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Total pilgrims: 67,264
Tonsures: 29,410
Hundi karakals: 4,28CR
Waiting Compartments: Out side line at Krishna Teja guest house.

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COMMERCIAL LPG SUPPLY RESUMED, NO RETAIL SHORTAGE, SAYS OIL MINISTRY

WHY HAS THE US TARGETED IRAN'S KHARG ISLAND?



RISHABH PANT'S MESSAGE TO LUCKNOW SUPER GIANTS TEAMMATE AHEAD OF IPL 2026 IS HILARIOUS



SHORT TAKES

TRUMP URGES GLOBAL NAVIES TO SECURE HORMUZ STRAIT

Washington (TSIT): Amid rising tensions with Iran and fears over the safety of maritime traffic, US President Donald Trump Saturday said that multiple countries could join the United States in deploying warships to the Strait of Hormuz, a vital global shipping route.

'NAXAL TERROR VANQUISHED' BOOK COVER UNVEILED

New Delhi (TSIT): The cover of 'Naxal Terror Vanquished', an upcoming book by author, political commentator and policy analyst, Tuhin A. Sinha, was unveiled here on Saturday.

KERALA GST ISSUES KEY COMPLIANCE ADVISORY FOR TAXPAYERS AHEAD OF FY 2026-27

Thiruvananthapuram (TSIT) The Kerala State Goods and Services Tax (SGST) Department has issued a detailed advisory to GST-registered traders and businesses ahead of the 2026-27 financial year.

TN offers Rs 2-per-unit power subsidy for hotels shifting to electric stoves

Chennai (TSIT): The Tamil Nadu government on Saturday announced a Rs 2-per-unit subsidy on electricity for hotels, tea stalls and cloud kitchens that switch to electric stoves instead of LPG cylinders.

Orders Steps for Uninterrupted LPG Supply in T'gana: Uttam



HYDERABAD TSIT BUREAU: A high-level review meeting on uninterrupted LPG supply and distribution in Telangana was held on Saturday at the Telangana State Secretariat under the chairmanship of N. Uttam Kumar Reddy.

and coordinated measures to ensure uninterrupted LPG supply to consumers across Telangana. He stressed that the public should not face any inconvenience and asked officials to closely monitor the supply and distribution system.

PM Modi launches development projects worth over Rs 23,550 cr in Assam's Silchar

New Delhi (TSIT) Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday laid the foundation stone and inaugurated multiple development projects worth around Rs 23,550 crore in Silchar in southern Assam.



The projects launched from Silchar would strengthen connectivity and improve the agricultural ecosystem in the region.

ing regional connectivity. According to officials, the corridor will reduce the distance between Guwahati and Silchar and cut travel time from about 8.5 hours to roughly five hours.

Rahul Gandhi questions delay in legal MSP implementation, alleges govt avoiding answers

New Delhi (TSIT) Senior Congress leader and Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Saturday said he raised a direct question in Parliament about the government's unfulfilled promise to provide farmers a legally guaranteed Minimum Support Price (MSP) based on the C2 50% formula.



that it pressured states to end the MSP bonus, which was justified without any reasoning in the name of 'national priorities', Gandhi said.

India strongly condemns Pak's deadly air strikes in Afghanistan

New Delhi/Kabul (TSIT) : Terming it as another act of aggression by a Pakistani establishment that remains hostile to the idea of a sovereign Afghanistan, India on Saturday severely condemned the latest strikes by Pakistan inside Afghan territory.

Mojtaba Khamenei asks regional countries to shut down all US bases they host

New Delhi (TSIT) Iran's Supreme Leader, Mojtaba Khamenei, has called upon all regional countries to shut down US bases as soon as possible, saying Washington's claims of ensuring security and peace to these countries have been nothing but lies.



(The US had negotiated a deal with Saudi Arabia on June 8, 1974, under which Saudi Arabia agreed to invest their vast surplus oil revenues into the US economy.

Washington would provide military protection, weapons, and technical support to Saudi Arabia. With that intention, the US set up military bases in these countries.)

will enable those governments to strengthen ties with their own people, who are generally dissatisfied with the humiliating behaviour associated with those bases.

Iran targets Fujairah oil facility, Trump says will bomb 'hell out of' Hormuz

Tehran (TSIT) Iran on Saturday, March 14, threatened for the first time to attack infrastructure of a neighbouring country, urging people to evacuate three major ports in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) it claimed the US military was using to launch strikes on Iran.

Advertisement for neoskin RAYA The Luxury Salon Grand Opening. Includes details about the event on 15-03-2026 and the inauguration by Sri Komatireddy Venkat Reddy.

Sports Bring Physical and Mental Relaxation to Employees: Collector Kumar Deepak.



Mancherial, March 14, TSIT : District Collector Kumar Deepak said that sports help revenue employees achieve physical fitness and mental relaxation. He attended sports competitions organized for revenue employees by the Adilabad Cricket Association at the Sri Ushodaya School grounds in Mancherial town on Saturday. Additional Collector (Local Bodies) P. Chandrayya, Additional Collector

(Revenue) Srinivas Rao and Trainee Deputy Collector Mohammed Vilayat Ali were also present. Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said that revenue employees often work under heavy pressure and sometimes have to work beyond regular office hours. Organizing sports events provides them with much-needed relief from work stress, he said. He also noted that due to lack of physical activity and continuous office work, many employees are facing long-term health issues even by the age of 40. Therefore, he advised employees to make exercise a part of their daily routine. Later, the Collector visited the Class 10 examination centre set up at RBHV School in Mancherial and reviewed the arrangements. He said the examinations will continue until April 16.

Massive Protest Held in Hyderabad Motha Rohit Mudhiraj Demands Answers from PM Modi



Hyderabad: A massive and unique protest was organised in Hyderabad by Khairatabad (Hyderabad Central) District Congress Committee President Motha Rohit Mudhiraj on Saturday, raising questions over the India US trade deal and demanding accountability from Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Protest march was conducted from the Babu Jagjeevan Ram Statue at Basheerbagh to the Jawaharal Nehru Statue at Abids, drawing the attention of the public. As part of the demonstration, a 100-foot banner reading "PM IS COMPROMISED" was displayed prominently during the rally. More than 1,000 Congress workers and supporters participated in the protest. Addressing the gathering, Motha Rohit Mudhiraj alleged that the Prime Minister had compromised India's interests in the proposed India-US trade deal and demanded that he respond to various allegations being raised in public discourse.

Collector Dasari Harichandana Pays Tribute to Former DGP H.J. Dora

Hyderabad: Hyderabad District Collector Dasari Harichandana paid floral tributes to the mortal remains of former Director General of Police H.J. Dora at his residence in Banjara Hills on Saturday. Collector Harichandana, along with Hyderabad Police Commissioner Sajjannar, senior police officials, family members, relatives, friends, and several prominent personalities, offered condolences and paid their last respects to the departed police veteran. Later, the mortal remains were taken in a vehicle to Mahaprasthanam crematorium at Raidurgam, where the final rites are being conducted with full government honours. Several local residents and well-wishers also gathered to pay homage and bid a final farewell to the former DGP.



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DEMAND NOTICE

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from SHIRAM FINANCE LTD. (Formerly known as Shiram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shiram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shiram Transport Finance Company Limited name changed as Shiram Finance Limited) We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as **Non-Performing Asset** in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of SHIRAM FINANCE LTD. under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices. The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantors	NPA DATE	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE	OUTSTANDING AMOUNT	LOAN AMOUNT
1)	Muthyalu Pagadala, S/o: Kanakiah Pagadala @ Alias Pagadala Kanakiah, Age 48 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H.No: 1-76, Thirugandipally, Mariyada, Yeragandipally, Nalgonda, 508245, B/O: "M.R. Constructions", A/H: No-1-1, Godakonda, Chinthapally, Nalgonda-508250, 9441883795.	07-08-2025	04-02-2026	Rs. 38,45,402/-	Rs. 35,00,000/-
2)	Rajeshwari Pagadala, W/o: Muthyalu Pagadala, Age 41 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/O: H.No: 1-76, Thirugandipally, Mariyada, Near Bas Stand, Nalgonda, 508245, 913344493.	04-02-2026	04-02-2026	Rs. 38,45,402/-	Rs. 35,00,000/-
3)	Kalyan Pagadala, S/o: Muthyalu Pagadala, Age 23 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H.No: 1-76, Thirugandipally, Near Bas Stand, Mariyada, Nalgonda, 508245, 7569991168.	04-02-2026	04-02-2026	Rs. 38,45,402/-	Rs. 35,00,000/-
4)	Kishan Mogli, S/o: Janagiah Mogli, Age 39 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H.No: 1-41/A, Tammampally, Maripundem, Nalgonda, 508245, 6303231657.	04-02-2026	04-02-2026	Rs. 38,45,402/-	Rs. 35,00,000/-

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

PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS: CDPKFT2402240004- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY. All That The House Bearing No. 4-10008/A/1, (Pin No. 1200905522), On Plot No. 38, Admeasuring 200 Sq. Yards Or 167.23 Sq. Mtrs, Having Its Plinth Area Of 1020 Sft With R.C.C., Roof, In Survey No. 21, 22 And 24, Situated At Munaganur Village, Abdullahpurmet Revenue Mandal, Under Turkayakal Municipality, Rangareddy Dist, Registration Sub District Vanasanthipalem, And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: Plot No.37, Actual/H.No'4-100009 On Plot No.37, Towards West: Plot No. 26 & 27, Towards North: Plot No. 29, Towards South: 25 Ft Wide Road.

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

Dated: 14-03-2026
 Place: Nalgonda
 Sd/-Authorized Officer
 SHIRAM FINANCE LTD.

ADITYA BIRLA CAPITAL
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DEMAND NOTICE

UNDER SEC 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 ("THE ACT") READ WITH RULE 3 OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002 ("THE RULES")

On account of the amalgamation between Aditya Birla Finance Ltd. and Aditya Birla Capital Ltd. vide the Scheme of Amalgamation dated 11.03.2024 duly recorded in the Order passed by the National Company Law Tribunal - Ahmedabad on 24.03.2025, all SARFAESI actions initiated by Aditya Birla Finance Ltd. in relation to the mortgaged property mentioned, stands transferred to Aditya Birla Capital Ltd., the amalgamated company. Accordingly the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Aditya Birla Capital Limited (ABCL) under the Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) of the Act read with the Rule 3, issued Demand Notice(s) under Section 13(2) of the Act, calling upon the following borrower(s) to repay the amount mentioned in the respective notice(s) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The undersigned reasonably believes that borrower(s) are avoiding the service of the demand notice(s), therefore the service of notice is being effected by affixation and publication as per Rules. The contents of demand notice(s) are extracted herein below.

In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) to pay to ABCL, within 60 days from the date of the respective Notice(s), the amount indicated herein below against their respective names, together with further interest as detailed below from the respective dates mentioned below in column (d) till the date of payment and / or realisation, read with the loan agreement and other documents / writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower/s. As security for the repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset(s) have been mortgaged to ABCL by the said Borrower/s respectively.

Sl. No.	Name and Address of the Borrower(s)	Demand Notice Date & NPA Date	Description of Immovable Property
1.	Mrs. Divya Jewellers, Through Its Proprietor Mr Pachipala Ramesh Chary 13-6-981 Near Dharbar Maisama Temple, Kar Wan Asif Nagar, Rajamahendravaram Urban Village, Jayanti Gardens, Hyderabad, Ranga Reddy District-500006. Also At : 13-6-175/A, Kummur Wadi, Tallaganda, Karwan, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh-500067. Ph- 9885022550. Also At: House No.2-2-23/22A, Ground Floor And First Floor Plot No.5, D.D. Colony, Amberpet, Hyderabad, Telangana-500013	09.03.2026 & 05.03.2026	All That The House No.2-2-23/22A, Consisting Of Ground And First Floor With A Ground Floor Built Up Area Of 1165 Sft, First Floor 1185 Sft. On Plot No.5, Admeasuring 244.44 Sq. Yards Or 204.379 Sq. Mtrs., Situated At D. D. Colony, Amberpet, Hyderabad, T.S., and More Clearly Delineated In The Plan Annexed Hereto, Is Bounded As Follows - North- Plot No.6, South- Land Belongs To S.b.h. Employees, East- Plot No.7 & 8, West-Proposed 30' Wide Road, Along With Existing Construction And Buildings
2.	Mr. Pachipala Ramesh Chary, (S/o. Rama Chandr Chary) 13-6-175/A, Kummur Wadi, Tallaganda, Karwan, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh-500067. Ph- 9885022550. Also At: House No.2-2-23/22A, Ground Floor And First Floor, Plot No.5, D.D. Colony, Amberpet, Hyderabad, Telangana-500013	09.03.2026 & 05.03.2026	All That The House No.2-2-23/22A, Consisting Of Ground And First Floor With A Ground Floor Built Up Area Of 1165 Sft, First Floor 1185 Sft. On Plot No.5, Admeasuring 244.44 Sq. Yards Or 204.379 Sq. Mtrs., Situated At D. D. Colony, Amberpet, Hyderabad, T.S., and More Clearly Delineated In The Plan Annexed Hereto, Is Bounded As Follows - North- Plot No.6, South- Land Belongs To S.b.h. Employees, East- Plot No.7 & 8, West-Proposed 30' Wide Road, Along With Existing Construction And Buildings
3.	Mrs. Pachipala Swapna, (C/o Pachipala Ramesh Chary) 13-6-175/A, Kummur Wadi, Tallaganda, Karwan, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh-500067. Also At: House No.2-2-23/22A, Ground Floor And First Floor Plot No.5, D.D. Colony, Amberpet, Hyderabad, Telangana-500013.	09.03.2026 & 05.03.2026	All That The House No.2-2-23/22A, Consisting Of Ground And First Floor With A Ground Floor Built Up Area Of 1165 Sft, First Floor 1185 Sft. On Plot No.5, Admeasuring 244.44 Sq. Yards Or 204.379 Sq. Mtrs., Situated At D. D. Colony, Amberpet, Hyderabad, T.S., and More Clearly Delineated In The Plan Annexed Hereto, Is Bounded As Follows - North- Plot No.6, South- Land Belongs To S.b.h. Employees, East- Plot No.7 & 8, West-Proposed 30' Wide Road, Along With Existing Construction And Buildings
4.	Ms. Pachipala Divya, (C/o Pachipala Ramesh Chary, 13-6-175/A, Kummur Wadi, Tallaganda, Karwan, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh-500067. Also At: House No.2-2-23/22A, Ground Floor And First Floor, Plot No.5, D.D. Colony, Amberpet, Hyderabad, Telangana-500013	09.03.2026 & 05.03.2026	All That The House No.2-2-23/22A, Consisting Of Ground And First Floor With A Ground Floor Built Up Area Of 1165 Sft, First Floor 1185 Sft. On Plot No.5, Admeasuring 244.44 Sq. Yards Or 204.379 Sq. Mtrs., Situated At D. D. Colony, Amberpet, Hyderabad, T.S., and More Clearly Delineated In The Plan Annexed Hereto, Is Bounded As Follows - North- Plot No.6, South- Land Belongs To S.b.h. Employees, East- Plot No.7 & 8, West-Proposed 30' Wide Road, Along With Existing Construction And Buildings

Loan Ac No. ABHYDTS0000082522 & ABS_HSTS00000032879

With further interest, additional interest at the rate as more particularly stated in respective Demand Notices dated mentioned above, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realization. If the said Borrower/s shall fail to make payment to ABCL as aforesaid, then ABCL shall proceed against the above Secured Asset(s) under Section 13(4) of the said Act and the applicable Rules and the applicable Rules entirely at the risk of the said Borrower/s / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrower/s / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) are prohibited under the said Act to transfer the aforesaid Secured Asset(s) / Immovable Property(ies), whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of ABCL. That please note that this is a final notice under Sec. 13(2) of the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002). Needless to say that ABCL shall be within its right to exercise any or all of the rights referred to above against the borrower(s) entirely at their risk, responsibility & costs.

Sd/-
 Place : Hyderabad, Telangana / Date : 15.03.2026
 Authorised Officer, Aditya Birla Capital Limited

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 Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032.
 Administrative Office: 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.02, Aarum Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghatnsoli, Navi Mumbai-400710 Branch office at # 20-302, 303, 304, 1st, Jaya Deluxe Road, Park, Warangal-506164

DEMAND NOTICE

1. Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from M/s. Shiram Finance Limited (Shiram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shiram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shiram Transport Finance Company Limited name changed as Shiram 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 doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.02, Aarum Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghatnsoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, and Branch office at Parkal (hereinafter referred as We/ the Company/ Lender). We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of SHIRAM FINANCE LTD. under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices. The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantors	NPA DATE	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE	OUTSTANDING AMOUNT	LOAN AMOUNT
1)	Narasimhamulu Vanam @ Narasimha Ramaiah Vanam, S/O Komuriah, Age: 61 Years, Occ: Sri Laxmi Narasimha Building Material Suppliers, Srinivasa Colony, Warangal, # 9-133, Padmasalawada,, Parkal, Hanamkonda-506164, 9704750933	31.05.2020	13.01.2026	Rs. 28,68,315/-	Rs. 10,00,000/-
2)	Manjula Vanam, W/O Narasimhamulu Vanam @ Narasimha Ramaiah Vanam, Age: 51 Years, # 9-133, Padmasalawada, Parkal, Hanamkonda-506164, 9381375480. Also At 2) Manjula Vanam, W/O Narasimhamulu Vanam @ Narasimha Ramaiah Vanam, Age: 51 Years, # 3-867/5, Parkal V, Parkal V, Hanamkonda-506164.	31.05.2020	13.01.2026	Rs. 28,68,315/-	Rs. 10,00,000/-
3)	Sarangapani Sadu, S/O Rajalah, Age: 44 Years, Occ: Badi Coal Filler, RK-1A Incline, IDNO.02371627, SCCO Ltd., Mandamari, # 6-87, Parkal(VIII,Md), Hanamkonda-506164, 6305905267	31.05.2020	13.01.2026	Rs. 28,68,315/-	Rs. 10,00,000/-

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

PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS: CDPKFT1901220002- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
 (Property holder Name is VANAM MANJULA Mortgage deed dated 05.02.2019 Registered as Document No.275/2019 on the file of the Office of Sub-Registrar at PARKAL) House And Open Place Bearing No.3-867/5 Admeasuring To An Extent Of 172.5 Sq.Yards Or 144.244 Sq.Mtrs Situated At Parkal Village And Mandal Of Mandal Of Warangal Rural District Within The Limits Of Registration District, Warangal, Sub-Registrar, Parkal, Is Located Within The Following Boundaries: East: Municipality Cc Road, West: 10 Ft Wide Proposed Way, North: Plot Of Bomma Srinivas, South: Plot Of Sambaraju Raju

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

Dated: 14/03/2026
 Place: Parkal
 Sd/-Authorized Officer
 SHIRAM FINANCE LTD.

Women Must Become Financially Independent Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy



Nalgonda: Emphasising the importance of women's economic empowerment, Roads & Buildings and Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy said women must progress on par with men and become financially independent. On Saturday, the Minister distributed sewing machines and certificates to 116 women who successfully completed their training at the SETWIN centre in Nalgonda. Addressing the trainees, Minister Komatireddy urged women to utilise skill development opportunities instead of remaining idle. He encouraged them to take part in training programmes and develop sustainable livelihoods. The government, he said, would extend full support to help women become self-reliant. The Minister stated that the SETWIN training centre in Nalgonda will be developed into one of the best skill development institutions in the State. He informed that so far 1,250 trainees have been trained in 27 different courses through the institute. Women who complete training and organise themselves into groups will be supported with government-backed loans to start self-employment activities, he added. He also said the government is planning to entrust the stitching of school uniforms to such trained women's groups, ensuring them regular work and income. Minister Komatireddy further said that a training institute has been established near the Collectorate to expand skill development opportunities for youth.

Chada Venkat Reddy Calls for Recognition of Telangana Armed Struggle Martyrs



Husnabad, March 14: Chada Venkat Reddy urged Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to ensure proper recognition for the martyrs of the Telangana Armed Struggle. Paying tributes at the martyrs' memorial in Mohammadapur village, he honored fighters including Anabheri Prabhakar Rao and Singireddy Bhupathi Reddy who sacrificed their lives during the struggle against the Razakars. Venkat Reddy said the formation of Telangana was the result of the sacrifices of such fighters and demanded the establishment of a Martyrs' Memorial Park along with support for the families of martyrs.

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT HYDERABAD

FORM No. IV
 [See Sub-rule (2-A) of Rule 5]
 O.A. No. 44 OF 2026

SUMMONS UNDER SUB-SECTION (4) OF SECTION 19 OF THE ACT, R/W SUB-RULE (2A) OF RULE 5 OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993

Between:
 State Bank of India, Padmarao Nagar Branch, Postbag no. 2, Secunderabad-23,
 Represented by its Asst. Manager, SD Vamshi Krishna
 ... Applicant Bank

And
 Mrs. Aaradhana Kanagala
 ... Defendant

Mrs. Aaradhana Kanagala,
 C/o. Kanagala Madhusudhana Rao, Aged about: 40 years,
 Occ: Private Employee, R/O. Flat No. 102, Hemadurga Pearl, Road No. 4, PJR Enclave, Chandanagar, Madhavapuri Hills, Hyderabad Telangana - 500050.

Whereas, OA No. 44 of 2026 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer on 04.03.2026.

Whereas, this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/notice on the said Application under Section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of **Rs. 22,28,639.00/- (Rupees Twenty-Two Lakh Twenty-Eight Thousand and Six Hundred and Thirty-Two Only).**

In accordance with sub-section (4) of Section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:

- to show-cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;
- to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;
- you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;
- you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;
- you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.

You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before the Debts Recovery Tribunal -II, Hyderabad on **13-04-2026 at 10:30 A.M.**, failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this day of **04th March, 2026.**
 By order of the Tribunal Registrar
 Debts Recovery Tribunal -II, Hyderabad

HINDUJA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED
 Corporate office at #167-169, 2nd Floor, Little Mount, Saidapet, Chennai-600 015.

APPENDIX - IV-A. [See provision to rule 8 (6)]
Public Notice For E-Auction Cum Sale (Appendix - IV A) (Rule 8(6))

Sale of Immovable property mortgaged Hinduja Housing Finance Limited (HHF) having its Corporate Office at 167-169, 2ND Floor, Little Mount, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015 and Regional Office at - Hinduja Housing Finance Limited- Ashok Bhooopal Chambers, Unit No.101, Municipal No. 1-8-271, to 273 & 1-8-301 to 302, 1st Floor, Sardar Patel Road, Secunderabad - 500 003 under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter "Act"). Whereas the Authorized Officer ("AO") of HHF had taken the possession of the following properties under Section 13(4) pursuant to the notice issued (US 13/2) of the Act in the following loan accounts/prospect nos. with a right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS & AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for realization of dues. The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website: www.bankauctions.com

Sl No	Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Date of Possession	Reserve Price	Date of Inspection of property
1.	1. Balayagari Manuja, W/o. Kanakasena 2. Balayagari Kanakasena, S/o. Chandra Goud R/o. 9-21F, Dhanalaxmi Colony, Gajwel, Siddipet District, 502278. LAN: AP/GAJ/GAJ/A000000034	21/12/2024 & Rs.16,74,734/- Bid Increase Amount Rs.10,000/-	25/04/2025	Rs.24,19,085/-	04-April-2026 1100 hrs -1400 hrs
		Total Outstanding as on Date 20/01/2026 Rs. 17,87,227/-		Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.2,41,909/-	EMD Last Date 06-April-2026 till 10 AM. Date/ Time of E-Auction 06-April-2026 1100 hrs-1300 hrs.
Description of the Immovable property/ Secured : All that the House bearing No. 6-21F (PTIN 1183009654), admeasuring 75.05 Sq Yards of 90 Sq Yrds due to road effected area of 14.93 Sq Yrds having plinth area 532.27 Sq Ft with R.C.C in survey No. 250, situated at Gajwel Village and Mandal, Siddipet District bounded as: BOUNDARIES:- North: Plot of Kummari Kamalamma, South: Plot of Dudam Jaya Laxmi, East: 15 Feet Road, West: Road.					
2.	1. Mrs. Padma Marroju 2. Mr. Marroju Gorrah 3. Mrs. Usha Shree Marroju Both R/o. H.No.1-1-456/1/1, Admeasuring Land 274 Sq.Yds. Situated At Madhram Area, Nehru Nagar, Block No.1, Suryapet Town And Dist. TG-508213 LAN: AP/GAJ/GAJ/A000000098	24/02/2025 & Rs.50,59,954/- Bid Increase Amount Rs.10,000/-	10/07/2025	Rs.47,57,400/-	04-April-2026 1100 hrs -1400 hrs
		Total Outstanding as on Date 09/12/2025 Rs. 56,31,904/-		Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.4,75,740/-	EMD Last Date 06-April-2026 till 10 AM. Date/ Time of E-Auction 06-April-2026 1100 hrs-1300 hrs.
Description of the Immovable property/ Secured : All that the H.No.1-1-456/1/1, Admeasuring Land 274 Sq.Yds. Situated At Madhram Area, Nehru Nagar, Block No.1, Suryapet Town And Dist. TG, and bounded by: North: Place Of Marroju Padma, South: House Of Boinalpally Laxman Rao, East: 15 Ft Wide Road, West: House Of V.P.Kanchari Reddy.					
3.	1. Mr. Srinam Rupa 2. Mr. Narsing Rao Srinam R/o. H.No: 13-6-462/1/26, Bhagavandas bagh, Mallanna Temple, Karwan, HYDERABAD - 500067 LAN: AP/HDB/HYDB/A0000000550	19/06/2025 & Rs.19,75,102/- Bid Increase Amount Rs.10,000/-	13/01/2026	Rs.28,22,688/-	04-April-2026 1100 hrs -1400 hrs
		Total Outstanding Rs. 22,48,201/- as on 13/01/2026		Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.2,82,269/-	EMD Last Date 06-April-2026 till 10AM. Date/ Time of E-Auction 06-April-2026 1100 hrs-1300 hrs.
Description of the Immovable property/ Secured : All that the part and parcel of Residential Flat bearing No. 302, in third floor of ANKITHA APARTMENTS, bearing Municipal No. 27-16/15/3/302, with builtup area of 1089 Sq Feet including common areas together with undivided share of land admeasuring 30 Sq Yards out of 870 Sq.Yards in premises bearing No. 27-16/15/3 in survey no. 84 and 85, situated in Sri Krishna Nagar colony, saifuguda, nearmedil, Malkajgiri, HYDERABAD, India - 500015 and bounded by: Boundaries of Flat No.302, Boundaries of Landel property, North: Open to sky, 20 Feet Wide Road, South: Corridor Neighbour's House, East: Flat No.301, Neighbour's House, West: Open to Sky, Plot Nos.1 & 2.					
4.	1. Mr. SATHISH KUMAR BOBBILI 2. Mrs. PRATHYUSHA BOBBILI, Both R/o. FLAT NO. K207, SAKET SRIYAM COMPLEX, KAPRA, NEAR AMMAVARI TEMPLE, Hyderabad, Telangana, India - 500062 LAN: AP/HDB/HYDB/A000000938	14/08/2025 & Rs.27,33,085/- Bid Increase Amount Rs.10,000/-	17/12/2025	Rs.25,29,000/-	04-April-2026 1100 hrs -1400 hrs
		Total Outstanding Rs. 29,154,500/- as on 29-12-25		Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.2,52,900/-	EMD Last Date 06-April-2026 till 10AM. Date/ Time of E-Auction 06-April-2026 1100 hrs-1300 hrs.
Description of the Immovable property/ Secured : All that the Property of The Existing RCC roofed House with open place bearing Municipal No.3-10-407, vide PT No.1046006486 Admeasuring 113.33 Sq.Yards constructed on West part of open plot No.25. Lies in Survey No. 696, situated at Ward No.3, Block No.10, Vivekananda Nagar, Nyakal Road, NIZAMABAD SHIVAR within the limits of Nizamabad Municipality, and Regn.Dist.NIZAMABAD, Telangana - India - 503001 and bounded by: North: Plot No.24, South: 15 Feet Wide Road, East: Plot No.25 East Part, West: Plot No.11 of Munuru Kapu Sangam.					
5.	1. Mr. Srinu Pillalamarri Mrs. Nagamani Pillalamarri, Both R/o. H.No.1-96/1, Godavariyudem, Mamidala, Nalgonda, Telangana-508247. LAN: AP/HDB/SDNG/A000000005	21-Dec-24 & Rs.23,29,679/- Bid Increase Amount Rs.10,000/-	23-May-25	Rs.30,54,814/-	04-April-2026 1100 hrs -1400 hrs
		Total Outstanding Rs. 26,46,420/- as on 09-12-25		Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.3,05,482/-	EMD Last Date 06-April-2026 till 10AM. Date/ Time of E-Auction 06-April-2026 1100 hrs-1300 hrs.
Description of the Immovable property/ Secured : All That The Newly Constructed House Consisting Of Ground Floor+1, Upper On Open Land Admeasuring 133.32 Sq.Yds in Block No.20, in Sy.No.196, Situated At Nakrekal, Residential Area, Nakrekal Town, Nalgonda, TG. And Bounded By, North: Plot Of Biksham Reddy, South: Plot Of Porandla Narayana, East: 20'0 Fts Wide Road., West: Plot of Vemula Narsimha S/o Saliu.					

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COMPLETE 80% FINISHED WELFARE HOSTELS ON WAR FOOTING DEPUTY CM BHATTI

Hyderabad: Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu directed officials to complete welfare hostel buildings that are already 80 percent finished on a war footing within the next three months so that they can be made available for students in the coming academic year.



Deputy Chief Minister issued these instructions during pre-budget review meetings held on Saturday at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat. The meeting was conducted along with Adhuri Laxman Kumar, where budget proposals related to the SC and ST Welfare Departments were reviewed. Separate review meetings were also held with officials of the Health, Medical and Endowments Departments.

Bhatti Vikramarka directed officials to clear hostel repair bills every 15 days and appoint a senior officer to ensure that bills are regularly submitted to the Finance Department. He warned that negligence

in completing repair works during the summer would not be tolerated. The Deputy Chief Minister stated that the government has increased diet charges by 40 percent and cosmetic charges by 200 percent for welfare hostels. He instructed officials to treat hostel-related bills as a priority and ensure timely payments for rent, electricity bills, outsourcing staff salaries, and other expenses. He also recalled that during the previous government these bills were cleared only once in seven months.

Three Arrested for Illegal Possession of Leopard Claws.

Mancherla, March 14, TSIT : Forest officials of the Tallapet Range under the Kawal Wildlife Sanctuary arrested three persons on Saturday and seized 13 leopard claws along with other wildlife-related items from their possession. Acting on specific information that some suspicious persons from Dandepalli mandal were attempting to trade in illegal wildlife articles, forest officials conducted a naka bandi and intensified checks in the area. During the operation, the three accused were apprehended. The arrested persons

were identified as Modthe Venkatesh and Modthe Srinivas, both residents of Ootla village, and Vanaparathi Srikanth of Pathamamidi Palli village in Dandepalli mandal. Officials recovered 13 leopard claws and other wildlife-related items from the accused. Searches are continuing in suspected locations as part of the investigation. A sniffer dog named "Hunter" was also been deployed in the operation. Tallapet Range Officer Sushma Rao said that a case has been registered and further investigation is underway.

THERE IS NO SHORTAGE OF LPG CYLINDERS IN THE DISTRICT : DISTRICT COLLECTOR

WARANGAL, March 14, TSIT : District Collector Dr. Satya Sharada said in a statement on Sunday that there is no shortage in the supply of LPG cylinders in the district. It is stated that the Central Government Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has clarified to this extent.



She said that some consumers want to book LPG cylinders in advance as they think that there is a possibility of shortage of cylinders. But this is just a myth. She said that the supply of domestic LPG cylinders is usually done within 2.5 days on an aver-

age. Therefore consumers are advised not to panic, there is no need to book in advance or store cylinders. The district collector suggested that people should book LPG cylinders in the normal manner so that people do not fall into any misconceptions.

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DEMAND NOTICE

1. Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/ mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from M/s. Shriram Finance Limited (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Finance 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 doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.02, Aarum Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Gansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, and Branch office at Jangaon (hereinafter referred as We/ the Company/ Lender). We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD. under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices. The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

NAME OF THE BORROWER(S)/ Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors	NPA DATE: 31.12.2020	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE: 13.01.2026	OUTSTANDING AMOUNT: Rs.35,64,128/-	LOAN AMOUNT: Rs.15,00,000/-
1) Krishna Reddy Markala, S/O Pichli Reddy, Age: 49 Years, Occ: Veerabhadra Sawmill, Hanamkonda Road, Jangaon, R/O.H.No.5-2-135/26/A, Ambedkar Nagar, Jangaon(Dist)-506167. Cell: 9399886667				
2) Kavitha Markala, W/O Krishna Reddy, Age: 47 Years, R/O.H.No.5-2-135/26/A, Ambedkar Nagar, Jangaon(Dist)-506167. Cell: 9704817700 And Also At Kavitha Markala, W/O Krishna Reddy, Age: 47 Years, #5/No.173/A2, Plot No.D-8, 406.00 Sq.Yard, 339.46 Sq.Mtrs. At Jangaon Town, And Jangaon Dist.				
3) Ravikumar Ramagalla, S/O Balasomaiha, Age: 46 Years, Occ: Business, R/O.H.No.6-1-17/6, Ambethkar Nagar, Jangaon(Dist)-506167. Cell: 9010004403				

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PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS: JNGONTF1710270012- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(Property Holder Name is Markala Kavitha Mortgage Deed Dated 01.11.2017 Registered As Document No.8821/2017 On The File Of The Office Of Sub-Registrar At Jangaon) Open Plot In Survey No.173/A2, Bearing Plot No.D-8, To An Extent Of 406.00 Sq.Yards, Equivalent To 339.46 Sq.Mtrs. Situated At Jangaon Town, Jangaon Mandal, Jangaon District, Within The Jurisdiction Of Joint Sub Registrar-5, Jangaon, District Registration Office, Warangal Bounded By - Boundaries: East: 25 Ft Wide Road, West: Plot No.D-1, D-2, North: Plot No.D-9, South: Plot No.D-6, D-7

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

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

Dated: 14.03.2026
Place: Jangaon
Sd/-Authorized Officer
SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD.

JAGGAREDDY BURNS EFFIGY OF PM MODI IN SANGAREDDY TENSIONS DURING PROTEST

Hyderabad Tension prevailed in Sangareddy town on Saturday after 'Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) Working President T. Jaggareddy led a protest and burned an effigy of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, condemning the BJP for burning an effigy of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi earlier.



Protest was held near the New Bus Stand in Sangareddy. Congress leaders and activists staged the demonstration in response to the Telangana BJP State President Ramchander Rao allegedly burning the effigy of Rahul Gandhi over his protest on the issue of gas shortage in the country.

Police attempted to prevent the effigy burning, leading to a brief scuffle between Congress workers and the police. Despite the attempts to stop them, Congress activists succeeded in burning the

effigy of the Prime Minister. Speaking to the media on the occasion, Jaggareddy criticized the BJP leadership and questioned why Rahul Gandhi's effigy was burned when he was protesting over a public issue. He said Rahul Gandhi had raised concerns about the shortage of cooking gas in the country and staged a protest outside Parliament highlighting the difficulties faced by the public.

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NAME OF THE BORROWER(S)/ Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors	NPA DATE: 31.05.2020	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE: 13.01.2026	OUTSTANDING AMOUNT: Rs.42,58,254/-	LOAN AMOUNT: Rs.13,00,000/-
1) Surender Reddy Bongu, S/O Nagireddy, Age: 51 Years, Occ: Sri Rama Water Plant, Cheraly, Siddipet, R/O.H.No.1-4/1/A, Cheraly, Warangal(Dist)-506223. Cell: 9908293272. And Also At Surender Reddy Bongu, S/O Nagireddy, Age: 51 Years, Occ: Sri Rama Water Plant, Cheraly, Siddipet, # Sy.No.485/E, Plot No.9, 186.00 Sq.Yard, 151.51 Sq.Mtr, Duddeda Vill, Duddeda Gram Panchayath, Kondapaka Mandal, Siddipet Dist, Medak. 506223.630097548				
2) Pushpalatha Bongu, W/O Surender Reddy, Age: 45 Years, R/O.H.No.1-4/1/A, Cheraly, Warangal(Dist)-506223.630097548				
3) Muthyam Reddy Mokalla, S/O Venkat Reddy, Age: 57 Years, Occ: Business, Secunderabad, R/O.H.No.1-10-28/199/1/3, Shubhodaya Colony, Kushaguda, Secunderabad-500062. Cell: 900121309				

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

PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS: JNGONTF1808280004- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(Property holder Name is Bongu Surender Reddy Mortgage deed dated 07.09.2018 Registered as Document No.5768/2018 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Cheraly) Open Place In Survey No.485/E, Bearing Plot No.9, To An Extent Of 186.00 Sq.Yards, Equivalent To 151.51 Sq.mtrs, Situated At Duddeda Village, Duddeda Gram Panchayath, Kondapaka Mandal, Siddipet District, Within The Jurisdiction Of Sub-registrar, Siddipet, District Registration Office, Medak, Bounded By: East: 21 Ft. Wide Road, West: Rajeev National Highway, North: Plot No.10, South: Plot No.8

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

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

Dated: 14.03.2026
Place: Jangaon
Sd/-Authorized Officer
SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD.

ADITYA BIRLA CAPITAL LIMITED
Registered Office: Indian Rayon Compound, Veraval, Gujarat - 362 266.
Corporate Office: 12th Floor, R Teck Park, Nirlon Complex, Nr. Hub Mall, Goregaon (E), Mumbai-400 063, MH.

POSSESSION NOTICE (SEE RULE 8 (1) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002)

On account of the amalgamation between Aditya Birla Finance Ltd. and Aditya Birla Capital Ltd. vide the Scheme of Amalgamation dated 11.03.2024 duly recorded in the Order passed by the National Company Law Tribunal - Ahmedabad on 24.03.2025, all SARFAESI actions initiated by Aditya Birla Finance Ltd. in relation to the mortgaged property mentioned in Schedule A below, stands transferred to Aditya Birla Capital Ltd., the amalgamated company.

Accordingly the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Aditya Birla Capital Limited (ABCL) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice Dated mentioned below under Section 13(2) of the said Act calling upon you being the borrowers (names and addresses mentioned below) to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers mentioned herein below having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers mentioned herein below and to the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The Borrowers mentioned here in below in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with said property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Aditya Birla Capital Limited (ABCL) for an amount as mentioned herein under and interest thereon. The Borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section 8 of Section 13 of the act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)	Demand Notice Date & O/S. Amt	Description of Immovable Property (Properties Mortgaged)	Possession Date
1.	Mrs. BRS Laxmi Keerthana, Through Its Proprietor Boora Praveen.	DN Date : 30.12.2025 Rs. 20,16,185.76 as on 13.08.2025	The Open Shed No 8, To An Extent Measuring Plot Area 412.33 Sqmts (433.14 Sq.yards), Having Plinth Area 68.60, Situated At Industrial Park, Rampur In Sy. No. 157(Part), Situated At Rampur Village, Revenue Mandal Dharmasagar, Hanamkonda District Within The Limits Of Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation And Bounded By: East: 12.00 Mt.wide Road, West: Devadula Canal, North: Shed No. 9, South: Shed No. 7, Within The Jurisdiction Of Sub-Registrar Ghanpur (Station) And District Registration Office, Warangal, along With Existing Construction And Building.	11.03.2026 (Symbolic Possession)
2.	Mr. Boora Praveen, S/o. Boora Venkateshwarlu 3. Mrs. Sandi Nirmla, W/o. Boora Praveen, LAN: ABWARS00000542532	DN Date : 30.12.2025 Rs. 20,20,694.80 as on 25.11.2025	All The Part And Parcel Of The Plot No. 14/part, Land Measuring 239 Sq.yds. Or 244.94 Sq.mts. In Survey No. 1054, Situated At Village And Gram Panchayat Block No.4, Medchal Village And Mandal, Ranga Reddy District., and Bounded By: - East: Neighbour's Land, South: Plot No.13; West: Road, North: Plot No. 14/part, along With Existing Building And Construction If Any	13.03.2026 (Symbolic Possession)

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
Aditya Birla Capital Limited
Place: Warangal, Ranga Reddy, Telangana
Date: 15.03.2026

B. S. LATHA INSPECTS SSC EXAM CENTRE IN JAGITYALA



Jagityala, March 14, TSIT : District Additional Collector (Revenue) BS Latha inspected the examination center of the Government School (Puranipeta) at Jagityala on Saturday during the Class X Annual Examinations. The management procedure, security of question papers and examination process of hall tickets were specially examined in the examination center. District Additional Collector (Revenue) BS Latha spoke on this occasion the officials were advised to pay special attention to providing the necessary infrastructure to the students. Maintenance of lighting, drinking water, toilets in examination rooms, the authorities have been directed to take steps to ensure that the students write the exams in a peaceful environment. District Education Officer K. Ramu and Tehsildar Rammohan were present in this examination.

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DEMAND NOTICE

1. Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/ mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from M/s. Shriram Finance Limited (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Finance 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 doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.02, Aarum Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Gansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, and Branch office at Mulugu (hereinafter referred as We/ the Company/ Lender). We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD. under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices. The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

NAME OF THE BORROWER(S)/ Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors	NPA DATE: 07.02.2023	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE: 17.01.2026	OUTSTANDING AMOUNT: Rs.29,86,875/-	LOAN AMOUNT: Rs.14,00,000/-
1) Sunitha Thanneeru W/O.Guruvaiha, Age: 44 Years, Occ: Gs Foot Ware, R/O.H.No.14-97, Lenine Colony, Thour Mandal, Warangal Dist - 506 163. Cell: 8978440660. And Also At Sunitha Thanneeru W/O.Guruvaiha, Age: 44 Years, Occ: Gs Foot Ware, # House With Open Place No.14-96/1, 90.00 Sq.Yards, 75.25 Sq.Mtrs, Rcc Roof Plinth Area 289.74 Sq.Feet, Thour Village And Mandal, Mahabubabad District.				
2) Thanneeru Guruvaiha S/O.Somanarayana, Age: 46 Years, R/O.H.No.14-97, Lenine Colony, Warangal Dist - 506 163. Cell: 9908835710.				
3) Mitalpelli Kiran Kumar S/O.Sambaiah, Age: 41 Years, R/O.H.No.16-4-1533, Shiva Nagar, Warangal Dist - 506 002. Cell: 9912173673.				

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

PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS: MLUGUFT2205300008- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(Property holder Name is SUNITHA THANNEERU Mortgage deed dated 31.05.2022 Registered as Document No.6768/2022 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at MAHABUBABAD) House with open place bearing Municipality No.14-96/1 to an extent of 90.00 Sq.Yards or 75.25 Sq.Mtrs With Construction Rcc Roof plinth area of 289.74 Sq.Feet situated at Thour village and Mandal of Mahabubabad District, within the limits of Municipality Thour and SRO Mahabubabad, is bounded by: - East: 12 Ft wide Proposed Road, West: 24 Ft wide Proposed Road North: House of Donor, South: House of Md.Atzal

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

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

Dated: 14.03.2026
Place: Mulugu
Sd/-Authorized Officer
SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD.

300 Crore Oil Palm Factory at Narmetta to Boost Farmers' Income Minister Tummala

Hyderabad: Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao said the Telangana government is taking decisive steps to transform the state into an oil palm hub in the country by expanding cultivation and strengthening processing infrastructure for farmers.

The Minister inspected the 300-crore state-of-the-art oil palm processing factory at Narmetta in Nangunur mandal of Siddipet district, built under the



Telangana Oilfed. Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, Oilfed Chairman Janga Raghava Reddy, Oilfed MD Yasmeen Bhasha and other officials accompanied him during the visit.

Speaking on the occasion, Tummala said the project was completed in a record time of 18 months after the present government came to power. He said the factory will soon be inaugurated by Chief

Minister Revanth Reddy.

The factory, built with advanced Malaysian technology, has the capacity to process 30 to 120 tonnes of oil palm fresh fruit bunches per hour and will produce crude palm oil and palm kernel oil. It is also equipped with a 4-megawatt bio-power plant and a zero-liquid-discharge water treatment system, ensuring environmentally sustainable operations.

Chinta Prabhakar Lays Foundation for Rs.68 Lakh CC Roads in Kondapur Mandal



Sangareddy, March 14: Chinta Prabhakar said people expect development rather than post-poll political rivalries and public representatives must focus on improving villages. The MLA laid the foundation stone for CC road works worth Rs.68 lakh in several villages of Kondapur Mandal under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. He also launched works for two women's community buildings worth Rs.20 lakh in Kondapur village. Prabhakar instructed officials and contractors to complete the works with quality standards before March 25. He said villages need better infrastructure such as roads, sanitation, drinking water and street lighting, and development should be carried out without discrimination. Local public representatives, party leaders and villagers participated in the programme.

Manjeera River Must Be Protected Like Musi River: Mettu Sridhar

Sangareddy, March 14: Mettu Sridhar urged the government to protect the Manjeera River from pollution just as efforts are being made to rejuvenate the Musi River.

He said the Manjeera, a tributary of the Godavari River, is a lifeline for lakhs of people in the erstwhile Medak district, providing irrigation and drinking water. Sridhar expressed concern that sewage and industrial waste entering through Nakkavagu near Ismailkhanpet could eventually affect the Nizam Sagar Reservoir.

He demanded a special protection board for the river and strict enforcement of pollution control laws. Sridhar also called for the immediate operation of the super speciality hospital at Patancheru for people affected by pollution.

INAUGURAL CEREMONY OF KITS TROPHY - 2026 FOR MEN AND WOMEN, HELD AT KITSW CAMPUS

WARANGAL, March 14, TSIT : The department of Physical Education, Kakatiya Institute of Technology & Science Warangal (KITSW) organising a two day Professional-Collegiate Tournament-KITS TROPHY for men and women during 14th and 15th March, 2026. Today, It was inaugurated by the chief guest, principal Prof. K. Ashoka Reddy at the Sports complex, play fields, KITS Warangal campus. It is sponsored by the KITSW sports alumni.

In this regard former Rajya Sabha MP & KITSW Chairman, Capt. V.Lakshmi Kantha Rao, KITSW Treasurer, P. Narayana Reddy & Husnabad constituency former MLA & KITSW Additional secretary, Vodithala Sateesh Kumar have appreciated the department of physical education and congratulated the players.

On this occasion the chief guest, principal Prof. K. Ashoka Reddy highlighted that build friendship and brotherhood with mutual trust. The games and sports are essential and dynamic activities on par with academics for the professional student community which includes medical & engineering colleges. The students must be involved in the physical activities to achieve holistic goals development. Moreover, you will also gain innovative thinking, problem solving abilities, creativity, memory workout and social skills will be developed in the



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young minds. Technology never stops job opportunities but it will create employ-ability. He concluded that determination, commitment and decision making skills are powerful tools to achieve your dream. According to the administrative officer, Prof. P. Ramesh

Reddy, the tournament will bring out the hidden talent and improve the spirit of confidence among the players. Students should have a winning spirit with dynamic participation. There were 800 above students participating from various 17 professional colleges under jurisdiction of combined districts of Warangal & Karimnagar. This tournament includes six types of sport events such as Basketball (M&W), badminton (M & W), Volleyball (M & W), Kabaddi (M), Table tennis and Football (M) to be conducted during these two days, he added. In this inaugural event, Head Department of Physical education Dr. M. Srinivas Reddy, Associate professor of chemistry & PRO Dr.D. Prabhakara Chary, all the deans, all the heads, PED faculty Venkataswamy, Mahesh, Nagaraju, faculty, staff and KITSW sports alumni were present.

Vision IAS Seminar Features S. Varshith Reddy and Vijaya Simha Reddy

Hyderabad, March 14: Vision IAS Hyderabad organised an inspiring seminar where S. Varshith Reddy and Vijaya Simha Reddy shared their success journeys after securing ranks in the UPSC Civil Services Examination 2025. Varshith Reddy, a B.E graduate from BITS Pilani

Hyderabad Campus, currently works as an Inspector in DGGI Vijayawada, while Vijaya Simha Reddy, a B.Tech graduate from Sreenidhi Institute of Science and Technology, is undergoing training after clearing state services. Speaking to aspirants, they highlighted the importance of consistency, disciplined preparation and answer-writing practice for success in the civil services exam. The seminar was presided over by Harekrishna Singh, South Region Branch Head of Vision IAS, who congratulated the toppers and encouraged students to stay focused on their goals.



SSC Exams from March 16: 31,334 Students to Appear in Tirupati District

Tirupati: District Educational Officer K.V.N. Kumar announced that all arrangements have been completed for the SSC Public Examinations in Tirupati district, scheduled from March 16 to April 1, 2026, from 9:30 AM to 12:45 PM.

A total of 31,334 students will appear for the exams, including 29,165 regular, 1,178 supplementary, and 991 APOSS candidates from 655 schools. For smooth conduct, the department has set up 165 examination centres across 62 zones with 179 chief superintendents, 179 departmental officers and 1,435 invigilators on duty.

Special measures such as flying squads, CCTV monitoring at sensitive centres, no-mobile zones, and closure of photocopy shops near



exam centres during exam hours have been implemented. Students can also travel free on APSRTC buses by showing their hall tickets.



The meaning of Metlotsavam is to achieve life's progress: Dr. Medasani Mohan Singaporean artists participating in Metlotsavam • Massive Metlotsavam in Tirupati...

ASTHANAMS LINE UP IN TIRUMALA TEMPLE

TIRUMALA, 14 MARCH 2026: Three Asthanams have been lined up in the month of March this year in Tirumala temple following the upcoming important festivals including Telugu Ugadi and Sri Ramanavami. Asthanam - the traditional Temple Court is usually observed in the Garudalwar Sannidhi on the special occasions earmarked in the temple.

Ugadi Asthanam: On the auspicious day of Sri Parabhava Nama Samvatsara Ugadi, a set of new clothes is being draped to both main and processional deities. The Vedic scholars present the year's Panchangam in front of the deities and perform Asthanam between 7am and 9am. Sri Rama Navami Asthanam: On the occasion of Sri Rama Navami on March 27, the temple court is being observed between 9pm and 10pm at Garudalwar Sannidhi.

Earlier, the Hanumanta Vahana Seva will also be observed on the occasion in Tirumala between 6:30pm and 8pm. As a part of Asthanam, the Vedic Pundits presents Sri Rama Jananam (Birth of Sri Rama) chapter from Srimad Ramayana and perform Asthanam. Pattabhisheka Asthanam: On the succeeding day of Sri Rama Navami, the Pattabhisheka Asthanam is being observed in Tirumala temple between 8pm and 9pm. The Vedic scholars present the Coronation Ceremony episode of Sri Ramachandra Murthy from the sacred epic Srimad Ramayana on the occasion.

Civil Defence Volunteer Training Programme Begins at GITAM Deemed to be University, Hyderabad

Hyderabad: The Telangana Fire Disaster Response Emergency and Civil Defence Department has launched a week-long Civil Defence Volunteer Training Programme at the Hyderabad campus of GITAM Deemed to be University. The training is being conducted from March 12 to March 18, 2026, with the aim of preparing youth to act as first responders during emergencies before official rescue teams arrive.

Nearly 100 students from the university are participating in the programme. The training includes sessions on civil defence and disaster mitigation, basic fire science and firefighting techniques, search and rescue operations, and first aid with basic life support. Participants are also receiving hands-on training in handling rescue equipment, firefighting systems, and emergency



response procedures. Speaking at the inaugural session, Sangareddy District Fire Officer B. Nageshwar Rao emphasized the need to build a strong network of trained volunteers who can assist authorities during disasters and emergency situations. Station Fire Officer K.V. Nagendra of Patancheru stated that the programme would equip students with essential skills to support various

departments during incidents such as fires, accidents, and natural or man-made disasters. The training also highlights coordination with agencies like the National Disaster Response Force, police, and fire services to ensure an organized and effective response during crises, thereby strengthening community preparedness and promoting volunteerism in disaster management.

TRAINING WORKSHOPS VITAL FOR YOUNG DOCTORS: Dr. Bhaskar Rao at Vascular Conference in Hyderabad

Hyderabad, March 14: Stressing the importance of continuous learning in the medical field, Dr. Bhaskar Rao, Chairman and Managing Director of KIMS Hospitals, said that training workshops and academic conferences are crucial for equipping young doctors with the latest knowledge and skills in vascular medicine.

He was speaking at the international conference "Vascular Voyages - Fem Pop: Mystery to Mastery," organised in Hyderabad to create awareness about vascular diseases and introduce advanced treatment techniques. The three-day conference witnessed participation from vascular specialists from India and abroad. A one-day hands-on training workshop will also be conducted at KIMS Hospitals Secunderabad. The conference was organised by the KIMS



Institute of Vascular Sciences and the Department of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery. Addressing the gathering as chief guest, Dr. Bhaskar Rao said leading experts shared insights on recent developments, modern surgical techniques and advanced endovascular treatment methods, particularly focusing on the latest tech-

nologies used in treating femoropopliteal artery diseases. Speaking on the occasion, organising chairman Dr. Narendranath said peripheral vascular diseases are increasing due to diabetes, smoking, hypertension and sedentary lifestyles. He explained that reduced blood flow to the legs can cause pain while walking and non-healing wounds,

and in severe cases may lead to amputation if untreated. The conference featured academic sessions, panel discussions, case-based deliberations and live demonstrations of complex vascular surgeries and advanced endovascular interventions, providing valuable learning opportunities for young doctors and medical residents.

Former DGP H.J. Dora Laid to Rest with Official Honours in Hyderabad

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Consumers Should Develop the Habit of Questioning Dr.Pallepadu Damodar

Hanamkonda: Consumers should develop the habit of questioning and being aware of their rights, said Dr. Pallepadu Damodar, President of the South Indian States Consumers Coordination Committee and National Senior Secretary of the Consumer Confederation of India (CCI). He was speaking as the chief guest at a



Consumer Awareness Seminar organised by the District Consumer Advisory Committee at Ramnagar,

Hanamkonda, on Saturday morning ahead of World Consumer Rights Day (March 15).

Addressing the gathering Dr.Damodar said that the consumer is the central pillar of the socio-economic system, and it is the responsibility of every institution to ensure the protection of consumer rights, fair pricing, quality

products, and transparent services. He emphasized that only through increased consumer awareness can trust and equality be strengthened in society. He also stressed the need for organisations and service providers to respect consumer rights, effectively address consumer complaints, and strictly follow legal procedures.

Best Friends Foundation Felicitates Gaddar Telangana Film Award Recipient Venu Udagula

Hanamkonda : Best Friends Foundation, under the leadership of its founder Puli Devender Mudhiraj, felicitated noted filmmaker Venu Udagula, recipient of the Gaddar Telangana Film Award, at an event held in Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad on Saturday. Venu Udagula, a native of Upparapalli village in Chennaraopet mandal of Warangal district, received recognition after the Telangana Government announced the Gaddar Telangana Film Awards 2025. The film "Raju Weds Rambai," produced by Venu Udagula, won the Best Film Award. The movie also brought several accolades, including Best Director for Sailu Kampati, Best Playback Singer for Anurag, and Best Male Actor for Chaitu Jonnalagadda. Speaking on the occa-



sion, Puli Devender Mudhiraj said it was heartening to see increasing appreciation for films rooted in authentic Telangana rural culture and background. He praised Venu Udagula as an inspiring personality who rose from a middle-class family and reached great heights through hard work and determination. He noted that Venu Udagula has been actively encouraging emerging talent in the film

industry. He cited the example of director Sailu Kampati, who was supported through the film Raju Weds Rambai, and mentioned that the filmmaker has also been promoting talented individuals such as music director Suresh Bobbili and lyricist Mattapalli Suresh, thereby bringing hidden gems from grassroots backgrounds into the film industry. Devender Mudhiraj said many members, well-wishers, friends and supporters of the Best Friends Foundation conveyed their congratulations to Venu Udagula and expressed hope that he would continue to produce and direct meaningful films with strong social values and achieve even greater success in the future. Responding on the occasion, Venu Udagula expressed gratitude and said he would continue to create opportunities for talented youth from rural areas to enter the film industry.

Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka Inaugurates India vs England Hockey World Cup 2026 Final

Hyderabad: Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka inaugurated the India vs England final match of the Hockey World Cup 2026 at the Gachibowli Hockey Stadium in Hyderabad. Before the commencement of the match, the Deputy Chief Minister met the players of both teams and congratulated them, wishing them the very best for the final. Bhatti Vikramarka later watched the excit-



ing final match at the stadium along with State Ministers Duddilla Sridhar Babu and Vakiti Srihari. The leaders keenly followed the match and appreciated the sporting spirit displayed by the players. A large number of hockey enthusiasts and sports lovers gathered at the stadium to witness the much-anticipated final match between India and England. The event was marked by great enthusiasm and a vibrant sporting atmosphere.

AP CM Chandrababu Naidu Blesses Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka's Son and Daughter-in-Law



Hyderabad: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu visited Praja Bhavan in Hyderabad on Saturday and blessed the newly married couple Surya Vikramaditya, son of

Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, and his wife Sakshi. On his arrival at Praja Bhavan, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu was warmly received by Deputy

Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka and his wife Nandini, who welcomed him with a bouquet. During the interaction, Chandrababu Naidu conveyed his heartfelt wishes to the newly married couple and blessed them for a happy, prosperous and successful life ahead. It may be recalled that the wedding of Surya Vikramaditya took place on March 5. On that occasion, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka personally visited Andhra Pradesh to invite Chandrababu Naidu to the ceremony.

Dr.Supriya Ratna Kumar Becomes First Indian Woman IPC South Asia Commander

Hyderabad: In a proud and historic moment for Telangana and the nation, Dr. Supriya Ratna Kumar, a native of Goudipuri village in Warangal and presently residing in Hanamkonda Urban district, has been appointed as the South Asia Commander of the International Police Commission (IPC). With this appointment, she has become the first Indian woman to hold this prestigious position within the



global organization. Dr. Supriya Ratna Kumar was officially selected for the position on December 28, 2025, by the International Police Commission Global Command (IPC GC IGO). Her appointment marks a significant milestone in international policing and humanitarian leadership, bringing recognition not only to India but also to Telangana, particularly the Warangal region.

Indian Railways Institute of Signal Engineering and Telecommunications Organises Blood Donation Camp

Hyderabad, March 14: Indian Railways Institute of Signal Engineering and Telecommunications (IRISET), Secunderabad organised a blood donation camp on its campus as part of its social responsibility initiatives. Around 60 officers, trainees and staff members voluntarily participated in the programme.



The camp was conducted in collaboration with the Indian Red Cross Society

and the South Central Railway Central Hospital under medical supervision. Director General Sharad Kumar Srivastava appreciated the participants for their voluntary service and said that a single unit of donated blood can help save multiple lives, highlighting the importance of such humanitarian initiatives.

DANDI LAKSHMI REVIEWS PANTING CULTIVATION FOR MONSOON PLANTATION

Husnabad, March 14: Dandi Lakshmi inspected a local nursery as part of the Praja Palana Pragathi Plan and directed officials to intensify the cultivation of saplings ahead of the monsoon season. She instructed staff to grow large numbers of fruit-bearing and flowering plants for distribution to households as part of the town's greening and beautification initiative. Ward-wise plans are also being prepared to ensure smooth distribution of saplings. Municipal Vice-Chairperson Chittari Padma, councillors, municipal officials and nursery staff participated in the programme.



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Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of Shriram Finance Limited, (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Finance 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 doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (Level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurum Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices. The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 13th March, 2026.

Borrower Name and Address	Amount due as per Demand Notice
1) Shaik Khaja Baba, S/O:Imam Shaik Late, Age:57 years, Occ:Self Employee, R/O:H No 17-1-375/A/19/K, Khalander Nagar, Santhosh Nagar, Saidabad [Po], Hyderabad-500059, B/O:"S K B Enterprises", "Kiranra General Store And Rice Trader", At S No.23, Highsp1 No.1, Santosh Nagar, Saidabad, Near Golden Jubilee Saloon, Hyderabad-500059, 9865199880. 2) Shameem Sultana, W/O:Khaja Baba Shaik, D/O:Abdul Khader, Age:52 years, Occ:House Wife, R/O:H No:17-1-375/A/19/K, Khalander Nagar, Santhosh Nagar, Saidabad Colony, Hyderabad-500059, 7095652027. 3) Shareef Shaik, S/O:Imam Shaik, Age:64 years, Occ:Private Employee, R/O:H No 17-1-375/A/19/A, Qalander Nagar, Santhosh Nagar, Near Owas Hospital, Saidabad Colony, Hyderabad-500059, O/C:"Suman Chit Fund", Working As A Collection Agent, 9885701977.Borrowers/Co-borrower/Guarantors/Legal heirs	Rs. 39,24,716/- (Rupees Thirty Nine Lacs Twenty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Sixteen only)

HM/YTNT/2102280007 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: Property holder Name is SHAIK KHAJA BABA, Mortgage deed dated 14.03.2021 Registered as Document No.2021/2021 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at AZAMPURAJI. That The House Bearing No.17-1-375/A/19/1 Admeasuring 76 Square Yards Or 63.54 Square Meters Situated At Khalander Nagar, Santhosh Nagar, Hyderabad Telangana And Bounded As Follows: (Plt No.1241730975) And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: Neighbours' House: Towards West: Neighbours' House South Plot No.21; Towards North: Land And House Of Abdul Samad Sahab; Towards South: Neighbours' House.

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

Place: Hyderabad Date: 13-03-2026

Sd/-Authorized officer,
Shriram Finance Ltd.

SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED

Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032
Administrative Office: 6th Floor (Level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurum Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710 Branch Office At # 16-207, 2nd, Opp:RAB Guest House, Main Road, Thorur, Mahabubabad -506163

DEMAND NOTICE

1. Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/ mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from M/s. Shriram Finance Limited (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Finance 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 doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (Level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurum Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, and Branch office at Thorur (hereinafter referred as Wei) the Company (Lender). We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD. under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices.

The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same.

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

NAME OF THE BORROWER(S)/ Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors	NPA DATE: 31.01.2016 DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE: 21.01.2026 OUTSTANDING AMOUNT: Rs.32,77,830/- LOAN AMOUNT Rs.6,00,000/-
1) Sunil Kumar Godishala, S/O Abburamulu, Age: 45 Years, Occ: Keerthi Fertilizer Business At Thorur, # 11-88, Kakathini Nagar, Opposite Ambedkar Theatral, Thorur, Warangal-506163. Cell: 940134004	
2) Janardhan Gangula, S/O Ramakistam, Age: 46 Years, Occ: School Assistant In Zppss At Kodakandla, # 5-7/1, Shingaram (V), Mahabubabad (Mo), Warangal-506104. Cell: 9666280408	

PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS: THURUR/FT/1504290007 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (Property holder Name is SUNIL KUMAR GODISHALA Mortgage deed dated 30.04.2015 Registered as Document No.2277/2015 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at MAHABUBABAD) House bearing G.P.No.11-88, of Rcc road area admeasuring to an extent of 157.05 Sq.yds or 131.31 Sq.mtrs situated at Thorur village and Mandal, Warangal District, Registration District Warangal & Sub-District Mahabubabad, bounded as under : East : 8.6 Ft Wide way, West : Godishala Abraham (donor) remaining House No.11-88, North : Grampanchayath Road, South : House of Kalyan Babu

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

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

Dated: 14.03.2026
Place: Thorur

Sd/-Authorized Officer
SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD.

बैंक ऑफ इंडिया
Bank of India

KHAIRATABAD BRANCH

Ground floor, P.T.I. BUILDING, A.C. GUARDS, MASAB TANK, HYDERABAD-500004. Phone: 049-23322923, 23322924.

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the undersigned being the authorized officer of the Bank of India, Khairatabad Branch under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 30-12-2025 calling upon the borrower Mr. Krishna Tanguturi and Mrs. Priyanka Tanguturi that All that the residential building on plot no.241 Northern part, admeasuring 100 Sq.Yards or 83.6 Sq.Mtrs with a Plinth area of 550 S Sft, consisting Groundfloor of R.C.C Roofing in Survey Nos.76/6 to 76/16, situated at Chengicherla Village, under Boduppal Municipality, Medipally Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 23,45,237.90 plus interest @ 9.60% p.a. plus 2.00% penal interest with monthly rests from 29-12-2025 in Home Loan (860975110000449), together with costs, expenses, etc. within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Mr. Krishna Tanguturi and Priyanka Tanguturi the borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken POSSESSION of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this 12 th day of March of the Year 2026 Mr. Krishna Tanguturi in particular, and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the BANK OF INDIA for an amount Rs. 22,83,481 plus interest @ 9.60 % p.a. plus 2.00% penal interest with monthly rests from 29-12-2025 in Home Loan (860975110000449), and together with costs, expenses, etc.

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

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: All that the residential building on plot no.241 Northern part, admeasuring 100 Sq.Yards or 83.6 Sq. Mtrs with a Plinth area of 550 S Sft, consisting Groundfloor of R.C.C Roofing in Survey Nos.76/6 to 76/16, situated at Chengicherla Village, under Boduppal Municipality, Medipally Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District and bounded as follows:-Flat Boundaries North :Flat No.240,South : Plot No.241 Southern Part,East : 25' Wide Road,West : Plot No.238

Date:12 th March, 2026
Place: Hyderabad

BANK OF INDIA, Authorized Officer
KHAIRATABAD BRANCH

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT : HYDERABAD

FORM No. IV
[See Sub-rule (2-A) of Rule 5]
O.A. NO. 45 OF 2026

SUMMONS UNDER SUB-SECTION (4) OF SECTION 19 OF THE ACT, R/W SUB-RULE (2A) OF RULE 5 OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993

Between:
State Bank of India, Padmarao Nagar Branch,
Postbag no.2, Secunderabad-23,
Represented by its Asst. Manager, SD Vamshi Krishna

... Applicant Bank
And
Mr. Dastagir Babu Buragala ... Defendant To

Mr. Dastagir Babu Buragala, S/o. Mr. B. Dastagir, Aged about 39 years, Male, Occ: Private Employee, Infosys Ltd., R/O Plot No.251 Road No.8, Vardhanapuri Colony, Beeramguda, Ramachandrapuram, Sangareddy District, Telangana - 502 032. Aadhar No.9770 6590 8762, Mobile No.8106558141.

Whereas, OA No. 45 of 2026 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer on 04-03-2026.

Whereas, this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/notice on the said Application under Section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs. 20,54,125.00/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh Fifty-Four Thousand and One Hundred and Twenty-Fivessss Only).

In accordance with sub-section (4) of Section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:

(i) to show-cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;

(ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;

(iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;

(iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;(v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by way of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets

You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before the Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Hyderabad on 13-04-2026 at 10:30 A.M., failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this day of 04th March, 2026.

By order of the Tribunal Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -II, Hyderabad

EDITORIAL

Trump And His America Are Fast Losing Touch With Reality

In Kalimpong, a small hilly town of West Bengal, the news of oil shortage seems to be spreading across the city. The petrol pump down the road from our Airbnb hasn't had any fuel supplies over the past forty-eight hours. Meanwhile, in faraway lands governments and international organisations are urgently releasing their strategic fuel reserves to temper down crude oil and gas prices.

How protracted will the fuel crisis in India and across the world be, is beside the point. The question worth asking is, when was the last time the application of a superpower's might resulted in household-level shortages across the world? China shutting itself down as the sole factory to the world is arguably the closest instance. But that was during a once-in-a-century pandemic.

How A President Got Carried Away

To even the most passive observers of foreign affairs, it is evident that US President Donald Trump has become significantly more casual when it comes to deploying American power abroad. From restricting access to American markets via astronomical tariffs to taking out the Venezuelan President to now attempting regime change in the Iranian Republic, there is a certain undertone in US foreign policy that harkens back to the unipolar moment.

Generally, it is during a unipolar world that a hegemon tends to get a bit carried away and overestimates its ability to bring about dramatic change at either the system-level or within specific nation-states. But here lies the paradox. The prevailing global balance of power is quite some distance away from such a distribution of power. The current world can best be described as one tilting towards bipolarity, but with a few caveats. If security and economy are the central criteria, then the US is the dominant security power, while China is the key manufacturing and trading power. Now here come the caveats. While the US continues to be the only power capable of global power projection, the Chinese have accumulated adequate power to deny any serious notions of American security hegemony. Similarly, the scale, dynamism and the centrality of the US currency in the global economy mean that although China is the leading manufacturing power, America continues to be the financial hegemon.

Beyond Simple Explanations

Now, given the US no longer enjoys any semblance of pure hegemony, it begs the question, why exactly is the US behaving like a superpower does at the height of unipolarity? What is the guiding logic of the rather rash turn in American foreign policy? It is all too easy to box Trump as an irrational player, and frankly, it is a bit of an analytical copout.

Instead, a more compelling explanation is that the very design of the global balance of power, with all its intricacies, coupled with a generational populist leader in Trump, has created a sense of faux unipolarity in the American strategic mind.

Under actual unipolarity - what the US enjoyed from the end of the Cold War to arguably the Global Financial Crisis - the significant power differential that a hegemon enjoys made it conclude that it could use its instruments of statecraft to instill change beyond its borders.

Sometimes such conclusions are correct. The US-led Operation Desert Storm under the leadership of President HW Bush is a leading example of what a hegemon can achieve when it has monopoly over power. In a deft operation, the US-led coalition forced the Iraqi forces to withdraw from Kuwait, and more importantly, in almost record time. Unipolar moments also result in superpower delusions regarding its capacity to enforce change abroad. Such miscalculations were on display during the US' war efforts in Afghanistan and Iraq, all under a deluded notion of democracy promotion.

Adornment to the Pearl City – The Revival of the Musi River

A Mangali to the Pearl City – The Revival of the Musi River. The Telangana region was once part of the princely states ruled by the Nizam Nawabs in the vast Indian subcontinent. Our land has earned a unique place in world history due to its rich heritage, the struggles of armed movements, the oppression of marginalized communities, and the progress of civilization. It is a land where arts, music, culture, dance, beauty, ornaments, pearls, and precious gems flourish, while the flowing waters of the Musi and Esi rivers have long been the lifelines and fortune lines of the twin cities. In the history of Hyderabad, the story of the Musi River is deeply intertwined with the city's development as well as its many challenges. Many decades ago, the Musi River was the lifeline for the people living here. The river flowed clean and supported agriculture, daily life, and trade. However, the river is also remembered for a tragic event that changed the course of Hyderabad's future planning. In 1908, after heavy rains, the Musi River overflowed and caused devastating floods that brought massive destruction to the city. Houses, roads, and public buildings were damaged, and thousands of people lost their lives. This disaster deeply shook the rulers of the Hyderabad State under the Nizam, forcing them to seriously consider flood control and water management. To prevent such disasters in the future, the rulers ordered the construction of large reservoirs upstream of the river. As a result, two

major reservoirs—Osman Sagar and Himayat Sagar—were built in the early twentieth century. These reservoirs not only helped control floods but also became important sources of drinking water and irrigation for Hyderabad. For many decades thereafter, the Musi River flowed cleanly, and these reservoirs played a crucial role in protecting the city from floods. After India's independence, particularly from the 1980s onward, Hyderabad began expanding rapidly. The city's population increased dramatically, industries and commercial activities grew, and new residential colonies emerged across the metropolitan region. However, this rapid urbanization also created a serious problem—industrial waste and untreated sewage began flowing into the river in large quantities. Hundreds of drains started carrying sewage directly into the Musi River. Over time, the river lost its natural flow and became severely polluted. For many citizens, it no longer appeared to be a natural river but rather an open drainage canal flowing through the city. The pollution of the Musi River has created serious environmental and public health issues. The water became unsafe, foul odors spread across nearby areas, and aquatic life in the river declined significantly. During heavy rains, the polluted waters increased the risk of flooding in low-lying areas along the riverbanks. Because of these problems, urban planners and policy-makers began exploring ways to restore the river.

After the formation of the state of Telangana in 2014, the state government initiated steps toward the revival of the Musi River. As part of this effort, the ambitious Musi Riverfront Development Project was conceived. The objective of this project is not only to clean the river but also to transform the entire riverfront into a modern, attractive, and environmentally sustainable urban space. To implement this plan, the government established the Musi Riverfront Development Corporation Limited. However, due to various reasons, the project did not progress as expected for some time. The cleaning and rejuvenation of the Musi did not move forward at the desired pace. Later, when Revanth Reddy assumed office as the second Chief Minister of Telangana, he revived the Musi River rejuvenation project along with the six guarantees he proposed under the people's governance agenda. The Musi River flows for approximately 55 kilometers through Hyderabad city. The goal of the project is to develop the entire stretch in phases. In the first phase, development is planned from areas near Himayat Sagar up to important localities such as Attapur, Nampally, Chaderghat, and Nagole. This phase includes the construction of sewage treatment plants, strengthening of riverbanks, landscaping, and the development of parks and beautification infrastructure. One of the most important aspects of the project is the construction of multiple

sewage treatment plants. These facilities will ensure that wastewater is treated before being released into the river. Additionally, interceptor drains will be constructed along the riverbanks to capture sewage from city drains and divert it to treatment plants, thereby controlling pollution at its source and gradually restoring both the river's ecosystem and public health. Beyond environmental restoration, the project also aims to enhance recreation and tourism opportunities in Hyderabad. Plans include the creation of parks, walking tracks, cycling paths, and cultural spaces along the riverbanks. These places could become attractive spots for citizens to relax and enjoy the beauty of the river. Furthermore, roads and bridges will also be improved to strengthen connectivity between different parts of the city. However, the project has also sparked discussions and criticism. Concerns have been raised about the rehabilitation of people living along the riverbanks. Over the years, many informal settlements have developed in these areas. Implementing the project may require their removal. Critics demand that the government provide proper compensation and housing facilities for the displaced families. Environmental experts also warn that a balance must be maintained between development and nature conservation. They caution that excessive construction or large commercial projects along the riverbanks could damage the natural ecosystem. Therefore,

they emphasize the need for a sustainable plan that prioritizes long-term environmental protection. Despite these challenges, the Musi Rejuvenation Project is considered one of the most ambitious urban transformation initiatives in Telangana. If implemented effectively, it could restore a polluted river, improve urban infrastructure, create new recreational spaces, and reshape the future landscape of Hyderabad. Thus, the story of the Musi River reflects the city's past struggles and the hopes of future generations. A river that was once neglected could become a symbol of environmental restoration and modern urban development, attracting global attention as a historic transformation. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has expressed confidence that the project will cause no harm to anyone and has assured that families living along the riverbanks will be permanently rehabilitated with houses built on government land. The government has also invited support, suggestions, and advice from everyone for the success of the Musi River rejuvenation initiative.



-Suresh Kasyap Senior Journalist 14 March 2026

WHEN IT COUNTED, INDIA STOOD WITH THE UAE

On 11 March, the United Nations Security Council adopted the historic Resolution 2817, condemning in the strongest possible terms Iran's unprovoked attacks on the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Oman, and Jordan. The resolution passed with 13 votes in favour. Not a single nation voted against it. India did not just vote in support. India co-sponsored the resolution, joining 135 nations in putting its name to a text that leaves no room for ambiguity. Iran's indiscriminate and cowardly aggression against infrastructure, civilian populations, and sovereign territory are a violation of international law, a threat to regional stability, and a danger to global economic security. This resolution sends a clear and unified message that the international community will not tolerate attacks on our sovereignty or the deliberate targeting of civilians and critical infrastructure. What Iran Has Done Since 28 February, in an act of sustained aggression, Iran has launched ballistic missiles, cruise missiles, and drones against the UAE and neighbouring countries. The UAE has borne the brunt of these attacks, facing down 278 ballistic missiles, 15 cruise missiles, and a staggering 1,540 drones as of 12 March. Despite Iran's claims, excuses, and justifications, these are not precision strikes against military targets. Iranian munitions have struck residential neighbourhoods, commercial districts, and civilian infrastructure. In the UAE alone, civilians of multiple nationalities have been killed and injured, including an Indian national whom His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al

Nahyan, the President of the UAE, personally visited in hospital. Iran's unprovoked, hostile actions are not directed at the states that declared war on it, but rather at its neighbours - countries that have played a significant role in efforts to avert escalation. The UAE categorically rejects any narratives seeking to justify this aggression and views it as further evidence of Iran's short-sighted policies. We remain resilient in the face of any threat and are fully capable of safeguarding our sovereignty, stability, and security. Any aggression will not go unanswered, and the UAE stands fully prepared to address such threats. The Safety Of Indians In The UAE Since the outbreak of the conflict, I have been in daily contact with Indian families in the UAE and across India. The question I consistently hear is: "Are our people safe?" I would like to use this opportunity to dispel concerns directly to the Indian public. The safety, security, and well-being of everyone in the UAE remains the nation's top priority. The UAE is home to more than 200 nationalities, including a substantial Indian community, who live together in peace and harmony. This spirit of openness and stability continues to define the UAE today. Daily life continues without disruption. Essential services, including energy, water, telecommunications, transport, health care, and supply chains, are operating at full capacity. The UAE's integrated air defence network has intercepted an overwhelming majority of the incoming threats. Our civil defence systems are operational, our hospitals prepared; and our emergency protocols are functioning exactly as

designed. His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan has made it clear that all nationals living in the UAE, whether they be Emirati or Indian "are all our responsibility". Indians in the UAE are far beyond being considered our guests. They are teachers, engineers, doctors, entrepreneurs, and labourers, whose contributions are woven into the very fabric of our society. In 2024, the UAE was the second-largest source of remittances to India, contributing \$21.6 billion of India's record \$129.4 billion in inflows. The over four million Indians residing in the UAE are not an abstract number. They proudly represent families and communities in Kerala, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, and every state in between, whose livelihoods depend on a stable, functioning, and secure UAE. Their safety is an obligation we take seriously. A Word On Predictions Of "Dubai's Demise" I have read, with interest, the commentary in some quarters suggesting that the current conflict marks the end of Dubai, the collapse of the UAE's economic model, or the beginning of a mass exodus. I understand the instinct behind these narratives. Conflict is alarming, and alarm generates dramatic headlines. However, allow me to offer the facts. The UAE's non-oil sectors now account for 75 per cent of GDP. Our sovereign wealth funds hold \$2.49 trillion in assets, making the UAE the third-largest sovereign wealth holder in the world, behind only the United States and China. S&P Global affirmed our AA/A-1+ credit rating with a stable outlook just days ago, noting that the UAE's consolidated net asset posi-

tion will reach approximately 184 per cent of GDP in 2026, with government liquid assets at roughly 210 per cent of GDP. Our average budget surplus over the past five years has been 5.6 per cent of GDP. This is not an economy that collapses under pressure, it is one that is built to last. The UAE's foundations have been nurtured by five decades of leaders who planned not for the next quarter, but for the next generation. Bilateral trade between the UAE and India reached \$100 billion in FY 2024-25. In January 2026, His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, UAE President, visited India and both nations agreed to double that figure to \$200 billion by 2032. The UAE is India's third-largest trading partner and second-largest export destination. To certain commentators glibly predicting the UAE's downfall, I would gently suggest they revisit their predictions in 12 months. The cranes will still be turning. The thousands of flights each week will still be landing. And the millions of people who have chosen to build their lives in the UAE will still be here, because they understand something that distant commentators sometimes do not - the UAE faces pressure head on, we do not succumb to it. What Comes Next The current crisis has not weakened the UAE, and it will not. Instead, it has demonstrated the depth of the UAE's national structure, the resilience of its institutions, the cohesion of its society, and the strength of its international standing. The UAE has once again proven itself to be a nation built on a firm foundation, a clear vision, and the ability to face challenges with resolve, wisdom, and a profound sense of responsibility.

AT THE EDGE OF LIFE:

When the Constitution listens to human Suffering

"The quality of mercy is not strained; it droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven." — William Shakespeare The question of whether a person has the right to die with dignity has long troubled legal systems, philosophers, and societies across the world. At its heart lies a profound moral dilemma: while law traditionally protects the sanctity of life, it must also acknowledge the reality of human suffering. The ancient medical ethic attributed to Hippocrates emphasised that the physician's duty is to "relieve suffering and preserve life." Yet modern constitutional democracies increasingly recognise that preserving life at all costs may not always serve human dignity. As the philosopher John Stuart Mill once observed, "Over himself, over his own body and mind, the individual is sovereign." It is within this moral and philosophical tension that India's legal conversation on euthanasia has evolved. As philosopher Immanuel Kant observed, "Human beings must always be treated as ends in themselves." This philosophical insight forms the ethical foundation for global discussions on euthanasia and end-of-life autonomy. For decades, Indian courts approached the issue with great caution, guided by the belief that the Constitution primarily safeguards the sanctity of life. The Supreme Court in Gian Kaur v. State of Punjab (1996) clearly held that the right to life under Article 21 does not include the right to die. Upholding the constitutional validity of the offence of abetment of suicide, the Court reaffirmed that the State has a legitimate interest in protecting human life.



However, even while rejecting a broad right to die, the Court made a subtle but influential observation. It noted that the right to live with dignity extends until the end of natural life, which includes a dignified process of death when life is naturally approaching its end. This observation quietly planted the seed for future legal recognition of end-of-life autonomy. The debate returned to the national spotlight through the tragic story that became the case of Aruna Shanbaug v. Union of India (2011). Aruna Shanbaug, a nurse in Mumbai's KEM Hospital, had remained in a persistent vegetative state for over four decades following a brutal assault in 1973. When a plea was filed seeking permission for euthanasia, the Supreme Court refused to permit withdrawal of life support in her specific case. Nevertheless, the Court took a historic step by recognizing passive euthanasia in principle, subject to strict judicial safeguards. In doing so, the Court acknowledged that there may be situations where prolonging biological existence serves little purpose when recovery is med-

ically impossible. The judgment marked the first formal recognition that the dignity of a patient must remain central to end-of-life decisions. A more definitive constitutional framework emerged years later in the landmark ruling of Common Cause v. Union of India (2018). In this judgment, a Constitution Bench declared that the right to die with dignity is an integral component of Article 21 of the Constitution. The Court also legally recognized the concept of advance directives or "living wills," allowing individuals to record their wishes in advance regarding medical treatment if they become incapable of communicating their consent. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud observed in the judgment that "human dignity cannot be lost merely because illness or disability has rendered a person incapable of expressing choice." The ruling thus placed individual autonomy at the centre of medical decision-making. Despite its progressive spirit, the procedural safeguards laid down in the 2018 judgment proved extremely complex. The process required multiple layers of verifica-

tion, certification by a judicial magistrate, and elaborate medical board procedures. Families and hospitals soon found these requirements difficult to implement in real-life medical emergencies. The Indian Council of Critical Care Medicine later approached the Supreme Court seeking clarification and simplification of the process, pointing out that the system, though well-intentioned, was practically unworkable. Responding to these concerns, the Supreme Court revisited the issue in 2023 and introduced significant modifications to simplify the procedure. The revised guidelines allowed advance directives to be attested by a notary or gazetted officer instead of a judicial magistrate, permitted more than one surrogate decision-maker to represent the patient's wishes, and streamlined the medical board process. Two medical boards—primary and secondary—are now required to give their opinion within forty-eight hours. Instead of seeking approval from a magistrate, hospitals now only need to inform the magistrate about the medical decision. These reforms made the process more practical while maintaining safeguards against misuse. The legal framework established through these judgments was finally tested in practice in the case involving Harish Rana. After suffering severe brain injuries following a fall from a building in 2012, Rana remained dependent on clinically administered nutrition for more than a decade with no signs of recovery. His family approached the Supreme Court seeking permission to withdraw life-sustaining treatment.

Domestic LPG supply stable, commercial cylinders for hotels delayed: Minister Muniyappa

Bengaluru, March 13: Karnataka food and civil supplies minister K H Muniyappa has assured that domestic LPG supply remains stable across the state, even as commercial cylinders for hotels will not be available for at least a week due to limited stock. Addressing the Karnataka Legislative Council during the 'zero hour' on Friday, Muniyappa called the situation "inevitable" and advised hotel owners to temporarily use electric stoves for preparing essential food items. He expressed hope that the shortage of commercial cylinders would ease within 10 days.



The minister was responding to concerns raised by members M. Nagaraju and Ivan D'Souza, who highlighted that the shortage has severely affected hotels—forcing some to shut down and others to reduce menus. They also flagged disruptions in food preparation at

liar in the day and assured the House that the limited supply of commercial cylinders would be prioritised for hospitals, hostels, and residential schools.

"Wherever there is a dire requirement for cylinders, we will supply them on a priority basis," he said, urging hotel owners to wait until the situation stabilises. To prevent hoarding and black marketing, deputy commissioners and the director general of police have been instructed to maintain strict vigilance. Two LPG tanker ships have already reached India from the Strait of Hormuz, with around 12 more expected soon. Plans have been drawn up to streamline supply once additional stock arrives.

The Karnataka Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department has also warned of strict action under the Essential

Commodities Act, 1955, instructing deputy commissioners to monitor storage centres and transportation. Consumers are urged not to panic book cylinders.

Meanwhile, GAIL Gas Limited confirmed that Piped Natural Gas (PNG) supply in Bengaluru remains uninterrupted. Industries, hotels, and commercial establishments connected to the PNG network will continue to receive supply, and users dependent on commercial LPG can switch to PNG connections within about two months, subject to network availability. GAIL is expanding its pipeline network across the city to enable more consumers to shift to cleaner and more efficient fuel. A Government of India notification allows industrial and commercial users to receive up to 80% of their average gas consumption over the past six months.

Union Minister Announces Progress on Establishing ARAI Testing Centre in Mandya

Facility to benefit Mandya and neighbouring districts; employment opportunities to increase

Mandya : Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy has said that efforts to bring industries to the Mandya Lok Sabha constituency are progressing steadily, and that the process to establish an Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI) testing centre in the district is currently underway. He stated that once the land allotment letter is formally received, a team of experts from the Centre will visit Mandya to conduct an inspection of the proposed site.

The Union Minister was speaking at a public programme after performing the foundation-laying ceremony for a Rs.14-crore indoor sports complex at VC Farm* in Mandya. "I have given my word, and I will keep it," Kumaraswamy said, adding that work related to the ARAI testing centre is moving quickly at the Delhi level, and the necessary steps are being taken to bring the project to Mandya.

He noted that the demand for a well-equipped indoor sports complex in Mandya had been pending for a long time. "We have now fulfilled that commitment. The foundation stone has been laid, and construction will begin very soon. The work will also be completed at the earliest," the Union Minister said. Kumaraswamy expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Minister for



Youth Affairs and Sports Mansukh Mandaviya for approving the indoor stadium under the Khelo India scheme following his request.

"Responding to my request, they sanctioned the stadium for Mandya district under the Khelo India initiative. I will always remember the concern they have shown towards the development of this region," he said.

The Union Minister also appreciated the support extended by several companies through their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives. Organisations including TVS, Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) under the Ministry of Steel, Infosys, Hinduja Group, and HMT contributed to the initiative.

Through these CSR contributions, electric vehicles were distributed to over 388 specially-abled persons with disabilities, desktops and laptops were provided to around 600 schools in Mandya, and a fully equipped ambulance was presented to the

Mandya Institute of Medical Sciences (MIMS). "The corporate sector has shown commendable social responsibility through these initiatives," Kumaraswamy remarked. He further said that the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is giving the highest priority to youth empowerment. According to him, the Prime Minister regularly provides guidance during Cabinet meetings on initiatives aimed at the welfare and development of young people.

"These directions are being effectively implemented by Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya," he added.

Kumaraswamy also said that several development programmes are being brought to Mandya. Under CSR funding, 96 schools have already received grants for renovation.

He assured the people that their expectations would not be disappointed and that industrial development in Mandya district is being actively pursued through his ministry.

Rs.14-Crore Indoor Sports Complex Foundation Laid at VC Farm, Mandya Under Khelo India

Mandya: Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Mansukh Mandaviya and Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H. D. Kumaraswamy on Saturday laid the foundation stone for a Rs.14-crore multi-purpose indoor sports complex at VC Farm in Mandya. The project has been sanctioned under the Government of India's Khelo India scheme.



The facility will be built within the campus of the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru at VC Farm. Addressing the gathering, the Union Ministers urged youth to strengthen sports culture in the district under the

slogan "Khelo India, Vibrant Mandya," and encourage more young athletes to emerge from the region. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya said the Khelo

India initiative aims to revive sports at the grassroots level and transform India into a global sporting powerhouse. He praised Mandya for producing notable sportspersons

such as Vikas Gowda and K. P. Shilpa, highlighting Shilpa as India's top-ranked wheelchair tennis player. The minister also noted that the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has significantly increased investment in sports infrastructure, allocating Rs.4,000 crore in the latest Union Budget compared to Rs.1,200 crore a decade ago. The event was attended by several dignitaries, including former minister C.S. Puttaraju, MLAs Darshan Puttannaiah and Manjunath, and other public representatives.

As part of the programme, 388 persons with disabilities were provided electric vehicles through

CSR initiatives of Tata Consultancy Services and Steel Authority of India Limited. Additionally, 500 desktops and 100 laptops donated by Infosys were distributed to government schools, while a state-of-the-art ambulance from the Hinduja Group was presented to the Mandya Institute of Medical Sciences.

The event also witnessed an emotional moment when H.D. Kumaraswamy became visibly moved while handing over electric vehicles to beneficiaries. The ministers were later welcomed with a massive jaggery garland, a unique symbol of Mandya's famous jaggery tradition.

Whitefield Art Collective inaugurates its 9th edition of the month-long Public Art Festival in Bengaluru

Bengaluru: The Whitefield Art Collective, supported by the Yuj Foundation, inaugurated its ninth edition, marking the beginning of a month-long public art festival themed "Tomorrow, Altered!". Environmentalist and Grammy Award-winning music composer Ricky Kej, recipient of the Padma Shri 2025, inaugurated the festival with a traditional lamp lighting ceremony and the unveiling of the 'Kala Car'.



The inauguration was

followed by an exclusive viewing of the art installations across VR Bengaluru. The evening also featured a live musical concert by Ricky Kej and a wearable art fashion show titled 'A Rose for Khadi'.

Over 300 installations, sculptures, paintings, and photographs are displayed at the festival. The installations are by students of Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath, Vogue Institute of Art & Design, Bangalore University, and JD Institute of Design.

Will meet MPs in Delhi to discuss objections raised by Andhra Pradesh on UKP: Shivakumar

Bagalakote : Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar today said he will meet the state MPs in Delhi on Tuesday to discuss objections raised by Andhra Pradesh for the Upper Krishna Project and put pressure on the Centre. Speaking to reporters, he said, "Andhra Pradesh has written a letter to the Centre objecting the land acquisition for Upper Krishna Project. The Centre has written to us seeking our clarification. We are going on with the project as per the Tribunal order and we have already spent Rs 26,000 crore." "We are only preparing to make use of our quota of



water as per the Tribunal order of 2010. Andhra Pradesh has raised an objection to this project. Besides this, Andhra Pradesh is also not cooperating with us for the balancing reservoir on Tungabhadra.

158th State Level Single Window Approval Committee Meeting Approves Rs.4,824 Crore Investment: Industries Minister M. B. Patil

Bengaluru: The 158th State Level Single Window Approval Committee meeting has approved a total investment of Rs.4,824.31 crore for 37 new industries and 2 additional investment projects across 13 districts, including Vijayapura, Bagalkot, Chitradurga, Kolar, and Ramanagara. "The approved projects in sectors such as IT infrastructure, sugar manufacturing, technical textiles, compressed biogas, aerospace, jewellery production, electronics, software, and five-star hotel construction will generate 14,525 new employment opportunities in the state," said Minister for Large and Medium Industries and Infrastructure Development, M. B. Patil on Friday.



How right is it for the Prime Minister, who talks about science and technology, to make unscientific statements like "gutter gas": S. Manohar



Bengaluru: When the price of cooking gas cylinders is increasing day by day, it is the government's top priority to provide relief to the people of the country, but the central government is busy with propaganda. How right is it for the Prime Minister, who talks about science and technology, to make unscientific statements like "gutter gas", said MEI President and KPCC General Secretary S. Manohar.

Speaking after participating in a protest against the continuous rise in the price of cooking gas and the anti-people policies of the central government through a novel mock performance near Congress Bhavan on Race Course Road, he said that this is sending a wrong message to the youth and the scientific spirit of the country. He questioned that the Modi government should answer what the government's priority is when people are suffering due to high gas prices. Instead of providing relief to the people, there is more propaganda and political speeches. Why is the opposition leader Rahul Gandhi evading questions in Parliament? He has alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has forgotten that it is the government's duty to answer questions in a democracy. The people of the country are facing a shortage of cooking gas due to the high prices of cooking gas and it is being sold in the black market.

Aster DM Healthcare receives overwhelmingly positive shareholder and creditors vote for Aster-QCIL merger

Bengaluru: Aster DM Healthcare Limited today announced that it has received an overwhelming 96.68% voting approval from shareholders along with a significant majority of minority shareholders and creditors voting in favour of the proposed Scheme of Amalgamation with Quality Care India Limited (QCIL). The approval follows support from the Company's shareholders, in favour of the share swap preceding the merger, reflecting broad-based investor support for the overall transaction. The merger is expected to be completed in the next quarter, post receipt of remaining regulatory and statutory NCLT approvals.



are building a scaled, future-ready healthcare platform with the clinical depth, operational strength and governance framework required to serve millions of patients across the country. This partnership combines Aster's legacy of patient-centric care and physician leadership with the institutional strength and growth expertise of Blackstone. Together, we are well positioned to expand access to high-quality healthcare, invest in clinical excellence and innovation, and create one of India's leading

integrated healthcare networks. "Upon completion, the combined entity is expected to emerge as one of the top three hospital chains in India, with a diversified presence across 9 states and 28 cities. The merged platform will operate 39 hospitals with 10,625+ beds, supported by over 36,307+ employees and clinicians, serving millions of patients annually across hospitals, clinics, laboratories and allied healthcare services.

India continues to be Aster's largest growth market. Looking ahead, the merged entity aims to increase total bed capacity to around 14,710+ beds over the coming years. Of the planned 4,080+ bed additions by the combined platform, approximately 2,368 beds will be added by Aster, while the remaining capacity expansion will be driven by QCIL. Aster's expansion will be supported by a capital outlay of approximately Rs.2,300 crore, of which Rs.350 crore has already been invested in critical projects as of September 2025. The company plans to

add ~2,368 beds across the country through a mix of greenfield projects and selective acquisitions, strengthening its presence in key states such as Kerala and Karnataka, where it already holds a strong position. Key upcoming additions include two new hospitals in Bengaluru — a 430-bed facility on Sarjapur Road and a 500-bed hospital in Yeshwanthpur. The company will also add 350 beds at Aster CMI Hospital and 159 beds at Aster Whitefield, further reinforcing Aster's leadership position among the top three healthcare providers in the country.

In Kerala, the 263-bed Aster Kasaragod Hospital became operational in October 2025. Additionally, the 454-bed greenfield Aster Capital Hospital in Trivandrum is currently under development, while Aster Medcity, Kochi is being expanded with the addition of 100 beds. Other planned projects include a 300-bed Women & Children's Hospital in Hyderabad and a 75-bed expansion at Aster Ramesh Hospital in

Warning Issued to Samar International Islamic School for Starting Admissions in Violation of Government and Court Orders

Bengaluru : The recognition of Samar International Islamic School in Thanisandra has been cancelled, and the High Court has ordered that the school should not begin the admission process. However, the school has allegedly started admissions in violation of both government and court orders. The School Education Department has now warned the school management that appropriate action will be taken.



The matter is currently under hearing in the High Court, and initiating the admission process for the academic year 2026-2027 would amount to contempt of court. Therefore, the school has been instructed not to start any admission process until further orders from the High Court. If admissions are carried out in violation of the order, a contempt report will be submitted to the court and brought to the attention of higher departmental authorities, warned the Block Education Officer (South Zone-14) of the School Education Department to the Chief Executive Officer of the school.

This warning was issued following a complaint filed by Abdul Hameed Pasha of Gangondanahalli and Arshiya Modammadi Sarish of Bharathi Nagar.

Based on the complaint, the Block Education Officer has also directed Ranganath, Education Coordinator of the High School Section, to conduct an inspection and submit a detailed report within three days. The complainants stated that the institution, which currently has no valid recognition, has started the admis-

sion process for Classes 6 to 8. They alleged that although the school had assured the High Court that it would not admit students, it has continued to run the school and has violated all rules, regulations, and legal provisions. They urged the School Education Department to take immediate action in the interest of students.

Due to the stance of the school management, both students and parents have been left confused, the complainants said, urging the authorities to intervene and issue clear directions. They further alleged that the management has secretly begun the admission process and is collecting money without issuing receipts. They pointed out that admissions for the next academic year should not be started without the court's permission. The High Court has already stayed all activities of the school until the next hearing, yet starting admissions under such circumstances is improper, they added while drawing the government's attention to the issue.

TN launches AVGC-XR policy, sets target of 200+ startups



CHENNAI: The State government on Friday released the Tamil Nadu AVGC-XR Policy 2026, outlining a road-map to develop the State as a major hub for animation, gaming and immersive technologies.

Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics and Extended Reality (AVGC-XR) technologies, such as augmented and virtual reality, are among the fastest-

growing segments of the digital economy. The policy aims to attract studios, encourage startups and build a skilled talent pool for the sector.

The policy has set targets of more than 200 AVGC-XR startups, 100 companies and around two lakh high-value jobs, while aiming for a 20 per cent share of India's AVGC-XR market and exports. A key initia-

tive is the creation of a flagship AVGC-XR Centre of Excellence in Chennai which will be set up by Electronics Corporation of Tamil Nadu (ELCOT), with facilities such as performance capture studios, XR testing labs and immersive content production infrastructure. Similar regional centres are planned in Coimbatore, Madurai, Tiruchy, Salem and

Tirunelveli to support training, incubation and production.

To support innovation, the policy proposes a Rs 250 crore research and technology fund to promote research in the field. Startups and companies will also be eligible for financial incentives including 50 per cent reimbursement, up to Rs 15 lakh per year, for participation in international events and expos. The policy further offers 100 per cent reimbursement of intellectual property filing costs up to Rs 20 lakh for international patents and Rs 8 lakh for domestic filings. AVGC-XR subjects will be introduced in State Board schools, while digital arts centres are planned across 300-400 colleges. Scholarships of up to Rs 2 lakh per year will be provided under the Naam Mudhalvan programme for students pursuing specialised courses



Representatives of the Chennai Press Club called on the Honble Chief Minister at the Secretariat.....

Madurai MP Su Venkatesan slams Centre for airport upgrade launch snub

CHENNAI: Madurai MP Su Venkatesan on Saturday criticised the Union Government for not including his name and that of Manickam Tagore, MP from Virudhunagar, in the official invitation for the event related to the upgradation of Madurai airport to the status of an International Airport.

Taking to social media, Venkatesan said that for the past seven years he had been fighting relentlessly for the upgradation of Madurai airport into an international airport. However, the official invitation for the event



did not include his name or Virudhunagar MP Manickam Tagore. He said the welfare

of the people and Madurai would remain their priority, regardless of how they are treated as elected representatives. "Dealing with BJP politics is nothing new for us," he wrote. Venkatesan also said that officials should prepare themselves to face the consequences of breach of privilege.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Civil Aviation on Saturday morning notified Madurai airport as an international airport, fulfilling a long-pending demand from the Government of Tamil Nadu and residents of the southern districts.

Stalin announces hike in pension for journos

Chennai, Mar 14 (UNI) Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K.Stalin announced hike increase in the pension for journalists from Rs 12,000 to Rs 15,000. He also said the family pension for them would also be increased from Rs 6,000 to Rs 7,500.

According to an official release, the hike followed a meeting, the representatives of the Chennai Press Club had with Mr. Stalin at the State Secretariat and submitted a list of demands, including a



revision of pension and housing and medical insurance benefits. Mr. Stalin also directed officials to take steps to provide medical insurance under the Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme to all journalists holding government accreditation cards and that house plots be allotted in Chengalpattu district through the Tamil Nadu Housing Board for providing houses or house sites to journalists residing in Chennai.

Long-term melatonin use linked to 90% greater heart failure risk

Researchers estimate that about 16% of the global population lives with insomnia — the inability to fall or stay asleep.

There are a number of different methods a person may use to help them improve their sleep quality. Some include behavioral changes, such as practicing good sleep hygiene, staying physically active throughout the day, and not eating certain foods before bedtime. Other people struggling with sleep may opt for medical treatments, including prescription medications or over-the-counter aids such as supplements of melatonin — a hormone naturally produced in the body that plays a major role in regulating the circadian rhythm. However, a new study recently presented at the American Heart Association's Scientific Sessions 2025 Trusted Source now warns that long-term use of melatonin supplements may be linked to a greater risk for heart failure. The research is yet to appear in a peer-reviewed journal.

12-month or longer melatonin use linked to 90% greater heart failure risk

For this study, researchers analyzed medical data from TriNetX for almost 131,000 adults with an average age of about 56 who had been diagnosed with insomnia. About 65,000 study participants had received a prescription for melatonin at least once and reported taking it for at least one year. At the study's conclusion, researchers found that participants who used melatonin for more than 1 year increased their heart failure risk by 90% over 5 years, compared to those not using melatonin. And participants who had filled at least two melatonin prescriptions at least 90 days apart had an 82% greater chance of developing heart failure.

In addition, scientists discovered that study participants taking melatonin were about 3.5 times more likely to be hospitalized for heart failure and twice as likely to die from any cause over the five-year follow-up period, when compared to those not taking melatonin. "Melatonin supplements are widely thought of as a safe and 'natural' option to support better sleep, so it was striking to see such consistent and significant increases in serious

health outcomes, even after balancing for many other risk factors," Ekenedilichukwu Nnadi, MD, chief resident in internal medicine at SUNY Downstate/Kings County Primary Care in New York, and lead author of the study, said in a press release. Trusted Source.

"Worse insomnia, depression/anxiety or the use of other sleep-enhancing medicines might be linked to both melatonin use and heart risk. Also, while the association we found raises safety concerns about the widely used supplement, our study cannot prove a direct cause-and-effect relationship. This means more research is needed to test melatonin's safety for the heart," Nnadi explained.



"Unexpected" findings on melatonin and heart health are 'note-worthy'

Medical News Today had the opportunity to speak with Kanika P Mody, MD, a cardiologist in the Advanced Heart Failure & Pulmonary Hypertension Center at Hackensack University Medical Center in New Jersey, who was not involved in this study, who commented that her first reactions to this new research was of surprise and concern. "Melatonin is widely regarded by both the public and many in the medical community as a safe, 'natural' sleep aid, so it was striking to see a potential link to serious health issues like heart failure," Mody explained. "This new research challenges the common practice of long-term

melatonin use for chronic insomnia, for which it is not an indicated treatment in the United States," she continued. "These findings prompt a re-evaluation of how we counsel patients about sleep aids and underscore the importance of discussing long-term supplement use."

"My concern is that insomnia may actually be masking signs and symptoms of early heart failure in some of these cases, so this research also highlights this importance of ruling out different causes of insomnia, particularly since the treatment market for insomnia aides is not strongly regulated," Mody added. Mody said the next steps for this research should focus on several key areas to clarify the findings

and their implications for patient care, including confirmation and causality. "First and foremost, further research is needed to confirm these findings and to determine if there is a direct cause-and-effect relationship between long-term melatonin use and heart failure," she detailed. "Randomized controlled trials would be the ideal next step to test melatonin's safety for the heart." "If a causal link is established, research will need to explore the biological mechanism by which long-term melatonin use might increase the risk of heart failure," Mody added. "This would be a significant shift, as much of the existing research has pointed toward melatonin's protective cardiovascular effects." MNT also spoke with Yu-Ming

Ni, MD, a board-certified cardiologist and lipidologist at MemorialCare Heart and Vascular Institute at Orange Coast Medical Center in Fountain Valley, CA, who was also not involved in this study.

"My first reaction to the study is that melatonin is found in multiple different formulations, including high and low doses, as well as slow release and immediate release, none of which is FDA regulated," Ni commented. "So, there are concerns that melatonin drug levels may be quite variable between different melatonin and supplements. It is hard to tell if the increase in heart failure is related to a specific quantity or type of melatonin. But certainly, the study is concerning, given

that melatonin is not FDA regulated," he noted. For those who may be taking melatonin, Ni advises to strongly consider what else can be done to improve sleep quality. "For example, many people are living with sleep apnea, and don't know it, and mistakenly think that they need to simply take a sleep aid to help them to sleep," he explained. "We know that sleep apnea is associated with higher risk Trusted Source of heart disease, so it may be that people who take melatonin in the study have sleep apnea that is contributing to heart failure." "I would recommend that if you have issues with sleep quality, to consult with your doctor about getting a sleep test to rule out sleep apnea," he continued.

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Yashoda Hospitals Hitec City Hosts National Conference on Maternal & Neonatal Emergency Care



Hyderabad, March 14: Yashoda Hospitals Hitec City organised a two-day national medical conference and workshop titled "Maternal Emergencies & Neonatal Critical Care – Real Case, Real Decisions" on March 14-15.

More than 1,000 obstetricians, neonatologists and critical care specialists participated in the programme, discussing the latest clinical protocols and life-saving strategies for managing maternal and neonatal emergencies.

Speaking at the event, Managing Director Dr. G. S. Rao highlighted the importance of rapid decision-making and coordination among medical specialists in saving mothers and newborns. Experts also conducted case-based discussions, interactive sessions and hands-on workshops on key topics including maternal bleeding, pregnancy-related complications and neonatal neurological emergencies. Participants received TGMC CME credit points as part of the academic programme.

Capturing grandeur in Vittorio Sella's images

The great cold cleanses the air, wrote Vittorio Sella during one of his journeys across the higher Himalayas. Born in 1859, just two decades after the invention of photography, the Italian mountaineer and explorer went on to chart a career that brilliantly married art with science. Photography was still in its nascent stages of development when Sella picked it up during the last decades of the 19th century. But one would be hard-pressed to find anything rudimentary about his own images: so superbly did he use the modern form of image-making.

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postcard-images from the period, which deliberately lionised settings that were domesticated. To be fair, Sella also engaged in these subjects, and produced handsome frames of buildings and people in Sikkim, Nepal and the Western Himalayas. But it was his panoramic shots, running over 2-3 metres in length, that truly brought out the terrain's matchless appeal.

Himalayan peaks in Kashmir, from near Sildi in Shigar Valley. Silver gelatin print mounted on card, 1909. Well-versed with the alpine landscapes of Europe that he had scaled before travelling to Asia, Sella found an incomparable magnificence in the Himalayas, and declared the 'Siniolchu' mountain as "the most beautiful in the world". Having grown up in a family with strong ties to climbing and photography, Sella was continually fortunate to find the right inspiration, financial backing and company for his pursuits, especially in the figures of the English alpinist Douglas Freshfield and the Duke of Abruzzi. Scholars have noted that it being the age of empire, these men were very much involved in the colonial project of cartographic domination. But as Roger Härtl, the author of 'Photographs at Edge: Vittorio Sella and Wilfred Thesiger', observes, Sella's own relationship with the porters and staff of his expeditions was respectful, an amicability that rested on the photographer's excellent organisational skills.

Commercial LPG supply resumed, no retail shortage, says Oil Ministry

New Delhi: Commercial LPG cylinder distribution has begun in 29 states and Union Territories, while authorities have stepped up raids and surprise inspections across the country to curb hoarding and black-marketing amid heightened pressure on cooking gas supplies, a senior oil ministry official said on Saturday, March 14. Sujata Sharma, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, said panic booking continues to rise despite the fact that there are enough stocks available to meet domestic household requirements of cooking gas LPG. India, she said, has adequate crude oil inventories, and domestic refineries are operating at full capacity, ensuring sufficient availability of petrol and diesel across the country. "There are no dry-out reports from any retail outlets. Our refineries are operating at full capacity, and sufficient petrol and diesel are available. Based on our requirements, we produce adequate petrol and diesel domestically and do not need to import," she said. Sharma said domestic LPG supply is being prioritised even as the government continues to closely monitor the situation amid the prevailing geopolitical developments that ham-



pered energy supplies from the Gulf countries. India imports 88 per cent of its crude oil needs, 50 per cent of its natural gas requirement and 60 per cent of its LPG demand. Before the US and Israel attacked Iran on February 28, and Tehran retaliated by hitting US bases in neighbouring countries as well as Israel, more than half of the crude oil requirement came from the Middle East countries, 30 per cent of gas from the region and 85-90 per cent of LPG. The war has led to an effective blockage of the Strait of Hormuz, which is the usual sea transit for energy from the Gulf countries. While India has managed to source crude oil from other

countries, including Russia, the hit on gas supply has led to cuts for industrial users and to commercial establishments such as hotels and restaurants. Panic buying raises cylinder bookings to 88 lakh. "The situation is a matter of concern for all of us, but we are ensuring that household consumers do not face inconvenience. Domestic consumers have been prioritized, and LPG cylinder supply is being ensured for them," she said. However, LPG refill bookings have surged sharply due to panic buying by consumers. "Yesterday, the number of bookings was about 75 lakh, and it has now increased to around 88 lakh. This is nothing but panic booking,"

the official said, urging consumers to book cylinders only when required. Pre-war, daily bookings totalled around 55 lakh and oil marketing companies delivered 50 lakh cylinders per day. While the cylinder deliveries remain the same, bookings have surged. She also clarified that booking restrictions are linked to the time gap between two deliveries. "In urban areas, there is a minimum gap of 25 days between the last delivery and the next booking, while in rural areas the gap is 45 days. If consumers try to book before this window, the booking will not take place," she said. Govt increases domestic LPG production, consumers asked to switch to PNG To

ease supply pressure, the government has ramped up domestic LPG production. "The first day we informed you about a 10 per cent increase in domestic production, then 25 per cent, then 28 per cent, and today the increase has reached 31 per cent," she said. The official added that state-run GAIL has met city gas distribution (CGD) operators and asked them to provide piped natural gas (PNG) connections to commercial consumers facing LPG supply constraints. Consumers who can easily shift from LPG to PNG – both domestic and commercial – are being encouraged, she said. Sharma also said commercial LPG cylinders have been placed at the disposal of state governments to prioritise distribution among consumers. Commercial cylinder distribution has already started in about 29 states and Union Territories, she added. As part of supply management measures, the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) has allowed the temporary use of biomass and RDF pellets in place of natural gas and LPG by industries, hotels, restaurants and other establishments in the National Capital Region, including Delhi, for a period of one month.

PhysicsWallah (PW) Expands Offline Presence in Andhra Pradesh with First Tech-Enabled Vidyaapeeth Centre in Vijayawada



Vijayawada: Education company PhysicsWallah (PW) has expanded its presence in Andhra Pradesh with the inauguration of its first tech-enabled PW Vidyaapeeth centre in Vijayawada, located on M.G. Road. The centre, inaugurated by Amit Singh Rathore, SVP at PW, features multiple tech-enabled classrooms that offer a conducive learning environment. The new PW Vidyaapeeth is located on D. No. 40-1-65, 1st & 2nd Floor, Noorani Plaza, M.G. Road, Benz Circle, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh - 520010. PW Vidyaapeeths are tech-enabled offline centres where students attend in-

person classes taught by experienced teachers. These centres offer a comprehensive curriculum for JEE/NEET/Foundation & also focus on scholastic exams such as Olympiads. Facilities such as recorded lectures, assistance with NCERT materials, offline doubt-solving, Daily Practice Problems, specialised modules, activity-based learning, Previous Year Questions, and PW-AITS are also offered. Additionally, the centres have a dedicated desk for the Student Success Team (SST) and a parent-teacher dashboard system for updates on student progress. Ankit Gupta, CEO of Vidyaapeeth

Offline, PhysicsWallah (PW), said, "At PW, we try to find out avenues of making students' learning experience better. We believe that students should not have to travel to other cities to access quality education, as this can be both emotionally and financially stressful. By opening our first PW Vidyaapeeth centre in Vijayawada, we aim to bring tech-enabled quality education closer to their homes and create more educational hubs around the country." Currently, PhysicsWallah has 215 Vidyaapeeth, Pathsahala and Tuition centres across the country.

Domestic Fundamentals Strengthen Even as Global Uncertainties Drive Market Volatility

Pune/ Mumbai, 14 March 2026: Indian equity markets have remained broadly range bound for nearly eighteen months, even as global markets experienced a robust bull run. Over the past six months, however, several of these headwinds have eased meaningfully. Corporate earnings have shown strong momentum, with Nifty 500 profits rising 16% year on year in Q3 FY26, an eight-quarter high and among the strongest reporting seasons in recent years. Sorbh Gupta, Head-Equity, Bajaj Finserv Asset Management Limited, said, "Corporate earnings momentum has strengthened meaningfully over the past few quarters. The latest reporting season reflects a broad-based recovery in profitability, which provides a more supportive foundation for equity markets going forward." At the same time, credit growth has returned to double digits, reflecting an improvement in demand



and liquidity availability, while consumption indicators supported by GST cuts have begun to recover. The Reserve Bank of India's cumulative 125 bps rate cuts, along with liquidity infusion, have also helped lower borrowing costs for companies and consumers. However, new uncertainties have also emerged in 2026 that have contributed to market volatility. The rapid proliferation of artificial intelligence globally has raised concerns about potential short-term impacts on Indian IT services demand and overall job creation, which has been reflected in the recent underperformance of the IT sector. "Technological



transitions such as artificial intelligence often create periods of uncertainty for traditional service models. However, Indian IT companies have historically demonstrated the ability to adapt to such shifts, and we believe the sector will gradually reposition itself as the new technology cycle evolves," he added. Geopolitical tensions in the Middle East have also heightened crude oil risks for India, which imports around 85% of its crude requirement. Notably, nearly 40-50% of these imports transit through the Strait of Hormuz, making supply routes vulnerable in the event of an escalation in the region.

A prolonged conflict could lead to higher inflation, pressure on the rupee, margin pressures for sectors such as aviation, paints, chemicals and oil marketing companies, and potential FPI outflows. However, India's strong foreign exchange reserves and strategic petroleum buffers provide an important cushion against external shocks. "While global developments may continue to introduce bouts of volatility, India's structural growth drivers remain firmly in place. As earnings visibility improves and domestic demand strengthens, disciplined investors are likely to benefit from staying invested through market cycles," Sorbh explained. Meanwhile, the Fixed Income markets began the month under pressure following the Union Budget and the Monetary Policy Committee meeting. Concerns around persistent geopolitical tensions, and sustained FPI outflows weighed on market sentiment.

White House now begging world, including India, to buy Russian oil: Iran Minister

Dubai: Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi has said the US, despite "bullying India" to end Russian oil imports, is now begging them to buy crude from Moscow, two weeks after its war with Iran. "The US spent months on bullying India into ending oil imports from Russia," said Araghchi on Friday, March 13, in a post on social media platform X. "After two weeks of war with Iran, White House is now begging the world – including India – to buy Russian crude," he added. This comes after, on March 5, the US issued a 30-day waiver allowing India to buy Russian oil, having previously imposed heavy sanctions related to the war in Ukraine. Calling out Europe's stance on the conflict in West Asia, the minister termed the war on Iran "illegal" and said that Europe thought backing an illegal war on Iran would win US support against Russia. He even termed the current stance



of the Trump administration towards the purchase of Russian crude oil as "Pathetic". Starting February 28, the US and Israel launched a joint attack on Iran, which came after days of build-up with US President Donald Trump ramping up the pressure on Tehran to agree to a new deal on its nuclear programme. Iran's retaliation escalated the war to the entire Gulf region. Amid rising oil prices, the Trump administration has announced a temporary authorisation to other countries to purchase Russian oil currently stranded at sea, as there

were no immediate signs of an early end to the US war on Iran. The US had granted a similar waiver from sanctions to India to buy Russian oil as part of efforts to cool down oil prices that have been on the rise since the outbreak of war on February 28. "@POTUS is taking decisive steps to promote stability in global energy markets and working to keep prices low as we address the threat and instability posed by the terrorist Iranian regime," US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said in a post on X on Thursday, March 12. On March 5, the US had issued a 30-day

waiver allowing India to buy Russian oil, having previously imposed heavy sanctions related to the war in Ukraine. "To increase the global reach of existing supply, @USTreasury is providing a temporary authorisation to permit countries to purchase Russian oil currently stranded at sea," Bessent said. He said this narrowly tailored, short-term measure applies only to oil already in transit and will not provide significant financial benefit to the Russian government, which derives the majority of its energy revenue from taxes assessed at the point of extraction. "President Trump's pro-energy policies have driven US oil and gas production to record levels, contributing to lower fuel prices for hardworking Americans. The temporary increase in oil prices is a short-term and temporary disruption that will result in a massive benefit to our nation and economy in the long-term," Bessent said.

TG RERA fines Bharathi Builders Rs 4.74 crore for illegal pre-launch offer

Hyderabad: The Telangana Real Estate Regulatory Authority (TG RERA) has imposed a fine of Rs 4.74,17,729 on Bharathi Builders Pvt Ltd for illegally collecting funds from customers through pre-launch offers without RERA registration and then failing to commence the project. The company has been declared a "defaulter promoter" by RERA and has been asked to refund the amounts collected from buyers with interest within 60 days. The project in question is Bharathi Lake View Apartments at Kompally, Medchal-Malkajgiri district. TG RERA has warned that such pre-launch schemes in unregistered projects are illegal and advised buyers to verify project registration on their portal before investing. Advisory RERA has instructed that no promoter should invite people to purchase or engage in any promotional activities of



plots, apartments, buildings or any real estate project exceeding an area of 500 square metres or more than eight units without getting it registered with RERA. The promoter must also get approval from the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC)/Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA)/ Directorate of Town and Country Planning/ Urban Development Authority/ Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TSIIC) and the municipal authorities

before offering a project for sale. Additionally, the RERA registration number and the website address of the authority, wherein all details of the registered project have been entered, must be prominently displayed in the advertisement or prospectus issued or published by the promoter. If any promoter fails to register as per the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, they will be liable to a penalty which may be extended up to 10 per cent of the estimated cost of the project, it said in a press release.

Can plastic-eating fungi help clean up nappy waste?

Before Leila Green became a mother of triplets three years ago, she envisaged she'd be the kind of parent who would use reusable nappies. "But as soon as my babies arrived, I realised I just couldn't – I was flat out looking after the three of them so I went for the easy option." "I'd buy disposables and in the early days we'd get through 25 a day," continues Green, who lives in Broadstairs in Kent and runs an online community focused on motherhood issue. "I think the reality is that mums would like an eco option but they are so busy and it would have to be priced appropriately." Globally, it's estimated that 300,000 disposable nappies are sent to landfill or incinerated every minute, leading to environmental issues as many contain plastics and synthetic materials and can take hundreds of years to decompose. While there's sustainable alternatives such as washable nappies, the effort and cost limits how widely they're used. Over the years many start-ups have marketed greener alternatives to disposable



nappies. Can the latest make an impression? Texas-based company Hiro Technologies has created unbleached disposable diapers that comes with a packet of fungi which is added to the used diaper when it's ready to be thrown away. The fungi are able to break down and digest the diaper over time, says co-founder Miki Agrawa, who started the brand after being shocked by how many nappies her son was going through. So how quickly does it work? Agrawa says it's

hard to be specific. "We cannot give a timeline because all conditions are different and the fungi currently works in some conditions better than others," says Agrawa. "All we can say that it's exponentially faster than without the fungi in the best conditions, and still better than nothing in the worst conditions." The diapers cost \$136 (£100) for a month's supply, though there is a subscription price of \$199. That's significantly more than regular disposables, which are estimated to cost

around \$70 a month. Is the price out of range for most parents? "The price is less expensive than luxury diapers," replies Agrawa. "I think it's a great deal for the diaper that is best for baby and their planet they will grow up in." She adds that demand is growing fast. Price tags aside, Sonali Jagadev, senior research analyst at Euroonitor, says progress in creating a more innovative and sustainable nappy remains slow and uneven due to several factors including

high production costs and supply chain constraints. "Bio-based polymers, bamboo fibres and organic cotton all come with higher raw material and processing costs than traditional plastics, while the supply chains for these sustainable inputs are still immature, making prices volatile and challenging for mass market brands," she says. Jagadev says smaller players face bigger hurdles. "Rising inflation, higher raw material costs and the need for heavy marketing investment can make it difficult for them to survive, even when their sustainability credentials are strong." Lack of composting infrastructure is another challenge. "Most biodegradable nappies still end up in landfill because industrial composting facilities are limited or unavailable in many regions," says Jagadev. And, of course, there are consumer priorities. "Parents continue to prioritise performance, hygiene and convenience over sustainability, meaning brands take a risk if greener solutions compromise any of these core expectations."

Trump urges UK and other nations to send ships to help secure Strait of Hormuz after Iranian attacks

White House: In its latest update on 12 March, the UK Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) said it had received 20 reports of incidents affecting vessels operating in and around the Arabian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, and Gulf of Oman. Sixteen of those ships have been attacked, it adds, and four cases of suspicious activity recorded in the area. The Thai-flagged Mayuree Naree, was hit while transiting through the Strait of Hormuz on Wednesday morning, the ship's owner told BBC Verify. Iran's new supreme leader Mojtaba Khamenei vowed to keep blocking the Strait of Hormuz in his first public statement on Thursday. Verified footage showed two tankers on fire in Iraqi waters at the north of the Gulf late on Wednesday and UKMTO reported the ships had been "struck by an unknown projectile". Safesea Vishnu, a US-owned vessel heading to India, is one of the most



As we've just reported, US President Donald Trump says "one way or the other" the US will get the Strait of Hormuz "open and safe". The Strait of Hormuz is a key trade artery through which around 20% of the world's oil passes. Since the beginning of the conflict, numerous ships have been reported to have come under attack in the area and Iran's new supreme leader on Thursday said that Iran should keep using the "lever

of blocking" the Strait. About 3,000 or so ships usually sail through the corridor each month. In 2025, about 20 million barrels of oil passed through the Strait per day. It is deep enough for the world's biggest crude oil tankers, and is used by the major oil and gas producers in the Middle East - and their customers. US President Donald Trump says that "one way or the other, we will soon get the Hormuz Strait OPEN, SAFE, and FREE!" In a post on his platform Truth Social, he writes that he hopes China, France, Japan, South Korea and the UK will send war ships to the key shipping channel so it can "no longer be a threat". He adds that many countries will be sending war ships to keep the key shipping channel "open and safe". In the meantime, he says, the US will be "bombing the hell out of the shoreline and continually shooting Iranian boats and ships out of the water". He claims the US has "destroyed 100% of Iran's military capability" but says it's still "easy" for them to use drones, mines and close-range missiles. Iran's representative in Geneva, Ali Bahrani, said Trump's claims about eliminating Tehran's capabilities are "based on fabricated lies". In our next post, we'll bring you a reminder of what you need to know about the Strait of Hormuz. Fatemeh Mohajerani, spokesperson for the Iranian government,

Charges dropped against teens whose teacher died during toilet paper prank



The five teenagers whose teacher died during a fatal practical joke will not be prosecuted over the death, a district attorney in the US state of Georgia has said. The teen driver faced homicide and trespassing charges after Jason Hughes, 40, was inadvertently run over during a toilet paper prank at his home. The four others faced lesser misdemeanour charges. The teacher's family had asked for the charges to be dropped to "prevent a separate tragedy from occurring, ruining the lives of these students". A lawyer for the driver thanked the family for their compassion and forgiveness, saying he was determined "to live a life that would make Jason Hughes proud", according to the BBC's US partner, CBS News. The maths teacher had known the students were going to prank him and emerged from his home hoping to catch them in the act and surprise them as they tossed toilet paper over trees during their senior prank, police said. But Hughes tripped and fell on the ground which was slick from rain. As the students tried to flee in two separate cars, he was inadvertently run over by the driver of one of the cars, police said.

MORE US MARINES AND WARSHIPS BEING MOVED TO MIDDLE EAST, REPORTS SAY



More US Marines and warships are being deployed to the Middle East, two officials confirmed to CBS News, the BBC's US partner. The officials said the reinforcements were to come from an amphibious ready group and its Marine expeditionary unit, with one official adding that the group would be led by the Japan-based USS Tripoli, an amphibious assault ship. The unit headed by the USS Tripoli typically consists of around 5,000 sailors and Marines distributed across several warships. The development comes as President Donald Trump said US forces had "totally obliterated" Iranian military infrastructure on Kharg Island in the Strait of Hormuz, a critical waterway for global oil shipping. Retaliatory Iranian strikes targeting Israel and US military bases across the Middle East have disrupted major hubs for international air travel and caused the price of oil to soar. Asked when the US Navy would start escorting tankers through the Strait of Hormuz, Trump told reporters on Friday: "It will happen soon." The Wall Street Journal, which first reported the movement of US personnel, also reported that the request for rein-

Family of Michigan synagogue suspect killed in Lebanon airstrike, officials say



The man who rammed his truck into a synagogue in Michigan on Thursday had recently lost family in an Israeli airstrike in Lebanon, officials say. Dearborn Heights Mayor Mo Baydoun said that the suspect, Ayman Mohamad Ghazali, recently suffered "devastating and personal losses overseas" but that it was "not an excuse" for the attack. On Friday, the FBI said Ghazali died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to

Why has the US targeted Iran's Kharg Island?

Donald Trump has said the US military has bombed a small island off the coast of Iran - home to a major oil terminal that is considered the country's economic lifeline. The US president said Kharg Island's military facilities were "totally obliterated" but that it had held off targeting its oil infrastructure. Trump, however, warned that he would reconsider the decision not to target oil facilities on the island should Iran or others "do anything to interfere" with the safe passage of ships through the Strait of Hormuz - one of the world's most important shipping channels, located south of Iran's coast. Iran's military said oil and energy infrastructure belonging to firms working with the US would "immediately be destroyed" should Kharg's oil infrastructure be attacked. Kharg



Island is a small rocky outcrop just 15 nautical miles (24km) off the coast of Iran. Despite its size, it is one of the most critical pieces of Iran's energy infrastructure. The US striking this small but vital island in the northern Gulf is like going for Iran's economic jugular vein. Ninety percent of Iran's crude oil comes through a terminal on the island - transported through pipes from the mainland. Very

large tankers - capable of carrying up to 85 million gallons of oil - are able to come up to the island's long jetties to pick up the oil. The island's coast is close enough to deep waters, unlike the shallower coast of the mainland. The tankers then come back down the Gulf and out of the Strait of Hormuz, to China - the main buyer of Iranian oil. A terminal for the export of Iranian oil, the island provides a major source of revenue for the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC). Trump said on Friday that the US Central Command (Centcom) had "executed one of the most powerful bombing raids in the History of the Middle East and totally obliterated every MILITARY target in Iran's crown jewel, Kharg Island". He added that "for reasons of decency" he had "chosen NOT to wipe out the Oil Infrastructure on the Island". Centcom said US forces had struck "more than 90 Iranian military targets on Kharg Island, while preserving the oil infrastructure". The regional military command unit said it had destroyed naval mine storage facilities, missile storage bunkers and numerous other military sites. Iranian state media reported that no damage was done to the island's oil facilities.

HAMAS URGES KEY ALLY IRAN TO HALT ATTACKS ON GULF STATES

The Palestinian armed group Hamas has called on Iran to stop attacking Gulf states, in a rare appeal to its key ally. The Tehran-backed group urged its "brothers in Iran to avoid targeting neighbouring countries", saying in a statement that all regional nations should co-operate "to preserve the bonds of brotherhood". At the same time, Hamas, which runs Gaza, affirmed Tehran's right to defend itself against attacks by the US and Israel, which are continuing to strike Iran. The Iranian authorities have said their own retaliatory strikes target "American installations" on Gulf soil rather than the



neighbours themselves - but many attacks have hit civilian infrastructure. Hamas said on Saturday that it had been following the war in the region with "deep concern". It called upon "all states and international organisations to work towards halting [the war] immediately". Iran has not publicly commented on Hamas's statement. Tehran's retaliatory drone and missile strikes have been felt by many of its Gulf neighbours over the past two weeks. At least 18 people have been killed across the region so far, most of them

security personnel or foreign workers. Six people have been killed in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and another six in Kuwait, while Oman, Saudi Arabia and Bahrain have all reported two deaths each. Iran is Hamas's biggest backer in terms of funding, weapons and political support. The Palestinian group has previously condemned as a "heinous crime" the assassination of Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei in joint US-Israeli strikes on the first day of the war on 28 February. Hamas is a member of Iran's "axis of resistance" - a loose coalition aimed at combating US and Israeli influence.

Explosion at Amsterdam Jewish school 'a deliberate attack' says mayor



An explosion at a Jewish school in Amsterdam was a "deliberate attack against the Jewish community", the mayor of the Dutch capital has said. Femke Halsema said the overnight blast caused limited damage to the outer wall of the school in the Buitenveldert district. No injuries were reported. "This is a cowardly act of aggression towards the Jewish community," the mayor said, adding that Amsterdam "must be a place where Jews can live safely". Prime Minister Rob Jetten said "there must be no place for antisemitism" in the Netherlands. Security had already been stepped up at Jewish institutions, after a suspected arson attack on a synagogue in Rotterdam on Friday. Firefighters and police were quickly deployed to the scene after the explosion at the school. They also said police were examining CCTV footage reportedly showing a person placing explosives. After the blast, Halsema said she understood "the fear and anger of Jewish Amsterdammers" who are "increasingly confronted with antisemitism". An investigation is under way, and so far police have not publicly commented on possible motives of the attack. Later on Saturday, the Israeli foreign ministry said that "in the Netherlands, an antisemitism epidemic is raging". In its statement, the ministry mentioned the recent attacks in Amsterdam and Rotterdam, as well as "the pogrom against Israelis in Amsterdam in November 2024" - a reference to an attack on Israeli football fans in the Dutch capital. "Where will the next attack be? The Dutch government needs to do much more to fight antisemitism," the Israeli statement added. In recent days, there have been concerns that Jewish and US communities around the world could be targeted, following joint Israeli-US strikes against Iran.



Rescuers blame weather and 'underprepared skiers' for rise in Alps avalanche deaths

Under drone fire, exiled Kurds wait to confront Iranian regime

Like many exiled Iranian Kurds, Shaho Bloori, 53, hears the call of home from both the living and the dead. Two of his sisters remain in Iran, and 18 of his relatives lie buried there, killed by the regime. That includes one of his brothers, who he tells us is "forever young" - a protest singer, executed at the age of 21. It wasn't enough for Iran's Islamic Revolution Guard Corps to hang him, he says, and riddle his body with bullets, they heaped more suffering on his mother, after his death. "When she went to wash his body [for burial], there were 16 bullet holes," he says. "They told her: 'You must not cry. If you do, we will not let you



clean him and bury him." He wants justice not revenge if the regime falls. There is no sign of that yet. "We must stop the hanging," he says. "Even if someone is guilty of hanging my brother, I don't want them to be executed. We need freedom, not another regime like the Islamic regime."



Will Management Drop MS Dhoni From Playing XI?

Mumbai: At 44, MS Dhoni is set to feature in his 19th Indian Premier League (IPL) season later this month. Chennai Super Kings (CSK) CEO Kasi Viswanath has already confirmed that the franchise great will be available for the full season. Last season, Dhoni scored 196 runs across 14 matches, walking out to bat lower down the order. Whether he'll play a similar role is something the management will have to take a call on. Speaking on his YouTube channel, former CSK batter S Badrinath, however, had a different view on the matter. Badrinath, who played at CSK for six seasons, feels that neither head coach Stephen Fleming nor anyone else in the management can take the decision to bench Dhoni, given the veteran's influence within the franchise. "I don't know if it is an administrative decision where [the CEO] said that [Dhoni] is ready to

play all matches... Now, will Fleming go and tell Dhoni, 'You don't play this match, we are dropping you?' I don't think Fleming has a chance at all. How will he go and tell Dhoni that he is dropped? I literally feel that

At 44, MS Dhoni is set to feature in his 19th Indian Premier League (IPL) season later this month.

it is not possible," said Badrinath. Badrinath added that Dhoni is likely to play all the matches, as no one can force him to sit out or take a step backward. "I don't think any support staff in the world, be it even Fleming, can tell Dhoni,

"You are an impact player,' or 'You don't play this match.' There is no chance. We can take it that he is going to play all the matches," he added. Dhoni is one of the most influential players in the CSK ranks and is a core member of the leadership group. He has won five titles for the team during his captaincy stint. CSK had a poor run last season. The team finished last in the points table. The five-time champions were only able to win four matches out of fourteen. Dhoni is still one of the finest batters in IPL history, with 5,439 runs in 278 matches and 242 innings at an average of 38.80, a strike rate of 137.45, and 24 fifties, with a best score of 84 not out.



KKR NEW JERSEY FOR IPL 2026: FORMER CHAMPIONS REVEAL JERSEY FOR NEW SEASON

=Three-times champion Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) have unveiled a fresh new jersey ahead of IPL 2026, designed in the theme of Lines of Legacy. At the heart of the design are the defining moments that have shaped KKR's journey over the years. From the unforgettable opening night when Brendon McCullum smashed 158* back in 2008, to Rinku Singh's five sixes in the final over, KKR have produced many such moments that have become part of IPL folklore. Each iconic moment forms a line in the franchise's star-studded story, and when these lines come together, they create the initials (K) (K) (R) in the style of abstract linear art. This season, those lines are not just remembered - they are woven into the jersey itself, allowing fans to wear a piece of the team's story. Speaking on the jersey reveal, Venky Mysore, Chief Executive Officer, Knight Riders Sports, said: "The



Lines of Legacy captures the essence of KKR's storied history and celebrates the journey of the team over the years. Each line represents a pivotal moment of brilliance, reflecting the energy and spirit that weaves together to form our identity. We are proud of this legacy that we have built and want to carry it into the upcoming season while creating more memories for our fans to cherish." To bring the idea to life, the jersey reveal was supported by a viral creative campaign on Social Media, culminating in a film

featuring well known artists from various works of the industry. Talking about the film that blends humour and pop culture into the storytelling around the new kit, Binda Dey, Chief Marketing Officer of Knight Riders Sports, said: "Through our 'Kya Line Hai?' campaign film featuring actor Rajat Bedi and comedian Anirban Dasgupta, and other popular creators from Kolkata, we wanted to bring the idea of the 'Lines of Legacy' to life and celebrate the iconic moments that define KKR's journey.

"DON'T BREAK THIS BAT":

Rishabh Pant's Message To Lucknow Super Giants Teammate Ahead Of IPL 2026 Is Hilarious

The 2026 Indian Premier League (IPL) will be an acid test for Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) skipper Rishabh Pant. In IPL 2025, his team finished seventh. Although Pant did score a ton, it came too late in the day. Ahead of the season, he stressed the importance of team bonding, communication, and clarity of goals as the franchise began its preparations for the upcoming IPL season, starting March 28. In a video shared by the Lucknow-based franchise on their X handle, skipper Pant welcomed both returning members and new faces in the squad, urging players to focus on building strong relationships



during the pre-season camp. "A lot of people are from last year. A few new faces for sure. Welcome, everyone. I think let's keep it very short and simple. Let's look to build the relationships. If we don't talk about cricket, we're not going to improve.

As individuals, let's take whatever we can from all these gentlemen here and try to build something for this season to look forward to," Pant said. In another video, Pant can be seen giving a bat to his LSG teammate Ayush Badoni. "You

like a short-handle bat? Here, take this one. This is a great bat. Don't break this one," he said. Pant-led LSG managed only six wins. Despite hitting an unbeaten 118 in LSG's final league game against Royal Challengers Bengaluru, it didn't help the side's cause as they finished seventh in the points table. "When we come into a season, every time there is a thought in our mind that 'let's build something; let's look to win.' But at the same time, to be clear in your thought process - what do you want to do? What do you want to achieve as an individual and as a team? And this is the best time to have that clarity.

WWE SmackDown Results, March 13: Randy Orton Sets WrestleMania 42 Expectations Clear With Heel Turn

The latest episode of the WWE SmackDown was dominated by one big and unexpected development as Randy Orton turned heel in dramatic fashion, attacking Cody Rhodes during their WrestleMania 42 contract signing. What was supposed to be a routine segment quickly turned violent as Orton unleashed a brutal assault, leaving Rhodes bloodied and the crowd stunned. This betrayal re-established Orton as "The Viper" and set up a heated WrestleMania showdown between the ruthless veteran and the resilient champion. The attack confirmed Orton's return to the dark side of the game, ensuring that WrestleMania 42 will feature yet another "hero versus villain" storyline.



Cody Rhodes now stands as the heroic figure defending his Undisputed WWE Championship, while Orton has positioned himself as the dangerous challenger determined to take it away. The timing of this heel turn adds intensity to the build-up for WrestleMania, making their clash one of the most anticipated matches on the card.

While Orton's betrayal was the headline, SmackDown also featured several other important matches and segments that kept the night action-packed. Other SmackDown Results - March 13, 2026
- Michin lost to Jade Cargill, who continued her dominant streak.
- Nia Jax and Lash Legend

retained the Women's Tag Team Championships against Alexa Bliss and Charlotte Flair.
- Solo Sikoa and Tama Tonga battled Uncle Howdy and Erick Rowan in a chaotic non-title tag match.
- Drew McIntyre attacked Jacob Fatu, keeping their rivalry alive after McIntyre's recent title loss.
- Jelly Roll appeared on Miz TV and knocked out The Miz, while The Bella Twins made a surprise return. This episode of SmackDown proved that WWE is building strong momentum heading into WrestleMania 42. Randy Orton's heel turn was more than just a storyline twist-it was a reminder of why he remains one of the most dangerous and unpredictable figures in WWE history.

MERCEDES DOMINATE BUT FIRST SIGNS OF VULNERABILITY

Mercedes showed a first hint of 2026 vulnerability in qualifying for the Chinese Grand Prix, but still ended up with a front-row lock-out to underline their superiority over the field at the start of this season. Both Kimi Antonelli, who broke the record for Formula 1's youngest pole-winner, and championship leader George Russell hit trouble. But they still had enough pace in hand to beat the Ferraris of Lewis Hamilton and Charles Leclerc on the two-by-two grid in Shanghai. Mercedes' problems reduced Ferrari's gap to pole - Hamilton was just 0.351secs slower than Antonelli, more or less halving the deficit the next fastest car had to pole in both qualifying at the first



race of the season in Australia and in the sprint qualifying on Friday in China. That might lead to a suggestion that Ferrari could take the race to Mercedes on Sunday, given Ferrari took themselves out of the lead battle in Melbourne with a strategy error, and that Leclerc and Hamilton had battled for the lead in the early stages in

the China sprint on Saturday as well. But Hamilton said he would "take that with a pinch of salt" given the circumstances - and he did not even know all of them at the time. "It's highly unlikely that we will be able to beat them in the race," Hamilton said. "In our statistics they've got some between 0.4-0.6secs race pace [advantage].

ENGLAND AND BORTHWICK BACKED UP TO THE BRINK IN PARIS

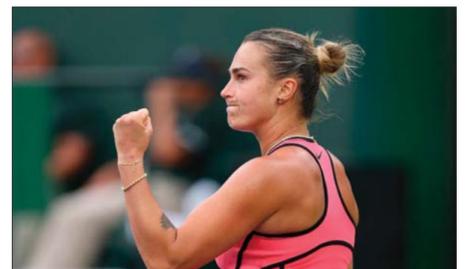
"If South Africa are the best side in the world, I think France would be right up there just behind them," said England head coach Steve Borthwick this week. Judging by that silver standard, England have come a long way during his three years in charge. In 2023 at Twickenham France ran amok. Damian Penaud gleefully scampering past Alex Dombrandt on his way to the line and a 53-10 scoreline - England's heaviest home defeat - remains an image that haunts the home of English rugby. In 2024 in Lyon England shut that gap. Only a 79th-minute Thomas Ramos penalty ensured a 33-31 win for France. And last year England overtook France, as Elliot Daly glided in for a decisive last-gasp



try in a 26-25 victory. A steady incremental improvement year on year? If only it were that simple for Borthwick and his team. Instead, the 2026 Six Nations has cast doubt on the whole project. Defeats by Scotland, Ireland and Italy are new low points to be plotted on the graph. France will relish extending the losing streak and ratcheting up the sud-

den and considerable pressure on Borthwick. Just as in 2022, when England were swatted aside 25-13 in the final game of a clean sweep, this was supposed to be the match in which they clinched a Grand Slam. Instead, France's dreams of a full house were punctured by an extraordinary 50-40 defeat in Scotland last weekend.

ARYNA SABALENKA SETS UP INDIAN WELLS TITLE SHOWDOWN WITH ELENA RYBAKINA



Aryna Sabalenka roared past Linda Noskova on Friday to book an Indian Wells title showdown with Australian Open champion Elena Rybakina. Sabalenka beat 14th-ranked Czech Noskova 6-3, 6-4 and Rybakina downed Ukraine's Elina Svitolina 7-5, 6-4 to set up a mouth-watering rematch of their Melbourne final. Rybakina also beat Sabalenka in the 2023 championship match in Indian Wells - where the Belarusian star has come up empty in two prior trips to the final. But Sabalenka has been in imperious form in the California desert this year. She fired 37 winners, with 11 aces, applying relentless pressure from the baseline in a commanding win over Noskova. She broke the big-serving Czech twice as she powered to a 5-1 lead in the opening set. There was a hiccup as she tried to serve out the set and Sabalenka, who had lost just one point in her first three service games, was broken. Noskova kept the set alive with a battling

hold in a marathon eighth game, fending off a set point with a service winner and sealing the game with an ace. Serving for the set again, Sabalenka opened with a double fault and went down 0-30, but a pair of big serves and a backhand winner brought her to set point and she claimed it with an ace. Sabalenka broke Noskova to open the second and was on her way. Noskova fended off a second break, but she was unable to convert a break opportunity in the eighth game as Sabalenka brought it home, capping the victory with a forehand winner on her third match point. "I think I really played great tennis," Sabalenka said. "I was serving well. I was playing well. I like the way I put her under pressure on her serve." Rybakina, who is set to rise one spot to number two in the world on Monday, had too much firepower for ninth-ranked Svitolina, who was coming off a three-set win over two-time champion Iga Swiatek in the quarter-finals.

"Arjun Is My Whole Heart, And Now...": Sara Tendulkar's Emotional Message To Saaniya Chandok

In a touching moment that brought warmth to the entire wedding party, Sara Tendulkar shared a heartfelt message for her sister-in-law, Saaniya Chandok, as she married Arjun Tendulkar. Speaking amid cheers and claps from the guests, Sara expressed just how much Saaniya means to her, saying, "Saaniya, you are the sister I always wanted but never had." She went on to explain that their bond goes beyond traditional

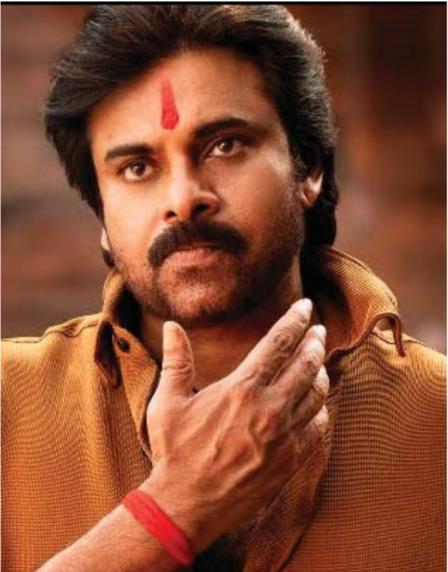
titles, adding that Saaniya is "truly more like a sister to me than a sister-in-law." This sense of belonging has clearly been around for a long time. Sara mentioned a beautiful thought from her mother, telling Saaniya, "Like my mother said, I cannot welcome you to the family because you have already been a part of this family for so many years." Since Saaniya is already such a loved member of the inner circle, Sara felt certain that the future would be bright.

She continued her emotional speech by saying, "I am sure your transition is gonna be extremely smooth because everybody loves you and showers you with all the affection in the world." The most moving part of the speech focused on the deep love Sara has for her brother Arjun. Recalling what she had mentioned previously, she told the crowd, "As I said at your engagement, my brother is my whole entire heart. And now, my heart

belongs to you, Saaniya. So please look after him, love him, cherish him, take care of him, and I am sure he will do the same for you." Sara ended her tribute with a shower of good English wishes for the couple's new life together. She concluded by saying, "I love you both. I wish you all the love, abundance, happiness, and everything in the world." This speech perfectly captured a family coming together, strengthening the bond of friendship that existed for years.



POWERFUL & ENTERTAINING TRAILER OF USTAAD BHAGAT SINGH UNVEILED



Amidst sky-high expectations, the makers of Ustaad Bhagat Singh have released its much-awaited trailer, and it promises a complete entertainer packed with power, action, and fun. Pawan Kalyan looks in top form and delivers his trademark charisma throughout the trailer. From punchy dialogues to high-voltage action blocks and entertaining moments, every element lands effectively, taking the hype around the film to the next level. Director Harish Shankar once again proves his strength in crafting mass

entertainers and presenting Pawan Kalyan in the way fans love to see him on the big screen. The trailer cut is sharp, engaging, and perfectly sets the tone for what promises to be a full-fledged feast for fans and movie lovers in theatres. With the excitement building rapidly, Ustaad Bhagat Singh is gearing up to deliver a memorable cinematic experience on the big screen. Ustaad Bhagat Singh is prestigiously being produced by Naveen Yerneni and Y.Ravi Shankar under Mythri Movie Makers and is slated for a grand release on March 19th.

That's What 'Padhe Padhe' Is and Rakasa Is a Wholesome Family Entertainer," Says Niharika at Second Single Launch

The makers of Rakasa unveiled the film's second single "Padhe Padhe" at a vibrant on-ground launch event held at St. Peter's Engineering College, Hyderabad. Producer Niharika Konidela, lead actors Sangeeth Sobhan and Nayan Sarika, along with composer Anudeep Dev, attended the event to introduce the romantic track to the audience gathered at the venue. Speaking about the idea behind the song, Niharika Konidela said, "In most

songs, women beg for love, but in this song we become love. We don't beg for love, we become love - that's what Padhe Padhe is." She also described Rakasa as a "wholesome family entertainer," adding that the film brings together fantasy, adventure, strong performances and plenty of comedy. Composer Anudeep Dev spoke about the concept behind the song while appreciating the energy of the crowd.

"That's some energy here! If Rapappa is for the boys, Padhe Padhe is for the girls. It's a really beautiful song and it explores the girl's point of view. If anyone is not getting the hints, girls can just play this song. There's a

lot more good stuff coming up, and please watch the film in theatres on April 3," he said. Actress Nayan Sarika shared her personal reaction to the track, saying, "When I first heard Padhe Padhe, it was on loop. Girls often find it hard when boys are unable to understand the hints, and this song is for both." She thanked the audience for their energy and support for the film. Actor Sangeeth Sobhan spoke about how the project came to him and what drew him to the story. Recalling the moment director Manasa Sharma narrated the film after the success of MAD Square, he said, "When I asked her what the USP of the film was, she said it's me."



Arrest orders against Badshah after he skips Haryana women commission hearing

The Haryana State Commission for Women on Friday issued orders to arrest rapper-musician Aditya Prateek Singh Sisodia, popularly known as Badshah, after he failed to appear before the

deadline in connection with the alleged objectionable lyrics and visuals in his recently released Haryanvi music video, "Tateeree". The Commission's chairperson Renu Bhatia had said strict action would be taken if Badshah did not appear by 3 pm on Friday after a notice to the rapper on March 6 was sent asking him to appear before it in Panipat regarding the alleged objectionable lyrics in the song.



HORROR RE RELEASE BRINGS UNEXPECTED CROWD TO THEATRES



Aamir Khan recalls Lagaan days: 'We listened to Gayatri Mantra daily'

Before the cameras rolled on the sets of "Lagaan", the film's cast would start each day with the Gayatri Mantra, said superstar Aamir Khan on Friday, adding that the daily ritual fostered a collective discipline and meditative focus in the

team. The period sports drama film, which completes 25 years in June this year, was helmed by Ashutosh Gowariker. The movie was screened at the first day of the 2026 Red Lorry Film Festival. "Akhilendra Mishra (who played Arjan) would play Gayatri Mantra when we would travel in the bus. There were some people who wanted to listen to English songs but I insisted we listen to Gayatri Mantra.

For six months we would listen to it every day before reaching the shoot location. "And that helped us in a meditative state of mind. When you go to work, it's important to understand to know the state of mind we are in. In the bus, it would be dark, as we would travel before the sun would rise, and we would listen to Gayatri Mantra," Khan said. "Lagaan" revolved around a villager who assembles a ragtag team to defeat the Britishers in a game of cricket to avoid paying triple the tax. The film received widespread critical acclaim as well as commercial success,

and was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film. Khan said he is eternally grateful to the audience for giving love and respect to "Lagaan". "Everyone works hard work but very few films get this kind of love and respect," the 60-year-old actor said, adding, when he watched the last ten minutes of the film, he got quite emotional. Asked if he would do anything differently were "Lagaan" to be remade, Khan promptly said he would opt for an unshaven look and speak in pure Awadhi. "Ashu and I had a long discussion on Awadhi dialect. I liked the language that Yusuf

sahab (Dilip Kumar) used in 'Ganga Jamuna'. We had used a diluted version.



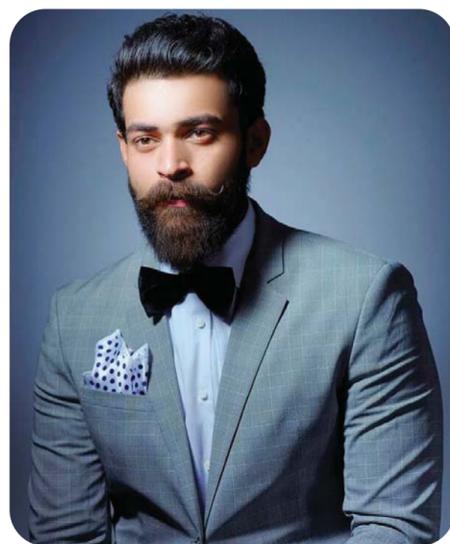
MEENAKSHI SERVES GODDESS ENERGY IN LATEST POST

budget mythical adventure thriller stars Naga Chaitanya in the lead, while Meenakshi will be seen in the role of Daksha. Directed by Karthik Dandu, who earlier delivered the hit Virupaksha, the movie promises a dark supernatural story filled with ancient mysteries, destiny and action, making it one of the most awaited Telugu films. Meanwhile, Meenakshi recently shared a stunning picture that quickly caught fans' attention online. In the photo, the actress looks elegant in a stylish black sleeveless outfit paired with a textured long skirt. She stands gracefully with her arms raised above her head, striking a confident and artistic pose against a dark background. The dramatic lighting highlights her glowing skin and sharp features, giving the photo a

classy fashion-editorial vibe. Her soft makeup, wavy hair and minimal accessories add to the sophisticated look, while her silver heels bring a touch of glamour to the outfit. The entire frame gives a bold yet graceful fashion moment, with fans praising her effortless style and confident presence. The film Vrushakarma has also been trending recently because of the intense transformation of Naga Chaitanya. The actor revealed behind-the-scenes pictures showing his lean and chiselled physique achieved through rigorous workouts and disciplined training for his role Arjun. His viral look shows him pushing his limits in the gym, while another presents him in a rugged, battle-ready avatar that hints at the film's action-packed nature.

Meenakshi, who already appeared this year in Anaganaga Oka Raju playing the role of Charulatha "Charu," is now preparing for her next big project Vrushakarma. The upcoming Telugu-language, high-

VARUN TEJ AS VOLLEY BALL PLAYER



Varun Tej is awaiting the release of his Korean Kanakaraju. The actor will be teaming up with Committee Kurrallu Fate Yadhu Vamsi for next project. It is said to be a Sports Drama and Varun Tej will be seen as a Volleyball Player.

WILL ANUSHKA'S WEDDING TALK TURN REAL THIS TIME?



For many years, the most common rumour around Anushka Shetty was about her marrying Prabhas. The speculation kept returning again and again, but it never turned out to be true. Even though both actors clarified that they are only good friends, the gossip never completely disappeared. Now, wedding rumours around Anushka have surfaced once again. But this time the talk is not about Prabhas. Industry buzz suggests that the actress may be considering marriage with a businessman who is known to her family. According to the latest chatter in film circles, discussions are said to be happening at the family level. If things move in the right direction, the actress could reportedly take this big step sometime this year. Anushka has always maintained a very private life and rarely reacts to such reports. Because of that, speculation often grows whenever new rumours appear. While nothing has been officially confirmed yet, the fresh buzz has once again caught the attention of fans. After years of hearing different stories about her marriage, many are simply hoping that this time the news might actually turn out to be true.