened beverages, on liver outcomes. Study author Lihe Liu, a graduate student in the Department of Gastroenterology at the First Affiliated Hospital of Soochow University in Suzhou, China, explained to Medical News Today that: The full study has not been published in a peer-reviewed journal yet, which makes it challenging to

know the full limitations of the research. However, beverage intake was something reported by participants, which may not have been their true intake. The data also does not establish that consumption of these beverages causes liver problems. It's also unclear what covariates researchers adjusted for in their analyses. The UK Biobank is has its own limitations too, including the fact that it includes primarily white participants, and they tend to be healthier than the United Kingdom's general population. For this reason, additional follow-up research will be helpful.

What are the clinical implications?

While more research is required, the findings do give another reason for avoiding drinks like soda and their diet counterparts. It also highlights that opting for water instead may help to decrease MASLD risk.

"Our findings indicate that both sugary and artificially sweetened drinks may carry risks for liver health. Clinically, this highlights the need to guide people toward healthier beverage choices, with water remaining the safest and healthiest option," Liu explained to MNT. Registered dietitian nutritionist Karen Z. Berg, MS, RD, CSO, CDN, who was not involved in this research, advised that: "Many people have the misconception that diet drinks are healthier for you than regular drinks, but this study demonstrates how both are positively associated with MASLD. I highly encourage all patients to stick with water, or carbonated water, for the best health outcomes. Just because something says 'zero calories' or 'less sugar' [it] does not automatically equate with [being] healthier. There are a lot of chemicals that go into those beverages to give them the flavors people crave. Plain water, fruit infused water (homemade), unsweetened homemade iced tea, or seltzer [are] the way to go."

Could just 1 course of radiotherapy help treat osteoarthritis pain?

Osteoarthritis is the leading cause of disability among adults, and its management involves physical therapy, painkillers, corticosteroid injections, and surgery.

A significant number of people with osteoarthritis do not respond to nonoperative treatments or show a decline in responsiveness over time, leaving surgery as the final option. Radiation therapy is a noninvasive alternative for the management of osteoarthritis, but high-quality data from clinical trials on its effectiveness is limited.

A recent randomized controlled clinical trial demonstrated that a single course of low-dose radiation therapy was more effective in reducing pain and improving mobility in individuals with mild to moderate knee osteoarthritis at 4 months after treatment than the control group that did not receive radiation therapy.

These results suggest that low-dose radiation therapy could help delay or prevent surgical interventions in individuals with osteoarthritis.

Osteoarthritis Trusted Source is the most common type of arthritis, affecting approximately 33 million Trusted Source individuals in the United States. The pain and stiffness associated with osteoarthritis can be debilitating, and treatment of this condition involves managing these symptoms.

The first line of treatment for osteoarthritis includes physical therapy and oral medications but procedures such as direct injection of medications into the joint and surgery are necessary in more severe cases. Radiation therapy or radiotherapy is an underutilized noninvasive treatment option for osteoarthritis, but data from clinical trials have been mixed.

Data from a randomized controlled clinical trial conducted in South Korea now show that individuals with mild-to-moderate knee osteoarthritis were more likely to experience improvement in pain and mobility at 4 months after receiving a single course of low-dose radiation therapy than their counterparts who received sham treatment.

How radiation therapy could help treat osteoarthritis

Osteoarthritis is characterized by the gradual degeneration of the joints, leading to pain, swelling, and reduced joint mobility. Osteoarthritis typically affects joints in the hands, hips, knees, and spine. Osteoarthritis cannot be reversed, and its treatment involves preventing disease progression and reducing pain and stiffness. These treatments include lifestyle modifications, physical therapy, and medications. Medications in the initial stages involve the use of oral or topical nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) Trusted Source. Direct injection



tions of drugs such as corticosteroids into the joint are also used in more severe cases to help alleviate pain and inflammation. Long-term use of NSAIDs is associated with adverse effects, including increased risk of gastrointestinal issues and cardiovascular diseases. Moreover, a significant number of individuals do not respond to these treatments or show a decline in responsiveness over time. Surgery is the treatment of last resort in individuals who fail to respond to other treatments. Radiation therapy is a noninvasive alternative for the treatment of osteoarthritis that has been underutilized. Besides its use in cancer treatment, radiation therapy has been used for the treatment of benign musculoskeletal conditions.

Radiation therapy for cancer treatment involves the use of high doses of radiation to kill the cancer cells. In contrast to cancer treatment, radiation therapy for conditions like osteoarthritis involves the use of low doses of radiation.

Inflammation of the joints occurs at the onset of osteoarthritis, and this inflammatory environment leads to the degradation of the joint tissue by enzymes. Low doses of radiation, such as those used in osteoarthritis treatment, exhibit anti-inflammatory effects and also help reduce pain. While low-dose radiation therapy is used in the clinic for osteoarthritis in Europe, its use in clinics in the United States for osteoarthritis declined in the 1980s after the development of new medications. Moreover, there is limited data from randomized clinical trials on the effectiveness of low-dose radiation therapy for treating osteoarthritis, and the existing data are mixed. In the recent study, Kim and his colleagues examined the effectiveness of low-dose radiation therapy in treating individuals with mild to moderate arthritis in a recent randomized, sham-controlled clinical trial.

India's New Diamond Rule: Only a Natural Diamond Can Be Called a Diamond

The Bureau of Indian Standards introduces a clear terminology framework to protect consumers and bring transparency to every diamond purchase across India ~ Mumbai, 26th February 2026 - The Indian gem and jewellery industry has long faced challenges due to the use of multiple, inconsistent, and often confusing terms to describe diamonds and their alternatives—particularly across digital and e-commerce platforms. In the absence of a single, formal standard, consumers have often been left uncertain about what they are buying. The Natural Diamond Council (NDC) welcomes the adoption of IS 19469:2025 by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), a modified adoption of ISO 18323:2015 - Jewellery: Consumer Confidence in the Diamond Industry. The new standard establishes a clear and enforceable framework for diamond terminology, drawing a firm distinction between natural diamonds and laboratory-grown diamonds. This move strengthens consumer protection and supports greater transparency across the Indian diamond jewellery market. What the new standard means for consumers: Defining "Diamond": The word "diamond" used alone applies exclusively to natural diamonds. Sellers may



use qualifiers like "natural," "real," "genuine," or "precious." Laboratory-Grown Disclosure: Man-made alternatives must be explicitly disclosed at all times using only the full terms "laboratory-grown diamond" or "laboratory-created diamond". Shortened abbreviations such as "LGD," "lab-grown," or "lab-diamond" are no longer permitted in formal disclosure. Banned Misleading Language: The standard for

bids using terms like "nature's," "pure," "earth-friendly," or "cultured" for laboratory-grown products. Furthermore, using brand names alone without the approved "laboratory-grown" qualifier is deemed insufficient disclosure. Commenting on the development, Richa Singh, Managing Director, Natural Diamond Council, said: "This standard brings long-awaited clarity for consumers. When someone buys

a diamond, they deserve to know exactly what it is—clearly, honestly, and without confusion. Defining what can be called a diamond strengthens trust and protects the value of a truly natural diamond." The initiative has received strong support from the jewellery trade across regions. Sushma Chhajer, Founder SHRUTI SUSHMA says, "Fine jewellery is built on trust, provenance, and legacy. We support

the Government's efforts through IS 19469:2025 because clear disclosure protects craftsmanship, heritage, and the emotional value behind every natural diamond. We see the BIS terminology framework as a thoughtful step by the Government, one that protects long-term value rather than short-term narratives. When materials carry enduring value, the language used to describe them must be equally precise. Ambiguity may create momentum, but it erodes trust over time. The Government's introduction of IS 19469:2025 recognises the importance of disciplined terminology, ensuring that disclosure serves clarity rather than confusion. We see the BIS framework not as a shift in how we operate, but as a formal acknowledgement of principles responsible houses have long upheld, clarity in language, integrity in disclosure, and respect for the client's intelligence." The Natural Diamond Council remains committed to supporting the Bureau of Indian Standards and Indian authorities in the effective implementation of this framework. By removing ambiguity and misleading terminology, the industry takes a collective step toward protecting both the emotional and financial value of every diamond purchase.

Primebook expands offline footprint through strategic partnerships with Sangeetha Mobiles and Pai International

February 26, 2026: Primebook India, the home-grown technology company behind India's Android-based laptop ecosystem, has announced a major expansion of its offline retail presence through strategic partnerships with Sangeetha Mobiles and Pai International Electronics. As part of this rollout, Primebook laptops will now be available across Sangeetha Mobiles stores in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, as well as at Pai International outlets in Hyderabad and Bengaluru. The expansion strengthens Primebook's omnichannel strategy, building physical retail access alongside its digital-first foundation. While online retail is expanding rapidly, personal computing remains a category where Indian consumers invest significant time in evaluation before making a purchase. Industry estimates indicate that offline retail accounts for approximately 66% of the country's consumer electronics sales, underscoring the continued relevance of physical stores in high-consideration categories. Consumers often prefer to experience a device physically before making a decision, especially

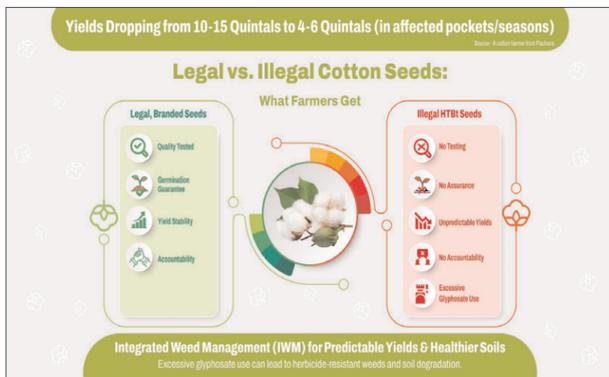


ly in categories like laptops, where performance, display quality, keyboard experience, and overall build influence buying confidence. As digital discovery increasingly blends with offline validation, physical retail continues to play a decisive role in shaping final purchase decisions. Primebook's offline expansion aligns with this evolving hybrid consumer journey. The retail rollout will

feature Primebook 2 Pro at ₹17,990 and Primebook 2 Max at ₹19,990, supported by Zero Down Payment EMI offerings designed to lower entry barriers in the personal computing segment. Commenting on the development, Chitranshu Mahant, Co-founder and CEO of Primebook, said, "Primebook was built to reimagine personal computing for a new generation of users.

Protect Yields and Soil Health: Industry Urges Farmers to Avoid Illegal Cotton Seeds

February 26, 2026, Telangana : Agriculture experts and seed industry representatives continue to urge cotton farmers to remain cautious about illegal Herbicide Tolerant Bt (HTBt) cotton seeds being sold through unregulated channels. These unapproved seeds lack germination assurance and scientific validation, often leaving growers with unpredictable crop stands and unexpected financial losses. Field reports from affected pockets indicate that growers have seen yields fall from 10-15 quintals to 4-6 quintals in some seasons, reflecting the combined effects of weather variability, pest pressure and the use of unregulated seeds. One cotton farmer from Vidarbha shared his ordeal, noting that although illegal seeds seemed cheaper upfront, "The crop was uneven and my yield fell sharply. There was no one accountable when things went wrong." The use of illegal HTBt seeds has also accelerated dependence on glyphosate. Repeated spraying, encouraged by herbicide tolerance, not only inflates input costs but fuels the risk of herbicide-resistant "monster weeds" while gradually weakening soil structure and reducing long-term productivity. For durable control and healthier soils, agronomists and policy experts advocate Integrated Weed Management (IWM), combining cultural practices, mecha-



nisation and diversified modes of action rather than herbicide-only dependence. Dr. M. Ramasami, Chairman, Rasi Seeds, said he is deeply concerned about the rapid proliferation of illegal HTBt cotton seeds. "This unchecked spread is hurting farmers through reduced yields and poor fibre quality, and it is also destabilizing a seed supply chain built over the past four to five decades. Unless there is strict enforcement to curb these illegal seed sales immediately, it will severely undermine future investments in seed innovation and advanced technologies." Organizations working with farmers, including Godrej

Agrovet, continue to reinforce the importance of informed decision-making. N.K.Rajavelu, CEO - Crop Protection Business, Godrej Agrovet, said, "Integrated Weed Management, not herbicide-only dependence, supports predictable yields and helps maintain healthier soils over time." Experts strongly encourage farmers to opt for branded, legal seeds and ensure that they purchase only from registered, licensed dealers, avoiding unknown sellers who offer no accountability or guarantee. Making responsible seed choices today is essential for safeguarding tomorrow's yields and sustaining cotton-growing ecosystems.

Sanofi Consumer Healthcare India Limited reports Q4'25 Revenue at 2,510 MN up by 47 %, Net Profit at 665 MN up by 50% Y-O-Y FY '25 Revenue at 8,784 MN up by 21%, Net Profit at 2,401 MN up by 33%

Mumbai, 25 February 2026: Sanofi Consumer Healthcare India Limited (BSE:544250 | NSE: SANOFICONR) releases its financial results for the fourth quarter, demonstrating sustained growth momentum across key business segments. Revenue growth for the quarter stood at 47% year-on-year. Domestic sales grew by 23%, supported by the relaunch of recalled products to the market. Profit after tax (PAT) for Q4 reached ₹665 million, an increase of 50% on a year-on-year basis. For the full year 2025, the Company reported revenue of ₹8,784 million, reflecting a growth of 21% over the previous year. Profit after tax for the year stood at ₹2,401 million, up 33% year-on-year, supported by disciplined cost management and improved product mix. Dividend of ₹75 per share was also declared for the year ended December 31, 2025. Commenting on the Q4'25



results, Himanshu Bakshi, Managing Director, Sanofi Consumer Healthcare India Limited, said, "This quarter's performance emphasizes the strength of our core portfolio and the disciplined execution of our growth agenda. Our domestic business has delivered healthy double-digit growth for two successive quarters, complemented by strong contributions from our export markets. The recognition we've earned for elevating our brands and championing the

issues that matter to consumers is a testament to our teams' commitment. As we continue to invest in our people and our brands, we remain focused on reinforcing our brand fundamentals and driving operational excellence to unlock the next phase of sustainable growth. Guided by science and driven by purpose, we remain committed to simplifying self-care, making it more accessible and effective for every consumer." Commenting on the full year results, Amit Jain,

Chairman, Sanofi Consumer Healthcare India Limited, said, "Our full-year performance reflects the strength of our strategy and the disciplined execution by our teams. By driving sustained growth, deepening penetration of our portfolio and accelerating digital transformation, we delivered meaningful outcomes for all our stakeholders. Our strong financial performance this year enables us to reward shareholders with a healthy dividend of ₹75 per share."

ASCI launches its first ever influencer-led consumer awareness campaign on greenwashing and dark patterns

Mumbai, February 26, 2026: The Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) has launched its first ever influencer-led campaign to raise awareness about greenwashing and dark patterns, two practices manipulating consumer choice in the digital age. This is part of ASCI Academy's agenda to educate consumers to navigate advertising in a more informed way. In recent times, greenwashing and dark patterns have emerged as key concerns. The greenwashing campaign will educate consumers to ask critical questions around sustainability claims, the decoding of eco-labels and distinguishing credible commitments from buzzwords. Influencers will also educate viewers about dark patterns, such as basket sneaking, hidden costs or confusing choices that nudge them into taking unintended decisions. The influencers partnering with ASCI are Shradha Jain

(@aiyyoshreddha), Aalekh Kapoor (@aalekhkapoor), Sakshi Jain (@ca.sakshijain), Ashutosh Pratap Singh (@technical_sapien), Pankti Pandey (@zerowasteadda), Vinod Kumar (@techsupreme_), Aisha Ahmed (@aisharahmed) and Sangeetha and Kavya (@lifeonroads_) Manisha Kapoor, CEO and Secretary General, ASCI, said: "Consumer Education is a key pillar of ASCI Academy. In addition to Ad-Wise, which is our school programme to build advertising literacy amongst a million school students, we are hoping to harness the credibility of voices trusted in the digital sphere to raise awareness around the two misleading practices of greenwashing and dark patterns. We aim to empower consumers to spot red flags and critically question claims they encounter in advertising." ASCI Academy's recently

launched e-learning course titled 'Ethical UI/UX Designs' is another intervention that offers advertisers the tools to eliminate dark patterns. The course covers deceptive tactics, their impact on consumers and compliant alternatives aligned with ASCI codes. ASCI's studies and guidelines have steadily been spreading stakeholder awareness about misleading practices. For example, the 'Conscious Patterns' report launched in 2024 revealed that 52 out of the 53 top Indian apps use dark patterns like drip pricing and privacy deception, often impairing user autonomy. ASCI's guidelines complement the Ministry of Consumer Affairs' Central Consumer Protection Authority regulations on dark patterns by targeting deceptive advertising-specific design practices. ASCI's guidelines on environmental and green claims, introduced in 2024.

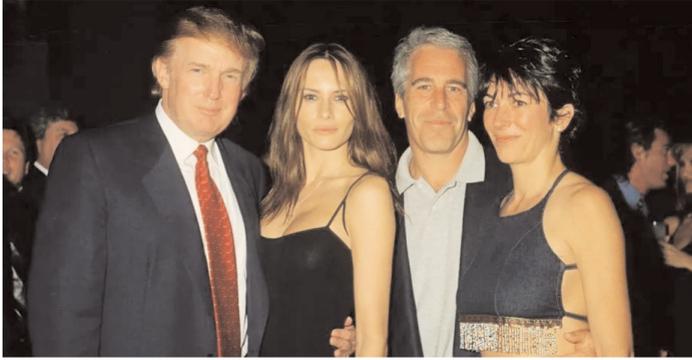
Parachute Advansed portfolio expands its hair care range with the launch of Parachute Advansed Amla Hair Oil in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

26 February 2026 The launch combines the strengthening power of Amla with the trusted nourishment of Coconut to deliver strong and natural black hair for consumers : Marico Limited, one of India's leading FMCG companies, has launched Parachute Advansed Amla Hair Oil, the latest innovation in its iconic Parachute Advansed portfolio, in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. For generations, Amla has been celebrated in Indian households for its ability to fortify hair, enhance overall hair health and maintain natural black hair. The Parachute Advansed Amla Hair Oil harnesses this goodness of Amla, blending it with Coconut and other modern haircare ingredients to deliver deep nourishment. The range is available in two variants, enriched with high-performance ingredients such as Vitamin E and Rosemary, designed to meet consumers' evolving haircare needs while staying true to the brand's core promise. Together, these ingredients elevate the consumer experience, supporting strong and natu-



ally black hair with regular use. The product will launch first in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, stronghold markets for the brand. Speaking about the launch, Ashish Goupal, CEO - India Core Business, Marico Limited, said, "Amla has always been a symbol of strength and vitality in Indian haircare. With Parachute Advansed Amla Hair Oil, we have reimaged this timeless ingredient by blending it with the trusted nourishment of Coconut and select modern ingredients like Vitamin E and Rosemary. This innovation reflects our vision to set new benchmarks in haircare, offering consumers in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana a product that not only strengthens hair but also inspires confidence and beauty. It underscores Marico's commitment towards leading with purposeful innovation and elevating everyday haircare into an aspirational experience." Parachute Advansed Amla Hair Oil is available in multiple SKUs starting at Rs. 20 for 70 ml, and is available across general and modern trade. The launch further strengthens Parachute Advansed's portfolio, reinforcing the brand's strong equity and consumer trust in the region.

US justice department accused of withholding Trump-related Epstein files



The top Democrat on the congressional committee investigating Jeffrey Epstein has accused the US justice department of withholding files containing allegations of sexual abuse of a minor made against President Donald Trump. Robert Garcia, who sits on the House Oversight Committee, said he had personally viewed documents containing the allegation that had not been made public. In response, the justice department said "NOTHING has been deleted", adding that documents were withheld only if they were "duplicates, privileged, or part of an ongoing federal investigation". Trump has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing in relation to the Epstein case and has recently said he has been "totally exonerated". The justice department has also previously said that some of the files contain "untrue and sensationalist claims against President Trump". White House

spokeswoman Abigail Jackson said on Tuesday that "by releasing thousands of pages of documents, cooperating with the House Oversight Committee's subpoena request, signing the Epstein Files Transparency Act, and calling for more investigations into Epstein's Democrat friends, President Trump has done more for Epstein's victims than anyone before him." Epstein, the

late convicted sex offender, appears to have been friends with Trump for a number of years. They later fell out - which happened in the early 2000s, according to Trump, two years before Epstein was first arrested. The justice department has released millions of files that show what the federal investigations into Epstein uncovered. The staged releases were prompted by an act signed off by the

president, who had earlier resisted the release of the material. Some files were redacted, and officials have acknowledged that other files were not released at all. The legislation allowed the justice department to withhold certain files to secure active investigations or prosecutions, and to protect the identities of victims. Garcia said the files he had seen "make it clear" that a woman "made

additional, specific allegations" against Trump that "are not reflected" in the records that have been made public by the department. He said he had written to US Attorney General Pam Bondi demanding that they be published. In its response, Bondi's justice department accused Democrats on the committee of "misleading the public while manufacturing outrage from their radical anti-Trump base". In a separate statement posted on X, the department also said it would review whether any files had been improperly withheld. As a member of Congress, Garcia is legally permitted to view the unredacted versions of the released Epstein files at the department, as the House Oversight Committee conducts its own investigation into Epstein. "This is [the] largest government cover-up in modern history. We are demanding answers," the Democrats on the committee

said in statement on Wednesday. Garcia's letter to Bondi came after US media reports suggested three FBI witness interviews with an alleged Epstein victim were missing from the publicly released files. NPR first reported that indexes and serial numbers in the files suggested the FBI had conducted four interviews with the woman in 2019 as part of its investigation into Epstein's accomplice Ghislaine Maxwell, who was jailed in 2022 for sex trafficking. But three of the interview summaries and related notes, totalling more than 50 pages, are not available on the justice department's website, according to reports by NPR and others including the New York Times. The woman told federal agents that Epstein raped her as a minor in the early 1980s, according to one of the heavily-redacted documents. According to other entries in the files, a woman

Hong Kong tycoon Jimmy Lai wins appeal against fraud conviction

Jimmy Lai, Hong Kong's pro-democracy media tycoon, has won an appeal against a fraud conviction in 2022, which had seen him sentenced to nearly six years in jail. On Thursday, Hong Kong's Court of Appeal quashed the convictions of Lai and another defendant who had been accused of illegally subletting office space. But the 78-year-old will remain in prison. Earlier this month, he was sentenced to 20 years in jail for colluding with foreign forces under the city's national security law. Lai, a British citizen, is a fierce critic of Beijing and is one of the biggest figures in Hong Kong's pro-democracy movement. He has been detained since 2020. Lai's daughter Claire described the ruling on Thursday as "nothing more than a PR move by the Hong Kong authorities". "No one should be fooled into thinking... [it] is anything more," she told the BBC. "The rule of law is broken there, and my father is still unjustly imprisoned



and will remain so for nearly 20 years unless urgent action is taken to secure his release." Caoilfhionn Gallagher KC, who leads Lai's international legal team, echoed this, saying the decision "changes nothing" and that Lai risks dying in prison because of ill health. "No one should be fooled into thinking that this fraud appeal belatedly succeeding suggests the Hong Kong system operates fairly or justly," she told the BBC. In 1995, Lai founded Apple Daily, a local tabloid that was critical of Beijing and became Hong Kong's largest pro-democracy paper.

ISRAELI SOLDIERS SHOT A PALESTINIAN BOY AND STOOD AROUND AS HE BLED TO DEATH, CAUGHT ON VIDEO



This story contains details and video that some readers may find distressing. Last November, a 14-year-old Palestinian boy named Jad Jaddallah was shot at close range by Israeli soldiers in a refugee camp in the occupied West Bank. As Jad lay collapsed in an alley, the soldiers created a cordon around him and blocked two Palestinian ambulances from reaching him. According to video footage and eyewitness testimony, the soldiers - 14 in total - then stood around Jad casually for at least 45 minutes while he bled from one or more gunshot wounds. All Israeli soldiers receive training in trauma treatment, and any Israeli combat unit should contain a specifically trained medic, but none of the soldiers appeared to give Jad life-saving medical aid. At points, they appeared to ignore repeated attempts from Jad to get their attention. The Israel Defence Forces (IDF) told the BBC that soldiers had provided "initial medical treatment", but a spokesperson refused to give any details about the nature or timing of the treat-

ment. The IDF has also accused Jad of throwing a rock, which, under their rules of engagement, can permit soldiers to use lethal force. But the footage of the incident shows an IDF soldier dropping an object next to Jad after he was shot, then taking a photograph of it - an action Jad's family and a leading human rights group say appears to be an attempt to frame him. The soldiers eventually loaded Jad into the back of an Israeli military vehicle, but at some point, either before or after they did, he died. It is still unclear where on his body or how many times he was shot, because the Israeli military has refused to return his body to the family and declined to answer any questions about his injuries. Shot from close range Jad was born and raised in al-Far'a, a refugee camp in the West Bank that is home to about 10,000 Palestinians. Along with other similar camps in the occupied territories, it is subject to frequent Israeli military raids, which Israel says are necessary to counter armed groups operating there. In many respects, Jad's death was not unusual.

SINGER D4VD CONFIRMED AS 'TARGET' OF INVESTIGATION INTO MURDER OF TEEN

Newly unsealed court filings have revealed that US singer D4vd - real name David Anthony Burke - is the target of a grand jury investigation into the apparent murder of a 14-year-old girl, whose remains were found in his car in September. The filings were released after D4vd's family were summoned by a California court to testify before the grand jury. Dawud Burke, D4vd's father, fought against the summons in a Texas court, and in doing so included portions of material from the California case that had not been previously available to the public. The filings confirm that D4vd has been identified as a "target" of a grand jury investigation in Los Angeles and that he may be subject to pro-



ceedings for one count of murder. He has not been charged or officially named as a suspect in the case and an indictment has not been announced. Grand jury proceedings remain ongoing, according to US media. D4vd has not commented on the case, but his representatives previously said he was cooperating with police. A lawyer for the singer did not immediately respond to the BBC's request for comment.

US AND IRAN HOLD TALKS SEEN AS CRUCIAL TO PREVENT CONFLICT

US and Iranian officials have met in Geneva for a third round of indirect talks seen as crucial to averting conflict, with President Donald Trump threatening to strike Iran if a nuclear deal is not reached. The discussions come amid the largest US military build-up in the Middle East since the US-led invasion of Iraq in 2003, and with Iran vowing to respond to an attack with force. Thursday's talks were adjourned after three hours. Oman's Foreign Minister Badr Albusaidi, who is acting as the mediator, said negotiators had exchanged "creative and positive ideas" and would return after taking a break. "We hope to make more progress," he added. But the chances of an agreement



remain unclear. While Trump has said he prefers to solve the crisis through diplomacy, he has also said he is considering a limited strike on Iran to pressure its leaders to accept a deal. The president, however, has done little to explain what he is demanding in the negotiations and why there could be the need to take military action now,

eight months after the US bombed Iranian nuclear facilities during a war between Israel and Iran. Iran has rejected the US demand to stop the enrichment of uranium in its territory, but there have been indications that it is prepared to offer some concessions about its nuclear programme. As in the previous two rounds of discussions

earlier this month, the Iranian delegation is being led by Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi, while the US is represented by special envoy Steve Witkoff and Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner. In recent weeks, the US has sent thousands of troops and what Trump has described as an "armada" to the region, including two aircraft carriers along with other warships, as well as fighter jets and refuelling aircraft. Trump first threatened to bomb Iran last month as security forces brutally repressed anti-government protests, killing thousands of people. But since then, his focus has turned to Iran's nuclear programme, which has been at the centre of a long-running dispute with the West.

CUBA SAYS GROUP SHOT ON US-REGISTERED SPEEDBOAT PLANNED 'ARMED INFILTRATION'

Cuba has accused 10 people aboard a US-registered speedboat it intercepted off its coast on Wednesday of planning "an infiltration with terrorist aims". Border guards shot dead four people and injured the other six on the boat, the Cuban interior ministry said, alleging that those aboard the Florida-registered vessel had fired first. US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said Washington was investigating the "highly unusual" incident. The deadly shooting comes at a time of increased tension between the two countries, less than two months after US forces



seized Cuba's close ally, Venezuelan leader Nicolás Maduro, and stopped his successor from supplying it with oil. Cuba's interior ministry said in an online statement that the speedboat had entered Cuban territorial waters and was "one nautical mile off Cayo

Falcones", on Cuba's northern coast, when it was intercepted. It added that the commander of the Cuban boat was injured in the firefight that ensued. Cuban officials have so far named one of the men killed in the clash, as well as the six survivors, who they said were evacuated

and given medical assistance. The Cuban authorities said they had established that all 10 of those on board the speedboat were Cuban nationals residing in the US. They also identified an 11th person they said had been arrested and had confessed to being part of the alleged plot. The Cuban authorities added that most of them had "prior records involving criminal and violent activity". Handguns, assault rifles and improvised explosive devices were recovered from the speedboat, along with other tactical gear, according to the statement.

GIRL, 14, SHOT DEAD AS SOUTH AFRICA'S 'TAXI WARS' HIT SCHOOL



Police in South Africa are investigating a fatal shooting at a secondary school in the coastal city of Cape Town that killed a 14-year-old pupil and a taxi operator. An unidentified man opened fire on a taxi as the driver waited to pick up pupils on Wednesday, shooting the driver, another man and two children, police said. Two pupils, aged 14 and 16, were also injured in the attack, which has been linked to long-running deadly turf wars between rival taxi associations. "It is unacceptable that our children continue to be exposed to danger as a result of ongoing conflict within the taxi industry," said Isaac Sileku, a senior Western Cape official. Violence has plagued South Africa's highly competitive and lucrative taxi industry for decades. While minibus taxis continue to dominate the market, the rise of e-hailing services is increasing tensions, leading to violent and sometimes deadly clashes between operators. Wednesday's attack took place as students at Atlantis Senior Secondary were leaving school, when gunshots rang out and sparked panic. Police

arrived at the scene and found a minibus taxi parked outside the school, with the body of a 42-year-old taxi operator inside. He had multiple gunshot wounds. In the school grounds, officers discovered the body of a 14-year-old girl who had been shot multiple times in the chest. Police said she had been shot while attempting to run from the gunfire. "A 14-year-old learner [female] sustained a gunshot wound to her back. Another 16-year-old female was grazed by a bullet," said police spokesperson FC van Wyk. He said it was not yet clear how many gunmen were involved, adding that detectives and officers from the Taxi Violence Investigations Unit were investigating the attack. This was the second attempt on the taxi operator's life this month, local media reported. In a statement, the Western Cape regional authorities condemned the "senseless act", saying "no learner should ever face danger while travelling to or from school". "Violence of this nature undermines community safety, disrupts education, and instils fear among residents," it added.

Russia says it has handed over 1,000 Ukrainian soldiers' bodies

Russia has handed over the remains of 1,000 soldiers to Ukraine and has received the bodies of 35 Russian soldiers in return, Russia's top negotiator has said. It comes as Ukraine's chief negotiator was preparing to meet US President Donald Trump's envoys in Geneva for a new round of talks aimed at ending the war which has entered its fifth year. Two previous rounds of talks hosted by Steve Witkoff and Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner have included Russian negotiators, too, but have not led to a breakthrough. Hours before the latest talks, Russia launched 420 drones and 39 missiles in six different regions of Ukraine, injuring dozens of people, Ukraine's President Volodymyr

Zelesny said. Vladimir Medinsky, a top aide of Russian President Vladimir Putin, did not give any details about the exchange of bodies in his short announcement on Telegram, but included an image showing bodies being unloaded from a truck. Ukraine has not confirmed the exchange. During a previous round of trilateral talks held in the capital of the United Arab Emirates early this month, Ukraine and Russia agreed a rare exchange of prisoners-of-war. The two sides have, however, exchanged thousands of soldiers' bodies over the course of the conflict that began with Putin's decision to launch a full-scale invasion of Ukraine on 24 February 2022. The exchange is based on an agreement



reached by the two sides during negotiations in Istanbul in June 2025. Moscow and Kyiv agreed to return the bodies of up to 6,000 soldiers each, as well as all sick and heavily wounded prisoners of war and those aged under 25. Kyiv and Moscow regularly publish estimates of the other side's losses, but do not detail their own. Zelensky recently admitted 55,000 Ukrainian sol-

diers had been killed on the battlefield - a figure Western observers describe as an underestimate as it does not include those missing. And from public sources, the BBC has confirmed the names of almost 186,000 people killed fighting on Russia's side in Ukraine. The true death toll is generally accepted to be much higher, as many deaths on the battlefield are not recorded. So even

though estimates suggest more Russians are dying every day, Moscow has returned more bodies to Ukraine overall than it has received. No-one has explained the discrepancy, even though Russia has previously accused Ukraine of not abiding by the Istanbul agreement, and Ukraine has alleged Russian body returns were irregular and sometimes included Russians. Russia remains - a charge Moscow has rejected. One possible explanation is that Russia captures more Ukrainian bodies given its troops have been on the attack most of the time and, therefore, more able to retrieve them from the battlefield. On the eve of the Geneva talks, President Zelensky had a telephone conversation with Trump and said

he expected the Geneva meeting would lead to trilateral negotiations at the beginning of March - thus creating "an opportunity to move talks to the leaders' level". "President Trump supports this sequence of steps," Zelensky said, adding: "This is the only way to resolve all the complex and sensitive issues and finally end the war." Putin, for his part, has refused to meet Zelensky, describing him as illegitimate - an argument centring on the fact that no presidential election has been held in Ukraine, despite the expiry of Zelensky's term in March 2024. However, Ukraine's constitution bars holding elections under martial law - imposed in the wake of Putin's invasion of his neighbour.



Arjun Tendulkar, Saaniya Chandhok's Pre-Wedding Festivities Begin

Arjun Tendulkar, IPL cricketer and son of India great Sachin Tendulkar, is soon going to marry Saaniya Chandhok. Sachin recently invited top dignitaries like Prime Minister Narendra Modi, President Droupadi Murmu and others for the wedding ceremony, which is expected to be held on March 5, 2026. Now, IPL team Mumbai Indians has posted a video of Arjun and Saaniya together. "Jab beta koi ladki ko ghar leke aata hai, introduce karne ke liye, then you know ke beta bada ho gaya hai (When a son brings a girl home to introduce her, then you know that the son has grown up). They look madly in love with each other. Arjun, I have to say I am extremely proud of you to have found someone so special who loves you as much as you love her," said Sachin. Here's wishing Arjun and Saaniya, love, respect and a lifetime of



togetherness as they embark on a partnership like no other pic.twitter.com/prKlwXv24R — Mumbai Indians (@mipaltan) February 25,

2026 Arjun and Saaniya got engaged in August 2025. Arjun, who was recently traded from the Mumbai Indians to the Lucknow Super Giants in the Indian

Premier League (IPL), is a regular in the Indian domestic cricket circuit. Saaniya is a successful entrepreneur and comes from a prominent back-

ground. She is the granddaughter of well-known Mumbai businessman Ravi Ghai and has reportedly been a close part of the Tendulkar inner circle for quite some time. Arjun has carved out a distinct path in domestic cricket, transitioning from his early days in Mumbai to becoming a vital bowling all-rounder for Goa. A tall left-arm fast bowler and a capable lower-order batsman, he made a sensational Ranji Trophy debut for Goa in 2022 by scoring a century, famously emulating his father's feat of reaching three figures in his maiden first-class match. While he has faced the inevitable pressure of carrying a legendary surname, he has shown glimpses of his potential during his IPL stint with the Mumbai Indians. He will be under the spotlight again as he dons the LSG jersey next season.

Trump joke 'overshadows' US women's Olympic success

A "distasteful joke" by US President Donald Trump has overshadowed the achievement of female athletes at the Winter Olympics, says USA women's ice hockey captain Hilary Knight. USA won both men's and women's ice hockey gold for the first time at the Milan-Cortina Games this month. The men's team received a congratulatory call from Trump, who invited them to his State of the Union address and said he would have to ask their female counterparts as well or he "probably would be impeached". The women's team later declined an invitation from Trump to attend Tuesday's speech in Washington DC. "It was sort of a distasteful joke, and unfortunately that is overshadowing a lot of the success, the success of just women at the Olympics carrying for Team USA and having amazing gold medal feats," five-time



Olympic medalist Knight told ESPN. The men's team was criticised after several players appeared to laugh when Trump made his comment, but Knight said: "I think there's a genuine level of support there and respect. That's being overshadowed by a quick lapse. "The guys were in a tough spot, so I think it's a shame this storyline and narrative has kind of blown up and [is] overshadowing that connection and genuine interest in one another and cheer-

ing each other on." Knight, 36, ended her Olympic career with 15 goals, the most by any US male or female player. She said she hopes the Trump controversy proves to be a "really good learning point, to really focus on how we talk about women, not only in sport but in industry". She said: "Women aren't less than, and their achievements shouldn't be overshadowed by anything else other than how great they are."

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 Prasad Krishna (3/90 in 29 overs) didn't make much of an impact. Welcome back for Karnataka's reply. The umpires and the players are out in the middle. KL Rahul and Mayank Agarwal open up with their blades for



Karnataka. Auqib Nabi has the new ball in hand and is raring to go. Let's play... The stage is set for Karnataka - It was a tough fielding effort for Karnataka, but fast bowler Prasad Krishna stood out by taking 5 wickets, while Vyshak Vijaykumar, Vidyadhar Patil, Shreyas Gopal, and

Shikhar Shetty picked up one wicket each. Now, all eyes are on Karnataka's star-studded batting lineup. Having scored a massive 736 runs in their semi-final match, big names like Devdutt Padikkal, Mayank Agarwal, Karun Nair, and KL Rahul are more than capable of a strong reply.

The match remains perfectly balanced! A strong finish from J&K! The team carried their gritty performance into the second day. Though they lost the centurion Pundir and Abdul Samad (61) to sit at 327/4 by the end of the first session, the middle order kept the pressure on. Kanhaiya Wadhawan and captain Paras Dogra both scored a crucial 70 before falling as they finished Day 2 at a commanding 527/6. At the start of Day 3, Sahil Lotra added a powerful 72 late in the game to finish the innings on a high note. Jammu & Kashmir's dominant batting - Jammu & Kashmir put on a brilliant batting display, piling up a massive total of 584 runs.

Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, Arjun Tendulkar Send Warning To IPL Rivals With Fiery Knocks

India's Under-19 World Cup hero Vaibhav Sooryavanshi and Arjun Tendulkar lit up the DY Patil Ground in Talegaon as DY Patil Blue pulled off a high-octane chase against Indian Navy on Day 4 of the 20th DY Patil T20 Cup on Thursday. Sooryavanshi smashed 63 off just 19 balls, hitting seven boundaries and five sixes. Tendulkar, meanwhile, remained unbeaten on 55 off 29 balls with seven boundaries and two sixes. Indian Navy posted 219 for four in their 20 overs, and in response, DY Patil Blue chased down the target with five wickets and five balls to spare, finishing on 225 for five. Sooryavanshi and Tendulkar were the standout performers with the bat for DY Patil Blue, while Sarfaraz



Khan also contributed with a handy 27 in the chase. 14 ball 50 for Vaibhav Sooryavanshi against the Indian Navy in the DY PATIL T20 CUP pic.twitter.com/KACl0UOJ3V — Rithik Rajeev Yadav (@Rithikdb5) February 26, 2026 In the other games, Route Mobile chased down CAG's total of 172 for nine

with five wickets in hand at the DY Patil Stadium. At the University Ground, Canara Bank overhauled a target of 216 for five with one over and four wickets to spare. BRIEF SCORES At DY Patil Ground, Talegaon Group C: Indian Navy 219/4 in 20 overs (Kumar Pathak 87, Nitin Tanwar 57*); lost to

DY Patil Blue 225/5 in 19.1 overs (Vaibhav Sooryavanshi 63, Arjun Tendulkar 55*; Vishal Gaur 3/41) - DY Patil Blue won by five wickets At DY Patil Stadium Group B: CAG 172/9 in 20 overs (Prerak Mankad 43, Aman Mojkhad 34; Mohit Awasthi 2/36); Route Mobile 177/5 in 17.2 overs (Virat Singh 85, Vipraj Nigam 38*; Ajay Singh Kookna 2/38) - Route Mobile won by five wickets At DY Patil University Group C: Nirlon 216/5 in 20 overs (Ishan Mulchandani 52, Aarya Desai 51, Bhupen Lalwani 40); lost to Canara Bank 221/6 in 19 overs (Atharva Taide 60, MG Naveen 49, KV Siddharth 37*; Saurabh Singh 3/34) - Canara Bank won by four wickets.

BENN TO FIGHT PROGRAIS ON FURY UNDERCARD



Britain's Conor Benn will fight Regis Prograis on the undercard of Tyson Fury's comeback fight on 11 April. Benn recently signed with Dana White's Zuffa Boxing in a one-fight deal reportedly worth about £11m. Benn, 29, will be the co-main event at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium. "Last time I fought in London, Conor Benn was on my undercard, so this is a full-circle moment for me," said American former light-welterweight world champion Prograis. "But this circle will close with me teaching him a lesson. "He's not fighting some weight-drained super middleweight. I am in shape and will bring home this victory." Fury is signed to Frank Warren's Queensberry, but TKO president Mark Shapiro said on Wednesday that

Zuffa Boxing will promote the fight, which will be shown on Netflix. Prograis, 37, is a former world champion at light-welterweight, but has two losses in his past three outings, including to Jack Catterall and Devin Haney. Benn's most recent outing was in November when he defeated Chris Eubank Jr in a rematch. Both bouts against Eubank were at middleweight, but Benn intends to campaign at welterweight as he seeks to earn a world title shot. "My last fight there showed the world exactly who I am and what I'm about," he said. "Fighting on the biggest stages, in the biggest shows, I fear no-one." Fury, who has not fought since losing to Oleksandr Usyk in December 2024, will fight Russian Arslanbek Makhmudov.



Ronaldo becomes co-owner of Spanish side Almeria

A 'NORMAL GUY' DOING 'BRILLIANT' THINGS - LAMMENS ON LIFE AT MAN UTD

Just a normal guy - a role model to show anyone what can be achieved. By that personal assessment, Manchester United goalkeeper Senne Lammens proves he is not your usual Premier League star. The Belgium international accepts he tries to avoid "box-office stuff" on the pitch. Off it, the low-key 23-year-old is the same. The easy way he speaks to pupils at a local primary school in a question-and-answer session, and plays with them in the playground, offer a fascinating insight into the character of a man who less than 48 hours earlier was memorably described as being "bloody brilliant" by David Moyes for his performance in a 1-0 win at Everton. "I try to show the world I'm just a normal guy, show these children that everyone can make it," Lammens says at the World Book Day event on



behalf of United's foundation. "There are people who have a mindset and lifestyle that's a little different to me. There's nothing wrong with that. But also, it probably makes the children feel it is more difficult to get there. "It's one of my best feelings when you get into those classes and see the children cheering for you with open eyes and they don't believe it. It's not that long ago I was there. I can still remember those times. "I don't only want to be looked at as a foot-

ball player, but also just a normal person with his own beliefs. I hope that doesn't change." Moyes' assessment came partly due to an eye-catching save Lammens made to deny a long-range effort from Michael Keane that was heading for the top corner at Hill Dickinson Stadium. But mainly it was for the unfussy way the £18.1m summer signing from Royal Antwerp dealt with a succession of corners fired into his six-yard box. "The trust that exists between

Lammens and his defenders is clear - and there is growing faith from United's supporters too. "The first thing you have to do as a goalkeeper is make saves," says Lammens. "But I take a lot of pride in doing the other things well. "Maybe it's not always the box-office stuff but if you know a little bit about goalkeeping, that's as important for your teammates to trust you and help out the team." Former United keeper Edwin van der Sar offered a positive assessment of Lammens' abilities on Sky Sports on Monday. Current Belgium number one Thibaut Courtois has also spoken highly of his compatriot. But, when asked for his own role model, Lammens looks to Germany. "My biggest idol was probably Manuel Neuer," he said. "I take pride in being an all-round goalkeeper."

SPURS EXTEND WINNING RUN TO CLOSE GAP ON THUNDER



The San Antonio Spurs beat the Toronto Raptors to extend their winning run and close in on NBA Western Conference leaders Oklahoma City Thunder. Devin Vassell scored 21 points and De'Aaron Fox 20 as the visitors triumphed 110-107 at Scotiabank Arena to claim a 10th successive win for the first time since the 2015-16 season. Victor Wembanyama scored only 12 points for the Spurs but made a crucial block - his fifth of the game - with 44 seconds remaining. The Spurs improved to 42-16, while the Thunder are 45-15 after losing 124-116 at Eastern Conference leaders Detroit Pistons. Cade Cunningham and Jalen Duren scored 29 points apiece for the Pistons, while the NBA's Most Valuable Player Shai Gilgeous-Alexander missed a ninth straight game for the Thunder

because of injury. The Pistons improved to 43-14, going ahead of the Thunder for the league's best record and extending their lead to the top of the Eastern Conference above the Boston Celtics, who lost 103-84 at the Denver Nuggets. Nikola Jokic scored 30 points and grabbed 12 rebounds for the Nuggets. The Milwaukee Bucks overcame the continued absence of two-time MVP Giannis Antetokounmpo with a calf injury to win 118-116 at home against the Cleveland Cavaliers. The Cavs were without new signing James Harden after he suffered a broken thumb in Tuesday's win over the New York Knicks. The Houston Rockets beat the Sacramento Kings 128-97 - their biggest victory of the season - while the Golden State Warriors won 133-112 at the Memphis Grizzlies.

“A film the whole family can watch together... Everyone will definitely like it” – Producer & Hero Sai Simhadri at the ‘Son Of’ Pre-Release Event

Under the Sai Simhadri Cinema banner, actor Sai Simhadri has produced and starred in the film ‘Son Of’. The movie is directed by Battula Satish. The film is set to release on February 27. As part of promotions, a pre-release event was held on Wednesday. Producer-actor Ashok Kumar, Rama Satya Narayana Raju, Line Venkat, Kanna Ravi, Ramakrishna Goud and others attended the event as chief guests.

Producer & Hero Sai Simhadri said:

“When Satish narrated the story of ‘Son Of’ to me, I was shocked. After hearing it, I felt like it mirrored incidents from my own life. You could say this film is made based on real-life events. A father gives us discipline, education, and time management. Instead of money, they should pass on the value of hard work as a legacy. This film reached this level only because of Shobha Rani garu. When I asked for five theatres, she gave me 300 theatres. Our movie is releasing on February 27. It’s a film that fathers, sons, and the whole family should watch together. Everyone will definitely like it.”

Actor & Producer Ashok Kumar said:

“The title ‘Son Of’ is very good and connects with everyone. From the title itself, we can understand that the film revolves around father-son sentiment. It’s



great that Sai came from America and is making such a meaningful film here. Meera Raj looks wonderful in this movie. I request everyone to watch and support this emotional family film releasing on February 27.”

Distributor Shobha Rani said:

“Sai Simhadri faced difficulties regarding the release of ‘Son Of’. At that time, he approached me and said even five theatres would be enough. But now, we are releasing the film in 300 theatres. After watching the content, many came forward

to release it. We are releasing it in multiple languages on a grand scale.”

Heroine Meera Raj said:

“The journey of ‘Son Of’ will always remain special to me. The shooting was completed very positively, and that positivity continues even now. Thanks to Sai Simhadri and director Satish for giving me this opportunity. Our film is releasing on February 27. I hope everyone watches and supports it.”

Producer Rama Satya Narayana Raju said:

“Shobha Rani garu is releasing ‘Son Of’ on a grand scale. It’s

being released at the level of a star hero’s film. After the trailer, the range of ‘Son Of’ changed completely. It will become a big hit on February 27.”

Music Director Rishi said:

“Thank you to everyone who attended the event. This is my first film. Thanks to Bhaskarabhatla garu for giving me this opportunity. Sai Simhadri worked on this film with full dedication. Aditya Music supported us greatly. Please watch and support our film releasing on February 27.”

Political Leader & Businessman Kanna Ravi

said:

“I’m happy that Shobha Rani garu is releasing this film produced by Sai Simhadri. I wish ‘Son Of’ great success.”

Ramakrishna Goud said:

“Shobha Rani garu distributes films wonderfully. Sai Simhadri and Meera look excellent in this movie. I request the audience to make this film, releasing on February 27, a big hit.”

Rama Devi said:

“I liked the trailer of ‘Son Of’ very much. I also watched the film. I strongly believe it will achieve great success.”

MEGA POWER STAR RAM CHARAN, AR RAHMAN, BUCHI BABU SANA, VENKATA SATISH KILARU, VRIDDHI CINEMAS’ PEDDI 2ND SINGLE RAI RAI RAA RAA ON MARCH 2ND

Mega Power Star Ram Charan’s much-talked-about rustic action spectacle Peddi is steadily building unstoppable momentum ahead of its grand summer release. Directed by Buchi Babu Sana, the ambitious pan-India project is getting ready for a worldwide theatrical release on April 30, setting the stage for a massive holiday-season showdown. Produced by Venkata Satish Kilaru under the Vriddhi Cinemas banner, Peddi features Janhvi Kapoor as the female lead.

The film’s promotional wave has already created ripples across platforms. The First Shot glimpse and the blockbuster first single Chikiri Chikiri, composed by Oscar-winning music director AR Rahman, received tremendous response, shattering records and clocking staggering viewership numbers.

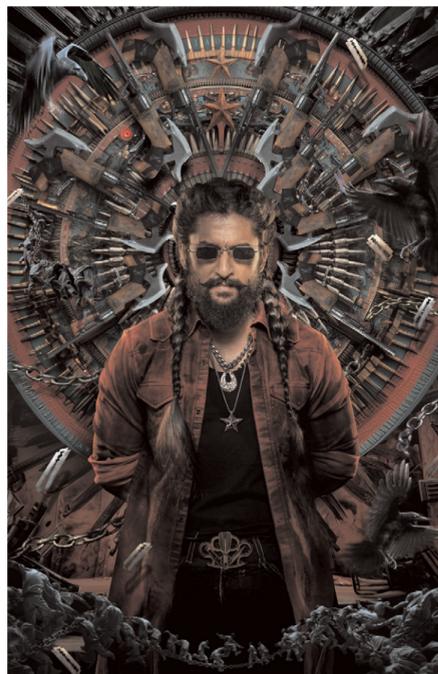
Riding high on that success, the makers are ready to elevate the buzz further with the launch of the second single, Rai Rai Raa Raa, scheduled to release on March 2. The song poster showcases Ram Charan in a raw, earthy avatar. With rugged attire, unkempt hair, a thick beard, and a massive hammer slung over his shoulder, Ram Charan is seen flashing smile, even as chaos unfolds in the background with people running around him. With AR Rahman’s power-



ful music already setting benchmarks and the film gearing up for aggressive promotions, Peddi is shaping up to be one of the most awaited mass spectacles of the year. Adding to the film’s scale, the cast features Shiva Rajkumar, Jagapathi Babu, Divyendu Sharma, and Boman Irani in key roles. Ram Charan will be seen in a first-of-its-kind

role in the movie. The film boasts an exceptional crew- Oscar-winning composer AR Rahman handling the music, popular cinematographer R Rathnavelu capturing the visuals, National Award-winning editor Navin Nooli overseeing the cuts, and Avinash Kolla crafting the film’s rich world through detailed production design.

Natural Star Nani’s Aaya Sher From The Paradise Tops Music Charts Worldwide In 9 Countries



Natural Star Nani’s highly anticipated project The Paradise has found its defining moment early on with the release of its first single, Aaya Sher. Directed by Srikanth Odela and produced by Sudhakar Cherukuri under SLV Cinemas, the film has music scored by Rockstar Anirudh Ravichander. Within no time, the song Aaya Sher grown into a worldwide phenomenon. Aaya Sher has stormed the YouTube Global Charts, trending in 9 countries. It clinched the top position in India and the UAE, while secured impressive ranks across markets like the UK, Australia, Singapore, Canada, Saudi Arabia, the USA, and New Zealand.

For a Telugu track, this kind of global spread is nothing short of exceptional. Beyond charts and numbers, the song’s real power lies in its raw impact. Nani’s intense screen presence, paired with his now-iconic hook step, has struck a chord with audiences worldwide. The grounded, no-frills floor move has exploded on Instagram Reels and YouTube Shorts, with fans and creators across continents jumping on the trend. The Paradise has clearly set the tone for what lies ahead. With Aaya Sher already echoing across borders, the film’s promotional journey has begun with a roar- one that’s being heard far beyond Indian cinema circles.

‘HEY BHALWANTH BREAKS EVEN: FILMMAKER REVEALS AT THANKMEET FOR BREAK EVEN DONE EVENT

Hilarious entertainer ‘Hey Bhalwath is made by promising protagonist Suhas and Shivani Nagaram. Directed by Gopi Achchara, this film was produced by B. Narendra Reddy under the banner of Trishul Visionary Studios. The successful duo of Bunnyvas and Vamsi Nandipati brought this film to the audience under the banners of Nandipati Entertainments and Bunny Vas Works. The film, which was released on Friday 20th of this month, has been hailed by the audience as a hilarious entertainer and has been praised by the critics, and it is going to be a blockbuster talk. In this context Producer B. Narendra Reddy said, “This is the first success under our banner. Everyone who saw it was very satisfied. He congratulated him for making a good



film. I went to some theaters and watched the movie in the middle of the audience. Everyone is enjoying the movie so much. It gave me great satisfaction. I felt that I had made a good movie. I want all those who have not seen the movie to watch this movie. Director Gopi Achchara said, “I am happy

that everyone who has seen this movie is praising it. Especially the audience in the US also liked this movie. My gratitude to all those who are responsible for this success. Heroine Shivani Nagaram said, “Thank you to the audience for making this movie a success. Thanks to everyone who anchored and loved our

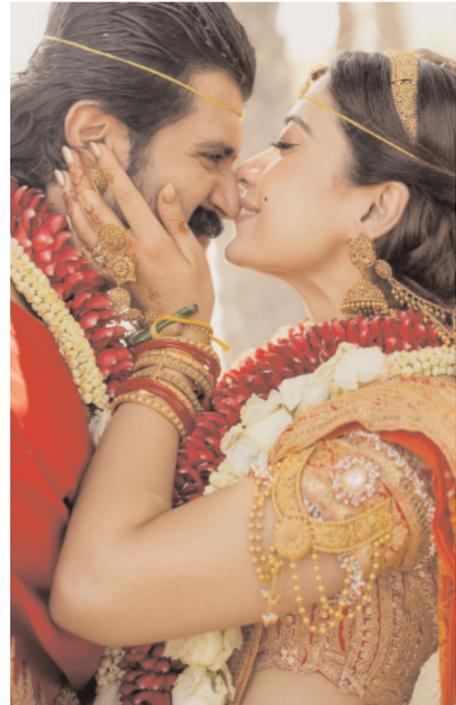
content. This is content that everyone likes. Everyone who has seen the movie says it is a good movie. The entire team worked hard for the film. Suhas said, “After the movie Ambaji Peta, I was scared because the collections of my movies were not even showing minimum numbers. I got the courage to

see the collection of this movie. There were good collections in overseas as well. After many days my movie OTT also got good fancy rate. Producer Narendra Reddy, who is responsible for this, Thanks to Vamsi Nandipati’ said. Vamsi Nandipati said, “I am very happy. Breaking even for this film is something that gives me a lot of happiness. Very few people would boldly say that our film has broken even. I am happy that Ma Hey Bhalwath has entered such a category. If a producer stands up, many good films will come out. The movie will be a successful movie only if the producer recovers the money. This movie is successful in that regard. Soon we are doing another film with director Gopi. We made this movie with a budget of around 10 crores. OTT, satel-

lite and other rights, theaters collections all together we achieved that ten crores investment. The collections were particularly good in the US. He said that we will go into the profits zone in the coming days.

Nakala to receive Nandi Award : Producer Vamsi Nandipati

“I made a small speech at the event. That is not my statement. It went wrong. I remembered someone’s statement about 12 years ago. At that time they said this. I have immense respect for God and awards. There is great devotion towards God and there is also respect for awards. Ever since I was a child, I always wanted to receive an award like Nandi Awards. I came to the film industry with that dream. I will not be wrong about such great awards.



VIROSH WEDDING ALBUM OUT: RASHMIKA-VIJAY’S BIG DAY IN PICTURES

