



03-02-2026
Total pilgrims: 69,389
Tonsures: 20,247
Hundi Kanakulu: 3.72 CR
Waiting Compartments: 04

Approx. Darsan Time for Sarvadarshanam
(with our SSD Tokens)... 6 H



'My Dream, My Future' youth aspirations portal launched by CM Stalin

CHENNAI: Chief Minister MK Stalin on Wednesday launched the website of En Kanavu En Ethirkalam (My dream, My future), a new initiative aimed at capturing and fulfilling the aspirations of the State's youth. The initiative is part of the ongoing Unga Kanava Solluga (UKS) survey.

IN BRIEFS

Silver soars to hit near Rs 3L per kg, gold jumps to Rs 1.65L per 10g

New Delhi (TSIT): Precious metals extended their sharp rally for the second straight day in the national capital on Wednesday, February 4, with silver prices surging to Rs 2.98 lakh per kg and gold climbing to Rs 1.65 lakh per 10 grams. Firm global trends, a weak US dollar, which revived investor interest in precious metals after last week's steep sell-off, contributed to the surge, traders said. According to the All India Sarafa Association, silver soared by Rs 14,300, or 5.03 per cent, to Rs 2.98,300 per kilogram (inclusive of all taxes). The white metal closed at Rs 2,84,000 per kg in the previous session. Gold of 99.9 per cent purity also advanced sharply, gaining Rs 7,400, or 4.69 per cent, to Rs 1.65,100 per 10 grams (inclusive of all taxes), compared with Tuesday's close of Rs 1.57,700 per 10 grams. "Gold and silver extended their rebound on Wednesday, with gold prices rising over 3 per cent and touching around Rs 1.6 lakh per 10 g, while silver jumped as much as 6 per cent intra-day after a period of sharp volatility and correction," Gaurav Garg, Research Analyst at Lemon Markets Desk, said.

Govt deactivates 2.5 crore Aadhaar IDs of deceased to prevent fraud

New Delhi (TSIT): Over 2.5 crore Aadhaar numbers of deceased persons have been deactivated to prevent identity fraud, Union Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Jitin Prasada told the Parliament on Wednesday. Aadhaar is the world's largest biometric identity system with approximately 1.34 crores live Aadhaar holders. "As part of a nationwide clean-up effort to maintain the continued accuracy and integrity of the Aadhaar database, Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has deactivated more than 2.5 crore Aadhaar numbers of deceased persons till date," said Prasada. "In case of the death of a person, it is essential that his/her Aadhaar number is deactivated to prevent potential identity fraud, or unauthorized usage of such Aadhaar number for availing welfare benefits," he added. The State / UT mentioned in the address of an Aadhaar number holder in the Aadhaar database may vary from the State / UT where death was registered. Further, the Minister also informed of several measures taken to reduce the risk of identity fraud and ensure leak-proof delivery of benefits in the country.

Rythu bharosa to be rolled out after municipal polls: CM Revanth



Hyderabad (TSIT Bureau): Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Wednesday announced that financial assistance under the Rythu Bharosa scheme will be credited to farmers' bank accounts immediately after the conclusion of the municipal elections, with nearly Rs.9,000 crore set to be disbursed.

Addressing a public meeting after laying foundation stones for various development works in Miryalaguda, the Chief Minister said the Congress government has spent over Rs.1 lakh crore on farmer welfare in the last two years. He said procurement operations are continuing smoothly and that paddy farmers are receiving a Rs.500 bonus per quintal.



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CM REVANTH

Launching a sharp attack on the previous Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) government, Revanth Reddy alleged misuse of power and resources during

the former regime. He challenged former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao and his family to donate their farmhouses and media assets for public use and demanded an apology to the people of Telangana. He also alleged illegal phone surveillance of journalists, judges, film personalities, and political leaders during the BRS rule.

The Chief Minister stated that K. Jayashankar should be regarded as the "Father of Telangana" and praised Congress leader Sonia Gandhi for her role in granting statehood, saying she is revered by many as the driving force behind the formation of Telangana.

Revanth Reddy assured that all municipalities would be developed over the next eight years and announced that more Indiramma houses would be sanctioned in the 2026-27 Budget. He claimed that strong support from women voters in the municipal elections would lead to the defeat of BRS and BJP candidates.

Highlighting welfare initiatives, he said the government has issued new ration cards, is supplying fine rice to beneficiaries, providing 200 units of free electricity, waiving farm loans, extending zero-interest loans to women's self-help groups, and constructing Young India Integrated Schools.

Appealing to voters to support Congress candidates, the Chief Minister said the large turnout at the meeting reflected growing public support for the party.

KTR demands probe into Revanth's alleged 'benami' firm

HYDERABAD (TSIT) : Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president K.T. Rama Rao on Wednesday demanded an investigation into Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's alleged 'benami' company. Addressing a press conference, KTR claimed that KLSR functions as a front entity for the Chief Minister and claimed to have evidence to support his claims.

The BRS leader asserted that KLSR had been operating as a 'benami' company for Revanth Reddy from the very beginning. He said the Supreme Court recently issued notices to the Telangana government seeking clarification on large-scale financial transactions continuing in the company despite its insolvency proceedings, as well as allegations relating to attempts to influence judicial processes. KTR alleged that Revanth Reddy orches-



trated what he termed a political drama from Davos under the guise of forming a Special Investigation Team (SIT) in the alleged telephone-tapping case in order to divert public attention. He demanded that an immediate investigation be launched into the company and that all operations of the insolvent firm be halted until the probe is completed. He further called

for the company to be blacklisted and for all contracts allegedly secured without eligibility to be cancelled.

KTR said that enforcement agencies had carried out raids on KLSR in 2018 and that the media at the time had reported links between the company and Revanth Reddy, who was then the state Congress president. Despite the firm subsequently entering insolvency proceedings at the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), KTR alleged that the Chief Minister, after assuming office, facilitated the award of major government contracts to the company. He further stated that Income-Tax raids were conducted on relatives of Revanth Reddy on September 27, 2018, during which transactions between Sai Mourya Estates and KLSR were unearthed.

Kharge attacks Modi government on foreign policy, economy, democracy

NEW DELHI (TSIT) Congress president and Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, Mallikarjun Kharge, on Wednesday mounted a sweeping attack on the Modi government, accusing it of all-round failure on foreign policy, the economy, social justice and parliamentary democracy, and alleging that democratic institutions and constitutional values were being systematically weakened.

Speaking during the discussion on the motion of thanks to the President's address in the Rajya Sabha in the ongoing Budget Session, Kharge said the address was "silent on the real concerns of the country" and



failed to reflect the hardships faced by the poor, farmers, labourers, women, minorities and marginalised communities. "Parliamentary democracy is under attack," Kharge told the House, alleging that the government was weakening debate, accountability and legislative scrutiny. He said the President's address did not offer any con-

crete answers on women's reservation, caste census, unemployment, rising inequality, atrocities against Dalits, tribals and minorities, or on India's foreign policy challenges.

Foreign policy has been reduced to "event management", eroding the country's strategic autonomy. He expressed concern over China's growing influence in India's neighbourhood and the widening trade deficit with Beijing. "Foreign policy failures are not just diplomatic failures. They have consequences for internal security as well," Kharge said, linking them to terrorist incidents that have resulted in loss of life and property.

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New Delhi (TSIT) In a dramatic courtroom moment on Wednesday, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee personally addressed the Supreme Court, alleging that her State was being "selectively targeted" through the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls ahead of elections. The Supreme Court subsequently issued notice to the Election Commission of India (ECI) on her writ petition challenging the SIR process in West Bengal and asked the poll panel to reply by Monday.

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CM Naidu, DCM Pawan Kalyan discuss political situation



AMARAVATI (TSIT): Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan on Wednesday discussed the latest political developments in the state and the filling up of four vacancies in the Rajya Sabha. The two leaders had a detailed discussion on various issues during two-and-a-half hours long meeting at the Chief Minister's official residence.

As four Rajya Sabha seats are going to fall vacant soon, the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister had a preliminary discussion on the seat sharing among the TDP, the Jana Sena and the BJP. The leaders of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and the Jana Sena are believed to have discussed issues relating to improving the coordination between the two alliance partners.

They feel that YSR Congress is trying to create differences between the cadres of the two parties at the grassroots level. The two leaders also discussed filling up of various nominated posts in government bodies.

Naidu and Pawan Kalyan reportedly agreed to chalk out a joint strategy to counter what they feel is the attempt by the opposition YSR Congress Party to instigate caste politics.

7.1 million cancer cases worldwide preventable, tobacco biggest culprit: WHO

New Delhi (TSIT): Up to four in 10 or 7.1 million cancer cases worldwide could be prevented, according to a new global analysis from the World Health Organization (WHO) and its International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) on Wednesday. The study, released on World Cancer Day on February 4, identified tobacco as the leading preventable cause of cancer globally, responsible for 15 per cent of all new cancer cases. It also found, for the first time, that



nine cancer-causing infections are responsible for about 10 per cent of cancer cases. Other reasons include alcohol, high body mass index, physical inactivity, air pollution, and ultraviolet radiation. The analysis, based on data from 185 countries and 36 cancer types, estimated that 37 per cent of all new cancer cases in 2022, around 7.1 million cases, were linked to preventable causes. Three cancer types - lung, stomach and cervical cancer - accounted for nearly half of all preventable cancer cases in both men and women, globally. Lung cancer was primarily linked to smoking and air pollution, stomach cancer was largely attributable to Helicobacter pylori infection, and cervical cancer was overwhelmingly caused by human papillomavirus (HPV). This is the first global analysis to show how much cancer risk comes from causes we can prevent," said Dr Iibawi, WHO Lead for Cancer Control, and author of the study. "By examining patterns across countries and population groups, we can provide governments and individuals with more specific information to help prevent many cancer cases before they start," he added. The burden of preventable cancer was substantially higher in men than in women, with 45 per cent of new cancer cases in men compared with 30 per cent in women. In men, smoking accounted for an estimated 23 per cent of all new cancer cases, followed by infections at 9 per cent and alcohol at 4 per cent. Among women globally, infections accounted for 11 per cent of all new cancer cases, followed by smoking at 6 per cent and high body mass index at 3 per cent, the report said.

President's rule revoked in Manipur hours before swearing-in of new CM

Yumnam Khemchand to take oath as Chief Minister this evening; BJP expresses confidence in restoring peace, stability and governance in the state

New Delhi (TSIT) Hours before the swearing-in ceremony of new Chief Minister in the North-Eastern state Manipur, President Droupadi Murmu on Wednesday revoked President's rule in the state.



4th day of February, 2026.

President's rule was imposed in the state last year on February 13, after prolonged political uncertainty and law and order challenges. According to BJP's Manipur unit, the swearing-in ceremony of Yumnam Khemchand as the Chief Minister is scheduled to take place on Wednesday evening at 6 pm at the Lok Bhawan.

'Why Only Bengal?' Mamata Banerjee addresses SC as court seeks EC reply on SIR



ongoing SIR exercise would result in "large-scale disenfranchisement" due to what she termed as an opaque, hurried, unconstitutional, and illegal process. As the matter was called out, Senior Advocate

Gopal Sankaranarayanan mentioned the urgency of the petition, noting that the issue involved fresh matters listed as Items 36 and 37.

With the Court indicating it would shortly hear the case, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee walked up to the podium and sought to address the Bench directly. "This SIR process is only for deletion," Banerjee submitted, asserting that genuine voters were being removed due to minor mismatches arising from social realities such as women changing surnames after marriage or poor migrants shifting residences.

She told the Court that vot-

ers' names were deleted on grounds of "logical discrepancy", even where the mismatch was merely in titles or spelling variations. "There are daughters who shifted to their in-laws' houses. Their names are deleted. Poor people move for work. Why should that be a ground for exclusion?" she asked. In a strongly worded submission, Banerjee questioned the timing and selectivity of the SIR exercise.

"Four States are going to elections. Why after 24 years? Why this hurry to finish everything in three months? Why only Bengal? Why not Assam?" she asked, alleging political targeting.

Minister Komatireddy Holds Roadshow for Congress Candidates



Hyderabad : Congress Party star campaigner, Malkajgiri Parliament in-charge and State Roads & Buildings and Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy conducted a roadshow from Veerareddy Chowrasta as part of the election campaign for the Mooduchinthalapalli municipal polls. Addressing voters during the roadshow, the Minister appealed to the public to vote for the Congress Party's hand symbol and ensure a massive victory for the party's municipal candidates. He said

that real development of Mooduchinthalapalli Municipality is possible only under the people's government led by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. He assured residents that he is not a leader who appears only during elections, but would remain accessible at all times to resolve public issues. Komatireddy Venkat Reddy promised that he would work with local leaders and take up civic and development concerns directly with the Chief Minister to secure solutions.

CHANGE OF NAME
★, PALLAPATI PADMA (Old Name)Flat No. 502, Dwaraka Sai Residency H.NO. 2-10-826 & 828, Teachers Colony, Phase-I, Subedari, Hanumakonda Dist-506001, T.G, have changed My Name from PALLAPATI PADMA to PALLAPATI BHARATHI (New Name) W/o PALLAPATI VIDYA SAGAR RAO for all future purposes.

Charu Sinha Leads MoU to Promote Women-Led Electric Mobility



Hyderabad: The Telangana Women Safety Wing has signed an MoU with VVC Motors Pvt Ltd to launch a Women-Led Electric Mobility Pilot Project in Hyderabad. The 12-month initiative aims to support up to 500 women across four police commissionerates to work as electric auto drivers, promoting economic independence, safer transport, and sustainable mobility.

Under the MoU, the Women Safety Wing will manage outreach and beneficiary mobilisation, while VVC Motors will provide vehicles and technical support.

The agreement was issued under the leadership of senior police officer Charu Sinha, ADGP and Member Secretary of Bharosa Society.

Hyderabad to Become National Film Hub: DCM Bhatti



Hyderabad: Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu said the Telangana government is working to develop Hyderabad as a national hub for the film industry, citing the city's strong infrastructure and favourable ecosystem. Speaking at the Gaddar Film Awards jury meeting, he said expansion of multi-language film industries would create large-scale employment and position Hyderabad as a global film market centre. The Deputy CM said the present government has revived film awards with transparency and merit, unlike the previous regime. He described Gaddar as a symbol of socially driven art and said the awards aim to promote cinema with meaningful social messages. Film screenings will begin on the 6th, and the Gaddar Awards will be held on Ugadi (19th).

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Administrative office: 6th Floor/Level 2, Building No.02, Aium Q par, Gen 41, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghangoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, Brach at # 12-02-18 To 20, 15, S V Road, Battala Bazar, Warangal-506002.

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer M/s. Shiriram Finance Limited, (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shiriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shiriram Transport Company name changed as Shiriram Finance Limited, by its Incorporation Certificate dt.30-11-2022) and subsequently its corporate body registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian Companies Act 1956, is doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office, Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai – 600 032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (Level 2), Building No.02, Aium Q par, Gen 41, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghangoli, Navi Mumbai-400710 and branch office at Warangal-II (hereinafter referred as Company/Lender), under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notice to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices. The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 04th day of February, 2026.

Borrower Name and Address

Borrower Name and Address	Amount due as per Demand Notice
1. Ramesh Alojoo, S/O Brahma Age: 45 Years, Occ: Choice Selection, Warangal, # 22-6-12/A, Deshpeta, Warangal - Dist. Cell: #8866001755. (Borrower) 2. Sunitha Alojoo W/O Alojoo Ramesh, Age: 41 Years, Occ: House Wife, #22-6-12/A, Deshpeta, Warangal - Dist. Cell: #8866001755. (Co-Borrower), 3. Kumaraswamy Sadana S/O Rajesh, Age: 41 Years, Occ: Laxmi Ganapathi Traders, # 16-1-773, Sri Thota, Khambad, Warangal - Dist. Cell: #80025003. (Guarantor)	Rs.90,674 (Rupees Ninety Lakh Sixty Five Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy Four Only)

WARNITF1603300012-DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: (Property holder Name is ALOJOU RAMESH Mortgage deed dated 02.04.2016 Registered in Document No.4107/2016 in the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at WARANGAL FORT) House and open place bearing Municipal H.no.22-6-12/A consisting of three rooms with RCC roof totaling measuring 406.00 Sq.Yards or 339.41 Sq.Mtrs bounded by Deshpeta, Warangal, within the limits of Warangal Municipal Corporation, bounded by: East : 20 FT CC Road, West: North of K.Venkateshwarlu, North : Land of K.Venkateshwarlu, South: Porion fell to the Share of First party

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

Place: Warangal

Date: 04-02-2026

Sd/-Authorised officer, Shiriram Finance Ltd.



SHIRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED

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

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

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

Sale of Immoveable property mortgaged to Hinduja Housing Finance Limited (HHF) having its Corporate Office at 167-169, 2nd Floor, Little Mount, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015, and Regional Office at: Hinduja Housing Finance Limited- 16A-16-31, 3rd Floor, Central Excise colony , Road No:1, Loyola College Main Gate, Vijayawada, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh-520008 under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter "Act"). Whereas the Authorized Officer ("AO") of HHF had taken the possession of the following properties pursuant to the notice issued US 13(2) of the Act in the following loan accounts/prospectus nos. with a right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS & AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for realization of dues The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website: www.bankeauctions.com.

SI	Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Date of Possession	Reserve Price	Date of Inspection of property
1	1. Mr. BANALA SRIKRANTH REDDY S/O B.THIMMA REDDY ... Borrower 2. Mr. B.THIMMA REDDY S/O B. GOVINDA REDDY ... Co-Borrower 3. Mr. B.SUBHADRAMMA D/O P. THIMMA REDDY ... Co-Borrower ALL ARE R/O R/o:HNC1-109, BATLADINNE, VEMULA, ITIKYALA (M) MAHABOOB NAGAR DIST - 509128. Lan no: AP-KUR-KURL-A000000708 & CO/CPC/CPCO/A000000250	09.02.2025 Rs. 9,82,362/- (Rupees Nine Lakhs Eighty Two Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty Two Only)	05-06-2025 Total Outstanding as On Date 03/02/2026 Rs. 9,59,925	05-06-2025 Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.2,02,130/- Bid Increase Amount Rs.10,000/-	10-MARCH-2026 11.00 hrs-14.00 hrs EMD Last Date 17-MARCH-2026 till 5 pm. Date/Time of E-Auction 18-MARCH-2026 11.00hrs- 13.00hrs.

Description of the Immoveable property/ Secured : All that the part and parcel of House No:17/129/5, Assesment no:5880, Admeasuring 149.3 Sq.Yds, 484 Sq.Fts, In Survey No: 40 & 42, of Rajoli Village, G.P. Rajoli Mandal, Jogulambada Gudal Dist, Telanga, State, Gadwal S.R.O, Mahabobnagar, R.O, and Bounded By: East: Plot No:66, South: Road , West: Road, North: Plot No:64, Part and Parcel of House No:17/129/5, Assesment no:5880, Admeasuring 149.3 Sq.Yds, 484 Sq.Fts, In Survey No: 40 & 42, of Rajoli Village, G.P. Rajoli Mandal, Jogulambada Gudal Dist, Telanga, State, Gadwal S.R.O, Mahabobnagar, R.O, and Bounded By: East: Plot No:66, South: Road , West: Road, North: Plot No:64, Part and Parcel of House No:17/129/5, Assesment no:5880, Admeasuring 149.3 Sq.Yds, 484 Sq.Fts, In Survey No: 40 & 42, of Rajoli Village, G.P. 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DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002

We ASREC (India) Limited is a Company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956 and registered with Reserve Bank of India as Securitization and Asset Reconstruction Company under the provisions of Section 3 of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Reconstruction of Financial Leases Act, 2002. Our Registered Office is located at Solitaire Corporate Park, Building No. 2, Unit No. 201/202A & 202B, Ground Floor, Andheri - Khatopkar Link Road, Chakala, Andheri (East), Mumbai - 400 093.

Presently to the Assecured Borrowers/Property Holders, as the case may be, the original lease, if any, lawfully transferred, assigned the financial assets along with all rights, title and interest together with underlying security interest in favour of ASREC (India) Limited. Consequently, the ASREC (India) Limited has become secured creditor by virtue of Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 to pursue recovery proceedings in its own name and recover the dues from the borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors. Therefore, undersigned is entitled to issue this demand notice.

Whereas the undersigned is the Authorized Officer of ASREC (India) Ltd. under Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, to issue this demand notice to the concerned Borrowers/Property Holders, as the case may be, to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Notice, within 60 days from the date of issue of this Notice, as per details given below. For various reasons this notice could not be served personally to the concerned Borrowers/Property Holders, as the case may be, and the concerned borrowers may, if they so desire, collect the said copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours. All the account listed here below stand N.P.A. On the date of issue of this notice, the amount outstanding is Rs. 12,657/- (Rupees Twelve Thousand Six Hundred And Fifty Seven Only).

However, the Notice is hereby given to the concerned Borrowers, where necessary, to pay to ASREC (India) Ltd; within 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated here below on the dates together with future interest at contractual rates till the date of payment, under the loan and other agreements and documents executed by the concerned persons.

S. N.	Loan Account No./ Name and address of Borrower and Co Borrower/s	Date of Demand Notice	Demand Notice Date
1	Loan Number GS012EF2171963, (Borrower) Vinod Bricks (Co-Borrower) 1. Jangili Vinod Kumar, 2. Jangili Santosh Kumar, 3. Rammohan, 4. Suguna Jangili, R/o : St No. 93/ 93, Nalgonda District, Nalgonda, Telangana - 501226 and R/o : Hno 1 5/24/6 Shruhi Nagar Bhoraj Bhuvangiri Near Hanuman Temple Nalgonda Telangana -501226	31.05.2025	29.10.2025

DESCRIPTION OF THE SECURED ASSETS/MORTGAGED PROPERTIES: As per Recd. Date Dated 13/01/2015 Dt 04-11-2015 At St Bhoraj Bhuvangiri All That The Part And Parcel Of The Open Plot In Sy.no.16 (Residential Zone), Admrg 10.1 Sq.yds. Situated At Sanjeeva Nagar, Bhoraj Town And Mandla, Nalgonda District, Within The Limits Of Bhorangiri Mandla, Nalgonda District, Telangana - 501226 And R/o : Hno 1 5/24/6 Shruhi Nagar Bhoraj Bhuvangiri Near Hanuman Temple Nalgonda Telangana -501226

2 **Loan Number GS045EFL372502, (Borrower) Manjula Dairy Farm (Co-Borrower) 1. Manjula Katta, 2. Alleshu Bodik, 3. Alleshu Bodik, R/o : No. D 5/4, 46, Saleem Farana Manda, Nalgonda, Telangana - 501226 and R/o : Hno 1 5/24/6 Shruhi Nagar, Nalgonda, Telangana - 501226 and R/o : D No. 5/4, 54, Saleem Farana, Manda, Nalgonda, Telangana - 501226**

DESCRIPTION OF THE SECURED ASSETS/MORTGAGED PROPERTIES: The Existing RCC Roofed House With Open Place, Bearing Paa No. (S-545), Admeasuring Total Site Area: 108.60 Sq.Yds. On 140.75 Sq.Yds. (60% Occupied). Situated At Saleem Farana P.O. Mokanpally Village, Navipet Mandla, Dist Nizamabad. Within The Grampanchayat Limits Of Mokanpally, Boundaries: North By: 9'-5" Wide Lane & Then House Of Boduke Bhasker, Subji, Open Plot Of Kumbhamsayam, East By: Remaining Part Of The Plot, South By: Open Plot Of N. Malleesh.

If the concerned Borrowers / Property Holders, as the case may be, and his / their heirs, if necessary, shall fail to make payment to ASREC (India) Ltd, as aforesaid, then the ASREC (India) Ltd. shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entitle at the risks of the concerned Borrowers / Property Holders, as the case may be, and his / their heirs, if necessary, as to the costs and consequences.

The Borrower's entitlement is limited to provisions of sub section (8) of section (13) of the act in respect of the limitation period of 60 days.

The concerned Borrowers / Property Holders, as the case may be, and his / their heirs, if necessary, are prohibited by the SARFAESI Act to transfer the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise, without the prior written consent of the ASREC (India) Ltd. Any encroachment of the possession of the SARFAESI Act will remain with the concerned property holders responsible for the offence liable to punishment and / or penalty in accordance with the SARFAESI Act.

Date: 05.02.2026, Place: TELANGANA

Sd/-, Authorised Officer

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No. Y/C. e-Auction/HYB/2025-26 Date 02.02.2026

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If 'jungle raj' continues, YSRCP will hit back: Jagan Reddy warns Chandrababu Naidu

Amaravati, Feb 4 : YSR Congress Party president Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy on Wednesday warned Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu that if the 'jungle raj' continues in the state, the party cadre will hit back with equal measure and teach a fitting lesson.

"We are witnessing jungle raj in Andhra Pradesh. There is no law and order. We have a situation where Chandrababu Naidu is abusing the government and the policy authority for his political interests," the former Chief Minister said.

Jagan Mohan Reddy was speaking to the media after consoling the family members of YSRCP leader and former minister Ambati Rambabu in Guntur. He said Chandrababu Naidu has been trying to distort facts after his bluff was called in the Tirupati laddu



adulteration case.

With Central laboratories giving a clean chit, the coalition government is now attempting a makeover by ordering yet another committee to probe the issue, he said, referring to the decision taken in the Cabinet meeting on Tuesday.

He pointed out that the Supreme Court-monitored CBI SIT chargesheet did not mention anywhere that animal fat was used in the

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tant lies being exposed by NDDB and NDRI laboratory reports, instead of repenting, he has resorted to diverting public attention by unleashing misinformation and putting up provocative posters across the state to malign political adversaries, right under the nose of the police, the YSRCP chief said. He called it a 'conspiracy' hatched by Chandrababu Naidu, his son Nara Lokesh, and Pawan Kalyan to divert public attention away from the lab reports. When leaders such as Ambati Rambabu, Jogi Ramesh, Vidadala Rajini, Kakani Govardhan Reddy, and Bolla Brahmanandu questioned this misuse of power, cases were foisted against them, and TDP goons attacked the houses of Ambati Rambabu and Jogi Ramesh with lethal weapons, he said.

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CBIT Releases Poster of SUDHEE 2026 – INSIGHT X

Hyderabad: Prof. C. V. Narasimhulu, Principal, Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT), Gandipet, formally released the poster of SUDHEE 2026 – INSIGHT X, a national-level students' technical fest organised by the Department of Artificial Intelligence & Data Science, on the college campus.

SUDHEE 2026 – INSIGHT X will be held on February 17 and 18, 2026, and aims to provide a dynamic platform for students from across the country to showcase their technical expertise, analytical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving skills.

The two-day technical fest



will feature a wide array of innovative and intellectually stimulating events, including Treasure Hunt, Beyond Blueprint, Squid Zone 2.0, Expovate, Reverse Engineering, Code Escape Room, Mind on Display, Cup Rush, Chromatic Chaos, and Water Splash, promoting experiential learning and innovation among participants. The event is being coordinated

by Mr. M. Krishna Kishore and Mr. Naveen Raja S. M., faculty members of the Department of Artificial Intelligence & Data Science, with the support of student coordinators K. Sai Sindhu and V. Sanjeev Manvith. Releasing the poster, Prof. C. V. Narasimhulu encouraged students to actively participate and contribute to the grand success of the fest.

Solar power plant under women federation

Madhira (TSIT): The solar power plant being developed under the leadership of a women federation should be managed efficiently and emerge as a model project for the State, District Collector Anudeep said on Monday. He inspected the progress of works of the one-megawatt solar power plant being constructed under the Indira Mahila Shakti scheme at Rajapalem village of Errupalem mandal and urged women to make the best use of government-supported opportunities for economic empowerment.

During the inspection, the Collector reviewed the ongoing construction works, technical aspects and power generation

capacity of the plant. He interacted with officials and engineers to assess the current status and directed them to complete the project within the stipulated time without compromising on quality. The Collector said the solar power plant is expected to generate a daily income of Rs 12,000 to Rs 15,000. He explained that the project cost is Rs 1.50 crore and requires a loan of Rs 2 crore, of which Rs 85 lakh will be provided as government subsidy. After repayment of the loan, the project is expected to generate an annual income of around Rs 40 lakh. The plant will be managed by the Chaitanya Mandal Women Federation and is expected to stand as a model renewable energy initiative in the State.



EMotorad Creates History with Guinness World Records Title for Largest Electric Bicycle Delivery

Andhra Pradesh, February 4, 2026: Electric mobility major EMotorad has entered the Guinness World Records by achieving the largest electric bicycle delivery within 24 hours at Kuppam in Andhra Pradesh on January 31, 2026. The historic feat was accomplished through a public-private partnership involving EMotorad, the Chittoor District Collector, Kuppam Area Development Authority (KADA), and IIT Kanpur. Thousands of beneficiaries queued up until as late as 4 am to receive their electric bicycles, marking a first-of-its-kind initiative in the country. Kuppam, a model con-



stituency and one of India's fastest-developing regions, is witnessing rapid growth in infrastructure, industry, and e-mobility. Under

Chief Minister Shri Nara Chandrababu Naidu's flagship "Super Cycle" initiative, EMotorad empowered over 10,000 families

across Kuppam and Chittoor district. Beneficiaries included small traders, MSME operators, shop owners, milk vendors, cattle owners, and daily wage workers, many of whom received their first personal mode of transport, significantly easing commuting costs and improving livelihoods. Kunal Gupta, Co-founder and CEO of EMotorad, described the initiative as a "high-impact, high-velocity public-private partnership" and thanked district officials for their support. More than 1,000 team members worked round-the-clock to assemble the bicycles within 72 hours ahead of the record attempt.

healthy lifestyle is the best vaccine against cancer.

The event also saw the presence of Dr. Indiver Kiran, Medical Director; Dr. Hemant Kumar, Dr. P. Satya Dattatreya, Senior Consultant Medical Oncologist; Dr. Rajesh Bollam, Senior Consultant Medical Oncologist; Dr. Srinivas Juluri, Chief Consultant Surgical Oncologist, Robotic & HIPEC Surgeon, Dr. Syed Akram K. Senior Radiation Oncologist, Dr. L. Yugandhar Sharma, Senior Radiation Oncologist; Dr. Mohammed Abdul Azeem, Radiation Oncologist, Mr. Janardhan, Chief Technology Officer; Mr. Ravindranath Garag, COO, Renova Group of Hospitals, Dr. Mahadev, Dr. Waris, Mr. Ramasubba Reddy, Smt. Sri valli, along with several other doctors, healthcare professionals, administrative staff and officials. A large number of participants joined hands to take the message of cancer awareness, prevention and early detection to the public, reinforcing Renova Group of Hospitals' commitment to community health and wellbeing.

Later, Dr. Srinivas Juluri, Chief Consultant Surgical Oncologist, Robotic & HIPEC Surgeon, stated that the main objective of the rally was to remove fear associated with cancer and encourage people to seek timely medical attention. He noted that revolutionary advancements in medical science have significantly improved cancer treatment outcomes. "Cancer is no longer a death sentence. With early diagnosis and proper treatment, it is preventable, manageable, and in many cases, completely curable," he said, adding that a

Renova Hospitals Hosts Grand Cancer Awareness Bike Rally to Commemorate World Cancer Day

Khairatabad : On the occasion of World Cancer Day, Renova Group of Hospitals organised a massive Cancer Awareness Bike Rally across the city on Wednesday to spread awareness about cancer prevention, early detection and the importance of regular screening. The rally witnessed the enthusiastic participation of 300 bikers, carrying placards and raising awareness slogans.

The rally was conducted under the theme "Cancer Can Be Defeated: Let Go of Fear... Awareness Is Your Shield". The primary objective of the initiative was to dispel myths surrounding cancer, encourage early diagnosis, and educate the public about preventive healthcare measures.

The bike rally commenced simultaneously from all Renova Hospital centres, including Renova Century Hospitals - Banjara Hills, Renova Soumya Cancer Centre - Karkhana, DDH Renova Cancer Centre - Vidyanagar, and Renova BiBi Cancer Hospital - Malakpet. The rallies converged at Hussain Sagar West Park, Necklace Road, creating a vibrant and



considered a life-threatening disease, is now largely controllable and often curable with timely diagnosis, regular screening and appropriate treatment. He lauded Renova Hospitals for their continuous efforts in safeguarding public health.

Speaking on the occasion, Smt. K. Shashi Sree highlighted the crucial role of awareness programmes in women's healthcare. She emphasised that early detection, routine screening and healthy lifestyle practices can save numerous lives, particularly among women. She urged women to regularly perform Breast Self-Examination (BSE) and seek immediate medical consultation upon noticing any unusual symptoms. She

Governance earns respect

Khammam (TSIT): Respect lasts only as long as good governance exists and when it is absent, people are left with no option but to fight, State Revenue, Housing and Information Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy said on Wednesday. Addressing an election campaign, he said the people's blessings had empowered him to deliver development and that he would prove it through action. He said the State had ended a decade-long misrule and ushered in people-centric governance. Stating that poverty alone would be the benchmark for

welfare, the Minister said political affiliations would not matter in providing Indiramma houses. He said the State government had taken up construction of Indiramma houses with an outlay of Rs 22,500 crore and that another phase of allotments would begin from April. He also highlighted initiatives such as farm loan waiver up to Rs 2 lakh, free bus travel for women and timely salary payments to government employees, and assured that Edulapuram municipality would be developed into a role model in the State.



Early Detection Can Save Lives: CARE Hospitals, Malakpet Hosts Cancer Awareness Talk on World Cancer Day



Hyderabad, February 4, 2026: Marking World Cancer Day, CARE Hospitals, Malakpet organised a Cancer Care Awareness Talk, reiterating its commitment that no patient should face the cancer journey alone and emphasising that early detection can save lives.

The programme was attended by Shri Brahma Murahari, SHO, Chadarghat, and Shri Srinivas, DI, Chadarghat, as chief guests. The event witnessed active participation from Dr. M. A. Suboor Shakerose, Senior Consultant – Haematology & Medical Oncology; Dr. Shaik Saleem, Consultant Surgical Oncologist; Dr. Rajendra Prasad Bhupati, Senior Consultant Surgical Gastroenterologist; Mr. Praveen Kumar Edla, Chief Operating Officer, CARE Hospitals, Malakpet; Dr. Sridhar, Medical Superintendent; senior doctors, hospital staff, patients, and their families.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Khare Kiran Prabhakar, IPS, underlined the role of community awareness in reducing delays in treatment. He appreciated CARE Hospitals for taking the lead in educating the public and promoting early screening. Mr. Praveen Kumar Edla reiterated CARE Hospitals' commitment to patient-centric, coordinated cancer care, stating that treatment goes beyond medical intervention to include compassion, continuity, and confidence. Recognised as a comprehensive cancer care centre, CARE Hospitals offers advanced surgeries, chemotherapy, targeted therapy, immunotherapy, and precision radiation therapy under one roof, supported by a multidisciplinary team. Patient families shared their experiences, reinforcing the message that early diagnosis and timely care can restore hope and save lives.

Cancer Is Not a Death Sentence, Early Detection Can Save Lives: Dr. Chiranjeevi

Hyderabad, February 4, 2026: Megastar and Padma Vibhushan awardee Dr. Chiranjeevi on Wednesday said that cancer should not be viewed as a death sentence and emphasised that early detection and timely treatment can help patients overcome the disease and lead normal lives.

Inaugurating the International Cancer Day programme organised under the aegis of KIMS Hospitals, Secunderabad, Dr. Chiranjeevi lit the ceremonial lamp as the chief guest and addressed the gathering. He stated that cancer was not a curse from God but largely linked to lifestyle choices, stressing the need to change the long-held perception that a cancer diagnosis marks the end of life.

"When we see numerous cancer survivors here today, it clearly shows the dedication of doctors and the advances in medical science. If cancer is detected early, it can be treated successfully and patients can return to normal life," he said. Expressing concern over the rising incidence of cancer among children, he urged people to remain vigilant and consult doctors immediately if symptoms appear.

KIMS Group of Hospitals Chairman and Managing Director Dr. B. Bhaskar Rao said fear and stigma surrounding cancer must be eliminated. He noted that advanced treatments, including robotic surgeries, are now available in India, attracting patients from abroad, while reiterating that early diagnosis remains the key to successful treatment.

Senior Consultant Surgical Oncologist and Robotic Surgeon Dr.



Madhu Devarasetty said cancer is now being diagnosed even in children aged five and 10 years due to factors such as genetics, radiation exposure, chemicals, lifestyle habits, and stress. He emphasised the importance of public awareness and said KIMS Hospitals has established a Cancer Fight Support Group to assist patients and families. Cancer survivors shared their experiences at the event, which was attended by Medical Director Dr. Sambit Sahu, Medical Oncologist Dr. Narendra Kumar Thota, patients, and healthcare professionals.

GITAM Scholar Awarded Ph.D. in Pharmacy

Hyderabad: GITAM Deemed to be University has announced the award of the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Pharmacy to Dr. Patamsetti Anjaneyulu for his pioneering research titled "Ultrasound-Driven Nanobubble Drug Delivery for Enhanced Anticancer Efficacy of Selected Drugs (Irinotecan and Sunitinib)."

The research was carried out under the guidance of Prof. G. Shiva Kumar, Principal, School of Pharmacy, GITAM Hyderabad. The study

focused on the development of dextran-based, ultrasound-responsive nanobubbles aimed at enhancing the therapeutic efficacy of clinically approved anticancer drugs, irinotecan and sunitinib, in the treatment of colorectal cancer.

The findings demonstrated significantly improved drug release and bioavailability, leading to enhanced anticancer activity while reducing systemic toxicity. The research highlights the potential of nanobubble-assisted drug

India safeguarded Agriculture, Dairy in talks with US, Piyush Goyal tells Lok Sabha amid protests

NEW DELHI: Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Wednesday asserted that India had "successfully protected" its sensitive sectors, especially agriculture and dairy, during negotiations on the India-United States trade deal, as he briefed the Lok Sabha amid sustained Opposition protests.

"India has been successful in protecting the agricultural and dairy sectors," Goyal said, responding to concerns over the impact of the agreement announced earlier this week by US President Donald Trump and Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Making his statement in the Lok Sabha, Goyal said the agreement was the out-



come of nearly a year of detailed discussions between negotiators from both sides and had been structured to balance the core interests of India and the US "keeping the important interests of both sides in mind". "It is natural that each side would want to safeguard its sensitive areas and ensure the best possible outcomes," he said. The minister said a

key outcome of the deal was a sharp reduction in US tariffs on Indian goods. "US tariffs imposed on Indian products will be reduced to 18 per cent from 50 per cent," he told the House, adding that this would place India among the countries facing the lowest tariff rates compared to its competitors in the American market.

According to Goyal, he

Elaborating on the negotiations, Goyal said talks had been held at multiple levels over the past year. "With a year of discussions, the two sides succeeded in giving final shape to various sectors of the bilateral trade agreement," he said, underlining that India's negotiating team had prioritised domestic sensitivities.



The third day of the 3rd Future Warfare Course began on February 04, 2026 at the Manekshaw Center in New Delhi with an address by Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, Chief of the Integrated Staff Committee.

7,400 Naxals arrested since 2019, LWE violence down 88 pc from 2010: Govt tells LS

NEW DELHI: More than 7,400 Naxals have been arrested, and 5,880 have surrendered since 2019, with incidents of Left Wing Extremism-perpetrated violence coming down by 88 per cent from 1,936 in 2010 to 234 in 2025, the Lok Sabha was informed on Tuesday.

Replying to a query, Minister of State for Home Affairs, Nitayananand Rai, said that in 2025, the security forces neutralised 364 Naxals, arrested 1,022 and facilitated 2,337 surrenders.

Left Wing Extremism (LWE), which has been a serious challenge to internal security, has been significantly curbed in recent times and restricted to only a few pockets, Rai said.

"The number of LWE-affected districts reduced from 126 in 2018 to only eight in December 2025, with only three districts now remaining the

most affected...The number of police stations reporting LWE-related violence has significantly reduced from 465 in 2010 to 119 in 2025," Rai said.

The minister also said a special focus has been laid on the financial choking of LWE activities and the unearthing of the nexus between CPI (Maoists) and its financial supporters.

"For effective action towards choking of funds and other resources to LWE, coordinated actions are being taken by the state police in coordination with the Central agencies by various means," Rai said. On the development front, apart from the flagship schemes of the government, several specific initiatives have been taken in the LWE-affected areas, with special thrust on expanding the road network, improving telecommunication connec-

tivity, education, skill development, and financial inclusion, he said.

The minister said that to improve telecom connectivity in the LWE-affected areas, 9,233 towers have been commissioned and 15,016 km of roads have been constructed under two specific schemes – the Road Requirement Plan (RRP) and the Road Connectivity Project for LWE Affected Areas (RCPLWEA).

Citing other development schemes in the affected areas, Rai said 46 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and 49 Skill Development Centres (SDCs) have been opened. In addition, 179 Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) for quality education in the tribal areas have been made functional, 6,025 post offices, 1,804 bank branches and 1,321 ATMs have been opened in most LWE-affected districts.

Underground rail link along 'Chicken's Neck' will ensure secure route to NE: Himanta



GUWAHATI: Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Tuesday said the proposed underground rail link along the strategic 'Chicken's Neck' corridor in West Bengal will ensure a secure transportation route, connecting the Northeast.

He said the "strategic vulnerability" of the narrow strip of land should have been addressed in the aftermath of 1971.

"This is BIG. For decades, the 'Chicken's Neck' has been used as an intimidation tactic by anti-national forces, both within and beyond our borders," Sarma said in a post on X.

"The proposed underground rail link marks a major strategic breakthrough, creating a secure and foolproof transportation corridor between the North East and the rest of the country," he added.

Railway Minister Ashwini

"could have asked to expand the 'Chicken's Neck corridor' after the 1971 war.

"She could have redrawn the map for NE's straight access to the rest of the country and not remain dependent on the 'Chicken's Neck' corridor," he had said.

The CM had also held that if India's first PM Jawaharlal Nehru had not "bartered Chittagong port" with Pakistan during Partition, the Northeast would not have been dependent on the 'Chicken's Neck'.

The proposed underground lines will be between Tin Mile Haat and Rangapani railway stations in West Bengal, Northeast Frontier Railway officials said.

One of the lines will go towards Bagdogra in West Bengal, vital for the air defence mechanism of the country, they said.

SAD leader Majithia walks out of Nabha jail after bail in DA case



PATIALA: Shiromani Akali Dal leader Bikram Singh Majithia on Tuesday walked out of the New Nabha jail here, a day after the Supreme Court granted him bail in a disproportionate assets case. He was released after spending seven months in jail.

The Punjab Vigilance Bureau arrested Majithia from his Amritsar residence on June 25 last year in the disproportionate assets case allegedly involving the laundering of Rs 540 crore of drug money.

His supporters gathered outside the jail to welcome him and raised slogans in favour of the SAD.

After he came out of the jail at around 2.15 pm, Majithia twirled his moustache in his signature style, which led to sloganising by his supporters in his favour.

His supporters showered flower petals over him and honoured him with 'Sirpoa' (robe of honour).

Sitting atop a car, he thanked the Almighty. He also thanked his

supporters with folded hands.

"I came out because of your prayers and blessings," said Majithia while speaking to the media.

Earlier, the Akali leader's wife, Ganieve Kaur Majithia, thanked God and the Supreme Court.

"This is the victory of truth. The government had forgotten that there is God above," she told reporters. Tight security arrange-

ments were made outside the jail. Majithia's supporters could be seen bringing sweet boxes.

Outside his residence in Amritsar, Majithia's supporters gathered, distributed sweets and danced to the beats of a 'dhol'.

Majithia is the brother-in-law of Shiromani Akali Dal chief Sukhbir Singh Badal and brother of former Union minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal.

A top court bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta on Monday passed the order granting bail to Majithia, while hearing his plea challenging a Punjab and Haryana High Court order of December 4, which denied him bail in the case.

The bench noted that Majithia was earlier granted bail in a separate case registered under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985.

It also noted that Majithia was in custody in connection with the disproportionate assets case for the last seven months.

"Why do you want to keep him inside jail?" the bench had asked the counsel appearing for the state.

On August 22 last year, the Bureau filed a chargesheet in a Mohali court, which ran into more than 40,000 pages.

In its FIR registered against Majithia, the state vigilance body claimed that preliminary investigations revealed that more than Rs 540 crore of "drug money" had been laundered through several channels, allegedly facilitated by Majithia.

The FIR stemmed from an ongoing investigation by a Special Investigation Team (SIT) of the Punjab Police into a 2021 drug case.

In 2021, Majithia was booked under the NDPS Act, based on a 2018 report of the anti-drug SIT. The Akali leader spent more than five months in a Patiala jail before walking out in August 2022 after the Punjab and Haryana High Court granted him bail.

MHA, Panchayati Raj Ministry plan to jointly strengthen local self-governance in Naxal-hit areas

NEW DELHI: The Union ministries of Home Affairs and Panchayati Raj are undertaking joint planning to strengthen local self-governance in Left Wing Extremism (LWE)-affected areas, the Lok Sabha was informed on Tuesday.

In a written reply, Minister of State for Home Nitayananand Rai said, "To further strengthen local self-governance in LWE-affected areas, the Ministry of Home Affairs is carrying out a joint planning with the Ministry of Panchayati Raj."

Responding to a question on whether the government had conducted any independent evaluation of the implementation of individual and community rights under the Forest Rights Act (FRA) and the Panchayats

(Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act (PESA), Rai said the Ministry of Home Affairs had carried out a survey in seven LWE-affected districts of Chhattisgarh through an independent agency.

"The survey has collated details of education levels, health indicators, and the availability of basic services such as primary schools, anganwadi centres, and secondary health facilities," he said, adding that the exercise was helping the Centre and the state government in "bridging the developmental gaps and ensuring livelihoods."

The minister also informed that the number of LWE-affected districts has reduced from 126 in 2018 to only eight in December 2025, with only three districts now remaining the most LWE-affected.

Delayed delivery of judgment is identified ailment, must be eradicated: SC

NEW DELHI: The practice of reserving judgments for months by high courts without making them public is an "identifiable ailment" that must be eradicated, the Supreme Court said on Tuesday while highlighting the need to ensure timely delivery of justice.

A bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Dipak Misra was hearing a plea that said the Jharkhand High Court orally pronounced a judgment dismissing a petition on December 4 last year and the verdict has not yet been uploaded.

The bench said a complete judgment be provided to the counsel by the end of next week.

Referring to the delay, senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, who was appearing for the litigant, said, "It seems some kind of lip service is going on... Some message has to go. This amounts to playing with the majesty of law."

There are broadly two kinds of judges, the CJI said. The bench, in its order, referred to the facts of the case and said, "The Jharkhand High Court pronounced the judgment on December 4, 2025, where the writ petition was dismissed. The judgment has not been uploaded yet. We have impressed upon the counsel appearing for the high court that there is no rhyme or reason for such delay. Let a complete judgment be provided to the counsel by the end of next week."

The matter has now been directed to be listed in the week commencing on February 16.

In November 2025, the top court directed all high courts to submit detailed reports on timelines for reserved judgments, including dates of reservation, pronouncement and uploading.

It has been monitoring compliance of its direction mandating that all certified copies of judgments clearly record these three dates.

Govt's drug policy robust with focus on making available medicines at affordable rate: Nadda

NEW DELHI: Union Chemicals and Fertilisers Minister J P Nadda on Tuesday said the government is working to make essential medicines available at affordable rates while ensuring the growth of the pharma industry.

Replying to supplementaries during Question Hour in Rajya Sabha, the minister asserted the need to create a balance between industry growth and the pricing policy of essential drugs.

"Our drug policy and pricing policy are robust and constant," Nadda said.

On the regulation of prices, the minister said it is a continuous process. "Our aim through the pricing policy is to ensure that medicines are accessible and affordable. Secondly, there should be growth of the industry. There should be innovation and scope for employment creation," he said.

"There is a balance which we have to undertake," the minister said, adding that the government strives to create that balance. Nadda said the consultations on policy issues are an ongoing and transparent activity which is undertaken by the Department



stakeholders on the operation of the existing policy framework. These suggestions/ feedback received during such consultations provide stakeholders with inputs on issues requiring redressal in the existing policy, if any.

"The Department and NPPA remain engaged with stakeholders with a view to understanding issues and resolving them either under the extant mechanism or by making appropriate provision," he said.

The review of DPCO, 2013 is a continuous process which is done periodically by the Department or as and when required to ensure that the provisions are enforced effectively so that the essential drugs are made accessible and available to the public at an affordable price.

Through the National Health Mission, the minister said the Centre is providing free drugs and diagnostic facilities. Generic medicines are being provided through Jan Jan Aushadhi Kendra.

"Out of pocket expenditure in the last 10 years has reduced from 62.6 per cent to 39.4 per cent," Nadda informed the House. Feedback was received from

Premature to assess if US tariff cut in India's interest: Mayawati

LUCKNOW: Bahujan Samaj Party supremo Mayawati on Tuesday said it would be premature to determine if the United States' decision to set an 18 per cent tariff on Indian goods is in the interest of the country, noting that complete details of the agreement are not yet available.

Her remarks came after an announcement by US President Donald Trump, who confirmed the deal after a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday. Under the new agreement, will bring down the reciprocal tariff on Indian goods to 18 per cent from a total 50 per cent.

Reacting to the development, Mayawati said any immediate evaluation without adequate details would be hasty. She maintained that the actual impact can only be understood after the decision is implemented on the ground.

"After mutual agreements between India and the United States with several conditions, news of the US imposing an 18 per cent tariff -- whether it is in the interest of the nation and the public -- cannot be assessed in haste in the absence of complete information."

EDITORIAL

Trump And Tariffs: With The US Deal, Has India Bucked Thucydides' Famous Adage?

To paraphrase a famous adage, 'cometh the hour, cometh the man', now it is 'cometh the man, cometh the mayhem.' It has been a year since the Trump 2024 Presidential inauguration, and, to put it bluntly, it has been blackmail time ever since. International order, as understood since World War II, has been threatened. 'Reciprocal tariff', or just tariff, is the polished word for coercion. The import tax on a Harley-Davidson has become the leitmotif of acknowledging India's friendship. And, if you are a Ukrainian, seeing your country getting 'sacrificed' by a nation that had supported you all along, must be heartbreaking - just because of a carrot called the Nobel Peace Prize!

"Give me Greenland, or else I'll remember" - such language was last heard, besides at Davos, in a street corner exchange. But the Washington resident means business, as Venezuela (and the world) found out. "I am the new president of Venezuela", he has actually proclaimed, even as he plans to covet their oil. Is 'Ayatollah of Iran' and 'King of Greenland' next, as Trump craves petulantly Iranian oil and that Danish island? This should ring many bells vis-à-vis India's experience regarding the true face of erstwhile benefactors (no exceptions) that jettison you for their own interests. Remember the attempted arm-twisting of India by the Brits and the Americans after the 1965 India-Pakistan war to give in and reach a settlement with Islamabad on Jammu and Kashmir? And the sanctions after Pokhran II? Well, things haven't changed these past decades, and on one thing at least, the mayhem-in-chief is correct: "It's geopolitics, baby, geopolitics!" Interesting times these are, were it not for the fact that every statement made far across the oceans is driving debates, sending social media into overdrive, and affecting the political narrative in our country. "Don't buy Russian oil, don't trade with Iran and Russia, but buy my oil, weapons, bourbon, alfalfa hay, duck meat..." have been the missives from Washington to New Delhi. The almost daily verbiage, even to the best of friends, has made presidents and prime ministers make a pilgrimage to Washington, barring the odd one. Countries, however, are now seeing the real mien of the occupant of the Resolute Desk in the White House - as witnessed by the European nations coming together on l'affaire Greenland.

And in these times, ideal for the screenplay of that old classic flick It's a Mad, Mad, Mad World, let us raise a toast (of American bourbon?) to Thucydides, who lived 2,500 years ago in faraway Greece and wrote a classic treatise on the Peloponnesian Wars. Dear Thucydides, how did you know back then that there would arrive a guy named Trump when you wrote, "The strong do what they can and the weak suffer what they must." Time to prove Thucydides wrong. Prime Minister Mark Carney of Canada has taken the first step at Davos, with a powerful oration that would go down as a classic for its firm independent stand. We have signed a trade deal with Washington, the full contours of which would reveal whether Delhi has bucked Thucydides' edict.

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Threat Calls, Laundering, Dance Shows For Dawood: How Mafia Once Ran Bollywood



The firing at film producer Rohit Shetty's residence has once again brought back memories of the multifaceted relationship between Bollywood and the underworld. For decades, the Hindi movie industry had a multidimensional relationship with the underworld, ranging from predator-prey, performer-patron as well as business partners to romantic partners. The relationship was symbiotic as well as parasitic.

Predator-Prey Relationship
The Lawrence Bishnoi gang claimed responsibility for the firing incident at Rohit Shetty's residence last Sunday. The motive behind the incident is not clear. The same gang, in a similar manner, had fired on film star Salman Khan's residence at Bandra in 2024. Salman is on Bishnoi's radar as he is accused of hunting a black buck in 1998, an animal the Bishnoi community considers holy. In an interview with a news channel a few months back, Bishnoi, still in jail, warned Salman that he should apologise or he'd be killed. Although the gangster is invoking religion, observers believe that Bishnoi's real motive is to generate fear by targeting another celebrity. His gang came into the limelight after killing Punjabi singer Sidhu Moosewala four years back.

Blasts From The Past
The Mumbai underworld of the 1980s and 1990s had resorted to similar tactics to generate fear and command authority. In the 90s, gangsters such as Dawood Ibrahim, Chhota Rajan, Abu Salem and Arun Gawli preyed upon filmmakers. They made threat calls from their safe havens abroad and extorted exorbitant amounts from them. Those who refused to pay were shot dead. The killing of cassette industry tycoon Gulshan Kumar in August 1997, the murder of producer Mukesh Duggal in June 1997, the firing on film director Rakesh Roshan in 2000, the murder of actress Manisha Koirala's secretary Ajit Dewani in 2001, and the attack on filmmaker Lawrence D'Souza in 2002 are a few examples. The trick was to kill one and scare everyone. If a big film personality was shot or killed, the rest would be forced to yield to the mafia's demands out of fear. If somebody paid off one gang and the information reached the others, they would also try to extort the filmmaker. Naturally, the anti-extortion cell of Mumbai Police was a busy department those days.

It's Complicated
Yet, Bollywood and the underworld had a curious relationship as well. Today, most mainstream films are

funded by big studios, but that wasn't the case till a few decades ago. There was a shortage of investors who could invest clean money in films. This gap was exploited by underworld gangs, who made it a means to convert their black money into white. Whatever money these gangs earned from all their illegal businesses, they invested in films. In return, they would ask for their share of the income and international rights of the film. The 2001 case against the film Chori-Chori Chupke Chupke brought to light that modus operandi. The mafia had such an influence over the film industry that they would often decide even star-casts and screenplays. A taped conversation between Chhota Shakeel and Sanjay Dutt, which was leaked in 2002, reveals how the former had a deep knowledge of filmmaking and had invested heavily in the industry.

Singing And Dancing

There was another kind of relationship driven by the underworld, the artist, and the fans. In the '90s, underworld gangs often organised live shows that had Bollywood stars putting up performances in exchange for lucrative sums. Pictures and videos of Bollywood celebrities dancing and singing at Dawood Ibrahim's gang shows in Dubai and Sharjah are

common knowledge today. The D-Company invited film personalities to perform at their family events, and Dawood Ibrahim paid the performers handsomely. In fact, many Bollywood personalities went to Dubai willingly to strike a close relationship with the 'Don' and remain in his good offices; yet others went there grudgingly to avoid hostility. In any case, few had the privilege to turn down such invitations.

There's Romance, Too

According to some retired police officers who investigated organised crime cases in those days, romantic relationships between Bollywood stars and gangsters were not uncommon. Dawood Ibrahim's relationship with actress Mandakini, the Abu Salem-Monica Bedi romance, Anish Ibrahim's affairs with Pakistani actress-model Anita Ayoob and another Mumbai-based actress became quite famous. Usually, such relationships were voluntary. But often, cops say, if an actress refused the advances of a gangster, he would have her killed. For instance, Anish Ibrahim had ordered for Madhuri Dixit to be killed when she refused to visit Dubai on his demand. A timely intelligence received by the Mumbai Police saved her. She relocated abroad for a few years after the threat to her life.

Chinese AI Videos Used To Look Fake. Now They Look Like Money



Even six months ago, artificial intelligence-generated videos still betrayed themselves, with extra fingers, jerky limbs and uncanny facial expressions. While some of that persists, for the most part, we've entered an era where seeing is no longer believing. It isn't just the quality that has changed. In China, AI video is doing something else that once looked unlikely: making money. While attention remains fixed on the race to build massive foundation models like DeepSeek's, the real contest is shifting to AI products that people will pay for and the search for a killer AI app. Early evidence from Kuaishou Technology suggests the winner may not be a chatbot at all, but a video tool. Long the underdog to ByteDance's Douyin, Kuaishou has spent the past year recasting itself as an AI video contender with global ambitions. Its Kling AI platform currently has the top spot on the video "quality" ranking from Artificial Analysis. And most significantly, it's gaining traction not just at home but in the more lucrative overseas markets. A December update dubbed "motion control," which more accurately transfers movement from a reference video into a generated clip, went viral, for better or worse, as people digested the obvious misuse cases. Since then, monthly active users for Kling rose 110% from 3 million in December to 7.7 million in January, according to market intelligence firm Sensor Tower. Separate figures cited by domestic business outlet LatePost indicate that paying users surged 350% month-over-month in January. Investors have noticed, sending shares up more than 75% in the past year. The company said Kling's annualized revenue run rate, or monthly operating revenue times 12, hit \$240 million in December. That's striking in an arena still dominated by free products - and a timely reminder that monetization is starting to surface in the product layer, not the foundation model itself. Users are hungry for AI applications that go beyond just chatting. And the revenue wasn't all domestic: 29% last year came from China, while 26% was from the US.

according to Sensor Tower. Still, none of this guarantees staying power. Novelty is cheap in AI and competition relentless. Nearly every major domestic player - as well as Silicon Valley titans - now ship some form of video generator, and Vidu, from Beijing-based Shengshu Technologies currently outranks Kling on Artificial Analysis' text-to-video leaderboard. Viral moments don't guarantee durable growth, and the internet has a remarkably short attention span. OpenAI's much-hyped Sora app, an AI-generated TikTok clone, seemed to recede from the mainstream as fast as it arrived. I found Kling's appeal obvious because the output is dangerously "good enough." In minutes, I created a realistic five-second clip of Japan's Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi dancing - the kind of low-effort, high believability content that makes regulators sweat. I also turned images of real people I know into videos with unsettling ease. And with a two-line prompt, I generated a Studio Ghibli-like animated scene for less time than it took to reboot my laptop. One strategic lesson from Kling's breakout success is focus. Kuaishou didn't charge headfirst into the war of a hundred foundation models. It leaned on the troves of visual data from its short-form app to build a specific product, and then targeted user bases with budgets. Professional and enterprise clients account for 70% of

total revenue, the company told the South China Morning Post. At a time when paying AI users can be fickle, and Chinese consumers even more so, that mix is the closest thing the sector has to a moat. Even with money coming in, costs remain high. In January, the company sold bonds to bolster its AI funding, tapping offshore markets for the first time. It's a reminder that inference, or deploying AI products, isn't cheap. Which is precisely why the smartest AI video players are courting corporate clients, not just content creators. Coca-Cola Co. has now run AI-generated holiday ads two years in a row. The backlash was loud in certain corners of the internet, but consumers ultimately didn't seem to mind. For advertisers, AI tools like this promise faster production, lower costs and infinite iteration. The fear that AI will hollow out creative work is not misplaced. But if there's going to be a public uprising, it probably won't start with the art of selling sugary beverages. But it may emerge from artists creating the characters people actually love. When I scrolled through the app, I found a carousel of familiar intellectual property, from Barbie to Pikachu, remixed into new creations and widely shared. As Chinese-origin apps scale abroad, outsize scrutiny is guaranteed. Add video, with its built-in potential for deepfakes.

Who Lit The Fire In Balochistan? Pak's Explanation Avoids The Obvious



Balochistan is once again up in flames as the Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) fights its way into 14 cities across the state, and seems to be holding territory in at least two. The scenes being played out on social media are intense, particularly posts of smiling young girls getting ready for a fidayeen attack. So ferocious are the attacks that, for once, they have caught the attention of the international media, who clearly understand little of their history, again linking the whole episode to an India vs Pakistan issue, which is really an insult to those literally fighting to their last breath. Operation Herof-1, or 'Black Storm' To the facts. This is Operation Herof-2. Its first iteration, in August 2024, was the fourth and largest military operation, according to Baloch media sources, citing three other major ones from 2019 onwards. That first one held territory for some 20 hours in an arc from Makran to Koh-e-Suleiman, and specific spots like army camps for at least 48 hours. Herof-2 seems to be at least twice in scope. The present operations have targeted some 14 cities and 48 locations, in an arc from Quetta to Pasni. Again, they took control of key highways, and unlike the earlier operation, seem to be holding on to Noshki, where the Deputy Commissioner was seized along with his family, but released later. Also significant are the attacks in Pasni and Kalat. So far, authorities have confirmed the death of at least 17 personnel of the police, frontier corps and security forces. with the

Baloch claiming that more than 200 have been killed. On the other side of the coin, Pakistani security forces claim that 177 Baloch have been killed in 48 hours. Unfortunately, for Pakistan, that doesn't mean operational efficiency. It means indiscriminate killing in counter-terrorism (CT) ops. Soldiers are supposed to chase and pick out militants, without hurting civilians. That's tough and usually means more SF casualties. Clearly, the Pakistanis are not interested in counter-terrorism, just brutal force. Bugti's statement that the Baloch should use the political route for their grievances is equally ridiculous. His election was blatantly rigged. He was elected unopposed since he was the only candidate. It's hardly likely that any self-respecting Baloch, militant or not, will trust him as a mediator. The Baloch Leaders On the other side of the fence is the Baloch Liberation Army (BLA), which has grown into a formidable force. Their leader, Bashir Zai, was like most BLA cadres, part of the Baloch Students Organisation-Azad, and chairman from 2008 to 2012. Bugti's claim that "appease-

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Karnataka's first 'Boat Ambulance' service launched at sea by Ullal fishermen

Mangaluru, Feb 4: Ambulances rushing with blaring sirens to save lives during road accidents or medical emergencies are a common sight. However, when mishaps occur in the middle of the sea, the lack of facilities to immediately bring the injured ashore has often resulted in loss of lives. Addressing this long-pending concern, fishermen from Ullal in Mangaluru have launched the state's first-ever 'boat ambulance' service, drawing widespread attention. The emergency boat service has been initiated by the Ullal zone Nadadoni and



Gillnet Fishermen's Association. The objective of the service is to provide immediate first aid and swiftly transport the injured to the shore in cases of boat capsizing, fire accidents at sea or sudden health emergencies among fishermen. Although there has been a demand for a sea ambulance along the coast for decades, government projects could not be implemented due to technical and financial constraints.



In the backdrop of the budget, Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan held a meeting with Christian, Jain and Buddhist leaders and religious leaders and accepted their request. Ministers D. Sudhakar, Rahim Khan, Chief Minister's Political Secretary Naseer Ahmed, Christian Corporation President Prof. Jafat, Department Secretary Shamla Iqbal, Director Jilani Mokashi were present.

The Earliest Win Starts At Zero—Apollo Cancer Centre launches Campaign ZERO TO HERO for World Cancer Day



Bengaluru : Apollo Cancer Centre has launched its 'ZERO TO HERO' campaign in observance of World Cancer Day on February 4, 2026, driving a transformative movement toward detecting cancer at Stage Zero and enabling better survival and recovery. Cancer cases in India are rising sharply, with over 15 lakh new diagnoses reported in 2024, and numbers continue to increase each year, according to ICMR-NCRP data presented in Parliament. With one in nine Indians now at lifetime risk, cancer has emerged as a pressing public health concern. Yet, over

70% of cases are identified only at late stages (III/IV), when treatment is tougher, outcomes are poorer, and the financial strain on families is significantly higher.

In response to these alarming trends, ACC's Zero to Hero campaign spotlights the life-changing impact of Stage Zero detection and early intervention—turning a diagnosis into a story of survival. The initiative celebrates individuals who took timely action and emerged as heroes through awareness, access and prompt care. Though each cancer is unique (brain, breast, neck, lung, pancreas, liver, etc.),

but these survivors are united by early diagnosis. Their collective journeys underscore the importance of catching cancer early: it can save lives.

Dinesh Madhavan, President, Group Oncology & International, Apollo Hospitals Enterprises Limited said, "Early detection is not just a medical priority—it is a systems priority. The data consistently show that early-stage cancers have markedly higher disease-free survival and longer median survival compared to late-stage diagnoses. At Apollo Cancer Centres, we constantly strive to move beyond treat-

ment to prevention and early detection. Recognising these cases early strengthens our cancer registries, enables faster care pathways, and helps more patients transition from diagnosis to survivorship. This approach has the potential to transform cancer care from reactive to proactive cancer control."

Mr. Akshay Oleti, CEO, Karnataka Region, Apollo Hospitals said, "At Apollo Cancer Centre, we're committed to empowering individuals to take charge of their health. The 'Zero to Hero' campaign is a testament to our dedication to early detection and prevention. We're proud to be part of this transformative movement, and we urge everyone to prioritize awareness, screening, and prompt care. Together, we can turn cancer diagnosis into a story of survival and hope." Clinicians from Apollo Cancer Center, Bengaluru said, "Every day, we see the difference early detection makes. When cancer is diagnosed in its earliest stages, treatment is often less invasive, more effective, and survival rates improve significantly."

Kumaraswamy Seeks Permanent Solution to Human–Wildlife Conflict in Karnataka

New Delhi : Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel, H. D. Kumaraswamy, held a high-level meeting with Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav, to deliberate on long-term solutions to the escalating human–wildlife conflict in Karnataka and to ensure the safety and livelihood of citizens.

The meeting was held at the office of the Union Forest Minister, Bhupender Yadav, in the Parliament House. During the interaction, H.D. Kumaraswamy expressed serious concern over the increasing incidents of elephant attacks across several districts, including Kodagu, Chikkamagaluru, Hassan, Mysuru, Chamarajanagar, Shivamogga, and other regions.

He pointed out that persistent wildlife incursions have resulted in the loss of human lives, particularly among farmers cultivating land along forest fringes and those engaged in livestock rearing. Several individuals have also sustained



severe injuries, leading to permanent disabilities. Emphasising that the situation has assumed critical proportions in Karnataka, Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy underscored the urgent need for a sustainable and long-term policy response.

Responding positively to these concerns, Union Minister Bhupender Yadav assured that the matter would receive immediate and priority attention. He sought detailed inputs from H.D. Kumaraswamy and

issued directions to officials regarding the formulation and implementation of appropriate remedial measures. The Union Forest Minister further instructed concerned officials to submit a comprehensive report on the issue before the conclusion of the ongoing Budget Session of Parliament and reaffirmed the Government's commitment to ensuring expeditious action.

Discussion on Inter-Ministerial Coordination During the meeting, both

H. D. Kumaraswamy Meets Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman

Union Ministers Hold Discussions on Growth of the Steel Sector and New Investments



New Delhi : Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel, H. D. Kumaraswamy, held a meeting with Union Minister for Finance, Nirmala Sitharaman, to discuss key developmental matters related to the Ministry of Steel. The meeting was held at the Finance Minister's office in Parliament in the presence of senior officials of the Ministry of Steel. During the interaction, Mr. Kumaraswamy engaged in detailed discussions on major development priorities and strategic initiatives concerning ministry of Steel and Heavy Industries. He stated that consultations were held on new investments in the steel sector, ongoing projects, and measures to further strengthen the industry and enhance its competitiveness. Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy also conveyed his sincere appreciation to the Finance Minister for presenting a forward-looking Union Budget that promotes sustainable growth and advances the vision of "Vikas Bharat 2047".

VBG Ram Ji Act Is Transparent, Congress Opposing It to Protect Irregularities: R. Ashok

Bengaluru: Opposition Leader R. Ashok on Tuesday asserted that the VBG Ram Ji Act is a transparent and people-oriented legislation and claimed that the Congress is opposing it as it prevents scope for irregularities. He alleged that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah brought a resolution against the Act in violation of legislative rules.

Speaking to reporters, R. Ashok said that moving a resolution in the Legislative Assembly against the VBG Ram Ji Act was itself illegal, as a mandatory seven-day notice was not given for discussion. He accused the Congress government of spreading misinformation against the Centre. Citing data from the Rural Development Department, he claimed that irregularities amounting to Rs. 16,019 crore were reported in 31,624 cases during 2023-24, Rs. 50.23 crore in 20,742 cases in 2024-25, and Rs. 18.13 crore in 2025-26. He alleged that corruption



took place through nepotism, bogus bills, and allocation of works to Congress agents.

Ashok stated that all works under the Employment Guarantee Scheme are implemented by state Rural Development Departments and not directly by the Centre. He accused the Congress government of failing to provide its 40 per cent share due to financial constraints while taking credit for the scheme. He reiterated that the BJP opposes the resolution and pointed out that while the Congress has named over 400 schemes after the Nehru family, it is

objecting to the renaming of the 20-year-old NREGA scheme. Highlighting reforms, he said the workdays under the scheme were increased from 100 to 125 and that extensive consultations were held with all states before implementation. Referring to a 2013 CAG report, he said over 4.33 lakh fake job cards were identified, causing losses of thousands of crores. He said measures such as reduced job card validity, biometric attendance, GPS, artificial intelligence, and fixed timelines for wage payments were introduced to curb corruption.

No One Resigned Over Scams During BJP Rule: DCM D K Shivakumar

Who resigned for scams during BJP's time?: DCM D K Shivakumar BJP is trying to trouble Dalit legislators



Bengaluru : Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar today said that no one resigned during PSI scam during BJP rule. Speaking to reporters at Vidhana Soudha, he said, "No one took responsibility for many scams

during BJP rule. Now, the BJP is trying to trouble a Dalit minister by demanding his resignation." "Minister Thimmappur has highlighted all the corruption during BJP rule. There is no proof of allegations made by the BJP on

Thimmappur: They are all baseless allegations. The Opposition parties are trying to showcase their existence. They don't want discussion on MGNREGA and hence they are digressing." "The BJP can't digest the good work that has happened under MGNREGA. Panchayats could decide on the roks under the earlier

scheme but the Centre will decide on the new scheme. It is impossible to implement this scheme even in BJP ruled states. We are ready to discuss if BJP is willing to debate," he added.

Other departments should join hands for comprehensive development: K. N. Ramesh



Bengaluru: To enhance coordination among various departments in managing the city's infrastructure projects and traffic congestion, the Corporation organized a joint coordination meeting with senior officials from GAIL, Traffic Police, BESCOM, KPTCL, and BWSSB. The key decisions and discussions of the meeting are as follows: Road Cutting Policy and Technology

MARCS Portal: From now on, applications for road cutting and other services must be submitted through the newly developed 'MARCS' portal, even if applications were submitted using the previous system. Any technical issues in the current portal will be rectified promptly.

RIMS Technology Implementation:

The Commissioner informed that the Road Information Management System (RIMS) software will soon be developed to provide comprehensive details of the roads.

Iblur Junction Development Plan:

As per the Chief Commissioner of Greater Bengaluru's directions, two proposals—an underpass and a flyover—have been put forward for this area. Departments with ongoing projects in the area have been instructed to share information.

Since GAIL has installed an 8-inch medium-pressure pipeline, the Commissioner instructed all departments to

conduct a joint survey and submit a report on the feasibility of the proposed development.

Traffic Solution at Wipro Junction (Sarjapur Road): A joint inspection with officials was conducted.

The Commissioner directed measures such as developing a U-turn and relocating bus bays to reduce traffic congestion at Wipro Junction.

Traffic Solution at Kaikondrahalli Junction:

It was discussed to remove the compound wall near Elements Apartment, allowing small vehicles to pass and to construct a bus bay in the vacant area.

BWSSB Pipeline Work Acceleration:

Bannerghatta Road: The BWSSB was instructed to complete the pipeline work near Fortis Hospital as soon as possible.

from the Commissioner:

The Commissioner emphasized that all recommendations provided by the Traffic Police must be implemented as a priority by the Corporation's Engineering Department.

It is essential to form a task force at each subdivision level with coordination from all departments. Coordination at the ground level will make problem-solving easier. A WhatsApp group was also suggested for rapid communication among various department officials. Present at the meeting were Additional Commissioner Naveen Kumar Raju, Deputy Commissioner of South Traffic Division Gopal, Chief Engineers of the City Corporation Basavaraj Kabade, K. V. Ravi, and other departmental officials.

Waterlogging Issues:

Measures to resolve water flow issues between the service road and the main road near Manipal County, Iblur, and Agar Lake were discussed.

Road Safety:

Instructions to increase median height in accident-prone areas from Agar to Anepalu. Install medians, zebra crossings, stop lines, and signal information boards on Kasavanhalli Road.

Desilting:

Immediate desilting was instructed at Silk Board Junction, Iblur Manipal Hospital Junction, and SWD on Bannerghatta Road.

Strict Instructions



Madras HC stays contract to widen ECR into six-lane elevated road



CHENNAI: The Madras High Court barred the State government from awarding the contract for constructing a six-lane elevated road along the East Coast Road (ECR), following a legal challenge by a firm after its technical bid was rejected.

The project, proposed by the Tamil Nadu State Highways Authority (TANSHA), involves widening the busy ECR stretch from Tiruvanmiyur to

Uthandi into a six-lane corridor. TANSHA had issued a tender inviting bids for the project on August 25 last year. During the tender process, the technical bid submitted by Dilip Buildcon Limited, a Bhopal-based construction firm, was rejected by the authorities.

Aggrieved by this, the company challenged the decision but its petition was dismissed by a single judge of the High Court,

observing that the company had approached the court even before the tender process was completed and the final contract was awarded.

Following this, Dilip Buildcon filed an appeal against the single judge's order. The appeal came up for hearing before a division bench comprising Chief Justice MM Shirvastava and Justice G Arul Murugan.

After hearing the submissions, the bench directed that the tender contract works should not be awarded to the selected company until further orders, and adjourned the matter to February 12 for further hearing. As per the plan, the 13.3-km elevated corridor will begin at West Avenue Road near the LB Road junction and end at Uthandi.

AIADMK's set of promises: 3 LPG cylinders/year at subsidised rate, education loan waiver

CHENNAI: AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami announced the second phase of its election assurances on Wednesday, with a significant focus on initiatives for minority communities and students.

The new set of promises also includes increasing the old-age pension to Rs 2,000 per month, providing three LPG cylinders per year at subsidised rates to ration card holders, granting Rs 10 lakh in financial aid to families of individuals who die during jallikattu events, and Rs2 lakh to those injured.

Outlining the promises at the headquarters, Palaniswami stated that if elected to power, his government would waive the existing education loans of students, provide new loans to Muslim and Christian women to establish micro and small-scale enterprises, and waive cooperative loans for persons with physical disabilities.

These assurances, he confirmed, will be incorporated into the party's forthcoming election manifesto. Taking aim at Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam, Palaniswami alleged that its leader Vijay lacked understanding of Tamil Nadu's political landscape and has not engaged sufficiently with the public or the media.



If Vijay admired late AIADMK leaders, MGR and J Jayalalithaa, as he claims, he should stop labeling the party that these leaders founded and nurtured as corrupt, Palaniswami said.

In a clear but indirect rebuttal to Vijay's claim that the TVK was the sole challenger to the ruling DMK, Palaniswami asserted that the AIADMK-led NDA is the principal opposition alliance in the State and accused Chief Minister MK Stalin of functioning like a "puppet".

Palaniswami reiterated that the AIADMK was leading the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) in Tamil Nadu and that he is its chief ministerial candidate, which, he affirmed, was noted clearly by Union Home Minister Amit Shah. He also dismissed any possibility of re-inducting former leader VK Sasikala into the party fold.

TN: Central Zone police begins verification of foreigners' stay

As per the Immigration and Foreigners Act, the building owners who accommodate foreign nationals should fill forms in the website of the Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO) with form 'C', while the foreign students should fill the form 'S' with the approval from the Superintendent of Police of the respective district.



while in the Thanjavur range, comprised of Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, Nagapattinam and Mayiladuthurai districts, 32 foreign students are staying and they were registered by their respective educational institutions.

In all, 461 foreign nationals are staying, and among them, 380 have registered in the portal, while 81 are yet to register their information.

The owners of hotels, lodges, guest houses, home stays, hospitals and educational institutions should register the foreign nationals within 24 hours of their stay through either form 'C' or form 'S', said the IG (Central Zone) V Balakrishnan. The IGP also said that those who are pending with registration should register between January 31 and February 2 otherwise, a fine of Rs 50,000 for form 'C' and Rs 1 lakh for form 'S' would be imposed, the IGP added.

4 Bangladesh nationals held in Erode for illegal stay



ERODE: Four Bangladesh nationals have been arrested in this district for their illegal entry into India, police said. During a surprise check by the Perundurai police, along with Q Branch police, at Panikampalayam on Tuesday, four persons staying in the area were questioned.

They told police they work at a private textile firm near Perundurai and were employed through brokers. They also confessed that they are from Bangladesh and that they somehow ended up in the Perundurai

area. The Police found no passport or visa with them. The police arrested them and sent them to Salem Central Prison. Further investigation is ongoing.

CHENNAI: Left parties on Wednesday expressed deep sorrow over the death of educationist S S Rajagopalan, recalling his lifelong contribution to progressive school education and the cause of equitable, mother tongue-based learning in Tamil Nadu.

In a condolence message, CPM State secretary P Shanmugam said Rajagopalan had played a constructive role in shaping progressive initiatives in the State's school education system.

He noted that Rajagopalan's father,

guided by the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi, had pioneered the establishment of Tamil-medium schools in Coimbatore district, and that Rajagopalan imbibed a

strong sense of patriotism and socialist values from an early age.

Rajagopalan went on to become one of the youngest headmasters in the State and continued to contribute to reform-oriented changes in school education during and after his tenure.

Shanmugam recalled Rajagopalan's role in the committee headed by educationist Muthukumaran

constituted during the Karunanidhi government, and said he had actively supported teachers' movements and stu-

dent organisations. He also took part in the activities of Left parties and remained a regular reader of the Left journal Deepathirai until his final days.

The CPM leader said Rajagopalan worked with commitment for a more equal society through universal access to quality education in the mother tongue.

Urging the State government to recognise his contribution, the CPM appealed for the institution of a doctoral research fellowship in the name of Dr. S.S. Rajagopalan.

Preventable deaths in a warming world: How politics shapes who lives and who dies



The evidence points to an uncomfortable conclusion: much of this suffering is preventable. Cameroonian historian Achille Mbembe introduced the idea of "necropolitics" to explain how some lives come to be treated as more expendable than others. This does not imply intent to kill, but rather the routine political acceptance that some people will be exposed to harm.

From this perspective, the Galvans' deaths were shaped not only by heat, but by structural inequalities and gaps in policy and infrastructure.

This logic is visible globally. In south Asia and the Middle East, heatwaves claim the lives of elderly people and outdoor workers. In sub-Saharan Africa, floods and droughts disproportionately affect subsistence farmers.

In the UK, air pollution is linked to roughly 30,000 deaths annually. People from ethnic minority and low-income communities are more likely to live in the most polluted areas. These deaths are not random. They follow recognisable social patterns. Mbembe's concept helps describe situations where political, economic or social arrangements leave some populations consistently exposed to harm. That includes climate-vulnerable communities, places where resources are being extracted through mining or areas where people are displaced from their homes. In the US, "Drill, baby, drill!" has re-emerged as short

hand for prioritising fossil fuel extraction over emissions reduction. These political and economic choices create consistent patterns of vulnerability for environmental risks, from extreme heat to floods and air pollution. Structural neglect, not personal behaviour, underlies the distribution of harm. Yet, vulnerability is not fate. Heat provides a clear example. With early warning systems, targeted outreach, and timely intervention, many such fatalities can be prevented. As epidemiologist Kristie Ebi notes: "Those deaths are preventable... people don't need to die in the heat". The same is true across climate risks. Even with systemic neglect, deliberate and coordinated action can reduce risk. Connecting social, infrastructural, and institutional responses to climate hazards is a crucial step.

Environmental humanist Rob Nixon uses the term "slow violence" to describe harms that accumulate gradually and often invisibly over time. Unlike sudden disasters, the effects of rising temperatures, drought and ecological degradation unfold quietly. You cannot make a disaster movie out of slow violence. Its harm builds incrementally, striking those already most vulnerable. The deaths of the Galvans exemplify this slow burn, as do the lives lost to prolonged heat exposure, crop failure and environmental degradation worldwide.

People least responsible for

emissions, primarily in developing countries, are most exposed to escalating climate harms. Viewed through a necropolitical lens, slow violence shows how neglect becomes lethal through the repeated failure to prevent known and predictable harms.

Feminist theorist Donna Haraway coined the term "Chthulucene", from the Greek chthonic ("of the earth"), to describe an era defined by entangled relationships between humans, other species and the ecosystems they depend on.

Rather than treating environmental harm as separate from social life, this perspective emphasises how vulnerability emerges through the everyday connections between people, institutions and environments. As Haraway argues, harm accumulates through these relationships, revealing how exposure to climate risks, political neglect and ecological stress reinforce one another over time. This dynamic is visible in Vietnam's Mekong Delta, one of the world's most productive rice-growing regions. Here, saltwater intrusion is creeping inland, damaging vast areas of farmland and threatening millions of livelihoods. Rising sea levels and shifting climate patterns could affect up to 45% of the delta's farmland by 2030, destabilising both local communities and global food systems. Social and ecological harm cannot be separated.

Political choices amplify any existing environmental threat. Neglect is not a neutral absence: it is a political condition that shapes who lives and who suffers. Addressing this injustice requires a living politics of care. This means a political system that recognises vulnerability as socially produced and demands solidarity, equity and accountability. Through alliances between affected communities, researchers and advocates who expose neglect, plus decision-makers under pressure to act, care can become politically unavoidable.

Stellar clues: White dwarfs solve cosmic radio mystery

Cosmic radio pulses repeating every few minutes or hours, known as long-period transients, have puzzled astronomers since their discovery in 2022. A new study, published in *Nature Astronomy*, now offers a compelling explanation.

Astronomers are well acquainted with pulsars — rapidly rotating neutron stars whose powerful radio beams sweep past Earth like cosmic lighthouses. Even the slowest known pulsars rotate once every few seconds. By contrast, long-period transients repeat on timescales ranging from 18 minutes to more than six hours.

From everything known about neutron stars, they should not be able to emit radio waves while spinning so slowly. This raised a stark question: was something missing from existing physics, or were astronomers looking at the wrong kind of object? Neutron stars are not the only com-



pact stellar remnants. The new study presents evidence that the longest-lived long-period transient, known as GPM J1839-10, is not a neutron star at all, but a white dwarf. Crucially, it appears to be producing powerful radio beams with the help of a stellar companion — suggesting other long-period transients may do the same.

White dwarfs are the remnants of dead stars, similar in mass to the Sun but compressed into a sphere roughly the size of Earth. On their own, white dwarfs have never been observed to emit radio pulses. However, when paired with an M-type dwarf — a common star about half the Sun's mass — in a close binary system, the conditions can change. Astronomers already know that such systems exist

Rapidly spinning "white dwarf pulsars" were confirmed observationally in 2016. This naturally raises the possibility that long-period transients are simply their slower cousins.

More than ten long-period transients have been discovered so far, but most are distant and deeply embedded in the Milky Way, making them difficult to study. Only in 2025 were two identified as white dwarf-M-dwarf binaries — an unexpected result that left open key questions about how they produce radio emission.

The breakthrough came with GPM J1839-10, discovered in 2023. It has a period of 21 minutes and is uniquely long-lived. Archival data revealed pulses dating back to 1988, although they appeared intermittently. Located 15,000 light-years away, it is detectable only at radio wavelengths.

probe its behaviour, astronomers carried

out "round-the-world" observations using three radio telescopes: Australia's ASKAP, South Africa's MeerKAT, and the Karl G Jansky Very Large Array in the US. As Earth rotated, each telescope handed off observations to the next. The signal turned out to be anything but random. Pulses arrived in groups of four or five, with pairs of groups separated by two hours. The pattern repeated every nine hours — a level of stability that points to a binary system orbiting on that timescale. Using this, researchers refined the orbital period to a precision of 0.2 seconds and inferred the masses of the two objects, consistent with a white dwarf-M-dwarf binary. Modelling the system showed that the radio beam is likely produced when the white dwarf's magnetic pole sweeps through its companion's stellar wind.

Stock market advances in early deals on fresh foreign fund inflows

Mumbai: Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty were trading higher in early trade on Wednesday, February 4, building on previous day's sharp rally, amid fresh foreign fund inflows and positive sentiment following the India-US trade deal. A sharp decline in IT stocks, however, restricted the rally in the markets. The 30-share BSE Sensex advanced 68.49 points to 38,816.96 in early trade. The 50-share NSE Nifty went up by 51.90 points to 25,779.45. From the Sensex firms, Mahindra & Mahindra, Power Grid, Reliance Industries, NTPC, ICICI Bank and ITC were among the biggest gainers. Infosys, Tata Consultancy Services, HCL Tech and Tech Mahindra were the biggest laggards, declining as much as 5 per cent. The BSE IT index tumbled 4.95 per cent to 35,311.34 in early trade. Foreign institutional investors turned buyers on Tuesday as they bought equities worth Rs 5,236.28 crore, according to exchange data. Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs) bought stocks worth Rs 1,014.24 crore. India and the US have agreed on a framework for a trade deal under which



Washington will bring down tariffs on Indian goods to 18 per cent from the current 50 per cent. The announcement is important because the US has imposed a steep tariff on Indian goods entering American markets, effective August 27, 2025. In Asian markets, South Korea's Kospi traded higher, while Japan's Nikkei 225 index, Shanghai's SSE Composite index and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index quoted lower. US markets ended lower on Tuesday. "The rally fuelled by the US-India trade deal will face hurdles to sustain. The IT sell-off in the US yesterday will drag the Indian IT index, too, constraining the rally in the Indian market," VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit

Investments Limited, said. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, climbed 0.68 per cent to USD 67.77 per barrel. On Tuesday, the Sensex ended at 38,739.13, up 2,072.67 points or 2.54 per cent. The Nifty zoomed 639.15 points or 2.55 per cent to settle at 25,727.55. The BSE IT index tumbled 5.49 per cent to settle at 35,109.51. "While Oil & Gas, consumer durables, metal and automobile stocks recorded strong gains, IT stocks faced sharp selling pressure, tracking weakness in global technology shares. "Sentiment in the sector deteriorated after AI startup Anthropic unveiled an end-to-end workflow automation productivity tool, rekindling concerns that rapid advances in AI could disrupt

traditional software business models and weigh on industry-wide profitability," Ponmudi R, CEO of Enrich Money, an online trading and wealth tech firm, said. Foreign institutional investors turned buyers on Tuesday as they bought equities worth Rs 5,236.28 crore, according to exchange data. Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs) bought stocks worth Rs 1,014.24 crore. On Tuesday, the Sensex ended at 38,739.13, up 2,072.67 points or 2.54 per cent. The Nifty zoomed 639.15 points or 2.55 per cent to settle at 25,727.55. India and the US have agreed on a framework for a trade deal under which Washington will bring down tariffs on Indian goods to 18 per cent from the current 50 per cent. The announcement is important because the US has imposed a steep tariff on Indian goods entering American markets, effective August 27, 2025. In Asian markets, South Korea's Kospi, Shanghai's SSE Composite index higher and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index ended higher. Japan's Nikkei 225 index ended lower. European markets were trading on a mixed note. US markets ended lower on Tuesday. The Nasdaq Composite index tanked 1.43 per cent, S&P 500 declined by 0.84 per cent and Dow Jones Industrial Average dipped 0.34 per cent. "Domestic equities witnessed a volatile session, swinging between gains and losses as rising US-Iran tensions kept investors on edge," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Investments Limited, said. Overall upside remained limited due to weakness in IT stocks amid concerns over reduced demand for traditional outsourcing following Anthropic's introduction of new AI-driven automation tools, he added. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, advanced 0.36 per cent to USD 67.57 per barrel.

Paytm Delivers Third Straight Profitable Quarter as PAT Rises to 225 Crore; Revenue Increases to 2,194 Crore in Q3 FY 2026

Sustained profitability and growth driven by industry-leading monetisation across payments and financial services. Continued leveraging AI capabilities led to expanded merchant payment leadership and higher consumer UPI market share. Recorded more than double the UPI industry growth rate, with consumer UPI GMV up 35% over the last nine months. Received all three key payment licenses for online, offline and cross-border payments for PPSL from RBI; resumed onboarding of online merchants Paytm (One 97 Communications Limited), India's full stack merchant payments leader serving MSMEs and enterprises, and a leading financial services distribution company, and the pioneer of mobile payments, QR codes, and Soundbox, today announced its financial results for the quarter ending December 2025 (Q3 FY26) reporting its third consecutive profitable

quarter, driven by strong monetisation, higher payments GMV, merchant subscriptions, and distribution of financial services revenue. In the December quarter, Paytm reported a profit after tax (PAT) of 225 crore, an improvement of 433 crore year-on-year. EBITDA for the quarter improved to 156 crore with an EBITDA margin of 7%, reflecting an improvement of 379 crore YoY driven by revenue growth and continued operating leverage. Contribution profit stood at 1,249 crore, up 30% YoY with a contribution margin of 57%, an improvement of 5 percentage points YoY. Paytm UPI continued to gain market share for the third consecutive quarter. Paytm's consumer UPI GMV grew 35% in the last nine months versus industry GMV growth of 16%. In Q3 FY26, operating revenue grew 20% YoY to 2,194 crore, led by higher payments GMV, increase in

merchant subscriptions and growth in distribution of financial services. On a like-for-like basis, revenue growth was approximately 25%. Paytm said that there was an insignificant impact on revenue from industry stoppage of rent payments through credit card (PA PG guidelines, Sep 2025) and Real Money Gaming (RMG) Act, Aug 2025, as the company has taken proactive compliance measures over the past few years. Payments services revenue (including other operating revenue) grew 21% YoY to 1,284 crore. Net payment revenue increased by 25% YoY to 613 crore, due to improved payment processing margin and increase in merchant subscriptions which grew by 27 lakh YoY to reach 1.44 crore. Payments GMV grew 24% YoY to 6.2 lakh crore. In Q3 FY 2026, distribution of financial services revenue grew 34% YoY to 672 Cr, driven by continued growth in distribution of merchant loans and wealth

products. This is despite lower volumes under the Default Loss Guarantee (DLG) program, which leads to lower revenue and lower other direct costs. Indirect expenses declined 8% YoY to 1,092 crore, driven by lower employee costs (including ESOP costs) and lower Provisions for Doubtful Debt (PDD). Cash balance stood at 12,882 crore as of the quarter ending December 2025, providing continued capital flexibility to expand business. During the quarter, the offline merchant business was transferred to Payments Services Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the company, in line with regulatory guidelines. Payments Services Limited received final approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as an Online Payment Aggregator. Further, the RBI authorised PPSL to operate as a Payment Aggregator for offline and cross-border payments.

NMDC Achieves Record-Breaking physical and financial volumes (9 months)

Hyderabad, 03rd February 2026: NMDC, India's largest iron ore producer, delivered a stellar performance, registering robust growth across volumes and financials in 9 months of FY26. The Responsible Miner reported its best-ever January production and sales, reinforcing its operational momentum. The company produced 5.56 MT of iron ore and sold 4.79 MT, reflecting a strong year-on-year growth of 9% in production and 7% in sales over the corresponding period last year. The company's cumulative performance up to January 2026 further highlights this upward trajectory. Production surged to 42.65 MT, marking an impressive 19% growth, while sales increased to 39.75 MT, up 9.7% year-on-year. On the financial front, NMDC delivered robust FY26 9-month performance since inception. Revenue surged by 22% to ₹20,381 crore, while PBT climbed 5% to ₹7,280 crore. PAT rose 4% to ₹5,401 crore, and EBITDA expanded to ₹7,666 crore,



registering a 5% growth. NMDC has also declared an interim dividend of Rs 2.50 per equity share for their shareholders. This performance was driven by record volumes and sustained operational excellence, firmly positioning NMDC among India's most resilient mining companies. With back-to-back record volumes and strong financials, NMDC remains firmly on track to achieve its annual targets and is well-positioned to set new benchmarks for the mining industry. Achieving the best-ever figures since inception places NMDC

strongly on course to meet its annual targets. January also marks a significant milestone with the inauguration of company's first coal mine - Tokisud North Coal Mine in Jharkhand, a new feather to NMDC's cap. This performance reflects NMDC's strategic focus, operational resilience, and long-term vision. As the company continues to diversify its portfolio and strengthen its capabilities, it remains firmly committed to responsible mining and sustainable growth, reinforcing its leadership position in India's mining sector.

Hindalco, KADA Partner to Strengthen Youth Employability with Multi-Skills Training Centre at Kuppam

Andhra Pradesh, February 2026: Hindalco Industries Ltd, in collaboration with the Kuppam Area Development Authority (KADA), announced the launch of a state-of-the-art Multi-Skills Training Centre at its Kuppam plant in Andhra Pradesh, reinforcing its commitment to youth empowerment, inclusive growth, and workforce development. The Kuppam Multi-Skills Training Centre aims to train and upskill over 500 youth annually through placement-linked, industry-aligned programmes, benchmarked to national and global standards. The initiative represents a scalable public-private partnership designed to accelerate regional transformation and advance the objectives of the Swarna Kuppam Vision 2029. Speaking at the inauguration, Mr. Samik Basu, Chief Human Resources Officer, Hindalco Industries Limited, added, "At Hindalco, we see skilling as



a powerful catalyst for social and economic transformation. This Centre brings together global innovation and local relevance leveraging immersive, AI-enabled learning in partnership with Eon Reality, USA to make world-class vocational training accessible to youth in their own language. By integrating advanced technology with industry-linked, placement-focused pro-

grammes, we are creating sustainable pathways to employment and preparing a future-ready workforce for the region." Spread across 22,500 sq. ft., the purpose-built facility includes smart classrooms, domain-specific practical labs, digital learning infrastructure, and career guidance designed to deliver industry-relevant, outcome-driven skilling. Over the next three

years, the Centre is expected to train over 875 youth and facilitate up to 600 job placements, while indirectly benefiting more than 5,000 family members and engaging 20,000 community members through awareness and skilling initiatives. A key differentiator of the Centre is its AI-enabled digital learning platform, accessible even on basic smart phones and offering lifetime

BHEL Bags Over Rs 1,000 Cr Project from Hindalco Industries



New Delhi: State-owned

BHEL on Wednesday said it has secured an order in the range of Rs 1,200-1,500 crore from Hindalco Industries. BHEL said a letter of intent (LOI) in this regard has been received from Aditya Aluminium, Hindalco Industries. The scope of work includes design, engineering, manufacture, supply up to site, unloading & storage, erection, commissioning and

tors, and a leading power equipment manufacturer globally. The company provides a comprehensive portfolio of products, systems and services to players in power, transmission, transportation, renewables, water, defence & aerospace, oil & gas, among others. BHEL

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performance guarantee test for 2 x 150 megawatt BTG (boiler, turbine, and generator) package excluding civil work. The project is to be executed at Lapanga, Sambalpur in Odisha in a span of about 3 years, BHEL said in a regulatory filing. Under Industries of Heavy Industries, BHEL is one of India's largest engineering and manufacturing enterprises in the energy and infrastructure sec-

Silver soars to hit near Rs 3L per kg, gold jumps to Rs 1.65L per 10g



ed their rebound on Wednesday, with gold prices rising over 3 per cent and touching around Rs 1.6 lakh per 10 g, while silver jumped as much as 6 per cent intra-day after a period of sharp volatility and correction," Gaurav Garg, Research Analyst at Lemonn Markets Desk, said. In the international market, spot sil-

ver gained USD 4.28, or 5.03 per cent, to USD 89.35 per ounce, while gold rose by USD 100.03, or 2.02 per cent, to USD 5,047.07 per ounce. Gold and silver advanced on Wednesday, driven by renewed safe-haven buying amid escalating geopolitical tensions between the US and Iran, Saumil Gandhi, Senior Analyst – Commodities

at HDFC Securities, said. "This confrontation undermines the optimism over the US-Iran nuclear talks later this week and has raised concerns about the potential for further conflict between Washington and Tehran, which could increase the risk premium on gold and heighten demand for safe-haven assets," Gandhi said.



versies. "For the rest of this term of office, I will focus all of my time and energy as minister of agriculture on defeating the most devastating foot-and-mouth disease outbreak our country has ever seen," he told a press conference. Steenhuisen began his political career aged 22 when he was elected to the council of the port city of Durban for the Democratic Party, the DA's predecessor. He rose up through the party's local and then regional leadership before becoming leader of the party, which traditionally has a white support base, two decades later. It was widely reported that Steenhuisen would run unopposed for the leadership at the DA's upcoming conference.

But it seems a variety of issues led to his decision not to do so, including his fallout with another senior DA member, Environment Affairs Minister Dion George, and allegations, of which he was cleared in January, that he had abused his party credit card.

Israeli strikes kill 20 in Gaza

At least 20 Palestinians, including several children and a paramedic, have been killed in Israeli strikes in the north and south of Gaza, hospitals say. The Israeli military said tanks and aircraft had carried out precision strikes against what it called "terrorists" who opened fire on troops in the north of the strip, seriously wounding an officer. It added that the attack happened close to the Yellow Line, beyond which Israeli forces are stationed in Gaza, and that it constituted a "blatant violation" of the three-month-old ceasefire agreement with Hamas. Hamas accused Israel of using the shooting as "a flimsy pretext to justify the continuation of killing and aggression against our people". Al-Shifa hospital in Gaza City said it had received the bodies of 13 people, including five children, who were killed when tents for displaced families and homes in the eastern Zeitoun and Tuffah neigh-



bourhoods were hit. Among the mourners gathered in the hospital's courtyard for funeral prayers was Abu Mohammed Haboush, who said his family was asleep in their home when it was shelled. "Our children were martyred - my son was martyred, my brother's son and daughter were martyred," he told Reuters news

agency. "We have nothing to do with anything, we are peaceful people." Nasser hospital in the city of Khan Younis said four dead, including one child, were brought there following strikes on tents in the southern Qizan Rashwan area. Another two children and a paramedic were later killed in the coastal al-

Mawasi area south-west of Khan Younis, hospital officials said. A first responder from the Hamas-run Civil Defence agency, Jihad al-Hinnawi, told Reuters that the paramedic had rushed to help victims of a strike on a tent in the coastal al-Mawasi area and was then killed by a second strike on the same location. The

Palestinian Red Crescent said separately that one of its paramedics, Hussein al-Semieri, was killed while on duty in the Khan Younis area. The humanitarian organisation accused the Israeli military of a "glaring violation" of international humanitarian law, which protects medical personnel. The Israeli military said it

was checking the reports. Both Israel and Hamas have accused each other of nearly-daily violations since the ceasefire took effect on 10 October. On Sunday, more than 30 people were killed in Israeli strikes across Gaza. Israel's military said it launched those strikes after gunmen emerged from a tunnel in the southern Rafah area, beyond the Yellow Line. Gaza's Hamas-run health ministry has said at least 556 people have been killed by Israeli fire, while the Israeli military has said four of its soldiers have been killed in Palestinian attacks. The war was triggered by the Hamas-led attack on southern Israel on 7 October 2023, in which about 1,200 people were killed and 251 others were taken hostage. Israel responded to the attack by launching a military campaign in Gaza, during which more than 71,820 people have been killed, according to the territory's health ministry.

Libyan prosecutors launch probe into killing of Gaddafi's son



Libyan prosecutors say they are investigating the killing of Saif al-Islam Gaddafi, son of the country's long-time leader Col Muammar Gaddafi. The 53-year-old, who was once widely seen as his father's heir apparent, was killed during a "direct confrontation" with four unknown gunmen who broke into his home in the city of Zintan, his office said in a statement. "The victim died from wounds by gunfire," Libyan prosecutors said on Wednesday, adding that efforts were under way to identify the gunmen. In a different version of events, his sister told Libyan TV that he had died near the country's border with Algeria. Saif al-Islam's lawyer told the AFP news agency a "four-man commando" unit carried out an assassination at his home in the city of Zintan, though it was not clear who may have been behind the attack. The public prosecutor's office said forensic experts had been dispatched to Zintan in north-west Libya to conduct investigations. Saif al-Islam was long seen as the most influential and feared figure in the country after his father, who ruled Libya from 1969 until being ousted and killed during an uprising in 2011. BBC World Affairs editor John Simpson, who had met Saif al-Islam Gaddafi, said that he was "a strange, mercurial figure, but he was much less eccentric than his father". "During the 2011 revolution, he agreed to be interviewed for the BBC, only to scream insults at me in front of his officials," Simpson said. "Then he sent them away, and apologised profusely. 'They expect it of me,' he said." According to Libyan journalist and writer Abdulkader Assad, Saif al-Islam might have been targeted by locals who felt their political influence was being threatened by his popularity. "It could also be foreign actors took him out because of his controversial past," Abdulkader told the BBC's Newsday programme.

RIGHTS GROUPS SAY CHINA DETAILED TWO JOURNALISTS OVER CORRUPTION REPORT



Rights groups and activists are sounding the alarm about the detention of two Chinese investigative journalists after they reportedly exposed corruption by a senior official in Sichuan province. Independent journalists Liu Hu and Wu Yingjiao were taken by police on Sunday after they published their investigation, rights groups say. Critics have long flagged concern

about media repression in China, where authorities have arrested and prosecuted journalists, accusing them of causing trouble. Chengdu police said on Monday that two men, identified by their surnames Liu and Wu and aged 50 and 34, were under investigation for "making false accusations" and "illegal business operations". In response to a question about the arrests, a Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson told reporters on Wednesday that relevant authorities had already released information on the case. "China is a country ruled by law, and Chinese judicial organs handle cases according to law; everyone is equal in face of the law," the spokesperson said.

'Painful times in my marriage' - Melinda French Gates reacts to ex-husband in Epstein files



Billionaire philanthropist Melinda French Gates has said her ex-husband, Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates, was named in new files relating to the late sex offender Jeffrey Epstein dredged up "painful times in my marriage". She told an NPR podcast she felt "unbelievable sadness", and that "whatever questions remain" needed to be answered by those named in the records, including her ex-husband. "I am so happy to be away from all the muck," she said. The couple divorced in 2021. Records released by the US justice department include an allegation by Epstein that Bill Gates caught a sexually transmitted disease. Gates's spokesperson has called the claim "absolutely absurd". The BBC has con-

tacted his representatives for comments about his ex-wife's remarks. Bill Gates has not been accused of wrongdoing by any of Epstein's victims, and the appearance of his name in the files does not imply criminal activity of any kind. The billionaire has broken his silence on the release of files by the US Department of Justice (DOJ) in an interview with

9News in Australia. He said the interactions with Epstein were limited to dinners and that did not visit Epstein's island. "Every minute I spent with him I regret and I apologise that I did that," Gates added. In the interview with NPR's Wild Card podcast, Melinda French Gates said: "For me, it's personally hard whenever those details come up, right? Because it brings back memories of some very, very painful times in my marriage." She added: "Whatever questions remain there of what - I can't even begin to know all of it - those questions are for those people and for even my ex-husband. They need to answer to those things, not me." US media have reported that before their separation - which followed 27 years of marriage - Melinda French Gates had been upset about her husband's association with Epstein. After their split was announced, Bill Gates acknowledged having had an affair with a Microsoft employee in 2019. The allegations about Bill Gates were included in more than three million documents released last week by the DOJ.

Son of Norway's crown princess chokes back tears giving evidence at rape trial



The son of Norway's crown princess has begun giving evidence at his trial for rape and more than 30 other alleged offences. Marius Borg Høiby, 29, looked overwhelmed by the occasion, his voice quivering as he paused several times to take off his glasses and wipe his eyes. Choking back tears, he said it was very difficult to talk, and complained of being followed by the press since he was three years old. He denies four allegations of rape as well as other serious charges against him. He was giving evidence after the first woman he is alleged to have raped told the court

she believed she had been drugged during an "after-party" in the basement of his parents' house in December 2018. The woman, who cannot be named for legal reasons, spoke of her sense of "betrayal and shock" after she was shown videos by police allegedly of him sex-

ually assaulting her shortly after they had had brief, consensual sex. She had already spoken of a "black hole" in her memory. She had told the court behind closed doors she had no recollection of what happened. The 29-year-old defendant, who was born four years before his moth-

'I've never hit anything so hard': What it's like to be attacked by a shark



er, Mette-Marit married Norway's Crown Prince Haakon, is not a member of the royal family or a public figure. During his first appearance in court on Tuesday, he was seen shaking, and he is understood to have had hospital treatment overnight, rather than returning to custody. Appearing in court on Wednesday, he took a seat and after several minutes in which he looked overcome by the occasion, he regained his composure and told the court he had had a lot of sex, drugs and alcohol because he had an extreme need of validation. "I am known for being my mother's son.

Fearing he would be dragged underwater, he decided to put up a fight. "I start punching the shark. To be honest I don't know what I was trying to do, but I was hitting it," Peter says. "I can honestly say I've never hit anything as hard as I hit that shark. "After hitting my leg, it managed to attack my left arm and then my stomach. The situation got serious really fast. I lost a lot of blood." Finally, the animal stopped its attack long enough for Peter to be dragged from the water by people nearby. His friends John and Moira, who were beside him in the sea, each helped fight the shark and raise the alarm. Back on the beach, Joanna, alerted by Moira's screams, ran to the shoreline. "I remember going into the water and seeing his terrible injuries. I could see bones, it was just awful," Joanna recalls. "And somebody said, 'Get her away from here.'" Peter was taken to the only hospital on Tobago with deep lacerations to his stomach, a large bite on one arm and a huge part of his upper thigh bitten off. He describes the jaws clenching onto his leg as those of a bull shark.

RUSSIAN ATTACKS ON UKRAINE ENERGY SITES 'PARTICULARLY DEPRAVED', UK PM STARMER SAYS

Russia's attacks on Ukraine's energy sector on Monday night - as temperatures dropped to -20C (-4F) - were "barbaric" and "particularly depraved", UK Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer has said. He made the comments after speaking to US President Donald Trump hours after Russia hit power plants and critical infrastructure in the capital, Kyiv, and elsewhere. It comes at the end of a week-long pause that Trump had asked Russia's President Vladimir Putin to observe as a fierce cold swept Ukraine. Trump told reporters that Putin had "kept his word" and that he would like him to end the war. US envoys are meeting Ukrainian and



Russian negotiators in Abu Dhabi to discuss details of a peace plan. Asked by reporters on whether he was disappointed with Russia's renewed attacks, Trump said, "it [the agreement] was on Sunday, and he [Putin] went from Sunday to Sunday. "It's a lot, you know, one week, we'll take anything, because it's really, really cold over there." The US president has been leading efforts to end the war, but his Russian counterpart has refused calls for a ceasefire. The damage from Russia's latest attacks has been extensive, with more than 1,000 tower blocks in Kyiv without heating and a power plant in the eastern city of Kharkiv beyond repair. Residents

have been forced to spend the night sheltering in metro stations, with some pitching tents on the platforms to protect them from the freezing cold. The authorities have been setting up centres around Kyiv for the city's inhabitants to go to warm up. They are also importing more generators in order to cope with longer blackout periods as engineers try to repair damage. Ukraine's Energy Minister, Denys Shmyhal, has said that the situation with the country's energy system remains "difficult" and that they would take some time to repair. This includes Kyiv's Darnytsia Combined Heat

and Power (CHP) plant, which Shmyhal said had been "severely damaged". Iryna Vovk is a psychologist who lives in Kyiv with her daughter. Her husband is away fighting. Speaking to BBC Radio 4's Today programme, Vovk said she was considering moving to her parents' village because of the problems accessing electricity and water in the city. "Here in Kyiv, life is very awful," she said. Asked how her daughter is coping, Vovk said she was "okay in general". "She tries to smile and lead a normal life but it's not a normal life. She cannot use online lessons." Ukraine has complained repeatedly of a shortage of



Benfica goalkeeper Anatoliy Trubin celebrates scoring his team's fourth goal with a header alongside teammates during the Champions League tie against Real Madrid at Estadio do SL Benfica in Lisbon, Portugal. Photo by Jose Manuel Alvarez

More Trouble For Pakistan, Likely To Miss Out On Potential T20 World Cup Super 8 Spot

Pakistan are set to boycott their T20 World Cup 2026 group-stage match against India on government directives, a decision that could prove costly with two crucial points at stake. Pakistan have been drawn in Group A alongside arch-rivals India, the USA, the Netherlands and Namibia. The side will play all of their matches in Sri Lanka, the tournament's co-hosts along with India, under the hybrid model approved by the International Cricket Council (ICC). The arrangement was finalised after the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) refused to send its team to India, prompting the ICC to award co-hosting rights to Sri Lanka to ensure Pakistan's participation.



Pakistan are scheduled to begin their T20 World Cup 2026 campaign against the Netherlands on February 7 at the Sinhalese Sports Club in Colombo. They will then face the USA on February 10 before boycotting the high-profile fixtures, potentially putting Pakistan at a disadvantage

in terms of both points and Net Run Rate. According to AccuWeather, Pakistan's tournament opener against the Netherlands carries nearly a 90 per cent chance of rainfall. While no rain is forecast for their matches against the USA and India, the final group-stage clash against Namibia has close to a 25 per cent chance of showers. With Pakistan firm on their stance of boycotting the match against India, weather disruptions could further dent their hopes of reaching the Super 8 stage. Concerns over rain are not unfounded, with the second T20I between Sri Lanka and Pakistan last month washed out without a single ball being bowled in Dambulla.

HARDEN TO JOIN CAVALIERS IN PUR-SUIT OF FIRST TITLE



James Harden is set to join the Cleveland Cavaliers from the Los Angeles Clippers, with Darius Garland moving in the opposite direction after the sides agreed a trade. Harden, 36, is an 11-time NBA All-Star and regarded as one of the greatest guards in history, but he has never won an NBA title. Although the deal is yet to be confirmed by the NBA, Harden said the opportunity to win a first championship was key in deciding to move. The Cavaliers are fifth in the Eastern Conference in their pursuit of a play-off spot, while the Clippers are ninth in the West. "I see an opportunity to win in the East - they got a very good team, coaching staff, all of the above," Harden told ESPN. "As much as I wanted to stay in LA and give it a go, I've never won one before. As a basketball mind, I think we have a bit better chance." Harden has helped the Clippers climb the table after a dismal 6-21 start this season, but sat out Sunday's defeat by the Philadelphia 76ers while talks with the

Cavaliers progressed. Harden, who won the NBA's Most Valuable Player Award in 2018 while with the Houston Rockets, denied speculation that he requested a trade from the Clippers. "That wasn't the case at all. In life, not even just basketball, when things don't work out, there are ways to end things in relationships without having to crack each other," he said. "Maybe we just don't see a future with each other. Maybe we just outgrew each other. Whatever the case may be, I feel like our situations weren't like that."

Across stints at five franchises, Harden has scored 28,805 points, putting him ninth on the NBA's all-time list. The Cavaliers have not won a title since 2016. Garland, 26, averages 18 points this season in a campaign blighted by injury. As part of the trade, the Clippers secured a second-round pick for this year's draft. The Clippers host the Cavaliers on Wednesday, but Harden and Garland must pass medicals before the trade is confirmed.

Gautam Gambhir Asked About Pakistan's India Boycott At T20 World Cup. See His Reaction



India head coach Gautam Gambhir on Tuesday ignored questions regarding Pakistan's decision to boycott the high-profile T20 World Cup match against their arch-rivals. While the Pakistan government has allowed the national team to participate in the tournament, it did not give them the green light to play against India. In a viral video, Gambhir was spotted leaving for Mumbai, where he was mobbed by the paparazzi. He thanked the reporters for their well-wishes but ignored their questions on Pakistan's stance before entering the airport. India and Pakistan are in Group A alongside the United States of America (USA), the Netherlands, and Namibia. While Pakistan will take on the Netherlands in the tour-

nament opener in Colombo on February 7, co-hosts India will square off against the USA later in the day. The Indian team was in terrific form ahead of the World Cup, winning the five-match T20I series against New Zealand 4-1. Similarly, Pakistan head

into the tournament on the back of a T20I whitewash over Australia at home last week. However, they have a terrible record against India in the ICC T20 World Cups. The two teams have played eight times, with the record standing at 7-1 in India's favour. In the Asia Cup last year, Pakistan were cleaned up by a clinical India in a trilogy of entertaining matches, including the final. Throughout these matches, young Indian stars Abhishek Sharma and Tilak Varma bullied Pakistan bowlers with their fiery knocks, with Tilak scoring a brilliant 69* during a tense 147-run chase in the final, showing his big-match temperament. India squad for the ICC T20 World Cup 2026: Suryakumar Yadav (captain), Abhishek Sharma, Tilak Varma, Sanju Samson, Shivam Dube, Ishan Kishan, Hardik Pandya, Arshdeep Singh, Jasprit Bumrah, Harshit Rana, Varun Chakaravarthy, Kuldeep Yadav, Axar Patel, Washington Sundar, Rinku Singh.

After Going Unsold In IPL 2026 Auction, Steve Smith Finds Home In PSL's Newest Franchise



After going unsold in the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 auction, Australia great Steve Smith has been picked up by Sialkot Stallionz for the 11th edition of the Pakistan Super League (PSL). Sialkot Stallionz are one of the two new teams added to the PSL, which expanded the total number of teams in the tournament to eight ahead of the 2026 season. Smith, who enjoyed a fine Big Bash League (BBL) 2025-26 campaign, has been acquired as Sialkot Stallionz's direct signing ahead of the PSL's players' draft. "A game changer, powerhouse player, we welcome Steve Smith on board as a Stallion!" posted Sialkot Stallionz on their

official social media accounts. Smith will find some familiar faces in the Sialkot Stallionz dugout, with former Australia captain Tim Paine having been named as the head coach of the franchise. At 36 years old, Smith is currently in arguably the best form of his career in the shortest for-

mat of the game. Joining the Sydney Sixers squad after the conclusion of the Ashes Test series, Smith smashed 299 runs in just six matches in BBL 2025-26, playing a major role in the Sixers reaching the final. Smith smashed a stunning century and two half-centuries in those six games. However,

Anaya Bangar, Child Of Ex-India Coach, To Undergo Gender-Affirming Surgery



Anaya Bangar, child of former Indian cricket team player and coach Sanjay Bangar, will undergo gender-affirming surgery in March. Anaya, who is a cricketer and a trans-rights advocate, has publicly shared her transformation story and revealed that she now has the support of her parents as well. While her younger brother Atharva has always supported her, Anaya said that her parents have also given her their complete support and Sanjay Bangar will bear the complete cost of the surgery. "I will be undergoing gender-affirming surgery (vaginoplasty) in March. Fashion designer Saisha Shinde and actress Trineta Halder Gunnaraju, who have also undergone the procedure, guided me. I'll be having the surgery at the same clinic in Thailand, where I'll need to stay for at least a month. After that, I'll have to rest for a while. I won't be able to play cricket for at least six months, but I'm glad this is finally happening," Anaya told Times of India. "I've

waited for this moment for five years. This is who I am. I never felt aligned with the gender I was born with. The decision to undergo the gender-affirming surgery came after years of therapy, medical evaluations and deep self-reflection. I went through extensive psychological and medical assessments to ensure I'm ready," she added. Earlier, Anaya said that she was told by her father that she no longer had a future in cricket. However, she has openly spoken about inclusion of transgender athletes in international cricket. "I received immense support from people and was in a better place financially, too. My father saw people taking pictures with me, standing by me and respecting me. Both my parents realised this wasn't a phase. They saw that I was serious about my life and my choices," Anaya said. "I believe that's what led them to come around and offer me full support. My father is bearing the complete expenses of my surgery. At one point, I was completely on my own in the UK, and there is still a lot of stigma around LGBTQ+ people within families. I hope that by speaking out and by my family supporting me, it will help other trans women. It could make these conversations easier in someone else's home."

MS Dhoni Points Out India's Big Concern In T20 World Cup 2026: "Don't Want To Jinx"



Not if the conditions remain neutral," he added. While stating that India are a dangerous side, Dhoni also highlighted how unpredictable the T20 format is. "The problem is when some of your players have a day off and somebody from the opposition has a brilliant day. And it can happen in the T20 group. So, that's the time. Whether it happens in the league stage, whether it happens in the knockout stage, that's where all the praying is needed. You know, nobody should get injured. Whatever roles are given, people should accomplish their roles for the team," he said. "And if that's the case, I don't want to jinx it by saying anything. But it's one of the most dangerous teams," he concluded.

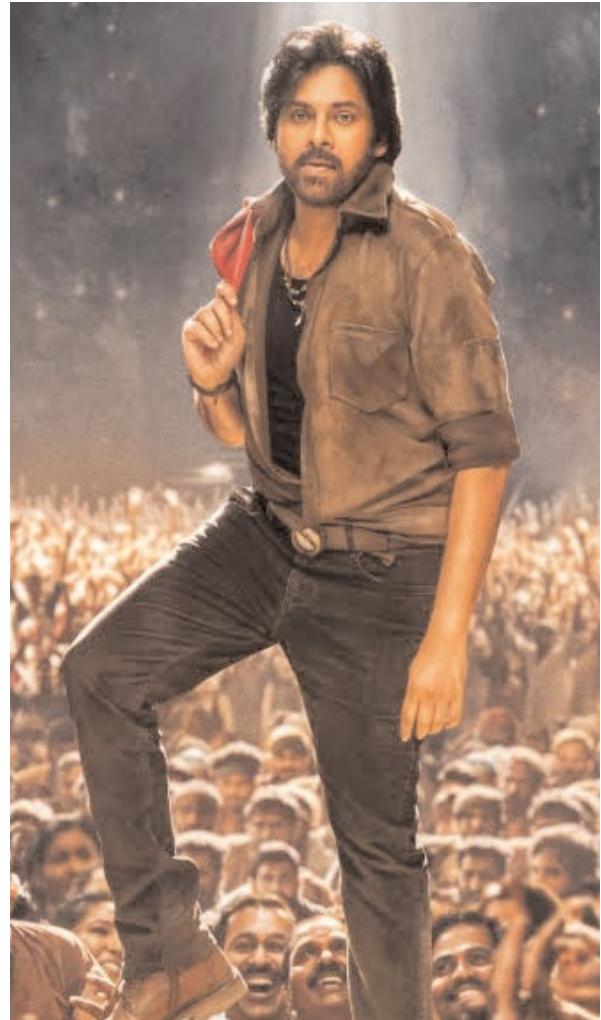
McCullum defends Brook, Ashes squad and leadership style



England head coach Brendon McCullum has defended Harry Brook, the off-field behaviour of his Ashes squad and his own leadership style, describing some of the criticism they have received in the last few months as a "pile on". Speaking after England's 3-0 T20 series victory over Sri Lanka, McCullum argued the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) had handled the fallout from their challenging winter tours "pretty well". England white-ball captain Brook has come under significant scrutiny after it was revealed he was punched by a nightclub bouncer on England's tour of New Zealand that preceded the Ashes. It was subsequently revealed he had lied about being alone for the encounter and was accompanied by several teammates - a stance McCullum defended, saying the 25-year-old was trying to "look after his mates". The story followed England's Ashes squad being criticised for a mid-series break in Noosa where several players were reported to be drinking excessively. In a wide-

Ustaad bhagat singh release date announced, get ready for the blast from 26th march

Ustaad Bhagat Singh, the highly anticipated film starring PowerStar PawanKalyan and directed by cult captain Harish Shankar, is all set to hit theatres worldwide on March 26. After completing a thrilling shoot, the film is now in full swing in post-production. This one's a treat for PowerStar fans and promises to entertain audiences of all ages. The energy of PawanKalyan is already palpable in the first single, 'Dekhlelge Saala', showcasing his blasting moves. A fan boy turned director, Harish Shankar is geared up to recreate the magic of his previous blockbuster Gabbar singh with Ustaad Bhagat Singh. Expect families to throng the theatres for a power-packed entertainment experience. Mark your calendars for March 26 and get ready to celebrate the PowerStar.



CM Nara Chandrababu Naidu Meets "Nata Kireeti" Rajendra Prasad



Amaravati: Renowned film actor and "Nata Kireeti" Dr. Rajendra Prasad met the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Shri Nara Chandrababu Naidu, on Tuesday evening (03/02/2026), as a courtesy call. The meeting took place in the backdrop of the Government of India recently announcing the prestigious Padma Shri award for Dr. Rajendra Prasad. On this occasion, Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu

warmly received Dr. Rajendra Prasad and felicitated him. The Chief Minister expressed his happiness over the Padma Shri honour, stating that the award is a fitting recognition of Dr. Rajendra Prasad's remarkable contribution to Indian cinema. For over four decades, he has enthralled millions of audiences with his versatile performances and has significantly enhanced the stature and pride of Telugu cinema.

"OO TORTURE PREMA" FIRST LOOK TITLE RELEASE

Srikaram productions presents "Oo Torture Prema" film written and directed by Srikrishna. In this film Madala Ranga Rao's grand son Madala Ravi's son Sunny Madala and Mounika Dakoju are being introduced as hero and heroine. Today the first title poster have been launched by the legendary writer and director Sri Paruchuri Gopalakrishna. After the poster release Paruchuri Gopalakrishna said, Madala Ranga Rao's grand son, Madala Ravi's son, the third generation hero Sunny Madala is being introduced as a hero to the Telugu film industry. His grand father and father's movies are revolutionary but the third generation Sunny Madala has chosen love genre in which he came up with an amazing love story named "Oo Torture Prema". Also he said he's been used to write and direct films but never tried producing, but the young champ Srikrishna trusted himself with his own script and he



himself produced the film as our legendary Dasari Narayana Rao garu does to his films. He also wished the film to become a huge success. The film director Srikrishna said, this would be a new age love story which showcases ultimate comedy and purest form of

love by which every young-

ster would get connected.



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acters are well-written and strongly connected to the story. The songs have received a very good response. For our generation, good music was one of the main reasons to watch a film in theatres, and this movie delivers exactly that kind of soothentertainment."

Talking about the production process, he said:

"We set up an office in Rajahmundry and completed the shoot in two schedules — 35 days in the Maredumilli region and 10 days in Rajahmundry. Locals warned us about heavy rains after May, and while surrounding areas experienced rainfall, our shooting locations remained rain-free throughout. This film beautifully showcases the stunning natural locations within our own state, proving that we don't always need to go to other states for scenic visuals. The local people extended tremendous support, and the houses seen in the trailer are real homes where people live. Everything was shot very naturally."

He also shared his confidence in the film's reception:

"The film has received very positive feedback from recent celebrity shows, which makes us extremely happy. Under our banner, we are currently working on a major project titled Rao Bahadur and another film with a new director."



LEGEND SARAVANAN'S NEW FILM WITH RS DURAI SENTHILKUMAR TITLED AS 'LEADER'; POWERFUL FIRST LOOK GLIMPSE OUT NOW



The talented actor Legend Saravanan's new film written and directed by R.S. Durai Senthilkumar has been titled 'Leader'. Produced on a grand budget by Legend Saravanan Mass Stores, the movie features Legend Saravanan in the lead role. Popular Bollywood actress Payal Rajput plays the female lead in the film. The film's title was announced today with a striking first look poster and powerful glimpse. Named as "First Blow," the glimpse features Legend Saravanan in an intense role. Packed with mass elements, action, suspense, and thrills, 'Leader' is designed to align with contemporary trends and audience expectations. The glimpse raises expectations on the film. The action choreography stands out and Legend Saravanan's presence and dialogue delivery adds more impact. The film was shot across multiple locations, starting in Thoothukudi and spanning Jaipur, Ooty, and Georgia, before concluding in Chennai. Written and directed by R.S. Durai Senthilkumar, 'Leader' narrates extraordinary challenges faced by an ordinary man in a gripping and thrilling manner. R.S. Durai Senthilkumar, known for acclaimed movies such as 'Ethir Neechal', 'Kaaki Sattai', 'Kodi', 'Pattai', and 'Garudan', has made this film as a gripping entertainer.

DHURANDHAR 2: Salman Khan to play Bade Sahab?

In the last 48 hours, in social media has been flooded with posts claiming that Salman Khan is part of Dhurandhar 2. A photo allegedly showing the superstar on the film's set began circulating online, with captions saying he plays a powerful character named "Bade Sahab". Fans were quick to celebrate, and the image went viral within hours. The sequel, titled Dhurandhar: The Revenge, is directed by Aditya Dhar and stars Ranveer Singh in the lead role. Scheduled for release on March 19, 2026, the film has already created strong buzz thanks to its darker tone and espionage-heavy storyline, following the success of the first part.

Fact Check: Is Salman Khan Really in the Film? Here's the key truth: there is no official confirmation that Salman Khan is part of Dhurandhar 2.

No announcement has been made by the makers, the production house, or Salman Khan himself. Industry insiders and official social media handles are also completely silent on the matter. Most of the visuals circulating online are believed to be AI-generated or digitally edited. Some creators who shared the images have openly admitted that they were made as fan concepts or speculation, not real on-set photos. Why Fans

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