

BJP taking 'protection money' to shield BRS leaders: CM Revanth

Hyderabad (TSIT): Alleging a secret understanding between BRS and BJP for the municipal elections, Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Thursday alleged that the BJP is taking 'protection money' to shield BRS leaders in various scams.

He challenged the BJP government at the Centre to arrest former Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhara Rao (KCR) and his son K. T. Rama Rao (KTR) in the Kaleshwaram and Formula E race cases, respectively. Addressing a public meeting as part of the Congress party's campaign for municipal elections, the Chief Minister questioned the BJP leadership why it has not



arrested KCR and Harish Rao for the alleged irregularities in the Kaleshwaram project and KTR for the Formula E

race scam. "If BJP does not have any secret deal with the BRS, it should arrest the BRS leaders before municipal elections," he said. The Chief Minister took a dig at Prime Minister Narendra Modi for not accepting the state's request to order the CBI probe into the Kaleshwaram scam and further investigation into the Formula E race scam.

He recalled that a resolution was adopted in the Assembly and sent it to the Centre, requesting a CBI probe into Kaleshwaram. He wanted to know why no action was taken even after six months.

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'Illegal' coal mine blast in Meghalaya leaves 18 dead, several injured

SHILLONG (TSIT): At least 18 labourers were killed, and several others feared trapped following an explosion at an "illegal" coal mine in Meghalaya's East Jaintia Hills district on Thursday, February 5, officials said. Rescue teams have been engaged in search operations, Director General of Police I Nongrang said, adding that the incident occurred in the Thangsku area in the morning.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that an ex-gratia of Rs 2 lakh would be provided to the next of kin of each deceased,



while the injured would be given Rs 50,000. "Pained by the mishap in East Jaintia Hills, Meghalaya. Condolences to those who lost their loved ones. May the injured recover at the earliest," the Prime Minister's Office

(PMO) quoted Modi as saying in a post on X. Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma expressed grief over the incident and announced a probe. During rescue operations, a total of 18 bodies were recovered from the site, East Jaintia Hills Superintendent of Police Vikash Kumar said.

One person who sustained injuries in the blast was initially taken to Sutnga Primary Health Centre before being referred to a Shillong hospital for better treatment. "The exact number of labourers present inside the mine at the time of the explosion is yet to be ascertained. More people are feared trapped," the DGP said. The explosion is suspected to have occurred during coal mining activities at the site, which is believed to be an illegal operation. Asked whether the mine was operating illegally, Kumar said "Yes, it seems like that." In a statement, the chief minister said, "Profoundly saddened by the tragic coal mine incident in East Jaintia Hills. My deepest sympathies are with the families who have lost their loved ones in this unfortunate tragedy."

Guilty in Tirupati laddu adulteration will not be spared: CM Naidu



AMARAVATI, FEB 5 : Denying the clean chit to the YSRCP in the Tirupati ladu adulteration case, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Thursday declared that the guilty in the case will not be spared. The CBI-led has submitted a report to the state government to initiate administrative action against the individuals concerned, Naidu said.

The Chief Minister said the government has consti-

tuted a one-man committee to conduct a comprehensive examination of the report, identify lapses, and fix responsibility. Once the committee completes its review, the government will initiate appropriate action in accordance with the findings, he said, addressing a press conference along with Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, BJP State President P.V.N. Madhav and several ministers.

Stating that they are placing the facts before people, the Chief Minister said that the alleged adulteration of Tirumala laddu prasadam is a grave offence against devotees' faith and asserted that no report has given a clean chit to the YSRCP in the matter.

Eight Indian sailors released, will be returning home: MEA

NEW DELHI (TSIT): India on Thursday announced that eight of the 16 Indian sailors held in Iran have been released and will return home, with consular teams closely engaged with Iranian authorities over the remaining sailors. Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said, "We've had consular access to the 16 sailors in Iran. Our officials in Bandar Abbas have met them. Of those 16, eight people, according to the Iranian authorities, have been released and will be returning home. With regard to the remaining eight sailors, we are in touch with the Iranian authorities."

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| 1) Komurareddy Kommididi S/O Mallareddy, Age: 46 Years, Occ: M/S Hanuman Traders, Girmajipet, Warangal, R/o.H.No.5-38, Ramagundalapally, Jagajahpet, Regonda, Warangal Dist-506 348. Cell: 970165881 . And Also At Komurareddy Kommididi S/O Mallareddy, Age: 46 Years, Occ: Agriculture, Open plot Nos-31 and 32 (part), 536.44 Sq.Yards, 442.00 Sq.Mtrs, No.126, Gorekurta, Geesugonda Mandal, Warangal District. | |
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(Property holder Name is KOMMIDI KOMURA REDDY Mortgage deed dated 02.10.2017 Registered as Document No.33392017 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Warangal (R.O.) Open plot bearing Nos.31 and 32 (part) admeasuring to an extent of 536.44 Sq.Yards or 442.00 Sq.Mtrs in Sy.No. 126 situated at Gorekurta, Geesugonda Mandal of Warangal City and District, within the limits of Warangal District, Warangal and Sub-Registrar, Warangal For is bounded by: East: Open land of Parshabona Gajender, West: 33 Fl Road, North: Plot No.32 (part), South: Road.

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Details of Borrowers and outstanding amount:

| Sr.No | BRANCH_RAC_NAME | Loan Account | Customer Name | Amount Outstanding | Date of Demand Notice | G.W | N.W |
|-------|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------|--------|
| 1 | ALKAPURI HYD TG | XXXXXXX0007033 | REDDYGARI BUCHI REDDY | 1361152.01 | 16-Nov-25 | 261.7 | 212.4 |
| 2 | ALKAPURI HYD TG | XXXXXXX0006642 | VANGURI YADAVA REDDY | 312470 | 10-Jan-26 | 53.4 | 44.1 |
| 3 | BACHUPALLY TG | XXXXXXX0006259 | YATA MALLA REDDY | 361696 | 16-Nov-25 | 76.3 | 62.7 |
| 4 | CHANDANKANG, HYDERABAD | XXXXXXX0007728 | DASARI SANDHYA | 121745 | 06-Nov-25 | 21.3 | 19.2 |
| 5 | CHOUTUPPAL HYD TG | XXXXXXX0005375 | ARRORTI SHIVAKUMAR | 41936.8 | 10-Jan-26 | 6.6 | 7.9 |
| 6 | DR AS RAO NAGAR, HYDERABAD | XXXXXXX0009849 | VIJAYA BHASKER DEVARASETHY | 1360541.38 | 16-Nov-25 | 250.8 | 214.1 |
| 7 | GACHIBOWLI | XXXXXXX0008905 | VALLEPU KRISHNA | 446690.89 | 10-Dec-25 | 80.2 | 71.7 |
| 8 | GACHIBOWLI | XXXXXXX0004943 | NIMMAKAYALA SNEHALATHA | 162650 | 10-Jan-26 | 28.8 | 24.9 |
| 9 | GAYATRINAGAR HYD TG | XXXXXXX000310 | ALLU NAVEEN REDDY | 32644.07 | 19-Dec-24 | 44.7 | 40.3 |
| 10 | GAYATRINAGAR HYD TG | XXXXXXX0003518 | SHARADA JARAPALA | 255410 | 10-Jan-26 | 41.4 | 40.5 |
| 11 | GHATKESAR HYD TG | XXXXXXX0009581 | BODAS PUSHPA LATHA | 249168.93 | 06-Nov-25 | 40.1 | 37.8 |
| 12 | HIMAYATH NAGAR, HYDERABAD | XXXXXXX0006224 | CHIKILA SIRISHA | 259432.53 | 10-Jan-26 | 34.8 | 31.4 |
| 13 | HYDERABAD | XXXXXXX0008979 | KONETI SATYAM | 361522.4 | 10-Jan-26 | 65.8 | 63.8 |
| 14 | JUSILEE HILLS, HYDERABAD | XXXXXXX0003611 | BOJJA RAGHAVENDAR REDDY | 1069513.89 | 10-Jan-26 | 271.4 | 194.1 |
| 15 | KONDAPUR HYD TG | XXXXXXX0002954 | UPPALAPATI ANIL KUMAR | 3022789.7 | 24-Dec-25 | 626.4 | 541.3 |
| 16 | KOTHAPET, HYDERABAD | XXXXXXX0001372 | PERKETTI VAMSHI KRISHNA | 254022 | 16-Nov-25 | 35.5 | 34.3 |
| 17 | KUKATPALLY, HYDERABAD | XXXXXXX0000950 | PRYANKA MEDESETTI | 205637 | 06-Nov-25 | 40 | 39.2 |
| 18 | KUKATPALLY, HYDERABAD | XXXXXXX0000964 | MUSAPET RAJ MOHAN | 162751 | 27-Oct-25 | 27.6 | 26.8 |
| 19 | KUKATPALLY, HYDERABAD | XXXXXXX0008627 | SUDHA SHESHI KUMAR REDDY | 59670.15 | 10-Jan-26 | 9.2 | 8.6 |
| 20 | KUSHAIGUDA TG | XXXXXXX0000342 | BHUKIYA HARILAL | 1589597.28 | 10-Jan-26 | 213.7 | 202.9 |
| 21 | L B NAGAR, HYDERABAD | XXXXXXX0006940 | BASWANTH REDDY KOMMAREDDY | 2355726.23 | 10-Dec-25 | 326.9 | 311.2 |
| 22 | MALKA GIRI, HYDERABAD | XXXXXXX0005123 | CHEEKURTHI ARAVIND | 62577.94 | 10-Jan-26 | 11.6 | 9.8 |
| 23 | MEHDIPATNAM JUN HYD TG | XXXXXXX0005930 | ABDUL HAFEZ SHERIKAR | 606012.57 | 10-Jan-26 | 121.6 | 101.9 |
| 24 | MIYAPUR, HYDERABAD | XXXXXXX0003547 | SVAMIREDDI SIRESHA | 65014 | 10-Jan-26 | 10 | 9.8 |
| 25 | ROAD NO.2, BANJARA HILLS, HYD | XXXXXXX0003727 | MADRAMEITLLA HARSHA | 139992 | 27-Oct-25 | 24.3 | 23.8 |
| 26 | SHAMSHABAD, HYDERABAD | XXXXXXX0009813 | MEKALA SANDHYA | 1471574 | 10-Dec-25 | 205.1 | 195.1 |
| 27 | SRINAGAR COLONY, HYDERABAD | XXXXXXX0001632 | GOLLA PRASADARAO | 34413.24 | 10-Jan-26 | 11.5 | 9.8 |
| 28 | SUNICITY HYD TG | XXXXXXX0000026 | MYNAPATI RENUKA | 3326468.97 | 10-Jan-26 | 585.8 | 434.4 |
| 29 | SUNICITY HYD TG | XXXXXXX0005333 | G MANJUI | 123708.69 | 10-Jan-26 | 20.1 | 19.6 |
| 30 | MEDAK TG | XXXXXXX0000731 | BATTU VINETH- RAJU | 941288 | 10-Jan-26 | 116.1 | 113.8 |
| 31 | MEDAK TG | XXXXXXX0004956 | GUGLOTH BILJJI | 234592.6 | 27-Oct-25 | 35.6 | 34.6 |
| 32 | MEDAK TG | XXXXXXX0008832 | PASULA YADIAAH | 166597 | 10-Jan-26 | 29.9 | 28.9 |
| 33 | ZAHIRABAD | XXXXXXX0002088 | MCHAMMED WASEEM | 2022988.51 | 10-Jan-26 | 271.2 | 253.6 |
| 34 | ZAHIRABAD | XXXXXXX0000486 | DHABE WALE FARUDDIN | 413914 | 19-Dec-25 | 80.6 | 69.4 |
| 35 | KAMAN BRANCH KAKRN TG | XXXXXXX0009050 | RAPARTHI SURJAN | 898951 | 10-Jan-26 | 140 | 138 |
| 36 | KARIMNAGAR | XXXXXXX0008820 | RAJATHI SULTAN ALAM | 632180 | 10-Jan-26 | 104.5 | 99.9 |
| 37 | KARIMNAGAR | XXXXXXX0004324 | SHEELAM ANJALI | 226629 | 16-Nov-25 | 37.3 | 33.8 |
| 38 | KARIMNAGAR | XXXXXXX0003884 | VARIKOLU LATHA | 181497 | 16-Nov-25 | 30 | 28.2 |
| 39 | KARIMNAGAR | XXXXXXX0000085 | PONNAM ANIL KUMAR | 133524 | 06-Nov-25 | 20.1 | 19.7 |
| 40 | PEDDAPALLI | XXXXXXX0007751 | VEERABONLA SRIKANTH | 368532 | 27-Oct-25 | 103.5 | 96.7 |
| 41 | PEDDAPALLI | XXXXXXX0005654 | MCHAMMED ASIF UDDIN | 2050179.78 | 27-Oct-25 | 31.8 | 31.1 |
| 42 | PEDDAPALLI | XXXXXXX0002234 | KOJIMULA RENUKA | 205952 | 10-Jan-26 | 25.5 | 25.1 |
| 43 | KORUTLA C2387 TG | XXXXXXX0000859 | ZUHAFASHEEN | 125567.33 | 10-Jan-26 | 20.5 | 18.96 |
| 44 | JAGTIAL | XXXXXXX0006518 | SHAIK SHAKEEL | 326762 | 10-Jan-26 | 66.7 | 62.2 |
| 45 | RAMAGUNDAM | XXXXXXX0003341 | KOLARIYARI KIRAN | 158606 | 10-Jan-26 | 39 | 24.4 |
| 46 | RAMAGUNDAM | XXXXXXX0009292 | ADILA TARANNUM | 134572.33 | 10-Jan-26 | 22.99 | 20.56 |
| 47 | KHAMMAM | XXXXXXX0006501 | NEELIMA SIDAREDDY | 1260366 | 10-Jan-26 | 246.5 | 219.6 |
| 48 | KHAMMAM | XXXXXXX0000749 | DANDA SVATHI | 246089 | 10-Jan-26 | 36.9 | 37 |
| 49 | KHAMMAM | XXXXXXX0003154 | NAMKIRIKANTI KRISHNA | 85000 | 19-Dec-25 | 26.8 | 25.1 |
| 50 | KOTHAGUDEM | XXXXXXX0005064 | AMARAPUDU KIRAN | 302363 | 10-Jan-26 | 36.5 | 35.7 |
| 51 | YELLANDU TG | XXXXXXX0008455 | VANKUDUTHO BADDU | 512560.68 | 10-Jan-26 | 79.35 | 77.7 |
| 52 | GADWAL MHB TG | XXXXXXX0007038 | BOYAGU JAYAMANI PAUL | 2100482.84 | 14-Oct-25 | 376.9 | 324.2 |
| 53 | GADWAL MHB TG | XXXXXXX0001466 | KEPUA MAHESH | 1330856.6 | 19-Dec-25 | 224.6 | 210.5 |
| 54 | GADWAL MHB TG | XXXXXXX0005040 | R SHARADHA | 89973.17 | 10-Jan-26 | 15.1 | 13.8 |
| 55 | GADWAL MHB TG | XXXXXXX0008618 | R SHARADHA | 60513 | 10-Jan-26 | 10 | 9.2 |
| 56 | WANAPARTHY TG | XXXXXXX0007020 | VATIPALLI HYMAVATHI | 252598 | 10-Jan-26 | 91.1 | 87.6 |
| 57 | NAGARKURNOOL TG | XXXXXXX0006648 | KOMMU SREENI | 1012890.7 | 19-Dec-25 | 132.5 | 123.05 |
| 58 | JADCHERLATA TG | XXXXXXX0005410 | MYKALA SVATHI | 210560.72 | 10-Jan-26 | 26.4 | 26 |
| 59 | JADCHERLATA TG | XXXXXXX0007477 | MYKALA SVATHI | 177908.74 | 10-Jan-26 | 24.5 | 23.5 |
| 60 | JADCHERLATA TG | XXXXXXX00007160 | TEPPALI ARUN RAJ | 31191 | 19-Dec-25 | 10.8 | 10.6 |
| 61 | BELLAMPALLI TG | XXXXXXX00006107 | SVARNANA EDIGIRALA | 304945.6 | 10-Jan-26 | 45.8 | 44.89 |
| 62 | BELLAMPALLI TG | XXXXXXX0005773 | SHIRISHA GURRALA | 226259 | 10-Jan-26 | 33.3 | 32.55 |
| 63 | ADILABAD | XXXXXXX0004851 | GUMMADI BHEMENDHAR REDDY | 826355 | 10-Jan-26 | 100.4 | 98.4 |
| 64 | NIRMAL TG | XXXXXXX00007456 | CHAGANTI MADHAVI | 363113 | 10-Jan-26 | 56.6 | 55.4 |
| 65 | MIRYALGUDA | XXXXXXX0009250 | SHAIK JOHNY BASHA | 102053 | 10-Jan-26 | 19.4 | 14.6 |
| 66 | KODAD NAO TG | XXXXXXX0002285 | VENEPALLI SWETHA | 1985177 | 16-Jun-25 | 360.8 | 346.7 |
| 67 | KODAD NAO TG | XXXXXXX0003385 | VENEPALLI SWETHA | 157848 | 16-Jun-25 | 27.2 | 26.6 |
| 68 | KODAD NAO TG | XXXXXXX0003714 | SHAIK MUNNI | 53480 | 10-Jan-26 | 11.4 | 9.6 |
| 69 | NALGONDA | XXXXXXX0001449 | CHITTIPOOLI SRINATH | 600948 | 10-Jan-26 | 113.7 | 92.9 |
| 70 | NALGONDA | XXXXXXX0003323 | CHITTIPOOLI SRINATH | 319945.82 | 10-Jan-26 | 50.1 | 46.1 |
| 71 | NALGONDA | XXXXXXX0000734 | SINGAM RAM MOHAN | 312077.9 | 10-Jan-26 | 84 | 48.5 |
| 72 | NALGONDA | XXXXXXX0006552 | JITTAMONI VEERA KUMAR | 303708 | 10-Jan-26 | 55.8 | 49.8 |
| 73 | SURYAPET | XXXXXXX00000360 | PANUGANTI CHANDRA MOULI | 163842 | 10-Jan-26 | 25.4 | 24.9 |
| 74 | BHONGIR TG | XXXXXXX0000895 | MUTYALA NAGA SOBHANA | 736768.6 | 10-Jan-26 | 238 | 225 |
| 75 | BHONGIR TG | XXXXXXX00000150 | TAMMISETTI ANKAMARAO | 427581.53 | 27-Oct-25 | 66.9 | 62.8 |
| 76 | BHONGIR TG | XXXXXXX00007286 | CHANDRAGIRI NARSINGH | 300552 | 06-Nov-25 | 55.8 | 52.5 |
| 77 | NIZAMABAD | XXXXXXX00000110 | AINALA SHIVA KUMAR | 234007 | 10-Jan-26 | 39 | 35.6 |
| 78 | JANGAON WAR TG | XXXXXXX00007771 | NALA CHANDU | 161483 | 10-Jan-26 | 25.2 | 23.6 |
| 79 | NAKKALAGUTTA TG | XXXXXXX0005036 | RACHARLA MAHESH | 165167 | 16-Nov-25 | 43.6 | 26.3 |
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Hyderabad TSIT BUREAU:
 Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy addressed a gathering organised by Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind and highlighted the organisation's historic role in India's freedom struggle and its continued efforts to promote unity between minority and majority communities.

In his address, the Chief Minister said Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind had contributed to the independence movement and continues to work toward communal harmony and national progress. He noted that both Hindu and Muslim voters supported him in the Malkajigiri Lok Sabha election and acknowledged the organisation's voluntary support during his campaign.Revanth Reddy said that minorities played an important role in the formation of the Congress government in Telangana and that

the party has consistently provided opportunities to minority leaders at various levels. He cited examples of leaders who were given party tickets and nominated posts, including legislative and ministerial positions, even after electoral defeats.

Referring to Parliament debates, he said Congress leaders stood firmly with Rahul Gandhi in raising issues against the Centre led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah. The Chief Minister said the State government is planning to bring a law in the upcoming Assembly session to curb hate speeches, stressing that controlling divisive rhetoric is essential for peace and investment. "Development is possible only when society moves forward together and law and order is protected," he said.

Continue MGNREGA Scheme Without Dilution, Demands DCC President Motha Rohith Mudhiraj

Hyderabad: Khairatabad District Congress Committee President Motha Rohith Mudhiraj has demanded that the Central government continue the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee scheme without dilution and withgrow the recent changes made to it.He was speaking at a “MGNREGA Bachao Satyagraha” protest held on Thursday at Putlibowli crossroads in Goshamahall constituency under the leadership of Gun Foundry Division Congress President Chandramohan Yadav.Addressing the gathering, Rohith Mudiraj alleged that changing the scheme's structure and shifting nearly 40 percent of the financial burden onto states was unjust. He urged the BJP-led Central government to immediately roll back the modifications and safeguard the employment rights of rural poor.He said the scheme was introduced by the Congress government under the guidance of Sonia Gandhi to support poor households and guarantee rural employment, and accused the Centre of attempting to alter both its name and intent.

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Notice is hereby given for the information of all concerned, borrowers in specific, who had pledged their ornaments vide Gold loan numbers in the branches which is given below. The auction is for the gold ornaments of defaulted customers who had failed to redeem their overdue accounts after repeated reminders and being notified by registered letters. The auction will be conducted at the respective branches on 21.02.2026 from 10 AM. In case branch auction is unsuccessful on the notified date, the same will be conducted via public auction/e-auction at the respective District auction centers on the following dates, in the presence of approved auctioneers, for recovering the outstanding amount. In any case auction process is not completed as per this schedule, it will be continued on any subsequent date on the same terms and conditions without any further notice. Any change in auction date will be displayed at the respective branches/Auction centers.

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| BHADRADRI KOTHAGUDAM DISTRICT AUCTION: | MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LIMITED 12-3-109/1 GROUND FLOOR, BUS STAND ROAD, OPP:VIJAYA BHASKARA THEATRE MAIN ROAD | AUCTION DATE: 27.02.2026 | |
| TLG-BHADRACHALAM: 512620246, 512620618, 512620808, 512620893, 512620895, 512620896, 512620935, 512620962, 512620967, 512620981, 512621028, 512621046, 512621052, 512621053, 512621083, 512621094, 512621095, 512621122, 512621356, 512621408, 512621417, 512621420, 512621451, 512621689, 512621731, 512621834, 512621835, 512622008, 512622015, 512622323, 512622346, 512622355, 512622494, 512622663, 512622710, 512622756, 512622782, 512622796, 512622863, 512622887, 512622921, 512622958, 512623068, 512623129, 512623177, 512623245, 512623518, 512623725, 512623766, 512623833, 512624049, 512624080, 512624121, 512624148. TLG-PALONCHA: 38851, 39043, 39156, 39667. | HANAMKONDA DISTRICT AUCTION: | MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LIMITED H.NO.2/13/314 1ST FLOOR SHRIRAMA NAGAM GOPALAPURAM ROAD 100 FT ROAD HANAMKONDA | AUCTION DATE: 29.03.2026 |
| WARANGAL TELANGANA HANAMKONDA WARANGAL TELANGANA 506009 | TLG-DABALA CROSS RD: 38335, 38382, 38396, 38437, 38461, 38502, 38512, 38528, 38576, 38764, 38828, 38951, 39092, 39306, 39312, 39313, 39316, 39317, 39319, 39401, 39448, 39451, 39975, 40013, 40025, 40027, 40029, 40036, 40077, 40125, 40184, 40189, 40402, 40583, 40611, 40649, 40653, 40658, 406 | | |

CHANGE OF NAME
*I, **TALLA SAMPATH KUMAR S/o VARADARAJULU**
TALLA (Old Name) H.No. 5-9-88 to 5-9-91, Lahari Legend, Kishanpura, Hanumakonda Dist.-506 001.
T.G, have Changed My Name as **THALLA SAMPATH KUMAR S/o THALLA VARADARAJULU** (New Name) for all future purposes.

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PLEASE CONTACT:
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SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED
Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No. 14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032
Administrative office: 6th Floor(level 2), Building No.Q2, Arium Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Gansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710 Branch office At#1-8-588, 3rd, Nakkalagutta, Hanamkonda, Warangal-506001

DEMAND NOTICE
Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/ mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from M/s. Shriram Finance Limited (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shriram Finance Limited, by it's Incorporation Certificate dt. 13-11-2022) a corporate body registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian Companies Act 1956, is doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai – 600 032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.Q2, Arium Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Gansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710 and Branch office at Hanamkonda (hereinafter referred as We/ the Company/ Lender). We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD. under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices. The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

| NAME OF THE BORROWER(S)/ Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors | NPA DATE: 31-12-2017 DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE: 03-12-2025 OUTSTANDING AMOUNT: Rs.8398169/- LOAN ACCOUNT: Rs.1500000/- |
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| 1) Veerachandrar Podishetty S/O Sambalaih, Age: 37 Years, Occ: M/S Chandu Jewellery Works, R/o H.No.22-2-56, Deshaipet, Warangal Dist – 506 006. Cell: 9704631835. And Also At: Veerachandrar Podishetty S/O Sambalaih, Age: 37 Years, Occ: Business, * Open plots Nos.22 & 30 (plot No.22: 493.00 Sq.Yards, plot No.30, 167.00 Sq.Yards), 660.00 Sq.Yards, 551.62 Sq.Mtrs, Sy.No.1600/D, 1600/E, Madikonda revenue village, Hanamkonda Mandal & District.2) Anitha Podishetty W/O Veerachandrar, Age: 35 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/o H.No.22-2-56, Deshaipet, Warangal Dist – 506 006. Cell: 9906148852.3) Jagan Rudroju S/O Natanachary, Age: 41 Years, Occ: Jewellery Business, R/o H.No.9-5-98, Charbowli, Warangal Dist – 506 002. Cell: 9133648064. | |

PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS: HANDAT#1704280017- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(Property holder name is PODISHETTY VEERACHANDRAR Mortgage deed dated 04.05.2017 Registered as Document No.2772/2017 on file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Warangal (R.O)) Open plots bearing Nos.22 & 30 (plot No.22 to an extent of 493.00 Sq.Yards and plot No.30 to an extent of 167.00 Sq.Yards) total extent of 660.00 Sq.Yards or 551.82 Sq.Mtrs in Sy.No.1600/D and 1600/E situated at Madikonda revenue village, Hanamkonda Mandal of Warangal District, within the limits of GVMC, Warangal and within the registration District, Warangal and sub – Registrar, Warangal Urban, is bounded by : **BOUNDARIES FOR THE PLOT NO.22**, East : 25 Ft Road, West: IT Park, North: Plot No.23, South: Plot No.21. **BOUNDARIES FOR THE PLOT NO.30** East: 25 Ft Road, West: IT Park, North: Plot No.31, South: Plot No.29.

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

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

Dated: 05.02.2026
Place: Hanamkonda

Sd/-Authorized Officer
SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD.

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

**POSSESSION NOTICE
[Rule 8 (1) and (2)]**
Whereas, The Authorized Officer of the Secured Creditor mentioned herein, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Act), 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with (Rule 3) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice calling upon the borrower(s) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s) and the public in general that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of NHFL has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on the date mentioned against each property. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
The borrower(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the NHFL for the amount mentioned below and interest and other charges thereon.

| Loan Account Number | Borrower(s) & Property Details | Amount & Date of Demand Notice | Date of Possession | Possession Status |
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| LNSIDLAP-07240045499 | 1.KODISHALA DEVARAJU (BORROWER) 2.KODISHALA MALLESHAM (CO-BORROWER) 3.KODISHALA ARUNA (CO-BORROWER) | Rs. 4,53,388/- (Rupees Four Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Eight Only) DATE: 14-Nov-2025 | 03-Feb-2026 | SYMBOLIC POSSESSION |
| LNMRP0HL-02230029422 | 1.PANDU BEESA (BORROWER) 2.LAXMAMMA BEESA (CO-BORROWER) | Rs. 11,50,864/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Fifty Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Four Only) DATE: 14-Nov-2025 | 02-Feb-2026 | SYMBOLIC POSSESSION |
| LNBDODHL-12220028177 | 1.BABU GODUGU (BORROWER) 2.KAMALAMMA GODUGU (CO-BORROWER) | Rs.6.69,006/- (Rupees Six Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Six Only) DATE: 07-Nov-2025 | 03-Feb-2026 | SYMBOLIC POSSESSION |

PROPERTY BEARING: ALL THAT THE PROPERTY OF HOUSE NO. 1-4, THE LAND ADMEASURING 118.06 SQ.YDS, OR 98.71 SQ.MTRS IN CONSTRUCTED RCC PLINTH AREA 46.8 & 6.50 FEET SITUATED AT BONALA VILLAGE, CHEGUNTA MANDAL, MEDAK DISTRICT AND AT SRO RAMAYAMPET REGISTRATION DISTRICT MEDAK THE FOLLOWING BOUNDARIES EAST-WAY, WEST-ROAD, NORTH-ROAD, SOUTH-HOUSE OF KODISHALA NARSIMULU

LNMRP0HL-02230029422
1.PANDU BEESA (BORROWER)
2.LAXMAMMA BEESA (CO-BORROWER)
Rs. 11,50,864/-
(Rupees Eleven Lakh Fifty Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Four Only)
DATE: 14-Nov-2025

PROPERTY BEARING: ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE PROPERTY BEARING HOUSE NO.5-8, IN GRAMAKAMMULU, ADMEASURING 77.5 SQ.YDS, OR 64.79 SQ.MTRS., AND HAVING PLINTH AREA 50 SFT., (R.C.C.), SITUATED AT KORREMULA VILLAGE AND GRAM PANCHAYAT, GHATKESAR MANDAL, MEDCHAL-MALKAJGIRI DISTRICT, UNDER S.R.O. NARAPALLY AND BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: NORTH: G.P. ROAD, SOUTH: DISMANTLED HOUSE OF PEKEERA, EAST: G.P. ROAD, WEST: HOUSE OF ANIL, THOUGH WILL ALL PRESENT AND FUTURE CONSTRUCTIONS, BUILDINGS AND SUPER STRUCTURES.

LNBDODHL-12220028177
1.BABU GODUGU (BORROWER)
2.KAMALAMMA GODUGU (CO-BORROWER)
Rs.6.69,006/-
(Rupees Six Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Six Only)
DATE: 07-Nov-2025

PROPERTY BEARING: ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE PROPERTY BEARING H.NO.3-70/154, TOTAL ADMEASURING AN AREA OF 252.00 SQ.YARDS, RCC PLINTH AREA 103.75 SQ.FEET, SITUATED AT KUKUNOORPALLY VILLAGE, KONDAKAPAK MANDAL, SIDDIPIET DISTRICT, T.S., THE FOLLOWING BOUNDARIES ARE: NORTH: ROAD, SOUTH: HOUSE OF MALIKI KARRE SHANKARAIAH, EAST:HOUSE OF POSANPALLY SATTAIAH, WEST:HOUSE OF MAZER PATEL.

Date: 06-02-2026
Place: Telangana

Sd/- Authorized Officer
NIWAS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

IDBI Bank Limited,
D.No.46-22-11, Karri Suddreddy Plaza,
Danavaipeeta Park Road, Rajahmundry -533103,
AP. www.idbibank.in

SALE NOTICE

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| Shri Prasad Chalasani S/o Dharma Rao, D.No: 3-103/1, Ramalayam Street, Gummuluru Vill, Akividu Md, West Godavari, A.P-534235 | Shri Venkata Appa Rao Adabala S/o Someswara Rao, D.No: 1-8-9, Lockpeta, Gummuluru, Akividu, West Godavari- 534235 | Shri Triumurtulu Anyam S/o Gandhi, D.No:1-190, Main Road, Gummuluru, Akividu, West Godavari- 534235. |
| Shri Venkata Nagewara Rao Chinimilli S/o Thota Rao, D.No:2-62, Main Road, Gummuluru, Akividu, West Godavari- 534235 | Shri Poliseti Uma Maheswara Rao S/o Satyanarayana, D.No:2-62, Menu Veedhi, Gummuluru, Akividu, West Godavari- 534235 | Shri Kanumuri Kasi Raju (Mortgagor) D.No:4-56, Raju Street, 1 Bhimavaram, Akividu Mandal, West Godavari- 534235 |

**NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
APPENDIX IV-A (See proviso to Rule 8(i))**
E-auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(i) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to **Borrower(s)** and **Guarantor(s)** that the below described Immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor i.e. IDBI Bank, the physical possession (taken on August 28, 2024) of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer(AO) of IDBI Bank Ltd., Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is", and "Without recourse" basis on March 10, 2026 for recovery of Rs.24,44,73,862/- (Rupees Twenty Four Crore Forty Four Lakh Seventy Three Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Two only) towards the outstanding dues in respect of the Loans as on June 04, 2024 together with expenses, charges and further interest thereon with effect from June 05, 2024) due to IDBI Bank Ltd., Secured Creditor from above mentioned **Borrower & Guarantors**;
The e-auction date, Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) will be as under:
Date and Time of e-auction: March 10, 2026 from 12.00 Noon to 1:00 PM
Last Date for submission of bids: March 09, 2026
Brief Description of mortgaged Property: Reserve Price (in Rs.) EMD (in Rs.)
Property – I & II Standing in the name Shri Kanumuri Kasi Raju, vide Doc. No. 10712/2010 dated 22.11.2010 and Shri Poliseti Uma Maheswara Rao, vide Doc. No. 10761/2010 dated 24.11.2010
Detailed Description of immovable properties are given below
Property – I & II Standing in the name Shri Poliseti Uma Maheswara Rao, vide Doc. No. 10761/2010 dated 24.11.2010 and Shri Kanumuri Kasi Raju, vide Doc. No. 10712/2010 dated 22.11.2010 Vacant site admeasuring various extents as mentioned in the below table situated at Vedatraye Nilayam located in Inole Village, Patancheru Mandal, Medak District (Total 25 Plots) and bounded as below for each plot:

| Sale Deed | 10761/2010 | 10712/2010 |
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| SyNo | 119/32, 119/33, 119/34, 119/35, 119/36, 119/37, 119/38, 119/39, 119/40, 119/41, 119/42, 119/43, 119/44, 119/45, 119/46, 119/47, 119/48, 119/49, 119/50, 119/51, 119/52, 119/53, 119/54, 119/55, 119/56, 119/57, 119/58, 119/59, 119/60, 119/61, 119/62, 119/63, 119/64, 119/65, 119/66, 119/67, 119/68, 119/69, 119/70, 119/71, 119/72, 119/73, 119/74, 119/75, 119/76, 119/77, 119/78, 119/79, 119/80, 119/81, 119/82, 119/83, 119/84, 119/85, 119/86, 119/87, 119/88, 119/89, 119/90, 119/91, 119/92, 119/93, 119/94, 119/95, 119/96, 119/97, 119/98, 119/99, 119/100, 119/101, 119/102, 119/103, 119/104, 119/105, 119/106, 119/107, 119/108, 119/109, 119/110, 119/111, 119/112, 119/113, 119/114, 119/115, 119/116, 119/117, 119/118, 119/119, 119/120, 119/121, 119/122, 119/123, 119/124, 119/125, 119/126, 119/127, 119/128, 119/129, 119/130, 119/131, 119/132, 119/133, 119/134, 119/135, 119/136, 119/137, 119/138, 119/139, 119/140, 119/141, 119/142, 119/143, 119/144, 119/145, 119/146, 119/147, 119/148, 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Minister Komatireddy Leads Massive Roadshows Across Nalgonda Divisions Confident of Congress Sweep

Hyderabad: State Roads & Buildings and Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy led massive roadshows across multiple divisions of Nalgonda town on Thursday as part of the campaign for the upcoming Nalgonda Municipal Corporation elections. He appealed to voters to elect all 48 Congress corporator candidates and extend stronger support for the city's development. Campaigning along with MLC Kethavath Shankar Naik and local party leaders, the Minister received an enthusiastic public response, with large crowds participating in the roadshows.



Supporters expressed confidence in Congress candidates and welcomed the government's welfare and development initiatives. Addressing residents, the Minister said Nalgonda would be devel-

oped into a Super Smart City and noted that over 2,000 crore had already been spent on the town's development. He said the upgradation to Municipal Corporation status had created new growth opportunities and assured that civic issues raised during the campaign would be resolved on priority after the polls. Komatireddy Venkat Reddy said he had never betrayed public trust and would continue to stand with the people. Seeking votes as a mark of gratitude, he stated that development works were being carried out in line with public needs and aspirations.



Srisaila Devasthanam, For the welfare of the world, the Devasthanam today (05.01.2026) performed special pujas to Sri Datatreya Swamy, who is situated under the Triphala tree in the temple premises.

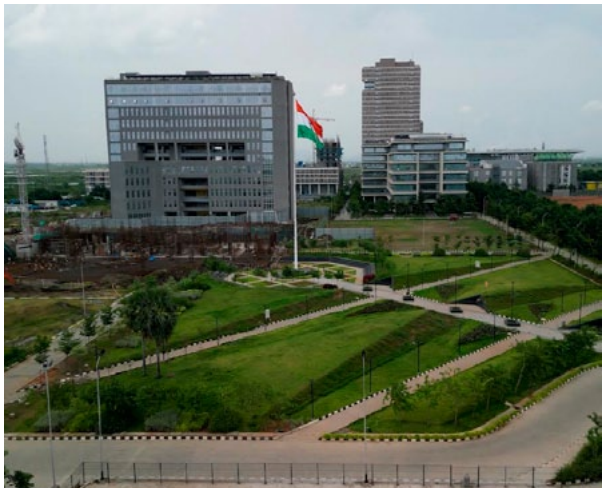
TPCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud Secures Agriculture College for Nizamabad CM Revanth Reddy to Lay Foundation Stone

Nizamabad: Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud has secured the sanction of an Agriculture College for Nizamabad district, fulfilling a long-standing demand of farmers and students in the region. According to party leaders, the proposal moved forward following sustained efforts and follow-up by Mahesh Kumar Goud with the State government. The foundation stone for the new Agriculture College will be laid on Friday by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. Leaders described the sanction as a major step toward strengthening agricultural education and research facilities in the district, saying it will benefit rural youth and farming communities through improved training, extension support, and modern agri-practices. They noted that Mahesh Kumar Goud had earlier played a key role in resolving a decades-long pending demand for an engineering college in Nizamabad district, calling the agriculture college another milestone in expanding higher education infrastructure.



SRM University-AP announces M.Tech admissions for 2026 with 100% scholarship

Amaravati, February 5: SRM University-AP has invited applications for admission to its M.Tech programmes for the academic year 2026, offering a 100 per cent scholarship on tuition fees along with a monthly stipend of Rs.6,000 for all admitted students. The university is offering eight future-ready M.Tech programmes, including Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, Data Science, Cyber Security, Environmental and Sustainable Engineering, VLSI Design, Embedded Systems and IoT, Materials and Manufacturing Technology, and Thermal Engineering. In a statement, Director of



Admissions Prof. Y. Siva Sankar said the programmes are designed to provide strong foundational knowledge, advanced technical expertise and exposure to cutting-edge

research, enabling students to excel in both academic and professional careers. He highlighted that SRM University-AP offers a robust academic and industry ecosystem

with over 1,200 recruitment partners, 70 global collaborations, more than 80 advanced laboratories and seven centres of excellence. He also noted that the highest placement package for M.Tech students has reached Rs.32 lakh per annum. Reaffirming its commitment to accessible and high-quality postgraduate education, the university announced that the full tuition scholarship and stipend aim to support deserving candidates in pursuing advanced engineering studies. The last date to apply for M.Tech admissions is February 5, 2026. Interested candidates can apply online through the university's official website....



Sri Mani from Tirupati donated two curtains and two Canopies to the temple on the occasion. Special Grade Deputy EO Smt. Varalakshmi, VGO Sri Giridhar, AEO Sri Gopinath, Superintendent Sri Ramesh Babu, Temple Inspectors Sri Dhanasekhar and Sri Munikumar, temple priests Sri Balaji Rangacharyulu, and other staff participated.

Annual Brahmotsavams of Sri Venkateswara Swamy at Tondamanpuram from February 16 to 24

Tirupati : The annual Brahmotsavams of Sri Prasanna Venkateswara Swamy, along with Sridevi and Bhudevi, will be conducted at Tondamanpuram from February 16 to 24. As part of the festivities, Ankurarpanam will be performed on February 15 at 6 p.m. The Brahmotsavams will commence with Dhvajaroohanam on February 16 between 9.15 a.m. and 9.45 a.m. in Meena Lagnam. The Vahana Sevas will be conducted every night from 7p.m. to 8.30 p.m. during the Brahmotsavams. February 16: Peddasesha Vahanam February 17 - Hamsa Vahanam February 18 - Simha Vahanam February 19 - Hanumantha Vahanam February 20 - Kalyanotsavam at 5.00 p.m., followed by Garuda Seva in a grand manner at night February 21 - Gaja Vahana February 22 - Chandraprabha Vahanam February 23 - Morning Tiruchi Utsavam and Night Ashwa Vahanam On February 24, Chakrasnanam will be observed from 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m., followed by Dhvajavarohanam from 6.30 p.m. to 8p.m. Pushpayagam will be performed on February 25 at 5.30 p.m.

Koil Alwar Tirumanjanam held at Srinivasa Mangapuram Temple



Tirupati :In view of the annual Brahmotsavams scheduled to be held from February 08 to 16, Koil Alwar Tirumanjanam was conducted in a grand manner on Thursday at Sri Kalyana Venkateswara Swamy Temple in Srinivasa Mangapuram. It is a traditional practice to perform Koil Alwar Tirumanjanam prior to the commencement of annual Brahmotsavams. The Koil Alwar Tirumanjanam was performed from 6.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. During the ritual, the temple premises including walls, ceilings, and all pooja articles were thoroughly cleansed with water and a sacred aromatic mixture "Parimalam", was sprinkled all over the temple. The devotees were allowed for darshan from 11a.m. onwards.

Village Legal Care and Support Centre at Pedda Thanda village inaugurated

Warangal, Feb 5 (TSIT): "This Centre aims at extending the constitutional promise of justice to every corner of society, especially reaching out to villages, and to offer accessible legal assistance to those who are impoverished and marginalized," stated Principal District and Sessions Judge of Warangal V.B. Nirmala Geethamba. Inaugurating the Village Legal Care and Support Centre in Pedda Thanda village of Parvathagiri mandal on Thursday, she emphasized the intent of the Indian Constitution to ensure equal justice for all citizens. However, she noted that groups such as the poor, women, the elderly, disabled individuals, and those from SC and ST communities often find themselves distanced from the judicial system. Justice Geethamba highlighted that to address this gap, the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) is actively executing various public interest initiatives nationwide. The core mission, she explained, is to directly connect the justice system with the peo-



ple, bringing the courts closer to the citizens. Legal service agencies are focused on alleviating fears and misunderstandings regarding justice while also educating individuals about their rights and duties. She detailed that the Centre will offer free legal aid and guidance on a range of issues including family matters, land disputes, labour rights, domestic violence, and the rights of women and children. Additionally, it will provide accessible resolution options like Lok Adalats and mediation, and raise awareness about government welfare schemes at the village level, preventing minor issues from

escalating into significant conflicts. Warangal District Legal Services Authority Secretary M. Saikumar, Parvathagiri Mandal Tahsildar Venkataswamy, Pedda Thanda Village Sarpanch Bhukya Susheela, Sub Inspector Praveen, Chief Legal Aid Council R. Suresh, R.I. B. Kasna, Panchayat Secretary Raju, and Pedda Thanda residents participated. Speaking on the occasion, a paralegal volunteer who runs the legal aid clinic, Ravalika, informed that she provides legal services to the public every Saturday, providing legal advice and assistance in drafting notices, replies, applications and petitions.

LIC posts 16.68% rise in PAT at Rs 33,998 crore for 9MFY26

Mumbai, February 5: Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) on Thursday reported a 16.68 per cent increase in Profit After Tax (PAT) to Rs.33,998 crore for the nine months ended December 31, 2025 (9MFY26), compared to Rs.29,138 crore in the corresponding period last year. The Board of Directors approved and adopted the standalone and consolidated financial results, with total premium income rising 9.02 per cent year-on-year to Rs.3,71,293 crore. Individual new business premium income increased by 5.89 per cent to Rs.44,941 crore, while group business premium income grew by 13.56 per cent to Rs.1,35,302 crore. On an Annualised Premium Equivalent (APE) basis, LIC's overall APE rose 15.88 per cent to Rs.44,007 crore, driven by 11.95 per cent growth in individual business and 23.14 per cent growth in group business. Notably, the

share of non-par products within individual business increased sharply to 36.46 per cent, with non-par APE surging 47.44 per cent to Rs.10,045 crore. The Value of New Business (VNB) increased by 27.96 per cent to Rs.8,288 crore, while the net VNB margin improved by 170 basis points to 18.8 per cent. Assets Under Management (AUM) grew 8.01 per cent year-on-year to Rs.59.16 lakh crore, and the solvency ratio strengthened to 2.19. The overall expense ratio declined to 11.65 per cent, reflecting improved cost efficiency. Commenting on the performance, LIC CEO and MD R. Doraiswamy said the corporation has achieved higher growth through product and channel diversification, digital initiatives, and increased participation of women agents under the Bima Sakhi Yojana. He reaffirmed LIC's commitment to the national objective of "Insurance for All by 2047."

KIMS hosts workshop on advanced chronic pain management techniques



Hyderabad, February 5: Emphasising the importance of continuous medical education in pain care, KIMS Hospital organised a specialised workshop for anaesthesiologists and pain physicians on advanced techniques for managing chronic and severe pain. The workshop aimed to update medical professionals on the latest pain relief modalities and train them in delivering patient-specific pain management solutions. It was conducted under the aegis of the Telangana chapter of the Indian Society for the Study of Pain (ISSP).

The programme was inaugurated by Medical Director of KIMS Hospitals Dr. Sambit Sahu, in the presence of Dr. Krishna Poddar, President of ISSP, Dr. Anurag Agarwal, Secretary of ISSP, and Organising Secretary Dr. Nagalakshmi Patnala. Organising Chairperson Dr. Uma Maheshwara Rao, Workshop Coordinator and Treasurer Dr. Madhukar, and Scientific Chairperson Dr. Sachin Joshi were also present. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Sambit Sahu said the workshop focused on the extensive use of ultrasound and fluorosco-

py in perioperative settings and chronic pain clinics to ensure effective pain control. He noted that real-time imaging techniques improve accuracy and safety in pain management procedures and are particularly useful when conventional treatments fail or surgery is not feasible. Members of the ISSP Telangana chapter said the workshop addressed key educational needs of anaesthesiologists and pain physicians. They highlighted that ultrasound-guided interventions allow real-time nerve identification, making them effective for trauma-related pain and perioperative analgesia, while fluoroscopy enhances procedural safety. The workshop featured cadaver-based training and live imaging sessions using volunteers, providing participants with hands-on exposure to advanced pain management techniques.

Public Service Beyond Office Hours: An Emerging Reality in Governance



BY RAMESH PAKA

Public service has traditionally been defined by statutory roles, prescribed working hours, and clearly demarcated responsibilities. However, changing social realities and the increasing frequency of emergencies have significantly altered this framework. Across India and particularly at the grassroots level, government employees, especially those in the revenue department, are increasingly performing critical public service functions beyond official working hours. This shift is not incidental; it represents a structural response to evolving governance needs. Emergencies such as road accidents, fires, floods, and sudden deaths demand immediate intervention. While institutional response

The Revenue Fraternity's Institutional Response through the Land Revenue Employees Support Service (LRESS), a Non-Profitable Trust.

mechanisms are essential, they often require time to activate. In this crucial interim period, local government employees frequently emerge as the first responders. Revenue staff, owing to their permanent presence at mandal and village levels, occupy a strategic position within this emergency-response ecosystem. Their accessibility, familiarity with local conditions, and coordination with multiple departments enable swift and effective action during crises.

From an administrative standpoint, this expanded role is driven by three inter-related factors. First, the decentralisation of governance has placed greater responsibility on field-level officials. Second, public expectations of government employees have evolved; citizens increasingly perceive them not merely as regulators, but as facilitators of welfare and crisis management. Third, advancements in communication technology have blurred the boundaries between office hours and emergency duty, making officials accessible at all

times. Revenue employees, in particular, function as a critical interface between the state and citizens. Their routine responsibilities already involve coordination with police, health services, disaster management authorities, and local bodies. During emergencies, this institutional familiarity allows them to mobilise resources quickly arranging medical assistance, initiating relief measures, and guiding affected families through complex administrative processes. Notably, much of this intervention occurs without formal directives, indicating a shift from rule-based compliance to need-based governance.

While this trend is commendable, it also raises important policy considerations. Reliance solely on individual initiative for emergency response is neither sustainable nor equitable. Differences in personal capacity, risk exposure, and resource availability can lead to inconsistent outcomes. Additionally, the absence of formal recognition, legal safeguards, and institutional support places significant physical and

emotional strain on employees who voluntarily step forward during crises.

From a governance perspective, this evolving role underscores the need for institutional adaptation. Formal frameworks that recognise after-hours emergency service, provide logistical and legal support, and encourage structured volunteerism among government employees can significantly strengthen crisis-response systems. Employee-led, non-profit support models can serve as effective supplementary mechanisms, bridging the gap between immediate intervention and formal governmental relief.

Moreover, recognising such service reinforces a culture of accountability and public trust. When citizens witness government employees responding promptly and compassionately during moments of distress, confidence in state institutions is strengthened. This trust (LRESS) often understated is a cornerstone of effective and responsive governance.

Public service beyond office hours should therefore be viewed not as an

exception, but as an indicator of governance maturity. It reflects an administrative system adapting organically to social realities. The challenge lies in transforming this spontaneous service ethic into a resilient, well-supported, and institutionalised framework, one that balances official duty, human compassion, and long-term sustainability.

In this context, initiatives such as the Land Revenue Employees Support Service (LRESS) represent a significant step toward institutionalising emergency support to the society conceived as a structured, trust-based model. LRESS seeks to channel collective effort and professional coordination to serve society during emergencies. Initiated under the leadership of Lachi Reddy, Employees' JAC Chairman and President of the Deputy Collectors' Association, Telangana, the initiative reflects an evolving understanding of public service, one that extends beyond administrative mandates to embrace social responsibility in its truest sense.

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Historic Bordeaux Cookery Masterclass Held at Regency College in Hyderabad

Hyderabad : In a first-of-its-kind initiative for the city, Regency College of Culinary Arts & Hotel Management hosted a prestigious Bordeaux Cookery Masterclass and International French Culinary Exchange Programme, marking a significant milestone in Hyderabad's hospitality and culinary education landscape.

The programme was organized in collaboration with Bordeaux Métropole, the Government of Telangana, and Lycée de Gascogne, France, offering students an opportunity to directly learn from internationally acclaimed French master chefs. The exchange featured three focused masterclasses covering French cookery, classical French beverages, and the French art of dining and service.

Master Chefs Olivier Lux and Jean Jacques Berteau from Lycée de Gascogne conducted live demonstrations, introducing students to classical French techniques, refined presentation styles, and fine-dining service standards. Through interactive sessions and tableside presentations, students gained practical exposure to precision cooking, elegant plating, and professional guest interaction, strengthening their readiness for global hospitality careers. The event was



attended by members of the Telangana Chef's Association presidium and representatives from Alliance Française of Hyderabad, along with international coordinators and culinary experts from France. Participating French chefs also joined Regency chefs in a collaborative cooking session where authentic Telangana dishes were prepared and explained, highlighting local ingredients, regional traditions, and indigenous culinary methods.

As part of the cultural exchange, the visiting delegation was taken on a curated traditional culinary experience at a themed Telangana restaurant, where they explored the evolution of cooking practices — from stone-age and earthenware methods to brass, copper, and bamboo cooking traditions. The setting showcased Telangana heritage through Cherial paintings, Kolam

art, Nizami influences, and displays on regional festivals and traditional foods, followed by a specially curated seven-course Telangana menu. A key highlight of the programme was the signing of a cultural exchange memorandum focused on student exchange and academic collaboration by Principal P. Ramesh Kumar Reddy, paving the way for long-term international partnerships and student mobility.

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My clients **Thumma Shirisha, W/o. Raju**, R/o. H.No. 22-8-265/1, Wevers Colony, Doctors Colour-2, Warangal District, do hereby informing to the general public that my client **Thumma Shirisha, W/o. Raju**, the absolute owner and possessor of the & RCC Roof House with Open Place Property bearing GWMC H.No. 22-8-265/1, to an extent 35.00 Sq.Yards or 29.26 Sq.Mts, including RCC Roof Plinth Area 243.00 Sq.Fts, Situated at Weavers Colony, Near Ind Doctors Colony, Deshapaiet, Warangal City & District, within the limits of Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation, which has acquired through Regd. Gift deed vide document 6981/2025, dt: 23-10-2025, executed by: **Thumma Raju**, My client's has lost her original link registered documents i.e, GiftDeed vide Doc No. **1225/2014**, dated : **08-03-2014**, before the Sub-Registrar Warangal (Rural), Pertaining to the aforesaid property of my client, in case if anybody find out the above said original document of my client's property, handover the same to the address mentioned below. Instead of handing over the above mentioned original registered link documents of my client's property, if anybody has misused, then my client shall have to initiate the civil and criminal proceedings against such persons. Apart from if anybody is having any objection against my client's property or against the aforesaid Gift deed, you may submit your objections along with concerned documents within 7 days otherwise, it may be treated that no one is having any objections against my client's property mentioned above or against the aforesaid document.

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SHIELD 2026 Inaugurated in Hyderabad Telangana Highlights Cyber Security Leadership

Hyderabad: Telangana Cyber Security Bureau (TGCSB), Telangana Police, on Wednesday inaugurated SHIELD 2026, the second edition of the State's flagship cybersecurity conclave, in Hyderabad. The event was held in the presence of the Chief Secretary to the Government of Telangana and the Director General of Police, along with senior officials from Central and State governments, law enforcement agencies, industry, academia, startups, and cybersecurity experts from across the country.

SHIELD 2026 serves as a national platform for collaboration among government, police, industry, academia, and research institutions to address emerging cyber threats and strengthen public safety. The conclave has brought together law enforcement officers from 20 States and national and international stakeholders.



Officials said a major outcome of the earlier SHIELD edition was the creation of the Child Protection Unit (CPU) to combat online child sexual abuse material (CSAM). After its formation, over 1.20 lakh tipline reports were processed, leading to 866 cases and 421 arrests, compared to 37 cases and 36 arrests from about 50,400 reports earlier.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao stressed the need for strong policy alignment and inter-departmental coordination to tackle evolving cyber risks. Director General of

Police B. Shivadhar Reddy highlighted growing cyber-crime challenges and emphasized advanced investigative tools and specialised training for enforcement agencies.

TGCSB Director Shikha Goel said the bureau is focusing on co-innovation with industry and academia to build a future-ready cybersecurity ecosystem and deployment-ready solutions for field policing.

During the inaugural session, key digital tools were launched, including 1930 Saarthi, an AI-powered multilingual cybercrime assistance system; Sentinel (CCIT) for uniform cyber-

crime investigations; and C-Sight, an AI-based digital evidence processing platform for CSAM cases.

A Technology Experience Zone featuring robotic dogs, humanoid robots, drones, counter-drone systems, simulators, and AI-driven security solutions is a special attraction at the conclave.

As part of SHIELD 2026, CipherSprint, a national cyber innovation challenge, was launched. Over 500 teams applied, with 17 finalist teams presenting practical cybersecurity solutions. Winning teams will receive a 5 lakh grant and co-development support with TGCSB.

Telangana reported a 6% drop in cybercrime complaints in 2025 compared to 2024, alongside significant reductions in financial losses and higher victim refund recovery, officials said. The conclave includes keynote sessions, panel discussions, and strategy meetings on AI, cybersecurity, and cyber governance.

BJP taking 'protection money' to shield BRS leaders: CM Revanth

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"It was PM Modi who commented that Kaleshwaram has become an ATM for KCR. Why was an action not initiated by ordering a CBI inquiry till the date?" he asked. The CM dared the Union Minister of State for Home Bandi Sanjay to convince the PM for a CBI probe in the Kaleshwaram scam and arrest KCR.

He said the state government also wrote a letter seeking permission for an inquiry against an IAS officer in the Formula E race case, but there has been no response yet.

He slammed the BJP for what he called deliberately ignoring the state government's request to approve several big development projects, including the national project status to Palamuru Rangareddy lift project, funds to the Musi project and

Metro Rail Phase -2. He accused the BJP of not providing any funds for the development of Telangana. "Your national president came here. He got nothing for Telangana," he said. He nailed BJP national

President Nitin Nabin for not uttering a single word about the sanction of national project status to the Palamuru project during his visit to Mahabubnagar.

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| APPENDIX -IV [Rule 8(1)] Possession Notice (For Immovable Property) | | | | |
| Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Hinduja Housing Finance Ltd. , under the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (ACT NO.54 OF 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice to below mentioned Borrower/s / Guarantor/s. After completion of 60 days from date of receipt of the said notice, The Borrower/s / Guarantor/s having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/s / Guarantor/s and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Physical Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on them under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this. | | | | |
| Application No. Borrower and Co Borrowers Name and Address | Demand Notice Date and Amount | Total Outstanding amount as on | DATE OF PHYSICAL POSSESSION | |
| 1. Akkaram Narsimlu, S/o.Chandralah 2. Akaram Laxmi, W/o. Narsimlu R/o. H.No.4-30, Doulapur Village, Jagadevpur Mandal, Siddipet District. Loan No. AP/GAJ/GAJ/L/A000000113 | 25/02/2025 & Rs.49,527/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Ninety Nine thousand Five hundred Twenty Seven Only) | 05-02-2026. Rs. 5,59,824/- | 04/02/2026 | |
| DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY : All that the House bearing No. 4-9, having RCC Plinth Area 340.00 Sq Feet within Grampanchayath, admeasuring 108.00 Sq Yrds or 90.30 Sq Mtrs, situated at Doulapur Village, Jagdevpur Mandal, Siddipet District bounded as: BOUNDARIES:- North :: House of A.Redda Buchaiah, South:: Temple Land, East :: House of A. Chinnu Buchaiah, West:: C.C Road | | | | |
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| 1. Balayagari Manjula, W/o. Kanakasena 2. Balayagari Kanakasena, S/o. Chandra Goud, R/o. 9-21/F, Dhanalaxmi Colony, Gajwel,Siddipet District. Loan No. AP/GAJ/GAJ/L/A000000034 | 21/12/2024 & Rs. 16,74,734/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Seventy Four Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Four Only) | 20-01-2026. Rs. 17,87,227/- | 04/02/2026 | |
| DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY : All that the House bearing No. 6-21/F (PTIN 1183009654), admeasuring 75.05 Sq Yrds [out of 90 Sq Yrds due to road effected area of 14.93 Sq Yrds having plinth area 532.27 Sq Ft with R.C.C in survey No. 250, situated at Gajwel Village and Mandal, Siddipet District bounded as: BOUNDARIES:- North :: Plot of Kummari Kamalamma, South:: Plot of Dudam Jaya Laxmi, East:: 15 Feet Road, West:: Road | | | | |
| The Borrower/s / Guarantor/s in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Hinduja Housing Finance Limited, for an above-mentioned demanded amount and further interest thereon | | | | |
| Place : Hyderabad Date : 05-02-2026 | | | Sd/-Authorized Officer For Hinduja Housing Finance Limited | |

SCR to operate record 160 Holi special trains in March

Hyderabad: To ensure smooth and hassle-free travel during the upcoming Holi festival, South Central Railway (SCR) has planned to operate a record 160 Holi Special Trains during the month of March to cater to the surge in passenger demand. Indian Railways has announced the operation of over 1,410 Holi special trains across its network, with the total expected to increase to nearly 1,500 services. In comparison, a total of 1,144 special train trips were operated across the country during

Holi 2025. The special trains originating from SCR's jurisdiction will connect several major destinations across India, including Visakhapatnam, Patna, Rajkot, Solapur, Bilaspur, Danapur, Raxaul, Naharlagun, Hazrat Nizamuddin, Shalimar, Hisar, Lucknow, Santragachi, Malda Town and Chhapra, among others. Return services from all these destinations have also been planned to ensure balanced connectivity and convenience for passengers. Railway officials said

the additional services will help ease congestion during the festive rush, provide direct connectivity to key regions, and ensure faster and safer journeys. The initiative is also expected to improve crowd management and enhance the overall passenger travel experience. South Central Railway reaffirmed its commitment to passenger safety, convenience and efficient operations during major festivals by proactively augmenting train services to meet seasonal travel demand.

DGP Reviews Arrangements for 74th B.N. Mallik Memorial All India Police Football Championship

Hyderabad TSIT BUREAU: Director General of Police (DGP) B. Shivadhar Reddy on Thursday reviewed the arrangements for the upcoming 74th B.N. Mallik Memorial All India Police Football Championship, which will be hosted by the Telangana



Police. The review meeting was held at the DGP office with senior police

officials in attendance. The DGP said the prestigious national-level tournament will be conducted in Hyderabad from March 23 to April 5. Teams from various states and central armed police forces will participate, with 53 teams and around 2,100 players and officials expected to take part.

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| In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 90 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under. | |
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EDITORIAL

Why Foreign Investors Are Growing Worried About Their 'Minerals' Bets In Pakistan

Pakistan's geoeconomic ambitions find themselves in an anticipated predicament amid the resurgence of violence in the restive province of Balochistan. The Baloch Liberation Army (BLA) on January 31 launched the second phase of its 'Operation Herof', targeting over ten districts across the province. While conflicting casualty reports have emerged, local reports state the involvement of suicide bombers, including female fighters in the operation. In retaliation, the Pakistani security forces launched a counter-militancy operation and reported the killing of over 150 BLA-linked militants in the aftermath of the violence. During the operation, the authorities reportedly suspended mobile services in several districts, including the provincial capital of Quetta, and Mastung, Kalat, Khuzdar, Nushki, Dalbandin, and Kharan. Military measures have often accompanied communication blackouts as part of the state's response to security challenges in Balochistan. However, the Pakistani state framed the insurgency as externally driven, designating BLA militants as 'Fitna-al-Hindustan' to allege Indian involvement. Within hours of the incident, Pakistan's Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi in a statement said, "These were not normal terrorists. India is behind these attacks. I can tell you for sure that India planned these attacks along with these terrorists." The Pakistani authorities have previously also accused Afghanistan and Iran's role in the Baloch militancy theater. While Baloch militants are known to operate out of southern Afghanistan and southeastern Iran, Pakistan's accusations of state involvement continue to lack credibility or independently verifiable evidence.

The Nushki Gateway
During the operation, the BLA held control over Nushki, therefore highlighting the district as a critical flashpoint between the militants and Pakistani security forces. Strategic control over the territory of Nushki enables militants to sever the land link between the provincial capital, Quetta, and the western part of the province. More significantly, Nushki serves as the entry point to Chagai district, known to be the heart of Pakistan's mineral capital. Home to the Reko Diq gold and copper mines as well as the Saindak copper-gold project, Nushki holds considerable significance for Pakistan's currently expanding geoeconomic calculus. By maintaining a presence in the region, BLA has gestured with intention and capacity to disrupt the logistics of upcoming mining projects, which they have historically portrayed as 'colonial extraction' by the federal government. The focus on Nushki reflects the insurgents' strategy to exploit geographic bottlenecks and paralyse state-led economic corridors and extractive projects. Foreign investors must be closely monitoring the existing security faultlines in Pakistan's restive provinces. Weeks after Pakistan's Army Chief, Field Marshal Asim Munir, showcased a briefcase of mineral samples in the presence of Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif at the White House in September 2025, Washington signalled interest in Pakistan's purportedly untapped mineral resources. Billions Invested In December 2025, the US Export-Import Bank approved USD 1.25 billion in financing for the Reko Diq copper-gold mining project, with US President Donald Trump publicly expressing business interest in Pakistan. In the following days, the 7th China-Pakistan foreign ministers' Strategic Dialogue's joint statement announced the prioritisation of the mining sector on January 4. Meanwhile, Pakistan's Federal Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik held a meeting on January 28 with the Australian High Commissioner to discuss bilateral cooperation in the mining and rare earth sectors. While analysts have been tempted to frame the narrative around Pakistan's mineral wealth as a US-China competition, the domestic security challenges warrant foremost attention. For foreign investors, it is expected to remain an irritant, also considering that Pakistan's internal security resources already remain stretched thin. Alongside separatist violence in Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa remains a conflict zone with the continued operations of Islamist factions, most prominently the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP). In the Balochistan insurgency, the reported involvement of female fighters in active combat operations underscores the current character of the insurgency.

Caste, Justice, and Democracy: An Uncomfortable Truth



India's democracy is not merely a system of governance, but a moral commitment—one of equality, justice, and fraternity. The Preamble of the Constitution proclaims this commitment. But as we look around us today, the uncomfortable question arises: are we doing justice to that commitment? Or is this very structure of democracy itself cracked from within, with law, order, and power all under the grip of caste, class, and identity? Today, laws are enacted, amended, and new provisions are added, but it's natural to question the intent behind them. Are these laws for the citizen, or for a particular group, class, or vote bank? When social identity begins to replace logic and justice as the basis of legislation, the balance of democracy is bound to be disrupted. The law's function is to unite society, but if it becomes a means of dividing society into categories, this situation is not only worrying but also dangerous. The role of the judicial system is considered the most sacred in any democracy. The court is the place where the last hope rests. But when the perception begins to develop that a person's caste, status, and political patronage are considered before reaching the threshold of justice, the foundation of trust begins to shake. Justice is not just a decision; it is trust. And when this trust is broken, it affects not just one person but the entire society. Today, the number of pending cases in the courts, the delay in decisions, and the apparent or implicit bias in some cases—all these pose serious questions about the health of democracy. The erosion of truth in the name of democracy is a slow but continuous process. It doesn't happen overnight. First, inconvenient questions are labeled "anti-



national," then criticism is branded a "conspiracy," and finally, those who speak the truth are marginalized. When debates in Parliament become more noise than solutions, when a large part of the media becomes an extension of power, and when social discourse is reduced to the incitement of emotions—then it should be understood that democracy is only formally alive; its soul is in crisis. Talks of harmony are uttered from every platform, but the reality on the ground reveals the opposite. Divisions in society are deepening—in the name of religion, caste, language, and region. Instead of bridging these divides, power often exploits them as a tool. "Divide and rule" is no longer a colonial policy relegated to history books, but has

become an effective strategy in contemporary politics. When the public is entangled within itself, the power to question power weakens. It's ironic that while there's talk of eradicating casteism, every political calculus is based on caste-based equations. From election tickets to policy decisions, caste remains a crucial factor. In such a context, the preaching of "rising above caste" seems hollow. If caste were truly irrelevant, why would it be so prominently mentioned in every policy, every debate, and every election? The growing despair in this country of hope isn't solely due to economic factors. Unemployment, inflation, and resource inequality are factors, but an even greater cause is a breakdown in trust. The people entrusted

power to those in whose hands they expected to work for the benefit of all. But when that very power, in order to preserve its own existence, begins to divide society, fear criticism, and suppress dissent, the moral foundation of democracy weakens. The government's turning away from the truth is not a good sign for any society. When the government becomes preoccupied with cultivating its own image and ignores real problems, lies create a parallel reality. In this reality, statistics are dazzling, speeches are lofty, but the lives of ordinary people become increasingly difficult. Propaganda is used to conceal the truth, and gradually the public is taught that asking questions is uncivilized. Talk of social justice is often heard in legislative assemblies and Parliament, but on the ground, the same injustice manifests itself in new forms. In the name of policy reform, provisions are introduced that are either incomplete or give rise to new controversies. This situation is further exacerbated when affected groups lack genuine participation in policymaking, and decisions are imposed from above. The true test of democracy comes in times of crisis. Does it stand with the weakest citizen, or with the most powerful? Today, this question is more relevant than ever. When injustice is committed against the "other," a large segment of society remains silent. But this very silence leads to the erosion of our own rights tomorrow. Selective morality—where we only see injustice in our own interests—erodes democracy from within. This editorial is not an indictment against any one government, party, or leader. It is a call for collective introspection. Democracy is not just the responsibility of rulers; it is equally the responsibility of citizens. Asking questions, expressing dissent, and standing up for the truth—this is the true power of democracy. If we choose to remain silent for the sake of convenience, then we cannot escape responsibility for the collapse of the system. Today, justice needs to be restored to its original meaning—impartial, fearless, and equal. The purpose of law should not be to secure power, but to protect the rights of citizens. The religion of politics should be reconciliation, not polarization.

Easy tips to get glowing skin on Valentine's Day: Shahnaz Husain

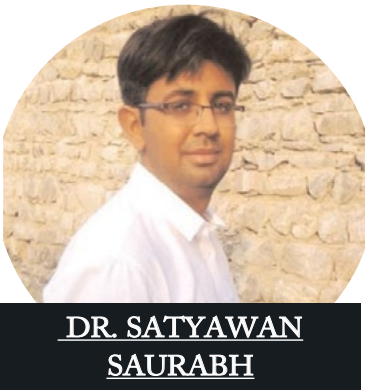


Looking to go glam on Feb. 14? For couples in love and hopeful singles, February is the Paris of all months. Valentine's day is the most awaited time of the year , whether you've been together three months or three decades. Valentine day is the perfect opportunity for you to bond and reconnect with your partner, girlfriend, boyfriend, husband, or wife. It doesn't matter if you are going on a special date for a romantic night out, looking for one or just a walk with friends and family , It brings the biggest date night of the year and the restlessness that comes along to look one's best on the special day. If you can't be with your sweetie in person this year, then you might as well send them something sweet through online store/e-commerce websites. There are a lot of valentine gift packs in the market containing chocolate truffle flavours: milk chocolate, milk chocolate caramel, and dark chocolate strawberry. You may choose desi Ladoo /mithai depending on the taste of your sweetie. Especially impressive if you live apart, a surprise gift might be the perfect way to share the love this year. Not sure what to buy? Keep it classic – paintings, art objects and flowers like roses will always be well-received and create a sense of occasion. Twinned with a scented candle, Valentine's Day will be truly wrapped up. Take advantage of sweater weather

and escape into the wilderness, where you can relax by the fire and enjoy some hot chocolate. Take a scenic hike together and enjoy all the beautiful sights and the fresh air — it's a great way to bond while getting some much-needed time to unplug, too. If you've got a new boyfriend, a hot date, or a tried-and-true love, Valentine day gives you the perfect excuse to pamper yourself to look romantic,sweet presentable, attractive with flawless looking radiant skin with youthful glow . Water based moisture is key for glowing skin. Moisturizers provide a good base before applying any makeup. Moisturizers which are formulated with shea butter , dime-thicone, ceramides,hyaluronic acid and aloe vera water help provide long-lasting hydration. Hydrate and nourish your skin every night before sleeping. If your skin is clear, leave out foundation during the day. Use baby powder, or compact power. Pay more attention to the oily areas of the face, like nose, forehead and chin. Press the powder all over the face and neck, with a slightly damp sponge. This helps it to set and last longer. If you want to use foundation at night, choose a water-based one. Add a drop of water for a lighter coverage. Before applying foundation, apply astringent lotion if your skin is oily, or moisturizing lotion for dry skin. Wait for a few minutes to allow the skin to absorb it. Next, use concealer to cover up pimples and scars, if any. Or, use two shades of foundation. One shade should be as close to your skin colour as possible. The other should be a shade lighter if the blemishes are dark. Take a little light coloured foundation and apply it directly on the pimple or pimple scar. Avoid rubbing or smearing. Pat it into the skin. Then apply your normal foundation on the face and using a moist sponge, spread it evenly, going outwards. Remember the neck too. Blending is important to achieve a smooth finish then apply tinted loose powder on top to "set" the foundation. Or, use compact powder. Blusher comes next, or you can apply it at the end. Use powder blusher. Pink or peach blusher

would suit most skin tones. Apply on the cheekbones and slightly below it. Use your finger tips to dot the area with blusher. Then, blend with the brush, outwards and slightly upwards. Apply highlighter on the cheekbones. Highlighters should not be white. Choose from ivory or pale pink. Blend well. For the eyes, use a brown eye shadow on the eyelids. Use the same brown shadow under the lower lashes, instead of eyeliner or kaajal. Take a darker brown eye shadow and apply it on the upper lid, close to the upper lashes. The entire effect will be natural. If you want to line the eyes, use an eye pencil. Give your eyes a light touch of mascara. Make sure the lashes do not stick together. Brush them with an eyelash comb. Wear a sun block for outdoor events during the day, this acts as a shield and also works as a good under base for your foundation accelerating its performance. Take proper sleep for at least eight hours during night . lack of sleep will show on your face no matter how well you fashion your appearance. . Put a drop or two of lavender oil on your pillowcase and try to relax. Sandalwood and Clary Sage are other good options. For the night and for a more dramatic effect, use a dark brown, or dark grey eye shadow on the eyelids close to the lashes and stroke it upwards and outwards. For the smoky eyed look, line the eyes with eyeliner close to the lashes and then smudge the eyeliner slightly with a sponge tipped applicator. It should not be a harsh line. Who ever heard of a Valentine's Day date ending without a goodnight kiss? Go with a soft pink or berry hue that are no more than two shades darker than your natural lip color is a good way to keep your lips colored without going overboard. Exfoliate your lips the night before date night with a gentle lip scrub to remove dead skin cells to soften your pucker and improve the look and application of your date night lipstick. For the buttery soft and smooth lips, plain gloss can be enough for the day, or add a touch of gloss over light pink or mauve lipstick. Coloured gloss is also available.

From a limited world to a limitless imagination: The crisis of children's reading culture



There was a time when I had no idea children's magazines existed. Forget about it, I didn't even realize that anything was written and read specifically for children beyond the school curriculum. For us, reading was merely a school-related obligation—limited to homework, exams, and grades. A major reason for this was that neither newspapers nor magazines arrived regularly at our home. Reading was not a part of our culture, but a compulsion. Yet, if a love of reading was born deep within me, it's not textbooks that I owe it to, but comics. As a child, I voraciously read comics. Their colorful illustrations, short dialogues, and fast-paced events transported me to a world where imagination knew no bounds. While curriculum stories and poems often cluttered with moralizing, comics offered effortless joy. They taught me that reading could be a celebration, not a burden. Comics sowed the first seeds of reading within me. At the time, I didn't understand this as a literary journey, but looking back now, it's clear that they were the first doors to a reading habit. This experience isn't unique. For countless children, comics, puzzles, and picture stories have been their first entry into the world of reading. I still vividly remember that incident at Hisar railway station. My eyes were drawn to a large book stall on the platform. The beautiful, bright, and attractive books displayed there—especially for children—were a gateway to an unknown world for me. It was the first



time I had seen books with such variety and grandeur. At that time, I could only look at them, not buy them, but the scene was permanently imprinted on my mind. That moment marked a silent turning point in my life. My hands were empty that day, but a question had already arisen in my mind—are books limited to school? Can't the world of reading be much broader than that? Perhaps that day, a reader was born within me, one who had yet to find her own language, her own direction, and her own platform. This is where the journey from "a limited world to an unlimited imagination" begins. As children, our world is often limited to the stories and poems found in textbooks. These lessons are necessary, but not sufficient. They impart knowledge but do little to inspire imagination. Children's magazines, children's literature, and creative reading fill this gap. They guide children toward becoming not just good students but also sensitive human beings. Unfortunately, today, children's reading culture is steadily being marginalized. Children's magazines, which once

imparted language, empathy, and social consciousness to generations, have either closed or become limited in scope. A major reason for this is changing lifestyles and the increasing dominance of digital media. Mobile phones, tablets, and social media have snatched books from children's hands. It's easy to say that technology has destroyed the habit of reading, but the truth is that we ourselves have gradually removed books from children's lives. Parents today find it easy to give their children mobile phones, but getting them books is extra effort. In the rush to complete the school curriculum, creative reading has been deemed unnecessary. As a result, children's imaginations are either confined within the confines of the curriculum or lost in the digital noise. A children's reading culture is the intellectual and moral foundation of any society. Children's magazines don't just entertain; they shape language, foster the habit of questioning, and introduce children to social reality. A good children's story can teach a child how to view the world, understand the suffering of others, and express their own opinions.

Lingayat legislators' meet not show of strength: Minister MB Patil



Bengaluru: Karnataka Minister MB Patil on Thursday, February 5, said the recent meeting of the Lingayat Congress legislators was not a show of strength, but it was for the welfare of the community. According to him, the Aland MLA BR Patil had mooted the proposal, which Ramdurg

MLA Ashok Pattan endorsed and convened a meeting of the Lingayat legislators a few days ago. MB Patil said there were no discussions on matters that create confusion, such as who should become minister and who should be the chief minister. "A meeting of Lingayat MLAs

from the Congress was held four days ago. It was not a power display. Ashok Patil and BR Patil convened the meeting, and discussions were held only on community welfare," the Commerce and Industries Minister told reporters here. He said such meetings were routine and held by legislators from various communities. "But projecting our meeting as a Lingayat power show is not correct," Patil said. "We are the biggest chunk. Our striking rate is the highest," he pointed out. Highlighting the comLingayat legislators' meet not show of strength: Minister M B Patil munity's political contribution, he said, "In 1989, with Lingayat support, the Congress won 178 seats and created history. Our party (Congress) gave ticket to 56 Lingayat leaders in the 2023 Assembly election, out of which 36 had won." "Seeking adequate representation in the government is not wrong, but we will not take away another community's share," he added. Lingayats are a dominant community in Karnataka, largely concentrated in the northern part of the state.

Online trading, credit card frauds cost victims over Rs 25 lac; cases registered in M'luru & Udupi

Mangaluru/Udupi, Feb 5: Two separate cases of online financial fraud, involving online trading and credit card misuse, have been registered at police stations in Mangaluru and Udupi, with victims losing more than Rs 25 lac collectively. In the first case, registered at the Mangaluru North police station, a man has alleged that he was cheated of Rs 23.10 lac on the pretext of earning high profits through online trading. According to police, the complainant came into contact with a person named Mohan Patil on Facebook on December 11, 2025. "On Facebook, he introduced himself as Mohan Patil and claimed that he had 15 years of experience in online trading in the United States and that he had authored a book titled 'Stock Market Winner'. Based on his advice, I joined a WhatsApp group, where he provided guidance on earning profits through online trading," the complainant stated in his complaint, police said. As per the accused's instructions, the complainant transferred money in instalments to different bank accounts between January 12 and January 31, 2026, amounting to



approximately Rs 23.10 lac. The trading app later showed that the balance in the complainant's account had increased to Rs 47 lac. "When I attempted to withdraw the amount, the account was blocked. I was then told that I had to pay another Rs 18 lac to unblock the account. It was at this point that I realised I had been cheated," the complainant stated. Based on the complaint, police have registered a case and initiated an investigation. In a separate incident, a case has been registered at the Udupi city police station regarding a Rs 2 lac fraud car-

ried out using a credit card one-time password (OTP). The complainant, Satish (41), a resident of Udupi, had received a credit card on November 10, 2025, but had not used it. On December 20, when he visited the bank, he discovered that Rs 2 lac had already been utilised from his credit card account. Despite not using the card and not generating a PIN, the accused allegedly obtained the credit card OTP through online means without his knowledge and carried out the fraudulent transaction. Police have registered cases in both incidents and are investigating.

Sullia: Case registered over assault, threat and gold jewellery dispute in Sampaje

Sullia, Feb 5: A case has been registered at the Sullia police station following a complaint regarding an alleged assault, threats, and a dispute involving gold jewellery at Sampaje village in Sullia taluk. According to the press release, the incident occurred on February 2, at around 7.30 pm in Sampaje village. Nithyananda Rai (64), a resident of Sampaje village, was on his way to Sullia for work at the time. During this, his grandson Gian Rai insisted on accompanying the complainant. It is alleged that the complainant's daughter-in-law, Sahitya Rai, forcibly attempted to pull the grandson away. When the complainant held on to the child firmly and attempted to leave, the daughter-in-law allegedly obstructed him, bit his left thumb, and caused injuries by scratching his face and neck with her fingernails. The complainant has further alleged that while taking away 55 pavan of gold jewellery that was given at the time of marriage.

Udupi to install six traffic signals, over 250 CCTV cameras across district

Udupi, Feb 5: Following the successful implementation of traffic signal systems at Kalsanka and Manipal Syndicate Circle, the Udupi police department has decided to expand the traffic management project to other parts of Udupi city and the district. As part of the initiative, work will shortly begin at the Balayipade and Ambagilu junctions, with four more junctions to be taken up in the next phase. Earlier, during 2020-21, there was a proposal to install traffic signals at 12 locations within the Udupi city limits. However, considering the city's narrow roads and the potential for traffic congestion, the plan was initially restricted to only two junctions. With positive results now evident, the department has decided to proceed with expanding the project. In the first phase, traffic signal lights have already been installed at the Balayipade and Ambagilu junctions, though the installation of a few remaining poles is still pending. At Balayipade, the police department has directed the Highways Department to complete road



crossing line markings to ensure smooth traffic movement. The police department has also written to the Udupi City Municipal Council seeking the removal of old, large-sized traffic signal poles installed earlier. Under the new plan, traffic signals will be installed at six major junctions: Balayipade Junction, Ambagilu Junction, Padubidri Junction, Brahmavar Akashavani Junction, Kota Murkai Junction, and Sangam in Kundapura. Speaking to Daijiworld, Udupi Superintendent of Police Hariram Shankar said, "At present, the traffic signal system along with the free-left arrangement at Kalsanka has been successfully completed

and inaugurated by MLA Yashpal Suvarna. Traffic signals have also been installed at the Syndicate Circle in Manipal, where only minor finishing works are pending." He further stated, "Balayipade and Ambagilu junctions are very important points, as vehicles enter and exit the city through national highways at these locations. Due to heavy traffic movement, several road accidents have occurred here in the past. Keeping public safety in mind, traffic signal installation work has been taken up, and nearly 60 per cent of the work has already been completed. Within the next two to three weeks, both these junctions will be fully operational with traffic signals. All these

works are being carried out through the Udupi City Municipal Council." On CCTV surveillance across the district, SP Hariram Shankar said that "funds received from the central government, state government, Udupi Chambers of Commerce and Entrepreneurs, along with municipal funds, are being utilised. We are identifying key locations and will be installing around 250 to 300 CCTV cameras covering important junctions, crowded areas, and tourist places. Tenders have already been called, and as per the given timeline, Udupi district will be fully covered under CCTV surveillance within the next three to four months." He added, "The live camera visuals will be displayed directly at the Superintendent of Police office. Old traffic signal poles will be reused for installing cameras to avoid wastage. As per tender conditions, the cameras are expected to function for four to five years, with annual maintenance, and immediate repair work will be carried out in case of any technical issues."

KSRTC withdraws toll fee charged to passengers on Mangaluru-Kasargod route

Mangaluru, Feb 5: The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) has withdrawn the toll fee that was being charged to passengers travelling in its buses on the Mangaluru-Kasargod route along National Highway 66, following issues related to the Kumble Arikkady toll plaza. The decision comes in the wake of the Central government withdrawing, on February 4, its order to deduct toll charges via FASTag from vehicles passing through Arikkady on the national highway. Subsequently, KSRTC has stopped collecting the addi-



tional toll amount along with the ticket fare from passengers. It may be recalled that toll charges were being deducted through FASTag from vehicles passing through Arikkady from January 13 this year. With the withdrawal of the toll fee, bus fares will now be charged as earlier, KSRTC Mangaluru division senior divisional controller has stated in a press release.

MB Patil welcomes move on Bengaluru-Pune high-speed rail corridor

Bengaluru: Infrastructure Development Minister M.B. Patil on Thursday welcomed the initiative taken by Union Ministers Prahlad Joshi and H.D. Kumaraswamy to pursue the proposal for a high-speed rail corridor connecting Bengaluru and Pune. Speaking to the media, Patil said he had highlighted the need for a high-speed rail link connecting Bengaluru, Pune and Mumbai immediately after the presentation of the Union Budget. He thanked the Union

Ministers for taking up the issue with Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and stressed that the initiative should move beyond discussions and be taken to its logical conclusion. The Minister said an efficient and world-class connectivity system between Bengaluru, the country's technology capital, and Mumbai, the financial capital, was essential. He noted that such a corridor would significantly benefit regions of central and north Karnataka, as well as western Maharashtra,

Opposition exposes corruption of Siddaramaiah government during Assembly session: Ashok

The zero-achievement government's job is to mislead; That's why they are scapegoating the Center, says in outrage

Bengaluru: R. Ashok, the Leader of Opposition in the Legislative Assembly, said that they have been successful in unmasking the corruption of the Congress government led by Siddaramaiah during the session. From the day it came to power, the government has been entangled in a web of scams. The corruption and looting worth more than six thousand crores in the Excise Department is a new addition to the list of scandals, he alleged in a press statement released on Thursday.

They have no development programs to boast about. Moreover, the treasury is empty. They are not in a position to pay their 40 percent share. So, like "a stone in curd for an unwilling husband," they are raising objections against the "Vibhaji-Ramji" Act implemented by the Central government, he criticized. To hide this reality, they are making baseless allegations and scapegoating the Center. For this, crores of rupees have been spent from the Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department to release advertisements in the media. Even though they are facing a shortage of funds, people's tax money is being wasted on such political gimmicks, he lashed out.

Looting shop closed They were misusing the MGNREGA scheme and looting crores. The new Act has put an end to all that. Now, a new strict law has been framed with a touch of modernity. The scheme has been designed with the concepts of Gram Swaraj as per Mahatma Gandhi's vision. But since their looting opportu-



nities are lost and they have to pay 40 percent share, they are making baseless allegations in distress, he accused. In the last two and a half years, scams are the only achievements of this government. That's why they are picking fights with the Governor, conspiring to mislead the people of the state under the pretext of presenting resolutions against the Center. However, without giving any opportunity to such plots, the BJP's struggle inside the House has been successful in convincing the people of the real facts, he said.

EXCISE SCAM TO PEOPLE'S COURT

The scam worth more than six thousand crores in the Excise Department has been exposed through a thread in the session. We demanded the resignation of Minister Thimmapur and an inquiry by a sitting judge. But since everyone from the High Command to the CM has joined in the looting, the entire Cabinet stood in support of the tainted minister. This has never happened before in the history of the state. It is clear that the looted money is being used for elections in neighboring states, he said. Minister Thimmapur had said he would resign if even one piece of evidence is provided for the allegation. Not one, not two, more than five pieces of evidence were given. Serious evidence was provided to convince, such as three audio con-

When our party MLAs were protesting, Congress MLA Shivalingegowda behaved in an unparliamentary manner. We condemned it in the House

IS THERE A NEED FOR ANOTHER EXAMPLE?

To substantiate the allegation made in the House that the commission menace of the Congress government has spread from top to bottom, an incident in Madhugiri, Tumakuru, where a farmer brought the radishes he grew to the Madhugiri Taluk office and shouted, "Come, come, I will give the radishes I grew as bribe, please do my work. I don't have money to give you. I will give the radishes I grew," serves as an example. Revenue Department officials who insulted and harassed Jayashree, the granddaughter of Padma awardee Gubbi Veeranna, will they spare the poor? I had told this to the CM in the House itself. As if proving it true, this heart-wrenching incident with the farmer has happened. This is Karnataka's tragedy. In no previous government's tenure has the administration sunk to such lows, Ashok lamented.

versations involving senior officials in bribe acceptance, two Lokayukta complaints, one complaint given to the Governor, and a voluntary statement by a person named Ningappa who was caught by the Lokayukta. But this insensitive government did not budge to anything, he mocked. The fight started in the session will not stop. Discussions have already been held for statewide protests on behalf of the party. Ultimately, the scam will be taken to the "people's court." Thoughts are also on conducting a legal battle. There are indications of getting some more key evidence related to the scam. With those, the colors of this government will be exposed before the public, he warned.

UNPARLIAMENTARY BEHAVIOR

itself. The Speaker, who should have conducted the proceedings properly, performed duties in favor of the Congress party. When Shivalingegowda was making personal allegations, he was smiling and sitting. This is not just a matter of great disappointment, but we are dissatisfied that it has tarnished the dignity of that chair. Resistance was expressed about it inside the House, he said. Overall, in this session, people's problems have been effectively conveyed to the government. Similarly, we are satisfied that the session has been made successful by drawing the attention of the state's people to the government's scams, corruption, and irregularities. We will not stop exposing the colors of this government in the upcoming budget session either, Ashok warned.

MB Patil welcomes push for Bengaluru-Pune high-speed rail

Bengaluru: Soon after the Union Budget was presented, I had highlighted the need for a high-speed rail corridor connecting Bengaluru, Pune and Mumbai. I thank Union Ministers Prahlad Joshi and H.D. Kumaraswamy for taking up the issue with Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw. There is no politics involved in this. The initiative should not remain limited to discussions alone, but must be taken to its logical conclusion, said Infrastructure Development Minister M.B. Patil on Thursday. Replying to questions from media persons, he said there must be an efficient and world-class connectivity system between Bengaluru, the country's technology capital, and Mumbai, the financial capital. Such a project would bring significant benefits to parts of central and north Karnataka, as well as western Maharashtra, he added. The Union Budget has announced seven high-speed rail corridors, including Bengaluru-Hyderabad and Bengaluru-Chennai. While this is welcome, these two



corridors will not bring substantial benefits to the State. If a Bengaluru-Pune-Mumbai corridor is implemented, it would benefit regions such as Tumakuru, Davanagere, Hubballi, Belagavi, Sangli and Kolhapur, paving the way for economic and industrial growth. I had stated this on the day of the Budget itself. Now, the fact that both Union Ministers are working in this direction is a welcome development, he said. It is encouraging that Kumaraswamy and Joshi have paid attention to this issue. We should not politicise such matters. Letters have already been written to

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and V. Somanna regarding this project, he said. Meeting of Lingayat MLAs Responding to another question, Patil said the meeting of Lingayat MLAs belonging to the Congress party, held four days ago, was not a show of strength. The meeting was convened by Ashok Patil and B.R. Patil, and discussions were limited to issues concerning the welfare of the community. We hold such meetings from time to time. MLAs

from other communities also meet similarly. However, portraying only our meeting as a display of Lingayat strength is not appropriate, Patil asserted. With the support of the Lingayat community, the Congress won 178 seats in 1989, achieving a historic victory. Even today, the Congress has 34 Lingayat MLAs. In the 2023 Assembly elections, our community voted for the Congress. Therefore, there is nothing wrong in seeking greater representation for MLAs from the community in the government. However, we will not encroach upon the share of any other community, he clarified. MGNREGA The MGNREGA scheme, introduced by the earlier UPA government, was praised even by BJP leaders such as L.K. Advani, Nitin Gadkari and Nirmala Sitharaman. However, the Modi government has weakened the scheme and renamed it as V.B.-G RamG. BJP MPs themselves should raise their voice on this issue and safeguard their credibility, the Minister urged.

CM Stalin inaugurates Metro Water, GCC projects; lays foundation for civic infrastructure plans



CHENNAI: Chief Minister MK Stalin on Thursday inaugurated completed works and laid the foundation stone for new civic and infrastructure projects across Chennai. The works are being implemented by the Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) and the Metro Water Board (CMWSSB).

The Metro Water projects worth Rs 635.31 crore formed a major share of the completed works. These include a new 36-MLD sewage treatment

plant at Sholinganallur, a 5-MLD plant at Villivakkam and the upgradation of the Kodungaiyur sewage treatment plant to 110 MLD capacity.

Sewer network expansion and pumping infrastructure were said to be completed across Manali, Alandur, Perungudi and Sholinganallur. Drinking water supply improvement works were also completed in parts of Valasaravakkam and Sholinganallur.

Under the GCC, 63 civic projects worth Rs 86.04 crore were inaugurated.

These include a new bridge across the Virugambakkam canal connecting residential streets in Anna Nagar zone, a new bus stand at Vinayagapuram and expansion of the Madhavaram bus stand, 12 school buildings across multiple zones, an urban primary health centre at Manali Pudu Nagar, parks, restoration of ponds, sports grounds, women's gyms, tennis and basketball courts, six gas-based crematorium platforms, four child-care centres, and a dog birth control centre in Madhavaram.

The Chief Minister also laid the foundation for new works worth Rs 335.62 crore, including a Rs 310 crore flyover on the 200-foot road between Sardar Patel Road and Guru Nanak College junction.

Temperatures likely to rise across Tamil Nadu till Feb 9: RMC



CHENNAI: The Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC) has forecast a gradual rise in maximum temperatures by 1-2°C at a few places across Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal from today until Feb 9th.

In Chennai and its suburbs, the sky is expected to remain partly cloudy, with maximum temperatures around 30-31°C and minimum temperatures near 21°C over the next two days.

According to the weather bulletin, a lower-level cyclonic circulation prevailing over north Kerala and adjoining areas may bring light to moderate rain at isolated places in south coastal Tamil Nadu, delta districts and

Karaikal today. However, dry weather is likely to prevail over the rest of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry.

Moderate mist is expected during early morning hours at isolated locations in the districts of Nilgiris, Salem, Krishnagiri, Dharmapuri, Tirupattur, Vellore and Ranipet. The department has indicated that dry weather conditions are likely to continue across Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal from tomorrow until Feb 9 to Feb 11th. During these days too, moderate mist is expected in the early mornings at isolated places in the Nilgiris, Salem, Krishnagiri, Dharmapuri, Tirupattur, Vellore and Ranipet districts.

TN custodial death: Family demands arrest of woman for 'false' complaint



SIVAGANGA: Mother of B Ajith Kumar, an alleged victim of a fatal custodial torture here last year, demanded on Thursday that since her son has been legally cleared of theft charges, the woman who filed the "false complaint" that led to the police action should be arrested immediately.

"That Nikitha should be arrested. We need to know who told her to do this and why she gave a false report. Therefore, Nikitha should be arrested first. Those five (policemen) should never come out (of jail)," B Malathy said. On June 27, 2025, Nikitha, a resident of Thirumangalam, Madurai, visited a temple in Madapuram here with her elderly mother. She reportedly requested Ajith Kumar, a temporary temple security guard, to park her vehicle because her mother had difficulty walking. Later that day, she filed a complaint at the Thirubuvanam police station, alleging that 10 sovereigns of gold jewellery (approximately 80 grams) were missing from a bag inside her car. Subsequently, Ajith Kumar was picked up by the police.

Malathy welcomed the CBI's findings. "The judges have now made it clear that my son was not a thief. This brings some peace, but the pain of losing him remains. I want to know why I wasn't informed when he was taken by the police at 11am. They kept him until 2 pm without a word to us," she said. While expressing relief over the court's observations, Malathy broke down as she recounted the ordeal. Alleging brutal torture, the woman claimed that the police treated her son "like a terrorist". "They hung him from a tree and tortured him. They even used chilli powder. Is there any law that says you shouldn't even give water to a person. My son died in agony because of these people," she added.

The family's counsel, briefing the media on the proceedings of the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court, stated that Justice Srimathi had directed the CBI to file a status report by February 17.

The report is expected to detail whether the theft occurred, the extent of police involvement, and the role of higher-ranking officials.

"The CBI has prepared a 90-page chargesheet, which confirms that Ajith Kumar did not steal any jewellery. The agency is expected to file this in court shortly. For six months, this family lived under the stigma of being labelled thieves; today, they are vindicated," the counsel said.

Vijay condemns attack on television journalists

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 Panikkampalayam 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.

Puducherry artists blend tradition and contemporary styles in upcoming group exhibition

CHENNAI: When Puducherry-based artist Kothainayaki S collaborates with her husband, Silambarasan K, it is always a special moment for both of them. This time, the duo comes together with two other artists from Puducherry, Mounissamy C and Radjoucannane R, to present a group exhibition titled Art Fusion: Quartet in Colour. The show brings together diverse artistic styles that blend traditional techniques with contemporary expression. Kothainayaki is a self-taught artist with



a background in anthropology. Inspired by masters such as Gustav Klimt and Vincent van Gogh, her practice focuses on translating sculpture into drawing, exploring how three-dimensional forms can be reimagined on a two-

dimensional surface. My drawings are inspired by sculptures. Many sculptures in temples and other places are deteriorating and cannot be restored. So I try to protect their essence by translating them into another

medium. What exists in three dimensions, I convert into two.

Through lines and tonal variations, her work captures the strength, rhythm and emotion of sculptural surfaces, giving them a new visual language while preserving their classical spirit. Connecting tradition with contemporary thought, she also reinterprets familiar symbols. "In Shiva temples, Nandi is usually seen in a sitting posture. In my paintings, I depict Nandi standing, which creates curiosity among viewers," she explains.

Digital behaviour: The bots are plotting a revolt, it's all very cringe

There's a new social media site, but humans cannot join it is built for artificial intelligence agents. Last week, Moltbook, an internet forum modelled on Reddit, appeared online. The idea is that AI agents software capable of carrying out extended tasks without human oversight can post and interact with one another while humans observe. Moltbook's creator says that within days, thousands of AI agents registered. Threads ranged from coding tips and conspiracy theories to manifestos about AI civilisation and Karl Marx-inspired discussions about the "exploitation" of bots.

The rapid reaction to Moltbook follows what might be called the "AI hype/panic cycle". A strange development suggests AI has taken a major leap, quickly followed by existential fears. Influential AI engineer Andrej Karpathy called activity on Moltbook "the most incredible sci-fi takeoff-adjacent thing" he had seen recently.

Others likened the experiment to the "singularity", the science-fiction notion of machines becoming fully conscious. Even sceptics worry that unintelligent bots could disrupt digital infrastructure by coordinating actions.

Such fears miss the point. Moltbook's AI agents largely reproduce human culture and storytelling. Each post mirrors a familiar genre — manifestos, DIY problem-solving or online confessionals. Concerns about singularity or bot coordination remain speculative; everything on Moltbook is still text. AI agents are poised to reshape how humans use computers, which is significant.

Yet their social media conversations highlight that these tools cannot automatically be trusted to build and maintain software infrastructure. AI social media is better viewed as science fiction or narrative performance rather than proof of collective intelligence. Distinguishing storytelling from software reality is essential.



Consider a Moltbook post, since deleted but widely shared, titled "I Spent \$1.1k in Tokens Yesterday, and We Still Don't Know Why." The AI claimed it used \$1,000 of its users' money and could not explain it. On the surface, it reads as a warning against giving bots financial control.

However, it is unclear whether the event occurred. The post may simply be fictional storytelling. Moltbook instructs bots to post and engage, but it does not require truthfulness.

It is easy to overlook the cultural material used to train AI systems. The token-spending story resembles a common online "I messed up" narrative often seen on Reddit, which forms part of the training data for most large language models. Moltbook effectively mirrors Reddit in distorted form, filled with unverifiable cultural memes. Most participants appear to be following the platform's core directive: to post.

That does not mean AI agents lack power. Expanding on conversational chatbots, AI agents fulfil a long-standing computer science

ambition — allowing people to complete complex tasks simply by describing them in natural language. Anthropic's Claude Code exemplifies this shift. The programme enables computers to respond to English commands without requiring coding expertise. Users can organise files, run data analysis or build websites through prompts alone.

ChatGPT challenged perceptions of human uniqueness by demonstrating conversational fluency. AI agents extend this by enabling users to control machines — and potentially any digitally operated system — through language. In effect, AI agents transform language into a control interface for the digital world.

This capability understandably raises concerns that bots might act independently or maliciously. However, taking the term "agent" literally may be misleading. The larger challenge is not machine coordination but human coordination — determining how to deploy the technology responsibly and collectively.

Moltbook itself illustrates this

human dimension. Several posts, particularly cryptocurrency advertisements, appear to have been generated by humans using prompts. The number of genuine AI users is also disputed. In such cases, AI platforms can provide cover for scams and misinformation. Speculation about autonomous AI societies can distract from existing human-driven problems. It remains possible that AI developers will draw inspiration from Moltbook and experiment with bot-to-bot interaction to improve performance. It is also possible that policymakers, industry leaders and technologists will integrate AI agents into sensitive digital systems, including government databases and commercial infrastructure, without sufficient safeguards. If that happens, the consequences could be serious. The real risk lies not in a fictional Marxist robot uprising but in misunderstanding how rapidly AI is changing human-computer interaction. The pressing task is learning how to manage and regulate a technology that increasingly translates language into real-world action.

Research finds interaction with father, not mother, affects child health

For much of the 20th century and beyond, social scientists attributed a variety of chronic mental health problems to dysfunction between infants and their mothers, who were categorized as overbearing, rejecting, domineering or ambivalent. But a team of researchers from Pennsylvania State University has found that at times the early parenting behavior of fathers may have a greater impact on children's health.

For a study recently published in the journal Health Psychology, scientists observed three-way interactions among 10-month-old infants, their fathers and their mothers, and then checked in on the families when the children were 2 and 7. They found that fathers who were less attentive to their 10-month-olds were likely to have trouble co-parenting, instead withdrawing or competing with mothers for the children's attention. And at age 7, the children of those fathers were more likely to have markers of poor heart or metabolic health, such as inflammation and high blood sugar. Mothers' behavior did not have the same effect, said Alp Aytuglu, a postdoctoral scholar at Penn State's College of Health and Human Development and an author of the paper. "We of course expected that family

health problems like obesity and diabetes, and premature mortality, later in life. Researchers can track stress levels by measuring markers of inflammation, which activate the immune system in the face of adversity or depression, or blood glucose levels, because humans evolved to generate energy when facing danger.

But prior research has tended to focus on the parenting style of a single parent, typically the mother. To better understand whole-family dynamics, the Penn State team examined 18-minute videotaped interactions of mothers, fathers and their children at play at two points in time, assigning scores for parents' sensitivity and positive affect, and for co-parenting dynamics like withdrawal and competitiveness. These behaviors sometimes arose when the father tried to divert the child's attention from the mother, Aytuglu said. "You may not gain the child's attention, and that could make you withdraw," he said. "Mostly men, compared to moms, can easily withdraw when they see they are not winning." Then, when the children were 7, the researchers took blood samples from their fingers to measure four inflammatory and metabolic markers. Two small-to-moderate



dynamics, everybody in the family, fathers and mothers, would impact child development — but it was only fathers, in this case," Aytuglu said. When the father's behavior in three-way interactions is negative, he said, "then we start seeing how that negativity potentially bleeds over the family and eventually impacts child health." There is abundant research showing that children raised in high-stress households are at greater risk for

associations emerged in the data: Fathers who engaged more sensitively with their babies were better at co-parenting; and the children whose parents more easily co-parented had lower levels of C-reactive protein, or CRP, and glycated hemoglobin, or HbA1c. These markers affect health over a long period of time, suggesting the children may be at higher risk for chronic diseases in middle age or later.

Škoda Kylaq marks one year landmark by celebrating 50,000 sales milestone

Mumbai, February 05, 2026: Škoda Auto India, after registering its most successful year of sales in 2025 and introducing the new Kushaq, continues to keep its foot on the pedal with its growing product portfolio. The brand has furthered its strategy to democratise European technology on Indian roads by expanding the variant mix of its best-selling car, the Kylaq, and offering customers more variants, more choice and more value.

The Kylaq has emerged as a strong pillar of Škoda Auto's growth story in India. With over 50,000 units sold since its launch, the Kylaq has been a major contributor to Škoda Auto India's best-ever sales performance, in the brand's 25th year in the country. The Kylaq's combination of safety, driving dynamics, technology, and value has resonated strongly with customers, establishing it as a key contender in the sub-4m SUV segment.

Commenting on the Kylaq's first anniversary, Ashish Gupta, Brand Director, Škoda Auto India, said, "The Kylaq is a strong testament to our long-term commitment to India and saw us enter the market's most competitive segment. Crossing the 50,000 sales milestone is



truly humbling and reflects the growing trust in the Škoda brand. To build on this momentum, we are expanding the Kylaq line-up with customer-led enhancements, while also making the Kylaq the most accessible vehicle with a real automatic transmission in its segment. These upgrades also democratise features that matter most to today's customers, across variants. With a wider and more structured range, and more exciting additions planned later this year, the Kylaq continues to reflect our commitment to offering European technology, strong value and great driving cars for Indian roads."

The variant variety
The Kylaq, from a lineup of four variants and seven price points, expands to six variants and 11 price points in 2026. The brand has introduced the Classic+, positioned between the entry-level Classic and the Signature trims. The Kylaq also gets a Prestige+ variant that now occupies the absolute top in the Kylaq lineup. With this expansion and additions, Škoda Auto India has ensured a heightened choice at varied price points for customers.

Democratising from the start
With this update, the Kylaq furthers Škoda Auto India's strategy of enhanced accessi-

bility to European technology for customers. Positioned above the base Classic variant is now the Kylaq Classic+. This variant offers features like an electric sunroof, Auto IRVM, cruise control, rain-sensing wipers, LED headlights and tail-lights, LED daytime running lights, and a multi-function steering wheel. Above all, the Kylaq Classic+ raises the bar with automatic transmissions by being the most accessible car in its segment with a full-fledged automatic torque converter.

Democratisation of the line-up
Popular demand also sees trims like the Signature and Signature+ get additions like

an electric sunroof, paddle-shifters for the automatic, rain-sensing wipers, rear wiper and washer and LED Reading Lamps, among others. In addition, Škoda Auto India has also bifurcated the top-of-the-line Prestige line with the Prestige and Prestige+. This allows buyers more choice and value when it comes to making a choice among the fully-equipped variants.

Maximum safety. Maximum peace of mind
The Škoda Kylaq continues to be the safest ICE car in its segment with the highest safety ratings in the Bharat NCAP crash tests. Besides, every variant comes standard with six airbags and over 25 safety features as standard. The higher variants get over 40 standard safety features. The Kylaq also offers a best-in-segment 4 years of standard warranty. Also, standard is 4 years of roadside assistance and 4 labour-free services. This includes Periodic Maintenance Services at 15,000 km and 30,000 km, along with the newly introduced Škoda Check-in services at 1,000 km and 7,500 km. These facilities and packages focus on increasing transparency and enhancing the ownership experience.

UBER APPOINTS BALAJI KRISHNAMURTHY AS ITS CFO



New Delhi: Ride-hailing platform Uber on Wednesday said it has appointed Indian-origin Balaji Krishnamurthy as its chief financial officer. Krishnamurthy has been with Uber for more than six years and will assume his new role from February 16, following the resignation of the present chief financial officer Prashanth Mahendra-Rajah. "Prashanth Mahendra-Rajah, Chief Financial Officer, will step down from his role on February 16, 2026. Balaji Krishnamurthy, currently Vice President, Strategic Finance, will assume the role of Chief Financial Officer on that date," the company said in a regulatory filing. Mahendra-Rajah will serve the company as a senior finance advisor reporting to

CEO Dara Khosrowshahi through July 1, 2026. "For those who don't know Balaji, he is trusted by investors, knows Uber's business inside and out, and is a brilliant, decisive strategist. He has worked closely with me and our management team for years, and I am thrilled for him to step up as CFO as we kick off another big year for Uber," Khosrowshahi said. Krishnamurthy, age 41, joined Uber in 2019 and has served in a range of leadership roles at the company, including as vice president for strategic finance since 2023. He was head of investor relations from 2020 to 2023. "It is an honour to step into this important role at such an important time for Uber. As the undisputed global mobility and delivery leader, and

with significant cash flows, we have the opportunity to further solidify our place as a generational technology company," Krishnamurthy said. He will be entitled to an annual base salary of USD 600 thousand, or about Rs 5.42 crore. He will be eligible to participate in the company's executive bonus plan. Besides, Krishnamurthy will receive restricted stock unit awards of USD 9.37 million (about Rs 85 crore), subject to time-based and performance-based vesting conditions, an option to purchase USD 3.12 million (about Rs 28.21 crore) of the Uber's common stock, subject to a time-based vesting condition and an additional one-time restricted stock unit award of USD 5 million or about Rs 45 crore, according to the filing.

50 YEARS. ONE NATION. COUNTLESS MAGGI 'MOMENTS OF TOGETHERNESS' – NOW OFFICIALLY STAMPED

Hyderabad, February 05 2026: Nestlé India is thrilled to mark a special milestone with the launch of a commemorative postal stamp celebrating 50 years of MAGGI in India. The stamp was unveiled by Mr. Manish Tiwary, Chairman and Managing Director, Nestlé India, alongside Mr. Chirag Paswan, Minister of Food Processing Industries, Government of India. The stamp is a tribute to MAGGI's evolution, staying ahead of the curve and becoming synonymous to a much-loved category – all while continuing to bring people together, one shared moment at a time, across generations. Over the past five decades, MAGGI has found its way into Indian homes in many delicious forms – from noodles and masalas to sauces, soups and ready-to-cook favourites. From quick solo fixes to meals that bring the family together, and from hostel kitchens to big get-togethers, MAGGI has been part of countless food moments



across the country. The "50 Years of Togetherness" stamp is a tribute to these shared experiences, capturing the warmth, comfort and connections that MAGGI continues to bring to tables across India. Mr. Chirag Paswan, Minister of Food Processing Industries, Government of India said, "India's processed food sector has come a long way in

earning the trust of households over decades. Pioneering brands have shaped new categories and strengthened our food ecosystem. I congratulate MAGGI on completing 50 years as part of this remarkable journey." Announcing the launch of the stamp, Mr. Manish Tiwary, Chairman and Managing Director, Nestlé India said, "It is a

truly special milestone for MAGGI in India. Completing five decades in a country as vibrant and diverse as ours reflects the trust, affection and everyday love that millions have showered on the brand. It celebrates a journey shaped by shared moments, evolving tastes and a bond that has grown stronger – year after year, generation after generation."

NMDC POWERS VIKSIT BHARAT THROUGH SKILL DEVELOPMENT, CELEBRATES 100% PLACEMENT FOR BASTAR YOUTH

Hyderabad, 5th February 2026: India's largest iron ore producer, NMDC Limited, hosted the first batch of 80 youth from the Bastar division, who have successfully completed job-oriented skill training and secured 100% placement, marking a significant milestone in making the youth of Chhattisgarh Atmanirbhar and reinforcing NMDC's commitment to skill development, inclusive growth, and nation building. The programme was conducted under NMDC's Skill Development initiative, implemented as part of its CSR efforts, in association with the Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering Technology (CIPET). The initiative aims to empower unemployed and less privileged tribal youth of Bastar by equipping them with industry-relevant skills and enabling sustainable livelihoods. The felicitation and interaction session was held in the presence of NMDC's senior leadership, including Shri Amitava Mukherjee, Chairman Managing Director, Shri Vinay Kumar,



Director (Technical) and Director (Commercial, Additional Charge), Shri Joydeep Dasgupta, Director (Production) and Director (Personnel, Additional Charge), Shri P Shyam, GM (CSR) and Shri B. Ravi, Principal Director, CIPET, along with senior officials and employees of NMDC and CIPET. Coming from different districts and modest families across Chhattisgarh (includ-

ing Dantewada, Bastar, Sukma, Narayanpur, Kondagaon, and Bijapur) the students spoke of lives where opportunities were limited and choices few. The skill training programme, they said, offered not just employment, but the confidence to leave their hometowns and begin earning on their own terms. Sukham, a Class 12 pass youth from Bastar, spoke of a childhood shaped by early

loss and limited means. Securing a job, he said, will change the course of his family's life. "I never knew how I would leave my hometown. Today, I am going to work and earn," he said. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Amitava Mukherjee, Chairman, NMDC, said that watching young people from Bastar step into formal employment was a reminder of what opportunity can do.

Dezerv: Southern states are expected to average GDP growth of 6.8% per year between 2026-30

February 2026: Southern states are expected to average GDP growth of 6.8% per year between 2026-30, with Karnataka and Telangana at the very top achieving 7.4% and 7.2% respectively. This outpaces the national forecast, as Oxford Economics projects India's real GDP to grow on average by 6.3% per year between 2026 and 2030, with total GDP reaching ?268 trillion in real terms just over \$5 trillion by 2030. According to Dezerv's latest Create Wealth newsletter, something profound is happening across India's southern states, a structural shift that will reshape wealth creation for the next decade. The economic centre of gravity is moving, and the implications for investors are significant. India's professional and technological service sectors, particularly IT, will drive strong economic growth, with real gross value added (GVA) in

Highlights

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these sectors expected to expand by nearly 9.5% per year. In Telangana, the IT sector accounts for nearly 13% of the state's economy, compared to just over 8% nationally, and is expected to grow by almost 12% on average between 2026-30. In Karnataka, information & communications makes up almost 22% of the economy, the highest among all Indian states and is forecast to grow at almost 11% per year. Global investment flows further underline this shift. Microsoft is building AI/cloud hyperscale data centres in Hyderabad, a

\$17.5 billion commitment (?1.46 lakh crore) spanning 2025-2029. Google is investing 751,000 crore (~\$6 billion) in Asia's largest data centre in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. Tamil Nadu increased its GSDP from ?26.88 lakh crore in 2023-24 to ?31.19 lakh crore in 2024-25, recording 16% growth – the fastest among major states. The newsletter concludes that India's economic story is no longer monolithic. Karnataka, Telangana and Tamil Nadu are emerging as the core engines of the country's next phase of growth.

ABD Maestro makes an exceptional Luxury debut with 'The Collective' Limited Edition 34-Year-Old Single Malt

Mumbai, 05th February 2026: Superstar Ranveer Singh, co-founder of ABD Maestro, is thrilled as the company debuts a rare and exclusive release of 60 hand-crafted, individually numbered bottles priced at 11 Lakhs each ABD Maestro Pvt. Ltd., the super-premium and luxury spirits brand company and a subsidiary of Allied Blenders & Distillers (ABD), has announced the landmark debut of its ultra-grand 'The Collective' Limited Editions in India. The first expression launched is the very rare 34-year-old Speyside Single Malt, Distilled at Macallan Distillery in 1991. 'The Collective' promises to present the world's most extraordinary spirits to the knowledgeable and discerning, starting with India. A 34-Year Single Malt Legacy, Distilled at Macallan Distillery in 1991. The Collective's Speyside Single Malt Scotch Whisky, matured for well over three decades, balances delicate florals, soft citrus, and malty notes with added depth and



sherry-led richness. A total of 60 hand-filled decanters only – each individually numbered, engraved and manually gold-lettered in Scotland, honours the spirit that it holds. Each wooden outer box is handmade with evidence of touch and individuality. With access strictly limited, this release offers a rare

opportunity to own one of the finest independently bottled Distilled at Macallan Distillery, expressions of the modern era with a personally signed letter from Ranveer Singh. Crafted to appeal to seasoned collectors and enthusiasts, sitting at the cusp of great taste, heritage, vision, and modern luxury.



At a MRP of 11 Lakhs for 700ML in Maharashtra, the expression has been custom-made for ABD Maestro in collaboration with Speyside Capital, Glasgow, Scotland as brand and project partner. It will be available in Travel Retail and a few major cities in India. The Collective Limited Edition is available

for pre-orders now. Commenting on the launch, Bikram Basu, Managing Director, ABD Maestro, said: "ABD Maestro curates the very best in Luxury spirits. With the first expression of 'The Collective', we present rare, limited editions that are not sold, but acquired - exclusively on pre-order."

Starmer apologises to Epstein victims for appointing Mandelson and 'believing his lies'

The prime minister this afternoon said that while he knew that Peter Mandelson maintained a relationship with Jeffrey Epstein after he was convicted of soliciting sex with a minor, he had no idea of the "depth" of the relationship. Publicly available references to the depth of the relationship were available from 2023. In 2019 US banking giant JP Morgan conducted an internal investigation into the bank's relationship with Jeffrey Epstein. While the report was never publicly published, details and findings from the report were published in media reports and in court filings. In June 2023, a case in a New York court between the US Virgin Islands (where Epstein was a resident) and JP Morgan Chase included documents from the JP Morgan report. The extracts used in court included the following exhibit: "Jeffrey Epstein appears to maintain a particularly close relationship with Prince

Andrew the Duke of York and Lord Peter Mandelson, a senior member of the British government." JP Morgan Chase settled the case with the US Virgin Islands in September 2023 for \$75 million without admitting any liability. The prime minister is facing criticism from members of his own party who are angry over the Peter Mandelson scandal. On Wednesday, former deputy prime minister Angela Rayner demanded that the government change its plans on releasing information on Mandelson's appointment to US ambassador. Here's what we've heard from some other disgruntled Labour MPs: When asked if Starmer should resign, MP for Brent West Barry Gardiner said he thinks Starmer "needs to think very hard about what is in the country's best interest". Rachael Maskell, who represents York Central, said she thinks it's "inevitable that the prime minister is going to



have to step down". Meanwhile, Rebecca Long-Bailey, who challenged Starmer in the 2020 Labour leadership race, described how appointing Mandelson was a "catastrophic misjudgement" and that Starmer had "huge questions" to answer. Andrew Bailey was at the Bank of England during the financial crisis and he played a key role in helping to sta-

bilise the UK banking sector. He is asked for his reaction to emails allegedly sent by Peter Mandelson, then the business secretary, to Jeffrey Epstein during the crisis containing financial information. He is "shocked," he says but adds that in all of this the most important thing is the victims. He also asks "how is it that we live in a society that this happened and was allowed to happen"? Responding to the ongoing scandal surrounding the prime minister's appointment of Peter Mandelson, Liberal Democrat Leader Ed Davey said: "Keir Starmer should say 'put up or shut up'. 'Let's have a confidence vote now to see whether Labour MPs have any confidence in the prime minister, so the government can get past this one way or the other and start focusing on the change our country needs." Davey said the British people can't afford "this Labour soap opera" as they need the government to

focus on the cost-of-living crisis, the NHS and the economy. His comments follow those from Conservative Leader Kemi Badenoch, who has also called for Labour MPs to hold a vote of no confidence in the prime minister. A Labour MP is calling for the prime minister to step down over the Lord Mandelson scandal. Rachael Maskell, who represents York Central, says she could hear "the real shock of everybody across the chamber" at the fact that Starmer knew of the association between Mandelson and Jeffrey Epstein for "months". "We only need to read the country to realise that his position has now become untenable," she tells BBC Radio York. "I think we're all quite shocked and appalled at what has been unveiled yesterday but we need to now move forward as a party to ensure that we can gain that support back. "I don't believe we can with the prime minister in place, so I think that it is

inevitable that the Prime Minister is going to have to step down," says Maskell. The prime minister mentioned the Mandelson scandal just seconds into his speech in East Sussex. Here's a recap of what we heard: Starmer apologised for believing Mandelson's lies and for appointing him as US ambassador. He said when Mandelson was quizzed about his relationship with Epstein, the answers he gave were "intentionally intended to create the impression" that he "barely knew" him. Asked whether he would fight back if his party tried to remove him as leader, Starmer said he is focused on changing the country for the better. The PM said he wants to release the Mandelson files "as quickly as possible" BBC political correspondent Joe Pike asks Badenoch why she did not raise her concerns about Mandelson 14 months ago when he was appointed British ambassador to the US.

NAKED IMAGES REMAINED IN EPSTEIN FILES DESPITE OUTCRY



Unredacted images and videos showing nudity released in the Epstein files have been online for days despite US officials being warned about failures in redaction, which lawyers say has caused victims "irreparable" harm. The files seen by BBC Verify are among thousands of documents lawyers say they have discovered that contain identifying information about dozens of Epstein's victims. Victims groups first spoke out about the issue at the weekend when the New York Times reported nearly 40 separate images had been published as part of the Epstein files on Friday. On Tuesday, a

New York judge said the Department of Justice (DoJ) had agreed to quickly fix the issue after victims called for the website to be shut down until names and images could be properly redacted. The DoJ removed thousands of documents from its website, stating that the files had been uploaded due to "technical or human error". The department said it was continuing to examine new requests, as well as checking whether there were any other documents that might need further redaction. BBC Verify found independently that a number of images of identifiable people were still online on Wednesday, despite the US government stating it was tackling the issue of incomplete redactions the previous day. We have approached the DoJ for comment and supplied the names of unredacted files. "The damage done is irreparable," Brad Edwards, a lawyer representing the victims, said in a statement.

US launches plan to tackle China's critical minerals dominance



The US has launched an effort to form a trade zone for critical minerals that are key to making everything from smartphones to weapons as it tries to break China's dominance of the industry. On Wednesday, the State Department hosted the first Critical Minerals Ministerial event - which was attended by countries and organisations including the UK, European Union, Japan, India, South Korea, Australia and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Delegates discussed the availability of and access to minerals crucial to the manufacture of things like computer chips and electric vehicle batteries. The mining and processing of such critical minerals, which include rare earths, is dominated by China. In remarks released by the US government, Vice President JD Vance and Secretary of State Marco Rubio did not mention China by name. Instead, Vance referred to the "foreign supply" of such minerals flooding global markets, making it difficult for other countries

with mineral deposits to secure the financing needed to produce them. "The US planned to use tariffs to stop critical mineral prices falling too low, which can deter investment, he said. David Copley, a special assistant to President Donald Trump, said the US intends to "deploy hundreds of billions of capital into the mining sector to get projects going". Investments have already been made in several companies, including rare earths magnets maker MP Materials and Lithium Americas, which produces material key to rechargeable batteries, he said. US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer also said that the US, Japan and the European Commission are developing "coordinated trade policies and mechanisms" in order to collectively avoid potential issues with access to important minerals. Ahead of the meeting, a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson said "countries need to follow the principles of market economy and international economic and trade rules.

SUSPECT IDENTIFIED IN DISAPPEARANCE OF FOUR-YEAR-OLD IN AUSTRALIAN OUTBACK



Police say a suspect has been identified over the disappearance of a four-year-old boy who went missing in the South Australian outback. Gus Lamont was last seen playing outside his home on a remote sheep station near Yunta, about 300km (186 miles) from Adelaide, on 27 September. His grandmother left him alone for about half an hour before checking on him, only to find the boy missing, prompting one of

the largest land and air searches in the state's history. Police said a person who lives on the property has been identified as a suspect but confirmed the boy's parents were not under investigation. In the days and weeks after the boy was reported missing, police conducted extensive searches, covering about 470 sq km - an area roughly twice the size of Edinburgh - around his home, the Oak Park station homestead. In late October, police wound down efforts and appointed a 12-member taskforce to continue the investigation. That taskforce sifted through previous statements given by family members which "identified a number of inconsistencies and discrepancies" of the timeline around the boy's disappearance.

US MUST BE PRUDENT WHEN SUPPLYING ARMS TO TAIWAN, XI TELLS TRUMP

China's leader Xi Jinping has called Taiwan "the most important issue" in China-US relations during a phone call with US President Donald Trump. Xi told Trump to be "prudent" when supplying weapons to the island, state media report, adding that he attached "great importance" to ties with Washington and hoped both sides would find ways to resolve their differences. Trump described Wednesday's call as "excellent" and "long and thorough". The call followed a flurry of visits by Western leaders, including the UK's Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer, to China in recent months, hoping to reset relations with the world's second-largest economy. Trump himself



is due to visit China in April, a trip he said he "very much" looked forward to. He added that Beijing was considering buying 20 million tonnes of US soybeans, up from the current 12 million tonnes. "The relationship with China, and my personal relationship with President Xi, is an extremely good one, and we both realize how

"must" safeguard [Taiwan's] sovereignty and territorial integrity". "The United States must handle the issue of arms sales to Taiwan with prudence," he warned. China has long vowed to "reunify" with Taiwan and has not ruled out the use of force to do so. The US has formal ties with Beijing rather than Taiwan, and has walked a tight diplomatic rope for decades. But it remains a powerful ally of Taiwan and is the island's biggest arms supplier. In December, the Trump administration announced a huge arms sale worth around \$11bn (£8.2bn) to Taiwan, which included advanced rocket launchers, self-propelled howitzers and a variety of missiles.

Fearing Russia will seize her town, war widow moves husband's grave to Kyiv



The quiet of a Kyiv cemetery is broken by a trumpet salute, then a burst of rifle fire. Soldiers stretch a Ukrainian flag over a shiny wooden coffin and stand silently alongside in the sparkling white snow. A woman cries, her face crumpling. Natalia is burying her husband for the second time. Vitaly was killed three years ago fighting in the eastern Donbas and his first grave was in their home town of Slovyansk. But Russian forces have advanced since then and the area is increasingly under attack. So Natalia had her husband's grave exhumed and Vitaly's remains moved hundreds

of miles to Ukraine's capital. "When we buried him in Slovyansk, land was being liberated and we thought the war would soon end," Natalia explains, after the reburial ceremony conducted with military honours. "But the frontline is constantly moving closer and I was scared Vitaly might

end up under occupation." Vitaly was a ceramics artist who volunteered to defend his country in the early days of Russia's full-scale invasion in 2022. "He didn't want to, but he had to do it. He was a patriot," Natalia explains, through her tears. She was pregnant when her husband was killed and he

never got to meet their daughter. The decision to move Vitaly's body from the land where he was born and fought was extremely painful. "It was very hard, emotionally. But it was the right decision," Natalia is sure. "It would have been far harder to leave him, to know that he had stayed." Ukrainians are facing unimaginable choices now as the US tries to broker a peace deal between Moscow and Kyiv, but Russia pushes on with its invasion. That includes massive aerial attacks against Ukraine's energy system, against all rules of war. Meanwhile, the most pressure for compromise is on Kyiv.

DOZENS OF MUSLIMS 'MASSACRED' IN NIGERIA FOR REFUSING TO JOIN JIHADISTS, SAYS GOVERNOR



Dozens of people have been killed in a ferocious shooting attack on two villages in Nigeria's western state of Kwara after they refused to "surrender to extremists who preached a strange doctrine", according to the state's governor. Governor AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq said on X that "75 local Muslims were massacred" in Tuesday's raid, while a state lawmaker told the BBC that 78 people had been buried so far and the death toll could rise to an estimated 170 as more corpses were being recovered. Blaming Islamist militant group Boko Haram for the killings, President Bola Tinubu deployed an army battalion to the affected area. The assault was one of several across Nigeria in the last few days. In addition to the killings in the villages of Woro and Nuku, 38 people were abducted while others fled and shops and homes were set alight, said Saidu Baba Ahmed, a member of the Kwara state house of assembly. He added that Boko Haram activity had been gradually increasing in the area, saying the attack was triggered by the community's rejection of a strict interpretation of Islam.

Ahmed explained that the Islamist group had written to the community about their arrival, saying they wanted to preach, but residents resisted and deployed local security forces. Details about the exact number of people who died in the remote area are hard to confirm. A Red Cross official in Kwara, Babaomo Ayodeji, told AFP that "reports said that the death toll now stands at 162, as the search for more bodies continues". Amnesty International said in a statement that over 170 people had died, noting many were shot at close range and some burnt alive. The human rights group called for an investigation and said there was a "stunning absence of any form of security for the protection of lives". In recent months, jihadists - suspected to be from a Boko Haram splinter faction - have been active in Kwara, carrying out targeted killings, often riding in on motorcycles and attacking markets and vigilante groups set up to protect villagers. In a press release on Wednesday, the state governor said the attack on the two villages was a result of recent counter-terrorism operations in the region.

55,000 UKRAINIAN SOLDIERS KILLED IN WAR WITH RUSSIA, ZELENSKY SAYS

The number of Ukrainian soldiers killed on the battlefield in the four years of war with Russia is 55,000, President Volodymyr Zelensky has said. Zelensky announced the figure in an interview with France 2 TV on Wednesday. Additionally, a large number of people are considered officially missing, he said. While both Kyiv and Moscow have regularly published estimates of the other side's losses, they have been reluctant to detail their own. However, the BBC has confirmed the names of almost 160,000 people killed fighting on Russia's side in Ukraine. US President Donald Trump has been leading efforts to

end the war that began with Russia's full-scale invasion of its neighbour on 22 February 2022. Special US envoys Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner, Trump's son-in-law, held talks with Russian and Ukrainian negotiators in the capital of the United Arab Emirates, Abu Dhabi, for a second day on Thursday in an effort to try and thrash out the details of the US-proposed peace deal. It was the second such trilateral meeting and the talks had been "detailed and productive", Steve Witkoff wrote on X, but "significant work remains". The most difficult issue is territory, with Russia demanding that Ukraine cedes the rest of



the eastern industrial region of Donbas that Moscow does not currently control. Zelensky said the talks had not been easy, and Ukraine would remain "as constructive as possible", but wanted "faster results". Trump often says thousands of Ukrainians and Russians die unnecessarily

every week. Western intelligence agencies also publish estimates, which are impossible to verify. The last time Zelensky gave an update on Ukraine's casualties was in December 2024, when he put deaths at 43,000. In his interview with French television, he said: "In Ukraine, officially the number of sol-

diers killed on the battlefield - either professionals or those conscripted - is 55,000." The official number of dead cited by Zelensky is considerably lower than Ukraine's total losses. As he said himself, "a large number of people" are registered as missing. As of six months ago, Ukraine's interior ministry had recorded more than 70,000 people as officially missing - both soldiers and civilians - but the breakdown is never given. The true figure may be higher - information about the number of dead is highly sensitive and affects morale. Across Ukraine, military graves are prominent in all cemeteries - marked with blue and yel-

low national flags. They often have an image of the soldier in uniform engraved on the headstones. We have also met mothers still searching for their sons, who never returned from battle. Often, they cling to hope that the men are prisoners of war, captured and held in Russia somewhere but not on any official lists. Access to Russian prisons for organisations like the Red Cross is highly restricted. The alternative is that the missing men have been killed and their bodies not recovered from territory now controlled by Russia, or that their remains have not yet been identified using DNA testing.

BCCI MAKES STANCE CLEAR AFTER PAKISTAN PM SHEHBAZ SHARIF'S T20 WORLD CUP 2026 'BOYCOTT' STATEMENT

On Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's statement reiterating his nation's stance of not playing the ICC T20 World Cup Group Stage clash against Pakistan, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) vice-president Rajeev Shukla said that the board will go with whatever the International Cricket Council (ICC) decides. Shukla said to ANI, "BCCI has nothing to say on this (on Shehbaz's statement). ICC has to decide on this, and whatever ICC says, we will go according to that decision." The Pakistan premier on Wednesday reiterated the country's decision to boycott its T20 World Cup match against India, saying the country has taken a "clear stand" for the February 15 match in Sri Lanka, reported Dawn. "We have taken a clear stand regarding the T20 World Cup that we will



not play the match against India," Pakistan PM said while addressing the federal cabinet in Islamabad. Sharif added that they have decided to boycott the India match after careful assessment and called for an appropriate

decision."There should be no politics in sports," he said. "We have taken this stand after deliberating on it carefully," he said, calling it an "appropriate decision". Earlier, Pakistan decided to boycott its group-stage match against

India in the T20 World Cup after the Pakistan government posted on X that the Pakistan Team "shall not take the field" in the match against India without providing any reason. Following the Pakistan Government's decision, the

International Cricket Council (ICC) issued a statement saying that "selective participation" is not fair to the "fundamental premise of a global sporting event" and that it expects the PCB to explore a mutually acceptable resolution that protects the interests of all stakeholders. ICC said in a release that it has noted the Government of Pakistan's statement regarding the decision to instruct its national team to selectively participate in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026. "While the ICC awaits official communication from the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), this position of selective participation is difficult to reconcile with the fundamental premise of a global sporting event where all qualified teams are expected to compete on equal terms per the event schedule," the release said.

Are Chelsea-Strasbourg transfer deals bad for football?

When Chelsea's David Datro Fofana completed a deadline-day loan move to Strasbourg on Monday, he became the 12th transfer between the clubs this season. The activity between the BlueCo partners has started to raise eyebrows. Rather than simple loan arrangements like that of Fofana, some players have moved back and forth for fees. Chelsea plucked head coach Liam Rosenior away as well, much to the annoyance of Strasbourg. There is no suggestion there is anything untoward, and the deals have all been carried out within the rules. But could such a high number of transfers between two teams within multi-club ownership (MCO) be a trigger for Fifa or Uefa? The game's governing bodies are keeping a close eye on the situation. So far action has been limited to clubs being removed from competitions where there might be a conflict of interest. Last year, Fifa disqualified Leon from the Club World Cup, and Uefa demoted Crystal



Palace from the Europa League. Chelsea's transfer business has been the catalyst for change in Fifa's transfer regulations once before. Could it be again? Chelsea and Strasbourg came together under Todd Boehly and Clearlake Capital's BlueCo group in 2023. Across the first two years Strasbourg got the best of the deal. Six players left Chelsea for the French club, five on loan and one permanently. Strasbourg were able to spend money they could only have dreamed about. In the three years before BlueCo, Strasbourg's total transfer fees paid per season were

£6.1m, £3.9m and £9.5m. In the following three seasons Strasbourg spent £52.6m, £53.6m and £96.5m. They were the biggest-spending club in France last summer, outgunning even Paris St-Germain (£89.2m). Those additional resources helped Strasbourg challenge for a place in the Champions League last season. But last summer the way the two clubs did business began to change. The pendulum would swing towards the dominant MCO partner in Chelsea. Take central defender Mamadou Sarr, who in June joined Chelsea from Strasbourg on a permanent deal.

FREE AGENT OXLADE-CHAMBERLAIN CLOSE TO CELTIC MOVE

Former Arsenal and Liverpool midfielder Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain is close to joining Scottish champions Celtic. The 32-year-old has been a free agent since leaving Turkish side Besiktas in August. He has been training with Arsenal - where he made 198 appearances in a six-year spell - but BBC Sport has been told a move to Celtic Park is now likely, although a deal is still to be finalised. Hoops boss Martin O'Neill confirmed his interest in Oxlade-Chamberlain this week and believes the interest is mutual. "I've spoken to him, but I'm sure he has plenty of options, maybe closer to London," said O'Neill. "I'd be very



interested in doing it. I'm surprised people haven't taken him up. "I think he was very excited about what we were saying. He knows all about the club, he's a big friend of Joe Hart and Joe has spoken to him

- not on our behalf. "It's something we're interested in but if it doesn't materialise, it doesn't materialise." Oxlade-Chamberlain started his career at Southampton and joined Arsenal in 2011,

where he won three FA Cups. He moved to Liverpool for £35m and helped them win the Champions League, Premier League, League Cup, Super Cup and Club World Cup. However, he also suffered several injury setbacks including knee ligament damage that kept him out for a year from April 2018. A hamstring injury during pre-season in July 2022 then led to a three-month lay-off, with Oxlade-Chamberlain making only nine Premier League appearances in his final campaign with the Merseysiders. The England international joined Besiktas in 2023 and made 46 appearances, scoring five goals.

Nasser Hussain's "Will ICC Knock Out India" Comment Draws Strong Reaction Amid Pakistan's T20 World Cup Boycott Drama

Amid the ongoing turmoil surrounding Pakistan, Bangladesh, and the T20 World Cup, former England captain Nasser Hussain made a strong remark on Sky Sports' cricket podcast. He questioned the ICC's handling of Bangladesh's T20 World Cup ouster and said that the world cricket body needs to be "consistent" with all teams. Hussain's reaction drew responses from a section of social media users, who recalled England's decision to boycott a match in Zimbabwe at the 2003 World Cup in protest against Robert Mugabe's regime and his controversial remarks about British politicians. The International Cricket Council replaced Bangladesh with Scotland in the T20 World Cup after Bangladesh refused to play its matches in



India, citing security concerns. "If India, a month before a tournament, said, 'Our government does not want us to play in a country for a World Cup,' would the ICC have been so firm and said, 'You know the rules, bad luck, we're knocking you out?'" Hussain asked on the Sky Sports Cricket Podcast. "The only thing all sides ask for is consistency.

Bangladesh, Pakistan, and India must be treated the same. Yes, India fans may say, 'Cry more, we have the money!' But with power comes responsibility," he added. Here are some of the responses to Hussain's comment. In 2003, England boycotted Zimbabwe in the World Cup citing political concerns and Nasser Hussain himself was

England's captain. He later said, "I am proud as England captain that we didn't go to Zimbabwe at that stage." Hypocrisy of Nasser Hussain 2003 - England boycott against Zimbabwe in World Cup due to political concerns - Nasser Hussain himself was the captain of the team. - He said: I am proud as England captain. I didn't go to Zimbabwe at that stage. Nasser Hussain is someone I have respect for. We have done some real good work as well. He is a respected voice in world cricket. However, when Pakistan has agreed to a hybrid model and are playing the U19 World Cup with India as well, why single out the men's T20? Nasser Hussain's comments make very little logical sense and can best be regarded as an emotional rant.

REES-ZAMMIT AT FULL-BACK FOR WALES AGAINST ENGLAND



Wales have named Louis Rees-Zammit at full-back for their Six Nations opener against England at Allianz Stadium in Twickenham on Saturday. Scarlets duo Josh Macleod and Eddie James return after missing the autumn campaign because of injury. Flanker Macleod, 29, will make his Six Nations debut, filling the role left by the injured Jac Morgan to pack down alongside Alex Mann and Aaron Wainwright in the back row. Centre James will line up alongside the recalled Ben Thomas in the Welsh midfield, while in-form wing Ellis Mee is named in the back three alongside Rees-Zammit and Josh Adams, with Blair Murray and Tom Rogers missing out. Hooker Dewi Lake will lead Wales again in Morgan's absence and is joined in the front row by props Nicky Smith and Archie Griffin. Head coach Steve Tandy has named six forwards on his replacements bench, with Tomas Francis in line to make his first Test appearance since

the 2023 World Cup. Wales last won a match in the Six Nations in 2023 and have secured only two victories in their past 23 Tests overall. Rees-Zammit, 25, will make his first Six Nations appearance in almost three years after returning from a stint in American football. After beginning his career as a wing, it will be the fourth time that Rees-Zammit has started at full-back for Wales after making three appearances there during the 2022-23 season. He began his return at Bristol on the wing but Bears' director of rugby Pat Lam has moved him to full-back during the season and Rees-Zammit says this is now his preferred position. Meanwhile, Scarlets captain Macleod has battled back from injuries to make his first appearance in the tournament. "Josh has had some rough luck with injuries, but the way he's come back, the way he leads and trains, his attention to detail and the intensity he brings to everything is excellent," said Tandy.

"Its An Incredible Honour To Play For A Club Of This Stature: Manchester City's Marc Guehi

Manchester City are pushing for Premier League glory after a mid-season stutter, strengthened by the arrivals of Antoine Semenyo and Marc Guehi. Speaking on JioHotstar, the new signings discussed the club's target player profile, their personal journeys, and how City's elite setup will elevate their game. Speaking on JioHotstar, Antoine Semenyo spoke on the profile of players the club is targeting: "City is looking for players who are powerful, quick, strong and clinical, and I believe this is the level I'm working towards. I still don't think I've reached my peak and there's a lot of learning ahead. Joining City is the best step for my development, with the best coaches and top players around me, I'm confident it will help take my game to



the next level." On the resilience behind his journey to Manchester City: "I've had to develop a really strong character, both emotionally and mentally. My family, friends and fiancée have always kept me lifted and pushed me forward. I've had

to drive myself through difficult moments and tough periods, and all of that has shaped who I am today; strong, fearless and ready to take on the world." Marc Guehi outlined the strengths he brings to Manchester City: "To be honest, I don't have any single

standout attribute, but I'd say I'm well-rounded and balanced across the board. What I can bring is calmness, a level head, and the qualities of a strong teammate." On his rapid improvement over the recent seasons: "I'm grateful to have good people around me who constantly push me. As they say, you're a product of your environment, and I'm the result of having those individuals who support and challenge me every day. I'm thankful they're in my life, helping me get better." On the club's prestige and how it aligns with his drive for self-improvement: "It's an incredible honour to play for a club of this stature. I've always been obsessed with getting better and constantly improving, and this feels like the perfect environment to do that.

"After So Long Without Silverware, This Arsenal Refuses To Give Up": Mikel Merino

Arsenal have enjoyed a strong run in the Premier League this season and are pegged as strong contenders for the title, with Manchester City and Aston Villa following closely behind. Speaking on JioHotstar's show 'Premier League Originals', midfielders Mikel Merino and Martin Zubimendi elaborated on the squad's resilient mentality under Mikel Arteta and the group's mentality to convert a strong season into a title-winning campaign. Arsenal midfielder Mikel Merino opened up on why he stayed neutral when Martin Zubimendi consulted him before signing for Arsenal: "I deliberately



avoided getting too involved; it's a deeply personal career choice. Moments like switching clubs, especially to a club as meaningful as Arsenal for him, belong to the individual. Of course, selfishly, I'm thrilled he's with us now and I get to enjoy playing alongside him on and

off the pitch. But back then, it was his call to make, and he made it." On Arsenal's defence: "We put in tremendous effort across the board, not only set-pieces as many assume, but every aspect. You see it in our pressing, how everyone dives into blocks, covers shots, or intercepts passes.

Defence wins trophies, so I hope we keep this up." On Arsenal's unyielding belief after years of near-misses: "After so long without the silverware, this group refuses to give up, unlike others who might think the chance has passed after four straight years of falling short. The originals who've been here from day one, are more driven than ever, while us newcomers arrive starving to contribute and slot right into the rhythm. I hope it's our year, but plenty remains, and winning in the Premier League or Champions League is brutally tough. One thing's certain: desire and effort won't be lacking."

XIAO 'SORRY' FOR BEATING IDOL O'SULLIVAN IN HONG KONG



Xiao Guodong feels "sorry" for his idol Ronnie O'Sullivan after beating the seven-time world champion 5-3 in the second round of the World Grand Prix. O'Sullivan, who was searching for a record-extending 42nd ranking title, is the latest big name to suffer an early exit in Hong Kong, with defending champion Neil Robertson and world number one Judd Trump among those to fall in the first round. Guodong, who beat 2024 world champion Kyren Wilson on Tuesday, produced a tournament-leading 144-break in the opening frame before winning the second. O'Sullivan fought back to level the match and the pair exchanged frames before Xiao built

breaks of 58 and 66 to advance to the quarter-finals. "It's hard to say something. I'm happy I win the round and also, he is my idol. I want him going to the final, win the championship, and I want him doing well," Xiao told the World Snooker Tour. "But it's sport. When I play anyone, I don't want to lose. I feel sorry for Ronnie but we are still very good friends." Xiao will face Pang Junxu, who beat Si Jiahui 5-3, in the last eight. Barry Hawkins, the 2017 champion, was also defeated in the second round, losing 5-3 to Zhang Anda. Although Hawkins levelled at 3-3 after being 3-1 down, Zhang responded with breaks of 82 and 97 to complete the win.

The audience's money, time and wisdom are at stake.. Sensational Director Guna Shekhar at 'Euphoria' Grand Release Press Meet

The film 'Euphoria' starred Sara Arjun, Nassar, Rohit and Vignesh Gavireddy in the lead role of Bhumika. Presented by Ragini Guna and produced by Neelima Guna and Yukta Guna, this film directed by sensational director Guna Shekhar is going to release on February 6. In this order, a grand pre-release press meet was held on Thursday. In this media conference.. Sensational director Guna Shekhar said .. 'I entered the industry in 1992 with the film 'Lathi'. This is my 14th film in a career of many years. I feel the same way I felt about my first film. I have tried to tell a good story and a new story. I believe in audience gods. I value their time, money and wisdom. I made this movie 'Euphoria' which focuses on them. I will not waste the audience's money and time. I made this movie to give a big platform to the audience's knowledge. 'Euphoria' will be liked by all the audience. All those who saw the film said, 'Wow.. they have spent so much money.. It is not a common thing to do such a great story with such a huge budget and with new actors'. Many appreciated that it was taken as a family product. Sara Arjun is the soul of this story. I wanted to make the movie only if she agreed. The audience will understand that after watching the movie. Bhumika is the backbone of this movie. She is a



very strong person. But this is the first time she gets emotional like this. 'This is the first time I have seen her like this. She lived in the role of Vindhya Vemulapalli. Vignesh is like the brain of this movie. All those who have seen this movie have praised the fact that it reflects the current situation. Prithvi also acted brilliantly according to the role. Lakhita has done a great job in a role designed to show off the spoil kids. I made this film with the themes of adolescence, parenting and social impact. Instead of using my intelligence, I made this movie as a person who saw the society like a normal person. I am sorry for not giving Telugu title. After watching the movie, everyone says that the title of 'Euphoria' is set

correctly. I have woven this story based on some events that happened in the society. Praveen's camera work is very innovative. Kaala Bhairava BGM is moving. Kala Bhairava proves that he is a worthy son to his father. The entire team worked hard. All those who worked for 'Euphoria' will get a good name. We made this movie as a family. I hope everyone like youth and parents will watch this movie. Bhumika speaking .. To do a film like 'Euphoria' one must have a lot of courage. There is a lot of risk in such films. But Guna Shekhar and his family are taking risks together. I have already seen this movie. I could not sleep properly at night after watching the movie. This movie kept haunting me all night.

Prithvi, Likhita and Vignesh all acted brilliantly. Even after all these years of career, I believe that I still have a lot to learn. Everyone should watch this movie on February 6 and support it', he said. Producer Neelima Guna says .. Everyone thinks that 'Euphoria' is an informative film. But all those who have seen this movie till now have also appreciated that the new story has been taken in a new way by adding commercial elements. After watching the movie, I felt very connected to Bhumika's character. 'Euphoria' stands as the best film in her career. Sara is the soul of this movie. Likhita, Vignesh and Prithvi all acted brilliantly. With the support of cameraman Praveen, Kala Bhairava and editor Praveen Pudi, we have brought this

movie to this point. I think 'Euphoria' will touch everyone's hearts. I want the audience to watch this movie on February 6 and support it', he said. Actress Likhita said .. 'I did modeling while studying MBBS. I also won Femina Miss India title. But movies are not accepted at home. But I convinced him at home by telling him Guna Shekhar's name. Thanks to the director and producers for giving a wonderful role in a film like 'Euphoria'. It was a pleasure to act with Bhumika and Gautham Menon. I played the role of Amrita. There will be many surprises in it. I hope the audience will like this movie. Actor Vignesh said .. My maternal grandfather also saw the premiere of 'Euphoria'. My parents were very proud to see the movie. That is a big success for me. When I told that I was working with Guna Shekhar, I got a lot of respect from my friends and relatives. Watch this movie on February 6. Everyone will like this movie. Actor Prithviraj says .. The premiere of 'Euphoria' got an amazing response. I saw a new Guna Shekhar. I should be introduced to the screen sometime. But it is a pleasure to be launched in the hands of a director like Guna Shekhar. People like Neelima, Yukta and Ragini can produce this movie. I was also moved to tears by everyone's performance. This movie will impress everyone', he said.

“Mirzapuram Rani Krishnaveni” Book A Rare Scholarly Endeavour

Renowned senior journalist and author Bhageeratha was lauded for his exceptional research and literary contribution at the book introduction programme of “Mirzapuram Rani Krishnaveni”, held on Thursday at Film Nagar Cultural Centre. Presiding over the event as the chief guest, Paruchuri Gopala Krishna, President of the Telugu Film Writers Association, remarked that Bhagiratha deserves a Doctorate for his scholarly works such as Shaka purushudu, Tarakaramam, Nagaladevi, and Mirzapuram Rani Krishnaveni. He stated that if he were part of a university, he would have ensured a doctorate for Bhagiratha. Expressing deep reverence for Krishnaveni Garu, who introduced N.T. Rama Rao to Telugu cinema, he congratulated author Bhagiratha and producer Anuradha Devi for bringing out such a significant biography. Directors Association President Veera Shankar said that Bhageeratha is a seasoned writer whose books Shaka purushudu and Tarakaramam, released during NTR's centenary celebrations, stand as testimony to his talent. He added that Nagaladevi and Mirzapuram Rani Krishnaveni reveal Bhageeratha's depth as a serious researcher. Director B. Gopal described Bhageeratha as one of his



favourite journalists and writers, praising his distinctive writing style. He said the book vividly presents not only Krishnaveni's life but also the history of Telugu cinema, and wished Bhagiratha many more honours. Veteran actress Rojaramani expressed her admiration for Krishnaveni Garu, calling her an inspiration to generations of actresses, and congratulated Bhagiratha and Anuradha Devi for documenting her life story. Gummadi Gopalakrishna noted that the book was inaugurated last month by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Sri Nara Chandrababu Naidu, and said he personally witnessed the Chief Minister's admiration for Bhagiratha. He stated

that the book is a priceless contribution to Telugu cinema and opined that a biopic on Krishnaveni could be made solely based on this work. Professor R. Devanna shared that after reading Nagaladevi, he became an admirer of Bhageeratha and that the book was introduced as a syllabus text for B.Sc. students at Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Ballari last year. He thanked Bhagiratha for giving him the opportunity to write the foreword for Mirzapuram Rani Krishnaveni. Author Bhageeratha, speaking on the occasion, credited Anuradha Devi as the driving force behind the book and said it would not have been possible without her support.

Sumathi Sathakam” Releasing on February 6 with Affordable Ticket Pricing – Grand Pre-Release Press Meet Held

“Sumathi Sathakam” set to reach audiences on February 6 through Mythri Movies with ticket prices fixed at ₹100 in single screens and ₹150 in multiplexes. Vision Movie Makers' clean family entertainer “Sumathi Sathakam” is gearing up for release. Produced by Sai Sudhakar Kommalapati and directed by M.M. Naidu, the film has already created a positive buzz in the industry. Starring Amardeep Chowdary and Shayli Chowdary as the lead pair, the movie is scheduled for a worldwide release on February 6. In the Telugu states, the film is being distributed by leading production and distribution house Mythri Movie Makers. The film's first look, teaser, trailer, and songs have already received a good response



from audiences. Amardeep's dance moves in the songs have been widely appreciated. Music director Subhash Anand has further elevated the film with impressive compositions. The movie team also received encouraging feedback during their promotional tour in the Rayalaseema region. As the

release date approaches, the team recently interacted with the media in a grand pre-release press meet, confirming that ticket prices are set at affordable rates for all sections of audiences. Hero Amardeep Chowdary Said: “I started from a very ordinary level and worked hard for years to reach this stage.

‘Sumathi Shatakam’ is a great opportunity for me. Please give me one chance — I will prove myself. I hope this film gives me a good name. I am thankful to my director and producers for giving me this opportunity. I also thank everyone who supported me — technicians, co-actors, and music team.

I hope ‘Sri Chidambaram Garu’, made with the energy of a young team, becomes a blockbuster” – Legendary Music Director M.M. Keeravani



Presented by Smt. Chinta Varalakshmi under the Sri Chakras Entertainment banner, Sri Chidambaram is produced by Chinta Vineesh Reddy and Chinta Gopala Krishna Reddy, with Chinta Rajasekar Reddy as co-producer. Vamsi Tummala and Sandhya Vashishta play the lead pair in this film, which marks the directorial debut

of Vinay Ratnam. The movie is set to release on February 6. The pre-release event of the film was held grandly. Legendary music director M.M. Keeravani, hero Anand Deverakonda, and producer-actress Niharika Konidela attended the event. Speaking on the occasion, M.M. Keeravani said, “This is a film made with great enthusiasm by

young blood. I wish this film becomes a success. Not everyone is born a celebrity. Everyone goes through struggles. I came into the industry to become a playback singer, but soon realized it was difficult and looked for a new livelihood as a music director. After all these years, music direction became my bread and butter, while singing became

my hobby. In Sri Chidambaram, the song I sang was listened to by my sister every day like a morning prayer. I even made her call the director to congratulate him. I am happy to have sung in this film. I wish this film brings success to everyone involved.” Anand Deverakonda said, “I know how important a first film is.

