

TERRORIST KILLED AS ARMY FOILS INFILTRATION BID IN J&K'S RAJOURI



IRAN MISSILE ATTACKS DOWN 90 PER CENT, SAYS PENTAGON



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AIR INDIA, AIR INDIA EXPRESS TO LEVY FUEL SURCHARGE ON TICKETS; AIRFARES TO RISE



NEW DELHI: (Mar 10) Airfares are set to rise with Air India and Air India Express deciding to levy a fuel surcharge of Rs 399 on each domestic flight ticket from March 12 and also hike the charge for international bookings due to a steep rise in jet fuel prices amid the Middle East conflict. The new fuel surcharges will be implemented in a phased manner. Regretting the need for fuel surcharges, Air India on Tuesday said that without such surcharges, "it is likely that some flights would be unable to cover operating costs and would have to be cancelled".

INDIA SUPPLYING DIESEL TO BANGLADESH AS PART OF ONGOING AGREEMENT



New Delhi, March 10 : India is continuing to supply diesel to Bangladesh via pipeline from the Numaligarh refinery in Assam as part of the long-term agreement that is in place with the neighbouring country. The India-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline was operationalised in 2017. It has been supplying diesel to Bangladesh on a commercial basis from the Numaligarh Refinery Ltd. This diesel supply is part of regular ongoing energy trade between the two countries, a senior official said. Meanwhile, fuel availability in India is being closely monitored, he added. "We have started receiving diesel from Monday afternoon at Parbatipur depot in Dinajpur from Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL) in Assam through the Bangladesh-India Friendship Pipeline," a Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) spokesman said. He said it could take nearly 45 hours to pump the 5,000 tonnes of diesel, which is expected to continue until Wednesday evening.

LPG SHORTAGE PUTS HYDERABAD RESTAURANTS ON BRINK OF SHUTDOWN

Hyderabad (TSIT): Hyderabad's hospitality sector has reported a sharp decline in the availability of commercial LPG cylinders, with several restaurants warning that the situation could lead to many temporarily shutting operations. With Israel and the US attacking Iran and the widening conflict in West Asia, coupled with the shutdown of the Strait of Hormuz, the situation has significantly disrupted LPG supply in India.

Restaurant associations in Bengaluru and Mumbai have already declared an emergency, announcing the closure of kitchen operations by the end of the week. Hyderabad is likely to follow suit, with many restaurant owners warning the shortage could soon become a reality if the government fails to address the issue.

Cloud kitchens under stress  
Cloud kitchens in Hyderabad are also facing the strain. These delivery-only restaurants operate without a physical dining area or storefront, focusing entirely on preparing food for online orders. Muhammad Yusuf, owner of Biryani Souq - Take Away Kitchen, a famous cloud kitchen in Film Nagar in Jubilee Hills, said that LPG supply has decreased to less than 50 per cent. "We would get 10 cylinders. Today, we just got three. We do not know what tomorrow holds. Things are very uncertain," Yusuf has a team of 55 members, all natives from other states. Many have resigned the same sentiment that no government official has reached out to them. "No representative from the government has reached out to us. We have no clarity or update on how long this situation will last," said a restaurant owner. Several



small hotels and roadside eateries serving a broader segment of the city's population are feeling the brunt as supplies of commercial LPG cylinders dwindle. The situation has only worsened during the ongoing festive month of Ramadan.

REDIRECTING LPG FOR DOMESTIC USE

Industry representatives said that dispatches have slowed significantly, forcing distributors to release existing stock cautiously. The government's prioritisation of domestic cooking gas supplies over commercial has led to a crunch for hotels and restaurants.

YS Naveen, a domestic LPG supplier in BHEL, said commercial establishments have not received cylinders for the last three days. "Hotels and restaurants are facing strain. So far, there is no crisis as such, but if the situation in the Middle East prolongs, supplies will be affected," Telangana Gas Dealers Association President Jagan Mohan Reddy confirmed the demand and supply issue, following the outbreak of the war. "The supply of commercial LPG cylinders has stopped, although canteens in schools, colleges and hospitals, as well as orphanages, will continue receiving," he said. According to him, the

bigger hotels, which have enough stocks, can manage for a week, but smaller ones could be forced to shut down in a couple of days. "In one or two days more than 60 per cent of the hotels may be shut down (temporarily)," Reddy said.

The stoppage has prompted some restaurant association members to approach the government, he added. Twin Cities Gas Dealers Association Secretary Rajender Reddy said that the Union Ministry for Petroleum and Natural Gas has issued a government order (GO) under the Essential Commodities Act, and gas is diverted to domestic use only. "Restaurants cannot do anything. They will have to arrange other ways to procure cylinders," he said.

A gas dealer, who wished to remain anonymous, warned that if the situation continues, there is likely to be a shortage in domestic cylinders as well. India consumes some 31.3 million tonnes of LPG annually. As much as 87 per cent of this is in the domestic sector, ie, household kitchens, and the rest in commercial establishments such as hotels and restaurants. India imports 85 to 90 per cent of its oil and natural gas supply from the Middle East.

Jaishankar discusses West Asia crisis with German, South Korean counterparts; focus on energy security

NEW DELHI (TSIT) External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Tuesday spoke to his German and South Korean counterparts as New Delhi ramps up diplomatic efforts to navigate the fallout of the West Asia crisis, especially on the energy supplies.

Global oil and gas prices have surged after Iran virtually blocked the Strait of Hormuz, a narrow shipping lane between the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman, that handles roughly 20 per cent of global oil and LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas). Following his conversation with German Foreign Minister Johann Wadepuhl, Jaishankar said the ongoing conflict in West Asia was discussed.

"Exchanged views with FM @JoWadepuhl of Germany on the ongoing conflict in West Asia," he said on social media.

Jaishankar said he and South Korean Foreign Minister Cho Hyun discussed the situation in West Asia, including its implications on the energy sector.

"Discussed advancing our bilateral agenda. As also the situation in West Asia, including its energy implications," the external affairs minister said. In a post on X, Cho hoped that this year's high-level exchanges would elevate Korea-India relations to a new level. South Korean President Lee Jae-Myung is



MINISTER JAISHANKAR AGREED AND SAID WE SHOULD WORK TOGETHER TO EXPAND STRATEGIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN KOREA AND INDIA, WHICH HAS SIGNIFICANT POTENTIAL AND STRONG COMPLEMENTARITY," CHO SAID

expected to visit India within next two months.

"Minister Jaishankar agreed and said we should work together to expand strategic economic cooperation between Korea and India, which has significant potential and strong complementarity," Cho said. "We also discussed the situation in the Middle East, which is having a major impact on global security and the economy, and agreed to maintain close communication on measures to ensure the safety of our nationals as the situation develops," he said.

Rahul Gandhi 'only person who didn't bend' before govt, says Priyanka in LS

New Delhi, March 10 : Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Tuesday strongly defended Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, stating that he is the only person who has not bowed before the BJP-led government.

She made the remarks while speaking during the discussion on the resolution seeking the removal of Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla. Krishna Prasad Tenneti, who was presiding over the House at the time, allowed Priyanka Gandhi Vadra to address the House during the debate.

In her speech, Priyanka Gandhi took a swipe at the ruling party and said she found it ironic that leaders who frequently criticise former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru were now quoting him. "I was laughing today, because



the person whom they criticise every day - Nehru ji - they are quoting the same person today. Suddenly, they have started respecting Nehru ji. They said that the one who made the democracy

strongest was Nehru ji," she said, drawing loud thumping from the Opposition benches in support of her remarks.

She then defended Rahul Gandhi and said that he had remained firm despite sustained attacks from the government. "There is only one person in this country who did not bend in front of these people (government) in these past 12 years - that is the Leader of Opposition, Rahul Gandhi. This is because the LoP does not shy away from speaking the truth. They (government) cannot digest the truth," Priyanka Gandhi said.

Her remarks came amid a broader debate in the House over the motion against Speaker Om Birla. Earlier in the discussion, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijju, replying to the motion

Amaravati should showcase glory of Telugu culture: CM Naidu

Amaravati, March 10 : Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday said that the state capital, Amaravati, should showcase the glory of Telugu culture to the world. He was presiding over the 59th meeting of Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA), which gave approval for the construction of the Telugu Cultural Centre with an estimated cost of Rs 119 crore.

The meeting discussed land allocations to various institutions in the capital region and the provision of infrastructure in the Secretariat and HOD buildings.

The Chief Minister also suggested selecting a suitable name for the proposed Telugu Cultural Centre in Amaravati. He also directed officials to establish a large convention centre in the capital to conduct government and other major events. The Chief Minister said



that the tourism project planned at Neerukonda within the capital region should be implemented as a prestigious project. Steps should be taken to develop tourism across 167 acres of land in the area.

He directed officials to prepare plans that would attract tourists while also showcasing Telugu heritage. The Neerukonda project should be designed as a beautiful and vibrant destination, he said.

Tehran threatens Oil blockade as US intensifies strikes

Washington/Tehran, March 10 (UNI) On the 11th day of the escalating conflict, the United States signalled a major intensification of its military campaign against Iran, with Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth warning that Washington was preparing for its "most intense day of airstrikes" yet.

He also cautioned that the attacks could escalate further if Tehran continues efforts to disrupt oil shipments through the Strait of Hormuz.

Iran swiftly responded with a stark warning of its own, declaring that it would not allow "even one litre of oil" to leave the Middle East as long as US and Israeli strikes continue. Meanwhile, Iranian

Parliament Speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf echoed similar narrative of not coming to table with US as it always attacks Iran whenever they are in negotiations. The Speaker said that Iran will not agree to a ceasefire until it teaches the attackers a lesson so that they no longer think about repeated military actions against Tehran. "We categorically do not seek a ceasefire. We are convinced that the aggressor should be slapped in the face so that he learns his lesson and never thinks about aggression against dear Iran again," Ghalibaf wrote on X.

Iran intends to break the circle of "war-negotiations-truce and then war again," he said.



Terming Iran's experience of negotiating with the United States as "bitter," Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas

Araghchi on Tuesday ruled out the possibility of renewed diplomatic negotiations with Washington, accusing the US

of repeated betrayals and military aggression. In an interview with PBS, Araghchi said Iran no longer considers dialogue with the US a viable option. "I don't think the question of talking with Americans or negotiating with them will be on the table anymore," he said. "We have a very bitter experience of talking with the Americans."

Reflecting on earlier diplomatic engagements, Araghchi claimed that Tehran had negotiated in good faith but was met with renewed hostility. According to him, Iran had entered talks last June but faced military action during the negotiation process. "We negotiated with them last year,

and they attacked us in the middle of negotiations," he said. "Again this year they tried to convince us that things would be different, promising they had no intention to attack and wanted a peaceful solution to Iran's nuclear issue."

On February 28, the United States and Israel launched strikes on targets in Iran, causing damage and civilian casualties. Iran responded by striking Israeli territory and US military facilities in the Middle East. The warning came as oil prices surged and then fell sharply amid growing tensions. President Donald Trump threatened Iran with "death, fire and fury" if it disrupts the

critical oil route. A senior Iranian security official, Ali Larjani, issued a thinly veiled threat to Trump, saying the Iranian people do not fear US threats and cautioning Washington to "beware, lest you are the ones who are eliminated."

Hegseth said US operations would reach a new level of intensity. "Today will once again be our most intense day of strikes inside Iran - the most fighters, the most bombers and the most strikes," he said, adding that U.S. intelligence targeting is now more precise than ever. He also claimed Iran's retaliation has weakened, noting that Tehran fired fewer missiles in the past

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, MOHAMMED ABDUL RABBANI (OLD NAME), H.No. 35-3-824, BRUNDHAVAN COLONY, ROAD NO. A, GOPALPUR, HANAMKONDA WARANGAL, PIN CODE: 506 015, Telangana State. hereby declare that I have change my name as MOHAMMED ABDUL RABBANI (NEW NAME) for all purposes.

**NAME CORRECTION**

I, THAMMISSETTI ARUNA, W/o. THAMMISSETTI SRI KANTH, R/o. Flat No. 518, Merilon Galaxia, Sai Nagar, Bachupally, Hyd-500 090, I, KUMARAPU ARUNA (Before Marriage) and THAMMISSETTI ARUNA (After Marriage) all names are related to one and same person only.

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**Sale Notice For Sale Of Immovable Properties**

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 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of BYPASS ROAD SANGAREDDY BRANCH Union Bank of India Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 27-03-2026, for recovery of Rs.14,06,527.32 (Rupees Fourteen Lacs Six Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Seven and paise ninety two only) as on 06-01-2026. In addition to the above, there are other charges due to the Union Bank of India, BYPASS SANGAREDDY BRANCH Secured Creditor from Late Mr. Kunchala Madhava S/O Kunchala Subha Rao (Borrower) & Mr. Kunchala Rajshakar S/O Kunchala Subha Rao (Co-Borrower) & Estate of the deceased Mr. Kunchala Madhava represented by Legal Heir(s): Kunchala Gouri W/o Kunchala Madhava. The reserve price will be Rs. 34,42,500/- and the earnest money to be deposited will be Rs. 3,44,250/-.

**Borrower:** Late Mr. Kunchala Madhava S/O Kunchala Subha Rao H No 4-7-25/91, Balaji Nagar, Sangareddy-502001.

**Co-Borrower:** Mr. Kunchala Rajshakar S/O Kunchala Subha Rao H No 4-7-25/91, Balaji Nagar, Sangareddy-502001.

**Estate of the deceased Mr. Kunchala Madhava represented by Legal Heir(s):** Kunchala Gouri W/o Kunchala Madhava H No 4-7-25/91, Balaji Nagar, Sangareddy-502001.

**Description of Property**

All that the open plot bearing no.51(part)(A&B) (65 Sq. Yds) plot no.51(part)B (135 Sq. Yds) measuring 200 Sq.Yds in Sy no.203/5(old) & 203/3(New), Situated at Kalavakunta, Sangareddy Town & District, Telangana State. Boundaries of Property: North: 33 feet Wide Road; South: Plot no. 50 849; East: Plot no. 52; West: 33ft Wide Road. Encumbrances known to the secured Creditor: Not Known.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Union Bank of India Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.unionbankofindia.co.in and service Provider's website i.e. https://banknet.com

**Date:** 11-03-2026 **AUTHORIZED OFFICER**  
**Place:** BYPASSROAD SANGAREDDY **UNION BANK OF INDIA**

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**BANSWADA BRANCH**

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**Borrower(s):** Sri Motukuru Nagaraju, S/o. M Venkatesham Hno.1-3-38, Jai Bharath Road, Banswada, Kamareddy Dist-503187.

**Guarantor(s):** Mr. Motukuri Anil Kumar S/o. Motukuri Brahmajali Hno. 6-13/4, Chaitanya Colony, Banswada, Kamareddy Dist-503187.

**Equitable Mortgaged Property**

All that piece and parcel of existing RCC Residential Multi bearing no.1-3-38 constructed on a open plot area 21 Sq. Yds, Built up area is 189 Sq. Feet situated at Main Road, Banswada village and Mandal with in limit of Gram Panchayat Banswada, Sub registrar Banswada and dist Registrar Nizamabad. Boundaries of the property: East: Mulgi of Pathal Chiranjeevulu; West: Mulgi of Chidura Gangajali; North: 18' feet Wide GP Road; South: 3' feet Wide Road. Encumbrances known to the secured Creditor: Not Known.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Union Bank of India Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.unionbankofindia.co.in and service Provider's website i.e. https://banknet.com

**Date:** 11-03-2026 **AUTHORIZED OFFICER**  
**Place:** BANSWADA **UNION BANK OF INDIA**

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**CAN FIN HOMES LTD**

Branch Office: Unit no 201 Second Floor, Vijay Sai Towers, Kukatpally  
Tel: 040-35106304/3218, E-Mail: kukatpally@canfinhomes.com, CIN:L35110KA1937PLC008659

**APPENDIX - IV-A** (See proviso to rule 9 (1))

**Sale notice for sale of immovable properties**

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NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd, Kukatpally Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 31.03.2026, for recovery of Rs. 34,92,006/- (Rupees Thirty-Four Lakh ninety-two thousand eight hundred only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd from MR.VIJAY KUMARALETTI (Borrower) and Mr. ALETI MOHAN (Co-borrower) as on 10.03.2025, together with further interest and other charges thereon. The reserve price will be Rs. 32,50,000/- (Rupees Thirty-two Lakh fifty thousand only) and the earnest money deposit will be Rs. 3,25,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh twenty thousand only).

**Description of the Mortgaged Property:** Flat No. 301, in Second Floor, bearing Municipal No. 6-68/301, (PTIN No. 1198019103), of CLASSIC VIEW APARTMENTS, measuring 1041 Sqft (including common areas), and car Parking, together with undivided share of Land measuring 30 Sq Yards, out of total Land measuring 117 Sq Yards, being constructed on Plot Nos.5 & 5-A of VIHARIKA HILLS, in survey No. 117, 118 Parts, Situated at Block No. 6, Kranthi Colony, Medipally Village, Under Peerzadiguda Municipal Corporation, Medipally Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District. Encumbrance: Nil.

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

**Date:** 10.03.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer,**  
**Place:** Kukatpally **Can Fin Homes Ltd**

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**JANGAMPALLI BRANCH**

**Sale Notice For Sale Of Immovable Properties**

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of JANGAMPALLI BRANCH Union Bank of India Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 27-03-2026, for recovery of Rs.10,44,513.781 (Rupees Ten Lacs forty four Thousand Five Hundred Thirteen and paise Seventy Eight Only) interest thereon due to the Union Bank of India, JANGAMPALLI BRANCH Secured Creditor from Mr. GAINIKAI VENKAIAH S/O G. VENKAIAH (Borrower) & Mrs. GAINIKAI PADMA W/O Mr. GAINIKAI VENKAIAH (Co-Borrower) & Mr. SHETTPALLY SRINIVASULU SHARMA (Guarantor). The reserve price will be Rs. 11,01,600/- and the earnest money deposited will be Rs. 1,10,160/-.

**Borrower:** Mr. Gainikai Venkaiah S/O G. Venkaiah Address: 1: H No 4/3-45/1, Sangameswar Colony, Banswada-503187, Dist-Nizamabad, Telangana; Address 2: Flat No. 2, Second Floor, Guru Raghendra Colony Chinnamallareddy Village Kamareddy Mandal Telangana - 503102, Mob. 9440575118

**Co-Borrower:** Mrs. Gainikai Padma W/o Mr. Gainikai Venkaiah; Address: 1: H No 4/3-45/1, Sangameswar Colony, Banswada-503187, Dist-Nizamabad, Telangana; Address 2: Flat No. 2, Second Floor, Guru Raghendra Colony Chinnamallareddy Village Kamareddy Mandal Telangana - 503102, Mob. 9440575118

**Guarantor:** Mr. Shettyppally Srinivasulu Sharma Address: Plot No 65 Sri Guru Raghendra Enclave, Near Railway Gate Chinnamallareddy, Kamareddy-503123 Telangana

**Details of Secured Asset**

Residential RCC roofed flat no SF-2, Second Floor, Western Porlion, Adm. 806.00 Sq.Ft, including common area with undivided share of 37.66 Sq.Yards in the entire plot area of 226.11 Sq.yards constructed over the open plot no 51 lies in Sy no 207/1,207/2,207/3a,207/3b,207/4,207/4a,207/4b,207/5,207/6,207/7, 207/8a,207/8b, 207/9, 208/7, 208/12,208/13a,208/13b,208/13c,208/15,208/16,208/20A, 208/23,208/28, 208/29, 208/30, 208/32, & 208/33 in the DTPC approved vide G.P.L.P No 10/2011/HRO, in "GURU RAGHENDRA ENCLAVE" situated at Chinnamallareddy (V),Kamareddy (MDL),Dist. Nizamabad, within the limits of G.P.Chinnamallareddy, Regn. Sub. Dist. Kamareddy Z.P & Regn Dist. Nizamabad, as bounded by Boundaries of Flat: North: Open to Sky; South: Open to Sky; East: Flat no SF-1 and staircase; West: Open to Sky. Boundaries of the Land: North: 40 ft wide road; South: Plot no 50; East: Plot No 28; West: 33 ft wide road. Encumbrances known to the secured Creditor: Not Known

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**Date:** 11-03-2026 **AUTHORIZED OFFICER**  
**Place:** Jangampalli **UNION BANK OF INDIA**

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LPG PRICE HIKE BURDENS COMMON PEOPLE: INDIRA SHOBHAN

Secunderabad: Congress senior leader Indira Shobhan criticized the Central government over the recent hike in domestic LPG cylinder prices, stating that it has increased the financial burden on common and middle-class families.

Reacting to the Rs.60 increase in LPG prices, she said the cost of a domestic cylinder in Hyderabad has reached around Rs.965, making it difficult for many households to manage monthly expenses. She



alleged that while international crude oil prices

es sometimes decline, the benefits are not passed on to consumers.

Shobhan also said rising gas prices contradict the government's claims of promoting women's empowerment under the "Nari Shakti" slogan, as women are the most affected by kitchen expenses.

She urged the Centre to roll back the price hike and warned that the Indian National Congress would launch protests if the decision is not reconsidered.

RETIRED SP UDAY KUMAR REDDY APPOINTED SECRETARY OF POLICE SECURITY WING

Hyderabad: B. Shivadhar Reddy has appointed retired SP D. Uday Kumar Reddy as Secretary of the Police Security and Health Security Wing. The decision was taken during a meeting of the Security and Health Security Management Committee held at the DGP Office in



Hyderabad. Officials approved the appointment considering Uday Kumar Reddy's long experience in police administration. He previously served as

Superintendent of Police in Adilabad and Medak districts. The post became vacant following the recent demise of former Secretary A. Gopal Reddy, who served the wing for nearly two decades. Officials observed a two-minute silence to pay tribute to the late officer.

Telangana plans to hold Godavari Pushkaralu on Kumbh Mela Lines



Hyderabad (TSIT) The Government of

Telangana plans to organize the Godavari Pushkaralu on the lines of the Kumbh Mela with grand arrangements. A review meeting led by D. Sridhar Babu decided to develop infrastructure and facilities, expecting nearly eight crore devotees for the 2027 event.

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**Indian Overseas Bank**

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**Auction Sale Notice for Publication in Newspaper**

The under mentioned persons are hereby informed that they have failed to repay the loan accounts. Since the borrowers have failed to repay their dues under the facility, we will be conducting an auction of the pledged gold ornaments. Notices sent to them by Registered post and they are therefore advised to pay the loan dues and other charges to redeem the pledged gold ornaments on or before 24-03-2026 failing which the said securities will be sold by the bank in public auction at the cost of the borrower at the bank's premises at HIG 55, Jhansianekar Plaza, Road no 4, KPHB, Kukatpally Hyderabad - 500072 at 12.00 P.M on 24-03-2026 or on any other convenient date thereafter without further notice, at the absolute discretion of the bank.

The Bank has the right to reschedule or cancel the auction at any point of time. The auction proceeds shall be credited to the loan account and remaining outstanding if any after crediting the loan proceeds shall be recovered for the other liabilities of the Borrower. This final notice is applicable to the legal heirs of the borrower if the borrower is deceased.

We invite the bidders to take part in the Public Auction to be held at the bank's premises at HIG 55, Jhansianekar Plaza, Road no 4, KPHB, Kukatpally Hyderabad - 500072 at 12.00 P.M on 24-03-2026. Before commencement of auction, the bidders have to register their name with necessary KYC formalities and each bidder should deposit an earnest money of minimum of Rs. 1000/- before starting the auction. Immediately after the auction, the highest bidder should deposit 25% of the bid amount. The sale will be subject to confirmation by our higher authorities. In case the sale is confirmed the highest bidder should deposit the balance amount within 3 days from the date of receipt of intimation, confirming the sale and in the case of bidder default to do so, the deposit amount paid by him would be forfeited. In case the sale is not confirmed, the amount deposited by the bidder would be returned to him without any interest. The bank is not liable for the quality/quantity of the jewels. The bank reserves the right to accept or reject any bid without assigning any reason what-so-ever. GST at the prevailing rate in respective state has to be remitted by the bidder over and above the bid amount.

S. No. of Loan	Loan Number	Name and address of the borrower	Loan Amount (Rs.)	Gross weight (gms)	Loan Outstanding (Rs.) as on 20-12-2025	Date & Time of Auction	Place of Auction (branch address & contact no.)
1	21-12-2020	302703132000177 Shri Kumar Gaurav S/o Bhagirth Choudary Plot No : 70, Srirama Colony, Guttala Begumpet, Madhapur, Shaikpet, Kukatpally Hyderabad 500081	1,51,000/-	48	2,63,303/-	24-03-2026 11:30 AM	HIG55, Jhansi Sankar Plaza, Road no 4, KPHB, Kukatpally, Hyderabad - 500072

**Date:** 10-03-2026 **Branch Manager**

**Piramal Finance Limited**  
(Formerly Piramal Capital and Housing Finance Ltd)  
(herein after referred to as PFL / Secured Creditor) CIN: L65910MH1984PLC032639

**Registered Office:** Unit No.-601, 6th Floor, Piramal Amli Building, Piramal Agastya Corporate Park, Kamani Junction, Opp. Fire Station, S.S. Mang. Kurli (West), Mumbai - 400070.  
**Branch Address:** 'D' No. 1-1515, B168B17/A, Imperial Towers, 4th floor, Units-1, 2 & 8, Amerpet Main Road, Hyderabad-500016, Telangana

**POSSESSION NOTICE**

**For Immovable Property as per Rule 8(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 and Appendix- IV**

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of PIRAMAL FINANCE LIMITED, (Formerly Piramal Capital and Housing Finance Ltd) (herein after referred to as PFL / Secured Creditor) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorized Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (6) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Piramal Finance Ltd, (Formerly Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Ltd) (herein after referred to as PFL / Secured Creditor) for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Date of Possession
1.	(LC No. BLSA00000552 of Warangal Branch) Devi Rani Reddy (Borrower) Ramannay Reddy (Co Borrower 1)	All The Piece and Parcel of The Property Having an Extent- The Existing Roc Roof House With Open Place Property Bearing Gwmc H No. 16-3-1041/A Situated at Vidya Nagar Colony Fort Road Near Petrol Pump Warangal City & District (Urban) and Within The Limits of Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation Warangal City District (Urban) and Within Registration District Warangal and Jurisdiction of Joint Sub Registrar Office Warangal (Fort) Total Area of House With Open Place Measuring 159.50 Sq Yards or 133.35 Sq.mtrs. Boundaries As:- North:- House of Sadanandam West:- Open Plot of Srinivas Reddy East:- Open Plot of Narsaiah South:- 30 -0 Wide Road	Dr : 05-12-2025/ Rs. 20,10,200/- (Rs. Twenty Lakh Ten Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Only)	10-03-2026

**Date:** March 11, 2026 **Sd/- (Authorised Officer),**  
**Place:** Warangal **PIRAMAL FINANCE LIMITED**

**SHRIRAM Finance**

**SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE**

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of 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 its Incorporation Certificate dt. 13-11-2022) a corporate body registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian companies Act 1956, is a driving Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sr Towers, Plot No. 144, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-60032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (2), Building No. 02, Aarum Q, Parc, Gen 4/11, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Gansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710.

**Borrower Name and Address**

1) KRISHNA GOORE, S/O: GANESH SHASTRI GOORE & ALIAS GANAPATHI GOORE, AGE: 41 YEARS, OCC: SELF EMPLOYEE, R/O: H NO. 9-213, SHANTHI NAGAR, RAILWAY STATION ROAD, CHITYALA, NALGONDA DISTRICT-508114, B/O: PROPRIETOR OF 'M'S SRI LAXMI NARASIMHA SWAMY CABLE NETWORK', AT # GOLD STREET BAZAR, CHITYALA, NALGONDA DIST.508114, 984898159. 2) ASHWINI GOORE & ALIAS ASWINI GOORE, W/O: KRISHNA GOORE, AGE: 34 YEARS, OCC: HOUSE WIFE, R/O: H NO. 9-313, SHANTHI NAGAR, RAILWAY STATION ROAD, CHITYALA, NALGONDA DISTRICT.508114, 8341129764, 9959929764. 3) SHEKHAR MASA, S/O: YADIAH MASA, AGE: 40 YEARS, OCC: SELF EMPLOYEE, R/O: H NO. 3-127, GOLD SMITH BAZAR, CHITYALA, NALGONDA DISTRICT. 508114, 9052530305. ....Borrowers/Co-borrower/Guarantors/Legal heirs

**ATTAFF/170816002-DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:** Property holder Name is GOORE KRISHNA, Mortgage deed dated 17.08.2017 Registered as Document No.80972710 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at NALGONDA(R.O)

**ITEM NO.1:ALL THAT THE PLOT NO.213, IN SURVEY NO.299, ADMEASURING 200 SQUARE YARDS OR 167.22 SQUARE METERS SITUATED AT AKENAPALLY/VARILINGOTAM VILLAGE, NARKETPALLY MANDAL, NALGONDA DISTRICT AND Bounded as follows: TOWARDS EAST: PLOT NO.168, TOWARDS WEST: 40' FEET WIDE ROAD, TOWARDS NORTH: PLOT NO.214, TOWARDS SOUTH: PLOT NO.212.**

**ITEM NO.1:ALL THAT THE OPEN HOUSE PLOT IN SURVEY NO.229/LUU, BLOCK NO.9, INSIDE RESIDENTIAL ZONE, ADMEASURING 213.43 SQUARE YARDS OR 178.45 SQUARE METERS SITUATED AT NEAR SANTOSH NAGAR, CHITYALA VILLAGE AND MANDAL, NALGONDA DISTRICT AND Bounded as follows: TOWARDS EAST: 12' 0" INTERNAL WAY, TOWARDS WEST: PLOT OF PALLE BHARTHAMMA, ACTUAL: HOUSE NO. 9.414, (PRESENT: HOUSE OF PALLE BHARTHAMMA), TOWARDS NORTH: PLOT OF INTERNAL WAY, TOWARDS SOUTH: PLOT OF MD. CHAND PASHA (PRESENT HOUSE OF MD. CHAND PASHA).**

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

**Date:** 09.03.2026 **Sd/-Authorised Officer,**  
**Place:** NALGONDA. **Shriram Finance Ltd.**

S. No.	Sy. No.	Dry / Wet	Right Govt/ Patta	Name of the Patta / Occupant / Enjoyer & Name of Father / Husband	Extent to be acquired Ac-Gts	Area	Remarks
69	411	Dry	Patta	Mohan Reddy S/o Balaswami Reddy	00.10	-	
70	411	Dry	Patta	1. Mohan Reddy S/o Balaswami Reddy, 2. J. Prathap Reddy S/o Balaswami Reddy, 3. J. Vishnu Vasudhan Reddy S/o Bhuchareddy	01.18	-	
71	387	Dry	Patta	R. Shivudu S/o Ganyau	00.17	-	
72	387	Dry	Patta	Manemba W/o Narasimha	00.17	-	
73	387	Dry	Patta	Lambadi Balya S/o Ganyau	00.17	-	
74	387	Dry	Patta	R. Shankar S/o Ganyau	00.17	-	
75	387	Dry	Patta	Sabavath Babu S/o Meghya	00.07	-	
76	387	Dry	Patta	Rathlavath Shivudu S/o Narasimha	00.05	-	
77	386	Dry	Patta	K. Dudy S/o Kishtya K. Shanakamma W/o Dudy	00.24	(1) Bore & (1) Open Well	
78	386	Dry	Patta	K. Tulsiya S/o Kishtya, K. Chowli W/o Thulsiya	00.24		
79	386	Dry	Patta	K. Ramulu S/o Kishtya	00.11	1/2	
80	386	Dry	Patta	K. Vasuramu S/o Lalau	00.09	-	
81	386	Dry	Patta	Katravath Lokhya S/o Kishtya	00.11	1/2	
82	389	Dry	Patta	Sabavath Shivanna S/o Meghya	00.20	-	
83	389	Dry	Patta	Sabavath Thirupathi S/o Meghya	00.20	-	
84	384	Dry	Patta	Sariya S/o Basayya	00.11	-	
85	384	Dry	Patta	Katravath Chinnala Lokhya S/o Kishtya	00.11	-	
86	384	Dry	Patta	Sardar Nayak S/o Gony	00.11	-	
87	384	Dry	Patta	Venkat Nayak S/o Gony	00.11	-	
88	384	Dry	Patta	Sabavath Babu S/o Meghya	00.11	Bore & Pipeline	
89	384	Dry	Patta	Tulsiya S/o Kishtya	00.11	-	
90	384	Dry	Patta	Vasuram S/o Davulala	00.11	-	
91	384	Dry	Patta	Ramulu S/o Kishtya	00.11	-	
92	384	Dry	Patta	Sabavath Lal S/o Devulala (Pattadar) K. Thirupathi S/o Lachya K. Krishna S/o Golu K. Venkataiah S/o Nanya (Cultivator)	00.30	-	
93	384	Dry	Patta	Ramdas S/o Kasnya (Pattadar) K. Thirupathi S/o Lachya K. Krishna S/o Golu K. Venkataiah S/o Nanya (Cultivator)	00.34	-	
94	384	Dry	Patta	Narasimha S/o Meghya (Pattadar) K. Thirupathi S/o Lachya K. Krishna S/o Golu K. Venkataiah S/o Nanya (Cultivator)	00.12	-	
95	382	Dry	Patta	Vadla Kalavathamma W/o Satyanarayana	00.16	1/2	
96	382	Dry	Patta	K. Ravindra Chari S/o Satyanarayana Chari	00.16	1/2	
97	381	Dry	Patta	Katravath Laxmi W/o K. Laxma	02.08	Open Well & Pipe line	
98	380	Dry	Patta	Katravath Chinnala Lokhya S/o Kishtya	00.32	Open Well & Pipe line	
99	380	Dry	Patta	Katravath Rajya S/o Thulsiya	0.32	Pipeline	
100	380	Dry	Patta	Naramma W/o Chattru	00.26	1/2	
101	380	Dry	Patta	Bojjamma S/o Tavarila	00.26	1/2	
102	380	Dry	Patta	Chavali W/o Gopal	00.26	1/2	
103	380	Dry	Patta	Mangamma W/o Narayana	00.26	1/2	
104	370	Dry	Patta	R. Tej Kumar S/o Bal Reddy	00.32	-	
105	370	Dry	Patta	Maheshwar Reddy S/o Ramachandra Reddy	00.16	-	
106	370	Dry	Patta	Venkateshwar Reddy S/o Ramachandra Reddy	00.16		

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APPENDIX IV Rule 8(1) POSSESSION NOTICE Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of PIRAMAL FINANCE LIMITED, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorized Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

1. Uni Code: BLSA000478 BRANCH NAME: Hyderabad-Himayat Nagar Ramesh Reddy Gurni All the piece and Parcel of the Property bearing All that the house No. 18-447 & 18-448 Old, New No.18-589, in Survey Nos. 78 and 83, total area 180 Sq Yds. Or 150.49 Sq Mtrs. A.C. Street, plinth Manchester (Adilabad), 1 B 502/20, Adilabad, Adilabad, Telangana 504206.

2. Uni Code: BLSA001753 BRANCH NAME: Hyderabad-Ameerpet Main Shaik Shaheer Property Address: H.No. 387, Ganesh Nagar, S/O.293, Choutuppal Village, Choutuppal, Nalgonda-502522, Telangana Shaik Shaheer Resident Address: H.No. 387, Ganesh Nagar, Choutuppal Mandalam, Choutuppal, Nalgonda-502522, Telangana Shaik Shaheer Office Address: Shaheer Poultry Traders, H.No.387, Main Road, Ganesh Nagar, Choutuppal, Nalgonda-502522, Telangana

3. Uni Code: HLSA004133 & HLSA004133U BRANCH NAME: Tirupati Anandavara Resident Address: 12 11 833/416, Boudhnagar Warangal, Warangal, Telangana Anandavara Resident Address: 113 415/58 27, Amber Nagar Pansu Gutta, Sitaphalmand, Secourdebad, Hyderabad-500061, Telangana Anandavara Office Address: Nakhathra Enterprises, New Tula Shopping Complex, Shop No.2, Near ESI Hospital, Tripuri 2, M R Pali, Chittoor-517501, Andhra Pradesh Anandavara Kurunakar 12 11 833/416, Boudhnagar Warangal, Warangal, Telangana

4. Uni Code: M027432 BRANCH NAME: Hyderabad-Ameerpet Main Mahesh Kumar Gopal Property Address: H.No. 12 2/Duplex House No. 69, 5/57 & Prasanna Nilayam Bachupally Village Sy No. 156, 65 B Par Lower Tank Bund Road Hyderabad Barf, with the built up area of 1620 Sq Ft in Ground floor, 1st Floor (Head Room) along with land measuring 150.0 Sq Yards, or 125.4 Sq Mtrs. (Total of A.C. 416 STS.) and named this venture as Srinivasa Lake View Villa situated at Bachupally Village & Mandal under Warangal Municipal Corporation Medchal - Malkajgiri District and bounded by East-West Wide Road, West Plot No. 8, North 30' 0" Wide Road, South Plot No. 65, B Par, Hyderabad, Telangana-500092.

5. Uni Code: H68000436 BRANCH NAME: Warangal Narasimhaswamy Betham Property Address: Plot No.1, sy no.645, Prashanti Nagar Wadapally Revenue Village Near Telangana Chowara Hanamkonda, Warangal Telangana - 506002 Narasimhaswamy Betham Resident Address: H.No.2, Colony, Phases - Wadapally Hanamkonda, Warangal Telangana - 506370 Narasimhaswamy Betham Office Address: Community Health Centre Wadhapally Village Warangal District, Warangal Telangana - 506313 Sunitha Betham H No. 2-10-538, Teachers Colony, Phase - I Wadapally, Hanamkonda Warangal Telangana - 506370

6. Uni Code: HLSA0008DF3 BRANCH NAME: Hyderabad-Ameerpet Main Mahamed Fazel Property Address: H.No.15-131A, Plot No.76, Survey No.156, On Plot Situated At Balapur Village, Jatpally Gate, K.V. Ranga Reddy Telangana - 500005 Mahamed Fazel Resident Address: House No.7 38 11 Sadath Nagar Erankuta Balapur K.V Ranga Reddy Telangana - 500005 Nariya Begum House No.7 38 11 Sadath Nagar Erankuta Balapur K.V Ranga Reddy Telangana - 500005

MINISTERS UNVEIL POSTER OF 13TH ASIAN TEXTILE CONFERENCE

Hyderabad (TSIT) : Ministers unveiled the poster for the 13th Asian Textile Conference, marking the launch of preparations for the prestigious international event related to the textile sector. Senior officials present at the occasion included TGIIC Managing Director Shashank, Chief Secretary Ramakrishna Rao, and Handlooms & Textiles Department Principal Secretary Shailaja Ramaiyer, among others. The event highlighted Telangana's growing focus on strengthening the textile and handloom sector and promoting the state as a key hub for textile innovation and industry collaboration.

TELANGANA POLICE LAUNCH 'OPERATION CRACKDOWN 1.0' AGAINST CYBER FRAUD NETWORKS

Hyderabad: Shikha Goel revealed details of a major enforcement drive titled "Operation Crackdown 1.0" conducted by the Telangana Cyber Security Bureau to curb cyber fraud networks. The operation, carried out across Telangana on February 25, targeted mule bank accounts used by cyber criminals. A total of 137 police teams with 512 personnel inspected 137 bank branches and verified 1,888 suspicious accounts linked to about 9,451 cybercrime cases involving losses of nearly Rs.100 crore. Police registered 549 FIRs, identified 626 suspects and arrested 208 persons. Seized items include mobile phones, bank passbooks and cheque books.

HARMFUL CHEMICAL DYES USED IN CHICKEN CLEANING RAISE HEALTH CONCERNS

Warangal: Officials and consumer activists have raised concerns over the alleged use of harmful chemical dyes instead of turmeric while cleaning chicken at several shops in the city. A joint inspection was conducted at chicken centres in Pochamma Maidan and Kashi Bugga areas by Palpepud Damodar along with Sambaraju Chakrapani and Food Safety Officer Mounika.

Union Bank BRANCH NAME- NEW TOWN KAMAREDDY Address- NGOS Colony Kamareddy -503111, Contact No: 9902112725. Sale Notice For Sale Of Immovable Properties 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 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Bank of Baroda Warangal Branch, Seetarama Complex Station Road, Warangal - 506002. POSSESSION NOTICE Rule 8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Bank of Baroda, Warangal Branch under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 54 of 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Sec.13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a Demand notice dated 18.12.2025 calling upon the borrowers / guarantors Mrs Banda Bhagyalaxmi alias Veeramalla Bhagyalaxmi and Veeramalla Rajesh Reddy to repay the amount mentioned in the notice aggregating Rs.8,60,179/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Sixty Thousand One Hundred Seventy Nine only) + interest thereon and other expenses, thereon within 30 days from the date of the receipt of the said notice.

Union Bank SIDDIPT MAIN BRANCH Address- 11-151, Medak Road, Siddipet Contact No: 8919551105. Sale Notice For Sale Of Immovable Properties 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 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

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**FOCUS ON IMPROVING INFRASTRUCTURE IN GOVT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**



Sangareddy, March 10 (TSIT)Nirmala Jaggareddy held a review meeting with P. Praveena, Collector of Sangareddy, on improving infrastructure in government schools and colleges. Officials discussed building classrooms, hostels, toilets and drinking water facilities to strengthen public education.

**PMJJBY CHEQUE DISTRIBUTION IN THOTAPALLI**

**THE SOUTH INDIA TIMES**  
**HUSNABAD** ♦ **MARCH 10** :In Thotapalli village, Husnabad Mandal, Siddipet District, an insurance cheque worth Rs.2 lakhs—sanctioned under the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) scheme—was distributed to an affected family on Tuesday. Polu Bhikshapathi, a resident of the village, passed away last year due to illness. As he held PMJJBY insurance coverage through the UBI Husnabad branch, an insurance claim of Rs.2 lakhs was sanctioned by the government. Accordingly, the cheque for the said insurance amount was handed over to the deceased's wife, Polu Rajitha, by UBI Husnabad Branch Manager Sanjeev Kumar and Village Sarpanch Banka Lakshmi Chandu. Village Secretary Mahender, bank staff member Raju, BC Ellayya, and CFL team members Saikumar, Anil, Ashok, among others, participated in this event.

**PROTEST OVER BHOODAN HUTS DRAWS POLITICAL ATTENTION**

Khammam (TSIT): A prolonged protest by Jagruti leader Kavitha in support of residents of Bhoodan huts in Velugumatta turned into a major talking point in Khammam district. Stating that she would not stage symbolic protests and would stand by the victims until a decision was reached, Kavitha continued the agitation for nearly 20 hours, keeping the police and officials on their toes. The protest revived the debate over the Velugumatta land issue, which had been simmering after authorities demolished huts in the Bhoodan lands on February 24. While leaders from various political parties had earlier visited the affected families and expressed solidarity, Kavitha's day-long sit-in and hunger strike brought fresh attention to the issue and triggered political discussions

**Women's welfare a top priority in Telangana: Collector.**



Mancherial, March 10, TSIT :Stating that the welfare and empowerment of women is a top priority for the Telangana government, District Collector Kumar Deepak said several initiatives are being implemented to strengthen women socially and economically. The Collector was speaking at the International Women's Day celebrations held at the Integrated District Offices Complex in Naspur on Tuesday. He said the government was

encouraging women, particularly members of Self-Help Groups, to take up various economic activities through the Indra Mahila Shakti scheme, including management of solar power plants, petrol bunks, Indra Shakti canteens and backyard poultry units. He said several welfare measures such as free bus travel for women, subsidised LPG cylinders, 200 units of free electricity under the Gruha Jyothi scheme and Indiramma housing were being imple-

**TRAFFIC POLICE SEIZE 57 AUTOS IN SPECIAL DRIVE IN KARIMNAGAR**



Karimnagar, March 10: City traffic police conducted a special enforcement drive and seized 57 autos for violating traffic rules near the local bus stand. The drive was carried out on the instructions of Traffic ACP Yadagiri Swamy. During the checks, police mainly focused on auto-rickshaws and found several vehicles operating without proper documents.

**CONSTABLE DIES IN ROAD ACCIDENT**

**WARANGAL**, March 10, TSIT : Venkat Reddy, who was working as a City Guard Constable in Warangal Commissionerate City Armed Division, was seriously injured in a road accident at Fatima Junction in Kazipet area on Tuesday. The deceased constable has wife and a son. Police officials and staff have expressed their deep condolences on this occasion.



**MP VAMSI KRISHNA RAISES ISSUES ON RFCL, PARLIAMENT FUNCTIONING**



Mancherial, March 10: Gaddam Vamsi Krishna criticized the policies of the Union Government, alleging that national interests are being compromised under the leadership of Narendra Modi. Speaking to reporters, the MP termed the Union Budget disappointing and said several schemes announced earlier remain unimplemented. He also alleged that opposition members are not being given adequate opportunities to speak in Lok Sabha and pointed out that the delay in appointing a Deputy Speaker is against constitutional spirit. Vamsi Krishna also expressed concern over the functioning of Ramagundam Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited, stating that the plant is operating at around 70 percent capacity.

**PAC CHAIRMAN AREKAPUDI GANDHI PARTICIPATED IN PRAJA VANI AT MIYAPUR CIRCLE OFFICE**

SERILINGAMPALLY TSIT: Public Accounts Committee (PAC) Chairman and Serilingampally MLA Sri Arekapudi Gandhi participated in the Praja Vani programme at the Miyapur Circle main office, alongside Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner Smt. Shashirekha and other officials. During the session, Gandhi reviewed public grievances and directed officials to respond immediately to urgent complaints, ensuring no hardships for residents. He emphasized accountability, timely resolution of every petition, and constant availability of officials to the public. Several colony residents directly presented their issues, including problems with roads and drainage. Gandhi instructed officials to take prompt action on these representations and provide all basic amenities without delay. Highlighting comprehensive and balanced development in Serilingampally constituency, he called for proposals from every division to address infrastructure needs. He stressed prioritizing urgent works, accelerating ongoing projects, completing pending ones swiftly, and ensuring seamless coordination among departments without any compromise on development quality.



**GVMC HOLDS WORKSHOP ON WATER SECURITY FOR VISAKHAPATNAM'S FUTURE**

Visakhapatnam: Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation organized a high-level workshop on "Capital Investment Planning for the Water Sector in Visakhapatnam Metropolitan Area" at Novotel Visakhapatnam Varun Beach to discuss long-term water security for the city. Mavor Peela Srinivasa Rao attended the programme along with



senior officials including N. Yuvaraj, S. Suresh Kumar and District Collector M. N. Harendhira Prasad. Officials noted that Visakhapatnam's water demand may increase from 400 MLD to about 726 MLD by 2040 due to rapid industrial growth. GVMC Commissioner Ketan Garg said the corporation is preparing a scientific water security plan with support from International Finance Corporation and Singapore's PUB consultants.

**Cultural Fest Marks Andhra University Centenary Celebrations**



Visakhapatnam: As part of the centenary celebrations of Andhra University, a vibrant cultural festival was organized at the AU Convention Center on Beach Road. The event, conducted by the AU United Club, showcased the artistic talents of students through classical, folk and western dance performances. Vice-Chancellor G. P. Rajasekhar inaugurated the programme and praised the students for their outstanding performances, noting that their dedication, practice and coordination were clearly reflected on stage. Students performed mythological and epic themes, including scenes from the Ramayana and the incarnation of Lord Narasimha, receiving huge applause from the audience. The celebrations began with a classical dance by Yamini Priyanka, followed by semi-classical, mime, western dance and parody performances. During the event, the Vice-Chancellor also released the poster for the upcoming "Andhra Vishwa Kala Parishad Arts Festival." Faculty members, officials and a large number of students attended the programme.

**Women Play Key Role in Healthcare: Dr. D. Lakshmi Tulasi**



Visakhapatnam: On the occasion of International Women's Day, the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) in collaboration with Dr. Luke's Campus, St. Luke's School and College of Nursing, Endada, organized a programme titled "Women Nurses: Building a Healthier Visakhapatnam." GVMC Assistant Medical Officer Dr. D. Lakshmi Tulasi attended the event as the chief guest and said nurses play a crucial role in building a healthy society. She noted that women form the majority in the medical and nursing professions and contribute significantly to protecting public health and community well-being. The programme was held in the presence of St. Luke's College of Nursing Principal Prof. V. Prabhavathi and Vice-Principal Dr. Nagamalli. Nursing students, faculty and staff actively participated in the event. As part of the celebrations, a rally was organized with students and guests to spread health awareness among the public.

**SELF-GOVERNMENT DAY CELEBRATED AT KOTHAGUDA SCHOOL**



Mahabubabad (TSIT) Self-Government Day was celebrated with enthusiasm at Mandal Parishad Higher Primary School in Kothaguda, Mahabubabad District. Students acted as teachers and administrators for a day, showcasing leadership skills. Officials and teachers appreciated the initiative encouraging discipline and responsibility among students.

**HOUSE SITE PATTAS FOR BHOODAN VICTIMS**



Khammam (TSIT): House site pattas will be distributed to eligible families who lost their homes in the Bhoodan lands at Velugumatta in the Khammam Municipal Corporation limits. The programme will be held under the supervision of three ministers from the district, officials said. The government has decided to allot plots to the affected families and construct houses for them under the Indiramma Housing Scheme following the recent demolitions.

**CAREER GUIDANCE SEMINAR HELD AT GOVT DEGREE COLLEGE HAYAT NAGAR**



Hyderabad (TSIT) A career guidance seminar on higher education and employment opportunities was held at Government Degree College Hayat Nagar in collaboration with Telangana Skill and Knowledge Centre. Experts guided final-year students on PG courses, entrance exams and job opportunities. Principal P. Suresh Babu encouraged students to plan their careers wisely.

**Federal Bank Donates Rs.28 Lakh Ambulance to SVIMS**



Tirupati (TSIT) Federal Bank Tirupati branch donated an ambulance worth Rs.28 lakh to Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences (SVIMS) Hospital under CSR funds. The vehicle was handed over to Vice-Chancellor R. V. Kumar to support medical services for poor patients.

**Electricity Employees Protest Against Amendment Bill**

Karimnagar, March 10, TSIT : Members of Telangana Electricity Employees JAC staged a protest at the NPDCL circle office in Karimnagar against the proposed Electricity Amendment Bill-2025.

**AINEF Demands Restoration of Railway Concessions for Journalists**

Vijayawada, March 10: All India Newspaper Employees Federation (AINEF) has urged the Union Government to restore concessional railway passes for accredited journalists in the country. In a statement, AINEF National Senior Vice President Chaladi Purnachandra Rao said the railway concession facility was cancelled in March 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic and has not been restored since then. He said journalists received the railway pass facility after a long struggle and discontinuing it is unjust. Rao pointed out that the Railways earlier provided passes with 50 percent concession and journalists were expecting further benefits, but the facility was completely withdrawn. He appealed to the Union Government to restore the concession in the ongoing budget session. He also requested the Centre to exempt journalists' vehicles from national highway toll fees similar to those given to defence and paramilitary personnel.

**5K Peace Walk Promotes Harmony and Compassion in Hyderabad**

Hyderabad, March: A massive 5K Peace Walk promoting love, harmony and compassion for all living beings was organized in the city by Ahimsa Paramo Dharma Alliance Foundation in collaboration with Deltacubes Technology. The walk began at Secunderabad Parade Ground and concluded at Buddha Vihara Temple in Mahendra Hills, with large participation from volunteers, social activists and citizens.

Founder Santosh Pulluri said kindness and empathy are essential for building a peaceful society. Nearly 200

visually impaired students from Devnar School and several Buddhist monks participated in the march, inspiring many with their determination. Deltacubes Technology supported the event through its CSR initiative, with employees actively volunteering for the cause. The organizers thanked Telangana Police for ensuring smooth traffic management and participant safety. The walk concluded with peaceful prayers at Buddha Vihara, spreading a message of unity, compassion and global peace.



**Collector Dasari Harichandana Inspires a New Generation of Women Leaders**

Hyderabad: Hyderabad District Collector Dasari Harichandana continues to stand out as a symbol of innovative governance and women empowerment, inspiring thousands of women across the district through her progressive initiatives and people-centric administration.

Known for her dynamic approach and commitment to social welfare, Collector Harichandana has consistently promoted programmes that empower women economically, socially, and educationally. Her leadership has encouraged the strengthening of women self-help groups, skill development programmes, and entrepreneurship opportunities, enabling women to become financially independent and confident leaders in their communities.

As part of her efforts, the district administration has been actively encouraging



women-led start-ups, digital literacy training, and sustainable livelihood initiatives. These initiatives are helping women from both urban and rural backgrounds gain access to new opportunities and improve their quality of life. Speaking on the occasion of Women's Day, Collector Harichandana emphasized that women are the backbone of society and key drivers of sustainable development. She noted that empowering women through education, technology, and economic opportunities will lead to stronger families and a more progres-

sive society. Under her guidance, several awareness programmes focusing on health, education, financial literacy, and safety for women have been organized across Hyderabad district. These initiatives aim to create a supportive ecosystem where women can grow, innovate, and contribute actively to society. Officials and community leaders have praised Collector Harichandana's innovative governance style, stating that her dedication and visionary leadership are inspiring many young women to pursue careers in public service and leadership roles.

On this Women's Day, Hyderabad district celebrates Collector Dasari Harichandana not only as an efficient administrator but also as a role model who continues to champion the cause of women empowerment and inclusive development.

**Special Actions for Integrated Development of Warangal**

- OPENING OF SUPER SPECIALTY HOSPITAL SOON
- CONE LAYING FOR UNDERGROUND WORKS
- DEVELOPMENT WORKS ON WAR FOOTING
- DISTRICT PEOPLE'S REPRESENTATIVES ON WARANGAL URBAN DEVELOPMENT
- MINISTER PONGULETI'S LONG REVIEW WITH OFFICIALS

Hyderabad, March 10, TSIT : The government under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is taking special steps for the comprehensive development of Warangal city. Earliest Warangal District In-charge Minister State Revenue, Housing and Information Civil Relations Department Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy ordered the officials to work in accordance with the government's ideas. Along with Devadaya, Forest Minister Konda Surekha conducted a review on the development

of Warangal district in his office in the Secretariat on Tuesday. Speaking on this occasion, Minister Ponguleti said that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has paid special attention to the development of Warangal city with the firm determination to develop Warangal like Hyderabad city. It has been suggested that the speed of implementation of the decisions taken by the government for the development of Warangal city should be increased and the development works should be undertaken according to the needs of the people. He suggested that the various progress works undertaken in Warangal district, which has the highest priority after Hyderabad, should be completed by 2nd June, and Chief Minister Revanth Reddy should work tirelessly to start it. Regarding Bhadrakali temple development works and Bhadrakali pond de-

siltation issues, it is suggested to take appropriate steps to construct the streets of the temple with Krishna Shila. The head regulator of Bhadrakali pond wants to speed up land acquisition in terms of infall and outfall. He said that the construction work of Warangal Super Specialty Hospital, which was abandoned by the previous government, has been completed and steps should be taken to make it available to the people by June. Construction works of this hospital, provision of hospital supplies, He ordered to complete the work immediately for the appointment of all the staff from doctors. They want to speed up the acquisition of land for the Young India Integrated Residential School sanctioned in Warangal West Constituency along with Inner Ring Road and Outer Ring Road.

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ELECTION SCHEDULE OF THE TELANGANA REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES COOPERATIVE CREDIT SOCIETY LTD., Hyderabad District

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SEETHAKKA LAYS FOUNDATION FOR WORKING WOMEN'S HOSTEL



Danasari Anasuya Seethakka laid the foundation stone for a Working Women's Hostel in Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad. The Rs.20-

MINISTERS RELEASE ATEXCON-2026 BROCHURE IN HYDERABAD



Hyderabad: Telangana Ministers Tummala Nageswara Rao and Duddilla Sridhar Babu released the brochure for the 13th Asian Textile Conference - ATEXCON-2026 titled "Re-imagining the Future of Global Textiles".

GHMC COMMISSIONER INSPECTS IDH COLONY, ORDERS PARK DEVELOPMENT

Hyderabad (TSIT): R. V. Karnan, Commissioner of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, inspected the IDH Double Bedroom Colony in Hyderabad and directed officials to develop children's parks and improve sanitation.



AINU BANJARA HILLS REVAMPS IP BLOCK TO IMPROVE PATIENT CARE



Hyderabad (TSIT) Asian Institute of Nephrology and Urology (AINU), Banjara Hills inaugurated its revamped Inpatient Block to enhance patient comfort and medical services.

IKARUS & INVICTA 2026 FEST BEGINS AT KGCET

Moinabad (TSIT) KG Reddy College of Engineering and Technology inaugurated the four-day IKARUS and INVICTA 2026 fest at Moinabad. The event was inaugurated by T. Kishen Kumar Reddy, Vice Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University Hyderabad.

MAHESH KUMAR GOUD DISTRIBUTES RAMZAN TOFA IN NIZAMABAD Nizamabad (TSIT) Mahesh Kumar Goud, President of Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee, distributed Ramzan Tofa kits to Muslim families in Nizamabad.

RARE LAPAROSCOPIC SURGERY PERFORMED AT KIMS KONDAPUR



Hyderabad (TSIT) Doctors at KIMS Hospitals, Kondapur successfully performed a rare laparoscopic Whipple's surgery on a kidney transplant patient diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

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GITAM DISTRIBUTES FREE STATIONERY KITS TO GOVT SCHOOL STUDENTS



Hyderabad (TSIT) GITAM Deemed to be University, Hyderabad distributed free stationery kits to students of primary schools and Zilla Parishad High School in Rudraram, Sangareddy district.

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# EDITORIAL

## How India Should Navigate A 'New' Nepal

On March 5, 2026, Nepal went to the polls in a snap general election for its 275-member House of Representatives, the first electoral test after the tumultuous protests of September 2025 that forced the resignation of then Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli. The vote, held amid intense political ferment, drew roughly 60% turnout from over 18.9 million registered voters, including nearly one million first-time Gen Z voters. The verdict has been nothing short of transformative. The four-year-old Rastriya Swatantra Party (RSP), led by rapper-turned-politician Balendra Shah - widely known as Balen - delivered a stunning performance, capturing 120 of the 165 first-past-the-post seats and emerging as the largest force in proportional representation with 49.14% of the vote. This places the party on course to command around 180 seats overall, a decisive majority. The election simultaneously marked the collapse of Nepal's traditional political order. The once-dominant Nepali Congress was reduced to 17 seats, a fall of seventy-two from 2022, while the Communist Party of Nepal - Unified Marxist-Leninist (CPN-UML) secured only seven seats, down seventy-one. The Nepal Communist Party (NCP) also slipped to seven seats. Smaller formations such as the Shram Sanskriti Party managed three seats, while the Rastriya Prajatantra Party and a handful of independents secured single victories. The symbolism of the moment was underlined in Jhapa-5, where Shah defeated Oli himself-an outcome widely read as the electorate's repudiation of the entrenched political elite. Finalised by 8 March, the results effectively clear the path for an RSP-led government, most likely under Shah's leadership, bringing to an end a prolonged cycle of instability that has produced fourteen governments in seventeen years.

Several factors converged to produce this dramatic political shift. At the heart of the upheaval lay the Gen Z protests of 2025, triggered by Oli's controversial decision to ban 26 social media platforms, a move widely perceived as an attempt to silence youth dissent. The ban collided with mounting frustrations over youth unemployment - exceeding 20 per cent among those aged 15-24 - and a steady exodus of talent, with roughly 1,500 Nepalis leaving the country daily. What began as online activism under hashtags such as #NepoKid, targeting corruption and dynastic politics, quickly spilled onto the streets. The "Day of Rage" protests of September 8-9 in 2025 left 76 people dead and more than 2,000 injured, precipitating Oli's resignation and the dissolution of parliament on 12 September 2025. An interim administration led by Sushila Karki-Nepal's first female prime minister-oversaw the transition to elections. The broader political context amplified the revolt. Since the democratic opening of the 1990s, Nepali politics has largely revolved around the Congress-UML axis, but persistent factionalism and corruption scandals have steadily eroded public confidence. Against this backdrop, the RSP successfully projected itself as a vehicle of generational change. Shah's profile - cultivated during his tenure as mayor of Kathmandu - combined anti-corruption rhetoric with a populist appeal rooted in digital mobilisation. The party's centrist-liberal platform, promising transparency, institutional reform and economic revitalisation, resonated strongly in youth-heavy constituencies such as Jhapa-5, where turnout surged. The fragmentation of the political field-143 parties and over 3,400 candidates-further advantaged the RSP, whose social media-driven campaign proved adept at aggregating protest sentiment, even absorbing smaller reformist groups such as the Bibeksheel Sajha Party. For Nepal, the implications of this verdict are both promising and uncertain. The RSP's dominance signals a generational reset in a political system long criticised for stagnation. Its manifesto promises anti-corruption commissions, greater transparency and youth representation in governance, reflecting the aspirations of the protest movement that propelled it to power.

## The One Big Reason This Indian T20i Team Is A Nightmare For The Rest

It was fitting in a way to see that the first two Indian cricketers being interviewed together on the field after India's mind-bogglingly one-sided thrashing of the Kiwis in the final of the T20 World Cup were Abhishek Sharma and Varun Chakravarty. Over the course of the two must-win knockout matches that India played in the tournament (the virtual quarter-final against the Windies and the semi-final vs England) before the final, the Indian T20 juggernaut that had struck fear in the hearts of the rest of the cricket playing world over the last two years was well and truly up and running again, finding that crucial element that fuels T20 teams more than any other - momentum. The only two big question marks that remained ahead of the summit clash were hanging heavy on Abhishek and Varun. Ironically, for many, the top-ranked T20i batter and bowler in the world didn't deserve a place in the playing XI for the final. Those of us who have followed Indian cricket for years knew that the team management would never tinker with a winning combination, regardless of form concerns for a couple of key players and that too just before the last match of the tournament. India went in with an unchanged XI, and Abhishek had a great day in the office, while Varun, though expensive, was amongst the wickets. And with that, almost every box was ticked for a national team that represents a country which became the first to win three men's T20 World Cup titles. The records that were made and broken, of course, don't just end there. India has also become the first team to successfully defend the title and also the first host nation (co-hosts this time with Sri Lanka) to win the cup. But these records will be merely of academic interest in the corridors of power of Indian cricket. The biggest takeaway of this World Cup win will be a crown that was not amongst the prizes that were handed out on Sunday night - that of being hands-down the best and most ruthless T20i machine in world cricket. One that is so far ahead of the others that a single blip, like the shock loss vs South Africa in the Super Eights, is viewed as a major catastrophe. India had absolutely dominated bilateral T20i cricket from after the 2024 edition of the World Cup (in which they were unbeaten) till before the beginning of this edition, winning eight consecu-



tive bilateral T20i series. Everyone knew what this team was capable of. But a World Cup title is the final, biggest seal of approval and stamp of authority. Suryakumar Yadav might have become the third Indian captain - after MS Dhoni and Rohit Sharma - but his team has become perhaps the first T20i set of players who are not just world champions, but the absolute bosses of the shortest format of the game on the international stage. The one thing that I fervently stressed on while doing a pre-match analysis was Team India's big-match temperament. In my mind, there is a gulf the size of the Antarctic Ocean between India and every other team when it comes to the mental toughness that is required to play a World Cup final, regardless of what happened just before that or how they got there. Remember how the men in blue struggled a bit in the initial stages of the tournament, even against "minnows" and were searching for that "complete game", that absolutely clinical performance that was expected of the top-ranked T20i team in the world that had blown away all opposition in its path? We didn't really see that happen consistently in the league stage as such (though the win against Pakistan was not a nerve-wracking one), and neither in the Super Eights (India lost to South Africa, and even

Zimbabwe made 184 against Surya and co.). Every Indian cricket fan had their hearts in their mouths in the second semi-final, where England, thanks to a blitzkrieg of a knock by Jacob Bethell (105 off 48), almost chased down a mammoth 254-run target. But in the final, facing a team they had never beaten before in the history of the tournament (NZ had a 3-0 win-loss record against India at the men's T20 World Cup before this final), we were served a performance that was so clinical - in both the batting and bowling departments (the fielding, especially catching needs to be worked on) - that the contest (if it can be called that) had lost all its sting inside the first 10 overs of the second innings and incredibly bordered on being "boring". The final result? A huge 96-run win for India that meant that the trophy that was won back in 2024 was not going anywhere. Who would have envisaged this almost complete performance and show of dominance when in their first match of the tournament India were reduced to 77/6 against the USA, or when Namibia, ranked 15th in the ICC T20i team rankings topped nine Indian wickets or when the Netherlands managed to get up to 176/7, with India winning that encounter by just 17 runs, or when South Africa shot out the overwhelming pre-tournament

favourites for just 111, handing them a 76 run loss? Even if India were to win, it wasn't going to be easy. South Africa had emerged as serious title contenders - just like they did in 2024. And just like in 2024, we knew that if India had to win the title, they would have to find a way to beat Aiden Markram and his team. An India vs South Africa final seemed almost destined to happen. And then the almost unthinkable happened. The Proteas were hit by the Allen-Seifert storm in the first semi-final. It was a play so much out of left field that it stunned even the staunchest of Kiwi supporters. An unbeaten 33-ball century - the first century ever in a T20 World Cup knockout match, and that too the fastest, a 117-run first wicket stand, a more than comfortable nine-wicket win inside 13 overs against a tournament favourite that had humbled the mighty Indian T20i cavalcade! Let no one tell you any different - nobody say this coming. And just like that, South Africa had been eliminated, and with that, India's biggest bogey team had been shown the door. Regardless of what the overall head-to-head statistics might have been against New Zealand before this final, if there was a poll run on who Indian fans would like to see on the opposite side in the final between South Africa and New Zealand, I can bet the majority of the fans would have voted for the latter choice.

## THE HUNGER FOR FOLLOWERS AND THE AUCTION OF RELATIONSHIPS



DR. SATYAWAN SAURABH

The digital age has opened new doors to expression. The internet and social media have given everyone the opportunity to reach the world. While previously limited sources of information and entertainment, today anyone can create videos, write blogs, and reach millions of people using their mobile phones. This change is both democratic and inspiring. But with every change comes new challenges. Today, in the world of social media, popularity has a new definition—followers, likes, shares, and views. The higher these numbers, the more successful a person is considered. This competition has led many content creators to a path where even the confines of personal life are becoming part of their content. In the past few years, a new trend has rapidly emerged—bringing family feuds and personal conflicts to the camera and sharing them on social media. Husband-wife disputes, sibling conflicts, mother-in-law-daughter-in-law squabbles, or even small internal family arguments—things that were previously resolved within the confines of the home—are now being broadcast to millions of viewers in the form of videos and posts. Many YouTubers and bloggers call this "real life content." They argue that viewers want to see reality. But the question is: is it necessary to make every real event public? Is it appropriate to expose personal relationships to the curiosity of viewers? In fact, social media algorithms also encourage this trend. Content that evokes controversy, emotional reactions, or sensation-

alism tends to go viral faster. People comment more on such videos, offering their opinions, and sometimes even arguing for or against them. This is why some creators deliberately choose topics that can stir up emotions. Unfortunately, sometimes these conflicts are genuine, and the privacy of family members is at stake. A minor dispute can be blown out of proportion by being exposed to the cameras. This not only compromises the dignity of relationships but can also negatively impact other family members—especially children. In some cases, it's been observed that disputes are deliberately exaggerated or even completely scripted. This means that the conflict isn't real, but an attempt is made to appear real to attract audience attention. This blurs the line between entertainment and reality. In this age of social media, going "viral" has become synonymous with success. When a video receives millions of views and thousands of new followers, the creator feels they've chosen the right path. But this popularity is often fleeting. A controversy that captured audience attention one day is overshadowed by another controversy the next. There's also a social aspect to this trend. When viewers repeatedly see such content, they gradually begin to perceive it as normal to bring personal relationships into the public arena and make them a topic of discussion. This can undermine the sense of privacy and decorum in society. In our society, the family has always been considered a strong institution. Family is not just a living arrangement, but also a foundation of emotional security, trust, and mutual understanding. When internal family problems are made a public spectacle, it undermines the trust that is the foundation of relationships. Furthermore, young people and teenagers make up a significant portion of the social media audience. They are influenced by what they see. If they repeatedly see that it's normal to publicize personal conflicts in order to gain popularity, they may develop the impression that it's acceptable to

go to any lengths to achieve success in life. It's also true that not all content creators are like this. There are many YouTubers, bloggers, and digital creators who produce informative, creative, and positive content. Many people working in education, science, art, culture, travel, and social issues are using social media as a positive platform. Their efforts prove that controversy and drama aren't the only path to popularity. The real question is one of responsibility. When someone has the power to reach thousands or even millions of people, it also carries a social responsibility. Content creators must understand that their content not only entertains but also influences people's thinking and perspectives. Viewers also play a significant role in this. After all, they are the ones who decide what type of content gets watched and what gets ignored. If viewers only promote sensational and controversial videos, it's natural that such content will continue to grow. But if they give more support to constructive and positive content, the digital landscape could change. Today, there's a need for balance and understanding in the use of social media. We should set boundaries for our personal lives and understand that not everything needs to be made public. Popularity and followers are important, but the dignity of relationships and personal respect are far more important. Ultimately, it's important to remember that social media is a tool, not an end. It can be used to spread knowledge, communicate, and foster positive change. But when it becomes a mere pursuit of popularity, its negative consequences begin to emerge. If this hunger for followers and views continues to grow, it's possible that one day people may become popular but lose touch with their own relationships and values. Therefore, it's important to understand in time that true success is achieved with respect and sensitivity—not by auctioning off relationships.

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## Is The Gulf Now Questioning Its US Ties - And The American 'Guarantee'?

The war in Iran, unleashed through pre-emptive strikes by the US and Israel on February 28, is well into its second week, and there are no signs of either side giving up soon. Contrary to expectations, Iran has hit back hard and refused to buckle under the tremendous pressure exerted on it. The targeted assassination of its Supreme Leader and over 40 top military commanders has only strengthened its resolve to fight back. Over the past 12 days, not only has Iran hit back at Israel, but it has also successfully targeted a number of American military bases and assets across the region. These attacks, coupled with strikes on critical energy infrastructure like oil depots, oil fields, gas fields and perhaps the most critical, closure of the Strait of Hormuz, have sent the entire region into a spiral. People are asking tough questions, especially on the ineffectiveness of the regional security apparatus as well as the security guarantees of America that it has been promising the region for over decades. Many are questioning the whole logic of it, while others are already looking at alternative security options for the future. Why has it happened? Why are Gulf nations so helpless and unable to secure their land against Iranian attacks? What are the options to ensure foolproof security in the region, going forward? Tough questions that will be debated long after the war is over. For understanding the current security dynamics and why it has failed, there is a need to fully understand the Gulf Security Architecture. How It All Started The security arrangement in the Gulf goes back to the security umbrella provided by the British till the late 1960s. Thereafter, it was the US that took over the responsibility with the articulation of the Nixon Doctrine in 1969, which called on US allies to contribute to their own security with the aid of American security assistance. The "Twin Pillars policy" was a natural outgrowth of it. It incorporated twin pillars in the form of Saudi Arabia and Iran to ensure the security of the

Persian Gulf. This policy, however, fell apart after the Iranian revolution, which took away one critical pillar (Iran) of the policy. At his 1980 State of the Union Address, in reaction to the 1979 Iranian revolution, President Jimmy Carter had assured the region, stating, "An attempt by any outside force to gain control of the Persian Gulf region will be regarded as an assault on the vital interests of the US, and such an assault will be repelled by any means necessary, including military force." Also Read | Why Russia's Putin May Be The Biggest Winner Of Trump's Iran War Following it, the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) was created in 1981 to bring together countries of the region against the perceived threat from two enemies: Iran, an ideological enemy, and Iraq, a belligerent power. The birth of GCC was thus based on two major pillars - fear and exclusion (of Iran and Iraq). In its construct, however, the GCC chose to ignore the geographical and geopolitical realities of the region. Iran and Iraq, geographically, cover almost the entire northern coast of the Persian Gulf, are critical links towards the Levant, Central Asia and South Asia, and are huge reservoirs of natural resources. Post-Iraq World After the Iraq war in 1991, the US reinforced its military presence in the region through the establishment of permanent bases. The Fifth Fleet HQ moved to Bahrain in 1995, while the Al Udeida base in Qatar was set up in 1996; the US CENTCOM relocated to it in 2003. Continuing its security presence in the region, the US introduced the Cooperative Defense Initiative (CDI) in 1999, a plan for the integration of the defence forces of the GCC, Egypt, and Jordan, and to coordinate intelligence-sharing between them. In May 2006, the US launched the Gulf Security Dialogue (GSD) for the promotion of intra-GCC and GCC-US cooperation to meet common perceived threats. Many years later, at the US-GCC Summit in Riyadh in May 2017, an 'Arab NATO' or 'Middle East Strategic Alliance' (MESA) was also mooted,

which would have included nations of the GCC, plus Egypt and Jordan. However, it failed to take off due to the diplomatic blockade on Qatar in June 2017. At the GCC Summit at Jeddah on July 16, 2022, which included the US (President Joe Biden), Egypt, Iraq and Jordan, another assurance was made on collective security, with the leaders reiterating to "confront all activities that threaten the region's security and stability". And, most recently too, after the Israeli missile strike into Doha targeting the Hamas leadership in September 2025, the US had assured iron-clad security guarantees to Qatar, akin to Article 5 of the NATO Charter. However, all the past efforts and assurances have come to nothing as the US has failed to protect the Gulf countries from the ongoing strikes from Iran. Also, the GCC has proved to be ineffective in ensuring collective security in the region, over the past many decades due to a lack of committed organic resources and a lack of a common vision. What Are The Options? The current war has exposed the deep fragilities of the security system in the region. There is a need for a serious review and rethink. Only two options exist. One, the region continues to depend on the US or any other external player to provide it security. However, if even the US, the mightiest of the militaries and with 13 major military bases in the region, could not protect it against only one opposing nation, Iran, then the chances of any success through this model in the future are suspect. The second option is to review and reform the integral regional architecture. It may be recalled that in March 2023, Saudi Arabia and Iran had signed a peace deal, brokered by China. Around the same time, there was a wave of reconciliation among the Arab countries in the region. Egypt reached out to Turkey and Syria to reconcile relations. Qatar and Bahrain also announced the restoration of diplomatic relations. Plus, Syria was readmitted into the Arab League in April 2023, after 11 years of expulsion.

## RMZ AND KARNATAKA VINTAGE & CLASSIC CAR CLUB HOST A VINTAGE MOTOR VEHICLE RALLY AT THE MILLENIA

Bengaluru : The Millenia, a premium Grade A commercial campus by RMZ, Asia's leading privately owned integrated alternative assets platform, in collaboration with Karnataka Vintage and Classic Car Club (KVCCC), hosted a Vintage Motor Vehicle Rally and showcase in Bengaluru. The event saw participation of 71 heritage vehicles, including 44 vintage and classic cars, and 27 vintage motorcycles and scooters, representing a remarkable cross-section of global automotive history. Spanning nearly six decades of motoring evolution, the lineup ranged from a 1930 Ford Model A, the oldest car in the rally, to several modern classics from the early 1990s. The rally commenced from The Millenia, with the participating vehicles taking a ceremonial drive around Ulsoor Lake before returning to the campus. Among the standout motor vehicles were a 1939 Chevrolet Limousine, a 1947 Humber Pullman Limousine, a 1949 Buick Eight, as well as celebrated sports cars such as the MG TC (1946), the MGA Roadster (1958) and two Fiat Sports Spiders. Notable highlight from the two wheeler lineup was the BSA M20 and the Triumph 3HW, both widely used military motorcycles of World War II.



## SANGEETHA BAR AND RESTAURANT SHOOTING COMPLETED

Bengaluru: The shooting of the film Sangeetha Bar and Restaurant, starring Komal Kumar, Meghana Raj and Anusha Rai in lead roles, has been successfully completed. The film is directed by Sandesh Shetty Ajri and produced by Vikas Shetty. According to the film team, the movie was shot over 75 days in two schedules. Major portions of the film were filmed in the coastal and Malnad regions, including Kundapur, Shivamogga and Thirthahalli. A special highlight of the production is that seven different sets with unique designs were constructed in Walthur village near Kundapur. Spread across nearly two acres, about 90 percent of the film was shot on these specially built sets. Director Sandesh Shetty Ajri revealed that the film has two thematic titles based on its storyline. The first half of the movie revolves around a bar and is titled Sangeetha Bar and Restaurant, while the second half is set around a spiritual location called Place of God. However, due to censor regulations requiring a single title, the film will be released under the name Sangeetha Bar and Restaurant.



## WHY AREN'T BJP MPS, WHO RAISE SO MANY WEIRD ISSUES, NOT TALKING ABOUT LPG CYLINDER PRICE HIKE: DCM DK SHIVAKUMAR

DON'T WANT TO HURT DEVE GOWDA

Bengaluru : Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar lashed out at the BJP MPs for not raising their voice against price hike of LPG cylinders. "The Centre has increased the price of LPG cylinders by Rs 60 on the International Women's Day. Why aren't BJP MPs talking about this? They are eager to raise all kinds of weird issues, let them talk on this too," he said while speaking to reporters at his Sadashivanagar residence. When asked about LPG price hike, he said, "Why is the Centre scared of allowing a debate on LPG price hike in the Parliament?"



The lapse on the part of the Centre is clearly visible. The India bloc members are protesting as the Centre is not allowing a discussion in the Parliament. "Hotel industry and other industries are under severe stress due to this. It is our duty to raise this issue. This is affecting crores of women. The war has impacted Indian industrialists operating in the Middle East," he added. Don't want to hurt Deve Gowda "Deve Gowda is talking about Mekedatu and Yettinahole projects. Let him direct his party MPs to talk about this in the Parliament. It is not right for me to launch a verbal attack on him considering his age. Let him suggest solutions for Mekedatu and Yettinahole.

## HOTELS IN BENGALURU FACE SHUTDOWN THREAT AS COMMERCIAL LPG SUPPLY HALTED



Bengaluru, Mar 10: Hotels across Bengaluru face the threat of shutdown from Tuesday, March 10, after the supply of commercial LPG cylinders was abruptly stopped, the Bangalore Hotels Association warned, saying the disruption could affect thousands of people who depend on hotels for their daily meals. The association said commercial gas cylinders are not being supplied on time and that supply for commercial use has been halted from Monday, March 9, without prior warning, triggering concern across the hospitality sector. Honorary president of the association, P C Rao, said the hotel industry would face serious difficulties if the situation continues. "Commercial cylinders are not being received on time. From today, the supply of gas cylinders for commercial use has been stopped," he said. The association noted that the hotel industry is classified as an

essential service and supports a large section of the population.

"Since the hotel industry comes under essential services, common people, senior citizens, students and many others working in medical and other sectors who depend on hotels for their daily meals will face difficulties," the association said.

It added that the disruption would severely affect hotel businesses that rely on uninterrupted cooking operations. "In addition, our hotel industry will also have to face difficulties until the gas supply returns to normal," the notice stated. The association warned that if the supply is not restored immediately, hotels across the city may be forced to shut from March 10. "Hotels will be closed from March 10 due to the gas supply being cut off," it said.

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY: PUBLIC AWARENESS ON "HEALTH PROTECTION"

Bengaluru: On the occasion of International Women's Day, public awareness was created about quality health and financial literacy. The celebration of World Women's Day was organized under the leadership of KAMS Karnataka South -1 and 2 and Greens Innovator at Kuvempu Rangamandira in Avalahalli. The program was inaugurated by Smt. Girijamma, the Block Education Officer of Bengaluru South -2. Speaking on the occasion, Smt. Girijamma said that girls should become financially independent by acquiring quality education. For this, they must receive proper financial education also. Dr. Nalini, in her address, advised that girls should give more importance to protecting their health and focus on nutritious food and healthy activities.



Canara Bank Manager Smt. Lavanya provided information about financial savings schemes. Women enthusiastically participated and enjoyed the laughter yoga dance along with Guinness World Record holder Ranganakshmi Srinivas, celebrating the occasion with great joy.

## GOVERNMENT TAKES STEPS TO PREVENT RURAL DRINKING WATER SHORTAGE

Bengaluru: The state government has initiated several proactive measures to prevent drinking water shortages in rural areas during the upcoming summer season, said Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, and IT & BT Minister Priyank Kharge.

The minister stated that district administrations have been instructed to closely monitor the situation and take immediate steps wherever shortages arise. These measures include hiring private borewells on a rental basis and supplying drinking water through tankers to affected villages.

To strengthen water availability, dried borewells will be restored through flushing and deepening. In unavoidable cases, new borewells will also be drilled based on technical recommendations from geologists. Gram Panchayats have also been directed to conduct water quality testing and ensure proper cleaning of overhead tanks to provide safe drinking water to rural communi-



ties. According to official data, drinking water shortages have already been reported in 183 villages across 144 taluks in 21 districts. Among them, 31 villages are currently receiving water through 96 tankers, while 152 villages are being supplied water through 154 rented private borewells.

Officials said around 1,053 borewells are expected to be repaired through flushing and deepening during March 2026. Funds for emergency works will be mobilized from the Central and State Drought Relief Funds as well as departmental task force funds to ensure uninterrupted water supply during summer.

## BUDGET THAT TRAPPED PEOPLE IN DEBT VORTEX, INJUSTICE TO BACKWARD CLASSES AND DALITS: OPPOSITION LEADER R. ASHOK



Cut in Funding to Corporations, No Medicines in Hospitals, Funds Not Spent in Departments, Garbage Not Disposed, Yet Mentioned as 11G

Bengaluru :The budget presented by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has trapped the people of the state in a debt vortex. This budget has done grave injustice to the backward classes, scheduled castes, and people from all sections. The fiscal deficit and the amount of debt have exceeded limits, alleged Opposition Leader R. Ashok.

Speaking during the discussion on the budget in the Legislative Assembly, he said that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has taken new loans to repay old ones. He has only taken loans without mentioning the progress of previous schemes. In 1995-96, former Prime Minister Deve Gowda made Siddaramaiah the Finance Minister for the first time. At that time, there were criticisms that someone who couldn't even herd sheep couldn't present a budget. Siddaramaiah was eager to give a fitting reply to that. When he presented the budget then, members thumped the desks in welcome. This time, when the budget was presented, there were only 60 members present. Opposition parties criticize the budget. But even the ruling party members are

dissatisfied with the budget. That budget had no essence or rot; it had 66 pages and 181 items, while this time it has 171 pages and 532 items. Yet, this budget received no applause.

CM Siddaramaiah initially said he would present the next budget himself. Now, there is no certainty about that. He says he is with D.K. Shivakumar like milk and honey. Whether it's milk and honey or poison will be known later. You can't clap with one hand. Criticizing the central government is the usual mindset of Congress leaders. When P.V. Narasimha Rao was Prime Minister, Siddaramaiah, presenting the 1995-96 budget, insisted that 29% of taxes should not be transferred to the state; at least 40% should be given. He said the situation was not good when our government took over. Even then, Siddaramaiah had objected to the center. When he was CM in 2015-16, he again said the Finance Commission had continued to do injustice in allocation. At the same time, he appreciated the increase in the

state's share in 2015. That means the demand he made during Narasimha Rao's time was implemented later by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Yet, he hasn't thanked PM Modi.

The Story of 'G' In this budget, it mentions 'G' and claims to be at the forefront in urban development. But Andhra CM Revanth Reddy has criticized Bengaluru. No road in Bengaluru is garbage-free. They are making e-khata by taking a bribe of Rs. 10,000. They are transferring people's khata back to people's names. This has benefited officials. Many people have come to my office and told me about this problem. If there is no money, e-khata is not made; if that's the case, the government can take action against me. Now, there is no funding in five corporations. There is no money even to collect garbage in the West Zone. The government has instructed to raise money through bonds. Previously, bonds were issued only to build reservoirs. Even though it mentions 'Good Health to All',

## Kanyathon Celebrates 15 Years with 13,000+ Participants Across Bengaluru, Karjat & Pileri

Bengaluru : Kanyathon 2026, India's largest student-led charity run, held its 15th edition across Bengaluru and Karjat, drawing over 13,000 runners, walkers, students, volunteers, and corporate partners, all gathered behind the cause of girls' education and empowerment. Nearly 10,000 participants joined the run in Bengaluru, over 2,000 in Karjat, and close to 1,000 runners participated at BITS Pileri, adding considerable weight to what has grown into a defining student-led movement. The event is planned and executed solely by students of IFIM Institutions, Jagdish Sheth School of Management (JAGSOM), and Vijaybhoomi University and after fifteen editions, it remains one of the more compelling examples of a long-term student initiative translating into ground-level social change.

Endorsed by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports under the Fit India Movement, Kanyathon has grown from a small campus initiative into a national movement working against gender inequality driven by



poverty and structural disadvantage. It started in 2011 with just 400 participants and has built steadily from there. Since 2019, the initiative has raised many crores in total donations, with around Rs.65 lakhs coming in during 2026 alone, supported by individual contributions & organizations including Wipro, HP, Timken, Biocon, Infosys, Siemens, Deutsche Bank, Brillio, Momentive, Sagility, and Tech Mahindra.

Mrs. Kalpana Padode, Governing Board Member, Vijaybhoomi University,

said, "Kanyathon is not just a run. It is a movement in motion. With every step you take, a girl moves closer to education, dignity, and the power to shape her own destiny. The journey that began with a simple belief that when people come together for a cause, real change begins. What started as a small initiative has today grown into a meaningful movement. More than 3 lakh girls have been impacted over the last 15 years, and together, we have supported NGOs, enabled EWS scholarships, uplifted daughters

from red-light areas, established Kanyathon Shiksha Kendras, and built washrooms in government schools- bringing dignity, education, and opportunity where it is needed most."

Kanyathon has established nine Kanyathon Shiksha Kendras (KSKs) in government schools across Karnataka and Maharashtra, bringing structured programmes in spoken English, computer literacy, and health and hygiene education to over 1,000 students. Alongside this, the initiative has funded computer labs, classroom upgrades, and sanitation facilities in these schools, addressing some of the basic infrastructure gaps that affect learning. Kanyathon also offers higher education scholarships to meritorious girls from economically weaker sections. Through a partnership with The Akshaya Patra Foundation, mid-day meals are provided to students at its centres, helping keep attendance steady and learning uninterrupted. Menstrual hygiene awareness programmes run alongside, supporting adolescent girls on health, dignity, and

## Airport for three districts to be decided after consultation

Bengaluru: The Karnataka government is considering establishing an airport at a suitable location that can serve the people of Ballari, Vijayanagara and Koppala districts. However, a final decision on the location will be taken only after consultations with public representatives from the three districts and a meeting with the Chief Minister, Infrastructure Development Minister M. B. Patil informed the Legislative Council on Tuesday. Replying to a starred question raised by BJP member Y. M. Satish, the minister said that the proposal to construct an airport in Ballari dates back to 2010. At that time,



about 900 acres of land were acquired for the project and handed over to M/s Marg Sri Krishnadevaraya Airport Private Limited of Chennai to begin construction. However, the company failed to commence work within the two-year period stipulated in the agreement, forcing the government to cancel the contract. Patil said that tenders were invited in October last year to appoint consultants for preparing a Detailed Project Report

(DPR) for the proposed airport. Meanwhile, people from Vijayanagara and Koppala districts have also been demanding airport facilities. Since establishing separate airports in each district may not be feasible, the government is exploring the possibility of building one airport at a location convenient to all three districts. The minister also clarified that the land acquired earlier in Ballari will not be returned as compensation has already been paid to farmers. He noted that some airports established under the Centre's UDAN scheme later faced issues due to a lack of passengers.

## JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE TO BE FORMED TO BOOST INDUSTRIAL GROWTH: M. B. PATIL

Bengaluru (TSIT): In order to further strengthen a 'hassle-free industrial culture', a joint consultative committee comprising a senior government official and representatives from private industry will be constituted, said Minister for Large and Medium Industries M. B. Patil on



Tuesday. He noted that the platform would help facilitate quicker resolution of procedures and issues related to the industrial sector. Speaking at the annual meeting of the Karnataka State chapter of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) held at a private hotel in the city, he said CII representatives had drawn

his attention to a similar platform functioning in Kerala, where the Chief Secretary and industry leaders jointly address issues faced by the industrial sector. They informed that the system has been working very effectively. "We will adopt a similar model here as well. Overall,

we are open to adopting any constructive measures that can support industrial growth," he added. Patil said the State has already implemented several initiatives such as an efficient industrial policy, energy policy, single-window clearance system, chatbot services and an integrated services network.

## Nurses can now renew registration online from anywhere

Bengaluru: Nurses registered with the Karnataka State Nursing Council can now renew their professional registration online from anywhere in India through the Aadhaar-DigiLocker platform, eliminating the need to visit the council office in Bengaluru. The new digital system is aimed at making the process easier and more accessible for lakhs of nursing professionals.

Earlier, nurses who completed their training in Karnataka had to visit the council office in Gandhinagar once every five years to renew their registration. The area is known for heavy congestion, making travel and parking difficult for applicants. Under the new system,



nurses can apply for renewal online through DigiLocker. After the application is reviewed and approved by the council registrar, Dr. K. Mallu, the renewed certificate is issued digitally and sent directly to the applicant's DigiLocker account. The DigiLocker-based

system was introduced in August 2025 initially for fresh registrations. Later, Medical Education and Skill Development Minister Dr. Sharanprakash R. Patil directed officials to extend the facility to renewal applications as well.

## Conference calls for better data and coordinated policy on migration

CHENNAI: A national conference on migration organised by the Madras School of Social Work (MSSW) on Monday brought together academics, researchers and civil society organisations to examine emerging migration patterns, labour rights and vulnerabilities faced by migrant workers.

The conference, titled 'From Push to Pull: Unveiling the Realities of Migration', featured sessions on labour migration, trafficking risks, homelessness and policy responses for migrant populations.

Prof Stephen Anthony, director-MSSW, presented findings from a recent survey on homeless persons in Chennai to present the realities of homelessness.

The 2025 survey commissioned by the GCC identified 13,529 homeless persons in the city, including 3,250 elderly persons, 2,322 children, and 2,482 living as families. "More than 60% of the homeless population are living in family units. They are living as home-



less across generations. Piecemeal interventions do not solve the problem but holistic attempts need to be made," he opined.

Journalist and researcher Anuradha Nagaraj, founder of The Migration Story, focused on informal workers who move across states for work and form a

large segment of India's informal economy. "Workers move for reasons ranging from distress and seasonal employment to better opportunities and aspirations. However, migrant workers often face barriers in accessing welfare entitlements in destination cities, including

social security schemes, healthcare and education for their children," she stated. "There isn't enough reliable data on migrant workers, as seasonal and circular migration patterns often leave them uncounted in official surveys." In a plenary session, Chetan Choithani spoke on migration, livelihoods and inequality in India, while V Sivasankar of Pondicherry University discussed vulnerabilities faced by tribal communities affected by migration.

A panel discussion examining issues of trafficking, exploitation and protection among migrant populations across gender and age groups was also held that focused on gendered migration risks, circular migration, bonded labour and child trafficking linked to migration. The conference was inaugurated by S Raja Samuel, principal of MSSW, with addresses by MSSW, with addresses by migration scholar S Irudaya Rajan and former Additional Chief Secretary Christodas Gandhi.

## CM Stalin seeks Centre's intervention amid rising LPG supply concerns



CHENNAI: Chief Minister MK Stalin on Tuesday wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, requesting the Union government's intervention to ensure the safety of Tamils residing in Gulf countries and to review the supply of LPG cylinders.

The appeal comes amid the escalating conflict in West Asia involving Iran, Israel and the United States, which has spread to the Gulf region.

Chief Minister Stalin conducted a review meeting to evaluate the impact of the US-Iran tensions on

Tamil Nadu and outline response measures.

"I have written to Prime Minister Modi, urging the Union Government to ensure the safety of Tamils living across the affected Gulf countries and to safeguard the welfare of Tamil Nadu fishermen who are currently stranded in the region," Stalin said in a post on X.

He further stated, "I have also emphasised that the Union Government must ensure that the LPG cylinder shortage arising from this conflict does not affect the public, commercial establishments, or MSME industries in Tamil Nadu. I have further urged that all necessary alternative arrangements be made for restaurants affected by commercial gas cylinder shortage and that the additional power required be secured and supplied."

The Chennai Hotels Association has appealed to the Prime Minister to intervene in the supply of commercial LPG cylinders used in the food industry.

In a letter to PM Modi and Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, the Association's President, M Ravi, highlighted that the supply of commercial LPG cylinders should be classified as essential due to shortages reported in Chennai.

## Nainar strips ANS Prasad of party posts after TVK tie-up

CHENNAI: A day after publicly inviting actor and Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam (TVK) president Vijay to join the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), the BJP state unit has removed ANS Prasad from his posts as the party's state spokesperson and media in-charge in the Assembly Election state working committee. In a brief order issued by state president Nainar Nagenthran, Prasad was relieved of his responsibilities with immediate effect. The order stated that he was removed from the post of state spokesperson and from the additional role of media in-charge assigned to him in the party's Assembly election working committee. The decision



came a day after Prasad publicly suggested that TVK chief Vijay could be welcomed into the NDA fold, triggering speculation about a possible political alignment ahead of the 2026 Assembly elections. Party insiders, however, said the move may not be directly linked to the statement alone. "Prasad merely echoed views that some senior leaders, including Tamilisai Soundararajan, had expressed earlier.

## Hotels in Pondy shift to cooking of low-fuel menus due to shortage of commercial LPG cylinders

PUDUCHERRY: Some of the hotels in Puducherry have started shifting to low-fuel menus as the shortage of commercial LPG cylinders has disrupted their service schedule.

A hotel owner told PTI on Tuesday that they had introduced stringency measures to manage the current shortage in availability of commercial cylinder as a result of the conflict between America and Iran.

"We have now introduced sales of coffee, tea or juice only between 4 pm and 7 pm instead of usual sales of tiffin items," the hotelier said in view of the current situation.

According to a dealer in LPG



cylinders, the central government has issued an order to ensure that LPG cylinder was supplied and marketed on priority solely to domestic consumers

of LPG only. The commercial LPG cylinders' supply had been suspended.

"We are not getting the refills for commercial sector and we

have been asked to prioritise supply for the domestic consumers only," the dealer said.

A hotelier said that they have worked out strategies and stringent measures to ensure that there is no problem in the future, although we are able to manage the current situation with available commercial cylinders. He said that those who had already booked banquets were assured of uninterrupted supply of food. We, however, tell those seeking to book rooms hereafter about the difficulty in supplying the food and we also do not permit outside food for any function or celebration," the hotelier said.

## Seat talks hit roadblock as Left wants more, DMK firm on 5 each

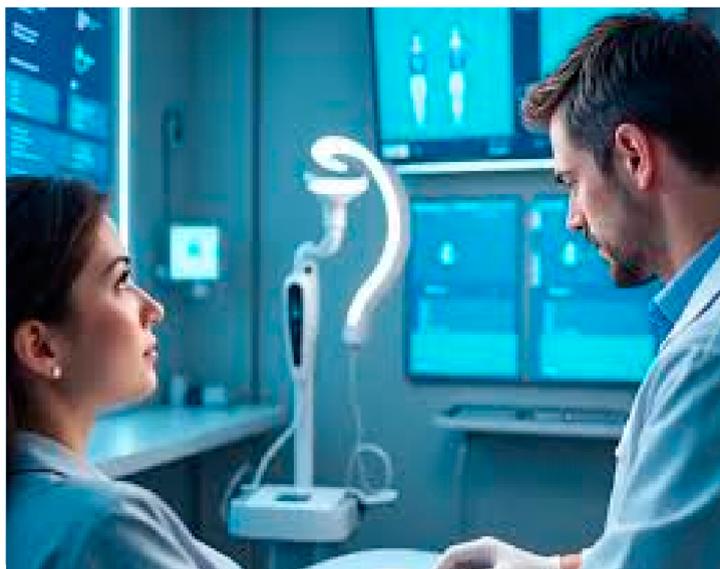
CHENNAI: Seat-sharing talks between the Left parties and the ruling DMK have hit a roadblock, with the former insisting on more seats than the six allotted to them in the 2021 Assembly election, while the latter has offered only five seats, citing the presence of more allies in the coalition.

Sources said the DMK leadership conveyed to the CPM and the CPI that the party was willing to offer only five seats each, fewer than what the Left parties contested in the previous election. A CPM delegation led by state secretary P Shanmugam met the DMK's seat-sharing



committee at Anna Arivalayam, the party headquarters, on Tuesday. CPM leaders K Kanagaraj, K Samuelraj and S Kannan also participated in the meeting. Senior DMK leaders, including headquarters secretary KN Nehru and party treasurer TR Baalu, could not attend the meeting owing to the party's state conference in Tiruchy and the ongoing Parliament session.

## India's first government AI clinic to boost public health system



NEW DELHI: India's first government-run artificial intelligence (AI) clinic, launched recently at the Government Institute of Medical Sciences (GIMS) in Greater Noida, marks a major step in integrating advanced technology in the public health system of the country, according to a media report.

The initiative aims to boost early detection of diseases, diagnostics, and treatment, which can be crucial to improving outcomes and survival rates, Gulf News reported.

The clinic will reportedly perform genetic screening using AI, which can help in faster detection of diseases such as cancer, heart dis-

The AI health centres also function as standalone units or integrated hospital departments, where AI systems analyse patient data in real time to support clinical decision-making, the report said.

ease, kidney disease, and liver disease. AI tools at the centre will also assist in interpreting X-rays, ultrasounds, CT scans, MRI reports, and laboratory investigations, helping doctors improve accuracy and speed of diagnosis.

"The clinic will use artificial intelligence along with genetic screening to analyse blood tests, imaging scans, and other clinical data," Brigadier (Dr) Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Director of GIMS, was

quoted as saying.

He added that the initiative would also open new opportunities for healthcare startups.

Typically, an AI clinic works using advanced algorithms and automation. They support doctors in diagnosis, treatment planning, and patient management.

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decision-making, the report said.

Another key advantage is that it improves access to quality healthcare, particularly in remote and underserved areas, where the availability of specialists is limited.

While AI tools are already used in select private hospitals and diagnostic labs, this is the first dedicated government AI clinic. The report stated that the AI model could be replicated across government hospitals in other states.

AI tools are known to play a significant role in healthcare delivery, particularly in labs, radiology, and cancer screening.

In pathology, doctors can use AI for analysing tissues and detecting diseases that can be missed by the human eye. This not only reduces processing time but also improves diagnostic precision. AI has shown significant potential in identifying early signs of cancers such as breast and lung cancer by reducing false positives and negatives. The early diagnosis improves survival rates and treatment outcomes.

The advanced technology has also demonstrated its skill in processing vast genomic datasets to identify disease-linked biomarkers and predict how patients will respond to treatment. It can aid in precision therapy with customised drug dosages and lifestyle changes, by analysing medical history, lifestyle, and genetic data.

## Can regular intake of fast foods lead to illnesses and death?

NEW DELHI: Regular eating of fast foods, ranging from deep-fried snacks served as street food to quick-service restaurant chains, can cause serious damage to health, which can, in the long run, lead to several diseases, including cancer and cardiovascular conditions, contributing to death, said experts here on Saturday.

Doctors at the that she was suffering from an intestinal infection that ultimately led to her death, media reports revealed that the girl was facing multiple health issues, including severe typhoid and complaints of tuberculosis.

Doctors at the

Jayadevan, Ex-President of IMA Cochin and Convener of the Research Cell, Kerala, told IANS.

"In a young Indian adult, in the absence of trauma, the main causes of intestinal perforation are duodenal ulcer, typhoid, tuberculosis, or severe appendicitis. The two

mental health, and more -- all of which can lead to mortality in the long term. Studies have shown that fast food consumption is associated with "all-cause mortality," meaning a higher overall risk of dying early. Unhealthy diets, including fast food, contribute to approximately 1.1 crore deaths worldwide annually. "Regular eat-



The doctors said this as social media was recently flooded with viral posts claiming that an 11th-grade student from Amroha district in Uttar Pradesh, admitted at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in New Delhi in December, died due to excessive consumption of junk food.

While the girl's family asserted

AIIMS declared that her death resulted from cardiac arrest.

"While habitual excessive consumption leads to obesity, fatty liver, hypertension, and hyperlipidemia, it is definitely not a cause for perforation of the intestine," Dr. Rajeev

main causes of ulcers of the stomach and duodenum are Helicobacter pylori infection and excessive intake of painkillers," he added. Eating fast food is known to increase weight gain, cause inadequate nutritional intake, digestive issues, energy crashes, and mood swings. These can contribute to obesity, diabetes and hypertension, and poor

Eating fast food is known to increase weight gain, cause inadequate nutritional intake, digestive issues, energy crashes, and mood swings.

ing of fast food can silently damage the heart, liver, and blood vessels.

It leads to obesity, high sugar and high BP, increasing the risk of heart attack, stroke and sudden death -- even in young people who appear otherwise healthy," Prof . Dr Naresh Bansal, Dept of Gastro, at a leading Delhi-based hospital, told IANS.

# Oil and gas prices fall after Trump says war is 'very complete'

Oil and gas prices fell sharply on Tuesday after US President Donald Trump said that the war in Iran was "very complete, pretty much". Crude almost reached \$120 a barrel on Monday over fears that the conflict would cause lengthy disruption to energy supplies from the Middle East, but dropped back to around \$92 following Trump's comments. Gas prices also fell and stock markets in Europe and Asia rebounded, although US markets dipped slightly when trading began on Tuesday. The boss of Saudi Arabia's Aramco, the world's biggest oil exporter, has warned of "catastrophic consequences" if the Strait of Hormuz, a shipping route crucial to global energy supplies, remains blocked. About a fifth of the world's oil usually passes through the narrow waterway, but traffic has all but halted since the war started more than a week ago. Aramco's chief executive, Amin Nasser, warned that global stockpiles of oil were at the lowest for five years and the supply bottleneck meant these would be used at a faster rate. "The longer the disruption goes on... the more drastic the conse-



quences for the global economy," he said. On Tuesday, the International Energy Agency (IEA) held a second meeting with G7 nations to discuss options for stabilising the global oil market, including releasing millions of barrels of crude from countries' stocks. The IEA is holding a meeting of member governments later "to inform a subsequent decision" on whether or not to make emergency stocks available. On Monday, Trump told a news conference in Florida: "We took a little excursion because we felt we had to do that to get rid of some evil. Then, I

think you'll see it's going to be a short-term excursion." He later wrote on social media: "If Iran does anything that stops the flow of Oil within the Strait of Hormuz, they will be hit by the United States of America TWENTY TIMES HARDER than they have been hit thus far." The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps said "in response to Trump's nonsense", Iran's armed forces will "not allow the export of a single litre of oil from the region". Trump's comments raised hopes that the war would not be a drawn-out conflict, and Brent crude fell below \$84 a

barrel at one point before rising to \$91.72 on Tuesday. It is nearly \$20 higher than it was before the US-Israel war with Iran began on 28 February when Brent was priced at around \$73 a barrel. Gas also dropped, with UK prices for month-ahead delivery falling sharply to 126p a therm, well below Monday's peak of 171p. The fall in oil prices has given traders a moment to "exhale", but energy markets remain in a state of "total tug-of-war", said Alberto Bellorin, founder and managing director oil and gas investment firm InterCapital Energy. Oil

trading will "remain incredibly twitchy", he said, and prices are likely to spike if the conflict escalates and fall if it seems to be easing. The hopes of a swift end to the lifted raised European stock markets. London's FTSE 100 rose 1.2%, Germany's Dax index climbed 1.9% and the French Cac 40 rose 1.4%. Earlier in Asia, Japan's Nikkei 225 had closed up 2.9%, recovering some of Monday's losses, while South Korea's Kospi gained 5.4%. But US markets, which had ended Monday slightly higher, fell as trading began. The S&P 500, Dow Jones and Nasdaq all fell by about 0.5%. On Monday, G7 nations said they were ready to take "necessary measures" to address the global supply of energy in the light of surging oil prices. A meeting between G7 leaders and the IEA ended without a final decision on whether the nations would release oil from stockpiles, though the matter was discussed. Robin Mills, chief executive of Qamar Energy, an energy consultancy based in Dubai, told the BBC that there was a reluctance to use this option too early as "once the strategic reserves are gone, they're gone".

# Asian shares surge as oil prices sank back to about USD 90

Tokyo: Asian shares have rebounded from their sharp declines a day before after a rally on Wall Street as global investors wagered that the war with Iran may not last too long. But the gains early Tuesday, March 10, fell far short of losses Monday, when oil prices neared \$120 per barrel before falling back to about \$90. US futures were trading about 0.4% lower. Helping to assuage investors' fears, US President Donald Trump told CBS News he thinks "the war is very complete, pretty much." However, he made other comments that seemed to threaten intensified action against Iran if it makes any "attempt to stop the globe's oil supply." Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 added 3.2% to 54,399.08 after the government released revised economic data that showed Japan's economy grew slightly faster than initially estimated in the final quarter of last year, boosted by solid business investments. The economy expanded at an annual pace of 1.3%. The initial estimate was a much weaker 0.2%. "Today is the rebound, obviously positive comments from President Trump overnight, we're starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel for the war," said Neil Newman, a



managing director and head of strategy at Astris Advisory Japan. "So volatility is going to remain with us but things are certainly looking a lot brighter today." Australia's S&P/ASX 200 gained 0.8% to 8,669.50. South Korea's Kospi jumped 3.6% to 5,453.45. Hong Kong's Hang Seng added 1.6% to 25,804.70, while the Shanghai Composite index rose 0.4% to 4,119.29. Share prices have been swinging mostly in tandem with oil prices, which have gyrated as the war has deepened. Early Tuesday, benchmark US crude fell \$4.70 to \$90.07 a barrel. Brent crude, the international standard, dipped \$5.13 to \$93.83 a barrel. On Monday, stock prices swerved from a steep early loss to a moderate gain. The S&P 500 dropped as much as 1.5% before flipping to a

gain of 0.8%. It closed at 6,795.99. The Dow Jones Industrial Average clawed back a plunge of nearly 900 points to rise 239 points, or 0.5%, to 47,740.80. The Nasdaq composite climbed 1.4% to 22,695.95. Share prices have wavered due to uncertainty about just how high oil prices will go and how long they will stay there because of disruptions to Middle East energy facilities. If oil prices stay very high for very long, households' budgets already stretched by high inflation could break under the pressure. Companies would see their own bills jump for fuel and to stock items on their store shelves or in their data warehouses. It all raises the possibility of a worst-case scenario for the global economy, "stagflation," where growth stagnates and inflation remains high.

## INDIA'S MOST-LOVED MID-SIZE CRUISER:

# ROYAL ENFIELD METEOR 350 CROSSES 6 LAKH SALES MARK

Royal Enfield Meteor 350, India's most loved cruiser, has crossed the 6 lakh sales milestone, earning the trust of riders across the globe since its launch in November 2020. With its relaxed cruising character, refined engine and effortless rideability, the Meteor 350 has quickly become the preferred cruiser motorcycle among both seasoned motorcyclists and new riders. Over the years, the motorcycle has also earned several global accolades, including the prestigious 'Indian Motorcycle of the Year 2021' award, cementing its place as one of the most successful cruisers in the mid-size motorcycle segment. Ever since its launch, the Meteor 350 has redefined what easy cruising means for riders across age groups, emerging as an accessible cruiser for both daily city commutes and long highway rides. As the first Royal Enfield motorcycle to migrate on the J-series platform, Meteor 350 immedi-



ately struck a chord not only with long-distance riders and motorcycle enthusiasts, but also with first-time buyers who appreciate comfort and mechanical refinement. By delivering an experience that feels equally comfortable while navigating city traffic or riding on open highways, the Meteor 350 has helped expand the mid-size cruiser segment by attracting new riders. The motorcycle enjoys a strong demand in India and international markets, especially LATAM, SAARC and European markets, reflect-

ing its wide-ranging appeal across diverse riding environments and geographies. Combining timeless cruiser aesthetics with modern engineering and rider-centric features, the Meteor 350 is powered by a 349cc air-oil-cooled, single-cylinder engine that delivers smooth, tractable power with a refined character. The motorcycle features a digital-analog instrument cluster, Tripper navigation pod, LED lighting elements, premium switchgear, USB Type-C fast-charging port, Assist-and-slip clutch and

adjustable levers. This reflects Royal Enfield's focus on blending classic design with contemporary functionality. The Meteor 350 is offered in four distinct variants - Fireball, Stellar, Aurora and Supernova, catering to a range of rider preferences, with ex-showroom prices in India ranging between ₹1,95,546 and ₹2,15,770. The Meteor 350 is sold in 60+ countries, backed by a strong dealer network of over 2000 stores in India and over 1000 outlets in the international markets.

# G7 TO TAKE 'NECESSARY MEASURES' TO SUPPORT ENERGY SUPPLIES

G7 nations have said they are ready to take "necessary measures" to support the global supply of energy after the US-Israel war with Iran sent oil prices surging. However, a meeting of G7 finance ministers and the International Energy Agency (IEA) ended without an agreement to release strategic crude reserves. The oil price reached nearly \$120 a barrel on Monday, over fears of a lengthy disruption to supplies, before falling back sharply after President Trump raised hopes the war would soon end. At the virtual meeting, the option of releasing oil from stockpiles was one of several discussed as Fatih Birol, head of the IEA, said global oil markets "have deteriorated in recent days". Birol said: "In addition to the challenges of transit through the Strait of Hormuz, a substantial amount of oil production has been curtailed. This is creating significant and growing risks for the market. IEA member countries currently hold over 1.2 billion barrels of public emergency oil stocks, with a fur-



ther 600 million barrels of industry stocks held under government obligation." Follow the latest developments on the war in the Middle East Following the meeting, French finance minister Roland Lescure said, "we are not there yet," on the question of whether emergency stocks will be released. If reserves are released it would be the first time since 2022 following Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine. In a statement following the meeting, the G7 said: "We stand ready to take necessary measures, including to support global

supply of energy such as stockpile release." Chancellor Rachel Reeves said on Monday the UK used the meeting to call for "immediate de-escalation" in the Middle East and guaranteed security for ships in the region. "I stand ready to support a co-ordinated release of collective IEA oil reserves," she added. Major disruption to energy supplies from the region threatens to push up prices for consumers and businesses around the world. Rising inflation could lead to fewer interest rate cuts by central banks. About a fifth of the

world's oil supply is usually shipped through the Strait of Hormuz. But traffic through the narrow passage has all but halted since the war started more than a week ago. The US and Israel launched fresh waves of airstrikes across Iran over the weekend, hitting multiple targets including oil depots. Meanwhile, Iran targeted energy infrastructure in neighbouring Gulf states. Overnight, Saudi Arabia said it had intercepted and destroyed two waves of drones heading towards a major oilfield. Last week the markets had been relatively relaxed about the seemingly nightmare scenario of millions of barrels of crude and liquefied gas trapped in the Gulf. But the escalations over the weekend, alongside scenes of destruction of energy infrastructure both in Iran and across the Gulf, saw the markets take rapid fright. On Monday morning in Asia, the price of Brent crude jumped by more than 25% to touch \$119.50 a barrel at one point before dropping below \$90 after Trump told CBS the "war is very complete, pretty much".

# Volkswagen to cut 50,000 jobs as profits drop

Volkswagen has said it will cut 50,000 jobs in Germany by 2030 as its profits dropped to their lowest level since 2016. Chief executive Oliver Blume told shareholders that the cuts would take place in Germany and fall across the entire group, including Audi and Porsche. Europe's largest carmaker said post-tax profits had fallen by around 44% in 2025. It said it was hit by US import tariffs, intense competition from China and high restructuring costs from the shift to electric vehicles. The firm projects a recovery in the coming year, but its finance chief stressed that it would have to focus on "rigorously" reducing costs. "In total, around 50,000 jobs are due to be cut by 2030 across the Volkswagen Group in Germany," Blume said in a letter to shareholders in the firm's annual report. "We are operating in a fundamentally different environment," he added. The



group had already struck a deal with unions to cut more than 35,000 jobs across the country in a "socially responsible manner" by 2030, in order to save some 15bn (£12.4bn). Volkswagen, along with other German carmakers, has been badly affected by a decline in demand for its cars in China, previously a lucrative market. At the same time, Chinese brands have been moving into Europe, increasing competition for sales. US President Donald Trump's decision to impose 25% tariffs on car imports has made conditions even harder. In its annual fig-

ures, Volkswagen said its net profit after tax fell from 12.4bn (£10.7bn; \$14.4bn) to 6.9bn (£6.1bn; \$8bn) last year. For 2026, Volkswagen said it predicted a core profit margin of between 4% and 5.5% - potentially lower still than the 4.6% it achieved this year. Volkswagen finance boss Arno Antlitz warned that the group's profit margin was "not sufficient in the long run" and said that further cost-cutting was needed. "We can only realise this if we continue to rigorously reduce costs," he said. "That is what we will focus on in the coming months."

# Hyderabad, this one's for you: Ai+ Smartphone's Pulse 2 Goes on Sale on Flipkart on March 11 at Rs. 5,999

Hyderabad, March 10, 2026- Ai+ Smartphone's Pulse 2 goes live on Flipkart on March 11, 2026, at 12 noon, starting at just ₹5,999. And Hyderabad is firmly in the brand's sights for what comes next. The city ranks among Ai+ Smartphone's top 10 markets nationally, and the brand isn't slowing down. Hyderabad's young, digitally-native consumers, streaming more, gaming more, and spending smarter, are exactly who Pulse 2 was built for. As demand for feature-packed, value-first smartphones surges across Telangana, Ai+ Smartphone sees the market as a key driver of its next growth chapter. "Hyderabad consumers know what they want: real performance, real value, no compromises," said Madhav Sheth, CEO, Ai+ Smartphone and Founder, NxtQuantum Shift Technologies. "We designed Pulse 1 last year to deliver on all three expectations. Today, Pulse 2 takes that promise further. It's an upgrade designed

**PULSE 2**

SALE DAY PRICE  
₹5,999 4GB + 64GB

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₹7,999 6GB + 128GB

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for people who are passionate about growing and evolving," he added. With Hyderabad increasingly shopping online-first, Flipkart is the natural launchpad, giving city consumers the same day access and first-day pricing as buyers anywhere in the country. Ai+ Smartphone already operates a service centre in Hyderabad as part of its 300-strong nationwide network, and has firm plans to deepen its footprint across the region.

**What's Inside** Pulse 2 significantly upgrades the Pulse 1 experience with improvements across the features users rely on most. The front camera jumps from 5MP to 8MP, the battery grows from 5000mAh to a slim 6000mAh, and the refresh rate improves from 90Hz to 120Hz for smoother visuals. Durability also steps up from IP54 to IP64, while the 50MP Dual AI rear camera continues to deliver

strong photography performance in the segment. Software sees an upgrade as well, with Pulse 2 launching on Android 16 with NxtQuantum OS (versus Android 15 on Pulse 1), bringing transparency, privacy, sharper responsiveness, stronger system efficiency, and a more refined experience straight out of the box. A redesigned form factor adds improved in-hand comfort and a cleaner aesthetic, avail-

able in five colours: Green, Blue, Pink, Purple, and Black. Pulse 2 goes live on Flipkart on March 11, 2026, at 12 noon.

**About Ai+ Smartphone**  
Ai+ Smartphone is a next-generation brand built in India, delivering reliable and high-performance mobile experiences. Powered by NxtQuantum OS, India's first sovereign mobile operating system. The brand focuses on delivering a clean design, ensuring long battery life, and maintaining trusted software performance, all while keeping prices accessible without compromising the user experience. From redefining smartphones to pioneering IoT products as part of the company's Connected Ecosystem, Ai+ Smartphone is creating a new standard for trust, immersive experience, and accessibility. Rooted in a privacy-first architecture and a commitment to equitable access, Ai+ Smartphone stands for more than specs — it stands for India's next era of user-owned.

# Hegseth says today will be 'most intense' of US war on Iran, as people in Tehran describe strikes

United Arab Emirates air defences have detected nine ballistic missiles today, destroying eight while one fell in the sea, the nation's Ministry of Defence has said. An additional 35 drones were detected, 26 of which were intercepted while nine fell in UAE territory. According to the MOD's post on X, this brings the total of Iranian weaponry directed at the UAE to 262 ballistic missiles (241 of these destroyed) and 1,475 drones (1,385 of these intercepted). The attacks have resulted in six deaths, of Emirati, Pakistani, Nepalese and Bangladeshi nationalities. "The Ministry of Defence affirms that it is on high alert and readiness to deal with any threats and to firmly counter all that targets the destabilization of the state's security, ensuring the preservation of its sovereignty, security, and stability, and protecting its interests and national capabilities," the MOD said. British Airways has cancelled more flights to



the Middle East. BA said flights to Amman, Bahrain, Doha, Dubai, Tel Aviv have been cancelled up to and including 28 March. Abu Dhabi will not restart until October, as this is only a winter route for BA. The airline said the update was to give more certainty to passengers. BA still has two more repatriation flights from Oman to the UK this week, with tickets still on sale. The airline continues to operate a

reduced service to Larnaca, Cyprus. The US stock market is flat this morning, as concerns about the situation in Iran persist. The Dow Jones Industrial Average and S&P 500 were down about 0.3% in early trade, while the Nasdaq was flat. As a major producer of oil and gas, the US is less exposed to economic risks from the jump in oil prices sparked by the US-Israeli war. Its shares have been less impacted than those in

regions that rely more heavily on energy imports. The US says it will ramp up strikes against Iran, as attacks continue across the Middle East. Here's what you need to know: A top Iranian security official has threatened Donald Trump to be careful "so that you won't get eliminated" after the US president warned against stopping the flow of oil through the Strait of Hormuz - as oil prices fall from their Monday peak of

almost \$120 a barrel US Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth says today will be the "most intense" day of US strikes on Iran so far, with "the most fighters, the most bombers, the most strikes" A mother in the Iranian city of Karaj described feeling the "shadow of death" after a strike hit close to her home. Our Middle East correspondent reports that in northern Israel there have been at least 30 warnings of incoming missiles and drones today as millions of people in parts of the country rush for shelter. Qatar and the UAE have also reported fresh attacks. Earlier, the UK Ministry of Defence announced it was preparing another warship for possible deployment to the Eastern Mediterranean as HMS Dragon prepares to leave Portsmouth within days. Ali Larjani, Iran's top security official, has been responding to the US in a series of posts on X. He says that Iran is not scared of Trump's "worthless threats",

## FAMILY OF CHILD INJURED IN CANADA SCHOOL SHOOTING SUES OPENAI



The family of a girl critically injured during a mass shooting at a Canadian school is suing ChatGPT-maker OpenAI, claiming it had been aware the suspect had been planning an attack but failed to alert the authorities. Twelve-year-old Maya Gebala was shot in the neck and head in the attack in Tumbler Ridge on 10 February and remains in hospital. An initial ChatGPT account linked to the suspect, 18-year-old Jesse Van Rootselaar, was banned by OpenAI in June 2025 due to the nature of her conversations with the chatbot, but Canadian police

## Lebanon calls for talks with Israel on plan to end Hezbollah conflict



Lebanon's president has called for direct negotiations with Israel as part of a proposal to end the escalating conflict with Hezbollah, while sharply criticising the Iran-backed group for dragging the country into a wider regional war. A spokesperson for President Joseph Aoun told the BBC that Lebanon was ready to negotiate, but not while the country remained under Israeli fire. Speaking during a virtual meeting with senior European Union officials on Monday, Aoun outlined what he described as a path towards "permanent security and stability arrangements on our borders". Israeli officials have shown little sign of backing negotiations, and the government did not immediately comment. Under the Lebanese president's four-point plan, a "complete truce" would coincide with the disarmament of Hezbollah, and international assistance for the Lebanese Armed Forces to help them regain control of "areas of tension". "And simultaneously, Lebanon and Israel [to] begin direct negotiations under international sponsorship, in order to execute the aforementioned plan," a statement said. Aoun said the war had

taken a devastating toll on Lebanon, with more than 700,000 people displaced, including 200,000 children, and hundreds killed in Israeli strikes over the past nine days, according to the United Nations. "Some of them are on the roads. They have no shelter and not even the most basic necessities of life," he said. The president also delivered unusually blunt criticism of Hezbollah, accusing the Shia Muslim militia and political movement of acting against Lebanon's national interests. Referring to Hezbollah as an "armed faction", Aoun said it gave "no weight to Lebanon's interests or to the lives of its people", and wanted the "collapse of the Lebanese state under aggression and chaos". The remarks follow the government's declaration last week that Hezbollah's military operations were illegal, though the state currently lacks the capacity to disarm the group on its own. Last week, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu addressed the Lebanese government directly on X, writing: "It is your responsibility to enforce the ceasefire agreement and it is your responsibility to disarm Hezbollah."

## SYRIAN EX-COLONEL IN COURT ON CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY CHARGE

A former colonel in the Syrian Air Force intelligence department has appeared before a London court charged with crimes against humanity. Salem Michel Al-Salem, appeared at Westminster Magistrates' Court via video link and has been named publicly for the first time after a request from his team to prevent this was rejected. The 58-year-old is charged with three counts of murder as a crime against humanity, one count of conduct ancillary to murder as a crime against humanity and three counts of torture. The charges all relate to alleged events in Damascus in 2011 and 2012, including deaths at a demonstration on 22 April 2011 when protesters calling for prisoners to be freed were allegedly shot

dead. Chief magistrate Paul Goldspring remanded Al-Salem on bail until his next court appearance at the Old Bailey on Friday. No indication was given as to how Al-Salem will plead to the charges. Al-Salem remained seated on the video link throughout the hearing, wearing what appeared to be an oxygen mask. The court heard that he has been diagnosed with spinal onset motor neurone disease and was too unwell to confirm his name. It had been argued by Al-Salem's lawyer that he should not be named in the media, and that doing so could put him at risk. But the chief magistrate turned down the application, saying the fact that it might "rise in people strong feelings of hostility and concern is not.

## MIXED MESSAGES FROM TRUMP LEAVE MORE QUESTIONS THAN ANSWERS OVER WAR'S END

President Donald Trump and his administration have so far offered mixed messages and contradictory explanations on the joint US-Israeli military campaign against Iran. And Monday - the 10th day of an operation that has rattled allies and shaken markets - typified this confusion around the war's timeline and ultimate goals. After a tumultuous morning during which US shares indices dropped and oil prices surged, the American president began speed-dialling reporters in an apparent effort to soothe nerves. His comments, however, were lacking in clarity even when he was pushed for more detail. "I have a plan for everything, OK?" he told a reporter from the New York Post



when asked about spiking oil prices. "I have a plan for everything. You'll be very happy." To CBS News, he said the war "is very complete, pretty much". "We're very far ahead of schedule," he added. When asked whether the operation could therefore end soon, Trump said: "I don't know, it depends. Wrapping up is all in my mind, nobody else's." His telephone spree,

at least in an economic sense, had the desired effect. Stock markets rallied, and the price of a barrel of oil - which had reached \$120 earlier in the day - dropped below \$90. Just days ago, Trump said that he would not stop the war until Iran's "unconditional surrender". But after his comments on Monday, it appeared as though an end to a military operation that has roiled the Middle East and led to the near complete shutdown of shipping traffic through the Straits of Hormuz could be in sight. By evening, however, Trump was walking back those comments. "We could call it a tremendous success right now," he said. "Or we could go further. And we're going to go further." He said the US was "very close to finishing" what he called an "excursion", but warned that the US would intensify its strikes if Iran continued to threaten oil tankers exiting the Persian Gulf. "We will hit them so hard that it will not be possible for them or anybody else helping them to recover that section of the world," he said. Trump also laid out an expansive mission for the war.

## FIVE IRANIAN FOOTBALLERS GRANTED AUSTRALIAN VISAS AFTER ANTHEM PROTEST

Five members of the Iranian women's football team have been granted humanitarian visas in Australia after their elimination in the Asian Cup, the government in Canberra says. Immigration Minister Tony Burke said the women "were moved to a safe location" by Australian police. He said other squad members had been told they were welcome to stay in the country. The women had been due to fly home, but supporters had raised fears for their safety after the team declined to sing the national anthem ahead of their match against South Korea



last week. This prompted criticism in Iran, with one conservative commentator accusing the team of being "wartime traitors" and pushing for harsh punishment. The remainder of the team was taken to Gold Coast Airport and was expected to fly to Sydney

watched from inside the bus. Australia's humanitarian visa programme grants permanent protection to refugees and people in humanitarian need. Visa holders can live, work and study in the country. Speaking early on Tuesday, Burke said the five players were happy for their names to be confirmed as Fatemeh Pasandideh, Zahra Ghanbari, Zahra Sarbali, Atefeh Ramazanzadeh, and Mona Hamoudi. "They want to be clear they are not political activists. They are athletes who want to be safe," he said, adding that talks had been going on over several days.

## SIGNAL ISSUES SCAM WARNING TO USERS AFTER HACKERS TARGET OFFICIALS



Signal has warned users to look out for signs of scams, after Dutch intelligence said high-profile users of the secure messaging app were being targeted by hackers. Dutch cybersecurity agencies said on Monday a Russia-backed campaign had targeted individual users of Signal, as well as WhatsApp. They said this had seen hackers pose as support staff to try and obtain details that would give them access to accounts or hijack linked devices - with Dutch officials, military staff and civil servants among those targeted in the "global" campaign. Signal says its systems remain secure but it is taking reports of such activity "very seriously". The campaign was identified by Dutch intelligence agencies, the Military Intelligence and Security Service (MIVD) and General Intelligence and Security Service (AIVD). They said in a press notice the "large-scale global cyber campaign" appeared to target people of interest to the Russian state, such as government officials and journalists. "It is not the case that Signal or WhatsApp as a whole have been compromised. Individual user accounts

are being targeted," said Simone Smit, AIVD director-general. Signal reiterated this in a series of posts on X, stressing its systems "have not been compromised and remain robust". "These attacks were executed via sophisticated phishing campaigns, designed to trick users into sharing information - SMS codes and/or Signal PIN - to gain access to users' accounts," it wrote. So-called phishing attacks see criminals attempt to convince users to part with passcodes, money or details about their identity - often by impersonating customer support agents, friends, family and celebrities. In the campaign identified by Dutch intelligence agencies, hackers pretended to be Signal Support to try and get people to share account details. Users are asked when creating a Signal account to secure it with a PIN code - something it says should never be shared with anyone. The company added users should also not share verification codes messaged to their phone number. WhatsApp has given similar advice, saying users should not share six-digit codes used to secure their account.



Wildflowers cover Death Valley in best display since 2016

## Canada police investigate reports of shots fired at US consulate in Toronto



Canadian police say they are investigating reports that a gun was fired at the US consulate in Toronto. "Evidence of a firearm discharge has been located," Toronto Police Operations posted on X on Tuesday, adding that the report of gunfire was received just before 05:30 local time (09:30 GMT). No injuries have been reported,

and no suspect has been identified, the police statement adds. It comes as Norwegian police investigate an explosion that occurred outside the US embassy in Oslo on Sunday. Officials there are seeking a suspect who they believe may have placed the improvised device in a possible act of terrorism.

## ICC Books Commercial Tickets For West Indies, South Africa After Charter Flight Cancellation

The wait is finally over, as the International Cricket Council (ICC) has booked separate commercial flights for the stranded West Indies and South Africa teams to ensure a safe journey home, sources told NDTV. This move comes after the charter flight, originally scheduled to take off from Kolkata, was canceled due to "logistical issues." Speaking to NDTV, an official confirmed that commercial bookings were made to guarantee the safe passage of the players amid the ongoing conflict involving the United States and Iran. The source also revealed that the players will begin departing India in batches rather than as a single group. "All the players are now booked on commercial flights out... they have started leaving in batches," the official told NDTV. The two teams that played their final T20 World Cup games in Kolkata (West Indies in Super 8s on March 1 and South Africa on March 4 in semi-final) have



not been able to fly out due to the disruption that has been caused by International airspace restrictions across parts of West Asia following American and Israeli strikes on Iran. The situation has forced multiple airlines to avoid routes through the Gulf region. ICC's airline partner is Emirates and they are

unable to operate due to shutdown of Dubai airspace. The restrictions severely complicated outbound travel from India towards the Caribbean and Africa, forcing cricket authorities to explore alternative routes and charter arrangements. Earlier, in a communication conveyed on Tuesday evening, both teams were scheduled to

leave Kolkata on a shared charter flight to Johannesburg on Tuesday afternoon. From there, the West Indies contingent was to continue onward to Antigua, while the South Africans were expected to disperse for their respective commitments. The West Indies squad has been stranded in Kolkata since March 1 after being

knocked out of the T20 World Cup by India, who defeated them by five wickets in their Super Eight match at Eden Gardens on March 1. South Africa's campaign had ended a few days later when they lost the first semifinal to eventual runners-up New Zealand at the same venue on March 4, leaving them caught in the same boat.

## "Bohot Miss Karunga Aapko Papa": Rinku Singh Shares Emotional Note For Late Father

Indian cricketer Rinku Singh realised a long-standing dream as he became a world champion in the T20 format. Rinku was a part of India's team that defeated New Zealand in the final on Sunday to retain the T20 World Cup trophy. While the moment was undoubtedly of great jubilation for Rinku, the explosive batter couldn't quite celebrate the way he would've liked to because of his father's death, only a few days before the final. As Rinku held the trophy in his hand, he could only think about his father and how happy he would've been seeing him fulfil this dream. Referring to his father in an emotional Instagram post, Rinku said that he stepped onto the field only with the vision of fulfilling his dream. But, is now unable to fill the void that his dad left, even as the dream has become a reality. "Aapne baat kiye bina itne din kabhi nahi nikale. Mujhe nahi pata aage ki zindagi aapke bina kaise chalegi... par mujhe har kadam par aapki



zaroorat padegi." (So many days have never passed without speaking to you. I do not know how life ahead will go on without you... but I will need you at every step.) "Aapne sikhaya tha ki farz sabse aage hai.. toh field par bas aapka sapna pura karne ki koshish kar raha tha. Ab aapka sapna pura ho gaya hai... toh bas yahi lagta hai ki kash aap mere paas hote." (You taught me that duty comes before everything else... so on the

field, I was only trying to fulfil your dream. Now that your dream has been realised... I just wish that you were here with me.) "Har chhoti badi khushi mein aapki kami khalegi. Bohot miss karunga aapko Papa... bohot zyada." (I will feel your absence in every joy, big or small. I will miss you a lot, Papa... so very much. Rinku's father was undergoing treatment for fourth-stage liver cancer before the news of his death was confirmed.

## JAIPUR POLO TEAM WINS SMS GOLD VASE, SECURES NINTH TITLE OF THE SEASON

The Jaipur Polo Team continued their remarkable run this season as HH Maharaja Sawai Padmanabh Singh led the side to victory in the prestigious SMS Gold Vase, securing their ninth title of the season with a narrow 6-5.5 win over Krishna Polo in a closely contested final. The team had earlier confirmed their place in the final with a strong semi-final performance against RPC. The final was a tightly fought encounter, with both teams exchanging momentum across the chukkers. Jaipur began on a positive note, taking a 2-1.5 lead at the end of the first chukker through early attacking pressure.



Krishna Polo responded in the second chukker, with Kr. Vishal Singh Rathore leading the charge to give his side a narrow 3.5-3 advantage at halftime. Jaipur shifted gears in the third chukker, regaining control of possession and capitalising on scoring oppor-

tunities. HH Maharaja Sawai Padmanabh Singh led the attack with clinical finishing, helping the team move ahead 5-3.5. Krishna Polo mounted a determined challenge in the final chukker through goals from Kr. Vishal Singh Rathore and Rk. Sidhant Singh. However,

Jaipur maintained composure in the closing stages, holding their defensive structure and managing the game effectively to secure the 6-5.5 victory and lift the SMS Gold Vase. Semi-Finals - Jaipur vs RPC In the semi-final against RPC, Jaipur overcame an early deficit after RPC took a 3.5-1 lead at the end of the first chukker. Jaipur responded steadily in the second chukker through goals from Br. Harshodya Singh and Mr. Yogendra Singh, narrowing the gap to trail 4-5.4 at halftime. The momentum shifted decisively in the third chukker as Jaipur tightened their defence and controlled possession.

## He Just Set A National Record With 113-Foot Free Dive, But What Is The Sport All About?

As cricket continues to hog the sporting limelight, diver Dinesh Saundappa is quietly making history for India. He made a new national record in freediving, achieving a depth of 34.5 metres in the Variable Weight category. This milestone marks a significant moment for the sport in India, highlighting the growing presence of Indian athletes in less conventional sporting arenas. Dinesh's journey into the world of professional freediving began almost by accident. While scuba diving in the Maldives, he found himself so captivated by the underwater world that he decided to pursue freediving seriously. Today, he has transitioned from a curious diver to a certified freediving coach and a national



record holder. Speaking to NDTV, Dinesh mentioned that he wasn't even aware he had broken the record at the moment it happened. He has dedicated this achievement to his mother. Why Freediving? Freediving is often described as a meditative experience rather than just a physical challenge. Unlike scuba diving, which

relies on heavy equipment, freediving is about exploring the depths on a single breath. For Dinesh, the sport acts as a form of "medicine" that offers a sense of absolute freedom and tranquility. According to Dinesh, the sport is as much about mental discipline as it is about lung capacity. As a diver descends, the increas-

ing pressure causes the oxygen in the lungs to compress. To conserve oxygen for vital organs, the mind must remain perfectly still. Training allows a diver's heart rate to drop significantly. While a typical resting heart rate is around 75-80 bpm, a freediver's heart rate can plunge to 40-50 bpm during a dive. Meditation is a crucial part of his training, helping him maintain the focus required to manage the body's oxygen consumption effectively while diving. Dinesh also emphasised the critical role of a coach in this high-stakes sport. Because a diver must trust their life to the person on the surface or accompanying them, the bond between the athlete and the coach is paramount.

## "WEST INDIES STILL STRANDED": ENGLAND GREAT BLASTS ICC BIAS IN EXPLOSIVE POST

While the England cricket team boarded their return flight home just 36 hours after being eliminated from the T20 World Cup 2026, the likes of West Indies and South Africa are reportedly still waiting to leave India. West Indies' T20 World Cup campaign concluded on March 01 after a Super 8 loss to India, while South Africa were eliminated by New Zealand in the semi-finals on March 04. Yet, both remain in India due to airspace restrictions, in the wake of the US-Israel war with Iran over West Asia. Former England captain Michael Vaughan, who has been questioning the International Cricket Council (ICC) over the prolonged delay. On Tuesday, Vaughan poked ICC again,

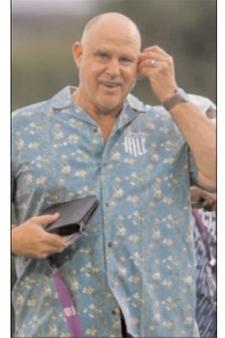


asking why England were able to leave so early while West Indies and South Africa continue to wait. "Just to let you all know that the West Indies got knocked out of the World Cup on March 1st. It's now March 9th. They are still stranded in Kolkata.. SA are in the same position..!!!!!! This isn't right... England got on a charter 36 hrs after being knocked out.. as should be

the case for all teams," he wrote on X (formerly Twitter). When Will South Africa, West Indies Fly Out? The stranded West Indies and South Africa squads are scheduled to leave Kolkata in the early hours of Tuesday on a shared charter flight to Johannesburg following their exits from the T20 World Cup. From Johannesburg, the West Indies squad will continue to Antigua. This shared flight was arranged after both teams were stranded in India for several days due to international airspace restrictions amid the conflict in the Middle East. The number of players currently remaining in India are 12 from the West Indies plus 10 support staff and 12 from South Africa plus two support staff.

## Gujarat Titans Appoint Matthew Hayden As Batting Coach Ahead Of IPL 2026

Gujarat Titans today announced the appointment of former Australian great Matthew Hayden as the franchise's batting coach ahead of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 season. A World Cup winner and one of the most dominant opening batters of his era, Hayden joins the Titans setup with an illustrious international career and expertise in modern-day T20 batting dynamics and will strengthen the franchise's support staff as it prepares for the 2026 season with renewed vigour. Commenting on the appointment, Vikram Solanki, Director of Cricket, Gujarat Titans, said: "Matthew's appointment comes at a pivotal phase in our journey. As a



franchise committed to excellence and long-term success, we are constantly focused on strengthening our cricketing ecosystem. His experience at the highest level, coupled with his ability to mentor emerging talent, will be instrumen-

tal in shaping our batting identity for the seasons ahead." Commenting on his appointment, Hayden said: "Good batting applies pressure. Great batting owns the game. That's the standard we want to set at Gujarat Titans." Hayden represented Australia in 273 international matches across formats, scoring over 15,000 international runs and playing a pivotal role in multiple ICC tournament victories. His aggressive yet technically robust approach to batting laid early foundations for the evolution of powerplay dominance in white-ball cricket. He also featured in 32 IPL matches, showcasing a style of play ideally suited to the league's high-intensity demands.

## 'FIGHTER' KARTAL STUNS KEYS IN INDIAN WELLS COMEBACK



Britain's Sonay Kartal showed her "fighter" spirit as she battled back to stun former Australian Open champion Madison Keys in the third round at Indian Wells. American Keys, who won her first major at Melbourne Park in 2025, dominated the first set but Kartal rallied to complete a 2-6 6-2 6-3 turnaround in just under two hours. The British number two revealed she was still struggling with the back injury that had forced her to call a medical time out during her second-round match against Emma Navarro on Sunday, when she saved a match point en route to victory. "At times in this match I was in discomfort with my back, so it's a match like today which shows the fighter in me," Kartal told BBC Sport after her win over Keys. "On these courts I do feel I can beat anyone on any given day." Kartal's run to the fourth round at Indian

Wells last year, her debut at a WTA 1,000 tournament, helped kick-start a breakthrough season for the 24-year-old, who reached a career-high ranking of 44 in 2025. With victory over 15th seed Keys, Kartal - now ranked 54th - becomes the first British woman to reach the fourth round at the California-based tournament twice. Kartal said she will prioritise recovery for her back before she meets Kazakhstan's Elena Rybakina, the reigning Australian Open champion, in the last 16. "It [the back] was a pretty big hindrance," Kartal added. "I didn't really practise yesterday so I gave it as much recovery as I could, so I think now it's about getting recovered and doing the same exact thing to get back on the court in the next couple of days." Kartal was not the only player to cause an upset on Monday with a comeback win.

## Cheltenham Festival: Saratoga wins for McManus on owner's 75th birthday

Trainer Nicky Henderson, speaking to BBC Radio 5 Sports Extra, whose horse Hyland goes in the Ultima Handicap Chase: "We have got a strong load on today. "This has been a good race, and it has been kind to us over the years. It is all the best novice hurdlers, who are all coming out to play. They are the future. "It keeps us going. It is terrific. When you have horses as good as these - we will keep bashing away all week! I know a lot of people going abroad and watching horse rac-

ing. To go and sit in the sun, watch the racing on TV. If you want to have a bet, you can do it on your phone. It is a different way of doing it, but I like to be at Cheltenham. The atmosphere at Cheltenham is what makes it. It is amazing the first race today when the tape goes up and off we go - it will be a great atmosphere. Trainer Nicky Henderson, speaking to BBC Radio 5 Sports Extra, whose horse Hyland goes in the Ultima Handicap Chase: "We have got a strong load on today. "This has

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One race of the day at three miles and a furlong, with the joint biggest field with 22 runners scheduled to compete. Multiple tipsters fancy Quebecois, despite the seven-year-old trained by Paul Nicholls enduring patchy form in recent races. He has not won in four over fences, but the mount of jockey Harry Cobden hugely impressed at Cheltenham Trials Day in January. And with the seventh-lightest weight of the field, this is a chance for this well-tipped lad to step up.



### PRIYADARSHI'S SUYODHANA RELEASE DATE LOCKED AS MARCH 27

Suyodhana, starring Priyadarshi and Drishika Chander in the lead roles, is gearing up for a worldwide theatrical release on March 27. The film also features Dialogue King Sai Kumar and senior actress Prema in pivotal roles. Produced under the Prajwala Line Creations banner, the film is directed by Y. S. Madhav Reddy and produced by Bosubabu Nidumolu. The makers recently unveiled the film's release date poster, confirming that the movie has completed all formalities and is ready for its theatrical rollout. Speaking on the occasion, producer Bosubabu Nidumolu said that Suyodhana has been crafted with a strong storyline and high production standards. He noted that the film features significant performances from Priyadarshi, Sai Kumar, Drishika Chander, and veteran actress Prema. The music for the film has been composed by Jai Krish, while the lyrics have been penned by Ramajogayya Sastry.



#### Highlights

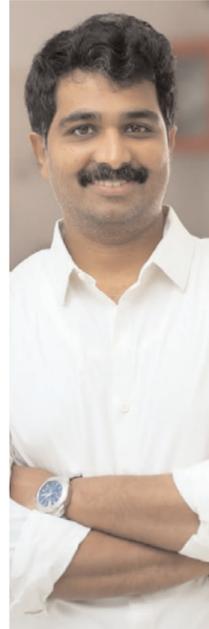
- SUYODHANA, STARRING PRIYADARSHI AND DRISHIKA CHANDER IN THE LEAD ROLES, IS GEARING UP FOR A WORLDWIDE THEATRICAL RELEASE ON MARCH 27. THE FILM ALSO FEATURES DIALOGUE KING SAI KUMAR AND SENIOR ACTRESS PREMA IN PIVOTAL ROLES.

The producer added that the team is excited to bring the film to audiences on March 27 and revealed that the

teaser, trailer, and songs from the film will be released soon as part of the promotional campaign.

### The Blockbuster combination Vamsi Nandipati Entertainments and ETV Win next "Inka Em Anukoledhu" Crazy Title Announcement Video; Film Releasing on Sept 4th

Producer Vamsi Nandipati, who previously delivered multiple successful projects in collaboration with ETV Win, is once again joining forces with the platform for "Inka Em Anukoledhu." Their earlier collaborations proved that content-driven entertainers with a unique comedic flavor can resonate strongly with audiences. "Inka Em Anukoledhu" is directed by the writer-director duo Pranai Valluripalli and Giri Pemmasani, with Sinjith Yerramilli composing the music and Rehan Shaik handling cinematography. The makers of "Inka Em Anukoledhu" have sparked major buzz online with a wildly entertaining title announcement video that instantly caught everyone's attention. Instead of following the usual promotional formula, the team unveiled the title through a quirky, meme-packed video that blends satire, nostalgic ETV theme, and unapologetic humor. What makes the announcement stand out is its creative use of meme references and witty punches throughout the video. Packed with humorous nods and internet-style comedy, the clip keeps viewers



engaged from start to finish. Adding to the curiosity, the makers cleverly kept the cast details completely under wraps in the announcement. Produced by Vamsi Nandipati with co-producers Ramana Reddy and Sameer Kannu, the bromantic comedy is gearing up for a theatrical release on September 4, 2026. With its unconventional and hilarious title reveal, the film has already created strong anticipation among audiences.

### Grand Felicitation Ceremony: "Katti Kantha Rao Memorial National Award" Presented to Actor Dr. Rajendra Prasad



Grand Felicitation Ceremony: "Katti Kantha Rao Memorial National Award" Presented to Actor Dr. Rajendra Prasad" On Monday evening in Hyderabad, the Katti Kantha Rao Memorial National Award was presented to veteran actor Dr. Rajendra Prasad, popularly known as Nata Kireeti. The award ceremony was organized jointly by the Bharata Cultural Academy and the Telugu Film Television Welfare Forum. As part of the event, International Women's Day was also celebrated, and several women from different fields were honored. The program was attended by many distinguished personalities including BJP State President Ramachander Rao, noted director S.V. Krishna Reddy, senior actress Kavitha, Telangana FDC MD and I&PR Commissioner Ms. Priyanka, directors Prem Raj, Vision VVK founder Vijay Kumar, Nagabala D. Suresh Kumar, lyricist

Janaki Dubbing Janaki expressed her gratitude to the Bharata Cultural Academy and Telugu Film Television Welfare Forum for remembering senior artists like her and honoring them. She requested Nagabala Suresh to continue organizing such programs every year to recognize veteran artists. Nagabala Suresh Kumar Nagabala Suresh said that good deeds should inspire people even after we are gone. He recalled that his career began 32 years ago with the serial Adi Parashakti, followed by successful serials like Swathi Chinukulu and Nagabala, which created a sensation. He noted that the Nagabala serial was appreciated in 18 countries and was translated into 16 Indian languages. Over his career, he produced 27 serials, received 12 Nandi Awards, a Lifetime Achievement Award, and recognition from the Guinness Book of World Records.

### "Dark Night" – Emotional Thriller Starring Poorna Releasing in Theatres on March 13

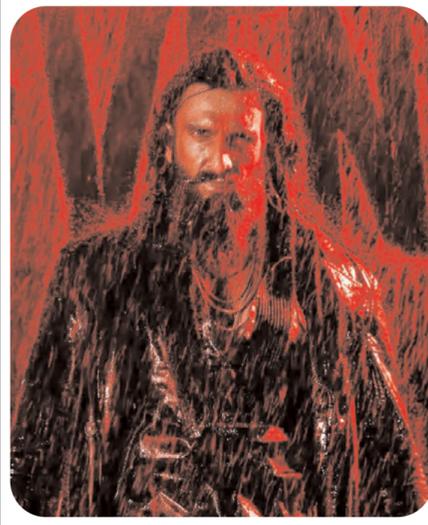
"Dark Night," an emotional thriller starring actress Poorna in the lead role, is all set to release in theatres across the Telugu states on March 13. The film is written and directed by G.R. Aditya. Poorna plays the character Hema, a pivotal role that drives the narrative forward. The film also stars Trigun (Adith Arun) as Roshan, Vidarth as Alex, and Subhashree Rayaguru as Sophia in important roles. The movie features music composed by Mysskin, and is presented by Patolla Venkat Reddy under the P19 Studios banner. The film is produced by Suresh Reddy Kovvuri. Speaking on the occasion, producer Suresh Reddy



Kovvuri said: "Dark Night" story revolves around the lives of four central characters. The complex emotions, secrets, and conflicts between them create a grip-

ping and engaging narrative. As the story unfolds, audiences will experience an emotional journey filled with suspense. The film also introduces an unexpected twist with supernatural elements that take the story in a surprising direction. With Mysskin's signature background score, the film blends emotion and suspense, making 'Dark Night' a memorable cinematic experience. Overall, with its unique storytelling, emotional depth, and thrilling elements, the film will keep audiences engaged with the characters for two intense hours. The story particularly highlights themes relevant to today's youth, reflecting their experiences and emotions."

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### Sai Pallavi says 'just coz I love what I wore' as she shares new pictures



Mumbai: Actress Sai Pallavi shared a few glimpses of her latest look, saying "just coz I love what I wore," as she posted a set of pictures celebrating the outfit she donned. The actress took to Instagram, where she appeared delighted with her look, giving a candid peek into her personal style. Keeping it simple, the actress looked every inch gorgeous in sarees and salwar kameez. "Just coz I love what I wore," Pallavi wrote as the caption. Pallavi's acting journey began with uncredited roles and appearances on dance shows, but her breakthrough came as Malar in the 2015 Malayalam film Premam. In 2017, she ventured into Telugu cinema with Fidaa. Pallavi has starred in the films Kali, Middle Class Abbayi, Maari 2, Paava Kadhaigal, Love Story, Shyam Singha Roy, Gargi, Amaran and Thandel. Her song "Rowdy Baby" is the first South Indian video song

to reach one billion views on YouTube. She will next be seen playing Sita in Nitesh Tiwari's 'Ramayana'. The upcoming film features a galaxy of stars with Rambir in the role of Lord Ram and Yash essaying Raavan. Sunny Deol will portray Lord Hanuman, Amitabh Bachchan will play Jatayu, and Lara Dutt will be seen as Kaikeyi. Two music titans, Hans Zimmer and A. R. Rahman are joining forces for the film. 'Ramayana' is a two-part live-action cinematic universe being reimagined on the scale of the biggest tentpoles produced to date. The film also features Hollywood's top stunt directors Terry Notary (Avengers, Planet of the Apes) and Guy Norris (Mad Max: Fury Road, Furiosa), choreographing the epic battles between gods and demons. 'Ramayana' is being filmed for IMAX and will be released worldwide with Part 1 releasing in Diwali 2026 and Part 2 in Diwali 2027.

### 28th Ugadi Awards under the Aegis of Sri Kala Sudha – Pemmasani Chandrasekhar and Kandula Durgesh to Attend as Chief Guests

Marking 27 years since its inception, the Sri Kala Sudha Telugu Association, which was established on November 21, 1998, in Chennai to promote and celebrate Telugu culture, will be presenting the 28th Ugadi Awards on the auspicious occasion of the Parabhava Nama Samvatsara Ugadi. The awards ceremony will be held on Sunday, March 15, 2026, at 4:29 PM at the Music Academy, Chennai. During the event, "Mahila Ratna," "Bapu Bomma," "Bapu-Ramana," and "Vishishtha Ugadi" Awards, along with Cine Awards-2025, will be presented. These awards will honour actors, directors, producers, and technicians from films released in 2025 across various categories. Additionally, accomplished women from different fields will be felicitated with the Mahila Ratna



Award. The decision regarding the awardees was taken after discussions with the committee members. Members of Sri Kala Sudha have invited Telugu people from across regions to attend the event and celebrate the rich legacy and achievements of the Telugu community. On this occasion, the organizers announced the names of the award recipients and shared details of the upcoming ceremony. The press meet was attended by Telugu

Film Producers Council Secretary Tummala Prasanna Kumar, senior film journalist Prabhhu, Bethireddy Srinivas, Prativadhi Bhayankara Phaninder, Venu Gopal, Ajay Kumar, journalist Keshava, and others. The event will have Dr. Brahmasani Chandrasekhar as the Chief Guest, while MVR Murali Krishna will attend as the Guest of Honour. A. Sai Prasad, Sahu Garapati, Shashikanth

Valleppalli, Muba Padmaiah, Rajamouli Sheern, and Saroj Vivekanand will grace the occasion as Special Guests. The Vasishta Ugadi Award for Public Service will be presented to Andhra Pradesh Tourism and Cinematography Minister Kandula Durgesh. The Mahila Ratna Award will be conferred upon Mrs. Mamatha Madireddy. The Andesri Memorial Award will be presented to Oscar-winning lyricist

- Chandrabose, while the PB Srinivas Award will be given to music director Devi Sri Prasad for the film Thandirini.
- Ugadi Cine Awards – 2025 Winners**
- Best Film: Mirai
  - Best Sensational Film: Sankranthiki Vasthunnam
  - Best Jury Award Film: Dude
  - Best Actor: Akkineni Naga Chaitanya
  - Best Actress: Rashmika Mandanna
  - Best Director: Anil Ravipudi
  - Best Dialogue Writer: Mahesh Babu P
  - Best Cinematographer: Niketh Bonmi
  - Best Villain: Diksith Shetty
  - Best Music Director: Bheems Ceciroleo
  - Best Debut Director: Ram Jagadish
  - Best Debut Actor: Harsh Roshan
  - Best New Hero: Keeriti Reddy
  - Best Male Singer: Ramana Gogula
  - Best Female Singer: Haripriya
- Other Awardees**
- Best New Actresses: Aishwarya Arjun, Anaswara Rajan, Sakshi Madolkar
  - Best Dialogues & Director: Rahul Ravindran
  - Best Child Artist: Bulli Raju
- The organizers stated that the Ugadi Awards ceremony will celebrate excellence in cinema and recognize distinguished personalities from various fields, further strengthening the pride and cultural identity of the Telugu community.