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CM REVANTH EXTENDS RAMZAN GREETINGS TO MUSLIMS

Hyderabad TSIT: Telangana Chief Minister A.Revanth Reddy extended heartfelt greetings to Muslim brothers and sisters on the occasion of Ramzan (Eid-ul-Fitr), conveying his best wishes for peace, prosperity and happiness. In his message, the Chief Minister expressed hope

that the festival would be celebrated with joy and enthusiasm along with family members, relatives and friends. He described Ramzan as a symbol of secularism and communal harmony, highlighting its importance in promoting unity among people of different faiths. Chief Minister noted that the holy month of Ramzan, during which the Qur'an was revealed, holds great spiritual significance. He said the strict fasting (Roza), disciplined prayers, and charitable acts such as Zakat and Fitr practiced by Muslims serve as an inspiration for all humanity. Emphasising Telangana's rich cultural fabric, A.Revanth Reddy stated that the State stands as a symbol of "Ganga-Jamuna Tehzeeb" and reiterated that the government is committed to the welfare and empowerment of Muslim minorities. He prayed for the continued prosperity of Telangana and wished that all people live together in peace, harmony and happiness, seeking blessings of Almighty Allah for the well-being of every citizen.

Washington, March 20 : President Donald Trump said Friday that Iran's navy was now "at the bottom of the sea" as he opened a White House event honouring the Navy Midshipmen with an extended defence of US military action against Tehran. Speaking at the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy presentation in the East Room, Trump began his remarks with a sweeping claim about the ongoing conflict. "We're doing extremely well in Iran," he said, adding that "they had a Navy two weeks ago, they have no Navy anymore, it's all at the bottom of the sea, 58 ships knocked down in two days." He asserted that US forces faced little resistance. "It's not even a contest," Trump said, adding, "We have the greatest navy anywhere in the world. It's not even close." Trump again stressed that preventing Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons remained central to US policy. "We're not going to let them have nuclear weapons because if they had them, they'd use them, and we're not going to let that happen," he said. "It should have been done a long time ago by other Presidents."

IRANIAN NAVY AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA, CLAIMS TRUMP

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Bhatti Presents Telangana Budget 2026-27 Emphasises Welfare and Growth

BY M.RAJANIKANTH

Hyderabad TSIT BUREAU: Telangana Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Friday presented the State Budget for 2026-27 in the Legislative Assembly, describing it as a people-centric budget aimed at welfare, inclusive development and long-term economic growth.

In his budget speech, Minister said the government is committed to social, economic and political justice for every citizen and is working with fiscal discipline while fulfilling promises made to the people. He said Telangana is moving ahead strongly despite financial pressures inherited from the previous regime.

Bhatti Vikramarka stated that Telangana's Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) for 2025-26 stood at 17.82 lakh crore with a growth rate of 10.7 per cent, higher than the national average of 8 per cent. He also said the State's per capita income reached 4,18,931, which is significantly higher than the national average. The government has set a target of making



Telangana a \$1 trillion economy by 2034 and a \$3 trillion economy by 2047.

The Finance Minister said the budget gives top priority to farmers' welfare, women empowerment, youth employment, quality education, healthcare and infrastructure. He announced that the government will launch the Indiramma Family Life Insurance Scheme from June 2, 2026, providing life insurance

cover of 5 lakh to 1.15 crore families across the State.

Highlighting welfare measures, he said the free bus travel scheme for women is benefiting over 34 lakh passengers daily, while the 500 gas cylinder scheme and Gruha Jyothi free electricity scheme are providing major relief to families. The government is also expanding support to self-help groups and women entrepreneurs through the Mahila

Shakti Mission.

In the agriculture sector, Bhatti Vikramarka said the government is continuing Rythu Bharosa support, incentives for fine variety paddy and horticulture expansion. He added that agriculture and farmer welfare have been allocated 23,179 crore in the budget. Minister also announced major initiatives in education, including Young India Integrated Residential Schools, a breakfast scheme for students from pre-primary to intermediate level, and extension of mid-day meals to junior college students. The education sector received an allocation of Rs.26,674 crore. For the health sector, the government proposed strengthening hospitals, expanding bed capacity, setting up new medical colleges and issuing digital health cards to citizens. A total of 13,679 crore has been allocated for medical and health services. On infrastructure, the Minister highlighted Bharat Future City, Musi rejuvenation, Metro Rail expansion and large-scale urban development works in Hyderabad and other towns.

Telangana Budget 2026-27 New Welfare and Development Schemes Announced

Hyderabad TSIT BUREAU: Telangana Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka unveiled a series of new welfare, education, health and employment schemes in the 2026-27 State Budget, reinforcing the government's commitment to inclusive development and social security.

The highlight of the budget is the launch of the Indiramma Family Life Insurance Scheme from June 2, 2026, which will provide Rs.5 lakh life insurance coverage to 1.15 crore families across the State. The scheme has been allocated Rs.4,000 crore. In a major boost to social welfare, the government will sanction 2 lakh new pensions under the Cheyutha scheme, with a total allocation of Rs.14,861 crore. Focusing on education reforms, the government announced the establishment of Telangana Public Schools by upgrading select government institutions with modern infrastructure, digital facilities and transport systems. Additionally, a breakfast scheme will be



introduced for students from pre-primary to intermediate level, alongside the extension of the midday meal scheme to junior college students. Allocations of Rs.500 crore, Rs.800 crore, and Rs.100 crore have been made respectively. In the healthcare sector, a cashless health protection scheme will be implemented for employees, pensioners and their dependents, covering 23.51 lakh beneficiaries through the Rajiv Aarogyasri Trust. The scheme will provide treatment for 1,998 diseases in both government and empanelled private hospitals using digital health cards. The government also introduced a comprehensive Employees' Accident

Insurance Scheme, offering Rs.1.2 crore compensation in case of accidental death, along with additional insurance benefits. A combined allocation of Rs.1,056 crore has been proposed for health and insurance initiatives.

To enhance global employment opportunities, the government will launch the CM Overseas Employment Program, providing skill training, language support, visa assistance and job placements in sectors such as healthcare, hospitality, construction and logistics. Further, trainees in ATCs will receive a monthly scholarship of Rs.2,000, with an allocation of Rs.80 crore to support skill development.

India confirms death of Indian national in Riyadh amid West Asia conflict



Riyadh, March 20 (TSIT): India on Friday confirmed the death of an Indian national on March 18 in Riyadh due to the ongoing West Asia conflict. The Indian Embassy in Saudi Arabia stated that it remains in touch with the family and local

authorities and assured all possible assistance. "The Embassy of India expresses its deepest condolences on the tragic demise of an Indian national in Riyadh due to recent events on March 18th. The Embassy is in touch with the family and local authorities. We remain committed to extending all possible assistance in this matter," Indian Embassy in Saudi Arabia posted on X.

India sends medical aid to Afghanistan after Pakistan's brutal airstrikes on Kabul



New Delhi, March 20 (TSIT): India on Friday delivered a 2.5-tonne consignment of emergency medicines, medical disposables, kits and equipment to Afghanistan to support the medical treatment of those injured in Pakistan's recent attack on hospital in Kabul. Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal stated that India will continue to provide humanitarian support to Afghanistan in this difficult time. "To support the medical treatment and swift recovery of those injured in the heinous attack on 16 March, India delivers a 2.5-tonne consignment of emergency medicines, medical disposables, kits and equipment to Kabul. India stands in solidarity with the Afghan people and will continue to extend all possible humanitarian support in this difficult hour."

ECI enables postal voting for seniors, PwDs, and service voters

New Delhi, Mar 19 (TSIT): The Election Commission of India has issued directives enabling senior citizens, persons with disabilities (PwDs), service voters, and voters on election duty to cast their votes via postal ballots in the forthcoming Assembly elections across four states and one Union Territory. Under Section 60(c) of the Representation

of the People Act, 1951, electors above 85 years of age and PwDs flagged in the electoral rolls may exercise this facility. Postal ballots must reach the concerned Returning Officers by 8 a.m. on the counting day, May 4, 2026. Eligible voters can apply using Form-12 D, submitted to their RO through booth-level officers within five days of election notification.

Andhra CM seeks report on crop losses due to unseasonal rains



Amaravati, (TSIT) : Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, on Friday, directed officials to prepare comprehensive estimates within two days regarding the crop damage caused across the state by strong winds, unseasonal rains, and thunderstorms. The Chief Minister held a video conference from his camp

office with district collectors and senior officials. Officials briefed Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu that crop damage has occurred in 42 mandals across 12 districts. They said maize crop over 4,840 hectares, paddy over 1,534 hectares and black gram over 310 hectares were damaged, adding that the loss is estimated at

Rs 40 crore. The Chief Minister was told that rains also impacted horticultural crops on 1,301 hectares in 48 mandals across nine districts. Crops such as banana, papaya, chili, vegetables, mango, orange, and lemon were damaged, with the estimated loss valued at Rs 23 crore. Based on the estimates compiled so far, officials have calculated the total combined loss for all crops at Rs 63 crore. According to India Meteorological Department (IMD) at Amaravati, there will be widespread rain until March 22 in the state, and thereafter isolated rainfall is expected.

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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))

Table with columns: SI No, Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s), Demand Notice Date and Amount, Date of Possession, Reserve Price, Date of Inspection of property.

Description of the Immovable property/ Secured: SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY: All that the house No.1-24 (Assessment No. 320553300024), admeasuring 171.1 Sq. yds with ground floor RCC built up area of 1001.7 Sq.ft. situated at Kothapally Village and Mandal, Narayanpet District, bounded as: North: House of Sandappa, South: House of Kistappa, East: House of Vasanth Kumari, West: CC Road.

Table with columns: SI No, Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s), Demand Notice Date and Amount, Date of Possession, Reserve Price, Date of Inspection of property.

Description of the Immovable property/ Secured: SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY: All that the House Bearing No.3-03, Admeasuring 335.45 Sq. Yards, situated at Chinnaporia Village Utkoor Mandal, Narayanpet Dist, Telangana under the limits of SRO Narayanpet and bounded by: North : 6 Feet Road, South: Main Road, East : Gajula Yousuf Open Land, Ajapur Jawed House & Way, West: Iqbal Hussain House and Others Land.

Table with columns: SI No, Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s), Demand Notice Date and Amount, Date of Possession, Reserve Price, Date of Inspection of property.

Description of the Immovable property/ Secured: SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY: All that the House No. 1-1-9/14/B, in survey No. 220, Total Plot area 175.00 Sq yds, construction area 146.31 Sq Mtrs, situated at New Moti Nagar, Boyapally Village, Mahabubnagar Mandal and District, Telangana and bounded as: BOUNDARIES: North: Plot of P.Venkateswaramma, South : Plot of P.Balamma, East 6 feet wide Road West 1.6' Seri

Table with columns: SI No, Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s), Demand Notice Date and Amount, Date of Possession, Reserve Price, Date of Inspection of property.

Description of the Immovable property/ Secured: SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY: All that the H No 6-10/2 ADMEASURING 77.3 SQUARE YARDS, Assessment No.691, SITUATED AT NANDIPAHAD VILLAGE MADDUR MANDAL NARAYANPET DISTRICT Telangana, India - 509411 within the limits of SRO Narayanpet and bounded by: North: House of Mallesh, South: Road, East: House of Jangiti Govindu, West: Open place of Jangiti Ramulu.

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Description of the Immovable property/ Secured: SCHEDULE B (Description of the Immovable Property) ALL THAT THE H.No.16-174/1 in Plot No.21/Part in Sy.No.49, 50 & 51A, Ext.70.0 Sq. Yards, situated at Brahmagari Veedhi, Wanaparthy Town & Dist and bounded by: East: S.Srinivasulu House sold to others & Joint Wall, West: House of D.Danaiah & Joint Wall, North: 20 Feet Road South: Others House

Mode Of Payment - All payment shall be made by demand draft in favour of Hinduja Housing Finance Limited payable at Hyderabad or through RTGS/NEFT the accounts details are as follows: a) Name of the account: Hinduja Housing Finance Limited b) Name of the Bank: HDFC BANK LTD. c) Account No: Given above. d) IFSC Code: -HDFC0004989

TERMS & CONDITIONS OF ONLINE E-AUCTION SALE:-

1. The Property is being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS, WHATEVER ASSETS & WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS". As such sale is without any kind of warranties & indemnities. 2. Particulars of the property / assets (viz. extent & measurements specified in the E-Auction Sale Notice has been stated to the best of information of the Secured Creditor and Secured Creditor shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission. Actual extent & dimensions may differ. 3. E-Auction Sale Notice issued by the Secured Creditor is an invitation to the general public to submit their bids and the same does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation on the part of the Secured Creditor. Interested bidders are advised to peruse the copies of title deeds with the Secured Creditor and to conduct own independent enquiries / due diligence about the title & present condition of the property / assets and claims / dues affecting the property before submission of bids. 4. 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For participating in the e-auction sale the intending bidders should register their name at https://www.bankauctions.com well in advance and shall get the user id and password. Intending bidders are advised to change only the password immediately upon receiving it from the service provider. 8. For participating in e-auction, intending bidders have to deposit a refundable EMD of 10% OF RESERVE PRICE (as mentioned above) shall be payable by interested bidders through Demand Draft/NEFT/RTGS in favor of "Hinduja Housing Finance Limited" on or before dates given above. 9. The intending bidders should submit the duly filled in Bid Form (format available on https://www.bankauctions.com) along with the Demand Draft remittance towards EMD in a sealed cover addressed to the Authorized Officer HHFL Branch Office Hinduja Housing Finance Limited- 5-89/2A, 1st Floor, Sara Complex, Above KBS Bank, Beside Maheswari Theatre, Yenugonda, Mahabubnagar Town, Telangana-509001 latest by dates given above. 10. The sealed cover should be super scribed with "Bid for participating in E-Auction Sale- in the Loan Account No.s as mentioned above for property names mentioned above. 11. After expiry of the last date of submission of bids with EMD, Authorized Officer shall examine the bids received by him and confirm the details of the qualified bidders (who have quoted their bids over and above the reserve price and paid the specified EMD with the Secured Creditor) to the service provider M/S C1 India Pvt Ltd to enable them to allow only those bidders to participate in the online inter-se bidding/auction proceedings at the date and time mentioned in E-Auction Sale Notice. 12. Inter-se bidding among the qualified bidders shall start from the highest bid quoted by the qualified bidders. During the process of inter-se bidding, there will be unlimited extension of "10" minutes each, i.e., the end time of e-auction shall be automatically extended by 10 Minutes each time if bid is made within 10 minutes from the last extension. 13. Bids once made shall not be cancelled or withdrawn. All bids made from the user id given to bidder will be deemed to have been made by him alone. 14. Immediately upon closure of E-Auction proceedings, the highest bidder shall confirm the final amount of bid quoted by him by E-Mail both to the Authorised Mr. Praveen (CLM), Branch Office Hinduja Housing Finance Limited- 5-89/2A, 1st Floor, Sara Complex, Above KBS Bank, Beside Maheswari Theatre, Yenugonda, Mahabubnagar Town, Telangana-509001. and the Service Provider for getting declared as successful bidder in the E-Auction Sale proceedings. 15. The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the bid amount (including EMD) on the same day of the sale, being knocked down in his favour and balance 75% of bid amount within 15 days from the date of sale by DD/Pay order/NEFT/RTGS/Chq favoring Hinduja Housing Finance Limited.. 16. In case of default in payment of above stipulated amounts by the successful bidder / auction purchaser within the stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the amount already paid (including EMD) will be forfeited and the property will be again put to sale. 17. At the request of the successful bidder, the Authorized Officer in his absolute discretion may grant further time in writing, for depositing the balance of the bid amount. 18. The Successful Bidder shall pay 1% of Sale price towards TDS (out of Sale proceeds) and submit TDS certificate to the Authorized officer and deposit the entire amount of sale price (after deduction of 1% towards TDS), adjusting the EMD within 15 working days of the acceptance of the offer by the authorized officer, or within such other extended time as deemed fit by the Authorized Officer, failing which the earnest deposit will be forfeited. 19. Municipal / Panchayat Taxes, Electricity dues (if any) and any other authorities dues (if any) has to be paid by the successful bidder before issuance of the sale certificate. Bids shall be made taking into consideration of all the statutory dues pertaining to the property. 20. Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorized Officer in favour of the successful bidder only upon deposit of entire purchase price / bid amount and furnishing the necessary form in respect of payment of all taxes / charges. 21. Applicable legal charges for conveyance, stamp duty, registration charges and other incidental charges shall be borne by the auction purchaser. 22. The Authorized officer may postpone / cancel the E-Auction Sale proceedings without assigning any reason whatsoever. In case the E-Auction Sale scheduled is postponed to a later date before 30 days from the scheduled date of sale, it will be displayed on the website of the service provider. 23. The decision of the Authorized Officer is final, binding and unquestionable. 24. All bidders who submitted the bids, shall be deemed to have read and understood the terms and conditions of the E-Auction Sale and be bound by them. 25. For further details and queries, contact Authorized Officer, Hinduja Housing Finance Limited, Praveen (CLM) Cell No. 9666056022, & 9963966526. 26. This publication is also 30 (Thirty) days' notice to the Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantors of the above said loan account pursuant to rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, about holding of auction sale on the above-mentioned date / place.

Place: Hyderabad Date: 17-03-2026 Sd/-Authorised Officer, For Hinduja Housing Finance Limited

Special Instructions / Caution: Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Hinduja Housing Finance Limited nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements / alternatives such as back-up power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

CP Goush Alam inaugurated the new rest room for police personnel

Karimnagar, March 20, TSIT: Aiming to improve the welfare and performance of police personnel, Karimnagar Police Commissioner Goush Alam inaugurated a newly constructed Rest Room at Karimnagar Rural Police Station on Friday. Speaking on this occasion, the Commissioner stated that the police personnel who are constantly on duty need mental peace and physical rest. He expressed hope that the health



and comfort of the staff will not be compromised and their performance will improve further by providing better infrastructure. The CP said the department is committed to modernize the infrastructure

in all police stations and provide a better working environment for the personnel. He stated that officers who are adequately rested will be more active and efficient in times of emergency and in serving the people. Trainee IPS Soham Sunil, Rural ACP Vijayakumar, Traffic ACP Venkataswamy, Rural Inspector Niranjan Reddy, SIs Naresh, Lakshma Reddy, other police officers and police station staff were present.

CM Revanth Encouraging Sports with Increased Budget Allocation

Hyderabad TSIT: Telangana Sports Authority Chairman Shivasena Reddy stated that sports are receiving unprecedented priority under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, as reflected in the increased budget allocations. Expressing happiness over the allocation of 646 crore to the sports sector in the latest State Budget, sportspersons, under the aegis of the Sports Authority, performed a milk abhishekam to the portraits of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, and Sports Minister Vakati Srihari Mudhiraj at the LB Stadium.



Speaking on the occasion, Shivasena Reddy said that sports were neglected during the previous regime, with allocations not even reaching Rs.150 crore over ten years. In contrast, he highlighted that under the current government, Rs.360 crore was allocated in the first year, Rs.426 crore in the second year, and Rs.646 crore in the third budget, which is a significant and welcome increase. He stated that the enhanced budget will be utilized for establishing

sports academies, increasing the number of sports schools, providing quality training in educational institutions, constructing stadiums at constituency headquarters, and promoting various sports activities across the state. He further added that the sports community across Telangana is expressing happiness over the government's proactive policies and increased investment in sports development. Deputy Directors Sujatha and Ravinder, Stadium Administrators Ravikumar, Gokul, and Madhu, PRO Kaleru Suresh, LB Stadium coaches, staff, and a large number of sportspersons participated in the programme.

Congress Govt Cheated Tribals, Alleges LHPS Leader Boda Laxman Naik

Hyderabad: Boda Laxman Naik, Joint District In-charge of the Lambadi Rights Struggle Committee (LHPS), has strongly criticized the Congress government, accusing it of betraying tribal communities by failing to implement key promises. In a statement, he alleged that despite assurances to fulfill commitments to tribals within six months of coming to power, the government has not allocated adequate funds even in its third-year budget. Referring to the 2026-27 budget presented by Bhatti Vikramarka, Naik said only Rs 7,937 crore was allocated for tribal welfare, far below the Rs 25,000 crore required



to implement promises made in the Chevella Declaration. He further claimed that in the past two years, Rs 10,158 crore was allocated for tribal welfare, but only Rs 3,700 crore was spent, with the remaining funds allegedly diverted. He also accused the

government of reducing allocations in key development sectors while increasing spending in areas benefiting contractors. Naik pointed out that funds meant for tribal youth development, ITDAs, and village infrastructure were either unspent or reallocated without proper utilization. He expressed concern over the reduction in Tribal Sub-Plan funds from Rs 17,168 crore last year to Rs 15,274 crore in the current budget. Calling the situation a betrayal, he urged tribal communities to protest against the government for failing to deliver on its promises and for allegedly misusing allocated funds.

IKF Home Finance Limited. Equinox by Phoenix Tower 3, 10th Floor, Diamond Hills, Lumbini Avenue, Rai Durg, Gachibowli, Hyderabad (Telangana - 500081). POSSESSION NOTICE FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY [(Appendix IV) Rule 8(1)]

SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED. Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032. Administrative office: 8th Floor (level 7), Building No. Q2, Aarun Q Park, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghatnoli, Navi Mumbai-400710. BRANCH AT: 7-89, 1st, Ambadker Centre Narsampet, Narsampet, Warangal (Rural) - 508132. SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

SOUTHERN POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY OF TELANGANA LIMITED. Tender Notice No. P-07/25-26 of DE/OP/SURYAPET. Tenders are invited from eligible vendors for various electrical works in Suryapet Operation Division. Details are available at www.tgssouthernpower.com. PH.No. 8712473066, Last Date : 30-03-2026. Sd/- Divisional Engineer, Operation, Suryapet.

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HINDUJA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED. APPENDIX-IV Possession Notice (For Immovable Property) Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Hinduja Housing Finance Limited (HHFL) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorized Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Table with columns: Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/Guarantor/LAN No, Demand Notice Date and Amount, DATE OF POSSESSION.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Open land relates to house bearing H.No.6-1-88, in the land admeasuring to an extent of 107.97 Sq. Yards or 90.19 Sq.Mtrs. situated at Sivara Mallai Village and Mandal, G.P.Mallai, Revenue District Jagtial, and within the Jurisdiction of Registration sub-District Mallai and Registration District Karimnagar and bounded as follows: BOUNDARIES:-East Way and House of Racharla Chinnamma, West House of Yaganidia Hanmandu and Open land North:7 feet Wide Road South: Open land of Racharla Srinivas.

LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED. Flat 201, 2nd Floor, Krishi Sapphire Building, Near Image Hospital, Hitech City Main Road, Madhapur, Hyderabad - 500081. POSSESSION NOTICE (Under Rule 8(1) Immovable Property) WHEREAS, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the LIC Housing Finance Limited, Hyderabad under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices calling upon the following Borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against their names with further interest /costs etc. within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices.

Table with columns: Name of the Borrower, Demand Notice Date and Amount, Symbolic Possession taken on.

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DEMAND NOTICE

(Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act) read with Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002...

SINO.-1 RefNo.10/SARFAESI/13(2)/FEB/2026-27 Date:04-03-2026 1) Mr. Rubina Azam (Applicant), C/o. Mr. Abdul Lateef, R/o. 19-2-21/59/50, Tauban Island, Ashaur Khana Lane, New Zoopark, Hyderabad, Telangana-500082...

SINO.-2 RefNo.1/SARFAESI/13(2)/MAR/2026 Date:15-03-2026 1) Mr. BETHA BHASKAR (Applicant), S/o. Mr. BETHA Narayana, R/o.H.No.2-3-604/2, 2nd floor, Jyothi Nilayam, Road No.3, Sainagar, Nagole, Hyderabad, Telangana-500068...

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SINO.-3 RefNo.03/SARFAESI/13(2)/H/L/MAR/2026 Date:04-03-2026 1. Mrs. Bollam Rani, C/o Mr. Sathi Reddy Avuthu, R/o. H.No.15-28-410, 1 Phase, I, Phase, Road No.2, KPHB, Hyderabad-500085...

SINO.-4 RefNo.06/SARFAESI/13(2)/MAR/2026 Date:18-03-2026 1) Mr. Dharmender Kumar (Applicant), S/o. Singh Jasanwath, Flat No. 502.TNR North City Residency, Jeedimetla Village, Near swagath Grand Hotel, Hyderabad, Telangana-500067...

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SINO.-6 RefNo.AXIS/SARFAESI/000/MAR/2026 Date:16-03-2026 1. M/S. MALLIKARJUNA AGENCIES (Applicant), Rep by its Proprietor: Inturi Nageswara Rao, 25-61/71/0a, Plot No.121, East, Anand Bagh, Malkajgiri, Medchal, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500047...

SINO.-7 RefNo.06/SARFAESI/13(2)/JAN/2026 Date:27-01-2026 1) Mr. Sompalli Srinivasa Rao (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Sompalli Narasimha Rao, R/o. Flat No.2-10-14, 19 to 21, Flat No.203, Banjara Enclave, Macha Bollaram, Hyderabad, Telangana-500010...

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SINO.-10 RefNo.06/SARFAESI/13(2)/FEB/2026-27 Date:04-03-2026 1) Mr. Menon Raj (Applicant), C/o. Mr. VK. Radhakrishna Menon, R/o. 101, Seacon Pring Ansar, 6-3-563/1, Urban Manzil, Hyderabad, Telangana-500082...

SINO.-11 RefNo.06/SARFAESI/13(2)/MAR/2026 Date:16-03-2026 1) Mr. Kanchi Raju Rajaram (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Murthy KVS Suryanarayana, R/o. 3-11-80/A, Gokhale Nagar, Ramanthapur, Hyderabad, Telangana-500013...

SINO.-12 RefNo.06/SARFAESI/13(2)/H/L/MAR/2026 Date:16-03-2026 1) Mr. Erapuram Divyewari (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Nageswara Rao, R/o. Flat No.101, 1st Floor, B-Icon APMG, Maarva Township, Hyderabad, Telangana-500075...

SINO.-13 RefNo.06/SARFAESI/13(2)/MAR/2026-27 Date:04-03-2026 1) Mr. K Kamala Sudhir (Applicant), C/o. Mr. Sudhir, R/o. 3rd floor,17-1-380/E/28, C.G. Colony, Santoshnagar, Opp. Allhabad Bank Hyderabad, Telangana-500059...

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SINO.-15 RefNo.1/SARFAESI/13(2)/MAR/2026 Date:16-03-2026 1) Mr. Konne Raghavendra Goud (Applicant), S/o. Mr. Konne Yadagiri Goud, R/o. Plot No.23, Pedmalay Nagar, Hayathnagar, Rangareddy, Hyderabad, Telangana-501505...

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SINO.-24 RefNo.AXIS/SARFAESI/000/MAR/SBB/1 Date:04-03-2026 1) M/S. Pradhyan Metal Industries (Applicant) Rep By Its Proprietor: Mr. P. Shiva Kanth, H.No. 7-3-137, Gagan Pahad, Kattedan, Rangareddy, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500077...

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CM CHANDRABABU NAIDU BEGINS TIRUPATI VISIT, TO OFFER PRAYERS AND DONATE FOR ANNAPRASADAM

Tirupati: N. Chandrababu Naidu arrived in Tirupati on a two-day visit and was accorded a grand welcome by ministers, public representatives, and officials.



District In-charge Minister Anagani Satyaprasad, TTD Executive Officer M. Ravi Chandra, District Collector Dr. S. Venkateswar, MLA Pulivarthi Nani, and MP D. Prasada Rao were among those who welcomed the Chief Minister. The Chief Minister will stay overnight in Tirumala and is scheduled to visit

Tirumala Venkateswara Temple on Friday morning along with his family, marking the birthday of his grandson Nara Devansh. On the occasion, Naidu's family will donate Rs. 44 lakh to the Annaprasadam Trust to sponsor one day of free meals for devotees.

This marks the 12th such contribution made by the Chief Minister to the trust. He will also personally serve Annaprasadam to devotees at the Matrusrivarigonda Vengamamba Annaprasadam Complex and

interact with them. Later in the day, the Chief Minister will visit the Integrated Command and Control Centre in Tirumala and inaugurate a State Food Laboratory set up in collaboration with the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India.

Bhadrachalam Development a Top Priority Minister Konda Surekha



Hyderabad TSIT: State Government is committed to the comprehensive development of Bhadrachalam, said Forest, Environment and Endowments Minister Konda Surekha. A high-level review meeting on the development of the Sri Sita Ramachandra Swamy Temple and the overall development of Bhadrachalam town was held at

the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Secretariat. The meeting was chaired by Minister Konda Surekha and attended by Ministers Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, Tummalanageswara Rao, Vakiti Srihari, MP Balaram Naik, and MLAs Tellam Venkata Rao and Jatoh Ram Chandra Naik. The meeting focused on plans under the "Bhadrachalam

Reconstruction and Rejuvenation" project. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister stated that the Sri Sita Ramachandra Swamy Temple is a symbol of faith for devotees across the country, and emphasized that the government aims to develop both the temple and the town with modern amenities. She directed officials to prioritize pilgrim facilities, including improved parking, road expansion, and sanitation. Instructions were given to expedite works such as the development of Mada streets, construction of Kalyana Mandapam, development of Ramavanam, establishment of digital information centers, drinking water supply, and clean toilet facilities. The Minister also stressed the need to ensure smooth and hassle-free darshan arrangements for devotees.

Telangana Budget Neglects Education Sector PRTU State General Secretary



Hyderabad, March 20 (TSIT): The Telangana State Budget has neglected the education sector by allocating insufficient funds, alleged PRTU (Progressive Recognised Teachers Union) State General Secretary Puli Devender Mudhiraj. In a press statement, he expressed concern over the lack of adequate budgetary support for education and termed it unfortunate that key issues such as pending bills and the Pay Revision Commission (PRC) were not addressed. He, however, welcomed the proposal to implement a unified education system from Classes 1 to 12, stating that it is a progressive step in strengthening the education framework. Emphasizing the impor-

ance of education in societal development, Devender Mudhiraj said that the sector plays a crucial role in building a strong and progressive society. He urged the government to allocate higher funds to education and immediately clear pending bills of employees and teachers. He also highlighted the need to effectively implement employee health schemes, including free medical services, for the welfare of staff in the education sector.

EAST COAST RAILWAY INTRODUCES NEW TRAIN STOPPAGES AT THREE STATIONS IN ANDHRA PRADESH

Visakhapatnam: East Coast Railway has introduced experimental stoppages for key train services at Harischandrapuram, Pathapatnam, and Mandasa Road stations to improve passenger convenience and regional connectivity.



The initiative was inaugurated by K. Ram Mohan Naidu in the presence of K. Atchannaidu and local MLAs. As part of the move, the Visakhapatnam-Gunupur Passenger (58506/58505) will now halt at Harischandrapuram, while the Rourkela-Gunupur Rajjarani Express (18117) will stop at Pathapatnam. The Brahmapur-Visakhapatnam Express (18525) has also been given a stoppage at Mandasa

Road station. These new halts have been introduced following long-standing public demand and are expected to improve access to major cities like Visakhapatnam and Bhubaneswar for passengers from these regions. Railway officials stated that the stoppages are currently on an experimental basis and will be reviewed periodically based on passenger response and operational feasibility.

DR. G. LAKSHMISHA ASSUMES CHARGE AS VMC SPECIAL OFFICER

The South India Times, Visakhapatnam : Dr. G. Lakshisha, the NTR District Collector, officially assumed charge as the Special Officer of the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation (VMC) on Friday morning at the VMC headquarters. Amidst the chanting of Vedic hymns by priests from the Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Temple, he took his seat in the Special Officer's chamber, where he was warmly congratulated by VMC officials and staff. Expressing his gratitude to Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu for the appointment, Dr. Lakshisha highlighted that the Chief Minister envisioning Vijayawada as the "Gateway to Amaravati" serves as his primary motivation. He emphasized that his main goals are to provide superior services to the public and expand essential amenities. Immediately following the ceremony, he convened



a review meeting with department heads to evaluate ongoing development projects and directed officials to prioritize and take immediate action on key urban issues. He stressed a dedicated focus on infrastructure, sanitation, drinking water supply, and road maintenance, while also urging the team to work diligently to maintain the city's ranking in the Central Government's Swachh Survekshan. The event saw the participation of several prominent officials, including Durga Temple EO Syamala Devi. Additional Commissioners Dr. D. Chandrasekhar and A. Ravindra Rao, and various other department heads and executive engineers.

SPARSH Hospital Felicitates Kidney Donors, Celebrates 26 Successful Transplants

Bengaluru, March 2026: SPARSH Hospital organised a special felicitation ceremony following World Kidney Day to honour kidney donors who gave a new lease of life to patients suffering from kidney failure.



The event brought together 26 kidney donors, transplant recipients, doctors, and healthcare teams who were part of successful transplant journeys over the past year. The hospital's nephrology and transplant team performed 26 kidney transplants during this period, significantly improving patients' quality of life. Experts noted that kidney transplantation remains one of the most effective long-term treatments for advanced kidney disease,

often delivering better outcomes than prolonged dialysis. Speaking at the event, Abhishek Thomas highlighted the selfless contribution of donors, stating that each transplant reflects compassion and courage, offering hope and a new beginning to

patients. Dr. Girish N. S. emphasised that successful transplants depend not only on medical expertise but also on the generosity and trust of donors and their families. The ceremony witnessed emotional moments as donors and

recipients shared their experiences. Doctors also stressed the importance of early detection, regular health check-ups, and increased awareness about organ donation to bridge the gap between demand and availability in India.

SED Launches AI-Driven Learning Diagnostics Platform in Hyderabad, Partners with Sri Chaitanya

Hyderabad, March 20, 2026: USA-based Student Education Diagnostics (SED) officially launched its natural intelligence and neuroscience-based learning diagnostics platform in India at an event held at Hotel Daspalla. The launch follows its successful debut in New Delhi on March 17, marking the company's expanding footprint in the country. The event also witnessed a strategic collaboration between SED and Sri Chaitanya Educational Institutions, aimed at transforming student learning methodologies. A key highlight was the formal exchange of a framed Memorandum



of Understanding (MoU) between representatives of both organizations in the presence of media. SED's platform focuses on understanding how stu-

dents learn rather than just evaluating outcomes. Built on principles of neuroscience and natural intelligence, it analyzes cognitive patterns, identi-

fies strengths and learning gaps, and enables personalized learning pathways. The advanced system uses brain-based diagnostics to assess how students process information and apply concepts, generating customized academic roadmaps for educators and families. Speaking on the occasion, Srishesh V said that every child has a unique learning pattern, and the initiative aims to unlock each student's true potential by moving beyond traditional assessment methods. The collaboration with Sri Chaitanya marks a significant step toward integrating innovative learning technologies into mainstream education in India.

Police Review Security Arrangements for ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel Plant Groundbreaking Ceremony



The South India Times, Visakhapatnam : In view of the prestigious ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel (AM/NS) plant ground-breaking ceremony scheduled for March 23 at Tammayyapeeta near Chandanada village, Nakkapalli Mandal, the police administration has intensified security measures. On Friday evening, Visakhapatnam Range IG Shri Gopinath Jatti, IPS, Anakapalli District SP Shri Tuhin Sinha, IPS, conducted a thorough field inspection to oversee the arrangements, including the meeting venue, helipad construction, and parking zones. Given the attendance of Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nara Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Shri Pawan Kalyan, and several Union and State Ministers, the IG directed the implementation of a high-level Z+ Category security protocol. Instructions were issued to formulate a dedicated traffic plan to prevent any inconvenience to commuters on the National Highway and to utilize drone cameras and intelligence coordination to ensure the event proceeds peacefully without any untoward incidents.

President Droupadi Murmu Inaugurates Oncology Block; HDFC AMC Boosts Cancer Care in Vrindavan



Vrindavan, March 20, 2026: HDFC Asset Management Company (HDFC AMC), under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative, has supported the establishment of an advanced radiotherapy unit at Ramakrishna Charitable Hospital, strengthening access to cancer treatment across North India. The newly constructed Oncology Block was inaugurated by the Hon'ble President of India, Droupadi Murmu.

The initiative marks a significant step in expanding access to advanced cancer care, particularly for patients from Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, and Rajasthan. HDFC AMC facilitated the procurement and installation of modern radiotherapy equipment that enables high-precision treatment, targeting cancer cells while minimizing damage to healthy tissue. Speaking on the occasion, Navneet Munot emphasized that access to quality healthcare is essential

for inclusive development. He stated that the initiative reflects the company's commitment to strengthening cancer care infrastructure and reducing the financial burden on patients. Established in 2017, the hospital's oncology department has grown into a key treatment center, serving patients within a 400 km radius. It has provided care to over 45,000 outpatients and more than 12,000 inpatients, including free treatment for underprivileged patients. The new Oncology Block features advanced facilities such as radiotherapy and brachytherapy bunkers, a CT simulator, OPD units, day-care services, and tumor board infrastructure, significantly enhancing the hospital's capacity for comprehensive cancer care. This CSR initiative by HDFC AMC underscores its commitment to building robust healthcare infrastructure and delivering accessible, high-quality cancer treatment to communities in need.

Rare Bleeding Disorder Case: Doctors Ensure Safe Delivery at Kamineni Hospital



Hyderabad, March 20, 2026: Doctors at Kamineni Hospitals successfully conducted a high-risk delivery, saving both mother and child in a rare medical case involving a severe bleeding disorder. The procedure was carried out under the M'brace Mother Care, Child Care & Fertility unit, where a 27-year-old pregnant woman diagnosed with

Von Willebrand Disease was treated with utmost care. According to senior obstetrician and gynecologist Dr. B. Menaka, such disorders occur in about 1% of the population but are extremely rare during pregnancy. The patient, a resident of Chityal in Nalgonda district, had initially approached the hospital four years ago with excessive bleeding and

received blood transfusions along with specialized clotting factor treatment. A multidisciplinary team of specialists worked together to ensure a safe outcome. Both mother and child recovered well and were discharged. Doctors noted that Type 3 cases are extremely rare, occurring in about one in 5 million people, making this a remarkable medical success.

ECMO Lifeline: KIMS ICON Doctors Save Blast Victim After Ammonia Inhalation

Visakhapatnam, March 20, 2026: Doctors at KIMS ICON Hospital successfully saved the life of a 37-year-old man who suffered severe injuries following an industrial blast and exposure to toxic ammonia gas, using advanced ECMO support.



According to Dr. Ravi Kanna, the patient was brought unconscious with deep chemical burns on the abdomen, groin, and perineum, along with eye damage and a fracture in the right arm. The exposure caused serious lung injury, leading to acute respiratory failure. Medical evaluation, including bronchoscopy, revealed a Grade 3 inhalation injury. As oxygen lev-

els dropped and carbon dioxide levels increased, doctors initiated VV ECMO (veno-venous extracorporeal membrane oxygenation), a life-saving technique that temporarily supports lung function.

The patient was treated with nebulised medications, steroids, and repeated airway cleaning procedures. Burn injuries were managed with regular dressings, avoiding the need for skin grafting. Under the supervision of a multidisciplinary team including intensivist Dr. Ravi Krishna and other specialists, the patient showed steady improvement. He was taken off ECMO on the fifth day and discharged after 15 days of intensive treatment. Doctors confirmed that his vision is gradually improving, marking the case as a significant medical success in handling complex chemical and blast injuries.

MLA Chinta Prabhakar Slams State Budget as "Disappointing"

Sangareddy, March 20 (TSIT) Sangareddy MLA Chinta Prabhakar strongly criticized the annual state budget, calling it "disappointing" and alleging that it fails to respect the aspirations and expectations of the people of Telangana.



Responding to the budget on Friday, the MLA stated that it does not include any clear plans or benefits for key sections such as farmers, youth, unemployed individuals, and the middle class.

South Central Railway Tender Notice No. 24-Mech-PU-WET-TPTY-25-26 dated 17.03.2026. Details of the Tender Notice of S.C.Railways can be seen on our website: www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

Website particulars: www.irops.gov.in. Notice Board Location where complete details of tender can be seen. Office of the chief workshop manager, Carriage Repair Shop, Tirupati.

Tender No. 44 2025-26 Sr.DEE TRD_HYB, dt: 18.03.2026. Sr.DEE/TRD/HYB acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No. 44 2025-26.

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Secunderabad : Telangana BJP on Friday criticised the State Budget 2026-27, calling it a "big zero" and alleging that the Congress government failed to fulfil its key promises.

In a state-ment, BJP Chief Spokesperson N.V. Subhash said the bud-get lacks proper allo-cations for major assur-ances such as support to farmers under Rythu Bharosa, financial assistance to unem-ployed youth, and aid for women. He also pointed out omissions including DA for employees, housing for journalists, and a clear job calendar, accusing the government of ignoring important sectors.

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GOVT INTENSIFIES 'ARRIVE ALIVE' DRIVE TO CURB ROAD ACCIDENTS

Hyderabad TSIT: The State Government has intensified efforts to reduce road accidents under the "Arrive Alive" programme, focusing on stricter enforcement, public awareness and inter-departmental coordination.

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EDITORIAL

How Far Can India Really Avoid Other People's Wars?

"We started this war due to pressure..."

This is how the world got pushed into yet another forever war, impacting everyone in some measure. While the US counterterrorism chief, Joe Kent, holds Israel responsible for the war waged on Iran in his resignation letter, at this stage, it's almost pointless to assign accountability. The ongoing Iran-Israel-US war has quickly acquired the familiar logic of a forever war, where battle victories do not open any credible pathway to political closure. For India, the significance of this war lies less in its battlefield dynamics and more in what it reveals about the costs of entanglement and the discipline required to avoid it.

The conflict's most immediate global consequence has been the disruption of energy flows through the Strait of Hormuz, a chokepoint through which roughly 20% of global petroleum - and nearly half of India's crude imports - transit. Even partial disruption has been enough to send oil prices sharply higher, with knock-on effects across currencies, inflation, and trade balances. India's vulnerability here is structural: it imports over 80% of its crude, with nearly half sourced from West Asia.

The economic shock is already visible, and India's concerns aren't just existing on macro levels. The rupee has fallen to record lows, pressured by a surge in crude prices and capital outflows, while Brent crude has climbed close to \$100 per barrel after rising roughly 40% since the conflict intensified. Every \$10 increase in oil prices significantly widens India's current account deficit and feeds directly into inflation, eroding domestic demand and fiscal stability. The crisis around the supply disruption of the cooking gas is already making its heat felt. While India could stay largely unaffected during the other ongoing forever war, the Russia-Ukraine conflict - this one has reached home. Faced with supply uncertainty, New Delhi has moved with quiet urgency: ramping up purchases of discounted Russian crude - reportedly 30 million barrels in a single week - after Washington "allowed" flexibility. Iran sits astride India's access routes to Central Asia and remains relevant to its connectivity ambitions. Despite extensive strikes and infrastructure damage, Iran retains the capacity to retaliate and disrupt global energy markets. India is also the BRICS chair currently, with Iran and the Gulf countries being the grouping's members. So far, New Delhi has been able to assert its strategic autonomy. India maintains deepening ties with the United States and Israel in technology and defence, yet it has not joined any military or sanctions coalition against Iran. India knows from the neighbourhood experience that participation in a conflict with no defined end state offers little strategic upside and considerable economic risk.

For India, the implications for participating in other countries' forever wars in any capacity are stark. Direct involvement in such conflicts would not only strain resources but also import instability into an economy still consolidating its growth trajectory. Unlike Cold War-era alliances, today's conflicts offer fewer guarantees and higher spillover risks. India is acutely sensitive to external shocks at the moment. The current crisis has already forced adjustments in domestic policy like curbs on gas supplies to industry, prioritisation of domestic fuel consumption, and contingency planning for prolonged disruptions. So far so good. Can this strategic autonomy endure? As the Iran conflict expands, pressures will mount from all directions. The Gulf countries, Iran, and Israel would ask India for a show of solidarity. The US anyway wields the tariffs and sanctions whip. New Delhi will have to build capabilities in order to maintain its autonomy in such a scenario. But this capacity building has reputational risks, too.

The Russia-China Axis That Has Made Iran So Difficult For Trump

Earlier this month, Donald Trump described the United States and Israel's ongoing war with Iran as a "little excursion" that he said would finish pretty quickly. "We took a little excursion because we felt we had to do that to get rid of some evil," Trump told Republican lawmakers in Florida. But the war has already gone into its third week, with Iran appearing to be setting its tone, course and even duration.

There is no doubt that Iran has suffered significant losses. Its Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, was assassinated, along with over 40 senior officials, on the first day of the war. The National Security Advisor, Ali Larjani, was killed on Monday, and the Intelligence Minister, Ismail Khatib, a day later, in Israel's policy of decapitating Iran's regime with the aim of inciting an uprising. Khamenei's son and the new Supreme Leader, Mojtaba, has not been seen in public since his appointment amid reports that he has been seriously injured. Relentless American and Israeli attacks have destroyed a large part, if not most, of Iran's military infrastructure. Israel has also inflicted major damage on Iran's oil and gas facilities in an attempt to cripple its economy. Iran is undeterred. But these setbacks have not deterred Iran, which has escalated the war with attacks not only on Israel and US diplomatic and military installations but also on civilian targets across the Gulf, including airports, hotels, and energy infrastructure. Trump now says he is surprised by Iran's retaliation, despite his military commanders' warning him beforehand of the exact scenario. On Tuesday,



Trump's top counterterrorism official, Joe Kent, resigned over the war, urging the president to "reverse course." He claimed that Trump "started this war due to pressure from Israel and its powerful American lobby." The Russia And China Hand If you look at their public statements, Moscow and Beijing have only provided diplomatic support to Iran, condemned the invasion and the killing of its head of state, the Supreme Leader Khamenei. They have also called for de-escalation and even criticised Iran for attacking Gulf countries. But their support for Tehran runs much deeper. US media have been reporting that Russia has been providing intelligence to Iran about military targets. Last week, Trump said that Russian President Vladimir Putin might be helping Iran "a bit". But Iran's successful hitting of US military bases and energy infrastructure in the Gulf suggests that Russian help is much more than what Trump described

as "a bit". Russia is reported to have provided Iran with the precise locations of US warships and aircraft operating in the Middle East. Russia's Kanopus-V satellite gives Iran round-the-clock images of American assets and other targets in the region. An important target reportedly provided by Moscow to Tehran was the precise location of a US military base in Kuwait, after which an Iranian drone killed six American soldiers. Moscow is attempting to replicate what the US has done over the past four years in the Ukraine conflict. The Ukrainian military has successfully targeted precise Russian positions and killed thousands of its soldiers after intelligence provided by the United States. Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi told a US broadcaster, MS NOW, on Sunday that both Russia and China are helping Iran militarily. "We have had close cooperation in the past, which still continues, and that includes military cooper-

ation as well," said Araghchi. **The Chinese Military Assistance** China's military support for Iran is also significant, although more discreet, as it seeks to keep good relations with other Gulf states. Over the past decade, Beijing has enhanced its collaboration with Iran in missile technology, satellite and space programmes, intelligence exchange, cybersecurity, and electronic warfare. In the days leading up to the current war, several reports indicated that China was engaged in direct arms sales to Iran of offensive drones. It finalised a deal to sell supersonic anti-ship cruise missiles to Iran, though the two sides had not agreed on a delivery date. Some reports say the missiles were delivered, though they have not been confirmed. During the first week of the war, two state-owned Iranian vessels left China's Gaolan Port for Iran and are believed to be transporting sodium perchlorate, a key precursor used in solid rocket fuel for

missiles, according to the US-China Economic and Security Review Commission. In 2021, China granted Iran full military access to its BeiDou satellite navigation system, according to the commission that monitors Chinese activities and reports to the US Congress. It is not clear, however, the extent to which Iran uses BeiDou.

Cyber Warfare and Oil Beijing has also helped Iran in developing its cyberwar capabilities, which could pose a serious threat to Israel and the United States. Israel has been aware of that and has managed to infiltrate some of the Iranian networks and kill dozens of cyber experts and other scientists. But it is not possible to destroy Iran's entire cyber network. China, Iran's biggest trading partner, which purchases over 80% of Iran's oil, has also helped Iran bypass US sanctions and supplied dual-use equipment, similar to its sales to Russia, to support its conflict with Ukraine. China is the first country in the current conflict whose oil tankers Iran has allowed to pass through the Strait of Hormuz.

Long-term Partnerships Moscow has been Iran's defence partners for over 30 years. Russia started selling its Soviet-era defence and civil nuclear technologies in the 1990s to Iran, which needed to rebuild its defence and economy after the devastating Iran-Iraq war between 1980 and 1988. Russia sold aircraft and air defence systems, though in 2010, it decided not to deliver the S-300 long-range air defence system after US pressure.

Three 'Fatal' Assumptions That Have Derailed Trump's Iran War

The unending war against Iran is now being seen as a turning point in world order. How did the US get it so wrong? The US made three big assumptions before pulling the trigger on February 28. First, the US believed the world balance of power, while past its unipolar prime, was still favourable, with its main great-power competitors either distracted in other conflicts (Russia in Ukraine) or absorbed in domestic and regional matters (China in East Asia). The ease with which Venezuela fell reinforced the belief in US omnipotence. The window of opportunity to smother an isolated Iran was wide open. Where A 'Blitzkrieg' Operation Fell Short Second, the massive use of strategic bombing was seen as sufficient to topple Iran. This was in line with the classic US doctrine of decapitation of a target state's leadership and its command and control nodes. Indeed, this idea of a decisive battle where a blitzkrieg operation shocks an adversary to quickly back down or capitulate has long been part of the western mythology of warfighting. Domestic societal pressures against land wars and enduring logistical constraints along with the appeal of shock and awe bombing campaigns has profoundly shaped US strategic culture since the Second World War. Third, the US estimated that its formidable allied network provided it with unique advantages to bear the burden of a brief but intensive war. The US could shuffle around resources and military equipment from other theatres to shore up the war effort in West Asia. America's regional allies were also seen as assets with several dispersed bases



across multiple locations to execute an operational campaign that could overwhelm Iran and complicate its responses. On all three assumptions, the US miscalculation has been laid bare. Iran was not alone and its strategic partnerships have helped accelerate its military preparedness after the 12-day war in June 2025. While strategic bombing has yielded tactical successes, it has failed to dislodge the political system, vital institutions and the underlying resolve of the Iranian people. The Paradox Of US's Allied Networks Second, the US allied network has actually proven to be a burden rather than an advantage in such a conflict of choice. As Trump himself admitted, the US was shocked at the intensity and effectiveness of Iran's response in striking US bases across the Persian Gulf and West Asia, which were critical staging grounds for the offensive and defensive operations. According to satellite imagery, 25 locations were struck across seven US bases in five countries, including vital early warning radars, logistical buildings, hangars and fuel storage containers. The vulnerability of US regional allies and their critical infrastruc-

ture to Iranian reprisals has further introduced an element of mutually assured destruction that cannot be defied even by hardliners in the US. This is why Trump quickly backed down after an Israeli strike on Iran's South Pars gas field invited a swift counter response by Iran on energy facilities in the Gulf. Iran's resilience stems from the logic, efficiency and technological achievements of its military doctrine. Iran was judged from the lens of NATO and US force structures that were developed around a vastly different set of geostrategic objectives - to project power and transport military resources across vast inter-continental distances, and reliance on expensive platforms and weapon systems that function as a network. As an independent state with fewer national resources, Iran developed a military doctrine dedicated for its core geopolitical requirements. Iran chose 'deterrence by punishment', that is, use of weaponry that can strike back at the source of threats. This was built on a massive - and invulnerable to aerial bombing - stockpile of missiles and drones built over decades, including highly advanced variants

that can easily pierce the complex US-Israeli missile defense shields across the region. Iran has publicly declared this doctrine and even demonstrated its efficacy, albeit in a limited fashion during the 12-day war in 2025. Is The US Now Trapped? Despite an intensive bombing spree, the US has failed to meaningfully degrade Iran's military power or undermine its political cohesion. The ultimatums and maximalist war aims by the White House and Pentagon in the opening phase now seem too ridiculous to even consider three weeks into this war. Presently, the US is more engaged with dealing with the blowback and repercussions of this war including declining support inside America, the spectre of global economic instability, systemic shock to energy markets and allied sectors, and the logistical grind of a long military campaign that can no longer be safely waged from the exposed front line bases in West Asia or from Iran's maritime periphery. Who Will Have The Last Say? Credible reports, including those publicly confirmed by Iran's Foreign Minister, suggest the US has sought a ceasefire on multiple occasions.

Dhurandhar, And The Enduring Ghosts Of Kashmir Valley

It is tempting to see Dhurandhar: The Revenge as Aditya Dhar's own story. That of a Kashmiri Pandit who loses everything when his family is turfed out of its homeland. He loses his home, his love for his country, and his belief that the state will stand up for him. That is the arc that Jaskirat Singh Rang's story follows in the prequel/sequel to the wildly popular Dhurandhar released last year. A boy whose father and grandfather were in the army and who wanted to follow suit until a land dispute causes a rival family in the village to torture his father, rape his sisters. The search for justice takes the family to every court in the country before Jaskirat decides to take matters into his own hands, and it leads to him becoming Hamza Ali Mazari, a killing machine let loose on Pakistan by the Indian intelligence system. The land dispute may well be a metaphor for Kashmir, forever caught in a tussle between India and Pakistan. And the end, without giving too much away, could well be what the homeland is to the Kashmiri Pandit now, a state he or she can dream of but never return to. The land has changed forever and so has the tiny community exiled from it. As much as Jaskirat is a stranger to his home in Pathankot now, so is the Pandit to the Valley where he once thrived. The War That Never Ended Yes, Dhurandhar: The Revenge is a paean to the Narendra Modi government and makes a hero of National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, played by R Madhavan as Ajay Sanyal, but it is a deeply personal and deeply felt story of the thousand cuts that Pakistan has dealt to India, of which the exile of Kashmiri Pandits has been the most devastating consequence. It is also a story of the relentless war waged by Pakistan



against India, not all of Pakistan but the terrorists it harbours, and the agenda it upholds. Where Dhurandhar, the first part was all about Hamza Ali Mazari's infiltration into the Baloch gang of Lyari, Karachi, the second part is the back story. What turned Jaskirat Singh Rang into Hamza, a one man demolition squad who wipes out the fountainhead of terror in Pakistan. It is a fantasy India desperately needs at this point and who better than Aditya Dhar to give it to the people and more importantly to the state, battered as it is in the new world disorder, trying to find its place among countries that were its friends and trying to keep the new friends it thought it had made.

Nazr, Sabr Hosla. Eendhan. Badla. Courage. Fuel. Revenge. That is the tagline that recurs throughout the movie, and it is one that carries forward the motto Sanyal gives to Hamza in the first part: Nazr and Sabr, vigilance and patience. Dhar gives a logical explanation for every act of the Modi government, from demonetisation in 2016 to the encounter that killed gangster Atiq Ahmed in 2023. The enemy here is clearly Pakistan, and the assets it

harbours in India, with the chief architect of the strategy revealed to be Bade Saab, which frankly was not a surprise reveal. It is a man who has almost singlehandedly inflicted damage on India since 1992. The Pakistanis here are intent on administering violence on India, and in the provocative words of Major Iqbal, a particularly despicable character played by Arjun Rampal, doing much more: making the infidels accept the inevitability of another faith, and turning its women into sex slaves. The 1971 war comes up repeatedly in Major Iqbal's conversations with his hateful father, in a stellar performance by Suvinder Vicky, who is a stand-in for the horrors visited upon East Pakistan by the Pakistani army, especially on its people. It also has echoes of the slogans that accompanied the exodus of the Pandits from the Valley: Raliv, Galiv, ya Chaliv (Convert, Die or Leave). **A Fantasy, After All** Dhar's filmmaking is clever. One doesn't know whether he actually believes in the Doval doctrine of Nazr and Sabr, but he does a good job of interpreting it, destroying every enemy that has ever damaged India, from the IC814 hijack to the 26/11 attack to the 2012 Pune bombings and the 2013 Hyderabad blasts. Hamza cuts a swathe through the terror network in Pakistan which leaves us scratching our heads as to who was responsible for the Pahalagam massacre. But then, at the end of the day, Dhar is weaving a fantasy for us of a strong state, one that famously ghar main ghusega aur maarega bhi. In a telling confession from Hamza, he makes it clear that his war is not against Pakistan but the monsters who lead it into a war against India and its own people who are inconvenient to them. The film is long, and sometimes tests one's patience, especially in the excessive use of violence. I have yet to see a movie where so many heads and limbs are severed with such varied objects, from axes to shop shutters to meat hooks to oil barrels. The soundtrack as usual is very clever, stretching from Boney M's Rasputin to the Bombay Rockers' Ari Ari, which traces its roots to the Punjabi folk song Baari Barsi to Turchi Topiwala from the 1969 film Tridev to Tamma tamma loge from another 1969 film, Thanedar, whose star Sanjay Dutt plays the watchful SP Aslam and who in real life.

DYCM DK SHIVAKUMAR INAUGURATES DR AKTHER HUSSAIN'S 'VEDIC INSPIRATIONS' ART EXPO

Bengaluru, Mar 19: Mangaluru-based artist Dr Akther Hussain's solo art exhibition, 'Vedic Inspirations', was inaugurated by deputy chief minister D K Shivakumar at Chitra Kala Parishad in the city recently.

Speaker U T Khader, chief minister's additional secretary Anjum Parvez, and film actress Ramya graced the occasion as guests of honour.

Renowned artist Dr Akther Hussain showcased his latest collection in this solo exhibition, highlighting a



unique blend of traditional Vedic themes with contemporary artistic expression, offering visitors a rich cultural and visual experience. Art enthusiasts, students, and the general public attended the exhibition and explored the world of Vedic art through Dr Hussain's creative vision.

The exhibition was a grand success, receiving wide appreciation from visitors and dignitaries alike.

Fourth annual 'Seva Hejje' by Yuvashakti Sevapatha on Mar 22 in Mangaluru



Mangaluru, Mar 20: The fourth annual programme "Seva Hejje" organised by Yuvashakti Sevapatha will be held on March 22 at Urva Shri Mariyamma Sabhabhavana in Mangaluru under the aegis of Team Sanatan Mangaluru.

The programme will commence at 9:30 am with a blood donation camp. In the evening, a series of events have been scheduled

as part of the annual celebration. At 4 pm, a devotional music programme will be presented by Keerthan Naik Madur and his team.

From 5:30 pm onwards, financial assistance will be distributed to more than 20 underprivileged families. The event will also feature felicitation of social workers, recognition of service organisations, and awards for associated organisa-

tions. As part of the cultural segment, a grand performance titled "Appe Bhramari" will be staged by over 40 talented artists from Neelashree Kalavidaru, Vamadapadavu, showcasing the rich cultural traditions of Tulunadu through dance and storytelling.

The organisers have extended a warm invitation to the public to attend the programme.

Mangaluru: Neuronova Physical Rehabilitation Center inaugurated at Kadri



Mangaluru, Mar 20: Neuronova Physical Rehabilitation Center was inaugurated with much enthusiasm at Bolvar Enclave, Kadri Kambla Road, here on Friday, March 20. The centre was formally inaugurated by Dr U T Ifthikar Fareed, chairman of the Karnataka State Allied and Healthcare Council and syndi-

cate member of RGUHS. Addressing the gathering, he expressed happiness at being part of the inauguration and noted that such a facility is much needed in the area. He appreciated the initiative taken by the team and wished that the centre would serve the community with quality rehabilitation services.

Member of the Karnataka Legislative Council, Kishor Kumar Puttur, attended the programme as the chief guest. In his address, he lauded the efforts behind establishing the centre and conveyed his best wishes for its success, stating that such healthcare initiatives contribute positively to society.

Dr Varun Shetty, paediatric orthopaedic surgeon and guest of honour, also spoke on the occasion. He highlighted the importance of timely rehabilitation and appreciated the efforts taken to bring advanced care facilities closer to the people.

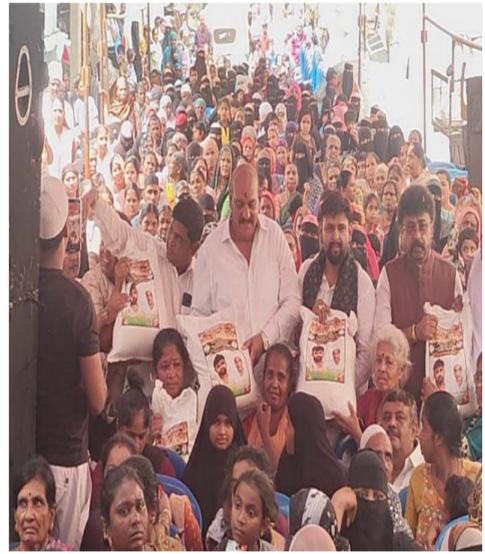
The programme was further enlivened by a charming performance by baby Dithya, who rendered a small song and received warm appreciation from the audience.

Other dignitaries present also shared their thoughts, expressing happiness and extending their support to the initiative. They conveyed confidence that the centre would emerge as a trusted destination for rehabilitation and wellness in the region.

Neuronova Physical Rehabilitation Center offers specialised services including stroke rehabilitation, neuro rehabilitation, and pelvic floor rehabilitation, along with expert consultation facilities. Both in-person and online consultations are available for the convenience of patients.

The inauguration ceremony witnessed the presence of well-wishers, medical professionals, and local residents, making it a memorable and successful event.

Ration kits distributed on the occasion of Ugadi and Ramzan in Padmanabhanagar



Bengaluru: In Banashankari ward of Padmanabhanagar assembly constituency, under the leadership of Chand Pasha and KPCC coordinator Dr. Sanjay Gowda, ration kits

were distributed to 2,000 families of the ward on the occasion of Ugadi and Ramzan.

Along with gifts distributed to ASHA workers and Anganwadi workers, kits

were also distributed to construction workers. Former MP LR Shivaramgowda, BMTCC President YS Aaradhy, Congress leaders MV Prasad Babu, KPCC General Secretary in charge of Padmanabhanagar Madan Patel, 2023 candidates Raghunath Naidu, KPCC Street Vendors State President Rangaswamy, Social Media District President V Girish Kumar, DCC Vice President Mahadev, Former Ward President K a n d a k u m a r , Banashankari Block Former SC Section President Manjunath, Banashankari Block Women's Congress President Malashree, Karisandra Ward Women's Congress President Kantamma, District Vice President of Labor Department Ramamurthy, Social Media State Secretary Raj Vishwakarma, Wasim, and others were present.

SOWMYA REDDY APPRECIATES THE WORK OF LEADER RAGHUNATH NAIDU, WHO HELPS THE POOR WITHOUT ANY DESIRES



Bengaluru: Karnataka State Mahila Congress President Sowmya Reddy appreciated the work of Padmanabhanagar Congress leader Raghunath Naidu, who is distributing ration kits without considering the caste and religion of the poor on all festivals without any desires. Speaking after distributing 5000 ration kits to Muslims on the occasion of Ramzan festival in Banashankari of Padmanabhanagar assembly constituency, she advised that when women get the opportunity and work without hesitation, power will come to their senses one day. Congress leader from Padmanabhanagar assembly constituency, V. Raghunath Naidu said that power is not permanent, it is the charity we have done that will save us. Instead of helping out of the desire for power, we should understand the pain and suffering of the common man and come forward to help him. Congress leaders Madan Patil, K. Mahadeva, Mohammed Akbar, Umar Hali, Daulat Ashif, Naveen Kumar, along with Congress leaders, activists and beneficiaries from the constituency were present.

INSTALL INFORMATION BOARDS WITH COMPLETE DETAILS AT DEVELOPMENT WORK SITES - D. S. RAMESH



Bengaluru: Commissioner of Bengaluru East City Corporation D. S. Ramesh conducted a field inspection in areas including Horamavu Agara, Banjara Layout, Kalkere Layout, Babusapalya, and Challakere surroundings to review road and infrastructure development works, railway underpass works, lake development, waste management, and footpath encroachments. During the inspection, the Commissioner interacted with representatives of Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs) and local residents, and directed officials to take immediate action to resolve the issues raised.

Inspected Locations Babusa Palya Railway Underpass (RUB)

The Babusahab Palya RUB work has been delayed due to land disputes between private parties and the Railway Department. The Commissioner instructed railway officials to ensure that there are no legal stay orders and to immediately resume and complete the pending works at the earliest. Horamavu Agara Lake

A maintenance tender has already been issued for Horamavu Agara Lake. Officials were directed to take up cleaning and maintenance works at the earliest. Local residents requested facilities such as toilets, benches, walkways, lawns, and other amenities. Officials were instructed to prepare estimates for these works and allocate necessary funds in the next budget.

Agara Lake Road Inspection Agara Lake Road, being a low-lying area, faces frequent waterlogging during monsoons. To address this, road level improvement works have been taken up.

to bitumen shortage, asphaltting work has been delayed. The Commissioner directed officials to complete asphaltting immediately after hot mix supply is available.

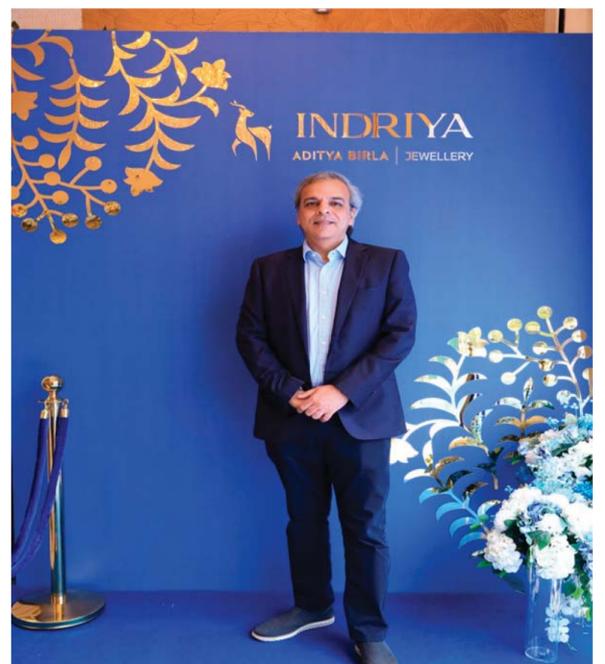
Banjara Layout Main Road Due to uneven road levels and silted drains, rainwater does not flow properly into drains, causing water stagnation on the road during monsoons. Officials were instructed to immediately undertake desilting of side drains.

Indriya, Aditya Birla Jewellery strengthens presence in Karnataka with fourth store in Bangalore

Bangalore: Indriya, Aditya Birla Jewellery, continues its steady national growth with the launch of its new store in Bangalore, located on Dickenson Road. Marking the brand's fourth store in the city, the opening further strengthens Indriya's presence in Karnataka and reflects the brand's ongoing expansion across key metropolitan markets in India.

Bangalore is recognised for its vibrant retail landscape and strong demand for contemporary as well as traditional jewellery. Dickenson Road, located in a prominent retail district of the city, is known for its bustling commercial activity and accessibility, making it an ideal setting for Indriya to bring its signature jewellery experience closer to customers seeking distinctive and thoughtfully designed pieces.

The store showcases more than 32,000 thoughtfully curated designs in gold, polki, and diamond across bridal, festive, contemporary, and everyday jewellery collections. Enhancing the in-store experience are dedicated spaces such as an exclusive bridal lounge and a specialised kaarigari room, offering customers a closer look at the craftsmanship and artistry behind each creation. Designed to reflect Indriya's design-led philosophy, the store brings together refined interiors with a seamless and immersive jewellery retail experience. With this launch, Indriya continues to strengthen its presence across India. The brand operates stores across major cities including Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Pune, Bangalore, Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Patna, Indore, and Lucknow, alongside a steadily expanding footprint in emerging



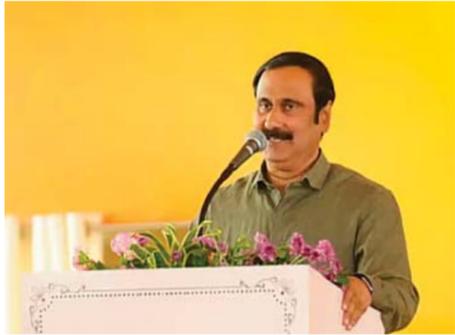
urban markets—further reinforcing its position as a fast-growing national jewellery brand backed by the Aditya Birla Group. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Sandeep Kohli, CEO, Indriya, said, "Bangalore has been an important market for us, with customers who value craftsmanship and design in fine jewellery. With our fourth store in the city, we are excited to deepen our engagement with customers and offer them a jewellery destination that celebrates artistry

and thoughtful design. As we continue expanding across India, our focus remains on delivering exceptional craftsmanship, contemporary design, and a memorable jewellery-buying experience." With the Aditya Birla Group's legacy of trust and excellence, Indriya continues to strengthen its presence across India, including South India, delivering design-led jewellery collections and immersive retail experiences to customers.

Anbumani slams government over women's safety

CHENNAI: PMK leader Anbumani Ramadoss on Friday slammed the DMK government over the law and order situation in Tamil Nadu, saying that the recent incident of a minor's rape and murder in Tuticorin has raised questions on safety of women and children.

Attacking the MK Stalin-led government on the incident in Vilathikulam, in Tuticorin district, he said the overall functioning of the police is not commendable as the arrest of the accused in the case came after nine days of the crime. "During the investigation, it was also revealed that (accused)



Dharma Muneeswaran had already sexually assaulted and murdered elderly women in two different incidents and had robbed them of their jewelry," Anbumani said in a

statement. He said that Muneeswaran who had come out on bail and signing daily at the Tuticorin Women's court, should have been monitored by the police continuously.

Alleging that he was roaming in a two wheeler and was arrested based on surveillance cameras, Anbumani said that since he has been using a stolen vehicle for many days, if police had discovered that, the incident could have been prevented. "In that aspect too, the police suffered a total failure," he charged. Dharma Muneeswaran (38), a history-sheeter was arrested in connection with the rape and murder of a 17-year-old girl near Vilathikulam.

The accused was apprehended after CCTV footage from a windmill and a stolen motorcycle found near the crime scene pro-

vided crucial leads.

Referring to the horrific incident of a gang rape behind Coimbatore airport in November 2025, Anbumani said even in that incident, the three arrested men had a criminal background. "If the police had monitored the old criminals, that incident could have been prevented. But, this too is a failure by the police," he said. Claiming that the incidents showcase the free movement of such perpetrators in the society, he said, "The police have taken no action to monitor them or to prevent them from engaging in criminal acts repeatedly."

What's wrong if EPS goes to Delhi for talks, Nainar asks Stalin

CHENNAI: Rejecting Chief Minister MK Stalin's criticism and asserting that negotiations within the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) would formally begin in the State on Saturday, BJP state president Nainar Nagenthiran asked, "What's wrong if Edappadi K Palaniswami goes to Delhi and holds talks?"

Speaking to reporters at Kamalalayam, the state BJP headquarters here, Nainar Nagenthiran said Stalin's remarks on the AIADMK general secretary's recent Delhi visit were misplaced and made without a full understanding of the developments. "No talks have



taken place so far. The Chief Minister is commenting without knowing why he went to Delhi," he said. He maintained that there was no ambiguity over the NDA's leadership, with the BJP

leading at the national level and the AIADMK heading the alliance in the State. "Seat-sharing discussions will be held in Tamil Nadu. There is no confusion on that," he said. The BJP leader said Union Minister and party election in-charge Piyush Goyal would arrive in Tamil Nadu on Saturday, marking the start of formal consultations among alliance partners on seat allocation. Regarding the venue, he said it would become clear soon, suggesting the talks could be held at the AIADMK headquarters, at Kamalalayam, or elsewhere.

Hitting out at Stalin, Nainar accused him of focusing on Hindi rather than governance.

42 illegal resorts in Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve sealed, TN govt tells Madras HC

CHENNAI: The Madras High Court was informed by the Forest Department that 42 illegal resorts operating within the Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve (STR) have been closed and sealed.

A case had been filed in the Madras High Court by R Karpagam, an environmental activist from Coimbatore, stating that several illegal resorts were functioning in the Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve without the approval of the National Board for Wildlife and the Hill Area Conservation Authority, and that these resorts were causing severe environmental damage in the hill region.

Hearing the case earlier, the High Court had directed the state government to remove the illegal resorts functioning inside the STR and submit a report within four weeks on the implementation of the court's order. When the case again came up for hearing before Chief



Justice Sushrut Arvind Dharmadhikari and Justice G Arul Murugan, the government submitted that an inspection was carried out and among the 53 resorts/farm houses located within the eco-sensitive zone, 11 resorts were found to be running with valid permission and enforcement action was taken against the remaining 42 resorts running without any licence or permission. Petitioner's counsel alleged that the government has yet to take action against several resorts operating illegally.

After the hearing, the Chief Justice directed the government to take further action in respect of other resorts and to file a status report in three weeks.

The resort owners filed petitions challenging the lock and seal notices, stating that the authorities are not taking up the appeals in view of the pendency of this case. The court clarified that the authority is to consider the appeals on their own merits, without reference to the pendency of this writ petition, and posted the matter to April 7.

Boats, hills and a ballot: Kanniyakumari's Kanis have to brave odds to exercise democratic duty

NAGERCOIL: For hundreds of Kani tribe residents living deep inside the Western Ghats in Kanniyakumari district, casting a vote is not a short walk to a polling booth, but a journey across water.

In hill villages such as Thachamalai, Pathukaani, Vattapparai and Keeriparai, voters must travel by boat across the Pechiparai dam to reach the polling station set up at the Government Tribal Residential Higher Secondary School.

With no road access and the reservoir remaining full year-round, boats are the only link between their



homes and the polling booth. Around 300 voters from these remote habitations depend on this arrangement every election. The polling station serves nearly 6,500 voters from 48 hill villages inhabited by Kani tribe communities across the forest and hill regions.

For the Assembly elec-

tion scheduled on April 23, boats will operate from morning till evening to ferry voters, ensuring they can exercise their franchise despite geographical barriers. Most of these villages fall under the Padmanabhapuram Assembly constituency and are part of the Thiruvattar taluk.

Drop in cut-off marks for TNEA admissions likely

CHENNAI: With the increased difficulty level of the main Science subjects, including Mathematics and Physics, in the Class 12 board exam, engineering cut-off marks for Tamil Nadu Engineering Admissions (TNEA) 2026-2027 are expected to decrease. The Tamil Nadu Higher Secondary board exams for 2026, which commenced on March 2, will end on March 26, with results tentatively expected on May 8.

Once the results are declared, the Directorate of Technical Education (DOTE), which operates under the Higher

Education Department, will announce the detailed notification for engineering admissions in June.

Accordingly, the admission process involving several key stages, from



uploading of required certificates to the publication of the merit list, will begin, a senior official from the Higher Education Department said. He explained that 50 per cent of the mathematics marks and 25 per cent.

From Student Activism to State Leadership

Mahesh Kumar Goud's Four-Decade Political Journey



AMARAVAJI NAGARAJU PRO TO THE TPCC PRESIDENT

Leadership in politics is rarely inherited; it is shaped by a deep understanding of society, responsiveness to people's problems, and years of struggle. Leaders who emerge from movements often earn the trust of the public and withstand the test of time. The political journey of Bomma Mahesh Kumar Goud, who rose from student activism to become the President of the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC), reflects such a long and determined path. Over four decades of association with the Congress party, he has carved a distinct identity through movements, organisational responsibilities, and consistent engagement with grassroots workers, emerging today as a key figure in Telangana's political landscape.

Born on May 24, 1966, in Rahatnagar village of Bheemgal mandal in Nizamabad district, Mahesh Kumar Goud grew up in a modest family. From an early age he displayed leadership qualities. While studying at Giriraj College, he actively participated in student movements addressing educational facilities and youth unemployment. His election as the Nizamabad district president of the National Students' Union of India (NSUI) in 1986 marked the first significant milestone in his political career. During this period, he mobilised students and raised awareness about issues affecting the youth.

As NSUI district president, he organised several protests against what were perceived as anti-student policies of the then Telugu Desam Party (TDP) government. He also played an active role in strengthening the Congress party in the lead-up to the 1989 Assembly elections, which brought the party back to power in the erstwhile united Andhra Pradesh. Between 1994 and 2004, he remained actively involved in movements on various public issues. He also participated in the movement for the formation of Telangana State. After the formation of the State, from 2014 to 2023, he continued to lead protests against policies of the then ruling Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) government alongside party cadres.

His dynamism as a student leader soon earned him recognition at the State level. From 1990 to 1998, he served as the President of NSUI in the undivided Andhra Pradesh, coordinating student movements across the State and emerging as a prominent youth leader. This phase laid a strong political foundation for his future.

Apart from politics, Mahesh Kumar Goud has also shown keen interest in sports. He holds a 7th Dan Black Belt in Karate, reflecting his commitment to discipline and perseverance. As President of the Telangana Karate Association, he has promoted initiatives aimed at instilling discipline and confidence among young people.

Transitioning from student politics to mainstream politics, Mahesh Kumar Goud also ventured into electoral contests. He contested from the Dichpally Assembly constituency in 1994, and later from Nizamabad Urban in 2014. Though he faced defeat in both elections, he remained steadfast in public life. Viewing electoral victories and defeats as part of the democratic process, he continued to work among the people. In the 2018 and 2023 elections, he reportedly stepped aside in favour of other candidates in the interest of the party, reflecting his organisational commit-

ment. Within the Congress party's organisational structure, his contributions have been significant. He served as Chairman of the AP Warehousing Corporation, and later held several responsibilities including PCC Secretary, official spokesperson, and General Secretary. In 2021, he was appointed Working President of the TPCC, where he played a key role in coordinating party activities. In 2023, he served as a member of the party's election committee.

A major milestone in his political career came in January 2024, when he was elected unanimously to the Legislative Council under the MLA quota. Later, in September 2024, he was appointed President of the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee. As a leader from the Backward Classes (BC) community, his elevation is seen as symbolising the party's emphasis on social representation and balance. He has since focused on strengthening the party at the grassroots level, encouraging youth participation in politics, and energising the cadre.

Beyond politics, Mahesh Kumar Goud has also been associated with regional development initiatives. In his native village Rahatnagar, he donated 11 acres of land for the construction of an integrated school, demonstrating his philanthropic commitment. He also played a role in efforts to realise the long-standing demand for an engineering college in the Nizamabad region, and supported initiatives for establishing an agriculture college.

He has also been associated with efforts to develop a Temple Corridor road project connecting Dharmapuri, Kondagattu, Vemulawada, Limbadri Gutta and Basar, linking major pilgrimage centres across the region. The project, spanning roughly 150-200 kilometres with an estimated allocation of 380 crore, is expected to boost tourism and economic activity. At a time when social media increasingly shapes political communication, Mahesh

Kumar Goud's journey underscores the continued importance of grassroots politics. Beginning with student activism, his career has evolved through discipline, patience and commitment to the party, eventually leading him to State-level leadership. As TPCC president, he is now focused on strengthening the party organisation and preparing it for upcoming electoral challenges, while expanding participation among youth and BC communities.

Mahesh Kumar Goud also maintains a deep commitment to the Indian National Congress, a party with a historic role in India's freedom struggle. Regardless of whether the party was in power or in opposition, he remained actively engaged in strengthening the organisation. Recognising his long association and dedication, the party leadership entrusted him with the responsibility of leading the State unit.

Working under the guidance of Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, and in coordination with Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, he has been involved in efforts to take government welfare initiatives to the people and to strengthen the party organisation ahead of local body and other elections.

Mahesh Kumar Goud's political journey demonstrates that dedication to party ideology and disciplined organisational work can enable even an ordinary party worker to rise to positions of leadership. As a leader from the BC community, his rise reflects the continuing possibilities within democratic politics for those who persist with commitment and perseverance.

His four-decade journey from student movements to State leadership stands as a narrative of perseverance, political commitment and grassroots engagement, offering inspiration to many young people aspiring to enter public life.

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FSL Recruitment Results Announced

59 Candidates Selected

Hyderabad TSIT: Telangana State Level Police Recruitment Board (TSLPRB) Chairman V.V. Srinivasa Rao on Friday announced the release of results for recruitment to various posts in the Telangana State Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL).

In an official statement, he said that the recruitment process, initiated through a notification issued on November 14, 2025, has been completed successfully. Out of a total of 60 notified posts, 59 candidates have been selected across different categories. The Chairman stated that the selections



include posts of Scientific Officers, Scientific Assistants, Laboratory Technicians, and Laboratory Attendants in various disciplines such as Physical, Chemical, Biology/Serology, and Computer Science.

He clarified that the

selection process was carried out based on academic qualifications, work experience, and merit in the written examination, ensuring transparency and fairness.

V.V. Srinivasa Rao advised all selected candidates to complete the attestation forms online between March 23 and March 25, and submit the required documents on March 30 at the City Armed Reserve (CAR) Headquarters, Petlaburj, Hyderabad.

He congratulated the selected candidates and urged them to complete all formalities within the stipulated time.

Students Celebrate Midday Meal Scheme for Inter Students Across Telangana

Hyderabad TSIT: Celebrations erupted across Telangana after the State government announced the extension of the midday meal scheme to Intermediate students in government junior colleges as part of the 2026-27 Budget. In several districts, students and youth groups expressed their happiness by performing milk abhishekam to the portraits of Chief Minister



A.Revanth Reddy, thanking him for the student-friendly initiative. Students said the decision would significantly improve nutrition, reduce financial burden on families, and encourage continuation of education, especially among economically weaker sec-

tions. Many described the move as a major step toward strengthening the government education system. The scheme has received a positive response from student communities and education stakeholders, who hailed it as a progressive and welfare-oriented measure aimed at supporting youth and improving academic outcomes across the State.

Mahesh Kumar Goud Targets BRS, BJP Over Drug Allegations



Hyderabad TSIT: TPCC Chief and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud on Friday launched a scathing attack on BRS and BJP leaders during a press meet held at Gandhi Bhavan. He began by congratulating the newly appointed party whips and wished them success in their responsibilities. Addressing the media,

Mahesh Kumar Goud alleged that enforcement agencies recently caught a former BRS MLA and a sitting MP red-handed in a drug-related case. He asserted that the Congress government is taking stringent measures to curb the drug menace and is committed to making Telangana a drug-free state.

India's young are more educated than ever. So why are so many jobless?

India's youth story is a study in contradictions - of abundance and scarcity, promise and drift. As the British economist Joan Robinson once quipped, whatever "you can rightly say about India, the opposite is also true". Few studies illustrate that paradox more crisply than the latest State of Working India report by Azim Premji University. Start with the headline number: 367 million young people between the ages of 15 and 29 - the largest youth population in the world, and making up a third of India's working-age population. Of them, 263 million are not in education and constitute the potential workforce. It is an enviable demographic bulge, the kind that powered East Asia's economic miracles. Yet, beneath this statistical bounty lies more troubling arithmetic. There is, at first glance, reason for optimism. Over four decades, the country has transformed its educational landscape, the report finds. Enrolment in high school and colleges has surged, broadly keeping pace with India's development levels. Gender gaps have narrowed. Caste barriers, though far from erased, have reduced. Between 2007 and 2017, the



share of students from the poorest households enrolled in higher education rose from 8% to 17%. A far more educated and connected generation is entering the labour market. Young workers are moving out of agriculture faster than older cohorts over the long term, finding opportunities in manufacturing and services. On paper, this looks like the making of a classic demographic dividend. "Never before have so many young Indians been as educated and as connected," the report says. The bad news: the transition from education to employment remains stubbornly broken. Graduate

unemployment in an increasingly challenging labour market is strikingly high. The last half decade has not generated salaried jobs in adequate numbers, the report finds. Nearly 40% of graduates aged 15-25 - and 20% of those aged 25-29 - are jobless, far higher than among the less educated, the report finds. Only a small share secure stable, salaried jobs within a year. Part of this reflects how labour markets evolve over a life cycle. As Rosa Abraham, economist and lead author of the report, told me: "When you're young, you wait - and report unemployment." Track the same cohort over

time and joblessness falls; by their late 20s, many are working, says Abraham. Early joblessness, she argues, reflects an "aspiration-availability mismatch" combined with the ability to wait. Over time, "you mellow, build networks and take what you can", often in the private sector. This is not a new problem. In 1969, British economist Mark Blaug published a book called The Causes of Graduate Unemployment in India, tracing a gap between education and jobs that had been evident since the 1950s. And between 1983 and 2023, graduate unemployment remained stubbornly high at around 35-

40%. What has changed is the scale. India now produces about five million graduates a year - but since 2004-05, barely 2.8 million annually have found jobs, with even fewer securing salaried work. The broader labour market tells a similarly mixed story. In the two years after the pandemic, India added 83 million jobs, lifting total employment from 490 million to 572 million, with gains for both men and women, the report finds. Yet nearly half were in agriculture - dominated by women and typically marked by low productivity and disguised unemployment. In other words, the economy has been creating work, but not the kind that transforms livelihoods. Women's employment is rising - but here, too, the picture is split. At one end, a small but growing cohort of educated and skilled women is entering salaried roles in IT, automobile manufacturing and business services. The shift is especially pronounced in states such as Tamil Nadu and Gujarat, says Abraham. At the other, far larger end, most of the increase is in self-employment and unpaid or home-based work, often within households or family enterprises.

GOLD RISES RS 1,914 TO RS 1.46 LAKH/10G



New Delhi: Gold prices jumped by Rs 1,914 to Rs 1.46 lakh per 10 grams in futures trade on Friday, March 20, tracking firm global trends amid easing geopolitical tensions in West Asia. On the Multi Commodity Exchange, the yellow metal for April delivery increased by Rs 1,914, or 1.32 per cent, to Rs 1,46,868 per 10 grams. Analysts said the recovery in gold prices was supported by improving market sentiment following signs of easing tensions in West Asia. The recovery in gold prices was supported by easing geopolitical concerns, as recent statements from the US and Israel indicated a reduced risk of further disruptions to critical Middle Eastern energy infrastruc-

ture, Renisha Chainani, Head of Research at Augmont, said. She added that the sentiment improved after indications that the US may ease sanctions on Iranian oil, potentially boosting global supply and reducing immediate risk premium in commodity markets. Globally, gold futures for the April contract on the Comex rose USD 62.2, or 1.35 per cent, to USD 4,667.9 per ounce in New York. "Gold prices steadied in Friday's trade but, remained on track for their worst weekly decline in six years, as the ongoing US-Israel conflict with Iran lifted inflation expectations and reduced bets on near-term interest rate cuts," Manav Modi, Analyst -

Commodities, Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd, said. Chainani further said signals from Israel indicating restraint on further strikes targeting Iranian energy assets have helped stabilise risk perception, thereby reducing immediate safe-haven demand for precious metals. Modi added that the US Federal Reserve's hawkish stance in keeping interest rates steady capped the upside in the yellow metal prices, even as global cues remained supportive. Meanwhile, a strong US dollar and elevated Treasury bond yields continued to weigh on bullion prices, as investors positioned for tighter financial conditions amid inflation risks.

Premium petrol gets costlier by Rs 2, no change in regular petrol

New Delhi: Oil marketing companies on Friday, March 20, increased the price of premium petrol by around Rs 2 per litre, amid rising global crude prices triggered by escalating tensions in West Asia. State-run oil marketing companies, including Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited and Indian Oil Corporation Limited, have raised the prices of their premium petrol variants by about Rs 2.09 to Rs 2.35 per litre. With this revision, the price of branded fuels such as Power petrol and XP95 has increased from around Rs 111.68 per litre to nearly Rs 113.77 per litre. However, there has been no change in the prices of regular petrol and diesel, providing some relief to the general public amid rising fuel concerns. The hike in premium petrol prices comes at a time when global crude oil markets are witnessing sharp volatility due to geopolitical tensions in West Asia. On March 19, oil prices



surged more than 4 per cent after attacks on key energy infrastructure in the region. Brent crude futures rose to around \$111.78 per barrel, while US benchmark West Texas Intermediate (WTI) climbed to nearly \$99.57 per barrel. The spike followed Israel's strike on Iran's South Pars gas field, the world's largest, and Iran's reported retaliation targeting Qatar's Ras Laffan industrial city, a

major global gas hub. The escalating conflict has raised concerns over global energy security, with experts warning that disruptions in the Gulf region could impact oil supply chains worldwide. For India, which imports nearly 90 per cent of its crude oil needs, such developments have direct implications on fuel pricing. While companies have so far kept regular fuel prices unchanged, the increase

in premium petrol reflects the pressure from rising global crude rates. Industry observers said that if tensions continue and oil prices remain elevated, domestic fuel prices could see further adjustments in the coming weeks. With this revision, the price of branded fuels such as Power petrol and XP95 has increased from around Rs 111.68 per litre to nearly Rs 113.77 per litre.

HDFC AMC under its CSR Initiative supports Advanced Radiotherapy Unit

Vrindavan, March 20, 2026: HDFC Asset Management Company Limited (HDFC AMC), Investment Manager to HDFC Mutual Fund (HDFC MF), one of India's leading mutual fund houses, has supported the establishment of a Radiotherapy Unit in the new Oncology Block at Ramakrishna Charitable Hospital, Vrindavan as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative, strengthening access to advanced cancer treatment for patients across North India. The new Oncology Block was inaugurated today by the Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, marking a significant milestone in expanding access to advanced cancer care. HDFC AMC has supported the procurement and installation of advanced radiotherapy equipment, enabling high-precision radiation therapy that targets cancer cells while minimising damage to surrounding healthy tissue. The facility is expected to benefit patients primarily from Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, and Rajasthan, providing access to specialised cancer treat-



ment for those who may otherwise face challenges due to cost or limited availability of advanced healthcare infrastructure. Speaking on the initiative, Mr. Navneet Munot, Managing Director & CEO, HDFC Asset Management Company, said "Access to quality healthcare is fundamental to advancing inclusive development in India. We are honoured to support the creation of advanced radiotherapy infrastructure at Ramakrishna Charitable Hospital,

Vrindavan. At HDFC AMC, we believe institutions must play a meaningful role in nation-building by serving communities with care and responsibility. This initiative reflects our continued commitment to strengthening cancer care and helping reduce the financial and emotional burden on families. We are also deeply grateful to the Hon'ble President Smt. Droupadi Murmu for gracing the inauguration and encouraging such impactful initiatives."

Established in 2017, the Oncology Department at Ramakrishna Charitable Hospital has emerged as an important centre for cancer treatment, serving patients from a 400 km radius across neighbouring regions. The department offers a wide range of advanced procedures and treatments including commando surgeries, reconstructive surgeries, Whipple procedures, free flaps, wide excisions, chemotherapy, immunotherapy, and hormone therapy. Since its inception, the department has provided care to over 45,000 outpatients and more than 12,000 inpatients, including fully free treatment for destitute patients in need of critical medical support. The hospital is now expanding its capabilities through the new Oncology Block, which will house advanced facilities including two radiotherapy bunkers, a brachytherapy bunker, a CT simulator, OPD rooms, a day-care unit, tumour board facilities, nurses' stations, conference rooms, and allied infrastructure designed to support comprehensive cancer care.

Shri Krishna Kumar Thakur takes charge as Director (Personnel), NMDC

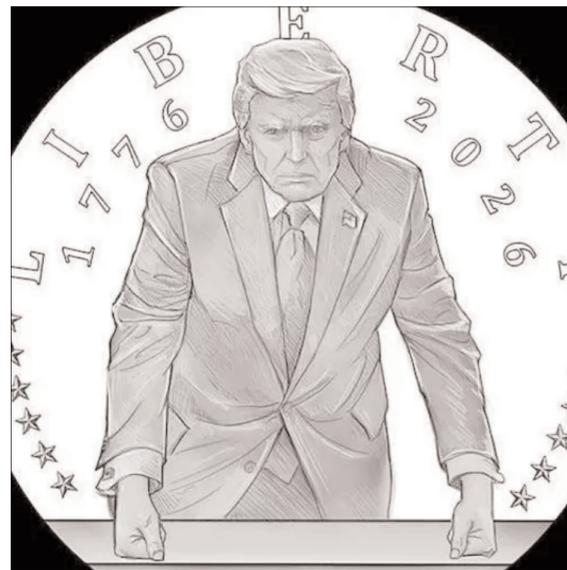
Hyderabad, 20th March 2026: Shri Krishna Kumar Thakur, a 1998 batch officer of the Indian Railway Personnel Service (IRPS), has assumed charge as Director (Personnel) at NMDC Limited, India's largest iron ore producer, on Thursday. In his two-and-a-half decades of service with Indian Railways and CPSUs, Shri Thakur brings extensive experience in human resource management and administration. He has handled key HR functions across major railway divisions including Solapur, Bhopal and Mumbai, and has led large-scale recruitment as Chairman, Railway Recruitment Cell, Western Railway, overseeing induction of around 12,000 employees. His leadership has been instrumental in handling large-scale recruitments, managing complex industrial relations, and introducing progressive HR initiatives aimed at enhancing productivity and employee welfare. During his tenure with RITES, he was associated with an international train operations project in Saudi Arabia. He has also headed the HR function at Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL), where he played a key role in streamlining HR policies and procedures. Prior to joining NMDC, as Director (HR) at BHEL, Shri Thakur spearheaded several initiatives in HR, Law and HSE, including restructuring of functions, policy reforms, introduction



of a uniform incentive scheme, and multi-skilling initiatives to enhance workforce capability and retention. He introduced standard guidelines for labour sheds to enable faster mobilization and retention of workmen. An alumnus of Tilka Manjhi University, Bhagalpur, he holds a postgraduate degree in Literature and a PGDM in Human Resources from Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS). His experience in HR across Indian Railways and large CPSEs will be instrumental in strengthening NMDC's people-centric ecosystem while aligning employee growth with organizational goals.

TRUMP 24-KARAT GOLD COIN APPROVED BY HAND-PICKED FEDERAL PANEL

A commemorative gold coin bearing the image of US President Donald Trump has been approved by a federal arts commission. The 24-karat gold coin is intended to mark America's 250th birthday this 4 July and portrays Trump with his fists pressed against a desk. After a presentation by the US Mint, the US Commission of Fine Arts voted unanimously to approve the design, despite questions over its legality. Federal law does not allow a living president to appear on US currency. But the coin is being issued in accordance with Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent's authority and discretion to mint and issue proof gold coins. Bessent is expected to order the coin to be struck once the US Mint produces final dimensions. The commission's vice-chairman, James McCreery, said: "I motion to approve this [coin] as presented, and with the strong encouragement that you make it as large as possible, all the way to three inches in diameter." For comparison, a US quarter dollar is less than an inch wide. Trump last year fired the Commission of Fine Arts' members, replacing them with allies. A Democratic congressman from New York, Ritchie Torres, last year proposed a bill titled Trump (The



Restrict Ugly Money Portraits) Act, to bar presidents from issuing currency bearing their own likeness. It has not passed. The US Mint did not respond to a request for comment from the

BBC. Until now, Calvin Coolidge is the only other US president to have featured on a coin in his lifetime. There are, however, questions regarding the legality of this coin.

Federal law does not allow a living president to appear on US currency, and a bipartisan panel has previously rejected the idea of Trump's figure being on a coin. Additionally, a Democratic congressman from New York, Ritchie Torres, proposed a bill last year titled Trump (The Restrict Ugly Money Portraits) Act, to bar presidents from issuing currency bearing their own likeness. The bill has not passed, and Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent is expected to order the coin to be struck once the US Mint produces final dimensions. Megan Sullivan, the acting chief of the office of design management at US Mint, said the Treasury Secretary has authority to authorize the minting and issuance of certain coins. US Treasurer Brandon Beach said in a statement: "As we approach our 250th birthday, we are thrilled to prepare coins that represent the enduring spirit of our country and democracy, and there is no profile more emblematic for the front of such coins than that of our serving President, Donald J. Trump." Critics have been vocal about the news, with many decriing what seems to be an out of touch move from Trump, especially considering current events.

Trump calls Nato allies 'cowards', saying it would be 'easy' for them to help open Strait of Hormuz

The Strait of Hormuz is a key trade artery through which around 20% of the world's oil passes. Since the beginning of the US-Israel war with Iran, numerous ships have been reported to have come under attack in the area. Iran's new supreme leader said last week 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. Currently, around 20,000 seafarers are stranded in the Gulf west of the strait, the UN's International Maritime Organisation (IMO) has reported, following Iranian threats to attack ships. We've just heard from US President Donald Trump, who has called Nato allies "cowards"

and said it would be "easy" for them to allow ships to safely pass through the Strait of Hormuz. Here's his post on Truth Social in full: "Without the U.S.A., NATO IS A PAPER TIGER! They didn't want to join the fight to stop a Nuclear Powered Iran. "Now that fight is Militarily WON, with very little danger for them, they complain about the high oil prices they are forced to pay, but don't want to help open the Strait of Hormuz, a simple military maneuver that is the single reason for the high oil prices. "So easy for them to do, with so little risk. COWARDS, and we will REMEMBER!" More now from the BBC interview with the head of the International Energy Agency (IEA) - who says the "single most important solution" to the oil and gas crisis is reopening the Strait of Hormuz. Even if that happens, he warns, "the damage to energy infrastructure" is likely to reduce the flow of gas and oil from the



Gulf compared to before the war began. It will take "months and months" for energy operations to return "to where they were", he says. "This will have repercussions for the economy, especially emerging and developing countries, whose economies are much more fragile and the currencies are weaker". Birol says it's difficult to give a full assessment of the damage to energy infrastructure so far, "but the reports we are getting indicate that there may be medium to heavy damage on the energy facilities, which are extremely important for the global energy markets and for the global economy". The head of the International Energy Agency (IEA) tells the BBC governments need to "be more vocal" about cutting energy usage, as the world faces the "greatest global energy security challenge in history". Fatih Birol

references a report released today by the IEA, detailing advice on reducing demand for oil in businesses and households - for example by reducing motorway speed limits and working from home where possible. Birol says the incentive for people to take action was financial - "high petrol prices, high energy prices". "It will be good for the pockets of the businesses and also for the consumers, for the citizens, because it is going to help their own economies". The IEA was created in the aftermath of the 1970s oil shock and a critical part of its role is to ensure there are sufficient supplies for the global economy. But the challenge posed by the US-Israeli war with Iran is "much bigger", he says. "It is also bigger than the natural gas price shock we have experienced after the Russia's invasion of Ukraine", with "major problems" facing fertilisers and petrochemicals, as well as oil and gas. "I believe the world

has not yet well understood the depth of the energy security challenge we are facing today." Governments need "to be more vocal but it's only one part of the job that they have to do", he says. "The other part is how we can increase the homegrown energy such as renewables, such as nuclear power." An Iranian man has been arrested with a woman after trying to enter the Faslane naval base, home to the UK's nuclear-armed submarines. Police Scotland said a 34-year-old man and a 31-year-old woman were arrested at HM Naval Base Clyde at about 17:00 on Thursday. A force spokesperson said inquiries were ongoing. The Royal Navy said the suspects "unsuccessfully attempted" to enter the base, near Helensburgh, Argyll and Bute. A spokesperson added: "As the matter is subject to an ongoing investigation, we will not comment further." The woman's nationality is unknown.

MEXICAN TEEN DIES WHILE BEING HELD IN US IMMIGRATION CUSTODY



A 19-year-old Mexican man has died while being held in detention by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the agency has confirmed. Royer Perez-Jimenez was found "unconscious and unresponsive" on Monday at the Glades County Detention Center in Florida, according to a statement from ICE. "He died of a presumed suicide; however, the official cause of his death remains under investigation," the statement adds. According to US media, Perez-Jimenez is the youngest prisoner to die in ICE custody since Donald Trump returned to office and

launched a nationwide immigration crackdown. Perez-Jimenez was found in his cell at 02:34 (07:34 GMT) on 16 March, according to ICE, which added that prison staff "immediately" began life-saving efforts. The statement says he was arrested in January and charged with fraud for impersonation and misdemeanour resisting an officer. Officials say he had illegally entered the US at an unknown date. When he was admitted to the jail, he "denied any behavioral health issues or concerns and answered 'no' to all suicide screening questions," ICE says.

NORWAY'S CROWN PRINCESS BREAKS SILENCE, CLAIMING SHE WAS 'MANIPULATED AND DECEIVED' BY EPSTEIN



Norway's Crown Princess Mette-Marit has told national TV that she wishes she had never met late US sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, breaking seven weeks of silence after the extent of her contacts with him emerged. "I feel so manipulated, and when you are manipulated, you don't realise it from the start," Mette-Marit said in a 20-minute interview in which she was often on the verge of tears. Seven weeks ago, Norwegians discovered that the crown princess had exchanged hundreds of emails with the disgraced Epstein between 2011 and 2014, and stayed in his Florida house when he was not there. "It is incredibly important for me to take responsibility for not checking his background more carefully," she said. "And to take responsibility for being so manipulated and deceived as I was." She has already apologised and admitted to "poor judgement", after the close nature of her links to Epstein came to light when millions of Epstein files were released by the US justice department at the end of January. "Of course I wish I had never met him," the princess told public broadcaster NRK,

stressing that it was Epstein's victims who deserved justice for the great abuse they had suffered. She said she felt great anger they had not yet received it. Her decision to speak publicly comes after intense scrutiny and pressure to explain herself, including from Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Store. The crown princess gave little away during the conversation, and some of her responses come across as defensive. In 2011, three years after Epstein had been jailed for soliciting underage sex, she wrote: "Googled u after last email. Agree didn't look too good." Sitting alongside her husband, Crown Prince Haakon, during the interview, Mette-Marit maintained she "didn't know he was a sex offender or a predator", even though the reporter pointed out that a Wikipedia article on Epstein at the time had made clear he was a convicted abuser. "I can't remember this; it was 15 years ago." She admitted to being too trusting of Epstein, but when asked why neither the palace nor the foreign ministry knew about her links to him, she said he was a "private contact" and she did not tell everyone about her private contacts.

Bachelorette's new season pulled after Taylor Frankie Paul abuse allegations

The new season of dating show The Bachelorette has been cancelled following domestic violence allegations against this season's star, ABC has said. The network said it "made the decision to not move forward with the new season" after footage of Taylor Frankie Paul emerged on Thursday appearing to show her in an altercation with her ex-partner Dakota Mortensen in 2023. Paul, a TikTok influencer who also stars in Hulu's Secret Lives of Mormon Wives, was arrested in relation to the incident in 2023. She pleaded guilty to aggravated assault, US media report. Paul's spokesperson said she is prioritising her family's safety and



"preparing to own and share her story". In a statement, Mortensen, the father of Paul's third child, said he is "focusing on our son and his safety". A spokesperson for Disney, which owns ABC, said it made the decision to pull the season "in light of the newly released video just surfaced today", referring to the footage, which was published by TMZ.

Russia, China and the US – the global winners and losers of the Iran war

From soaring heating oil bills for homes in Yorkshire to bill-saving school closures in Pakistan, the financial fallout from the war in the Middle East is already being keenly felt. It is increasingly clear that the impact of Tehran's retaliation, designed to trigger economic disruption and damage, may not be fleeting. Moreover, it's very uneven. Alongside a hefty catalogue of those who risk being hard hit, there are some who are benefiting. So who are they? For all the efforts to pursue renewable energy, we remain hugely reliant on oil and gas. Plentiful reserves tend to promise great riches, hence crude has been labelled "black gold". When prices rise, producers are typically quids in, while users are out of pocket. But this is not



your usual oil price shock. The Middle East remains the heart of supply, the Strait of Hormuz its main artery. The impact of a de facto blockage and attacks on energy infrastructure in the region has hit Gulf producers like Qatar and Saudi Arabia hard, as Tehran targets America's allies. As customers seek alternative sources, it's the likes of Norway and Canada

who may gain. After Russia invaded Ukraine in 2022, and when many countries sought to move away from relying on Russian gas, Norway was able to ramp up production and take advantage. Meanwhile, Canada's Energy Minister Tim Hodgson has been quick to position his nation as "a stable, reliable, predictable, value-based producer of energy", but there are questions about how much it can raise production. Instead, it's Russia that could be the biggest winner. As Washington relaxes the rules to ease the global supply crunch, Russia's crude oil sales to India have jumped by 50%. Some estimates say that Moscow could earn up to \$5bn (£3.7bn) more by the end of March, and could be on track for its biggest year of fuel-related revenues since 2022. America risks handing Moscow a hefty windfall at the expense of Gulf nations. There are other potential gainers too. As some countries ramp up their use of coal, it is a tantalising opportunity for big exporters such as Indonesia, as the price of that fuel also rises.

TRUMP MAKES PEARL HARBOR REMARK IN MEETING WITH JAPAN'S PM

A key moment of Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi's official visit to the US was President Donald Trump's comment on a piece of shared history - Pearl Harbor. Asked by a Japanese journalist why the US had not warned its allies it was going to strike Iran on 28 February, Trump referenced the 1941 Japanese attack on US soil. "Who knows better about surprise than Japan? Why didn't you tell me about Pearl Harbor?," Trump said as the prime minister appeared to be opening her eyes wide and taking a deep breath. The Pearl Harbor attack led to the US joining World War Two,



and the US later dropped two atomic bombs on Japan. The countries became close allies in later years after the war ended. Trump's remark appeared to draw some laughter from journalists and others present in the room in the White House, while

Takaichi's reaction seemed to reflect some of the unease that surrounds the issue. Mineko Tokito, a senior reporter from Japanese newspaper Yomiuri Shimbun, was in the Oval Office at the time and said the PM's discomfort was "clear". "Prime

Minister Takaichi visceraly reacted, her eyes widening and her smile disappearing as she leaned back, drawing her hands in, clearly taken aback by the sudden mention of Pearl Harbor," she said. Yuta Nakamura, a 33-year-old engineer, told Reuters news agency that Takaichi had been put in "a very difficult situation" and praised the PM for "avoiding upsetting Trump". Tokio Washino, a retiree, said: "Given the historical context of Japan having done that, and with Donald Trump bringing it up as an example, it makes me feel a bit uneasy as a Japanese citizen."

Hungary's Orbán accused of disloyalty and blackmail over Ukraine loan veto



European Union leaders have accused Hungary's Prime Minister Viktor Orbán of disloyalty and blackmail after he blocked a 90bn (£77bn) loan for Ukraine. "No oil = no money," Orbán said in a post on X after Thursday's summit in Brussels during which he refused to lift his veto, citing a feud over a damaged pipeline that transports Russian oil to Hungary. German Chancellor Friedrich Merz said Orbán's actions amounted to "a gross act of disloyalty", while European Council head António Costa described them as tantamount to "blackmail". Orbán - who has maintained close ties with Russia since it launched its full-scale invasion in Ukraine in 2022 - has made hostility towards Ukraine a key issue ahead of elections on 12 April. Hungary depends on Russian energy and Orbán has accused Ukraine of disrupting these energy supplies by failing to repair a Soviet-era pipeline, called Druzhba, which carries Russian oil to Hungary and Slovakia through Ukraine. Kyiv says the pipeline was damaged in January by Russian air strikes, that its repair will last for weeks -

but also that restoring the flow of oil would be equivalent to lifting sanctions on Moscow. While the pipeline remains out of use, Orbán has blocked the release of EU funds to Ukraine - despite approving the decision at an earlier meeting. The gathering of EU leaders on Thursday, which went late into the night, ended with many expressing statements of thinly-veiled fury at Orbán's actions. "Colleagues who have been members of the European Council far longer than I have were deeply angered by what happened today," Germany's Merz told reporters during a news conference in the early hours of Friday. "It is a gross act of disloyalty within the European Union," he said. "I am firmly convinced that it will leave deep marks." France's President Emmanuel Macron called the meeting's outcome "unprecedented", adding that the loan's release must be "implemented without delay". Council President and chairman of the talks Costa added to the chorus of discontent, describing Hungary's actions as "completely unacceptable". "Nobody can blackmail the European institutions.



Australia PM heckled at Sydney mosque Ramadan event

Several injured as turbulence hits Delta flight into Sydney



Several people have been injured after a Delta Airlines flight from Los Angeles to Sydney was hit by turbulence on Friday morning. Delta Flight 41 "encountered brief turbulence" as it landed at Sydney Airport, an airline spokesperson told the BBC. Four flight attendants were injured, and no passengers were hurt, the airline said. The New South Wales Ambulance Service said it assessed five patients in total, and took three to hos-

pital with minor injuries that included back pain and headaches. The patients' ages ranged from their 30s to 70s. It is the latest incident of planes being hit by turbulence, with experts saying climate change is a major factor. There were 245 passengers and 15 crew members on the Airbus A350, the Delta spokesperson said, adding that the plane landed "safely and normally" at Sydney Airport at 06:48 local time on Friday (19:48 GMT on Thursday).



FIFA RULES WOMEN'S TEAMS MUST HAVE FEMALE COACHES

Every team in Fifa's women's football tournaments must include at least one female head coach or assistant coach following the introduction of new regulations.

The requirements will come into effect during the under-17s and under-20s Women's World Cup and Women's Champions Cup competitions this year. The decision was made at the Fifa Council on Thursday, and discussed the long-term strategy of female representation in coaching. Under the new ruling, at least two staff members on the bench of every team at matches must be female, with one in an assistant coach or head coach role. The rule applies to all youth and senior tournaments, including clubs and national teams. At the 2023 Women's World Cup, 12 of the 32 head coaches were female, including



England manager Sarina Wiegman. "There are simply not enough women in coaching today. We must do more to accelerate change by creating clearer pathways, expanding opportunities, and increasing the visibility for women on our sidelines," said Fifa's chief football officer Jill Ellis. "The new Fifa regulations,

combined with targeted development programmes, mark an important investment in the current and future generation of female coaches." Fifa hopes these new regulations will see a rapid increase in female representation, including at the 2027 Women's World Cup in Brazil. Among some of the most high-profile

female coaches is London-born Emma Hayes, who is joined by assistant Denise Reddy at the United States. In 2024, Hayes told BBC Sport that a lack of female coaches in English football is "a massive issue" and urged the game's administrators to "come up with more creative ways" to address it. Other female English

coaches at international level include Gemma Grainger at Norway, Casey Stoney at Canada and Carla Ward at the Republic of Ireland. Canadian Rhian Wilkinson led Wales to their first major tournament at Euro 2025 last summer, while Dutchwoman Wiegman has guided England to back-to-back European titles and has been named the Fifa best women's coach of the year on four occasions.

Wiegman was the only female coach in the quarter-final stage of the 2023 Women's World Cup. Speaking at that time, she said: "Of course what we hope is to get more female coaches at the top level and that the balance gets better than it is right now. "Males are welcome too but if the balance is better than hopefully that will inspire more women to get involved in coaching."

KKR Captain Ajinkya Rahane Delivers Big Statement On 'Pressure' After Lowest IPL Finish In 16 Years

Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) head into the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 season desperate to bounce back after recording their joint-lowest finish in the previous campaign. In 2025, under the leadership of Ajinkya Rahane, KKR slumped to an 8th-place finish, falling well short of the playoffs. Now 37, Rahane has been retained as skipper for a second season by the three-time champions, and opened up on the pressure of leading the side off the back of its unsuccessful 2025 season. "Every year, there are different challenges as a player and also as captain. What I've learnt is to be positive, each and every time. Really grateful to the franchise that they've given me this responsibility to lead the team," said Rahane in response to a question by NDTV, in an exclusive interaction facilitated by JioStar. "Taking everything in my stride. When there are challenges, you always look at opportunities. My mindset has always been like that in my career - when I see chal-



lenges or difficulties, I try to look at them in a positive way, as a player and also as a captain," he added. Rahane led the scoring charts in IPL 2025, making 390 runs. However, KKR won only five out of their 14 games, albeit two were abandoned due to rain. It was the team's lowest finish in 16 years (since the 2009 season). KKR has been presented with headaches concerning their bowling attack in the lead-up to IPL 2026. Their lead Indian pacer Harshit Rana has already been ruled out of the season due to a knee injury. Further, Sri Lanka

pacer Matheesha Pathirana, bought for Rs 18 crore, is yet to receive a No Objection Certificate (NOC) after suffering a hamstring injury during the T20 World Cup 2026. KKR also released Bangladesh pacer Mustafizur Rahman following a BCCI directive amid diplomatic tension between India and Bangladesh. It is also to be seen where Rahane bats in IPL 2026. Rahane mostly batted at No. 3 in the 2025 campaign, but could choose to partner either of New Zealand's Finn Allen or Tim Seifert at the top of the order this time around.

Ex-India Star Quits Commentary, Blames BCCI For 'Colour Discrimination'. Internet Left Divided

Former India cricketer Laxman Sivaramakrishnan announced his retirement from the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) commentary panel on Friday. Not only did Sivaramakrishnan refer to a lack of opportunities as a driving force behind his decision, he also accused the BCCI of "colour discrimination". Sivaramakrishnan said that he had not received opportunities to conduct toss and presentation ceremonies, and implied that discrimination could've played a part in it. Fans were left divided by Sivaramakrishnan's explosive announcement, and legendary India spinner Ravichandran Ashwin also reacted to it. "I am retiring from commentary for BCCI," Sivaramakrishnan wrote on



his 'X' handle. Sivaramakrishnan stated that he had been usurped for certain roles by "newcomers" in the industry. "If I have not been used for TOSSES and PRESENTATION for 23 years and new comers come in to do pitch report, tosses, presentations even when (Ravi) Shastri was coaching,

what do you think could be the reason," he posted. The former leg-spinner, who played nine Tests and 16 ODIs for India during the 1980s, then accused the BCCI of colour discrimination in a response to a fan. Ravichandran Ashwin expressed disappointment at Sivaramakrishnan's sudden

decision. "Oh no! Why not this IPL?" wrote Ashwin, quoting Sivaramakrishnan's announcement. Fans appeared to have been left divided by Sivaramakrishnan's comments. Sivaramakrishnan began his commentary career in the year 2000. He also served as a player representative on the ICC Cricket Committee. Although he went wicket-less in this first Test match, he later became famous for his match-winning 12-wicket haul against England in 1984. Sivaramakrishnan was also a key player in India's victorious 1985 Benson & Hedges World Championship triumph in Australia under the great Sunil Gavaskar's captaincy.

Indian Open Polo Championship: Jaipur Optiemus Achievers Edge Jindal Panther 9-6 In Rain-Hit Exhibition Match

On a breezy, rain-kissed evening at the iconic Jaipur Polo Grounds, nearly 1,000 spectators braved intermittent showers to witness an entertaining exhibition clash between Jindal Panther and Jaipur Optiemus Achievers. The stands featured an eclectic mix of attendees, including prominent politicians and enthusiastic students from Maharaja Agrasen Medical College, adding to the vibrant atmosphere. Jaipur Optiemus Achievers made an emphatic start to the contest, with Alejo Aramburu and Sawai Padmanabh Singh striking twice each in the opening chukker. Jindal Panther responded through Juan Gris Zavaleta and Ramiro Zavaleta, who found the net once apiece, but the



Achievers still held a 4-2 advantage at the end of the first chukker. The second chukker saw the Achievers tighten their grip on the game as Aramburu added another goal to extend the lead to 5-2, capitalising on strong teamwork and precision play. Jindal Panther showed renewed intent in the third chukker, with Juan

Gris Zavaleta and Naveen Jindal scoring a goal each to narrow the deficit to 5-4. However, the Achievers quickly regained control, as Sawai Padmanabh Singh and Pratap Singh Kanota struck crucial goals to restore a comfortable cushion, ending the first half at 7-4. Following the break, Jaipur Optiemus Achievers continued their

dominance. Sawai Padmanabh Singh showcased his class with two more goals in the fourth chukker, while Juan Gris Zavaleta managed to add one for Jindal Panther, taking the score to 9-5. Persistent rain began to affect play, and the fifth chukker ultimately proved to be the final one. Despite the challenging conditions, Naveen Jindal scored the lone goal of the chukker for Jindal Panther. However, it wasn't enough to overturn the deficit as Jaipur - Optiemus Achievers sealed a 9-6 victory in a thrilling, weather-interrupted encounter. The match not only delivered high-quality polo but also highlighted the sport's growing appeal, with fans turning up in large numbers despite the unpredictable weather.

O'SULLIVAN MAKES HIGHEST-EVER BREAK WITH HISTORIC 153

Ronnie O'Sullivan has created more snooker history by making the sport's highest-ever professional break with a 153 at the World Open in Yushan. Seven-time world champion O'Sullivan set the new record in the opening frame of his quarter-final with Welshman Ryan Day to pave the way for a dominant 5-0 victory. The 50-year-old left Day in a snooker at the start of the frame and the Welshman's failure to escape gifted O'Sullivan a free ball. He potted the green as an extra red before adding his opening black and then reeling off 15 reds, 13 further blacks and two pinks before clearing the final six colours to reach 153. It breaks the previous record for the highest professional break - a 148 set



by Scotland's Jamie Burnett at the UK Championship qualifiers in 2004. "Just want to say a big shoutout to all the people who have been messaging me, congratulating me on the 153," O'Sullivan said in a video posted on X. "It was a pretty cool moment, really happy to do it. Thank you to everyone out there that has supported me." The maximum

break in snooker is a 147 - achieved in a single frame by potting all 15 reds with 15 blacks followed by all six colours in sequence. However, the highest possible break is 155. This can be done when a player is awarded a free ball, pots the free ball as an extra red, then the black and then goes on to pot the 15 reds with blacks, plus the colours.

HAS ROSENIOR MADE HIS GOAL-KEEPING PROBLEM WORSE?

There has been increased scrutiny of Chelsea head coach Liam Rosenior, with his decision not to name a first-choice goalkeeper chief among the criticism he now faces. Before the Englishman's appointment in January, Robert Sanchez had been former boss Enzo Maresca's undisputed first choice for almost his entire 18-month tenure. However, Sanchez has been in rotation with understudy Filip Jorgensen since his poor display in a 2-1 defeat at Arsenal. The promoted Dane, 23, produced a steady performance in a win at Aston Villa, but a sloppy pass in his second outing led to Paris St-Germain's third goal as Chelsea's Champions League hopes collapsed in a 5-2 defeat at Parc des Princes.



Since then, Jorgensen has suffered a groin issue, prompting Sanchez's return and resulting in five goalkeeper changes across six matches. The situation has repeatedly raised questions over whether rotating goalkeepers is helpful - while a range of other issues have emerged under Rosenior. These include selecting Mamadou Sarr, whose early

error in Wednesday's 3-0 second-leg defeat by PSG proved costly, out of position at right-back. Meanwhile, the management of the captain-led pre-kick-off huddle in the 1-0 home loss to Newcastle drew ridicule and frustrated officials, and Rosenior's side have appeared increasingly open defensively during their run of three straight defeats.

IGA SWIATEK STUNNED IN 2ND ROUND OF MIAMI OPEN; CARLOS ALCARAZ TO FACE BRAZILIAN TALENT JOAO FONSECA



Iga Swiatek crashed out of the Miami Open second round Thursday as 50th-ranked fellow Pole Magda Linette fought back for a 1-6, 7-5, 6-3 victory over the six-time Grand Slam champion. Reigning Wimbledon champion Swiatek, who won the Miami Open in 2022, suffered her first opening loss at a tournament since the 2021 WTA Finals. It's just the latest disappointment for Swiatek, who was eliminated in the quarter-finals at the Australian Open and in the WTA 1000 events in Doha and Indian Wells. Although she was seeded second in the elite combined ATP and WTA hardcourt tournament in Miami, Swiatek dropped this week to third in the world as Indian Wells finalist Elena Rybakina moved up behind top-ranked Aryna Sabalenka. Swiatek's compatriot Linette had to dig deep after Swiatek - who won their last encounter 6-1, 6-1 - raced through the opening set in 33 minutes. But she stuck to her guns and Swiatek double-faulted to give Linette two break points in the 12th game of the second set, Linette forcing a third set with a return

winner. "I just had to go for a little bit more," Linette told Tennis Channel. "I had to start hitting a little bit faster, too, to push her a little bit more back, not give her space. "But I think it all started with serving a bit better," she added. Swiatek didn't go meekly, saving a pair of match points on her own serve in the eighth game of the third and two more as Linette served for the match, before Linette sealed the win as Swiatek sent a backhand wide. "She actually gets really good on those break points down, match points down," Linette said. "She starts swinging. I just knew I had to stay strong on my serve." Linette advanced to a third-round matchup against 20-year-old Alexandra Eala of the Philippines, a 6-7 (6/8), 6-3, 6-3 winner over Germany's Laura Siegemund. "It really was close," said Eala, a surprise semi-finalist last year who needed three hours and 20 minutes to close out the victory. "It was demanding, physically and mentally. But that was one of my goals last year after the tournament, to improve physically, and here I am fresh as a flower."

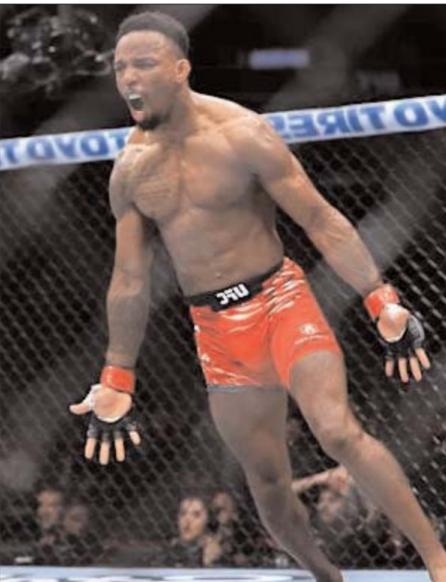
Is matchmaking fair? Murphy's long road to UFC title contender

The moment everything clicked for Lerone Murphy was when he was not given a title shot by the UFC. On a nine-fight win streak in the promotion, the Briton's stunning spinning elbow knockout of Aaron Pico in August put him in pole position to be the next challenger for Alexander Volkanovski's featherweight title. Murphy called for his shot, while Volkanovski agreed the 34-year-old deserved it. Instead, the UFC went in a different direction, with Volkanovski having to defend his belt in a rematch against Diego Lopes in February, who he had beaten 10 months prior. The

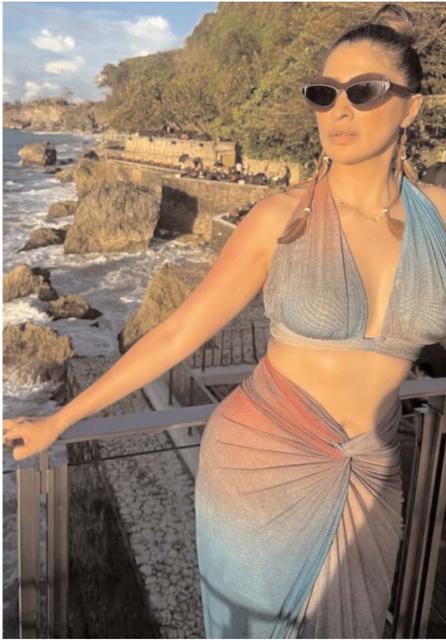
decision was an eye-opener for UFC London headliner Murphy. Despite an unbeaten start to his 18-fight career and going viral with the knockout of Pico, he had been overlooked. Murphy chuckles wryly before adopting a more serious tone as he explains why he missed out. "It kind of woke me up to a lot of things, but I understand it," Murphy tells BBC Sport. "You have to understand it's an entertainment business. It shouldn't be that way but it is that way." Instead Murphy has been pitted against Russian Movsar Evloev at UFC London on Saturday, in what on paper looks like a

number-one contender fight. Even before a punch is thrown, Murphy's title credentials are being questioned by rival fighter Jean Silva, who claims he will be given the next shot at Volkanovski because he is more exciting. As Murphy's battle to secure his title shot goes on, BBC Sport spoke to fighters on the card about the UFC's potentially evolving matchmaking policy and why top contenders sometime get overlooked. The UFC is a rankings-based organisation where the higher-ranked fighters are seen as the more deserving of title shots. Murphy is ranked third at

featherweight, with Evloev first, so why did second-ranked Lopes get chosen to fight Volkanovski again after previously suffering defeat? The answer may lie in MMA existing as a sport, but the UFC being a multi-billion pound business that has grown rapidly in the past 10 years. Businesses make money and the UFC does that by getting fans to pay to watch the fights it stages, and more importantly, its fighters. It recently signed a £5.7bn broadcast deal with Paramount. The more attention a fighter can generate, the more people watch. This is where Murphy may have suffered.



RAAI LAXMI FLAUNTS GLAMOROUS TWO PIECE BEACH STYLE



Raai Laxmi, the Kannada actress who has appeared in many Telugu films and special songs alongside top stars like Megastar Chiranjeevi, Pawan Kalyan, and Ravi Teja, has been away from regular acting for some time now. She remains active and connected on social media, often sharing glimpses of her life and style. Raai Laxmi, popularly known as Lakshmi Raai, turned heads with her radiant beach photos from Bali, Indonesia. Dressed in a striking yellow sequined bikini paired with a wide-

brimmed straw hat and mirrored sunglasses, the actress radiated pure summer energy. "Just me & the Sunshine #BaliGlow," she captioned the sizzling images, capturing golden-hour vibes against turquoise waters and sandy shores. The glamorous looks showcased her confident style and fit physique, quickly winning fans' hearts. Born on May 5, 1989, in Bangalore, Raai Laxmi began as a model before making her acting debut in 2005 with the Tamil film Karka Kasadara. She quickly expanded across South Indian cinema.

'SNAKE DANCE' FROM "RAKASA" UNLEASHES A NO-RULES, HIGH-ENERGY DANCE ANTHEM

Shifting gears from melody to full-blown madness, Rakasa amps up its musical campaign with the release of its latest video song, "Snake Dance." Designed as a high-energy, crowd-driven number, the track embraces chaos, rhythm, and raw fun, presenting a completely uninhibited dance experience. Composed and arranged by Anudeep Dev, the song is positioned as a mass-friendly anthem that thrives on instant connect and repeat value. At its core, "Snake Dance" thrives on a refreshingly self-aware idea, celebrating the fact that not everyone fits into structured dance styles. Instead of perfection, the song leans into spontaneity, turning the

absence of "proper steps" into its biggest strength. Lyricist Raghuram builds this concept with humour and relatability, giving the track a playful, conversational tone that resonates with group energy. The vocals by Benny Dayal, Maneesha Pandrangi, Ritesh G Rao, Lakshmi Meghana, and Vinayak add layers of vibrancy, driving the song's infectious momentum. With its instantly memorable hook "Snake Snake Snake Dance / Full Body Shake Shake Dance", the track is tailored for easy recall, audience participation, and strong digital shareability. With this latest release, Rakasa continues to establish itself as an audio-positive album with a clear range



of moods. The first single "Rapappa" struck an energetic chord, crossing 1.2 mil-

lion views on YouTube, while the romantic second single "Padhe Padhe" added emotional depth, moving past 1.1 million views. Complementing this, the film's promotional assets have also drawn strong attention, with the title glimpse crossing 1.9 million views and the teaser surpassing 2.9 million views. With "Snake Dance" now entering the mix, the album expands into a massy, high-energy space, strengthening its overall appeal. Headlined by Sangeeth Sobhan, who continues to gain strong traction among younger audiences with films like MAD and MAD Square, Rakasa pairs him with Nayan Sarika in a narrative that blends romance,

humour, and fantasy elements. The film features a notable supporting cast including Vennela Kishore, Brahmaji, Tanikella Bharani, Ashish Vidyarthi, and Getup Srinu. The project is written and directed by Manasa Sharma, known for her work on Oka Chinna Family Story and Bench Life. On the technical front, Anudeep Dev anchors the film's musical identity with a soundtrack that balances variety and recall value. Cinematography is handled by Raju Edurolo, with editing by Anwar Ali. The film is produced by Niharika Konidela under Pink Elephant Pictures in association with Zee Studios, with Umesh Kumar Bansal backing the project.

DHURANDHAR 2 REACHES PAKISTAN DESPITE BAN



Raashi Khanna was recently seen in Ustaad Bhagat Singh starring Pawan Kalyan

RAASHII KHANNA SERVES BOLD BOSS LADY VIBES

and Sreeleela. However, her role did not receive much appreciation, as it had very limited scope. The supporting cast overall felt underutilised, and Raashi Khanna's character, in particular, seemed unnecessary and lacked proper closure, making her presence less impactful in the film. Meanwhile, she is now gearing up for her next big project, Farzi 2, alongside Shahid Kapoor. The series is created and directed by the acclaimed duo Raj Nidimoru and Krishna DK. With the success of the first season, expecta-

tions are quite high, and the new season is expected to premiere on Amazon Prime Video in late 2026. At the same time, Raashi Khanna has been turning heads with her latest photoshoot. She shared stunning pictures where she is seen in a sharp pinstripe suit paired with a matching shirt and tie, giving a bold and powerful look. The oversized blazer, sleek styling, and statement glasses add a modern boss-lady vibe, while her confident pose and minimal makeup enhance the overall elegance.

HAPPY RAJ IS A FILM WITH A BEAUTIFUL MESSAGE ALONG WITH FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT.

I hope everyone will watch it in theaters with their families on March 27th: GV Prakash Kumar at the trailer launch event



Star composer-hero GV Prakash Kumar's upcoming movie 'Happy Raj'. Maria Raja Elanchezian, who worked as an assistant director to hero-director Pradeep

Ranganathan, directed the film. Jaiwardha produced it under the banner Beyond Pictures. Mad fame Sri Gowri Priya played the heroine. The film is already creating positive buzz, and the

first single released recently has received a wonderful response. The film will be grandly released in Telugu states on March 27 through Mythri Movie Distributors

LLP. On this occasion, the makers organized a trailer launch event. Directors Shiva Nirvana and Venky Atluri attended the event. At the trailer launch event, hero Jeevi Prakash Kumar said, "Hello everyone. I am very happy that Venky garu and Shiva garu are coming to this event. Thank you so much to Ravi Teja garu who launched the Telugu trailer of this film on social media. Mythri Movie Makers saw this film. They liked it very much. I am very happy that this film is being released by Mythri Movie

Maker Mythri Movies. Thank you to our producers. This film has all the fun commercial elements. It also has a beautiful message. After watching the film, this story will touch your hearts. A very special film. You will all enjoy watching it a lot. Father is the biggest hero in all of our lives. After watching this film, you will celebrate your father. It will last for a long time. This film will be released on March 27. I definitely want everyone to watch it. Director Shiva Nirvana said, "Greetings to everyone. I like Jeevi garu's music more than anything. Finally, I got to work with him for the film Irumudi. The music work is going so well. It is very surprising that he is coming to his event

as a hero with me as the music director. He does music for a film and even acts with his life. He has done almost 20 films as a hero. Now Happy Raj is coming to the Telugu audience with this film. I sincerely wish him more reach. Every youthful entertainer from Tamil is doing amazingly in Telugu. Wherever there is a good film, Mythri Movie Distributors is bringing it to the Telugu audience. Gowri Priya garu has been doing many amazing roles in recent times. I wish this film to do amazingly. Director Venky Atluri said, "Hello everyone. I felt very happy after watching the trailer of this film. I wish the happiness in the title to reach the audience as well."

Hrithik Creates Mess While Krrish 4 Stays Missing!

Bollywood star Hrithik Roshan has sparked fresh conversations with his latest move, not as an actor, but as a producer. The actor has teamed up with Amazon Prime Video for a new comedy film titled Mess, directed by Rajesh A Krishnan. The film marks Hrithik's second collaboration with the streaming giant after Storm, and will be backed by his home banner HRX Films. Unlike his earlier intense projects, Mess is said to be a quirky comedy revolving around a group of robbers who find themselves trapped in a bizarre situation during a home invasion gone wrong. However, this announcement has once again raised a big question among fans, what is happening with Krrish 4? For the longest time, Bollywood media reported that the superhero film was facing budget

constraints, delaying its progress. But Hrithik's recent choices tell a different story. The actor is not only actively producing multiple projects but has also been making significant personal investments, indicating that finances may not be a major hurdle. This contrast has left fans surprised and curious. Is Hrithik consciously prioritizing new-age content over revisiting his iconic superhero franchise? Or is Krrish 4 still in the pipeline, waiting for the right moment? For now, Mess signals Hrithik's growing interest in content-driven cinema.



DHURANDHAR GIRL'S BOLD NEW LOOK



NEHA SHETTY SERVES HOT ETHNIC LOOKS THIS UGADI SEASON



Neha Shetty, the Kannada beauty, has been trying to land a big break in films, but success has been slow. Even though she has good acting skills and stunning screen presence, she has mostly been seen in cameo roles in Tollywood. In Tamil as well, her entry started with a small appearance rather than a full-fledged role. Despite the limited opportunities, Neha continues to stay visible and hopeful for a strong comeback. In her

latest pictures, Neha Shetty looks absolutely gorgeous as she celebrates Ugadi in a traditional style. She is seen wearing a rich red saree with golden detailing, which gives a festive and elegant vibe. The saree drapes beautifully, highlighting her graceful look, while her matching blouse adds a classic touch. Her soft curls, minimal makeup, and traditional jewelry perfectly complete the look.