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**SC COLLEGIUM APPROVES APPOINTMENT OF NINE ADVOCATES AS PATNA HC JUDGES**

Patna (TSIT) The Supreme Court Collegium, headed by the Chief Justice of India, Justice Surya Kant, has cleared the names of nine advocates for appointment as judges of the Patna High Court, the highest number ever recommended at one time in its history. With these appointments, the court's strength will increase from 38 to 47 judges. Justice Surya Kant headed the meeting of the Supreme Court Collegium held on February 26, 2026, in which the proposal for the appointment of nine judges to the Patna High Court was approved. The advocates whose names have been cleared for appointment are Md. Nadim Seraj, Ranjan Kumar Jha, Kumar Manish, Sanjeev Kumar, Girijish Kumar, Alok Kumar, Raj Kumar, Rana Vikram Singh, and Vikash Kumar. The appointments will take effect after the central government processes the recommendations and issues the warrants of appointment.

**DELHI GOVT TO AUDIT PRIVATE SCHOOLS FINANCES OVER ALLEGATIONS**

New Delhi: The Delhi government has decided to appoint specialised audit teams to carry out a comprehensive inspection of financial records of private schools, following repeated complaints from parents over alleged financial irregularities and excessive fee collection. The Directorate of Education (DoE) will hire three project management units to conduct detailed audits of private unaided recognised schools across the capital, the education department said. Each project management unit will consist of 10 chartered accountants and the total cost of the audit exercise has been estimated at Rs 6.3 crore, it said, adding that the decision was taken after the department received several complaints alleging financial malpractice and overcharging by private schools. It further mentioned that routine inspections ordered on individual complaints were not sufficient to uncover deeper irregularities, making a detailed examination of financial statements necessary.



**CM Revanth meets 6 surrendered maoist leaders at Secretariat**

Hyderabad TSIT BUREAU:

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on Friday met six surrendered senior Maoist leaders at the Telangana Secretariat and reviewed measures related to their rehabilitation and reintegration into mainstream society. The surrendered leaders who called on the Chief Minister were Tippiri Tirupati (@Dev Ji), Malla Rajureddy (@Sangram),

Pulluri Prasad Rao (@Chandranna), Pothula Kalpana (@Sujata), Bade Chokka Rao (@Damodar), and Noone Narsimha Reddy (@Ganganna). During the interaction, discussions were understood to have focused on rehabilitation support, livelihood opportunities, and the State government's initiatives aimed at ensuring a peaceful transition for those who have renounced extremism.

Senior officials present at the meeting included Government Advisor K. Keshava Rao, Advisor Vem Narendar Reddy, Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao, DGP Shivadhar Reddy, ADG (Intelligence) Vijay Kumar, and SIB IG Sumathi. The meeting reflects the Telangana government's continued emphasis on peace-building efforts and structured rehabilitation policies for surrendered cadres.

**Bihar Speaker asks govt to review demand for strict anti-conversion law after Assembly debate**

Patna (TSIT) Following demands for a strict anti-conversion law over the issue of religious conversion, which echoed strongly in the Bihar Assembly, the Speaker Prem Kumar, in his ruling today, directed the government to review the matter in light of the suggestions given by members and take appropriate action.

Intervening in the situation that erupted following vociferous demands for a strict anti-religious conversion law by several members of the house, the Speaker asked the government to review the issue and take appropriate action. He assured the house, saying that the government would certainly consider the suggestions and added that he has given a ruling for a review and for framing a strict law if necessary.

The issue of religious conversion echoed strongly in the Bihar Assembly. During the pre-lunch sitting, several members demanded the



enactment of a stringent anti-conversion law in the state on the lines of other states.

Raising the issue through his call for attention, member Virendra Kumar said that stringent laws against religious conversion are already in force in several states. He stated that under such laws, there is a provision of imprisonment for conversions carried out through fraud or child marriage, and that such offenses are non-bailable. He said these laws are primarily

aimed at preventing forced religious conversions in the name of marriage.

He alleged that due to religious conversions, there has been an abnormal increase in the Muslim and Christian population in Bihar. Claiming that more than 5,000 churches have been established in the state, he said that while the national growth rate of Christians is around 15.23 percent, the growth rate in Bihar is much higher. There has been an unexpected rise in the Muslim population, too, in Bihar.

He further alleged that in several districts, conversions are being carried out in the name of marriage, child marriage and inducements by Christian missionaries and Islamic clerics. According to him, girls belonging to SC, ST, EBC, OBC, and general categories are being targeted. Referring to strict anti-conversion laws in 11 states, he demanded that Bihar enact a similar law.

**'THEY CONSPIRED TO DESTROY AAP', KEJRIWAL ATTACKS BJP, CENTRE AFTER CLEAN CHIT; THROWS FRESH POLL CHALLENGE**

New Delhi (TSIT): Former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, in his first presser after getting a clean chit in the 'Liquorgate' case, launched a frontal attack at the BJP, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, accusing them of hatching a conspiracy to annihilate the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP). He also demanded that the duo apologise to the people of Delhi for implicating him and AAP leaders in a false case, and dared the Centre to conduct fresh Assembly elections to "gauge the public mood and wrath".

Kejriwal, flanked by close aides and top AAP functionaries including Manish Sisodia, Sanjay Singh and others, also thanked the judges and legal fraternity for upholding the rule of law and "showing grit in times of extreme adversities." He informed the press that his party will soon move higher courts to challenge the ED case against him, as this doesn't hold water in light of the CBI case getting dismissed by the Rouse Avenue court. The AAP chief, addressing the media at the party's



office, said that he, Sisodia and other AAP leaders were framed in a false, fabricated and entirely bogus case, which didn't stand legal scrutiny and hence fell flat at the trial stage itself. "The court said that there wasn't sufficient evidence and material to begin a trial in the case. In its 600-page order, the Court stated that in no uncertain terms, there can't be any trial as there is no sufficient substance and ground for taking it forward," he told media persons. Launching a scathing attack at the Centre, he said that it was Prime Minister

Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah who hatched this conspiracy to annihilate and destroy AAP.

"This was the most sinister and wicked conspiracy by them to throw us out of power," he stated, while accusing the Centre of using central agencies like CBI and ED to harass them for the past four years. The AAP leader, swearing by his high standards of honesty and integrity, said that he didn't earn anything in life other than respect, and he was maliciously targeted by the BJP for political advantage.

**BRS lost power due to arrogance of its leaders: Kavitha**

Hyderabad, Nov 27 (TSIT): Telangana Jagruthi president K. Kavitha said on Friday that BRS lost the elections because of the arrogance of its leaders and the party's failure to keep its promises. She was reacting to her brother and Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president K. T. Rama Rao's post after she was acquitted by a Delhi court in the Delhi excise policy case. "Am I the reason for the loss?" asked



Kavitha while interacting with the media. She said that the reason for the defeat of BRS was its failure to give jobs and houses as promised, and also giving tickets again to the 'looters'. "Most importantly, your arrogant approach led to the party's defeat," said the daughter of BRS president and former chief minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao (KCR). "You are living in denial, my brother; accept the fact. To do politics, you need courage. In politics, you must also accept defeat. Understand what happened during the election. Take steps accordingly," she said.

**CM Revanth reviews core urban region, pushes sanitation tech & food safety reforms**

Hyderabad (TSIT): Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Friday chaired a high-level review meeting on the Core Urban Region (CURE) and issued key directives focusing on sanitation, public health, and technology-driven civic management.

Emphasising cleanliness and mosquito control, the Chief Minister instructed municipal authorities to intensify public awareness campaigns to ensure garbage is disposed of only at designated locations. He stressed the use of technology to improve efficiency and ensure timely completion of civic works.

As part of smart monitoring measures, he directed that all street lights in the Core Urban Region be assigned unique identification numbers and integrated with a central dashboard for real-time supervision, enabling immediate detection and rectification of faults. Under the CURE framework, the CM called for stronger food safety regulations, proposing installation of CCTV



cameras in hotel kitchens linked to the Command Control Centre. He also instructed frequent inspections and the establishment of a dedicated monitoring wing. Additionally, he suggested introducing a rating and certification system for hotels based on hygiene and safety standards.

To strengthen fire safety, he called for deployment of advanced equipment. Addressing urban flooding and water conservation, he proposed setting up rainwater harvesting wells at major traffic junctions on a pilot basis before city-wide expansion. Senior officials from municipal administration, urban development, and allied departments attended the review meeting.

**Afghan armed forces strike Pak 'nuclear facility,' military base near Abbottabad, amid escalating clashes**

New Delhi/Kabul (TSIT) Afghan armed forces struck a "nuclear facility" and a military base in the Kakul village near Abbottabad in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, Russian news agency TASS reported. It said "hundreds of dead and injured" have been taken to a hospital in Islamabad.



Faizabad city in Islamabad, the army cantonment in Nowshera, the military colony in Jamrud, and targets in Abbottabad.

"These operations were successfully carried out, hitting key military sites, centres, and installations of the Pakistani

army," the Ministry said. The statement noted that the strikes were in retaliation for Pakistan's aerial incursions over Kabul, Kandahar, and Paktia the previous night. Afghanistan government spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said a special circle in Pakistan has launched a mission to destabilise the region following the recent escalation of conflict between the two countries. Speaking at a press conference in Kandahar province on Friday, Mujahid said Afghan air forces had precisely targeted Pakistani military centres. He said Pakistan consistently attempts to fabricate pretexts for war and links its internal issues to Afghanistan.

Mujahid further stated that Pakistani aircraft are still patrolling Afghanistan's airspace.

Following retaliatory attacks by Afghan forces on Pakistani military facilities across the Durand Line, Pakistan carried out airstrikes on targets in three Afghan provinces, including Kabul, Kandahar, and Paktia. He described the Afghan operation as retaliation for Pakistan's previous attacks in Nangarhar and Paktika earlier this week.

Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Asif described the situation as an "all-out confrontation" and warned that Pakistan's patience had "reached its limit."

**India, Bhutan deepen ties on trans-boundary rivers and hydropower cooperation**

New Delhi (TSIT) India and Bhutan have reaffirmed their commitment to deepening cooperation on trans-boundary rivers, hydropower development, and flood management during a high-level visit by an Indian delegation to the Himalayan kingdom from February 24-27.

The delegation was led by the Secretary, Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, and included officials from the state governments of Assam and West Bengal, as well as representatives of WAPCOS Limited.

The visit focused on advancing collaboration on shared river systems and reviewing



the progress of the P u n a t s a n g c h u - I Hydroelectric Project, which is being implemented in Bhutan in partnership with the Government of India. During the Secretary-level bilateral meeting held on February 25, both sides reviewed existing

cooperation mechanisms on flood management and forecasting. Discussions centred on modernising Bhutan's hydro-meteorological observation network on trans-border rivers and strengthening real-time data-sharing systems for flood forecasting.

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

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

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

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of HHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under interest thereon.

Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/Guarantor/LAN No.	Demand Notice Date and Amount	DATE OF POSSESSION
1. Ms. YJOTHI DAROJU, H No. 214/P, Ayyappa Colony, Shadnagar, Ferooqnagar, , Semiurban , Ferooqnagar, Telangana, India - 509216	14/11/2025 Rs.738566(Seven Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Six)	25-02-2026
2. Mr. PAVAN KUMAR D, H No. 214/P, Ayyappa Colony, Shadnagar, Ferooqnagar, Telangana, India - 509216		
3. Mr. SRINIVAS CHERRY H No. 1-5-31/8, Sainath Colony, Narayanpet , Mahabubnagar, Telangana - 509210 , Semiurban , Ferooqnagar , Telangana , India - 509216		
Loan No: AP/HDB/HYDB/A000000851		

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:** All that the H no 1-5-31/8, plot number 50, Sy number 473 part 474 part palla buzung NARAYANPET mandal mahabubnagar district telangana , NARAYANPET , Semiurban , Narayanpet , Telangana , India - 509210 and bounded by: North - Plot No.49, South - Plot No.51, East - 330 Fts Wide Road, West - Plot No.41, NOTE: "Through this notice, all the previous notices issued in this LAN is hereby recalled"

Date: 25-02-2026 Place: Hyderabad Sd/-Authorised Officer, For Hinduja Housing Finance Limited

**Canara Bank Regional Office West**  
Chitrapur Mutt Complex, Malleswaram  
15th Cross, Bangalore-560055

**POSSESSION NOTICE** APPENDIX IV under Rule 8 (1) Section 13(4) (For Immovable Property)

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Canara Bank, Peenya 3rd Phase Branch, Bengaluru, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 16.12.2025 calling upon the Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors, Mr. M D Shaik Sadique, Slo Saik Mastanvali, No.24-108/4B, Plot No.48, Road No.1, Kiran Villa, Maruthi Nagar, Lohukunta, Tirumalagiri, Telangana-500015, and also at: No.1-1-180/17, Jhansi Lodge Building, RTC Cross Road, Chikkadapalli, Hyderabad, Telangana-500020, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.83,62,263.86 Paisa (Rupees Eighty Three Lakhs Sixty Two Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty Three and Paisa Eighty Six Only) as on 15.12.2025 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rules 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this 26 February 2026. The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank for an amount of Rs.83,62,263.86 Paisa (Rupees Eighty Three Lakhs Sixty Two Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty Three and Paisa Eighty Six Only) as on 15.12.2025 together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

**SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY:** Item No.1: All that Piece and Parcel of the immovable residential converted property bearing Sy.No.69, measuring 2 Acres 02 Guntas, vide Conversion Order bearing No.ALN(AJ)SR/61/2014-15 dated 16.01.2014, situated at Hennagara Amanikere Village, Jigani Hobli, Bengaluru Urban District and bounded on: East by : Property belonging to Sri.Ramaswamy Reddy, West by : Property belonging to Sri. Hosahalli Gullaihi, North by : Property belonging to Sri.Sambhaiah, South by : Property belonging to Sri. H.M.Krishnappa.

**Item No.2:** All that Piece and Parcel of the immovable residential converted property bearing Sy.No.73, measuring 1 Acre 03 Guntas, vide Conversion Order bearing No.ALN(AJ)SR/99/2014-15, dated 16.03.2015, situated at Hennagara Amanikere Village, Jigani Hobli, Bengaluru Urban District and bounded on: East by : Property belonging to Sri.Sambhaiah, North by : Property belonging to Sri. Sambhaiah, South by : Remaining Property belonging to M/s. Associate Dwellings (P) Ltd.

**Item No.3:** All that Piece and Parcel of the immovable residential converted property bearing Sy.No.74, measuring 13 Guntas, vide Conversion Order bearing No.ALN(AJ)SR/99/2014-15, dated 16.03.2015, situated at Hennagara Amanikere Village, Jigani Hobli, Bengaluru Urban District and bounded on: East by : Property belonging to Sri. Gullappa, West by : Property belonging to Sri. Sambhaiah, North by : Kaluve, South by : Remaining Property belonging to Sri. Ramesh Reddy.

**Item No.4:** All that Piece and Parcel of the immovable residential converted property bearing Sy.No.74, measuring 13 Guntas, vide Conversion Order bearing No.ALN(AJ)SR/99/2014-15, dated 16.03.2015, situated at Hennagara Amanikere Village, Jigani Hobli, Bengaluru Urban District and bounded on: East by : Property belonging to Sri. Gullappa, West by : Property belonging to Sri. Sambhaiah, North by : Kaluve, South by : Remaining Property belonging to M/s. Associate Dwellings (P) Ltd.

**Item No.5:** All that Piece and Parcel of the immovable residential converted property bearing Sy.No.74, measuring 14 Guntas, vide Conversion order bearing No.ALN(AJ)SR/99/2014-15, dated 16.03.2015, situated at Hennagara Amanikere Village, Jigani Hobli, Bengaluru Urban District and bounded on: East by : Remaining Property in same Sy.No.74, West by : Sy.No.74, North by : Sy.No.73 & 69.

**Item No.6:** All that Piece and Parcel of the immovable residential converted property bearing Sy.No.74, measuring 12 Guntas, vide Conversion order bearing No.ALN(AJ)SR/99/2014-15, dated 16.03.2015, situated at Hennagara Amanikere Village, Jigani Hobli, Bengaluru Urban District and bounded on: East by : Remaining Property in same Sy.No.74, West by : Sy.No.64 and Kaluve, North by : Kaluve, South by : Sy.No.69.

**Item No.7:** All that Piece and Parcel of the immovable residential converted property bearing Sy.No.74, measuring 12 Guntas, vide Conversion Order bearing No.ALN(AJ)SR/99/2014-15, dated 16.03.2015, situated at Hennagara Amanikere Village, Jigani Hobli, Bengaluru Urban District and bounded on: East by : Earlier Land belonging to Sri. Muthappa, West by : Property belonging to late Sri. Shambhaiah, North by : Raja Kaluve, South by : Earlier Property belonging to Sri. Bhaskar Reddy Presently Ramesh Reddy's Land.

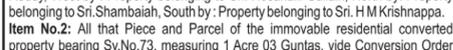
**Item No.8:** All that Piece and Parcel of the immovable residentially converted property bearing Sy.No.76, measuring 1-24 Guntas, vide Conversion Order bearing No.ALN(AJ)SR/02/2014-15, dated 05.09.2014, situated at Hennagara Amanikere Village, Jigani Hobli, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on: East by : Sy.No.75 and 77, West by : Sy.No.73,72 and Sy.No.71, North by : Sy.No.75, South by : Road.

**SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY:** An Undivided share of land 1468 Square feet, right, title & interest in the Schedule "A" Property at "CASTLETON GREENS" in composite Schedule "A" Property and bounded on the: East by : Road, West by : Unit No.76, North by : Unit No.74, South by : Road.

**SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY:** All that piece and parcel of the 3 BHK bedroom Residential Unit bearing No-75 on the Ground and First Floor of the Building known as "Castleton Greens" constructed in the Schedule "A" Property, having a Super built-up area of 2474 Square Feet (which is inclusive of the floors, ceiling and walls between the building.

Date : 26.02.2026 Place : Bengaluru Sd/- Authorised Officer, Canara Bank

**CM Revanth Reddy Releases Book on Women in Police Calls for Stronger Gender Reforms**



Hyderabad: Chief Minister A.Revanth Reddy on Friday released two important publications "The Book on the 1st Telangana Conference for Women in Police" and the RBVRR TGPA Annual Magazine-2025 at a programme held at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat.

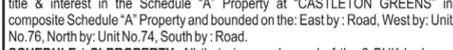
The Chief Minister lauded the initiative of the RBVRR Telangana Police Academy (TGPA) in organising the first-ever Telangana Conference for Women in Police and documenting its key deliberations and recommendations in book form. He noted that women personnel are increasingly playing a vital role in maintaining law and order, investigation, traffic regulation and bandobust duties across the State. Emphasising the need for progressive reforms, the Chief Minister recommended the formation of a Special Team to study best practices adopted by other states in women's

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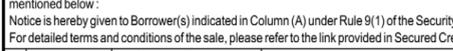


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According to Cyberabad Crimes DCP T. Sai Manohar, the accused Jawwad Khadri Rifai and Mohammed Naushad, both residents of Pahadi Shareef conspired to earn easy money by supplying bank accounts to cyber fraudsters. As part of their plan, they rented a shop shutter and created forged rental agreements and fabricated business documents under the name "Star Agro Industries."

Using these fake documents, they allegedly opened a current account at Jubilee Hills Mercantile Co-operative Urban Bank with the active involvement of Sales Manager Pamula Pranav Raj and Branch Manager Shankar Rathi. Immediately after opening

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MLC Tata Madhusudhan warned that the Congress would have to face political repercussions for what he termed as targeting the poor. He alleged that Congress leaders tried to prevent victims from meeting BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao during his recent visit to console the affected families. Taking strong exception to remarks

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# Awareness Drives from March 1-15 to Mark World Consumer Rights Day

Hyderabad, February 27 (TSIT): Dr. Pallepada Damodar, President of the Consumer Coordinating Committee of the Southern States, announced that extensive awareness programmes will be conducted across Southern States from March 1 to March 15 to mark World Consumer Rights Day on March 15.

He stated that this year's slogan is "Safe Products - Confident Consumers," emphasizing that consumer rights are fully protected



only when goods are safe and of good quality. The programmes aim to educate citizens on product standards, transparency in trade practices, and grievance redressal mechanisms.

Damodar highlighted the role of institutions such as the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), International Organization

Standardization (ISO), Legal Metrology, and Silk Mark in ensuring product quality and safety. He noted that transparent and open sale practices strengthen consumer confidence and safeguard their rights.

The meeting, held at the Indian Red Cross Society office in Hyderabad, was presided over by State President Mamidi Bheemireddy. Several national and state-level leaders of consumer associations attended.

# Sarpanch's Instrumental in Achieving Comprehensive Rural Development: MLC Nagarakunta Naveen Reddy

RANGAREDDY(TSIT): Emphasizing the importance of grassroots leadership, MLC Nagarakunta Naveen Reddy said that Sarpanch's are central to the overall progress of rural communities. He addressed a training programme organised for Sarpanch's of the Shadnagar constituency at the Swarna Bharati Trust, Muchintal. Interacting with the newly elected representatives, he shared his experiences in public service and highlighted the need for proper utilisation of local resources, improved sanitation measures, and development of essential infrastructure in villages. He encouraged them to take proactive steps, gain public trust through dedicated service, and



aim for greater responsibilities in the future. Senior officials and several Sarpanch's were present at the training session.

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**DEMAND NOTICE**  
Notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

**BORROWER/MORTGAGOR/GUARANTOR: VIMAL RAJ MATHUR, S/o. Late D.R.MATHUR, HNO-7-1-215/A, BALAKMPET, SECUNDERABAD TALUKA, HYDERABAD-500 016. VIMAL RAJ MATHUR, S/o. Late D.R.MATHUR, HNO: 6-2-966/14, GRADIENT ADVERTISING NETWORK, 3RD FLOOR, KRISHNA PLAZA, KHAIRATABAD, HYDERABAD-500 004. SRI. SUDEEP RAJ MATHUR, S/o. ANAND RAJ, FLAT No. 202, 2ND FLOOR, RAVI KRISHNA RESIDENCY, BEHIND DON BOSCO SCHOOL, B.S.P COLONY, MOTHI NAGAR, AMEERPET, HYDERABAD - 500018**

**Non-Performing Asset (NPA) as on 01-01-2005. Outstanding Amount: Rs.2,15,74,023.56 (Rupees Two Crore Fifteen Lakh Seventy Four Thousand Twenty Three and Fifty Six Paise Only)** the details of which together with future interest rate thereon.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**  
All that the Residential Flat No. 103, on First Floor Bearing H.No. 12-7-134/6/1, on Plot No. 390, of "Sree Towers", in Sy.No. 1011/5, 1011/6, 1011/7A, 1011/8, 1011/9, 1011/11, Built up area - 900 Sft, along with Undivided Share of land 30 Sq Yds out of 267 Sq Yds Situated at Irrigation Society, Anjaneya Nagar, Kukatapally Village & Mandal, Medchal - Malkajgiri District. Boundaries of Flat, North: Open to Sky, South: Flat No. 102, East: Corridor, West: Open to Sky. Boundaries of Land, North: Plot No. 382, South: 33'-0" Wide Road, East: Plot No. 389, West: Plot No. 391. CERSAI ASSET ID: 200026769371, CERSAI SECURITY INTEREST ID: 400026820898

**Name of Proposed Title Holder : SRI. VIMAL RAJ MATHUR, S/O. Late D.R. MATHUR**

**BORROWER/MORTGAGOR/GUARANTOR: DR.K.NIRMALA, W/o. J.MOSES, FLAT No. 514, INDRAPRASTA APARTMENTS, POWER NAGAR, MOOSAPET, HYDERABAD - 500018. SRI.J. MOSES S/o J.PAUL, DIVISIONAL ENGINEER, TSSPDCL, OPERATION CIRCLE, MINT COMPOUND, HYDERABAD - 500063. SRI.J. MOSES S/o J.PAUL, FLAT No. 514, INDRAPRASTA APARTMENTS, POWER NAGAR, MOOSAPET, HYDERABAD - 500018. DR.K.NIRMALA W/o J.MOSES, Flat No. G-3, Ground Floor H.No. 12-7-134/6/1, Plot No. 390 Sree Towers, Irrigation Society, Anjaneya Nagar, Kukatapally Village & Mandal, Medchal - Malkajgiri District-500072.**

**Non-Performing Asset (NPA) as on 21-06-2005. Outstanding Amount: Rs.2,23,19,067.22 (Rupees Two Crore Twenty Three Lakh Nineteen Thousand Sixty Seven and Twenty Two Paise Only)** the details of which together with future interest rate thereon.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**  
All that the Residential Flat No. G-3, on Ground Floor Bearing H.No. 12-7-134/6/1, on Plot No. 390, of "Sree Towers", in Sy.No. 1011/5, 1011/6, 1011/7A, 1011/8, 1011/9, 1011/11, Built up area - 1000 Sft, along with Undivided Share of land 30 Sq Yds out of 267 Sq Yds Situated at Irrigation Society, Anjaneya Nagar, Kukatapally Village & Mandal, Medchal - Malkajgiri District. Boundaries of Flat : North: Open to Sky, South: Flat No. G-2, East: Corridor, West: Open to Sky. Boundaries of Land : North: Open Land, Ground: Road, East: School Building, West: Geetha Residency.

**Name of Proposed Title Holder : DR.K. NIRMALA W/o J. MOSES**

**BORROWER/MORTGAGOR/GUARANTOR: SRI. AMARAM DAYAKER REDDY, S/o. A.VITTAL REDDY, HNO-11-1-271/B, GAGANVIHAR COLONY, BEGUMPET, HYDERABAD - 500016. SRI.A PRABHAKAR RAO S/o KRISHNA RAO, FLAT No.07 G BLOCK, MANJUSHANKAR APARTMENT, MOULALI, HYDERABAD - 500045. SRI. AMARAM DAYAKER REDDY, S/o. A.VITTAL REDDY, Flat No. 203, Second Floor H.No. 12-7-134/6/1, Plot No. 390 Sree Towers, Irrigation Society, Anjaneya Nagar, Kukatapally Village & Mandal, Medchal - Malkajgiri District-500072.**

**Non-Performing Asset (NPA) as on 31-03-2006. Outstanding Amount: Rs.2,41,55,550.21 (Rupees Two Crore Forty One Lakh Fifty Five Thousand Five Hundred Fifty and Twenty One Paise Only)** the details of which together with future interest rate thereon.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**  
All that the Residential Flat No. 203, on Second Floor Bearing H.No. 12-7-134/6/1, on Plot No. 390, of "Sree Towers", in Sy.No. 1011/5, 1011/6, 1011/7A, 1011/8, 1011/9, 1011/11, Built up area - 900 Sft, along with Undivided Share of land 30 Sq Yds out of 267 Sq Yds Situated at Irrigation Society, Anjaneya Nagar, Kukatapally Village & Mandal, Medchal - Malkajgiri District. Boundaries of Flat : North: Open to Sky, South: Flat No. 202, East: Corridor, West: Open to Sky. Boundaries of Land : North: Plot No. 382, South: 33'-0" Wide Road, East: Plot No. 389, West: Plot No. 391. CERSAI ASSET ID: 200026745265.

**Name of Proposed Title Holder : SRI. AMARAM DAYAKER REDDY S/o A.VITTAL REDDY**

In respect of loans availed by you at our branch, which have become Non Performing Asset(s) with balance outstanding mentioned above along with interest and costs etc. we have already issued detailed demand notice under Sec13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 by Courier/Registered post with acknowledgement due to you which has been returned, unopened and undelivered. We have indicated our intention of taking possession of securities owned by the borrowers as per Sec 13(4) of the Act in case of your failure to pay the amount mentioned above within 60 days you are advised (1) to collect the original notice/cover addressed to you and returned by Courier/ Postal Authorities from the undersigned for more and complete details and (2) to pay the balance outstanding amount with interest and costs etc., within 60 days from the date of notice referred to above to avoid further action under the SARFAESI Act.

**Date : 20-02-2026, Place : Hyderabad Sd/- Authorised Officer, Canara Bank.**

**Canara Bank** HYDERABAD CIRCLE OFFICE: 10-3-163 810-3-163/A PLOT NO. 85, BESIDE RAIL NILAYAM, S. D. ROAD, SECUNDERABAD - 500026 E-mail: cb2752@canarabank.com

**ARM BRANCH** Ref: 2752/ARM/S/QAMAR/401/407/408/24022026 DT: 24-02-2026

CERSAI ID: 400070063843, 400070063992, 400072148659, 400072366697, 400072367087

**E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with 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 property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Asset Recovery Management Hyderabad, Canara Bank Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 17-03-2026 for recovery of Rs.44,34,933.27. (Rupees Four Core Forty Three Lakh Ninety-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Three and Twenty-Seven Paise Only) as on 31-01-2026 plus unapplied interest w.e.f 01-02-2026 and Bank charges, costs there on, due to the Asset Recovery Management Hyderabad Branch of Canara Bank from Mr. QAMAR AHMED QURESHI (Borrower) & Mr. AFTAB AHMED QURESHI (Guarantor).

**DATE & TIME OF AUCTION : 17-03-2026, 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.** (With unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)

**Description of the Immovable Properties**

**RESERVE PRICE Rs. 68,76,500/- EMD Rs. 6,87,650/-**

1. All that the Flat bearing No.5-1-434,497,498/Flat No. 407/4F, in Fourth Floor, in "ABHINANDAN TOWER" with a built up area of 1000 Sq. Feet (including common areas with one car parking), along with an undivided share of land measuring 27.4 Sq.Yds, out of total land measuring 928.00 Sq.Yds, in the premises bearing Municipal Nos. 5-1-497/1, 5-1-497/2, 5-1-498, 5-1-498/1, 5-1-498/2, 5-1-498/3, 5-1-498/5, 5-1-434/1 and 5-1-434/2, Situated at Pultibowli, Hyderabad, Telangana State, and bounded by: (PTIN No. 1140526280) Boundaries Of The Flat: North: Open To Sky/South: Corridor, East: Flat No.408, West: Flat No.406. Boundaries Of The Apartment: North: Mulgias Belong To Madhumati.South: Public Road Leading To Jam Bagh. East: Mulgias Of Raja Dhanraj Giri.West: Mulgias and Double Storey Of G.Narsimhoo & Others. CERSAI ID: 400070063843. NAME OF TITLE HOLDER: 1.Sri QAMAR AHMED QURESHI S/o IQBAL AHMED QURESHI

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5. All that the Flat bearing No.5-1-434,497,498/Flat No. 406/4F, in Fourth Floor, in "ABHINANDAN TOWER", with a built up area of 1000 Sq. Feet (including common areas with one car parking), along with an undivided share of land measuring 27.4 Sq.Yds, out of total land measuring 928.00 Sq.Yds, in the premises bearing Municipal Nos. 5-1-497, 5-1-497/1, 5-1-497/2, 5-1-498, 5-1-498/1, 5-1-498/2, 5-1-498/3, 5-1-498/5, 5-1-434/1 and 5-1-434/2, Situated at Pultibowli, Hyderabad, Telangana State, and bounded by: (PTIN No. 1140526279) Boundaries Of The Flat: North: Open To Sky/South: Corridor, East: Flat No.407, West: Flat No.405. Boundaries Of The Apartment: North: Mulgias Belong To Madhumati. South: Public Road Leading To Jam Bagh. East: Mulgias Of Raja Dhanraj Giri.West: Mulgias and Double Storey Of G.Narsimhoo & Others. CERSAI ID: 400072366697. NAME OF TITLE HOLDER: 2.Sri QAMAR AHMED QURESHI S/o IQBAL AHMED QURESHI

**RESERVE PRICE Rs. 68,76,500/- EMD Rs. 6,87,650/-**

**THE EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT SHALL BE DEPOSITED ON OR BEFORE 16-03-2026 AT 5:00 PM. The property can be inspected Date & Time On 13-03-2026 between 10.00 AM and 5.00 PM.**

For further details Branch in charge, Asset Recovery Management Branch Hyderabad, Canara Bank, Ph. No.040-27725283260, e-mail id: cb2752@canarabank.com may be contacted during office hours on any working day. The service provider Baanknet (M/s PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd.) (Contact No. 7 0 4 6 6 1 2 3 4 5 / 6 3 5 4 9 1 1 7 2 1 8 2 9 1 2 2 0 2 0 / 9 8 9 2 2 1 9 8 4 8 / 8 1 6 0 2 0 5 0 5 1, E mail: support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com, support.ebkray@procure247.com)

**Date: 24-02-2026, Place: ARM, HYDERABAD Authorized Officer, Canara Bank**

**Utkarsh Small Finance Bank**  
Aapki Ummeed Ka Khaata  
(A Scheduled Commercial Bank)

Zonal Office: 2nd Floor 134A, Floor Palliputra Colony Opp-Polytechnic College Palna, Bihar - 800013  
Registered Office: Utkarsh Tower, NH - 31 (Allpur Road), Sehmalpur, Kazi Sarai, Harhua, Varanasi, UP - 221 105.

**POSSESSION NOTICE FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**

Notice is hereby given under the securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and enforcement (Security) Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) of Security Interest (enforcement) rules 2002, the authorised officer issued a Demand notice on the dates noted against each account as mentioned hereinafter, calling them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the under noted borrowers having failed to repay the amount that the undersigned has taken Possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said act read with rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned against each account. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealing with the properties will be subject to the charge of **UTKARSH SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED** for the amounts and interests thereon mentioned against each account herein below.

The attention of the borrowers detailed hereunder is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Sr. No.	Name of the Branch	Name of the Account	Name of the Borrower/ Guarantor (Owner of the Property)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession notice	Amount Outstanding as on the date of Demand Notice
1	Hyderabad	154214000 006165	Mr. Gajula Ramesh (Borrower) and Mrs. Gajula Aruna (Co-Borrower & Mortgagor)	28/11/2025	26/02/2026	₹ 2,56,034.13/-
<b>Description of Property/ies (all the part &amp; parcel of the property consisting of):</b> Together with all building and structures thereon and all plant and machinery attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to the earth and bounded by Under-Tin Shed H.No. 11-8-81, having plinth area 1134.00 Sq feet in the land measuring 156.67 sq yds situated at B.Y Nagar, Siricla mandal and Rajanna Siricla Dist, Telangana-505301. Admeasuring Area 1134 Sq. Yards. Property bounded by - East : H.No. 11-8-80, House with Open Place of Jakkani Sathiah West : H.No. 11-8-82, House with Open Place of Konda Yellaiah North : Road South : H.No 11-8-90, House with open Place of Battu Vijaya						
2	Hyderabad	154214000 000610	Mr.Sunkara Srinivas(Borrower & Mortgagor) and Mrs. Sunkara Swapna (Co-Borrower )	28/11/2025	26/02/2026	₹ 6,03,157.55/-
<b>Description of Property/ies (all the part &amp; parcel of the property consisting of):</b> All that the open land admeasuring 271.33 Sq Yards or 226.83 Sq mtrs, in Sy no 887C/2, Door No. 1-15/1, Situated at Husnabad village, Husnabad Municipality & Mandal & Sub-Dist, Siddipet Revenue Dist. Telangana. Property bounded by - East : 16'-00" Wide Road, West : land of Pratap Rajitha, North : House No 1-15 of ABC Mogliahla, South : 18'-00" wide Road.						

Sd/-  
(Authorized Officer)  
Utkarsh Small Finance Bank Ltd.

Date: 28/02/2026  
Place: Hyderabad

**LIC HFL** LIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD.  
Back Office, 201, 2nd FLOOR, KRISHIE SAPPHERE, MADHAPUR,HITECH CITY MAIN ROAD, HYDERABAD 500081, Phone No. 040-4005 2223

**DEMAND NOTICE**  
NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SEC 13 (2) OF "THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Whereas at the request of you (below mentioned persons in Col. No.2) LIC Housing Finance Ltd., had granted the Housing Loan against the schedule property whose particulars are mentioned in Col. No. 3. As you have failed to discharge the debt due to LIC Housing Finance Ltd., your loan account has been classified as Non-performing Assets as per the guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India. As some of the envelopes containing the Demand Notices sent to you by Registered Post calling upon you to discharge the debt, were returned unopened/unacknowledged and hence we are issuing this notice through paper publication.

If you (below mentioned persons in Col. No.2) fail to repay the amount due mentioned in Col. No. 4 with future interest and incidental expenses, costs as stated below in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of SARFA & ESI Act, 2002 within 60 days from the date of this notice, LIC Housing Finance Ltd., will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under Section 13 (4) of SARFAESI Act and other applicable provisions. This notice is without prejudice to the LIC Housing Finance Limited right to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings, as it deems necessary under any other provisions of law.

S. No.	Name & Addresses of the borrowers	Properties under Mortgage	Outstanding amount due (in Rs.)
1	Mr. Jetty Srinivasulu (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Jetty Ayyanna, Flat No. 312, Block AC, Raghavendra Nagar, Shanti Gardens, Nacharam, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Telangana-500 076. Also At: Mr. Jetty Srinivasulu, TGT Art Teacher, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Chalakurthy Camp, Peddavoora, Chalakurthy, 084 Nalgonda, Telangana-508 202. Also At: Mr. Jetty Srinivasulu, Flat No. 309, 2nd Floor, H.No. 47-10/10/309, Shanti Gardens, Sy.No. 176, Nacharam, H.K.P. Circle, Uppal Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Telangana-500 042.2/ Mr. Sriharsha Jetty (Co-Applicant), S/o. Mr. Jetty Srinivasulu, Survey No. 312, Block AC, Raghavendra Nagar, Shanti Gardens, Nacharam, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Telangana-500 076. Also At: Mr. Sriharsha Jetty, Flat No. 309, 2nd Floor, H.No. 47-10/10/309, Shanti Gardens, Sy.No. 176, Nacharam, K.P. Circle, Uppal Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Telangana-500 094.	All that the Flat No. 309, in Second Floor, bearing Municipal No. 4-7-10/10/309 (PTIN-1101406181) of "Shanti Gardens" admeasuring 900 Sq.Yds of Plinth area (including common area of Parking and Lobby) together with undivided share of land measuring 20 Sq.Yds or 16.72 Sq.Mtrs out of total land measuring 1500 Sq.Yds in Survey No. 176, Situated at Nacharam, under GHMC, K.P. Circle, Uppal Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, belonging to Mr. Srinivasulu, Jetty Regd. Vide Sale Deed Doc No. 7962/2021 dated 24.04.2021, having: North : Open to Sky, South : Passage, East : Cut-Out, West : Flat No. 308.	Rs. 20,37,988.03 as detailed below as on 05.02.2026 + Interest + All other charges payable till the receipt of payment
2	Mr. Hemant Kumar Sanggella (Applicant) S/o. Hanumanth Rao Sanggella H. No. 1-25-91, Ganesh Nagar Colony, Sitarapuram, New Secunderabad, Municipality, Dundigal - Gandimaisamma Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri Dist. T.S. Hyderabad, Telangana -500011. Also At: Mr. Hemant Kumar Sanggella S. V Engineering, 56-57B, Deep Nivas, Tankbandh X Road - Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Telangana-50009. Also At: Mr. Hemant Kumar Sanggella Flat No. 501 East Facing kamp; 502 West Side, 5th Floor, The Westeria Apartment, Sy. No. 60/B, Kompally Village, Dundigal, Gandimaisamma Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri Dist. T.S. belonging to Mr. Hemant Kumar Sanggella Regd. Vide Sale Deed Doc No.4130/2024 dated 30.03.2024 which is bounded by: Boundaries for Flat: North: Open to Sky & Duct, East: Corridor & Flat No. 502, Tankbandh X Road - Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Telangana-50009. Also At: Mr. Hemant Kumar Sanggella Flat No. 501 East Facing kamp; 502 West Side, 5th Floor, The Westeria Apartment, Sy. 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## INS ANJADEEP COMMISSIONED IN CHENNAI: INDIAN NAVY'S NEW 'DOLPHIN HUNTER'

The South India Times, Visakhapatnam: The Indian Navy has further strengthened its maritime defense capabilities with the official commissioning of INS Anjadeep at the Chennai port on Friday. As the fourth ship built under the 'Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft' (ASW SWC) project, it was inducted into the fleet in the presence of Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, who attended as the chief guest. Demonstrating India's 'Aatmanirbharta' (self-reliance) in defense, the vessel features over 80% indigenous content. Measuring 77 meters in length and weighing 1,400 tonnes, this ship is nicknamed the 'Dolphin Hunter' for its specialized ability to detect and neutralize enemy submarines in shallow coastal waters.



Equipped with an advanced Combat Management System and sophisticated ASW suites to identify underwater threats, the vessel will play a crucial role in safeguarding India's maritime trade routes and coastal infrastructure. The commissioning ceremony was attended by Vice Admiral Sanjay Bhalla, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the

Eastern Naval Command, along with representatives from Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata, and Larsen & Toubro (L&T) Shipbuilding. During the event, Admiral Tripathi emphasized that the addition of INS Anjadeep marks a significant milestone in enhancing the security of the nation's vast coastline.

## Tribal Girl from Remote Village Selected for National BCCI Women's ODI Tournament



Mahabubabad: In an inspiring achievement, Thati Krishnaveni, a tribal girl from Tirumalagandi village in Gangaram Mandal, has been selected to represent the Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA) team in the national-level Women's ODI tournament conducted by the Board of Control

for Cricket in India (BCCI). Coming from one of the most remote villages in the mandal, Krishnaveni's journey from rural grounds to the national cricket arena stands as a testament to her determination, hard work, and perseverance. State Panchayat Raj Minister Seethakka recognized her talent and

extended encouragement. Following the minister's directions, Gangaram Mandal Congress Party President Jodi Venkateswarlu met Krishnaveni and felicitated her. On behalf of the minister, he handed over Rs. 10,000 as immediate financial assistance and assured continued support for her sporting career.

Leaders expressed hope that Krishnaveni would excel at the national level and soon secure a place in the Indian international women's cricket team. Several local representatives and party leaders attended the felicitation programme, congratulating the young cricketer for bringing pride to the region.

## Inter Student Attempts Suicide Alleging Harassment at Ekalavya School in Kuravi

Mahabubabad (TSIT): A suicide attempt by an Intermediate first-year student of the Ekalavya Model Residential School in Kuravi Mandal has come to light belatedly, creating concern among parents and local residents. Divya Shri Chauhan, a first-year MPC student, allegedly consumed phenyl oil on February 25, 2026, reportedly unable to bear alleged harassment by the school principal and certain staff members. She is currently undergoing treatment at a government hospital and is said to be out of danger. According to her father, Paltiya Kishan, a resident of Peddamori Thanda in Kesamudram Mandal, parents had earlier approached the school authorities to raise concerns over issues related to outsourcing staff, quality of teaching, and food facilities. Following this, he alleged that students were subjected to verbal abuse and mental harassment. The incident reportedly came to light late on the same day. Parents claim that several students are facing similar distress and are now hesitant to return to school. They have urged the District Collector, Superintendent of Police, and ITDA Project Officer to conduct a thorough inquiry into the matter and take appropriate action against those found responsible.



## "Xchor" Fest Inaugurated at GITAM



THE SOUTH INDIA TIMES VISAKHAPATNAM: The annual coastal festival "Xchor" (Shore Fest), organized by GITAM Deemed to be University to showcase youth talent, commenced on February 27, 2026, at the Balayogi Kalaprangam. Prof. Raja Phani Pappu, Dean of the GITAM

School of Business, inaugurated the event and stated that cultural activities alongside education significantly contribute to the personality development of students. A major highlight was the exhibition of startup ideas presented by the students. According to Arun Karthik, Assistant Dean of Campus Life, the three-day festival (ending March 1) features traditional songs, dances, short film screenings, technical competitions, elocution, essay writing, and sports events. On the opening day, students from various states participated enthusiastically, dressed in their traditional attire. The event saw participation from Campus Security Director K. Madhu, deans of various colleges, and numerous students.

## National Science Day Celebrated at GITAM

THE SOUTH INDIA TIMES VISAKHAPATNAM: National Science Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at GITAM Deemed to be University, Visakhapatnam, on February 27, 2026, under the auspices of the School of Science. Prof. S. Santhosh Kumar, a scientist from the Bhabha Atomic



Research Centre (BARC), attended as the chief guest and paid floral tributes to the statue of Sir C.V. Raman. During the session, he delivered a lecture on "Cancer Radiotherapy" and emphasized that students should enhance their knowledge of new technologies as the importance of science courses is growing. He further noted that interdisciplinary studies are essential in the modern era and urged researchers to work effectively to transfer research results to society. Prof. S. Anantharamakrishna, Dean of the School of Science, shared that GITAM prioritizes scientific research and has established advanced laboratories with an investment of approximately 100 crores. Additionally, Prof. S. Arunkumar, Dean of the School of Technology, remarked that Sir C.V. Raman proved that massive labs are not always a prerequisite for research; instead, observing nature and the world around us can lead to becoming great scientists.

## Souq e Deccan Expo Draws 5,000 Visitors on Opening Day in Hyderabad

Hyderabad: The three-day Souq e Deccan Expo began in grandeur at Kings Classic Gardens and Kings Crown Convention, Gudimalkapur, emerging as one of the city's largest lifestyle exhibitions. The event showcased fashion, beauty, real estate, automobiles and a dedicated children's entertainment zone. Over 5,000 visitors attended on the first day. Dignitaries present included Tariq Ahmed Ansari and Congress spokesperson Khaleel Ur Rehman.

The expo was led by Faheem Ul Haq and Ms. Shazia Saleem. Major announcements included the launch of AURAE ATELIER event man-



agement company, Souq e Deccan Trust for community upliftment, and the second edition

of the expo scheduled in Qatar from March 12-15, 2026. Organisers said the overwhelming

response reflects Souq e Deccan's growing reputation as a premier lifestyle platform.

## 'Chitiki Looms' Showroom Launched in Manikonda; Youth Urged to Support Handloom Sector



Hyderabad: Telangana Government Principal Secretary Shailaja Ramayyar inaugurated the 'Chitiki Looms' showroom at Manikonda, established by Vaishu Handlooms Handicrafts and Organic Producer Company Limited.

Speaking on the occasion, she urged youth from the handloom community to come forward with modern ideas and

technology to sustain the traditional art. She appreciated CEO Vaishnavi, a NIFT student and trainee under the Prime Minister's 'Lakshpati Didi' programme, for blending Telangana handloom traditions with contemporary designs. A demo loom has also been installed at the showroom to showcase the effort behind handloom weaving.

## SPMVV, CCRH Sign MoU for Integrative Research on Homeopathic Medicines

Tirupati, February 27, 2026: A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was formally signed between Sri Padmavati Mahila Visva Vidyalayam (SPMVV) and the Central Council for Research in Homeopathy (CCRH) on February 27, 2026, to launch a collaborative research project titled "Integrative Network Pharmacology of Homeopathic Medicines for the Treatment of Chronic Diseases."

The partnership aims to promote scientific validation, translational research, and academic exchange between the two institutions. It seeks to strengthen research capacity and encourage innovation in integrative medicine, particularly in developing evidence-based



approaches for chronic disease therapeutics.

Representing CCRH at the signing ceremony were Dr. G. R. Reddy, Officer In-Charge, Clinical Research Unit (Homeopathy), Tirupati; Dr. G. V. Narasimha Kumar, Research Officer (Pharmacology), Kolkata; and Dr. Divvijay Verma, Research Officer (Food

Science), CCRH Headquarters. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. V. Uma and Registrar R. Usha represented SPMVV during the event. The collaboration is expected to pave the way for advanced interdisciplinary research, academic cooperation, and scientific exploration in the field of homeopathy and integrative healthcare.

## Guest Lecture on Mental Health & Music Held at GDC Hayathnagar; Heritage Guiding Course Launched

Hyderabad: The Department of History, Government Degree College, Hayathnagar, organized an insightful and interactive guest lecture on "The History of Mental Health in India - The Role of Music" on February 27, 2026. The session was delivered by Smt. Vaidehi Dalal, Counselling Psychologist and Music Therapist from Pune, Maharashtra.

The lecture explored the evolution of mental health practices in India and emphasized how Indian classical music has historically functioned as a powerful therapeutic tool. Demonstrating practical music therapy segments, the speaker explained their psychological and emotional impact on the human mind. Faculty members also rendered musical pieces,



enabling students to experience firsthand the calming and cognitive effects of music. The session highlighted the contributions of legendary Indian musicians in shaping music as a healing tradition. On the same occasion, the Department of History launched a 30-Day Certificate Course in Heritage Guiding. The programme is designed to equip students with skills to interpret and present Hyderabad's rich cultural and historical heritage to visitors, opening new academic and career opportunities.

## GITAM Hosts Lecture on Aerospace Industry Trends and Emerging Opportunities



Hyderabad (TSIT): The Department of Aerospace Engineering at GITAM School of Core Engineering organized a guest lecture on "Aerospace Industry - Progress, Trends & Emerging Opportunities." The session was delivered by Rajendra Kumar Patro, Senior Vice President and Global Delivery Head - Aerospace & Defence at Cyient Limited.

Patro highlighted the growing role of Artificial Intelligence and automation in aerospace engineering, urging students to combine core technical knowledge with programming and AI skills. He discussed global industry trends, commercial aircraft evolution, and the rising demand for Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) services in India, projecting a sharp increase in flights by 2030.

The lecture offered valuable insights into emerging opportunities and encouraged students to align their skills with industry needs.

## Galaxy CC Clinches 12th UCC Cricket Championship Title

THE SOUTHINDIA TIMES, VISAKHAPATNAM: Galaxy CC emerged as the undisputed champions of the 12th UCC Cricket Tournament 2026, defeating Vizag Colts by 6 wickets in a one-sided final held at the ACA Stadium. Opting to bat first after winning the toss, Vizag Colts struggled against a clinical bowling attack and were bundled out for 141 runs in 19.4 overs. The star of the innings was Galaxy CC's all-rounder Hemanth Reddy, who delivered a historic spell, taking 7 wickets for just 16 runs, including a sensational Hat-trick. For the Colts, G. Manish top-scored with 39 runs off 33 balls. Galaxy CC chased down the target of 142 in just 16.4 overs with 6 wick-



ets to spare. Hemanth Reddy continued his dominance with the bat, smashing a quick-fire 53 off 30 balls (5 boundaries, 4 sixes). Pandurangaraju provided late fireworks with a blistering 33 off 15 deliveries. The prizes were

distributed by distinguished guests including PVR Prasanth, MS Kumar (GM, ACA), JKM Raju (Stadium Incharge), and RVCH Prasad (Chairman, ACA Ranji Selection Committee). In this tournament Man of the Final

Award win by Hemanth Reddy (Galaxy CC), Player of the Tournament Award win by Pyla Avinash (Galaxy CC), Best Bowler Award win by G. Manish (Vizag Colts) Best Batsman Award win by Hardik (Vizag Blues)

## Tollywood Celebrity Cricket Festival in Vizag for 2 days starting today

THE SOUTHINDIA TIMES, VISAKHAPATNAM: Tollywood actors Srikanth and Tarun announced that the Tollywood Celebrity Cricket League will be held on the 28th of this month and March 1st at the Madhurawada ACA-VDCA Stadium. During a media conference held at Hotel



Dolphin in Visakhapatnam on Friday, actors Sudheer Babu, Omkaram, Ashwin Babu, Ayyappa Sharma, Prince, Khayyum, Prabhu, ETV Prabhakar, Nikhil, Samrat, Nandakishore, Pavan Sai, and Samba revealed the details of the tournament.

They stated that a total of 110 celebrities from seven teams, including two teams of Tollywood and TV actors each, and one team each of police, bureaucrats, and politi-

cians, will participate. The proceeds from these matches will be utilized for the education of underprivileged children, the CM Relief Fund, and other philanthropic activities.

They further mentioned that the government is developing Visakhapatnam as an international sports hub and urged the people of Vizag to avail themselves of the free entry to watch the two-day celebrity league.

Celebrity League orga-

nizer Rambabu stated that, following the suggestion of MLA Ganta, they decided to provide free entry. He added that the matches are designed in the style of the IPL. The poster for the Tollywood Celebrity Cricket League was released during the event. He also acknowledged the cooperation of South MLA Vamsi Krishna, the City Police Commissioner, and the GVMC Commissioner, noting that three teams would compete on the first day.

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**Rahul Gandhi Acting as Responsible Opposition Leader in National Interest: Jaggareddy**



Sangareddy, February 27 (TSIT): Former Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) Working President Jaggareddy stated that Rahul Gandhi has been consistently striving to safeguard national interests and is playing a responsible role as an Opposition leader. Addressing a media conference in Delhi on Friday, Jaggareddy said Rahul Gandhi has been offering constructive suggestions and advice in Parliament for public welfare. He alleged that while Prime Minister Narendra Modi listens to Rahul Gandhi's recommendations, they are not implemented effectively. Jaggareddy claimed that Rahul Gandhi had cautioned the Central Government about the potential impact of COVID-19 and advised precautionary measures regarding international arrivals even before the outbreak intensified in India. However, he alleged that the warnings were not acted upon in time, resulting in severe consequences during the pandemic. He further stated that Rahul Gandhi has been raising issues such as increasing pollution levels in Delhi and providing policy suggestions in Parliament.

**Telangana Mandates 25°C AC Setting in Government Offices to Boost Energy Conservation**

Hyderabad: In a major push towards energy efficiency and climate responsibility, the Government of Telangana has mandated that all air-conditioners in government offices and buildings across the State be set at a minimum temperature of 25°C. The directive was issued through G.O.Ms. No. 3 dated February 17, 2026, making compliance compulsory for all departments and government institutions, subject to specific functional requirements. The move aligns

with the State's ambitious "Telangana Rising by 2047" and Net Zero vision, aimed at promoting energy conservation and reducing carbon emissions. The Telangana Renewable Energy Development Corporation Ltd. (TGREDCO), the designated agency for energy conservation in the State, played a key role in recommending the measure after conducting detailed technical assessments and analysing potential energy savings in public infrastructure. Officials

noted that scientific studies indicate increasing AC temperature by just 1°C can reduce electricity consumption by nearly 6%. For a standard 1.5-ton AC unit, raising the temperature from 21°C to 25°C could save around 432 units of electricity annually and cut nearly 310 kilograms of carbon dioxide emissions, without additional investment. Departments have been instructed to ensure strict implementation and establish monitoring mechanisms to track adherence.

**Allotment of Land for Young India School in Medical College Premises is Unethical: Niranjan Reddy**

Wanaparthy: Former minister Singireddy Niranjan Reddy visited the Government Medical College in the outskirts of Wanaparthy town and interacted with students to understand the issues faced by them.



He strongly objected to the government's decision to allot eight acres of land within the medical college premises for the construction of Young India School. Terming the move as "unethical and inappropriate," Niranjan Reddy said that land meant for medical education and health-care infrastructure should not be diverted for other purposes. The former minister stated that constructing a school inside a medical college campus would create inconvenience for students and affect future

expansion needs of the institution. He demanded that the land allocation be withdrawn immediately. Niranjan Reddy also spoke over the phone with the Ministers of Education and Health, explaining the concerns surrounding the issue and urging reconsideration of the decision. Several party leaders and local representatives, including District President Gattu Yadav, Official Spokesperson Vakiti Sridhar, District Media Convener Nandi Malla Ashok, and others, were present during the visit.

**IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE XIX JUNIOR CIVIL JUDGE CITY CIVIL COURT : AT : HYDERABAD O.S.No. 355 OF 2025**

Between: 1). Mohammed Fayaz, S/o Aboobacker, W/o. K.Aboobacker, 2). Smt.Siraj Unnisa Begum, W/o. K.Aboobacker, 3). Mohammed Farooq, S/o. Aboobacker, 4). Smt.Fouzia Nasreen, D/o. Aboobacker Aboobacker, 5). Smt. Fareda Nasreen, D/o Aboobacker, 6). Mohammad Fahad, S/o Aboobacker and, 7). Smt.Farha Nasreen, D/o Aboobacker, Above all are R/o.17-11-2103/3/4, St.No.1, I.S. Sadan, Santoshnagar, Hyderabad, Plaintiffs

AND 1). Smt. Subaida, W/o. K. Aboobacker, 2). Mohd Faiz, S/o. K. Aboobacker, 3). Smt. Farzana Mohammed Ali, D/o. K. Aboobacker, 4). Smt. Fahmina, D/o. K. Aboobacker 5). The Tahsiladar (MRO), Charminar Mandal and 6). All Concerned

Defendants  
ALL CONCERNED  
Please take notice that the above-named Plaintiffs have filed a suit for Declaration to declare the Plaintiffs and the defendants 1 to 4 are the ONLY LEGAL HEIRS of "Late K Aboobacker" and the same is stand posted to 10-03-2026. If any body having any objection in the above suit, they shall appear on the above said date at 10:15 a.m. before this Hon'ble Court in person or through an Advocate, failing which the Hon'ble Court will proceed with the matter as per law.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The public at large is hereby informed that the original documents belonging to M/s. Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction Co., Ltd., having its office at Edelweiss House, 1st Floor, off CST Road, Kalina, Mumbai - 400 102, have been lost. An executive of the said company, while on official business travel in Hyderabad, Telangana, inadvertently lost these original documents vide No.s: 729/2008, 3534/2008, 3740/2008, 3331/2008, 4283/2008, 3980/2008, 4285/2008, 3532/2008, 3088/2008, 3089/2008, 3720/2008, 4039/2008, 3516/2008, 2238/2008, 3042/2008, 4160/2008, 7149/2008, 7148/2008, 7150/2008, 5298/2008, 7150/2008, 4001/2007, 4080/2007, 1859/2007, 5426/2007, 6065/2007, 6062/2007, 6060/2007, 4958/2007, 4954/2007, 292/2007, 1686/2007, 4957/2007, 6059/2007, 6061/2007, 4931/2010, 4932/2010, 4935/2010, 4936/2010, 4937/2010, 4938/2010, 4939/2010, 4940/2010, 4941/2010, 4942/2010, 4943/2010, 4945/2010, 5532/2010, 5533/2010, 5535/2010, 5536/2010, 5537/2010, 5538/2010.

**SURVEY FOR VELUGUMATLA EVICTEES**

Khammam (TSIT): Authorities have launched an immediate socio-economic survey to identify eligible beneficiaries among families whose houses were cleared from encroached Bhoodan lands in Velugumatla village of Khammam Urban mandal earlier this week. The exercise aims to assess their



social and financial conditions before extending government support, district

collector Anudeep Durishetty said. He stated that 14 tahsildars have been directed to carry out the survey on a priority basis and submit reports without delay. Based on the findings, eligible families will be considered for house-site pattas and allotment of Indramma houses as per government norms.

**AINEF Completes 65 Years; Senior Leaders to Be Felicitated at CWC Meeting**

Hyderabad, February 27: The All India Newspaper Employees Federation (AINEF) has completed 65 years of service to journalists and non-journalist newspaper employees across the country. Founded in 1960 by prominent trade union leaders, the federation has played a key role in addressing complex issues concerning wages, service conditions, and labor rights in the newspaper industry.



that senior leaders who have guided the federation over the decades will be felicitated at the upcoming Central Working

Committee (CWC) meeting, the venue of which will be announced shortly. AINEF is a national-level trade union representing the interests of both journalists and non-journalist employees in the newspaper sector. The federation has consistently advocated for the implementation of wage board recommendations, including those of the Majithia Wage Board, to ensure fair pay and improved working conditions. The federation recently called for repeal of the Working Journalists and other Newspaper Employees

(Conditions of Service) and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, urging the government to introduce modern legislation suited to the digital media era. AINEF has also opposed the hiring of journalists through third-party agencies or short-term contracts, stating that such practices undermine labor protections. The federation is a full affiliate of the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) and continues to campaign for the constitution of a new national wage board to address inflation and ensure dignified living standards for media employees.

**Bank of India KHAIIRATABAD BRANCH**  
Ground floor, P.T.I. BUILDING, A.C. GUARDS, MASAB TANK, HYDERABAD-500004, Phone: 040-2332922, 2332924.

**POSSESSION NOTICE**

Whereas the undersigned being the authorised officer of the Bank of India, Khairatabad Branch under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 27.11.2025 calling upon the borrower Mr.Somaiah Sivarathri, at All that the residential building bearing H.No.2-84/118, on plot no.118 middle side (118 middle part), in survey nos.109/11,110 and 112 parts, admeasuring 176.66 sq.yds or 147.68 sq.mts and having plinth area 1066 Sft, situated at Chengicherla village and gram Panchayath, Ghatkeswar mandal, Rangareddy District under SRO Narayappa, Ranga Reddy District, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.24,09,166.79 plus interest @ 9.85p.a. plus 2.00% penal interest with monthly rests from 26.11.2025 in Home Loan (86097511000292) and Rs.17,13,875.08 plus interest @ 10.30% p.a. plus 2.00% penal interest with monthly rests from 26.11.2025 in Property Loan (86096261000181), together with costs, expenses, etc. within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Mr. Somaiah Sivarathri the borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken POSSESSION of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the 24th day of February of the Year 2026.

Mr.Somaiah Sivarathri in particular, and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the BANK OF INDIA for an amount being Rs. 23,62,184.49 plus interest @ 9.60% p.a. plus 2.00% penal interest with monthly rests from 26.11.2025 in Home Loan (86097511000292) and Rs.17,13,875.08 plus interest @ 10.30% p.a. plus 2.00% penal interest with monthly rests from 26.11.2025 in Property Loan (86096261000181) and together with costs, expenses, etc.

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

**DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:** All that the residential building bearing H.No.2-84/118, on plot no.118 middle side (118 middle part), in survey nos.109/11, 110 and 112 parts, admeasuring 176.66 sq.yds or 147.68 sq.mts and having plinth area 1066 Sft, situated at Chengicherla village and gram Panchayath Ghatkeswar mandal, Rangareddy District under SRO Narayappa, Ranga Reddy District, and bounded by: NORTH BY: Plot No.118 Northern Part SOUTH BY: Plot No.118 Southern Part EAST BY: 25-0 Wide Road WEST BY: Park West: 30' wide Road

Date: 24th February, 2026  
Place: Hyderabad  
BANK OF INDIA, Authorized Officer  
KHAIRATABAD BRANCH

**KITS Warangal Students N. Poojitha Reddy & G. Harshitha Performed Kuchipudi at 77th "Republic day celebrations- 2026"**

WARANGAL (TSIT): KITS Warangal B. Tech. second year students, N. Poojitha Reddy D/O N. Sravan Kumar Reddy, B.Tech. second year Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) & G. Harshitha D/O G. Anjaiah B.Tech. second year Computer Science and Engineering, Internet of Things (CSO) from Kakatiya Institute of Technology and Science, Warangal (KITSW), as part of 77th "Republic day celebrations, have performed Kuchipudi dance. It was held at the administrative block KITS Warangal campus, announced by the Principal Prof. K. Ashoka Reddy. It was successfully organized by the Music Dance & Fine arts (MDF) club under Student Activity Center (SAC). N. Poojitha Reddy acquired proficiency in elementary skills of traditional dance, also performed best at Badhrinath temple, kashi vishwanath, puri jagannath temple and she was awarded an appreciation national level certificate. G. Harshitha acquired proficiency in elementary skills of traditional dance, also performed best at Badhrinath temple, kashi vishwanath, puri jagannath temple and she was awarded an appreciation national level certificate. In this modern digital age, these students are committed to keeping the art of Kuchipudi alive through their sincere efforts and performances despite their busy schedules and constant exposure to technology, they continue to dedicate time, discipline, and passion to this classical dance form, ensuring that its rich cultural heritage is preserved and passed on to future generations. In this regard the former Rajya Sabha MP and KITSW Chairman, Capt. V. Lakshmi Kantha Rao and KITSW treasurer P. Narayana Reddy & Husnabad constituency Ex. MLA & KITSW Additional secretary,



Vodithala Satish Kumar, Principal Prof. K. Ashoka Reddy has congratulated and appreciated the dynamic kuchipudi performance under SAC. In this programme Registrar, Prof. M. Komal Reddy, dean academic affairs, Prof. K. Venumadhav, Dean Student affairs, Prof. Dr. K.Sridhar, Professor & Head Department of CSE, Dr. P.Niranjan, Professor of ECE, Dr. B. Rama Devi, Head, CSN, Prof. V. Shankar, KITSW MDF Club Faculty incharge, Associate Professor, Dr. PSS Muthy, All the deans, all the heads, faculty, staff and Associate professor of Chemistry and PRO Dr. D. Prabhakara Chary, students and others have congratulated them on being awarded in the field of kuchipudi.

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**SALE NOTICE**

Ref: 2752/ARM/SR/METALS/24022026 CERSAI ID: 400051109527, 400051106051 DT: 24-02-2026

**e-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH RULES 8(6) & 9 OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.**

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Asset Recovery Management Hyderabad, Canara Bank Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 17-03-2026 for recovery of Rs.25,15,24,030.69/- (Rupees Twenty-Five Crore Fifteen Lakh Twenty-Four Thousand Thirty and Paise Sixty-Nine Only) as on due to the Asset Recovery Management Hyderabad Branch of Canara Bank from M/s RN METALS PRIVATE LIMITED, represented by its directors and guarantors Mrs. Pushpa Agarwal, Mr. Rajkumar Agarwal, Mr. Mayur Agarwal and Mr. Bhavesh Kumar Agarwal.

**DATE & TIME OF AUCTION : 17-03-2026, 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.**  
(With unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)

Details and full description of the properties: All that Cont. EMT of all that Industrial plot bearing Plot No. A-23 (part) admeasuring 809.00 Sq. Yds or 676.32 Sq Mtrs, APIE situated at Balanagar Village, Kukatapally Municipality, Balanagar Mandal, Medchal Malkajgiri District, Telangana State Boundaries of the property: North: National Highway No. 9 South: Plot No. 24/A, East: Shed No. 23/A part belongs to Vinu Venud West: Shed No. 23/A part belongs to Mrs Vijay Industries And All that Cont. EMT of all that Industrial plot bearing Plot No. A-23 (part) admeasuring 800.00 Sq. Yds or 668.80 Sq Mtrs, APIE situated at Balanagar Village, Kukatapally Municipality, Balanagar Mandal Medchal Malkajgiri District, Telangana State Boundaries of the property: North: National Highway No. 9 South: Plot No. 24/A, East: Shed No. 23/A part belongs Deccan Tubes West: Shed No. 23/A part belongs M/s LPF System PVT. LTD. (both the above industrial plots are in the name of Smt. Pushpa Agarwal) Boundaries of the Two Combined Plots: North: Balanagar Main Road South: Neighbour's Property, East: Deccan Tubes on plot No. A-23 West: Rohit Steels

**RESERVE PRICE Rs. 14,19,00,000/- EMD Rs. 1,41,90,000/-**  
Lot No.2 Details: Continuing EMT of all that Independent House comprising G+2 Terrace floors with built up area of 4032 Sq. Ft. situated at plot no. 21/A, survey no 74/12 admeasuring 300 Sq. Yds in the layout of Three Murooply Sectors Co-operative Housing Society Limited, Mahendra Hills, East Marredpally, Secunderabad Cantonment, Telangana State Boundaries of the property: North: 40' wide Road South: Plot No.22, East: 40' wide Road West: Plot No.21, (Property in the name of Smt. Pushpa Agarwal)

**RESERVE PRICE Rs. 4,18,00,000/- EMD Rs. 41,80,000/-**  
**THE EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT SHALL BE DEPOSITED ON OR BEFORE 16-03-2026 BY 5:00 PM.**  
For further details Branch in charge, Asset Recovery Management Branch Hyderabad, Canara Bank, Ph. No.040-2772526/260, e-mail id: cb2752@canarabank.com may be contacted during office hours on any working day. The service provider Baanknet (M/s P5B Alliance Pvt. 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# EDITORIAL

## T20 World Cup: India's 'Aura' Is Cracked - And South Africa Can See It

Who would have imagined that with just over a week to go for the final of the men's T20 World Cup, we would have witnessed the three main Asian teams running into serious rough weather in subcontinental conditions and the main title favourite having to make room for another serious contender, who really means business?

But then that's T20 cricket for you. It will never be loyal and always be fickle. Just ask the Indian team who went into this World Cup, not just as the number one ranked T20i team in the world, not just because they were on a 17-match unbeaten streak in ICC tournaments, not just because they had a 26-3 win-loss ratio in T20is between the 2024 T20 World Cup final and the beginning of this one, but also as the absolutely overwhelming pre-tournament favourites in their own home conditions. And yet, as things stood before their Super Eights contest vs Zimbabwe, their road to the semi-finals had become quite the minefield. In fact, even after a big win in that game, which repaired their severely dented Net Run Rate, they are still not guaranteed a place in the final four. Their last match of this group, against a mercurial West Indies team, is a virtual quarter-final. The winner goes through to the last four. The loser will be eliminated. No second chances on offer here. And let's not forget that the fact that India are still in with a good chance to qualify is thanks largely to South Africa beating the West Indies. If that result went the other way, India could still have been knocked out even if they beat the Windies, on NRR.

### India Can Still Be Knocked Out

And that begs the question - did you expect the biggest title favourites and defending champions, playing largely in their own home conditions to still be waiting to see whether they qualify for the semis, at a time when England and South Africa have already booked their spots? There's no doubt that the Super Eights format is not a perfect one by any stretch of the imagination, but the fact of the matter is that India find themselves in a position where they could still be knocked out because of one very big loss and their inability to find a settled playing eleven with clearly defined player-roles, both before and after the group stage. And while the men in blue were searching for the clinical brand of T20i cricket that they had become synonymous with, the Proteas quietly, but very emphatically, established themselves as title favourites too. The way they dismantled the West Indies, chasing down a tricky 177-run target with nine wickets in hand, was honestly scary to watch.

Make no mistake about it, this World Cup is now not India's to lose. Just ask the incredibly talented and amazingly effective Arshdeep Singh, who recently became India's most successful bowler ever at the men's T20 World Cup (35\* wickets), going past Jasprit Bumrah (33\* wickets). The left-arm pacer openly thanked the South Africans and accepted the fact that the Proteas are favourites to take up one of the two spots in the final on March 8, saying, "Thanks to them (SA) for giving us the chance to decide our own fate...It was fun to watch their game. They played really well, and we'll try to beat them in the final."

India were the team to beat before the World Cup began. That crown now seems to have shifted to the heads of Aiden Markram and co.

### The Big Lesson Here

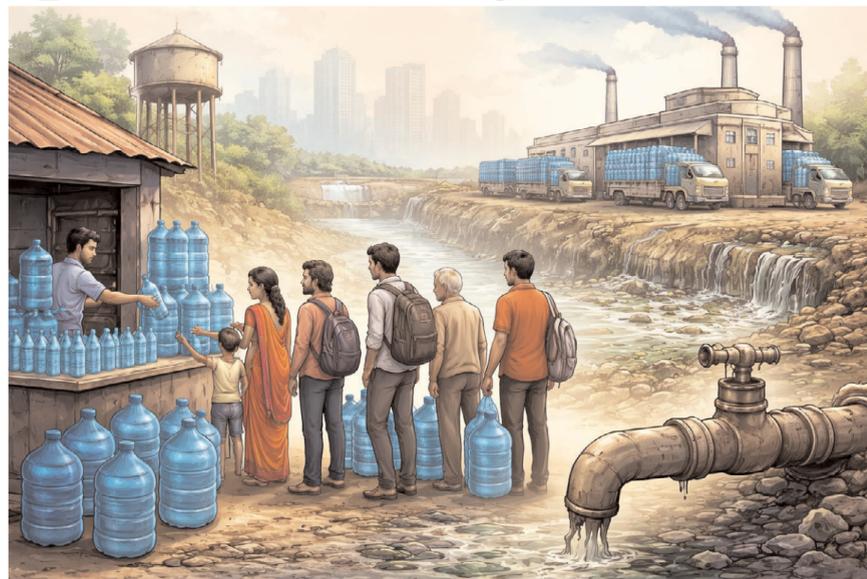
Whether India make the final four or not, whether they become the first team to successfully defend the T20 World Cup crown or not, when the inevitable post-tournament postmortem is conducted, the biggest lesson that will be staring them in the face is that there can always be a world of a difference between bilateral series and a World Cup. The pitches will be different, the opposition will be prepared differently and the format might or might not work in your favour.

# Bottled water india: A profound failure of public water governance

(The thirst for water in India is not only natural but also policy oriented.)

- Dr. Satyavan Saurabh

The growing reliance on bottled water in India is not just a story of changing consumer behavior, but also clearly points to deep-seated, multi-layered systemic problems in public water governance. Tap water, once considered a basic right for citizens and a state responsibility, is now becoming a symbol of distrust, insecurity, and inequality. From cities to towns and even rural areas, people are increasingly relying on plastic bottles for drinking. This trend not only increases the economic burden but also raises serious questions about the environment, social justice, and the concept of democratic governance. The water crisis in modern India is often attributed to lack of rainfall, climate change, or a growing population. While all of these factors are important, the root cause of the popularity of bottled water lies much deeper than this. The real problem is that citizens' trust in public water supply systems is steadily eroding. Doubts about the quality of tap water, lack of regular supply, and a lack of transparency have driven people to seek alternative sources. When the state fails to fulfill its basic responsibility, the market fills the void—often at a profit. The use of bottled water has rapidly increased in urban India. In metropolitan cities, it has almost become a way of life. Large jars and bottles are a common sight in offices, schools, hospitals, and even government offices. This situation is ironic, as these cities boast the most developed water infrastructure. If, despite such facilities, citizens cannot drink safe tap water, it is a clear evidence of administrative failure. Poor plumbing conditions, mixing of sewage and drinking water lines, and lack of regular testing—all these problems have been known for years, but solutions have remained incomplete. The situation in rural areas is different, yet equally worrying. Bottled water use is relatively low there, but as private companies expand their reach into rural markets, this dependence is also increasing. In



many areas, high levels of fluoride, arsenic, or iron in groundwater have led people to fear local water sources. State-provided community taps and hand pumps are often out of order or undrinkable. Therefore, those with the financial means purchase bottled water, while the poor are forced to drink contaminated water. This situation creates deep water inequality. The expansion of the bottled water industry raises many questions. While this industry promises "purity" and "safety," its regulation is severely flawed. It has often been found that even bottled water available on the market does not meet quality standards. Despite this, consumers consider it safer than tap water. This perception itself questions the credibility of public water institutions. If citizens do not trust the state-certified and controlled water supply system, it also threatens the credibility of democratic governance. From an environmental perspective, the reliance on bottled water is extremely destructive. Plastic bottles are turning into mountains of waste. Recycling rates are extremely low, and most plastic ends up in rivers, lakes, and oceans. Furthermore, bottled water production consumes enormous amounts

of water and energy. This means that an artificial solution is being offered by over-exploiting the very resource that is being talked about. This contradiction exposes the short-term thinking of policymakers. The problems of public water administration aren't just technical; they're also institutional and political. Departments responsible for water management often struggle with resource constraints, a lack of skilled manpower, and coordination. Furthermore, a basic service like water supply often lacks political priority. While election promises include large dams, river-linking projects, and smart cities, relatively little attention is paid to improving everyday water supply. As a result, small but significant problems remain unresolved for years. The growing trend of privatization is also exacerbating this crisis. When public systems are weak, private companies are brought forward as a solution. While this has increased efficiency in some cases, the benefits often accrue only to those who can pay. Market-based distribution of an essential resource like water is contrary to the principles of social justice. Bottled water is the most obvious example of this privatization,

where clean water becomes a consumer good rather than a fundamental right. The most worrying aspect of this entire situation is that dependence on bottled water is gradually becoming normalized. People are beginning to see it as a solution rather than a symptom of the problem. This reduces public pressure and weakens demands for administrative reform. When citizens themselves create alternative arrangements, the pressure on the state to be accountable decreases. This tacitly accepted failure could lead to even greater crises in the future. There is a need to re-establish water as a public good. This requires ensuring the quality and consistency of tap water, first and foremost. Transparent water testing, public availability of results, and effective grievance redressal systems can restore citizens' confidence. Furthermore, investment in water infrastructure—whether it's pipeline repair, sewage management, or modernization of water treatment plants—must be prioritized. Public awareness is also crucial. People must understand that bottled water is not a long-term solution. Consumer behavior can be changed by increasing awareness about the environmental and social costs.

## Discussion on corruption in the judiciary: A mirror of truth or an attack on the dignity of the institution?

- Dr. Priyanka Saurabh

The judiciary is the guardian pillar of India's democracy, protecting the Constitution and assuring justice to citizens. However, recently, the Supreme Court took a strong stance against the NCERT's Class 8 Social Science textbook, imposing a complete ban on its printing, distribution, and circulation. The chapter on "The Role of the Judiciary in Our Society" mentioned "corruption at various levels of the judiciary," the high backlog of cases, the shortage of judges, and statements by former Chief Justice B.R. Gavai. CJI Surya Kant termed this a "deep-rooted and deliberate conspiracy" to defame the judiciary and issued notices to the Ministry of Education and the NCERT Director, seeking their response.

The identity of the authors of the controversial chapter, their qualifications, and the minutes of the syllabus-framing meetings have been ordered. This incident not only raises questions about education policy but also raises a debate about the balance between institutional dignity, freedom of expression, and open discussion on corruption. Is such discussion in the school curriculum wrong? Or is it a means to alert society? The Indian Constitution provides for freedom of expression under Article 19(1), but Article 19(2) also provides reasonable restrictions, including contempt of court.

The Supreme Court's action falls under the scope of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, which makes material insulting the dignity of the judiciary punishable. The Court reasoned that the chapter was selective—prominently mentioning corruption in the judiciary, but not the legislature or the executive. Calling pending cases a "massive backlog" and challenging the shortage of judges undermined the institution. The reference to former CJI Gavai's statement was taken out of context and misleading. The Court called it a "deep-rooted conspiracy," suggesting it may not be a mere academic oversight but a deliberate attempt. The inclusion of such material in the recently revised curriculum by NCERT demonstrates the Ministry of Education's negligence.

The lack of transparency in the meetings of the Syllabus Expert Committee has raised questions—were the authors motivated by political bias? The court has assured a thorough investigation, which is welcome. Discussing corruption is essential for democracy. According to Transparency International, India's Corruption Perception Index was 40/100 in 2025, highlighting the challenges facing institutions, including the judiciary. The Supreme Court itself has made scathing comments on corruption, such as in the Brahmaputra Hostel case or the medical admission scam. Justice J.S. Verma

stated that "even one case of corruption in the judiciary tarnishes the entire institution." However, generalizing this in a school textbook is inappropriate. Children are 13-14 years old—give them factual knowledge, not biased perspectives. A chapter focusing on accountability, separation of powers, and reforms (such as fast-track courts and recruitment of judges) would have been useful. In its current form, it sows negativity, which could create distrust of the judiciary among the younger generation. In states like Haryana, where Panchayati Raj is strong, the local justice system is already struggling—such content will discourage rural children. It's natural to question the role of NCERT.

The New Education Policy 2020 aimed to simplify the curriculum and make it more Indian-centric, but this controversy is having the opposite effect. The ministry should mandate multi-lateral consultations—including academics, judicial experts, and parent organizations—in framing the syllabus. Verify the qualifications of authors—are they political science experts or general educators? The court also ordered the seizure of digital copies, which is challenging in the cyber age. However, this step was necessary because misinformation could go viral. Senior lawyers like Kapil Sibal and Abhishek Manu Singhvi described the findings in court as selec-

tive, which strengthens the debate. Now, if the investigation proves a conspiracy, those responsible will face contempt charges. This case calls for comprehensive reforms. To prevent corruption in the judiciary, strengthen the National Judicial Commission (NJC) to ensure transparent appointments of judges. Accelerate the e-court project to reduce the backlog of cases—currently over 50 million. Seek legislative consent to increase the number of judges. Address corruption in education as a chapter on ethics, not as an attack on a particular institution. Freedom of expression is important, but the dignity of the institution is paramount. The Supreme Court's intervention is in the right direction—it is a warning that education should not breed corruption. NCERT should revise the curriculum to ensure factual, balanced content. Governments should increase transparency—the syllabus process should be made public through RTI. The public should be aware, because a strong judiciary is a strong India. If the discussion on corruption leads to reform, it is welcome; otherwise, it is merely a conspiracy. A Supreme Court investigation will reveal the truth and strengthen the education system. Balance is the key to success in a democracy.

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## THE MANY FIRSTS IN INDIA'S NEW DEFENCE ACQUISITION POLICY

The draft Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) 2026, released earlier this month, attempts to restructure India's defence procurement framework amid technological flux and the country's evolving military aspirations. The document's release comes at a critical time, as India prioritises jointness and self-reliance in light of recent standoffs with China and Pakistan. As the DAP explicitly describes itself as "the navigation chart for the middle leg of India's journey to 2047," it appears to prioritise cross-linkages between acquisition, industrial policy, and export strategy. There is a visible shift in priorities from "Made in India" to "Owned by India," moving beyond licensed production toward genuine design capability and ownership of intellectual property. In addition, the document recognises that the challenge is not merely financial but also rooted in an outdated procurement system. It therefore introduces faster decision cycles through new, adaptive procedural frameworks, low-cost capital acquisition mechanisms, and long-term bulk procurement strategies. Notably, it integrates civil-military fusion, start-up innovation, and exports into the core acquisition process rather than treating them as marginal experiments. Ideating Indigenisation The conventional understanding of indigenisation appears to be evolving. Under the revised framework, what qualifies as indigenously designed (ID) requires that an Indian company not only manufacture



in India but also own the design documents, software source code, circuit layouts, and core architecture of the system. It must possess sole rights to produce, upgrade, and export the product without requiring foreign approval each time. Purchasing a foreign design licence no longer qualifies as "Indian design" unless full ownership is transferred. With extensive indigenisation as a priority, the Buy (Indian-IDDM) category receives significant emphasis. This category underscores ownership of design, source code, semiconductor layouts, and core system architecture, along with unconditional rights to manufacture, upgrade, and export. Additionally, ownership of all acquired intellectual property is to be classified as indigenous. Alongside Indigenous Design (ID), Indigenous Content (IC) norms have also been tightened. IC is now calculated against a "Calculated Base Contract Price," with detailed definitions specifying what constitutes foreign content from production to final delivery. Category-wise thresholds mandate at least 60 per cent overall IC in Buy

(Indian-IDDM), and at least 60 per cent IC in the manufacturing portion for Buy (Indian) and Buy (Global) & Manufacture in India. Even Buy (Global) is capped at up to 30 per cent IC and must be accompanied by a proposal for an indigenous Make or Design & Development pathway. Prioritising Timelines in a Rapid Technological Era In a rapidly evolving technological landscape where artificial intelligence, drones, space technologies, and cyber tools develop in cycles of 18-36 months-traditional procurement processes often take longer than a single technological cycle. DAP 2026 introduces structural reforms aimed at compressing timelines and better aligning acquisition cycles with technology cycles. Planning is anchored in a 10-year Integrated Capability Development Plan (ICDP) and a two-year rolling Annual Acquisition Plan (AAP), with formal integration of Technology Readiness Levels (TRLs) into early planning. TRLs 1-5 are explicitly linked to the Make and Design & Development categories; TRLs 5-9 correspond to Buy (Indian-IDDM); and TRLs 8-9 align with Buy

(Indian) & Manufacture in India and Buy (Global) & Manufacture in India. The Fast Track Procedure (FTP) is reoriented toward urgent procurement cases where standard timelines risk operational readiness, with preference given to equipment already in service or with proven performance abroad. The emphasis is on minimising trials and empowering committees with oversight authority rather than recreating the full acquisition cycle for emergent needs. Civil-Military Fusion for Streamlined Production DAP 2026's approach to civil-military fusion reflects one of its most significant strategic shifts. The Make categories are now explicitly linked to eventual procurement. Make-I projects involving high-risk, critical technologies may receive up to 70 per cent government funding for prototype development, capped at ₹400 crore per Development Agency, with provision for 100 per cent funding in select cases. Make-II and Make-III categories remain industry-funded, focusing on new development and import substitution, respectively. The innovation ecosystem surrounding Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) and the Technology Development Fund (TDF) is treated with similar seriousness. When an iDEX or TDF prototype successfully passes trials, the sponsoring Service is required to place a Minimum Pilot Order Quantity that is meaningful in scale. Importantly, DAP 2026 acknowledges the growing relevance of dual-use and civilian technologies.

**Free Eye Check-Up Camps for Drivers Under 'Arrive Alive' Programme in Nallagandla**



SERILINGAMPALLY TSIT : As part of the ongoing 'Arrive Alive' initiative aimed at raising awareness about road safety in the Serilingampally area, a free eye check-up camp was organized in Nallagandla on Thursday. Eye Care Centre in Nallagandla, where a large number of heavy vehicle drivers and auto-rickshaw drivers participated. Specialist doctors conducted comprehensive eye examinations for approximately 30 drivers and provided essential advice on maintaining eye health. In line with their social responsibility efforts, Hospital Director Dr. Krishna Teja and Dr. Sushma Reddy distributed free spectacles to those in need. The doctors emphasized that early detection of vision problems among drivers can significantly help reduce road accidents. The programme was conducted under the leadership of Kollur Traffic Police Station Inspector V. Appala Naidu.



Union Minister of State for Home Bandi Sanjay Kumar inaugurated the medical equipment donated by CSR in Karimnagar District Government Hospital on Friday.

**Mancherial Collector Calls for Faster Rural Development.**

Mancherial, Feb 27, TSIT: Kumar Deepak, District Collector of Mancherial, on Thursday urged sarpanches to discharge their duties responsibly and accelerate village development works with a focus on public welfare. Addressing a training programme for sarpanches at Hajipur mandal, the Collector stressed priority to drinking water supply, sanitation, waste segregation, plastic management, and timely utilisation of funds. He directed speedy completion of Gram Panchayat buildings, Anganwadi centres, and works under the Employment Guarantee Scheme, including proper use of free sand provided by the government. Later, at the Integrated



District Offices complex in Naspur, the Collector reviewed the progress of Panchayati Raj Engineering works and instructed officials to expedite construction under DMFT and PM Janman schemes and submit pending bills without delay.

**Abhilasha Bisht Presents Bouquet to CM Revanth Reddy at Secretariat**

Hyderabad (TSIT): Abhilasha Bisht, Director General of Police and Director of the Telangana Police Academy (TGPA), met Chief Minister Revanth Reddy at the Secretariat on Friday and presented him with a bouquet. The Meeting took place at the Chief Minister's office in the Secretariat. DGP Abhilasha Bisht extended greetings to the Chief Minister



**CHSL 2026 Diary Unveiled by Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy**



Hyderabad: The 2026 Diary brought out by the The Journalists Co-operative Housing Society Limited (JCHSL), Hyderabad, was unveiled on Friday by State Revenue, Housing and Information Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy at his chamber. Established in 1960, the historic society has brought out the diary for the first time, featuring comprehensive details of its members, the history of its colonies, and important media-related information. Society President Brahmmandaberi Goparaju briefed the Minister about the significance of the publication and the legacy of the organization. On the occasion, members of the Managing Committee felicitated the Minister with shawls. Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy congratulated the society and its members for their initiative and appreciated their efforts in documenting the society's journey and contributions. Those present at the programme included Secretary Mikkilineni Ravindra Babu, Vice President Masade Lakshminarayana, Joint Secretary Dr. Challa Bhagyalakshmi, Treasurer Bheemagani Maheshwar Goud, and Directors D. Kamalakaracharya and M.S.H. Hashmi.

**Chitra Mishra who took charge as District Collector of Karimnagar**



Karimnagar, TSIT: Chitra Mishra took charge as the new Collector of Karimnagar

District in the Collectorate Chamber on Friday. Additional District Collector Lakshmi Kiran, Municipal Commissioner Prapul Desai, R D O Maheshwar, and many district officials politely offered plants and flower bouquets and expressed their wishes.

**COMMITTED TO PROVIDING 7 HOURS OF DAYTIME POWER TO FARMERS: ENERGY MINISTER K.J. GEORGE**

Bengaluru : Energy Minister K.J. George said, The government is committed to providing uninterrupted 7 hours of daytime electricity to agricultural pump sets, and work to solarise agricultural feeders under the KUSUM-C scheme is being expedited. Speaking after meeting party leaders and workers and receiving grievances at the KPCC office, Energy Minister KJ George said: "Under the KUSUM-C scheme, we are solarising substations that supply power to agriculture with a target of generating 2,500 MW of solar power, ensuring 7 hours of daytime electricity for farmers. Under the KUSUM-B scheme, we are providing solar pump sets with the highest subsidy in the country — up to 80%. This is a revolutionary step by the Energy Department for the agriculture sector." "The Energy Department is making a significant contribution to the state's progress by supplying electricity to the people and farmers. Under the Gruha Jyothi scheme, up to 200 units of free electricity are being provided to domestic consumers, benefiting 1.65 crore families. The department is utilising available opportunities to work for the welfare of the people, especially farmers," Energy Minister said.



By integrating solar energy with agricultural activities, we are reducing the burden on transformers and curbing power theft. We have achieved progress in power generation and maintained reliable transmission," he added. "Our guarantee schemes have empowered people financially. The government allocated 55,000 crore for guarantees in the last financial year. This translates to 5,000 per family. As a result, Karnataka ranks No. 1 in the country in per capita income. Unfortunately, out of the 4 lakh crore tax contributed by our state, the Centre returns only 60,000 crore. The Central government is obstructing the state's development," the Minister alleged.

BJP's Patriotism is Hollow Jawaharlal Nehru, though born into privilege, had stood with Mahatma Gandhi and endured imprisonment for the nation's freedom. He claimed that BJP leaders neither went to jail nor fought for the country's independence. The Congress party's sacrifices, he said, are the reason India is progressing today. He accused the BJP of limiting itself to cutting ribbons, delivering election-time speeches, and promoting what he termed empty patriotism. During the Minister's visit to the KPCC office, Congress Bengaluru North Division President Wajid, Central Division President Nandakumar, KPCC Media Secretary Deepak Thimmayya, and leaders and workers from Sarvagnanagar Assembly constituency were present.

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went very well, where we celebrated the arts, intangible heritage, consciousness and bliss through a variety of dance forms. Proud to have brought rare Sanskrit and Telugu compositions to stage dedicated to Shiva, authored by Patanjali Muni and Palkuriki Somanatha of 12th century Kakatiya Kingdom. We empowered about 35 performers with new knowledge and cultural competence. Received phenomenal feedback from audiences. Your encouragement and appreciation are truly valued and we aspire to continue to make more meaningful contributions ahead too

**University of Canberra celebrates hat-trick year of UC Cricket Challenge in India**



Bengaluru : The University of Canberra's (UC) Cricket Challenge is back for a hat-trick year, marking the tournament's third consecutive edition and reinforcing the University's long-term commitment to strengthening its India-Australia engagement through sport, education and youth development. Delivered in partnership with Cricket ACT, the governing body for cricket in the Australian Capital Territory, the UC Cricket Challenge has steadily evolved into a distinctive international platform that integrates competitive school-level cricket with academic exposure,

cultural exchange and future-ready education pathways. Since the tournament's inception, promising young cricketers from schools across India have enjoyed unique opportunities to engage with Australia's sport-led education ecosystem while competing at a high-performance level. Talking about the unique initiative, Mr Andrew Barr, MLA, Chief Minister, Australian Capital Territory, Australia, said, "The University of Canberra Cricket Challenge represents exactly what Canberra stands for - innovation, opportunity and partnership. This program strengthens our interna-

tional education relationships, opens new pathways for young athletes, and showcases Canberra as a global destination where talent is nurtured both on the field and in the classroom. We are proud to support an initiative that builds futures, deepens global connects and reflects the very best of our community." The UC Cricket Challenge is the realisation of the shared vision between UC and Cricket ACT to nurture emerging talent and create meaningful 'study and play' pathways that allow students to pursue sporting excellence alongside academic ambition. The initiative

reflects UC's broader focus on employability, industry integration and real-world learning. Building on the success of the previous two editions, the 2026 UC Cricket Challenge will feature inter-school T10 matches in Bengaluru, complemented by a range of engagement activities designed to expose students to international education opportunities, high-performance sporting environments and cross-cultural learning experiences. Further details regarding dates, venues, participating schools and programme elements will be announced in due course.

**Approximately 640 Divyangjans to Receive Artificial Limbs and Calipers on March 1**

Bangalore : In view of the growing need for accessible rehabilitation services for Divyangjans in South India, Udaipur-based Narayan Seva Sansthan, in collaboration with its CSR partners General Motors, TTP Technologies, and ACI Worldwide, is organizing a Free Narayan Limb & Caliper Fitment Camp along with a Donor Felicitation Ceremony on Sunday, March 1, in Bengaluru.



During press conference, Mr. Vinod Jain, Bengaluru President and Spokesperson, addressed members of the media in the presence of Mr. Khubi Lal Menaria, Head of the Bengaluru Ashram, on behalf of Narayan Seva Sansthan. The camp will be held at Mahaveer Dharamshala No. 17, National High School Road, V.V. Puram, Basavanagudi, from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. The formal inauguration will take place at 11:00 AM. Only pre-selected Divyangjans will benefit from this initiative. Approximately 640 Divyangjans will receive

artificial limbs and calipers during the camp, underscoring one of the largest such rehabilitation initiatives in the region. Around 550 beneficiaries will be fitted with advanced Narayan Limbs, while nearly 50 will be provided with calipers. All beneficiaries were selected during the Free Narayan Limb Measurement Camp organized by the institution on December 14. Emphasizing the deeper purpose behind the initiative, Director, Ms. Palak Agarwal said, "The mission of Narayan Seva Sansthan extends beyond merely providing artificial limbs. Our goal is to

empower Divyangjans by making them self-reliant and integrating them into education, employment, and the social mainstream. Such camps not only facilitate rehabilitation but also offer an opportunity to live a life of dignity, enabling beneficiaries to contribute confidently to society." She further informed that expert doctors and a technical team will fit the modern, technologically advanced Narayan Limbs during the camp. In addition, beneficiaries will receive specialized training on walking, maintaining balance, and correctly using the assistive devices in their daily lives.

## Actor-politician Vijay's wife Sangeeta files for divorce alleging extra marital affair with actress

Chennai, Feb 27 (UNI) In a surprise development that took his ardent fans by surprise and sent shock waves among them, actor-politician and Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) Founder Vijay's wife Sangeeta has filed a divorce petition in the Chengalpattu Family Court, alleging that her husband was having an extra marital affair with an actress.



commensurate with his income and social standing.

The hearing in the case would be taken up on April 20 and the court has reportedly directed Vijay to appear in person.

Though the petition was filed on December 3, 2025, it was leaked to the media and made public today.

In the petition, apart from seeking dissolution of her marriage with Vijay, Sangeeta prayed for a direction to stay at her matrimonial home till the final disposal of the plea.

She also sought a direction to the actor to pay a fair and reasonable permanent alimony to her,

She also said in order to protect the reputation of all parties, she was refraining from disclosing the name of the actress at present. However, she said he deserves the right to implead the said actress as the second Respondent in the plea.

The couple has reportedly been living separately for some time, with Sangeeta residing away from Vijay, who is focused on his political work after launching his new party.

Vijay and Sangeeta were married on August 25, 1999, and they have two children-25-year-old son Jason Sanjay and

20-year-old daughter Dhiyva Sasha.

In the petition, filed under Sec 27 (1)(a)(b)(d) and Secs 36 and 37 of the Special Marriage Act, 1954, Sangeeta Vijay sought dissolution of her marriage with the Respondent (Vijay).

She said though there were some occasional difficulties in their married life, both of them had managed and continued their life together.

She said, however, in April 2021, she came to know that Vijay was involved in an adulterous relationship with an actress and this has caused her deep emotional pain and mental suffering, amounting to betray-

al and violation of marital trust.

"Though Vijay initially assured that he would end the relationship with the actress, he continued the adulterous association without remorse subjecting me to prolonged mental cruelty", Sangeeta said in the divorce plea, adding, though efforts were made to resolve the issue amicably between September 2021 and February 2022, no resolution was reached and the matter was deferred considering the children's education and emotional well-being.

She alleged that Vijay thereafter had increasingly neglected her emotionally, mentally and physically, withdrew from conjugal relations, excluded her from his social and professional life and deliberately distanced himself.

As TV channels flashed the news, it has quickly become a topic of discussion given Vijay's dual identity as a celebrated film personality and political leader.



Honble Chief Minister visited the residence of brain-dead minor organ donor Venba in Coimbatore, met her parents, conveyed his deep condolences and expressed gratitude for donating her organs..

## Tamil Nadu: Indefinite strike by revenue staff affects procurement



TIRUCHY: The Delta farmers have expressed their shock that their harvested paddy has been piled up in every Direct Procurement Centre (DPC) after failing to obtain the 'adangal' certificate (a legal proof of land possession) by revenue department who have been under indefinite strike and they fear that the paddy might

damage due to delay in procurement effected out of their protest and demand the state government to find a valuable solution.

Samba and Thalady have been cultivated in more than 13 lakh acres across the delta region, and the harvest has commenced in most of the areas in the region.

Official sources said that more than 60 per cent of the harvest has been covered across the region, and the harvester machines from other regions have been brought to accelerate the harvest and are expected to complete the entire region in a couple of weeks. As per the requirement, the TNCS

has opened around 1,300 DPCs and more to open in the coming days.

As per the norms, the adangal certificate by VAO is mandatory for the sale of harvested paddy in the DPCs, and the farmer needs to submit the OTP to the VAO for the payment process after the sale of paddy.

In such a scenario, the VAOs have commenced their indefinite strike from February 25 for their demands, which affected the issuance of the Adangal certificate that had struck the procurement process across the region.

The farmers appealed that the state government should find an alternative for procurement; otherwise, the situation on par with kuruvai procurement, which damaged the harvested paddy due to the delay in procurement. "We have already submitted the required documents for the Adangal certificate with the respective VAOs and we possess the receipt for it, and it would be better if the procurement takes place with that receipt so that the piling up of paddy could be avoided", V Jeevakumar, a farmer and farmer rights activist from Thanjavur, said.

## IESA TN creates strong industry momentum with up coming Conclave '26 to be held in June

Chennai, Feb 27 (UNI) The Tamil Nadu chapter of the Indian Exhibitions, Conferences and Events Services Association (IESA) on Friday showcased its Conclave'26 marking a significant milestone for the event industry in the region.

The IESA Conclave 2026 would be held in Chennai on June 26.

The conclave launch witnessed an impressive 102 companies, with a majority being first-time participants, reflecting growing industry confidence, expanding engagement, and accelerating momentum within the ecosystem.

The event brought together leading industry voices, including Vinod Gopal, Vice President - EEMA, and other distinguished guests who emphasized unity, collaboration, and structured growth for the evolving event sector, a release



from IESA said.

The initiative was led by B. Punithan - President, IESA Tamil Nadu; Mathew - Vice President; Sriniwasan - Secretary and other office bearers.

The Conclave core committee played a pivotal role in the successful execution of the launch event, demonstrating strong teamwork, strategic coordination, and unified leadership.

## Herbal formulations can help control blood sugar levels



New Delhi: With the surge in diabetes cases, a study has suggested a healthy lifestyle and diet coupled with anti-diabetic properties of herbal formulations can help control blood sugar levels. The study, conducted by researchers from Patna-based Government Ayurvedic College and Hospital on a patient suffering from high levels of blood sugar, has been published in the International Ayurvedic Medical Journal (IAMJ). As per the study, the team, led by Assistant Professor Prabhas Chandra Pathak, prescribed the patient a combination of research-based traditional medicines, including herbal formulation like BGR-34, Arogyavardhani Vati, Chandraprabhavati, chole-

sterol reducing drugs, lifestyle adjustments and a specific diet for two weeks. Encouraged by the positive results of the treatment plan, the researchers have suggested a comprehensive larger study for its further assessment.

In fact, earlier a study by the AIIMS Delhi found that BGR-34 is effective not only in reducing sugar but obesity as well. Sanchit Sharma, Executive Director, Aimil Pharmaceuticals, said since diabetic patients have to depend on lifetime medicines, the outcome of the study holds significance. "These herbal preparations also have elements to increase immunity as well as anti-oxidants levels," he added. After 14 days, the treatment was slightly altered.

The patient showed significant improvement, for instance, the sugar level which was 254 mg/dl at the time of admission, came down to 124 mg/dl. The study says it was found that Daruharidra, Giloe, Vijaysar, Gudmar, Methi and Majishtha in the BGR-34 showed anti-diabetic properties, which helped cut down the sugar level in the blood. This medicine is prepared by the country's research institute, CSIR, after research.

Owing to a sedentary lifestyle and unhealthy dietary habits, diabetes is on increase in the country. As per latest data, there are 72.9 million people suffering with diabetes in India. Researchers said that during the study, patient was also recommended an hour's walk daily. The patient's fasting sugar level, which was 254 mg/dl before the start of treatment, came down to 124 mg/dl. Similarly, the sugar level after breakfast decreased from 413 to 154 mg/dl. All these parameters indicate effective reduction in blood sugar level.

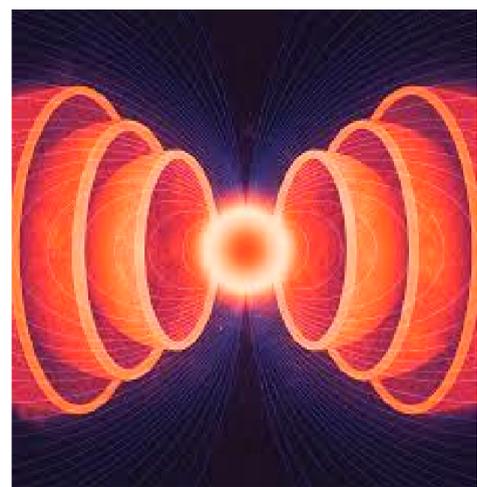
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## MAGNETIC MYSTIQUE: A Deeper Look at Massive Star Systems

A new study reveals that magnetic fields are common in star systems with large blue stars, challenging prior beliefs and providing insights into the evolution and explosive nature of these massive stars. Astronomers from the Leibniz Institute for Astrophysics Potsdam (AIP), the European Southern Observatory (ESO), and the MIT Kavli Institute and Department of Physics have discovered that magnetic fields in multiple star systems with at least one giant, hot blue star, are much more common than previously thought by scientists. The results significantly improve the understanding of massive stars and their role as progenitors of supernova explosions.

Characteristics of O-type Stars

Blue, so-called O-type stars belong to the most massive stars in our universe with masses of more than 18 times that of our Sun. While they are rare, they are so hot and luminous that four of the 90 brightest stars visible from Earth belong to this category. They are of extraordinary importance because they drive energetic physical processes that affect the structure of entire galaxies and chemically enrich the region between the stars. Regions of active star formation, like the spiral arms of a galaxy, or in galaxies that are in the process of colliding or merging, are where these stars are typically located. Such massive stars are of particular interest for



magnetic studies because they end their evolution explosively as a supernova, leaving behind a compact object, such as a neutron star or a black hole, as a remnant.

Binaries are systems of two gravitationally bound stars that orbit around each other. If both components are O-type stars, this system can become a compact object binary. The final destination of very massive stars is a black hole, while the less massive O-type stars end as neutron stars when they are "dying" as a supernova. The binaries can end as two neutron stars, a neutron star and a black hole, or two black holes. These objects' orbits degrade via the emission of gravitational waves and are observable by gravitational-wave detectors.

Stellar Winds and Magnetospheres

Like the Sun, massive

stars have stellar winds - an energetic stream of charged particles. These plasma winds respond to magnetic fields and can create a structure, the magnetosphere. All stars and planets with magnetic fields, including the Earth, have a magnetosphere. It protects the Earth from energetic cosmic radiation. The plasma, which can move at thousands of kilometers per second, is subject to extreme centrifugal forces. It has been proposed that this magnetic mechanism can be the reason for the tightly bundled explosion of massive stars, relevant for long-duration gamma-ray bursts, X-ray flashes, and other supernovae features.

Magnetic Fields in Massive Stars

While a theoretical explanation for the influence of magnetic fields on supernovae or long-duration gamma-ray bursts was proposed

decades ago, since then, only eleven O-type stars have been reported to host magnetic fields. All of them, apart from one star, were single stars or in wide binaries. This was a very puzzling fact, as prior studies had shown that over 90% of O-type stars form in multiple systems, with two or more stars. Indeed, many theorists have been mystified by the rather low number of magnetic fields detected in massive stars, because they could not interpret some of the observed physical characteristics of multiple systems without accounting for the effect of a magnetic field. To resolve this discrepancy, the authors carried out a magnetic survey, using archival spectropolarimetric observations of stellar systems with at least one O-type component. Spectropolarimetry measures the polarisation of the light, which gives information on the existence of a magnetic field in a star. They used data of the high-resolution spectropolarimeters HARPS, installed at the ESO 3.6 m telescope on La Silla/Chile, and ESPaDOs at the Canada-France-Hawaii telescope on Mauna Kea. To analyze the data, they developed a special, sophisticated procedure for the measurements of the magnetic field.

"To our surprise, the results showed a very high occurrence rate of magnetism in these multiple systems. 22 out of the 36 systems studied have definitely detected magnetic fields, while only three systems did not show any sign of a magnetic field.

# Trade Breakthroughs and 16% Earnings CAGR Signal Nifty Upside to 27,958: PL Capital

Mumbai, February 2026: PL Capital, one of the most trusted financial services organisations in India, in its latest India Strategy Report stated that India's growth narrative is entering a decisive phase as policy clarity, landmark trade agreements and a sustained infrastructure push converge to lay the foundation for the next leg of expansion. The prolonged phase of market consolidation appears to be giving way to renewed optimism, with structural drivers firmly in place despite recent earnings recalibrations. Over the past nine months, the Nifty has traded within a narrow 5-6% band, reflecting a period of adjustment amid global geopolitical uncertainties, tariff disruptions and a 9-9.5% earnings per share (EPS) moderation for FY26 and FY27. However, early signs of revival are emerging. Corporate performance has remained resilient, with sales, EBITDA and profit after tax for the coverage universe growing 9.9%, 16.4% and 16.7% year-on-year respectively, even as EPS estimates were trimmed. While FY26 EPS growth is expected at a measured 3.8%, the medium-term earnings trajectory remains strong, with an estimated 16.3% CAGR over FY26-28, indicating that the current phase is more of a



reset than a reversal. On valuations, the Nifty currently trades at 19.1x one-year forward earnings, broadly aligned with its 15-year average. The base case assumes the index trading at 18.3x—reflecting a 5% discount to long-period averages—on December 2027 EPS of 1,525, translating into a 12-month target of 27,958. In a bullish scenario, a 20x multiple implies upside toward 30,497, while a conservative bear case suggests 26,486. A defining catalyst for the next growth cycle has been India's accelerated progress on trade diplomacy. The recently concluded India-EU Free Trade Agreement marks a historic breakthrough as the European Union, accounts for nearly 19% of India's exports. It represents a combined market of approximately USD 24 trillion, which will now offer India preferential access across 99% of tariff lines, covering 99.5% of trade value. Around 70.4% of tariff lines

representing ~90% of India's exports to the EU, will see immediate duty elimination. Labour-intensive sectors such as textiles and apparel, marine products, leather and footwear, gems and jewellery, chemicals, machinery and electrical equipment stand to benefit significantly. Textiles and apparel, which earlier faced duties of 8-12%, will now enjoy zero-tariff access, enhancing competitiveness against global peers. Marine exports, leather goods and gems—critical employment generators—are expected to see a meaningful demand boost. Beyond merchandise trade, the services component of the agreement opens new frontiers. IT and ITES firms gain improved market access and visa clarity, while financial services, professional services, telecom, education and digital trade benefit from regulatory alignment and cooperation frameworks. Importantly, collaboration in advanced semiconductors,

chip design and critical industrial electronics strengthens India's manufacturing ambitions. Mr. Amish Aggarwal, Director Research, Institutional Equities, PL Capital said, India is transitioning from a cyclical recovery phase to a structurally stronger growth trajectory. What differentiates this cycle is the depth of policy execution, rising private sector participation and the scale of opportunity emerging across manufacturing, digital infrastructure and domestic consumption. Markets may have paused, but the underlying economic engine continues to gain strength. As capital formation accelerates and productivity enhancements play out, we believe Indian equities are entering the early stages of a multi-year compounding cycle." Parallely, India's interim trade framework with the United States has removed a significant overhang for exporters. Following the im-

# Nissan Signals a Bold India Resurgence with the Launch of the All-New GRAVITE at Introductory Price of INR 5.65 Lakhs

Hyderabad, 27 February 2026: Nissan Motor India today announced the launch of the All-New Nissan GRAVITE at an attractive introductory price of INR 5.65 Lakhs. A bold and game-changing 7-seater MPV, the GRAVITE marks the beginning of a new chapter in Nissan's India journey. Inspired by India, Made in India, Made for India, the GRAVITE is the first product to roll out under Nissan Motor India's renewed product offensive — underlining the company's strengthened commitment and presence in India. The name "GRAVITE" draws inspiration from 1.4 billion Indians and the 19,000 vernaculars and rituals that shape the nation's diversity, the GRAVITE has been purpose-built to meet the evolving aspirations of Indian families. It combines space, versatility, comfort and everyday practicality with a commanding road presence. Thierry Sabbagh, Divisional Vice President and President, Middle East, KSA, CIS and India - Nissan and Infiniti, said, "India is central to Nissan's global ambitions. Our actions over the past year strengthening operations, expanding the network and embarking on a product offensive demonstrate our long-term com-



ment to this market. The All-New Nissan GRAVITE is not just a product launch; it marks the beginning of a sustained growth phase for Nissan in India. With local manufacturing at our alliance partner facility in Chennai and a future-ready product roadmap, we are here to compete, grow and lead in the segments that matter." The all-new Nissan Gravite unveiled Bollywood actress Sunaina Badam along with Sirajuddin Babukhan MD Vibrant Mobility group and Ashok Kumar Reddy ASM South Sales. Saurabh Vatsa, Managing Director, Nissan Motor India, said: "The All-New Nissan GRAVITE is inspired by the diversity, scale and ambition of Indian families. Every detail from its modular seating to its commanding stance reflects how Indian customers live, travel and grow together. For us, GRAVITE is more than a product introduction. It is a promise that Nissan will continue to design, manufacture and invest in vehicles that truly resonate with India's mobility aspirations." Design and Inspiration The All-New Nissan GRAVITE establishes a distinct and confident identity aligned with Nissan's global design language. Its elevated proportions, muscular body lines, pronounced wheel arches and high ground clearance create a commanding road presence suited to diverse Indian driving conditions. The GRAVITE is the only vehicle in its segment to feature distinctive hood branding along with unique rear-door badging — a bold design expression that reinforces exclusivity and strong visual recall.

# State Level Bankers' Committee, Telangana State Bank of India, LHO, Bank Street, Koti, Hyderabad 48 th Quarterly Review Meeting for December 2025

State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC), Telangana has convened its 48 th Quarterly Review meeting today i.e., on 27.02.2026, at Hotel marigold, Hyderabad and reviewed the performance of Banks in Telangana State, for the quarter ended December 2025. The meeting was attended by:

1. Sri Sandeep Kumar Sultania, IAS, Principal Secretary (Finance), Govt. of Telangana
2. Sri. K Surendra Mohan, IAS, APC and Secretary, Govt. of Telangana
3. Ms. Manasa Gangotri Kata, IRS, Director, DFS, Govt. of India
4. Ms. D Divya, IAS, CEO, SERP, Govt. of Telangana
5. Sri B Uday Bhaskar, CGM, NABARD, Hyderabad
6. Sri. M Gnana Suprabhat, General Manager, Reserve Bank of India, Hyderabad
7. Sri Sahadevan Radhakrishnan, CGM, SBI, Hyderabad Circle
8. Sri Satish Kumar, GM, SBI &amp; Convenor, SLBC, Telangana and senior Officials from the line departments of Govt of Telangana, Government of India, executives from member Banks in Telangana State and representatives of various Federations of



Agriculture and MSME etc., Sri Sahadevan Radhakrishnan, CGM, SBI, Hyderabad Circle presented the performance of the banks in Telangana State upto Q3 of the Financial Year 2025-26 as under: Total Deposits of the banks grew by Rs.61,073 crores and the total deposits were at Rs.9,01,503 crores. Total Advances with Banks grew by Rs.1,11,349 crores and the advances of all banks were at Rs.11,92,710 crores. CD ratio continues to be above 100 percent and it is increased from

130.18 % to 132.30% during the quarter. Banks have disbursed Short Term Production Loans amounting to Rs. 56,673 crores. Banks have disbursed Rs. 70,754 crores as Investment Credit to Agri. Allied, Agri. Infra and Agri. Ancillary activities achieving 93.34% of the annual targets. Banks have disbursed educational loans amounting to Rs. 435 Crores and Housing loans amounting to Rs. 4579 Crores under Priority Sector.

# ICICI PRUDENTIAL LIFE LAUNCHES DIVIDEND LEADERS 50 INDEX FUND FOR CUSTOMERS SEEKING STABILITY AND LONG-TERM WEALTH CREATION

Mumbai, February 27, 2026: ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has launched the Dividend Leaders 50 Index Fund under its Unit Linked Insurance Plans (ULIPs). The new fund will enable customers to build wealth over the long-term by investing in fundamentally strong stocks with a proven track record of consistent dividend payouts. Commenting on the launch, Mr. Manish Kumar, Chief Investment Officer, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company Limited, said, "The Dividend Leaders 50 Index Fund offers customers a disciplined and transparent way to participate in equity markets by investing in fundamentally sound companies with a consistent dividend track record. The fund's strategy is structured around four pillars which includes dividend payout-focused stock selection, quality checks aimed at stronger financials and stable cash flows, diversification across multiple sectors, and a transparent, rule-based and disciplined investment process with periodic review and rebalancing.



Importantly, this new fund will empower our customers to stay invested with confidence, knowing their portfolio is aligned with financially strong and time-tested companies. This launch is another step in our journey towards a disciplined, transparent, and high-quality investment opportunity for our ULIP customers while also getting a life cover." The fund follows the BSE 500 Dividend Leaders 50 Index, which tracks the performance of 50 companies selected from the broader BSE 500 universe that have consistently paid dividends over

the past 10 years. The index comprises 50 constituents and is rebalanced annually. Through the fund, we are giving our customers access to companies that have demonstrated financial strength and commitment to shareholders over time. Historically, the index fact-sheet presents annualised total returns of 33.63% over three years, 30.96% over five years and 20.40% over ten years, as of January 30, 2026, highlighting the long-term potential of a disciplined investment strategy. However, regulations may restrict the Company from

investing in all the stocks in line with their weights in the index from time to time. As a result, there could be a possible tracking error. The fund adopts a passive, index-mirroring approach, tracking the stocks in the index instead of picking stocks actively. The Dividend Leaders 50 Index Fund is available with some of the Company's popular ULIP products such as ICICI Pru Signature Assure, ICICI Pru SmartKid Assure, ICICI Pru Smart Insurance Plan Plus (SIP+) amongst other ULIP products available on www.iciciprulife.com.

# NOW STREAMING ON NETFLIX – ACCUSED, A PSYCHOLOGICAL DRAMA THAT QUESTIONS TRUTH, POWER AND PERCEPTION

Mumbai, 27th February 2026: The silence is unsettling. The truth is uncertain. And judgment arrives before answers. Accused is now streaming exclusively on Netflix. Directed by Anubhuti Kashyap and produced by Dharma Productions, Accused is a psychologically layered drama that places the audience inside the discomfort of accusation. At its centre is Dr. Geetika Sen (Konkona Sen Sharma), a celebrated gynaecologist whose life begins to unravel when allegations of sexual misconduct surface. As scrutiny intensifies and public opinion hardens, the fracture seeps into her most intimate space, her marriage to Meera (Pratibha Rannata). The film resists sensationalism, choosing instead to sit with ambiguity, vulnerability, and emotional unease. It asks not for verdicts, but for reflection. Speaking about the film's release,

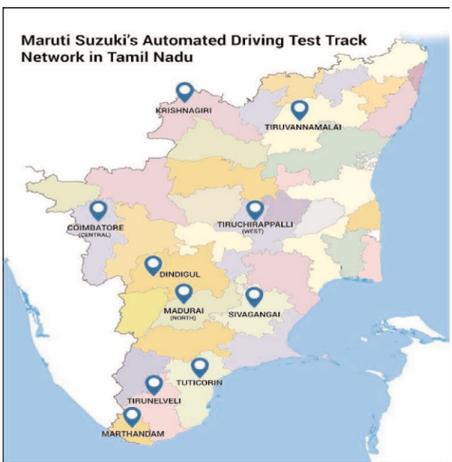


Konkona Sensharma shared, "Geetika is a woman used to control, of her work, her credibility, her space. What moved me was her internal collapse under scrutiny. I'm glad Netflix is bringing a story like this to audiences, one that trusts performance and silence over spectacle." Pratibha Rannata shared her excitement on the film releasing today, "Playing Meera meant living in that messy

space where you want to trust, but your heart isn't sure. I'm so glad Netflix tells these kinds of real, complicated stories about women." Told from the rarely explored perspective of the accused, Accused challenges audiences to examine their own biases and sit with uncertainty long after the credits roll. A story of power, perception and the cost of doubt is streaming now, only on Netflix.

# Maruti Suzuki expands its road safety efforts; adds 7 Automated Driving Test Tracks (ADTTs) in Tamil Nadu under its CSR initiative

Chennai 27 February 2026: Strengthening its road safety efforts, Maruti Suzuki India Limited ("Maruti Suzuki") in partnership with the Transport Department, Government of Tamil Nadu announced the commissioning of seven ADTTs in the State. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. M. K. Stalin inaugurated the ADTTs at Regional Transport Offices (RTOs) in Coimbatore (Central), Tiruvannamalai, Krishnagiri, Madurai (North), Sivagangai, Dindigul, and Tiruchirappalli (West) via video conferencing. The initiative is part of the Memorandum of Agreement ("MoA") signed between Maruti Suzuki and the Transport Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, to automate a total of ten driving test tracks across the State. Demonstrating strong



execution and commitment, the Company has automated all ten ADTTs within a record 150 days. The ADTTs at Tirunelveli, Tuticorin, and Marthandam will be operational shortly. Mr.

Rahul Bharti, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs, Maruti Suzuki India Limited, said, "As part of Maruti Suzuki's road safety initiatives implemented across multiple states, we

are partnering with the Government of Tamil Nadu to strengthen the driver licensing evaluation process through the deployment of 10 Automated Driving Test Tracks (ADTTs). Equipped with high-definition cameras and advanced analytics, these ADTTs enable a comprehensive, efficient, and transparent assessment process. It eliminates any human bias and ensures that only skilled drivers are awarded a license." He added, "According to data shared by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, India witnessed 1.77 lakh road accident deaths\* in 2024. Promoting disciplined driving practices and ensuring rigorous driver evaluation are vital to prevent road accidents and augment road safety across the country." The ADTTs are equipped with high-definition cameras,

RFID sensors, real-time analytics, and an integrated IT system to enable a technology-enabled, standardized, and objective driving license testing process. With zero human intervention, the ADTTs are aimed at making license testing more comprehensive, efficient, and transparent. The rigorous and standardized evaluation process is designed to assess candidates according to the Central Motor Vehicle Rules (CMVR). Test results are also generated automatically. The ADTTs in Coimbatore (Central), Tiruvannamalai, Krishnagiri, Madurai (North), Sivagangai, Dindigul, Tiruchirappalli (West), Tirunelveli, Tuticorin and Marthandam will serve driving license applicants of Two-Wheeler (TW) and Light Motor Vehicles (LMV).

# Pakistan defence minister says country in 'open war' with Afghanistan after strikes



Pakistan's defence minister has said the country is in "open war" with Afghanistan, after Islamabad launched airstrikes on Kabul as part of a wave of attacks across the country. "Our patience has now run out," said Khawaja Muhammad Asif following the attacks. The strikes came after the Afghan Taliban announced a major offensive against Pakistani military posts near the border on Thursday night. The latest attacks follow months of clashes between the two neighbouring nations, despite agreeing to a fragile ceasefire in October. Last year's negotiations failed to reach a broader agreement for a complete end to hostilities, with both sides blaming each other for not engaging seriously with talks. The Taliban said a "retaliatory operation" had been launched at around 20:00 local time (15:30 GMT) on Thursday. It said it had captured 19 Pakistani mili-

tary posts and two bases, adding that 55 Pakistani soldiers had been killed. The BBC has not been able to verify these claims. Pakistan quickly retaliated, saying the Taliban had "miscalculated and opened unprovoked fire on multiple locations" across the border in its north-western province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, which had been met with an "immediate and effective response" by

Islamabad's security forces. It then launched a series of bombing raids on Afghanistan in the early hours of Friday morning, striking targets in Kabul, Kandahar and Paktika in response to what they called "unprovoked Afghan attacks". All three cities are close to the shared Pakistani-Afghan mountainous border that spans 2,600 km (1,615 miles). Pakistan's military

spokesman Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry said it had hit 22 Afghan military targets and killed more than 200 Taliban fighters. At least 12 Pakistani soldiers had died, he added. But the Taliban's spokesman Mujahid said just 13 Taliban fighters had been killed and 22 others injured, while 13 civilians had been injured and an indeterminate number killed. The BBC has not been able to verify these

numbers. During these hostilities, both sides have claimed to have inflicted heavy losses on the other while suffering little damage to their own. In response to the strikes, Zabihullah Mujahid, the Afghan Taliban spokesman, published - then subsequently deleted - a post on X that the group had launched strikes early on Friday on Pakistani military positions in Kandahar and Helmand, two provinces in Afghanistan. The Afghan Taliban has said it carried out air strikes on several targets within Pakistan, on Friday morning. Sources in the Taliban government told the BBC these were with drones launched from Afghanistan. Pakistan's Information Minister Atta Tarar said its military thwarted Afghan drones targeting Swabi, Nowshera and Abbottabad, which is a military garrison city housing the army's military academy. Pakistan's Prime Minister

Shehbaz Sharif said his country's forces had "the full capability to crush any aggressive ambitions", vowing that there would be "no compromise" in defending their "beloved homeland". In Afghanistan, Taliban officials on Friday claimed Pakistani rockets hit a refugee camp in Nangarhar - housing Afghan citizens recently arrived from Pakistan - and injured at least nine people. The BBC has not been able to verify this. Residents and local officials in the Afghan cities hit told BBC Afghan the situation appeared to have calmed down since the attacks, although people on both sides of the border remained on high alert. Pakistan's Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar has spoken to his Turkish counterpart Hakan Fidan, the ministry said, and "agreed to stay closely engaged on evolving developments" as they both stressed the "importance of peace and stability".

## Former US diplomat sentenced to life for abusing two girls in Burkina Faso



A United States citizen has been sentenced to life in prison after being convicted of sexually abusing two teenage girls while working at the US embassy in Burkina Faso. The US Department of Justice said 41-year-old Fode Sitafa Mara, from Maryland, was sentenced on Wednesday following a two-week trial in October 2025 in the state's federal District Court. A jury found him guilty of four counts of aggravated sexual abuse of a minor, as well as attempted coercion and enticement of a minor and attempted obstruction of justice. The prosecution was brought as

part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched by the Justice Department in 2006 to combat child sexual exploitation. Prosecutors said the offences took place in 2022 and 2023 in Ouagadougou, the capital of Burkina Faso, where Mara was employed by the United States embassy. According to evidence presented in court, the abuse occurred at a residence leased for US diplomatic personnel. Because the property was reserved for official use, it fell under US jurisdiction, allowing American authorities to prosecute the case.

## Epstein tried to buy a palace in Morocco days before his arrest in 2019



Jeffrey Epstein tried to buy a multimillion-dollar palace in Morocco the day before his arrest in 2019, according to documents released by the US Department of Justice last month. Epstein had pursued acquiring Bin Ennakhl since 2011, but disputes with the seller over the price and purchase arrangement dragged on for years. The grand palace in the luxury Palmeraie neighbourhood of Marrakech has been described as an architectural masterpiece, built by 1,900 craftsmen and featuring ornate carvings and mosaics. Epstein signed a \$14.95m (£11m) wire transfer on 5 July 2019, the day before his arrest, following an agreement to buy the off-shore company that owned the property for 18m (£13.3m). According to the released documents, the transfer was Epstein's last major financial transaction in the period before his arrest by US authorities on sex trafficking charges upon his return to New York. Three days after the arrest, Epstein's accountant Richard Kahn cancelled the wire transfer and the purchase was ultimately never

completed. Morocco has no extradition treaty with the US and local media has speculated that one of Epstein's motivations to purchase the property may have been to retreat to the country to avoid arrest, if new charges were brought against him. However, a former associate of Epstein, who preferred not to be named, said the transaction showed Epstein "had no clue" about his imminent arrest. They added that "it would make sense if he was thinking of a potential sanctuary where he could still live like a king". The released files, however, contain no reference to Epstein discussing the country as a possible refuge from US authorities. Epstein's connections to Morocco go back to at least the early 2000s, with Virginia Giuffre, one of his most prominent accusers, recounting in her memoir of being flown to Tangier by Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell to inspect the interior design of a number of luxury properties. At the time, Epstein wanted to redesign parts of his island home in a Moroccan style.

## AMERICAN CITIZEN AMONG THOSE KILLED IN CUBA BOAT SHOOTING, US OFFICIAL SAYS

At least one American citizen was shot dead and another injured by Cuban officials intercepting a speedboat off its coast on Wednesday, a US official has said. Border guards shot dead four people and injured the remaining six aboard the Florida-registered speedboat. Cuba accused the 10 people on the boat of planning "an infiltration with terrorist aims" and said they opened fire first. A third person was on a US K-1 visa-for fiancées of American citizens - the US official said. The boat's owner alleged the vessel had been stolen by an employee. US Secretary of State Marco Rubio had said Washington was investigating the "highly unusual" incident. Cuban authorities had said all 10 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 interior ministry said earlier that the speedboat had entered its territorial waters and was "one nautical mile off Cayo Falcones" on the country's northern coast when it was intercepted. It said the commander of the Cuban boat was injured in the fire-fight that ensued. The Cuban authorities added that most of the passengers on the US-registered boat 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.

## Why Trump means the Cuban Revolution faces its biggest threat yet

A sizeable exhibit in the Museum of the Revolution in Havana is dedicated to conditions in Cuba before the revolution took power in 1959. Inside the ornate former presidential palace, photographs and oral testimony detail the grinding poverty and ingrained corruption of the dictatorship of Cuba's then-military strongman, Fulgencio Batista. The enduring image is of a woman in a dirt-floored palm-leaf hut cooking with firewood. Similar pictures appear in state museums across the island from the Bay of Pigs to Birán, the birthplace of the father of the Cuban Revolution, Fidel Castro. The inference is clear: the revolutionaries



saved Cubans from the ignorance and hardship of life under a Washington-backed de facto leader and led them to dignity, education and true independence. Yet today, Lisandra Botey identifies more with the impoverished woman in the photograph than with the revolutionaries who liberated her country from Batista. "We're living

like that now, we're exactly like that", says housewife Lisandra outside her home in Havana, which is cobbled together with pieces of sheet metal and wood. "Every morning, we have to go down to the beach [in Havana] and look for firewood. Then we bring it home to cook breakfast with - because if we get power, it comes on

during school hours." Lisandra's nine-year-old daughter set off for school that morning with nothing in her stomach, she explains, tears pricking her eyes. Her husband, Brenei Hernández - a construction worker with next to no work - says they often have no idea where the next meal is coming from. "Every day is the same hunger, the same misery", he says, stirring a pot of white rice - so at the very least his daughter will come home from school to something hot to eat. With the Cuban economy in freefall since the coronavirus pandemic, no gas has been delivered to Brenei's flimsy home in a Havana suburb for months.

## DRONE JAMMED NEAR FRENCH AIRCRAFT CARRIER WAS PROBABLY RUSSIAN, SAYS SWEDEN

A drone jammed by the Swedish military after it was spotted near a French aircraft carrier docked in Malmo was "probably" Russian, Swedish defence minister Pal Jonson has said. The French military said the drone was spotted seven nautical miles (13km) from the Charles de Gaulle carrier, which has never visited Sweden before and is due to take part in Nato exercises in the region. Jonson told Sweden's public broadcaster SVT there was probably a "strong link" between the drone and a Russian naval vessel in Sweden's territorial waters in the Oresund



Strait, between Sweden and Denmark. It is not clear what happened to the drone but Jonson said the Russian ship sailed on to the Baltic Sea. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said claims the drone was Russian were "absurd". For months Nato allies have reported

drone sightings close to military sites and airports, including a number of incidents in Denmark and the Baltic states. An investigation was launched in December after drones flew over the Île Longue naval base, which is home to France's nuclear ballistic sub-

marines off the Breton town of Brest. Both armed forces have played down the drone incident, and French General Staff spokesman Col Guillaume Vernet said it had demonstrated the "robustness" of the Swedish response, adding that it had no impact on the French mission. France's foreign minister was due in Sweden on Friday and the country's armed forces minister was due to board the Charles de Gaulle while it was docked in Malmo. It is not clear if their visits were related to Wednesday's drone incident.

## Spanish opposition calls for disgraced ex-monarch to return from exile



The leader of Spain's main opposition party has called for the disgraced former King Juan Carlos to return from self-imposed exile, due to the role he played in the transition to democracy nearly half a century ago. "I think it would be desirable that the king emeritus return to Spain," Alberto Núñez Feijóo, leader of the conservative People's Party (PP), posted on social media. "He himself has acknowledged undeniable mistakes in his past, but he who contributed to sustaining our democracy and our freedoms in a key moment should spend the last stage of his life with dignity in his own country," he added. Juan Carlos, who is 88, took the throne in 1975, following the death of his mentor, the dictator Francisco Franco. He helped steer the country towards becoming a parliamentary democracy and his actions were seen as instrumental in thwarting an attempted coup by pro-Franco forces in 1981, securing his popularity with many Spaniards for the decades to come. However, in 2014 he abdicated, two years after it had emerged he had been elephant hunting in Botswana with Corinna zu Sayn-

Wittgenstein-Sayn, who had been his mistress, during an economic crisis in Spain. Further scandals engulfed him after it emerged he had received a \$100m (£74m) payment from the late king of Saudi Arabia and had an offshore fund in Jersey. In August 2020, he left the country to live in the United Arab Emirates, where he has resided ever since. His son and heir, King Felipe, endorsed the move which has kept him out of the public eye, with the exception of occasional visits he has made to Spain for sailing regattas and other social events. This week, the government's declassification of around 150 documents related to the 1981 putsch attempt underscored Juan Carlos's actions during it, prompting Núñez Feijóo's call for his return. The PP has previously expressed a similar opinion about the former monarch. However, this appeal has been particularly bold and its timing has reopened the debate about Juan Carlos's future. The socialist-led government, which has been critical of Juan Carlos while supporting the monarchy as an institution, sought to keep its distance from the issue.

## At least 55 Ghanaians killed in Russia-Ukraine war

At least 55 Ghanaians have been killed fighting in the war in Ukraine, with two others currently held as prisoners of war, Ghana's foreign affairs minister says. On a trip to Kyiv, Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa said that about 272 Ghanaians are believed to have been lured into the conflict since 2022, citing Ukrainian authorities. Ablakwa described the figures as "depressing and frightening," saying Ghana "cannot turn a blind eye to these heartbreaking statistics". He did not say whose side the Ghanaians had been fighting on but Ukraine's foreign minister said on Wednesday that more than 1,700 people from 36 countries in Africa had been recruited to fight for Russia. The 55

Ghanaians is the highest number of casualties from a single African country to have been officially confirmed in the Ukraine-Russia war. Local media in Cameroon have reported that 94 of its nationals have died in the conflict, but the authorities have not commented on these figures. Two South Africans and at least one Kenyan have died in the conflict. Ablakwa said the casualty figures were "not just numbers, they represent human lives, the hope of many Ghanaian families and our nation". He said the Ghanaian government was committed to "tracking and dismantling all dark web illegal recruitment schemes" as well as launching intensive public awareness campaigns to



prevent the country's youth from being drawn into the conflict. "This is not our war and we cannot allow our youth to become human shields for others," he added. On Thursday, a Kenyan national was charged over accusations he had lured young men to Russia with job opportunities, only for them to end up fighting in Ukraine. Festus Arasa Omwamba

denied the charges. A total of 1,000 Kenyans have been recruited to fight for Russia in its four-year war against Ukraine, said a report from Kenya's National Intelligence Service (NIS), released last week. Russia's embassy in Kenya has denied accusations that it was involved in recruiting people to fight in the war. However, it said that Russian law

allowed foreign nationals who are legally in the country to voluntarily enlist in the armed forces. On Wednesday, Ghana's foreign minister urged President Volodymyr Zelensky to release two Ghanaian prisoners of war captured fighting for Russia. "They are victims of manipulation, of disinformation, misinformation, of criminal trafficking networks," he said. He thanked Ukraine for ensuring international law was respected in the handling of the detainees. "We have received reports that they are in good health," he said. "They have not been tortured. They have not suffered any inhumane treatment since they were captured." Ukrainian Foreign Minister Andriy

Sybyga said both sides discussed "frankly" about the possibility of returning the prisoners to Ghana. South Africa on Thursday said that two of its citizens had been killed in Ukraine, while another 15 had been repatriated over the past week. Two more remain in Russia getting treatment for "very severe" injuries, said Foreign Minister Ronald Lamola. Ukrainian officials have repeatedly warned that anyone fighting for Russia would be treated as an enemy combatant, and that the only safe route out was to surrender and be treated as a prisoner of war. Ukraine has also previously come in for criticism for trying to recruit foreign nationals, including Africans, to fight on its side.



## Cadillac and Audi - the same ambition but two very different projects

There are two new Formula 1 teams in 2026, representing two of the world's biggest car companies. They have the same ambition, but they are two very different projects. Audi has taken over the Sauber team to form the basis for its works assault on F1, marking parent company the Volkswagen Group's first foray into the highest level of the sport. US giant General Motors (GM) is also trying out F1 for the first time. It has joined forces with US sports conglomerate TWG to form a new team named after its luxury Cadillac brand. Both were tempted in by the engine rules introduced this year, believing the increased effect of the hybrid part of the engine was an important marketing point for their road-car portfolios. Both want to become world champions. Both realise they have some way to go before achieving that aim. Audi



has set themselves a target of being in a position to compete for that in five years' time. Cadillac have been less precise, but team principal Graeme Lowdon has made it clear they have "limitless ambitions". Let's take a look at where the two projects are at. Audi team principal Jonathan Wheatley, who joined from his former position of sporting director at Red

Bull last March, said at the team's launch this year: "We're not here to mess around. It's an ambitious project. We're humble. We know where we're starting from and we know where we want to go. "We want to make Audi the most successful F1 team in history. There are milestones on that journey and we are starting it today." No pressure, then. Audi won the Le

Mans 24 Hours 13 times in 18 years from 1999 to 2016. And in rallying they were famous for introducing four-wheel drive with the iconic Quattro in the early 1980s. They might not have taken part in F1 before, but they did compete in its forerunner, the European grand prix championship, in the 1930s. In a battle with arch-rivals Mercedes, Auto Union won the title with

the great Bernd Rosemeyer in 1936, won five races against Mercedes' seven in 1937, while the legendary Tazio Nuvolari won races for them in 1938 and 1939 before the Second World War brought racing to a halt. Audi's entry this year rekindles that old rivalry with Mercedes, and battle lines have already been drawn in a pre-season row over the rules governing the engines' compression ratio. Audi are said to have been prime among those pushing for a rule change because of a fear Mercedes had found a way of exploiting a loophole to their advantage. Rivals on track with Mercedes, though, Audi are unlikely to be for a while. While Mercedes start the season as championship favourites, Audi have a lot of work to do to transform Sauber into a winning proposition. Following the announcement of Audi's entry in August 2022.

## 'DON'T KNOW WHAT FUSS WAS ABOUT' - CHAOTIC PALACE SEASON COULD END IN GLORY

Key players have gone, the manager is leaving and has criticised the club and upset fans - yet Crystal Palace's chaotic campaign could still end in European glory. It has been a wild 12 months for the Eagles, who have found themselves in the headlines on an almost daily basis. "I don't know what all the fuss was about," joked captain Dean Henderson shortly after they gained a 2-0 win over Bosnian side Zrinjski to seal a 3-1 aggregate victory and reach the last 16 of the Conference League. It has been an emotional rollercoaster for Palace supporters. In May they won their first major trophy, beating Manchester City to win the FA Cup, then added another three months later with a penalty shootout win over Liverpool to clinch the Community Shield. But winger Eberechi Eze left for Arsenal, skipper Marc Guehi nearly joined Liverpool, then moved to Manchester City five months later and top scorer



Jean-Philippe Mateta was on the verge of signing for AC Milan, only to fail a medical. Oliver Glasner, the most successful manager in the club's history, then announced in January he was leaving at the end of the season, before telling the club's board they had "abandoned" the squad. That appeared to be the end of his tenure, but he has stayed, though fans held up a banner on Sunday before the 1-0 win over Wolves saying he was "finished". Asked if he had assurance of his job

from his bosses, Glasner said "100%", adding: "There's so much noise, sometimes you really don't understand it. Maybe I gave some interviews that were not helpful and I have to admit that, but I'm always telling what I'm feeling, it's how I am. "We're in a very good position in the league and the Conference League and it is up to us to make a really great season of it." Palace are 13th in the Premier League, but 10 points clear of the relegation zone and only three away from eighth.

## GEORGIA VOLL SLAMS TON AS AUSTRALIA OUTCLASS INDIA TO CLINCH ODI SERIES WIN

Australia chased down a target of 252 in just 36.1 overs in the second ODI to clinch ODI series victory over India with a game to spare. Georgia Voll smashed 101 off 82 balls and Phoebe Litchfield slammed 80 off 62 to power Australia to victory. Earlier, India had managed to post 251/9 in 50 overs, with captain Harmanpreet Kaur (54 off 70) and Pratika Rawal (52 off 81) scoring half-centuries. Kashvee Gautam also shone, slamming 25 with the bat and taking two wickets with the ball. The win ensures victory for Australia captain Alyssa Healy in her final ODI series. Crucial encounter coming up - Well then, Australia Women have



turned the tables around and have taken a narrow 6-4 lead in this multi-format series. The third and final WODI now becomes very crucial, especially for India Women. The Aussies can ensure that they don't lose the series with a win in the next game, whereas India have to win if they want to

win the overall series. The 3rd WODI will be played right here in Hobart once again, at the Bellerive Oval on Sunday, the 1st of March. The game will begin at 9.20 am IST (3.50 am GMT), but you can tune in to our build up much sooner. Until then, take care and goodbye! The Australian

skipper - Alyssa Healy expresses her excitement over her team's clinical run-chase, praising the group's outstanding effort in restricting the opposition to a sub-par 250 on a favorable batting wicket. She highlights the importance of consistency in their performance and commends young stars Phoebe Litchfield and Georgia Voll for their match-winning partnership, noting that their success represents the promising future of Australian cricket. As the team maintains its focus on executing the fundamentals and sticking to their proven brand of cricket, Healy says that her side are confident and prepared for the upcoming match on Sunday.

## QAMRAN IQBAL'S UNBEATEN 94 PUTS J&K IN CONTROL VS KARNATAKA

Qamran Iqbal slammed an unbeaten 94 as Jammu and Kashmir's lead over Karnataka swelled to 477 runs at the close of play on Day 4 of the Ranji Trophy Final in Hubballi. Qamran and Sahil Lotra steered J&K to 186/4 at stumps after a top-order collapse. Playing in their first-ever final, J&K had already secured a decisive first-innings lead of 291. Pace spearhead Auqib Nabi added two wickets to his overnight tally of three as Karnataka were bowled out for 293 in response to J&K's first innings total of 584. One of Auqib's big wickets on Day 4 was veteran batter Mayank Agarwal, whose spectacular 160 was the only knock of note for Karnataka. See you tomorrow!



And that brings us to the close of play. The writing is clearly on the wall for a deflated Karnataka side, while Jammu & Kashmir are sitting comfortably on the brink of history, just waiting to get their hands on their maiden championship trophy. It feels like a mere formality now. Be

sure to tune in tomorrow at 9.30 am IST (4 am GMT) and early for build-up and all the final day's action as we officially crown the new champions. Until then, it's goodbye and cheers from the commentary box! One hand on the trophy! In the final session, the Karnataka team looked

tired, and their body language suggested they had accepted defeat. Their bowlers just went through the motions, bowling harmless deliveries outside the leg stump. Although Abdul Samad threw his wicket away by trying to play an unnecessary shot, J&K remained firmly in charge. By stumps, J&K's lead swelled to a towering 477 runs, with opener Qamran Iqbal anchoring the innings and remaining unbeaten on 94. Steady partnership frustrated Karnataka - After the Lunch break, Karnataka bowlers tried hard but failed to maintain their pressure. Qamran Iqbal and veteran Paras Dogra built a solid partnership to steady the innings.

## Gordon needs to stay 'fully focused' after Arsenal talk - Howe



Head coach Eddie Howe has urged Anthony Gordon to stay "fully focused" after the Newcastle United forward was linked with a move to Arsenal. Gordon is the latest key figure at the club to have been subject of reported interest elsewhere. This is despite the England international dismissing such talk as "a load of rubbish" in an interview with reporters just last week. Newcastle sold Alexander Isak to Liverpool for a British record £125m fee last summer - after the Swede went on strike - and Howe was asked how he could avoid a repeat of a similar saga. "I'm not sure there's a lot I can do about that," he said. "I've not seen the story, so it's news to me. "But we're mid-season, we're in the middle of some of the biggest games of his career, and who knows what's going to happen internationally with Anthony in the summer as well. "He's

not got time to look left or right. He's got to be fully focused on straight ahead and the next game, and trying to be as good as he can be." Gordon, Sandro Tonali and Tino Livramento are just some of the Newcastle players who have been touted with moves away in the media in recent months. But Howe said it comes with the territory. "It's your industry that is creating those stories," he added. "I'm slightly secluded from it. "If you don't read it you don't know who has been linked to who. Is it not just part of modern day football that everyone is just linked with moves these days, not just Newcastle players, but potentially a lot of other clubs have the same issues. "It's irrelevant really. It's how the players react to that. If they absorb it and it affects them, then, that's a negative. But I think our players are robust enough to ignore it."



Chelsea to face holders PSG in Champions League last 16

## T20 WORLD CUP SEMI-FINAL SCENARIO:

### India Could Have Surpassed West Indies' NRR If They Had Beaten Zimbabwe By This Margin

India were back to their best - and in ruthless style - at the T20 World Cup 2026. Abhishek Sharma rediscovered his form with a typically blazing fifty, and Hardik Pandya bludgeoned a half-century, powering India to a formidable 256 for four against Zimbabwe in their must-win Super Eight match in Chennai on Thursday. India ultimately won by 72 runs. It was India's highest-ever total in T20 World Cups and the overall highest in this ICC showpiece. But the story of the day was Abhishek (55, 30b, 4x4s, 4x6s). With such a high score, India could have surpassed the West Indies on Net Run Rate. A higher NRR would have helped India in case of No Result in their next match against West Indies.



Before the match, this is how the T20 World Cup 2026 Super Eight points table stood:

1. South Africa - 4 points, 2 matches, NRR +2.890
2. West Indies - 2 points, 2 matches, NRR +1.791
3. India - 0 points, 1 match, NRR -3.800
4. Zimbabwe - 0 points, 1 match, NRR -5.350

According to ESPNcricinfo, India would have surpassed

the West Indies' NRR with a win margin of 108 or more. It meant India had to restrict Zimbabwe below 148. However, Zimbabwe pulled off a valiant fight and finished on 184/6. Hence, India stayed at No. 3 in the points table.

Current T20 World Cup 2026 Super 8 Points Table

1. South Africa - 4 points, 2 matches, NRR +2.890
2. West Indies - 2 points, 2

matches, NRR +1.791

3. India - 2 points, 2 matches, NRR -0.100
4. Zimbabwe - 0 points, 2 matches, NRR -4.475

Abhishek Sharma and Hardik Pandya struck blazing half-centuries as India thrashed Zimbabwe by 72 runs in their must-win Super 8 match to keep their semifinal hopes alive in the T20 World Cup on Thursday. Abhishek smashed a brisk 30-ball 55 to provide early momentum, adding 48 runs for the opening wicket with Sanju Samson (24) after Zimbabwe opted to bowl. Ishan Kishan (38) and Suryakumar Yadav (33) chipped in with quickfire contributions before Pandya hammered an unbeaten 23-ball 50 at the death to power India to 256 for four, the highest total of this edition.

## The £37m cost of Man Utd's past two managerial changes



Manchester United have confirmed sacking Ruben Amorim could end up costing the club almost £16m. The Portuguese was dismissed on 5 January following his public attack on the club's hierarchy after a 1-1 draw at Leeds the previous day. The figure was released in a filing to the New York Stock Exchange on Thursday, a day after the club confirmed they had made a profit of £32.6m in their second-quarter results to 31 December 2025. Listed as an "event that occurred after the reporting period", United confirmed an amortised fee of £6.3m - which related to the cost of getting Amorim to Old Trafford from Sporting in November 2024 - had been written off and a "provision of £15.9m" would be made, representing the highest amount United could be liable to pay Amorim and his coaching staff. It is not explicitly

stated in the submission what would trigger the highest payment but sources with an understanding of the situation have said it relates to future employment. Amorim is yet to speak publicly about his time at United and sources close to the 41-year-old have said there is no immediate likelihood of that changing. The payment completes an expensive managerial experiment that ultimately ended badly. United confirmed in a similar filing on 27 November 2024 they were paying Sporting £11m to hire Amorim to replace Erik ten Hag, whose exit was costing £10.4m. It means the combined changes around Amorim could cost £37.3m. His 14-month stint in charge was the shortest reign of a permanent manager at Old Trafford since David Moyes was sacked just eight months into his tenure in 2014.

## Ustaad Glimpse Incoming: Hype About to Explode

The poster of Ustaad Bhagat Singh featuring Power Star Pawan Kalyan in a striking hat avatar has set social media ablaze. Within minutes of its release, the poster went viral, with fans and cinema lovers celebrating the electrifying look in a massive way. The overwhelming response once again proves the unmatched craze surrounding the film. From the very beginning, every piece of content released from Ustaad Bhagat Singh has received an extraordinary response. The teasers turned into a sensation, trending across platforms and creating unprecedented buzz. The songs 'Dekhlenge Saala' and 'AURA of Ustaad' have emerged as chartbusters, with Pawan Kalyan's swag and screen presence being widely celebrated. Each song has amplified the aura of the Power Star, striking a powerful chord with fans. The team is elated with the phenomenal reception and feels humbled by the love pouring in from all quarters. The latest poster has further amplified the hype, raising expectations to the next level. Taking this excitement a notch higher, the makers are now gearing up to release a power-packed 40-second glimpse from the film very soon. This special sneak peek is set to give audiences a taste of the film's scale, intensity, and mass appeal — promis-



ing to elevate the buzz even further. Directed by blockbuster filmmaker Harish Shankar, who is leaving no stone unturned to present Pawan Kalyan in a never-before-seen mass avatar, the film is shaping up to be a complete entertainer. Rockstar Devi Sri Prasad is at his absolute best, delivering electrifying music that perfectly complements the film's high-

voltage energy. With expectations soaring sky-high and the excitement building steadily, Ustaad Bhagat Singh is all set to redefine mass cinema once again. Ustaad Bhagat Singh is prestigiously being produced by Naveen Yerneni and Y.Ravi Shankar under Mythri Movie Makers and is slated for a grand release on March 26th.

## PRIYANKA CHOPRA FINALLY REVEALS WHY SHE LEFT BOLLYWOOD

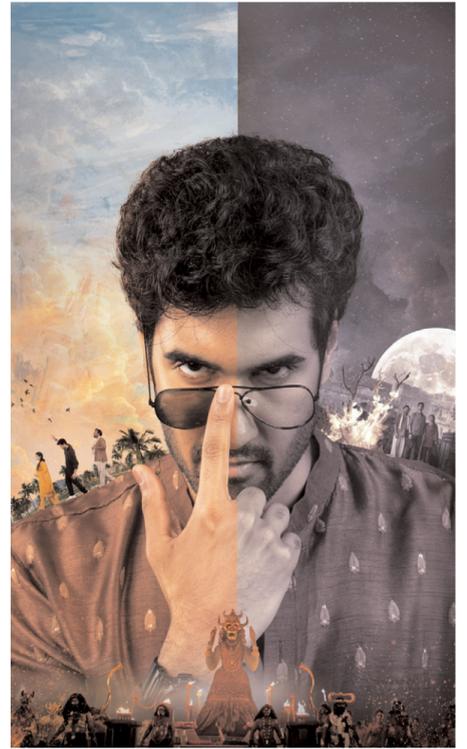


Hyderabad: Priyanka Chopra has always been known for her versatile career in Bollywood, but she has also found success beyond the Indian film industry. In a recent interview on Jay Shetty's podcast, she opened up about the phase when she felt "boxed in" within Bollywood and the tough decision to leave it behind. She revealed that she felt limited by the opportunities in Hindi cinema, stating that work was scarce and she did not see long-term growth there. The Turning Point

Priyanka explained how her six back-to-back flops became a turning point in her career. At that time, she felt emotionally, mentally, and physically drained and recognised that to survive, she had to make a change. "Surviving in the movie industry is tough for everyone; it is not an easy place. It is political, networky, it is about the moment, it is fleeting. I am pragmatic enough to recognise that everyone has their struggle because of their choices. I did feel like I was in a place where I was cornered, work was limited.

## The Madness of "Rakasa" Begins with Its Teaser on March 1 Ahead of a Grand Theatrical Arrival on April 3, 2026

Following the strong buzz surrounding its announcement, Rakasa now moves into its next phase. The film's official teaser will be unveiled on March 1, offering audiences their first glimpse into the world the makers have been shaping with clarity and intent. With its theatrical release locked for April 3, 2026, the countdown toward its arrival in cinemas officially begins. The teaser marks the formal start of the film's promotional journey. Designed to establish the tone and intensity of Rakasa without revealing its narrative core, it is expected to offer a focused glimpse into the film's visual and thematic space. The makers have approached this campaign with restraint, choosing to build engagement steadily rather than overexpose the material. Behind the scenes, Rakasa has progressed through a carefully structured creative process. From early script development to execution, the project has been mounted with a clear emphasis on tonal balance - blending horror, cinematic action, and comedy in a way that feels cohesive rather than fragmented. Director Manasa Sharma has shaped the film to move between intensity and levity, ensuring that the narrative carries both tension and entertainment in equal measure. Principal photography has been completed, and the film is currently in post-production, where the edit, background score, and sound design are being refined to preserve this balance while



strengthening its overall theatrical impact. The earlier title announcement glimpse established the film's imaginative space while deliberately holding back key story elements, allowing curiosity to build organically. The glimpse went on to cross 1.8 million views on YouTube, generating strong engagement across digital platforms and sparking conversation around the film's genre blend and scale. The sustained trac-

tion reinforced growing anticipation and expanded the film's visibility beyond domestic audiences. Rakasa features Sangeeth Shobhan and Nayan Sarika in the lead roles, with Sangeeth returning after the back-to-back success of MAD and MAD Square. They are supported by a notable ensemble including Vennela Kishore, Brahmani, Tanikella Bharani, Ashish Vidyarthi, and Getup Srinu.

## Worth Rs 16 crore? World's most expensive cake goes viral



Mumbai: In an industry where luxury often doubles as a status symbol, Indian celebrities are known to flaunt their wealth through extravagant homes, designer accessories and high-end automobiles. Among them, Bollywood actress Urvashi Rautela has carved out a distinct identity with her unapologetically lavish lifestyle and social media displays that rarely go unnoticed. From diamond-studded watches to making headlines as the first Indian actress to own a Rolls-Royce Cullinan, Urvashi has consistently turned heads with her purchases. Now, the actress is back in the spotlight for yet another opulent gesture, cutting what is being described as the world's most expensive birthday cake. Urvashi Rautela cuts 'world's most

expensive cake' Urvashi celebrated her 32nd birthday on February 25 with a grand bash, where she cut a seven-tier, diamond-studded cake reportedly worth Rs 16 crore. Videos and photos from the celebration flooded social media within minutes, quickly going viral and sparking widespread discussion about the staggering price tag attached to the cake. Fans and netizens alike dubbed it one of the most extravagant celebrity birthday moments in recent times. Her fondness for luxury is not new. Last year, Urvashi became the first Indian actress to purchase a Rolls-Royce Cullinan valued at around Rs 12 crore. More recently, she added another high-end vehicle to her garage, a green Mercedes-Benz G-Wagon reportedly worth Rs 5 crore.



## 'Mardaani's success proves female-led films also have an audience!': Rani Mukerji is thrilled as Mardaani hits the 50 crore milestone in India & 75 crore worldwide

Yash Raj Films' Mardaani 3 has taken the hugely acclaimed Mardaani franchise forward by delivering a solid hit at the box office. Mardaani 3 is already the highest grossing film of the Mardaani franchise and today, it hit another milestone as it crossed 50 crore at the India box office and 75 crore at the global box office! At a time when alpha-male characters are ruling the box office, Rani feels the success of Mardaani 3 is making a quiet but a powerful statement with incredible audience love. Rani says, "I'm deeply grateful that Mardaani 3 has connected with audiences in such a big way. At a time when the box office conversation is slightly centered around 'alpha male' characters, this success proves something very powerful - that female-led films also have an audience. I hope the industry has noticed this so that we have more

such films made." She adds, "Shivani Shivaji Roy was not written as a 'female version' of anything. She is simply a hero - defined by integrity, courage and empathy. She is equal to her male counterparts. The fact that audiences have embraced her story so strongly shows that people are ready for narratives where a woman leads not just emotionally, but commercially." Rani further says, "This milestone is much bigger than numbers. It sends a message to the industry that content with purpose, anchored by a strong female protagonist, can stand shoulder to shoulder with hero-driven films and it tells filmmakers that investing in female-led stories is not a risk - it's an opportunity." Rani feels success of female-led films is a necessity for Indian cinema. She says, "For me, Mardaani franchise's success marks expanding what heroism

looks like in Indian cinema. In terms of significance, such a success is a necessity for cinema because we have to make different films and definitely put a woman at the forefront of such cinema." With Mardaani 3, Rani has scored a hat-trick of hits with this franchise with all the films delivering success stories at the box office. Where courage is not about how loudly you roar but how consistently you stand your ground. Perhaps that's why she stands out. Perhaps that's why Shivani has resonated so much with people." With no competition till Dhurandhar 2 and Toxic release, Mardaani 3 will keep collecting at the box office in the days to come, spreading its hard-hitting message to the people of India. \*Mardaani 3 Collection Data: \* Fri - 4.00 Cr Sat - 6.00 Cr Sun - 7.25 Cr Mon - 2.40 Cr Tue - 2.70 Cr Wed - 2.20 Cr Thursday - 2 Cr 2nd Friday - 2.15 Cr 2nd Saturday - 3.85 Cr 2nd

Sunday - 4.55 Cr 2nd Monday - 1.30 Cr 2nd Tuesday - 1.60 Cr 2nd Wednesday - 1.10 Cr 2nd Thursday - 1.10 Cr 3rd Friday - 0.65 Cr 3rd Saturday - 1.75 Cr 3rd Sunday - 1.15 Cr (drop due to the huge event Match between India vs Pakistan) 3rd Monday - 0.45 Cr 3rd Tuesday - 0.55 Cr 3rd Wednesday - 0.40 Cr 3rd Thursday - 0.40 Cr 4th Friday - 0.35 Cr 4th Saturday - 0.60 Cr 4th Sunday - 0.65 Cr 4th Monday - 0.23 Cr 4th Tuesday - 0.28 Cr 4th Wednesday - 0.21 Cr 4th Thursday - 0.20 Cr 4th week Total - 2.52 Cr Grand Total - 50.07 Cr nett in India Worldwide Box Office (after 4 Weeks) India: 61.09 Cr GBOC (50.07 Cr) NBOC Overseas: 13.92 Cr GBOC (1.53 M) Total: 75.01 Cr Rani Mukerji has again delivered a solo theatrical success in her 30th year as a leading lady - a rare milestone that underlines her longevity and sustained box office credibility in the Indian film industry.

## Rocking Star Manchu Manoj Launches the Teaser of Horror Comedy Movie "Rukmini"

The teaser of the horror-comedy film "Rukmini", starring Niranjan, Greeshma Nethrika, Priya Jasper, and Deepthi Srirangam in lead roles, was officially launched by Rocking Star Manchu Manoj. The film is being produced under the G Cinema banner by Nelaballi Subrahmanyam Reddy and Katta Gangadhara Rao, with Mrs. Nelaballi Kumari presenting it. Directed by Simhachalam Gudupuri, the movie promises a fresh and unique horror-comedy storyline.

Speaking at the event, Manchu Manoj said, "The teaser of Rukmini looks fantastic. Niranjan is being introduced as a hero with this film, and I hope it brings him great success. From the teaser, the direction, DOP work, and music



all appear to be excellent. I wish the entire team huge success."

Hero Niranjan said, "I sincerely thank Manchu Manoj garu for launching our teaser. I am very happy that he appreciated it. I thank my director and producers for giving me the

opportunity to act as a hero in this film. Rukmini is a different horror-comedy that will surely entertain everyone."

Heroine Greeshma Nethrika said, "This is a film we are all working on with great passion. We need your support.

With your encouragement, we will continue to make many more good films. Thanks to Manchu Manoj garu for releasing our teaser and giving his best wishes." Heroine Priya Jasper said, "I thank Manchu Manoj garu for launching the teaser of Rukmini. We seek your love and support. We will soon come before you with our film."

Actor Vikhyath said, "I played an important role in this film. I believe this movie will bring me good recognition as an actor. Rukmini will scare you and make you laugh at the same time."

Actor Jayanth said, "We hope you all like the teaser. The strong content of this film will keep you engaged throughout."

## Ali Abbas Zafar: Ahaan Panday brings old-school honesty to his performances

