

**GOLD, SILVER PRICES DROP SHARPLY OVER RISING GEOPOLITICAL TENSIONS**

New Delhi, March 23 : Gold and silver prices plummeted further on Monday, over profit-taking, a stronger US dollar and rising real yields.MCX gold April futures lost 6.91 per cent to Rs 1,34,506 per 10 grams around 3.30 pm on an intraday basis. Meanwhile, MCX silver May futures declined 8.84 per cent to Rs 2,06,716 per kg.



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GIFT NIFTY RISES AS TRUMP PAUSES STRIKES ON IRAN POWER INFRA

New Delhi, March 23 : Global oil prices plunged sharply on Monday, with Brent crude falling over 13 per cent, after US President Donald Trump announced a temporary halt on military strikes against Iran and said talks between the two countries were "productive".

Brent crude futures dropped by around \$17, or nearly 15 per cent, to touch a session low of \$96 per barrel, while US West Texas Intermediate crude fell about \$13, or 13.5 per cent, to \$85.28. The sharp fall came as fears of supply disruption eased following signs of de-escalation in the ongoing conflict.

US President Donald Trump said he has instructed the Department of Defense to postpone planned airstrikes on Iranian power plants and energy infrastructure for five days. He said the decision was taken after "very good and productive conversations" between the United States and Iran over the past two days. Gift Nifty futures also followed suit and surged to 23,533.50 as against the last close of 22,465, recording a 1,068.5-point or 4.75 per cent upside. Around 5.20 pm, the Gift Nifty futures were 853.50 or 3.80 per cent higher at 23,318.50. In a post on Truth Social, Trump said the pause in military action depends on the progress of ongoing discussions aimed at resolving hostilities in the Middle East.

**TWO PILOTS KILLED AS PLANE COLLIDES WITH FIRE TRUCK AT NEW YORK AIRPORT**  
New York (TSIT) : The pilot and the co-pilot were killed as an Air Canada Express plane flying from Montreal collided with a ground vehicle upon landing at New York's LaGuardia Airport, Xinhua reported, citing local media. Operations at New York's LaGuardia Airport were suspended after the collision. Air Canada Express CRJ-900 aircraft collided with a ground vehicle on Runway 4, triggering an emergency response and a complete ground stop. The aircraft, operated by Air

Canada Express and arriving from Montreal, reportedly struck a fire truck during landing, according to initial accounts and flight-tracking data. The Federal Aviation Administration confirmed that the airport has been closed and that a ground stop order has been implemented following the collision between the aircraft and the emergency vehicle. Audio recordings circulating online, along with preliminary visual reconstructions, suggest that air traffic control had repeatedly instructed both the flight crew and the ground vehicle to halt moments before the impact occurred. Unconfirmed reports, citing the New York Fire Department, indicate that at least five firefighters have been seriously injured, while more than 100 passengers on board the aircraft are also reported to have sustained injuries.



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**CM Revanth promises rehabilitation of all displaced**

Hyderabad TSIT BUREAU : Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Monday assured that all families to be displaced by the Musi Riverfront development project will be provided rehabilitation. Speaking in the Legislative Council on Monday, the Chief Minister said that the government formulated a road-map for the development of Musi and assured that all the displaced will be provided rehabilitation. "We will not render anyone living alongside Musi homeless. We will not cause harm to even a single individual," the CM said while appealing to the political parties to stop false propaganda against the Musi project. The Chief Minister also stated that the government is ready to constitute a Cabinet Sub-Committee led by Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, comprising IT and Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu and Transport Minister Ponnampalapati Prabhakar, for the Musi Rejuvenation Project. While seeking suggestions from the opposition parties, he said they feel uncomfortable submitting suggestions directly to him, and he was to constitute a Cabinet Sub-Committee.

The CM criticised the previous BRS government for abandoning the Musi project. Revanth Reddy referred to the claim by Sircilla MLA K.T. Rama Rao that he established the Musi River Development Corporation. He asked why the BRS was politicising the project. He revealed that the government has secured permission from the Airports Authority of India to develop an underpass road at Begumpet Airport. The underpass will be constructed beneath the runway, making it the first of its kind in the country, the Chief Minister said, adding that the government wants to ensure smooth traffic flow. He said measures were also taken to clear encroachments from footpaths in order to safeguard human lives and allocated designated spaces for street vendors.



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**Stand ready, alert and united like we did during Covid pandemic: PM Modi**



New Delhi (TSIT): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday urged the nation to stand ready, united and alert as the difficult circumstances created around the world due to the ongoing conflict in West Asia are expected to last a long time. PM Modi highlighted that some elements will try to take undue advantage of the current situation. "When such crisis arise, some elements also try to take undue advantage. Therefore, all agencies responsible for maintaining law and order have been put on alert. Be it coastal security, border security, cyber security, or strategic installations, security of all is being further strengthened. If every government and

every citizen of the country moves together, then we can overcome every challenge," said PM Modi. He also urged the state governments to stay alert and take necessary actions against those who are spreading fake news and also indulging in hoarding and black marketing. "We also need to stay alert. There are people who will try to spread lies by taking advantage of the current situation. We should not let these people succeed. I will also request all state governments to strongly monitor people who get active at such demanding times and indulge in hoarding and black marketing," he said. Highlighting the long-term

trade and economic consequences of the West Asia crisis, Prime Minister Modi admitted that India is facing significant challenges currently. "The current situation in West Asia is worrisome. In the last few days, EAM Jaishankar and Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri briefed the House about the

issue. Now, this crisis has escalated beyond three weeks. Its adverse impact is being felt on the global economy and on people's lives. Therefore, the entire world is urging all parties to find an early solution to this crisis."

**No proposal for complete loan waiver for farmers: Sitharaman**



NEW DELHI (TSIT): There is no proposal of a complete loan waiver for farmers under consideration with the central government, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman informed Parliament on Monday. However, she said, the government has taken several measures to strengthen the economic conditions of the farmers, including timely and adequate credit through Kisan Credit Card (KCC), wherein crop loan up to Rs 3 lakh is provided at subsidised interest rates under the Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS), with additional incentives for timely repayment. Besides, the government has enhanced collateral free short-term agricultural loans, including loans for allied activities, from Rs 1.60 lakh to Rs 2.00 lakh and ensuring adequate flow of credit from the banking system to the priority sectors of the economy.

**CM Naidu Lays Foundation Stone for Rs.1.36 Lac Cr ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel Plant in Anakapalli**

Amravathi (TSIT) In a major boost to Andhra Pradesh's industrial growth and India's steel production ambitions, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu today laid the foundation stone for ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India (AM/NS India)'s green-field integrated steel plant at Rajayyapeta near Nakkapalli in Anakapalli district. The Rs.1,35,964 crore (approximately Rs.1.36 lakh crore) project, one of the largest industrial investments in the state, aims to produce 17.8 million metric tonnes of steel per annum. It will be developed in two phases, with the first phase targeting around 7.3-8.2 million tonnes capacity and operations commencing by 2028-2029, followed by full capacity expansion. The ceremony was attended by key dignitaries, including Union Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries H.D. Kumaraswamy, Minister of State Srinivasa Varma, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, IT and HR Minister Nara Lokesh, AM/NS India Executive Chairman Lakshmi Mittal, and company representatives. Lakshmi Mittal presented



the plant model to the Chief Minister and Union Minister, followed by a visit to the Experience Zone at the site. CM Chandrababu Naidu hailed the project as not just a steel plant but the foundation for a future "Steel City." He emphasized that the Andhra Pradesh government achieved this milestone in just 20 months through its "Speed of Doing Business" approach, attracting over Rs.20.35 lakh crore in investments since coming to power. He credited the swift land acquisition, approvals, and cooperation from farmers who sacrificed their land. The project includes a captive port with Rs.11,198 crore invest-

ment (50 million tonnes capacity), dedicated pipelines for raw material supply, and connectivity via a four-lane national highway. It is expected to generate direct and indirect employment for approximately one lakh people, with priority given to local youth from Anakapalli district. Skill development initiatives, including a Center of Excellence, will be established to train the workforce. Naidu highlighted the broader impact on North Andhra (Uttarandhra), positioning Visakhapatnam as a key economic region for knowledge economy, ports, steel, data centers, and IT.

**2 more Indian LPG ships move through Strait of Hormuz amid tensions**

New Delhi (TSIT): Two Indian-flagged ships carrying cooking gas are currently passing through the Strait of Hormuz, raising hopes of easing LPG shortages in India amid ongoing tensions in the region. Ship-tracking data shows that the vessels, Jag Vasant and Pine Gas, are moving through the strategically important Strait of Hormuz after receiving approval for safe passage. The ships are carrying liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), which is widely used as cooking fuel in India. Both vessels began their journey early Monday, sailing from the UAE coast and moving close to Iran's coastline near Qeshm and Larak islands. Instead of showing a specific destination, the ships signaled Indian ownership through their tracking systems, a precautionary step taken by several vessels navigating the sensitive route. The ships are expected to reach the Gulf of Oman by Monday evening if their journey continues without disruption, according to reports.

**CM Revanth hands over 1 Cr insurance cheques to families of deceased power employees**



Hyderabad TSIT BUREAU: Chief Minister A.Revath Reddy on Monday handed over accident insurance cheques of 1 crore each to the families of electricity department employees who lost their lives while on duty. Chief Minister presented the cheques to the families of Orsu Suresh and Mukhtar Beg, who died during the course of their duties in the power department. He said the government is committed to supporting families affected by such tragic incidents. Revanth Reddy appreciated Electricity Minister Bhatti Vikramarka for taking the initiative to support the families of deceased employees and ensuring financial security for them. Highlighting welfare measures, the Chief Minister announced that the Rajiv Aarogyasri

health insurance limit has been enhanced from Rs.5 lakh to Rs.10 lakh. He added that all families identified under the CPEC survey will be covered with an insurance benefit of Rs.5 lakh. CM stated that the government introduced family insurance schemes to ensure that families do not face financial distress in the event of the death of the breadwinner. He further said that accident insurance coverage exceeding Rs.1 crore has been extended to workers in the electricity and Singareni sectors, reflecting the government's commitment to employee welfare. The cheque distribution programme was conducted during the Assembly session to boost the morale and confidence of employees and their families, he added.

**'Didn't say anything new': Priyanka on PM Modi's West Asia address**

New Delhi (TSIT): As Prime Minister Narendra Modi briefed the Lok Sabha on the West Asia conflict on Monday, Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra stated "nothing new" was revealed and reiterated the party's call for a discussion on the issue. "He (PM Modi) has briefed the House today, and he has not spoken anything new. We have submitted a notice for a discussion. We think that discussion is important so that all sides can present their stand," Priyanka Gandhi told the reporters outside the Parliament following the Prime Minister's address.



Prime Minister Modi stated that the government is working to ensure uninterrupted oil and gas supplies amid the conflict in West Asia, while emphasising that India has diversified its energy imports, unlike in previous instances, and will continue sourcing from wherever possible. Initially, India imported energy needs such as crude oil.

**Telangana Cabinet Clears Key Bills on Hate Crime, Gig Workers, Metro Takeover**

Hyderabad TSIT BUREAU: The Telangana State Cabinet has approved a series of major bills and policy decisions aimed at strengthening social harmony, worker welfare, urban infrastructure and social justice across the state. Among the key decisions, the Cabinet cleared the Telangana Hate Speech and Hate Crime Prevention Bill, 2026, aimed at curbing inflammatory speeches, social media misuse and actions that could disturb communal harmony or incite violence.



In a significant move for workforce welfare, the Cabinet approved the Telangana Platform-Based Gig Workers Act, 2026, which will benefit around 4.2 lakh gig workers. The legislation provides for worker registration, creation of a wel-

fare board and fund, and ensures social security and legal protection. The Cabinet also decided to fast-track the takeover of the 69-km Hyderabad Metro Rail Phase-I project from Larsen & Toubro. The acquisition is estimated to cost around 15,000 crore, with Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited designated as the nodal agency. To enhance safety for legal professionals, the Telangana Advocate Protection Bill was approved, aiming to prevent attacks on lawyers. The Cabinet also

accepted the caste survey report prepared under Justice Sudarshan Reddy, conducted across the state between November and December 2024. A sub-committee will further examine its recommendations for advancing social justice. Additionally, a ministerial sub-committee headed by Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka was formed to frame guidelines for the proposed Rohith Vemula Act to address caste discrimination in educational institutions.

**FORM NO. 14**  
[See Regulation 33(2)]  
By Regd. A/D, Dasti failing which by Publication

**OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER -J/II**  
**DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD(DRT 1)**  
3rd Floor, Triveni Complex Abids, Hyderabad-500001

**DEMAND NOTICE**  
NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.  
RC/336/2025 11-03-2026

**STATE BANK OF INDIA**  
VERSUS  
**MR. BANDARU SRINIVASA RAO BANDARU**

To  
(CD 1) MR. BANDARU SRINIVASA RAO BANDARU Venkata Rao S/O. BANDARU VENKATA RAO, FLAT NO.302, TARATOWERS, SALEEM NAGAR, MALAKPET, NEAR SANTHOSH STATIONARY, HYDERABAD-500036, TELANGANA.

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD(DRT 1) in OA/87/2025 an amount of Rs. 258398 (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Eighty Three Thousands Eight Hundred Ninety Six Only) along with pendentilite and future interest @ 11.55 % Simple Interest Yearly w.e.f. 31/01/2025 till realization and costs of Rs. 58000 (Rupees Fifty Eight Thousands Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally/ Fully/Limited).

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.

3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of your assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 17/06/2026 at 10:30 a.m. for further proceedings.

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:  
(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.  
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 11/03/2026

**RECOVERY OFFICER**  
**DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, HYDERABAD (DRT-1)**

**DCB Bank Limited**  
Jyothi Majestic, Banjara Hills,  
Hyderabad, Telangana 500 034

**POSSESSION NOTICE**

The undersigned being the authorized officer of the DCB Bank Ltd., under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice to below mentioned dates calling upon the borrowers (Borrower's and Co-Borrower's) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice as detailed below in tabular form with further interest thereon from within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower and Co-Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, Co-Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 also r/w section 14(1) of the Security Interest Rules 2002 on 18th March, 2026.

The borrower, Co-Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property (Description of the immovable Property) and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the DCB Bank Ltd., for respective amount as mentioned here below.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Demand Notice Dated.	Name of Borrower(s) and Co-borrower(s)	Loan Account Number	Total Outstanding Amount.	Description of the Immovable Property
12-12-2025	MR. MOHAMMAD RAFFIQ AND MRS. MAHAMMAD PARVEENA	DRHLWAR0628874	Rs. 31,23,607/- (Rupees Thirty-One Lakh Twenty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Seven Only) as on 12th December 2025	The Existing House And Open Place Bearing Quarter No. Lig-1,152(Old) Mol.H.No. 45-9-181 (New) To An Extent Of Total Area: 111-11 Sq.Yds. (Or) 92-90 Sq.Mts. Including Plinth Area: 221-63 Sq.Fts. Situated At A.P. Housing Board Colony, Keerthinarayana Colony, Gorekurta Village, Geesugonda Mandal, Dist. Warangal Within The Gwmc Limits Warangal Following Boundaries. East: House No. Lig-1,153, West: House No. Lig-1,151, North: 25'-0" Wide Road, South: House No. Lig-1,142. (The Secured Assets)

Date: 24-03-2026  
Place: Warangal  
For DCB Bank Ltd  
Authorized Officer

**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 Securitisation 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 @ 9.6% within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices.

1. Name of the Borrower(s): Mr. Varadha Raju Gadiraju (Primary Applicant) A/c No: 700118003989 Demand Notice Date: 07.11.2025; DNPP Date: 06.12.2025; Date of Symbolic Possession: 18.03.2026. Outstanding Loan Amount: Rs. 69,12,251.17 (Rupees Sixty Nine Lakhs Twelve Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty One and Paise Seventeen Only) as on 07.11.2025 together with applicable incidental charges, costs.

Description of Immovable Property: All that the Piece and Parcel of the Semi-Finished Residential Flat bearing No. 101, in First Floor, in "M.L.J. Arcade", having a Plinth area of 1435 Sft. (including Common areas and balconies) and One Car Parking area in Still Floor together with a Proportionate undivided share and interest in the Land measuring an area of 60 Sq. Yards, or its equivalent to 50.16 Sq. Meters, Out of the Total extent of Land measuring 608.11 Sq. Yards or its equivalent to 508.44 Sq. Meters, constructed on Northern Portion of Open Land, in Survey No.203/A, Situated at Bagh Hayath Nagar Village, Hayath Nagar Revenue Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, under Ward No.4, Block No. 9 of GHMC, Hayath Nagar Circle, under registration Sub District Hayath Nagar belonging to Mr. Varadha Raju Gadiraju Regd. Vide Sale Deed Co. No. 3221/2025 dated 09.08.2025, and bounded by: BOUNDARIES FOR ENTIRE LAND: North:30 Ft. Wide Road, South: South Portion of Open Land, in Survey No.203/A, East: Neighbour's House No.4-9-64, West: Land in Sy.No.203/A and Neighbour's Land, BOUNDARIES FOR THE FLAT NO.101, IN 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR: North: Open to Sky, South: Corridor, Staircase and Lift, thereafter Flat No. 102, East: Open to Sky, West: Open to Sky.

As the above borrower has failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rule on the dates mentioned above. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the LIC Housing Finance Limited for the amounts mentioned against their names with further interest accrued interest thereon and costs. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date: 20.03.2026  
Place: Hyderabad  
Sd/- Authorized Officer,  
LIC Housing Finance Limited

**FEDBANK FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD.**  
Registered Office: Unit No. 1101, 11th Floor, Cignus, Plot No. 71 A,  
Powai, Pascoli, Mumbai - 400087

**POSSESSION NOTICE**

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Fedbank Financial Services Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 05/01/2026 calling upon the Borrower, Mortgagee, Co-Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s): (1) K. SURESH (Borrower); (2) MANDALA MOUNIKA (Co - Borrower); (3) KURA SANDHYA RANI (Co - Borrower); (4) M/s YADIAHYA SWEET HOUSE (Co - Borrower) to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice being Rs. 3887004/- (Rupees Thirty Eight Lac Eighty Seven Thousand Four Only) as on 5/1/2026 in Loan Account No. FEDHYCLAP485930 together with further interest thereon at the contractual rate plus all costs charges and incidental expenses etc. within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said demand notice.

The Borrower, Mortgagee, Co-Borrower(s) and Guarantor mentioned hereinabove having failed to repay the above said amount within the specific period, notice is hereby given to the Borrower, Mortgagee, Co-Borrower(s), Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned Authorized officer has taken POSSESSION of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the 23rd of March 2026

The Borrower, Mortgagee, Co-Borrower(s) and Guarantor mentioned hereinabove in particular and the public in general is/are hereby cautioned not to deal with the following property and any dealings with the following property not to be subject to the charge of Fedbank Financial Services Ltd. for an amount Rs. 3887004/- (Rupees Thirty Eight Lac Eighty Seven Thousand Four Only) as on 5/1/2026 in Loan Account No. FEDHYCLAP485930 together with further interest thereon at the contractual rate plus all costs charges and incidental expenses etc. within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said demand notice.

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

**SCHEDULE 1: DESCRIPTION OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY: ALL PIECE AND PARCEL OF MORTGAGED PROPERTY BEARING HOUSE NO10-3-35(NEW), PTIN NO 1031001931 (OLD H NOS 3-28 AND 3-35) LAND ADMG 76 SQ YARDS (63.54 SQ MTRS) OUT OF 194 SQ YARDS, HAVING PLINTH AREA 420 SQ FT, IN GROUND FLOOR AND 420 SQ FT IN FIRST FLOOR WITH RCC ROOF SITUATED AT LINGOJUDUVA VILAGE, SAROORNAGAR REVENUE MANDAL, UNDER GHMC LB NAGAR CIRCLE, RANGA REDDY DISTRICT HYDERABAD-500035, TELANGANA. Bounded by: EAST: BY NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE, WEST: BY HOUSE NO 10-3-38, NORTH: BY NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE, SOUTH: BY PART OF HNO 10-3-35 BELONGS TO KURASRIKANTH**

**SCHEDULE 2: DESCRIPTION OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY: ALL PIECE AND PARCEL OF MORTGAGED PROPERTY BEARING HOUSE NO10-3-35/1, PTIN NO 1031001932 (OLD H NOS 3-28 AND 3-35) LAND ADMG 140 SQ YARDS (117 SQ MTRS) OUT OF 194 SQ YARDS, HAVING PLINTH AREA 780 SQ FT, IN GROUND FLOOR AND 780 SQ FT IN FIRST FLOOR WITH RCC ROOF SITUATED AT LINGOJUDUVA(OLD) VILAGE, SAROORNAGAR REVENUE MANDAL, UNDER GHMC LB NAGAR CIRCLE, RANGA REDDY DISTRICT HYDERABAD-500035, TELANGANA. BOUNDED BY: EAST: BY 4'-6" WIDE PASSAGE, WEST: BY HOUSE OF GOPAMMA, NORTH: BY 15' WIDE ROAD, SOUTH: BY PART OF HNO-3-35**

Date: - Rangareddy  
Place: - Rangareddy  
Sd/- Authorized Officer  
Fedbank Financial Services Ltd

**TELANGANA ACCELERATES OIL PALM CULTIVATION TARGETS MAJOR EXPANSION**

Hyderabad TSIT: Telangana government is ramping up efforts to expand oil palm cultivation across the state to boost farmers' incomes and strengthen edible oil production. Officials said oil palm is currently cultivated in all 31 districts, covering about 2.90 lakh acres and benefiting nearly 79,379 farmers. Telangana is emerging as a key contributor to the country's oil palm output.

The oil extraction rate (OER) stands at around 20.01%, with farmers receiving an average price of 21,546 per tonne. To encourage expansion, the government is providing financial assistance of 50,918 per hectare.

Authorities highlighted that oil palm is a high-yield, long-term crop with a productive life of up to 120 years. Farmers can begin earning returns within two years, making it a sustainable and profitable farming option. A review Meeting was held on Monday With Agriculture Secretary Surendra Mohan, Along with Horticulture Director Yasmee Bhasha, and



other officials. To strengthen infrastructure, oil palm processing mills are being established in Khammam and Bhadradri Kothagudem districts, which will help ensure better procurement and reduce transportation costs for farmers.

Government has set a target to expand oil palm cultivation to around 50 lakh acres over the next decade. Officials said subsidies, technical guidance, and support systems are being provided to farmers. The initiative is expected to significantly improve farmers' livelihoods, strengthen the agricultural economy, and reduce India's dependence on edible oil imports.

**LEGISLATORS THANK CM REVANTH REDDY FOR RELEASING FIRST INSTALLMENT OF RYTHU BHAROSA FUNDS**



Hyderabad (TSIT): State Assembly and Legislative Council Whips, MLAs, and MLCs have expressed their gratitude to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy for releasing the first installment of Rythu Bharosa funds directly into farmers' bank accounts. They lauded the government for prioritizing the welfare of farmers and ensuring timely financial assistance. The legislators stated that the direct transfer of funds has brought much-needed relief to farmers and strengthened their confidence in the government. They further appreciated the Chief Minister's commitment to agriculture and rural development, stating that such initiatives reflect the government's dedication to improving farmers' livelihoods and supporting the farming community across Telangana.

**FORMER HARYANA GOVERNOR BANDARU DATTATREYA MEETS TELANGANA GOVERNOR SHIV PRATAP SHUKLA**

Hyderabad (TSIT) : Former Governor of Haryana, Bandaru Dattatreya, met Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla on Monday at Lok Bhavan. During the courtesy meeting, both leaders exchanged views on the current



situation in the state and discussed various issues related to public welfare. Dattatreya also conveyed his best wishes to the Governor. The meeting was held in a cordial atmosphere, reflecting mutual respect and cooperation.

**DANDI LAKSHMI URGES WASTE SEGREGATION FOR CLEAN HUSNABAD**

Dandi Lakshmi, Municipal Chairperson of Husnabad, called on residents to adopt waste segregation to improve urban cleanliness. At an awareness programme held in Hanuman Nagar under the "Praja Palana - Pragathi Plan", she



urged people to separate wet and dry waste and avoid single-use plastics. She said wet waste can be converted into organic manure, while dry waste can be recycled. She also distributed organic manure to residents and advised precautions to prevent water stagnation and mosquito breeding ahead of the monsoon season.

**MAHESH KUMAR GOUD TARGETS BJP, BRS; BACKS BC EMPOWERMENT**

Hyderabad (TSIT): Mahesh Kumar Goud, TPCC President, criticised Bharatiya Janata Party and Bharat Rashtra Samithi while reaffirming Congress commitment to Backward Classes (BC) welfare. Speaking at Gandhi Bhavan in Hyderabad, he questioned whether BJP and BRS leaders would support a BC Chief Minister. He said the Congress government is promoting social justice by giving significant representation to BCs in party and local body positions. Goud highlighted that the government has announced 42% reservation for BCs and called for unity among backward communities. He also criticised the previous BRS regime and expressed confidence that Congress would return to power in the state.

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By Regd. A/D, Dasti failing which by Publication

**OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER -J/II**  
**DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD(DRT 1)**  
3rd Floor, Triveni Complex Abids, Hyderabad-500001

**DEMAND NOTICE**  
NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.  
RC/396/2025 11-03-2026

**STATE BANK OF INDIA**  
VERSUS  
**SRI POPPTHI VARUN POPPTHI**

To  
(CD 1) SRI POPPTHI VARUN POPPTHI LATE PANANTHA PRAKASH S/O. LATE PANANTHA PRAKASH, MALE, MAJOR, R/O. 2-1242, NEAR BANGARU MAISAMMA TEMPLE, SUBHASHNAGAR COLONY, MEDIPALLY MANDAL, Medchal, TELANGANA-500092  
(CD 2) SMT NAGAMANI POPPTHI WIFE OF POPPTHI VARUN, 2-1242, NEAR BANGARU MAISAMMA TEMPLE, SUBHASHNAGAR COLONY, MEDIPALLY MANDAL, HYDERABAD-500092

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD(DRT 1) in OA/192/2025 an amount of Rs. 7168118 (Rupees Seventy One Lakhs Sixty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Eight Only) along with pendentilite and future interest @ 9.60 % Simple Interest Yearly w.e.f. 24/04/2025 till realization and costs of Rs. 131610 (Rupees One Lakh Thirty One Thousand Six Hundred Ten Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally/ Fully/Limited).

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.

3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of your assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 17/06/2026 at 10:30 a.m. for further proceedings.

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:  
(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.  
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 11/03/2026

**RECOVERY OFFICER**  
**DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, HYDERABAD (DRT-1)**

**VEERLAPALLI SHANKAR ASSUMES CHARGE AS OBC CHAIRMAN**

RANGAREDDY : Shadnagar MLA Veerlapalli Shankar officially assumed charge as the Chairman of the OBC Wing at a grand ceremony held in the presence of State Minister Ponnam Prabhakar. Speaking on the occasion, Veerlapalli Shankar said he would work dedicatedly for the welfare of OBC communities and strive to ensure social justice across the state. He said creating better opportunities for OBC sections would be his main focus. Minister Ponnam Prabhakar congratulated Veerlapalli Shankar and expressed confidence that the OBC wing would grow stronger under his leadership. Several public representatives, party leaders, and workers attended the programme and extended their best wishes.

**SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED**  
(Formerly known as Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited)  
Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No. 14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Gundy, Chennai-600032  
Administrative office: 6th Floor (level 2), Building No. Q2, Arium Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Gansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710.

**SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE**

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of Shriram Finance Limited, (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name changed as Shriram Finance Limited, by its Incorporation Certificate dt.30-11-2022) a corporate body registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian companies Act 1956, is doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No. 14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Gundy, Chennai - 600 032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No. Q2, Arium Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Gansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 20th day of March 2026.

**PRAJAVANI PROGRAMME AT GWMC HEADQUARTERS**

- THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY WHO SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS SEEKING SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS...  
- 90 BELONGING TO VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS RECEIPT OF COMPLAINTS

WARANGAL, March 23, TSIT : Grievance programme was held at Baldia headquarters on Monday. On this occasion, Additional Commissioner Chandrasekar and senior officials of various departments received requests from the people of the city for solving various problems and handed them over to the officials of the respective departments for solution. The details of complaints received on this occasion are department wise : Town Planning - 33, Engineering - 18, Revenue - 16, Health & Sanitation - 12, Water Supply - 11, Total = 90. In-charge City Planner Ravinder Radekar, DE Santosh Kumar, Sanitary Supervisor Bhaskar, Sanitary Inspector and others participated in this programme.

Borrower Name and Address	Amount due as per Demand Notice
1. Uppalaiah, Shivarathi, S/O Agaiah, Aged about 60 Years, Occ: Mud Works Business, R/O Plot No: 40, Hno: 10-148/06/E/H, Sy.No.55, Vinayak Nagar, Balanagar, Hyderabad, Pin: 500042, Ph: 9502887827.	Rs.44,75,882/-
2. Dhanda, Swarna, W/O D.Kanakaiah, Aged about 42 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/O Plot No: 40, Hno: 10-148/06/E/H, Sy.No.55, Vinayak Nagar, Balanagar, Hyderabad, Pin: 500042, Ph: 8688603504.	Rupees Forty Four Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Two only)
3. Sivarathi, Vajrama, W/O Uppalaiah, Shivarathi, Aged about 55 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/O Plot No: 40, Hno: 10-148/06/E/H, Sy.No.55, Vinayak Nagar, Balanagar, Hyderabad, Pin: 500042, Ph: 7097567902.	
4. V.R.Anil Raju, S/O Kuppumwamy, Aged About 36 Years, Occ: Fabrication Works Business, R/O.H.No: 6-10-109/5/4, Plot No: 24, Vinayak Nagar, Balanagar, Hyderabad, Pin: 500042, Ph: 9505454321.	

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

Description of Property: AMRPTTF2201190004-DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY - All that the House No.17-4-Ra0077, measuring 386.00 Sq.Yds., Situated at Maitravanam Colony, Mittapally(Old G.P) Rangadhampally, Present Siddipet Municipality, Siddipet District, Pin: 502103, Ph: 8688603504.

3. Sivarathi, Vajrama, W/O Uppalaiah, Shivarathi, Aged about 55 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/O Plot No: 40, Hno: 10-148/06/E/H, Sy.No.55, Vinayak Nagar, Balanagar, Hyderabad, Pin: 500042, Ph: 7097567902.

4. V.R.Anil Raju, S/O Kuppumwamy, Aged About 36 Years, Occ: Fabrication Works Business, R/O.H.No: 6-10-109/5/4, Plot No: 24, Vinayak Nagar, Balanagar, Hyderabad, Pin: 500042, Ph: 9505454321.

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

Date: 20.03.2026  
Sd/- Authorized Officer  
Shriram Finance Limited

**FOR ADVERTISEMENT PLEASE CONTACT:**  
**9948480279, 7330778889**

**THE SOUTH INDIAN BANK LIMITED**  
Branch Address: Plot No.28A-4489, 37/1 NO.28B-4486, Bharathi Nagar Colony, Telangana, Secunderabad-500010.  
Branch Mail ID: br551@sib.co.in

**Gold Auction for Mortgages at Bank**

Whereas, the authorized officer of The South Indian Bank Ltd., issued Sale notice(s) calling upon the borrower to clear the dues in gold loan availed by him. The borrower had failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned will conduct online auction of the gold ornaments strictly on "As is What is Basis" & "Whatever there is Basis" & "Without recourse Basis". The auction will be conducted online through <https://sibegold.auctiontiger.net> on 30.03.2026 from 12:00 pm to 03:00pm for the borrower Mr.Thunga Thirupathi account number 0581653000069933

Please contact Auction Tiger on 6352632523 for more information. Sd/- Manager  
The South Indian Bank Ltd

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

**APPENDIX -IV (Rule 8(1)) Possession Notice (For Immovable Property)**

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Hinduja Housing Finance Ltd., under the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (ACT NO.54 OF 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice to below mentioned Borrower/s / Guarantor/s. After completion of 60 days from date of receipt of the said notice, The Borrower/s / Guarantor/s having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/s / Guarantor/s and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Physical Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on them under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this.

Application No. Borrower and Co Borrowers Name and Address	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Total Outstanding amount as on	DATE OF PHYSICAL POSSESSION
1 Mr. ALUVALA RAMACHANDRAM ...Borrower	25.02.2025 and	23-03-2026. Rs.8,50,485 /-	18-03-2026
2 Mr. ALUVALA ANJAIHAH ...Co-Borrower H.NO.3-7/1, SUDDALA, KONARAOPET, VEMULAWADA, SUDDALA, Rural, Sircilla, Telangana, India - 505302 And also Mr. ALUVALA RAMACHANDRAM Mr. ALUVALA ANJAIHAH. No.3-10, SUDDALA, KONARAOPET, VEMULAWADA, SUDDALA, Rural, Sircilla, Telangana, India - 505302 Loan No: AP/IKRM/VMLD/A00000146	Rs.8,19,928/- (Rupees Eight Lacs Nineteen Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Only	23-03-2026. Rs.11,29,704 /-	20-03-2026
1 Mr. BAITHI SANDEEP ...Borrower 2 Mrs. BAITHI BHAGYAMMA 3 Mr. BAITHI THIRUPATHI ...Co-Borrower HNO-5-9/1, RAGHAVAPUR, SI DDIPET, Urban, Siddipet, Telangana - 502107 And Also: Mr. BAITHI SANDEEP Mrs. BAITHI BHAGYAMMA Mr. BAITHI THIRUPATHI H NO-7-79/1, RAGHAVAPUR, SI DDIPET, RAGHAVAPUR, Rural, Siddipet, Telangana, India - 502107 Loan No. : AP-WGL-SDPH-A00000317	24.12.2024 and Rs. 10,90,74, 8/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Ninety Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Eight Only	23-03-2026. Rs.11,29,704 /-	20-03-2026
1 Mr. SURA VENKANNA ...Borrower 2 Mrs. SURA RENUKA ...Co-Borrower H.NO-4-65/2A/4/6, HANUMANNAGAR, KARIMNAGAR, Urban, K. R. I. M. N. A. G. A. R., U. b. a. n., Karimnagar, Telangana, India - 505001 Loan No: AP-WGL-KRNR-A00000013	31.12.2024 and Rs. 14,12,61, 2/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Twelve Only	23-03-2026. Rs. 15,81,571/-	18-03-2026
1 Mrs. DESHETTI INDIRA ...Borrower 2 Mr. DESHETTI HARI KRISHNA 3 Mr. DESHETTI MUTHAIAH ...Co-Borrower HNO:-7-1, PULLUR, SIDDIPET, TELANGANA-502107, SIDDIPET, TELANGANA, NEAR GOVERNMENT COLLEGE, Rural, Siddipet, Telangana, India - 502107 And Also: Mrs. DESHETTI INDIRA Mr. DESHETTI HARI KRISHNA Mr. DESHETTI MUTHAIAH HNO-7-2/8/2, Pullur, Siddipet, Telangana, Siddipet, Telangana, Rural, Siddipet, Telangana India-502107 Loan No. : AP/WGL/SDPH/A00000068	17.09.2024 and Rs. 6,42,909/- (Rupees Six Lacs Forty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Nine Only	23-03-2026. Rs. 7,10,233 /-	20-03-2026
1 Mrs. MUTHYALA MANJULA ...Borrower 2 Mr. MUTHYALARAMESHWAR REDDY ...Co-Borrower HNO:-1-66/2, Venkatapur, Siddipet, Telangana-502115 Siddipet, Telangana, Rural, Siddipet, Telangana, India-502114 And Also: Mrs. MUTHYALA MANJULAMr. MUTHYALARAMESHWAR REDDY Survey number:-293/ai/3/1/1/2, House no:-3-44/1, Venkatapur, Siddipet, Telangana - 502103 Siddipet, Telangana, Rural, Siddipet, Telangana, India - 502103 Loan No. : AP-WGL-SDPH-A00000060 & AP/WGL/SDPH/A000000315	31.12.2024 and Rs.23,41,303/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lacs Forty One Thousand Three Hundred and Three Only	23-03-2026. Rs. 22,28,616 /-	20-03-2026

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY :** R.C.C house bearing H.No. 7-79/1, in the land measuring 210.00 Sq. Yards or 175.58 Sq.Meters, situated at Raghavapur Village, Siddipet (Rural) Mandal, Siddipet District with the following boundaries:- East: House of Kolpula Thirupathi, West: Way & House of Thummala Renuka, North: Open place of Thummala Laxminarasava, South: Road

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY :** An R.C.C. House bearing Door No.8-6-111/2/E/NA/1, on bearing Plot No.2 Part, in the land measuring 73.00 Sq. Yards (or) 61.32 Sq.Mtrs., having Plinth Area: 625.25 Sq. Feet, in Survey No. 729 & 730, Situated at Rampur Locality of Karimnagar Dist., Within the limits of City Municipal Corporation Karimnagar and under the Jurisdiction of Sub District and District Registration Karimnagar. Boundaries East: Plot No.3, West: Remaining Part of Plot No.2, North: 10 Feet Wide Road, South: Plot of Others

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY :** All that the House bearing Door No.7-2/8/2 with an area measuring 177sq yards, or 147.98 sq meters, RCC Plinth 625 sq ft, Situated at Pullur Village, Siddipet (Rural) Mandal of Siddipet District Under the Jurisdiction of Sub Registrar Siddipet (Rural) and District Registrar Sangareddy, Telangana with in the limits of Siddipet Municipality bounded by: Boundaries: East: House of Eनुgula Mallesham, West: Open place of Koduri Padma and Road 20feet, North: House of Deshetti Hari Krishna, South: ZPHS Compound Wall

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY :** House bearing Door No 3-44/1 with Survey No, 293/5/3/1/2, Area measuring 485-00 Sq Yds Equal to 405-50 Sq. meters, Ground Floor Plinth Area of R.C.C. is 1597- 00 Sq. Feet, situated at Venkatapur, Siddipet (Rural), Siddipet dist, Boundaries: EAST: Open Place of Muthyala Damodar Reddy, WEST: Open Place of Muthyala Kishtha Reddy, NORTH: Road wide 18 feet, SOUTH: Open Place of Muthyala Damodar Reddy

The Borrower/s / Guarantor/s in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Hinduja Housing Finance Limited, for an above-mentioned demanded amount and further interest thereon

Place: Karimnagar, Date: 23-03-2026 Sd/- Authorized Officer, For Hinduja Housing Finance Limited

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ON 25TH MARCH KITS WARANGAL, SAC-NSS STUDENTS WILL ORGANIZE BLOOD DONATION CAMP AT AUDITORIUM KITSW

WARANGAL (TSIT) : More number of Enthusiastic Students, staff of KITS Warangal family have to donate blood as their social responsibility said by the Principal Prof K Ashoka Reddy. The NSS Club, Student Activity Centre (SAC), Kakatiya Institute of Technology & Science, Warangal (KITSW) will be organized the "Mega Blood Donation Camp at auditorium KITS Warangal campus on 25th March 2026 said by the Principal Prof. K. Ashoka Reddy.

UNION BANK OF INDIA CHERIAL (20491) Address- Sy No.1339, Near New RTC Bus Stand Cherial -506223, Siddipet Dist. Email: ubin0820491@unionbankofindia.bank

DCB Bank Limited Jyothi Majestic, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, Telangana 500 034

POSSESSION NOTICE

The undersigned being the authorized officer of the DCB Bank Ltd., under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice on below mentioned dates calling upon the borrowers (Borrower's and Co-Borrower's) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice as detailed below in tabular form with further interest thereon from within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Table with columns: Demand Notice Dated, Name of Borrower(s) and (Co-borrower(s)), Loan Account Number, Total Outstanding Amount, Description of the Immovable Property, Date, Place.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, PENUGONDA SARASWATHI (Old Name), H.No. 33-71/30, Flat No. 104, GKS Sri Laxmi Nilayam, S V Officers Colony, R R Puram, Rachakonda - Medchal PIN : 500056, T.G. Have Changed My Name from PENUGONDA SARASWATHI To KODAKANDLA SARASWATHI (New Name) W/o. KODAKANDLA RAJESHWAR for All future purposes.

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL

STATE BANK OF INDIA Versus SMT. GADMOOR RANI (CD 1) SMT. GADMOOR RANI, W/O. SRI. SOLOMON RAJ, AGED ABOUT 56 YEARS, OCC: HEALTH SUPERVISOR, H. NO. 11-1-1513, CHANDRA SHEKHAR COLONY, NIZAMABAD, TELANGANA - 503002. Also At: H. NO. 11-1-1591, CHANDRA SHEKHAR COLONY, NIZAMABAD, TELANGANA - 500001.

AND: 1. MR. SIDDA CHAITANYAM REDDY, Aged about 33 years, Residing at Flat No. 209, Classic Venue Street, No. 4, CZECH Colony, Near Neelima Hospital, Hyderabad, Telangana-500018. 2. MRS. C. HIMABINDU, Aged about 46 years, Residing at Flat No. 209, Classic Venue Street, No. 4, CZECH Colony, Near Neelima Hospital, Hyderabad, Telangana-500018. 3. MSLGCL PROPERTIES PRIVATE LIMITED, a Private Limited Company, incorporated under the provision of Companies Act, 1956, having its registered office at No. 121, Rest House Road, Bangalore-560 001. Represented by its Managing Director

Table with columns: PROPERTY DETAILS, Description of property, IMMOVABLE PROPERTY, AS PER THE ANNEXURE, FORM-16, ANNEXURE, SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY (Mortgaged by Smt Gadmoor Rani - the Defendant)

MASAM VENKATESHWERGOUD Recovery Officer Sachin

COLLECTOR CHITRA MISHRA URGES PRIORITY DISPOSAL OF PUBLIC GRIEVANCES



Karimnagar, March 23: District Collector Chitra Mishra has directed officials to resolve public grievances and ensure that applications are examined and settled promptly at the field level. She made these remarks while receiving petitions during the Prajivani programme held at the Collectorate auditorium on Monday. A total of 233 applications were submitted by the public during the programme. The Collector stated that while some grievances were addressed on the spot, the remaining applications were forwarded to concerned departments for necessary action. She emphasised that officials must avoid delays and ensure that no application remains pending. Chitra Mishra instructed authorities to process all petitions swiftly and maintain accountability in resolving public issues. Additional Collectors Ashwini Tanaji Wakade, Lakshmi Kiran, RDI Volu Maheshwar and Ramesh Babu also participated in the programme.

Efforts should be made to increase the attendance rate of students : - ICDS CDPO Mamata

Jagityala, March 23, TSIT : ICDS CDPO Mamata said that Anganwadi teachers should work towards increasing the attendance rate of students. Anganwadi centers in Mote village of Jagityala Urban Mandal were raided on Monday. Speaking on the occasion, she said that if Anganwadi centers are to continue to run smoothly, the cooperation of local public representatives is essential. She checked the attendance table of the



students and expressed her satisfaction. Later Dasari Chinna Pochaiha who donated for the development of Anganwadi center was honored with a shawl. Sarpanch Sangeppu Mahesh, former MP/TC Rakkam Rajasekhar Reddy, Upa Sarpanch Pitta

GRAND ARRANGEMENTS IN PLACE FOR SRI RAMA NAVAMI SHOBHA YATRA



Hyderabad: All government departments are fully prepared to conduct the Sri Rama Navami Shobha Yatra in Hyderabad in a grand and peaceful manner. A coordination meeting of officials was held on Monday at Draupadi Gardens in Seetharam Bagh, attended by Hyderabad Police commissioner Sajjanar and GHMC Commissioner R.V. Karnan. During the meeting, the Police Commissioner reviewed the arrangements, security measures, and logistical planning for the procession. He stated that the Shobha Yatra, which began in 2010, has gained national recognition in a short span of time. The procession, which will proceed from Seetharam Bagh to Hanuman Vyayamshala, is expected to witness large participation from devotees, who were urged to maintain discipline and devotion. To ensure security, around 3,000 police personnel will be deployed. Surveillance will be strengthened with CCTV cameras and drone monitoring throughout the route. Special crime teams and SHE Teams will be actively monitoring to prevent incidents such as chain snatching and to ensure women's safety. Recalling last year's issues due to vehicle breakdowns that slowed the procession, Commissioner said preventive measures have been taken this time to avoid such disruptions. Organisers were advised to begin the procession by 1 PM and conduct trial runs in advance to prevent congestion, especially in narrow routes. To address noise pollution concerns, the use of DJs has been discouraged, with a recommendation to use standard sound systems instead.

BRS Leader Slams Congress Budget, Alleges Injustice to BCs and Minorities



Hanamkonda: Congress government has come under sharp criticism from BRS leaders, who alleged that the recent state budget has failed to deliver justice to backward classes, minorities, and other sections of society. Addressing a meeting held at the BRS party office in Machilibazaar under Greater Warangal's 10th Division on Monday, Warangal West Constituency Coordinator Puli Rajinikanth Mudhiraj accused the government of "budget manipulation" and going back on its election promises. He stated that the Congress, during elections, had promised to allocate 20,000 crore annually for BC welfare under the Kamareddy Declaration. However, the current budget has allocated only around 11,000 crore, which he termed as a deliberate betrayal of BC communities. Rajinikanth Mudhiraj pointed out that over three budgets, the total allocation for BC welfare stood at 33,000 crore, far below the promised 60,000 crore. He warned that if the government fails to meet its commitments, the BRS along with BC organizations will launch protests. He further alleged that inadequate allocation to minority welfare reflects injustice towards minority communities. Criticizing the implementation of the Congress party's "six guarantees," he said only partial funds have been allocated, misleading the people of Telangana. He also expressed concern over the absence of key welfare schemes such as Dalit Bandhu, BC Bandhu, and Minority Bandhu in the budget.

ADITYA BIRLA CAPITAL LOANS INVESTMENTS INSURANCE PAYMENTS. POSSESSION NOTICE (SEE RULE 8 (1) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002)

ICICI Home Finance Registered Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400051. POSSESSION NOTICE

FOR ADVERTISEMENT PLEASE CONTACT: 9948480279, 7330778889

HINDUJA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

Corporate office at #167-168, 2nd Floor, Little Mount, Saidapet, Chennai- 600 015.

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: House bearing H No. 1-4-130/31/2, in the land measuring 67.26 Sq. Yards or 56.23 Sq. Meters, in Sy. No. 1455/1, 1455/2 & 1455/3, with the R.C.C. Ground floor plinth area 242.00 Sq. Feets, R.C.C. First floor slab level incomplete plinth area 242.00 Sq. Feets, situated at Erukalawada Hanuman Temple Area Locality Korutla Town & Mandal, & Municipality, under Sub-Registration District Korutla, Revenue District Jagtial, Registration District, Karimnagar, BOUNDED BY East: 24 feet wide Road, West: Newly Construction House of Bellala Yellareddy, North: H.No.1-4-130/31/1 of A/Ineni/Anil, South: 24 feet wide Road.

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

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that the House bearing No. 6-1/7, in the land measuring 265.44 sq.yards or equivalent to 221.94 sq.mtrs, R.C.C. Plinth area: 388.00 Sq.ft. & ACC Plinth area: 80.00 Sq.ft. Situated at Rekonda village, Chigunamidi Mandal, Karimnagar Dist. And Sub-Register office Karimnagar Rural (Thimmapur) and District Registrar office Karimnagar, Telangana state and Bounded By: BOUNDARIES East:Way,West:House of Mandala VenkataMalliah, North:House of Mandala Kouravalli, South:Open Place of Others

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

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that the House bearing H.No.26-5-141, having plinth area RCC Ground floor 351 Sq Fts and A.C. Sheets 429 Sq Fts total land admeasuring 200.63 Sq. Yards or 167.74 Sq. Meters, situated at Bellampalli (Radagamabalabasthi)/Ambedkar nagar area) Village, Bellampalli, Mandal, Mancherla District, with the following BOUNDARIES: EAST:House of Dobbala Padma, West:House of L.Ankur, North:Municipal Road, South:House of MD Neelu

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

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that the R.C.C. roofed house, bearing House No.29-1305/A/1 (Assessment No. 1099110217) having R.C.C. Ground Floor Plinth area 433.4 sq. ft. including Plot admeasuring 84.00 Sq. Yards = 70.22 Sq.Mtrs., Situated at MANCHERLA Village, Locality Rajeev Nagar, within the limits of Mancherla Municipality, Md: Mancherla, Dist: Mancherla and Sub-Register office Mancherla, District Registrar office Adilabad, Telangana state and Bounded By: East: House of Khaleem, West: Municipal Road, North: House of Sura Laxmi, South: House of Saritha

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

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that the A.C. Sheets roofed house bearing H.No.1-6-34, PTIN No.1104032629, in the land admeasuring 143.74 sq.yards or equivalent to 120.19 sq.mtrs, having A.C. Sheets Ground Floor Plinth area 460.10 sq. ft. Situated at A-Colony, Ramagundam, Locality (A-Colony), within the limits of Ramagundam Municipal Corporation, Md: Ramagundam, Dist: Peddapalli and Sub-Register office Ramagundam District Registrar office Karimnagar, Telangana state and By: East: House of Bangari Raju & Odari Ramesh, West: Road, North: House of Venkatesh, South: House of Katuriki Kourmah

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DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: R.C.C. House bearing H.No.2-6-15, in the land admeasuring 148.15 Sq.yards, or 123.85 Sq.meters, (R.C.C. Ground Floor Plinth: 784.74 Sq.ft., First Floor Plinth: 149.85 Sq.ft. & Toilets: 28 Sq.ft.) Situated at Sanjeeviahnagar, Scilla Town & Mandal, Municipality, Rajanna Sircilla District with the following boundaries: EAST: House (2-6-36) & Open place of Penumanda Parsharamulu & House & Open place of Reddimalla Kishan, WEST: 9'0" Way, NORTH: H.No.2-6-16 of Penumanda Lachiah, SOUTH: 15'0" Road.

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

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that the R.C.C. House Bearing No.1-4-3 admeasuring 58 Sq.yards or 48.48 Sq. Meters, R.C.C. Ground Floor Plinth Area 294 Sq.Fts & R.C.C. 1st Floor Plinth Area 294 Sq.Fts Situated at Janagan Village, Akkannapet Mandal, Siddipet District, Under the Jurisdiction of Sub Registrar Janagan and District Registrar Sangareddy, Telangana State. Within the limits of Janagan Village, bounded by EAST:Open Place of Voddirala Rajiah, WEST:C.C. Road, NORTH:Open place of Kodumjani Ramaswamy, SOUTH:House of Voddirala Venkataiah

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DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that the House bearing House No: 19-12-4/1 in the land admeasuring 60.00 Sq. Yards, in 50-16 Sq.Mtrs Situated at Lingareddy village, Locality Siddipet, District with the following boundaries: EAST:Road Wide 20'00" Fts, WEST:House of Karolla Srinivas, NORTH:House of Mattela Anna, SOUTH:House of Thupponnuri Swathi

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**COLLECTOR REVIEWS SSC EXAM ARRANGEMENTS, CALLS FOR SPEEDY DISPOSAL OF PRAJAVANI PETITIONS**



Mancherial, March 23, TSIT: District Collector Kumar Deepak on Monday directed officials to ensure all necessary facilities for students appearing for the Class 10 (SSC) annual examinations and stressed the need for prompt disposal of grievances received under the Prajavani programme. The Collector inspected an examination centre at Sri Chaitanya High School on College Road in the district headquarters and reviewed the arrangements. He said that a total of 48 examination centres have been set up across the district.

**ITC MASTER CHEF LAUNCHES NEW CHEESE-FILLED SNACK RANGE**

Hyderabad: ITC Limited has expanded its frozen foods portfolio with the launch of two new products under its ITC Master Chef range Chicken Cheese Fills and Crispy Cheese Fills. Designed to enhance the home snacking experience, the new offerings feature a unique dual-texture format with a crispy outer layer and a molten cheese-filled core. The products aim to deliver a rich and indulgent taste combined with convenience. The Chicken Cheese Fills come with a creamy cheese center complemented by tender chicken and offer 28 grams of protein per pack, making them a nutritious snacking option. The Crispy Cheese Fills, on the other hand, are crafted to provide a cheese-loaded bite for snack lovers. Developed using Individually Quick Freezing (IQF) technology, both variants retain freshness, flavor, and nutritional value.



**TELANGANA ADVISOR HARKARA VENUGOPAL RAO WELCOMED AT KANNUR AIRPORT**



Hyderabad: Telangana State Government Advisor Harkara Venugopal Rao was accorded a warm welcome at Kannur Airport on Sunday evening, in connection with the forthcoming Kerala State Assembly elections and as per the directions of the All India Congress Committee (AICC). He was received by PCC members, senior KPCC leader M.P. Unnikrishnan, and Kalliyasseri Block President Rajan. The visit is part of the Congress party's coordinated efforts and preparations for the upcoming elections in Kerala, with senior leaders actively engaging in organisational and campaign activities.

**Glow by Kirtilals Wins 'Emerging Brand of the Year' at Retail Jeweller Excellence Awards 2026**



Hyderabad: Glow by Kirtilals has been honoured with the prestigious 'Emerging Brand of the Year' award at the Retail Jeweller Circle of Excellence South 2026. The recognition was presented during the Retail Jeweller India Forum held in Bengaluru.

The award was handed over by Amit Pratihari and Samit Bhatta to Suraj Shantakumar, Director - Business Strategy, Kirtilals, and Raghunath, AVP, Kirtilals. Since its inception, Glow by Kirtilals has established a strong presence in the lightweight, everyday natural diamond jewellery segment by combining modern designs with fine craftsmanship. The brand has gained popularity among young, style-conscious consumers for its contemporary appeal.

Currently operating nine stores across major South Indian cities, the brand is set to expand further with upcoming outlets in Madurai and Chennai (Adyar). The recognition highlights Glow by Kirtilals' commitment to innovation, customer-centric luxury, and design excellence, while continuing the legacy of trust associated with the Kirtilals brand.

**Malabar Gold & Diamonds Opens Mega Showroom in Vizag, Shruti Haasan Inaugurates**



Visakhapatnam: Malabar Gold & Diamonds has expanded its presence in Andhra Pradesh with the launch of its largest mega showroom in Visakhapatnam, located on the city's prominent VIP Road. The grand inauguration was held on Monday evening with popular actress Shruti Haasan attending as the chief guest.

The actress inaugurated the showroom by lighting the traditional lamp and expressed her fondness for Vizag, recalling her memorable shooting experiences in the city. She praised the people of Visakhapatnam for their love of cinema and arts and appreciated Malabar Gold & Diamonds for establishing a world-class showroom.

Company officials, including Managing Director Asher and Retail Head Siraj, stated that Visakhapatnam is a key market for the brand. They highlighted that the showroom has been designed with international standards, featuring spacious layouts and modern interiors. The outlet offers a wide range of collections, including bridal jewellery, Polki, platinum, and daily-wear designs under one roof.

They also reiterated their commitment to customer trust through transparent policies such as 'One India One Gold Rate.' To mark the launch, the company announced its 'Big Brilliant Sale,' with attractive offers valid until March 31, 2026. Customers can avail up to 40% off on making charges for gold and precious jewellery, up to 30% off on diamond value, and zero deduction on old gold exchange. Additionally, a free silver coin is being offered on advance bookings for Akshaya Tritiya.

The new showroom is expected to strengthen Malabar Gold & Diamonds' footprint in the region while offering customers a premium and comprehensive jewellery shopping experience.

**GRAND SITA RAMACHANDRA SWAMY PROCESSION MARKS PEAK OF CHITKUL TEMPLE FESTIVITIES**

Sangareddy, March 23: Spiritual fervour reached its peak in Chitkul village of Isnapur Municipality as the consecration celebrations of the newly built Sri Sita Ramachandra Swamy temple continued with grandeur on the third day. The events were organised under the leadership of Medak Parliament Congress in-charge Neelam Madhu Mudiraj. The day began with Vedic rituals including Gopuja, Moola Mantra Anushthanam and Purusha Sukta Havanam, performed under the guidance of Vedic scholars. Neelam Madhu Mudiraj and his spouse participated in the rituals and offered prayers for the well-being of society.



The highlight of the celebrations was the grand evening procession of Sri Sita Ramachandra Swamy. The procession commenced from GTN Colony and passed through Ailamma Chowrasta and Ambedkar Chowrasta, drawing large crowds of devotees chanting "Jai Shri Ram."

Cultural performances added vibrancy to the event, with traditional Kerala Chenda Melam, Kathakali dance, Shiva Tandava performances, and artists dressed as Lord Hanuman captivating the audience. The performances depicting mythological themes left spectators enthralled. Adding to the festive spirit, Neelam Madhu and his spouse joined women devotees in performing Kolatam to devotional songs, creating a lively and devotional atmosphere. The celebrations witnessed enthusiastic participation from villagers, elders, and devotees, making the event a grand spiritual and cultural spectacle in the region.

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Arrangements for Sri Sitarama's wedding should be completed by March 30 -TTD JEO Sri V. Veerabrahmam conducted a comprehensive inspection of the arrangements at ontimitta

**IIFSE Receives Viswaguru Ugadi Puraskaram 2026 for Excellence in Fire Safety Training**

Visakhapatnam: The Institute of Industrial Fire and Safety Engineering (IIFSE Group) has been conferred with the prestigious Viswaguru Ugadi Puraskaram 2026 in recognition of its outstanding contribution to industrial safety and professional training. The award ceremony was held on March 22 at Hotel Dasapalla in Visakhapatnam, in the presence of several eminent dignitaries. IIFSE received the honour in the category of "Best Fire Safety, Security Training and Industrial Services," marking a significant milestone in its efforts to promote high standards in safety education.



The award was presented by Chief Guest Dr. Shankhabrata Bagchi, Director General of Police and Commissioner, CBIC (Customs), and Special Guest actor Rajeev Kanakala. Speaking on the occasion, Srinu Mahanti of IIFSE Group expressed gratitude and dedicated the award to his team and students. He said receiving the recognition on the auspicious occasion of Ugadi serves as a strong motivation to continue delivering quality training programs. He further emphasised the institute's commitment to empowering future safety professionals and enhancing industrial safety standards to protect lives and assets.

The Viswaguru Ugadi Puraskaram is known for recognising excellence across sectors, and IIFSE's achievement highlights the growing importance of professional safety education in today's industrial landscape.

**World Tuberculosis Day 2026: Call for United Action to Eliminate TB**

March 24: World Tuberculosis Day 2026 is being observed with the theme "Yes! We Can End TB: Led by Countries, Powered by People," highlighting the need for stronger government leadership and active community participation to eliminate the disease. The day also marks the historic discovery of the TB-causing bacterium by scientist Robert Koch in 1882.



ing issues such as multi-drug-resistant TB (MDR-TB), delayed diagnosis,

Despite being preventable and curable, tuberculosis (TB) continues to pose a major public health challenge, especially in developing nations. India remains one of the highest TB-burden countries, fac-

malnutrition, and overcrowding. Health experts stress that governments must take the lead by strengthening public healthcare systems and ensuring access to advanced diagnostic tools. India's National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP) has introduced digital monitoring and active case-finding strategies to improve detection and treatment outcomes.

The 2026 theme also underlines the vital role of communities. Healthcare workers and civil society are key to reducing stigma, encouraging early treatment, and ensuring patients complete their

therapy. Community involvement in awareness and contact tracing is crucial to breaking the chain of transmission. Experts advocate wider use of modern diagnostic methods such as CBNAAT for rapid detection and emphasise integrating TB services into primary healthcare. They note that achieving TB elimination requires sustained funding, strong policies, and collective action. With coordinated efforts from governments and communities, experts express cautious optimism that ending TB is an achievable goal in the coming years.

**Inorbit Mall Opens in Visakhapatnam, Set to Redefine Retail and Lifestyle Experience**

Visakhapatnam: Inorbit Malls, part of K Raheja Corp, has launched its largest retail destination in Andhra Pradesh at Salagramapuram, marking a major milestone in the city's urban and commercial development. Spread across 1.4 million sq. ft., the mega mall was inaugurated with grandeur, setting a new benchmark for retail and lifestyle experiences in the region.



Raheja Corp Group President Neel Raheja, and Inorbit Malls CEO Rajneesh Mahajan. The event featured traditional rituals and a cultural Kuchipudi performance.

The mall houses over 350 premium brands, including global names like H&M, GANT, Birkenstock and American Eagle, along with leading Indian retailers. It also fea-

tures an 8-screen multiplex with a seating capacity of 1,600 and multiple family entertainment centres, making it a major leisure hub.

With an investment of Rs.600 crore, the project is expected to generate around 3,000 direct jobs and over 10,000 indirect employment opportunities. The mall also includes unique features such as

a 1.1 km jogging track, pet park, and terrace deck, blending lifestyle with retail.

Designed with a focus on sustainability, the project preserves two 90-year-old heritage trees and has received the 'Vrikshacharya Award 2025' along with LEED Gold pre-certification. Completed in just 31 months, the mall will open to the public on March 27, 2026.

**Punjabi Food Festival Begins at Novotel Varun Beach in Vizag**



Visakhapatnam (TSIT): A grand Punjabi Food Festival has begun at 'Zaffron,' the Indian fine-dining restaurant at Novotel Varun Beach, bringing the rich and authentic flavours of North India to the city. The ten-day festival, running from March 16 to March 25, promises a delightful culinary experience for food lovers. The specially curated menu showcases traditional Punjabi cuisine prepared using slow-cooking techniques and bold spices. Guests can relish signature tandoori dishes such as Bhatti Da Murgh and Sarsonwali Hara Phool, along with popular main courses like Patialashahi Gosht, Amritsari Aloo Wadiyan and Amritsari Kulcha. Desserts like Pista Kesari add a sweet finish to the feast. Udayprakash Rudrapati, Food and Beverage Director of the hotel, said the festival aims to highlight the diversity and richness of Indian cuisine. The hotel management stated that the festival is available on an 'à la carte' basis, offering guests the flexibility to enjoy a wide range of dishes.

**GITAM Scholar Jythes Kumar Awarded Ph.D. in Chemistry**

Hyderabad: GITAM Deemed to be University has congratulated Dr. S.R. Jythes Kumar on successfully earning his Ph.D. in Chemistry under the guidance of Dr. V. Koteswara Rao, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, School of Science.



Dr. Jythes Kumar's research, titled "Determination and Validation of New Impurities in Colesevelam HCL, Bictegravir, Elvitegravir and Voriconazole Using Hypenated Analytical Methods and QbD," focuses on developing innovative and cost-effective ana-

lytical methods that comply with regulatory standards. The study utilised advanced techniques such as HPLC-MS/MS, LC-MS, and GC-MS, along with Design of Experiments (DoE) and Quality by Design (QbD) principles, to identify and measure new and potentially harmful impurities in key pharmaceutical drugs. The research addresses critical safe-

ty concerns related to mutagenic risks and enhances drug quality assurance.

The findings provide robust and validated solutions for impurity profiling in complex drug compounds, contributing significantly to pharmaceutical safety and quality.

GITAM leadership, including Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof. D.S. Rao, Resident Director D.V.V.S.R. Varma, School of Science Principal Dr. M. Reza, and Head of the Chemistry Department Dr. Gousia Begum, congratulated Dr. Jythes Kumar and praised his valuable scientific contribution.

District Joint Collector R. Govinda Rao garu receiving complaints from the petitioners along with District Revenue Officer, G. Narasimhulu, Special Deputy Collectors Shivshankar Nayak, Rosemond, Anuradha and Deputy Collector Geetanjali at the Public Grievance Redressal Forum being held at the Tirupati District Collectorate on Monday.



## Konda Surekha Invites Governor for Bhadrachalam Kalyanam



Hyderabad TSIT: State Forest, Environment, and Endowments Minister Konda Surekha met Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla at Raj Bhavan on Monday as a mark of courtesy.

On this occasion Minister, along with temple priests and Endowments Department officials, formally presented the invitation for the Sri Sita Rama Kalyanam Mahotsavam scheduled to be held on

March 27 at the renowned Sita Ramachandra Temple, Bhadrachalam.

Minister Konda Surekha briefed the Governor about the spiritual significance and grandeur of the celestial wedding ceremony, which is celebrated with great devotion across the state. She informed that devotees from all parts of the country are expected to participate in large numbers.

Minister further assured that the State Government has made comprehensive arrangements to ensure smooth conduct of the event and to provide all necessary facilities for devotees without any inconvenience.

Ilaandu MLA Koram Kanakaiah, Endowments Principal Secretary Shailaja Ramaiyer, Commissioner Hanumantha Rao, and temple priests were present during the meeting.

## Telangana BJP chief detained as police foil protest at Assembly

Hyderabad, March 23: Police detained Telangana BJP president N. Ramchander Rao and other leaders and activists on Monday when they tried to march towards the Assembly to demand that the Congress government implement its electoral promises.

The police detained BJP leaders at various places to foil the planned march to the Assembly. The state BJP had given a call for laying siege to the Assembly to protest what it calls the government's failure to implement six guarantees and other promises made in the elections. Carrying BJP flags and raising anti-government slogans, the party leaders



and workers tried to advance towards the Assembly but were stopped and detained by the police. Ramchander Rao was taken to Panjagutta Police Station.

Some BJP leaders visited the police station to express soli-

darity with Ramchander Rao.

Reacting strongly to detentions, Ramchander Rao remarked that it's not 'Praja Palana' (people's rule) in the state but 'Indiramma Rajyam' of 1975. "Congress has once again exposed its anti-democratic mindset by trying to crush dissent and silence protest. I was arrested for standing up against the betrayal, deception, and cheating that the Congress government has inflicted on the people of Telangana by its false promises. The people have had enough," the state BJP chief posted on 'X'. Rao said that the voice of protest can't be stifled through coercion.

## OER-TRAAI 2026 SEMINAR BEGINS AT GODAVARIKHANI



OER-TRAAI 2026 National Seminar - Day 1 Successfully Conducted The first day of the Two-Day Multidisciplinary National Seminar on "Open Educational Resources: Transforming Research and Academic in the AI Era (OER-TRAAI 2026)" was successfully conducted at Government Degree College, Godavarikhani.

The seminar was graced by the Chief Guest and Keynote Speaker, Prof. S. Sudharshan Rao (Retired Principal, University College of Arts and Social Sciences, Osmania University, Hyderabad). In his keynote address, he elaborated on the significance of Open Educational Resources (OER) and highlighted the transformative role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in modern education. He emphasized that digital learning, open access resources, online teaching methodologies, and AI-driven tools are significantly enhancing the quality and accessibility of education. He also urged educators to adopt emerging technologies to make teaching and learning more effective, inclusive, and future-ready.

The Distinguished Guest, Dr. E. Manohar, addressed the gathering and stressed the need for innovation in the education sector. He underscored the importance of interdisciplinary research and encouraged students and scholars to adopt creative, critical, and research-oriented approaches to meet the challenges of the modern world.

## New integrated collectorate building complex should be made available soon: Dr Satya Sharada

WARANGAL, March 23, TSIT: District Collector Dr. Satya Sharada directed the officials to take necessary steps to make the new integrated collectorate building complex available soon. The Collector visited the new Collectorate building complex under construction at the old Azamzahi Mills ground in Warangal on Monday.

Inspect the three-storey buildings in the completed office complexes,

In view of the completion of the works, the concerned officials were directed to prepare advance plans for allotment of rooms to various departments.



She said that integrated collectorate offices will be set up so that all departments work in one place for the convenience of administration. Also, the offi-

cials were advised to complete the infrastructure like electricity, drinking water and sanitation quickly and prepare the offices for use.

## Chahat Bajpai Orders Speedy Tax Arrears Collection

WARANGAL, March 23, TSIT: Hanumakonda District Collector/GWMC Commissioner Chahat Bajpai directed officials to speed up tax collection with special attention to the collection of delinquent arrears. On Monday, the collector visited the 48, 49, 50 and 51 divisions of the city at the field level and gave several instructions to the authorities to directly observe the tax collection pattern and implement it effectively.

On this occasion, the Collector made a surprise visit to the e-Seva Kendra in the Nakkalagutta Circle Office and got to know the details about the tax payment process.

She inquired about how much is being collected every day and at what times the services are being provided. In the 51st Division, along with the Revenue Officers, they went door-to-door and examined the tax collec-



tion system. In case of tour of 50th Division, list of dues belonging to respective Divisions,

It is suggested that the details of the collections made so far and the list of dues yet to be collected should be made available. Based on this list, the bill collectors should take up the collection divided into every 20 assessments.

Also, steps have been taken to ensure that POS machines are kept in use and people pay taxes locally. She said that tax payments should be made from every house in the city. During his

tour of 49 Division, the Collector noticed two or three house numbers for the same house and directed the officials to rectify them immediately. She said that in 48th division tax collection should be taken up from about 900 houses, and in some divisions there are arrears of Rs. Lakhs. In order to achieve the targets, the officials were advised to work in a planned way and collect at least Rs 3 lakh in the ward every day. CMHO Raja Reddy, RI Anil Kumar, ward officers, bill collectors and others participated in this programme.

## 'Symposium' Platform Launched to Promote Lifelong Learning and Counter Misinformation

Hyderabad (TSIT): A new non-profit knowledge platform, "Symposium," aimed at fostering lifelong learning and addressing misinformation among youth, was formally launched in Hyderabad in the presence of senior bureaucrats, industry leaders, and academicians.

The platform has been founded by Girish Mallpani along with Jayesh Ranjan, Special Chief Secretary, Government of Telangana. The launch event was attended by Naveen Mittal, Special Chief Secretary, as the Chief Guest, along with several top officials, HNI's, ISB alumni, and members of the platform's advisory and trustee network.

The initiative is supported by trustees including Dr. Sameer Sharma, former Chief Secretary; Shruti Mallpani, Executive Director, MPM Group; Professor Ashwini Chhatre of ISB; and Srikanth Porika. Advisors such as Harish Chandra Prasad, KK Maheshwari, Rahul Mitra, and Shubhra Maheshwari are also associated with the platform.

Envisioned as a continuous learning space, Symposium aims to make knowledge more accessi-



ble, engaging, and rooted in real-world experience. It seeks to complement formal education by encouraging open dialogue and informed discussions.

Speaking on the occasion, founder Girish Mallpani said that Symposium is not a degree-granting institution but a curated platform designed to enhance thinking, decision-making, and awareness. He emphasized the importance of tackling misinformation by bringing authentic insights from experienced professionals and achievers.

The inaugural session featured a panel discussion moderated by

Professor Ashwini Chhatre, with Deepa Mani, Deputy Dean, ISB, and Suresh Chitturi of Srinivasa Farms as panelists, offering practical perspectives.

Senior bureaucrats including Anurag Sharma, IPS; Ajay Mehra, IAS; Sunil Sharma, IAS; Anjani Kumar, IPS; Amit Garg, IPS; and Vikram Singh Mann, IPS actively participated in the discussion, making it an engaging and interactive session.

Chief Guest Naveen Mittal highlighted the changing global economic landscape and stressed that while MoUs reflect intent, real success depends on effective implementation and sustained administrative commitment.

The event also witnessed strong participation from the HNI community and ISB alumni, enriching the discussions with diverse real-world perspectives.

organisers announced that Symposium will host curated sessions throughout the year, bringing together experts and practitioners to promote critical thinking, continuous learning, and informed dialogue in an increasingly complex information environment.

## DGP Invites Governor to Inaugurate 74th B.N. Mullick Memorial All India Police Football Championship-2026



Hyderabad TSIT: Director General of Police, Telangana B. Shivadhar Reddy, on Monday called on the Governor of Telangana Shiv Pratap Shukla, at Lok Bhavan and formally invited him to grace the inaugural ceremony of the 74th B.N. Mullick Memorial All India Police Football Championship-2026 as the Chief Guest. The prestigious championship is scheduled to begin on March 25, 2026, at 3:00 PM at the Gachibowli Stadium, Hyderabad. During the meeting, the DGP briefed the Governor on the elabo-

rate arrangements being made for the successful conduct of the tournament. He explained that police teams from various States, Union Territories and Central Armed Police Forces will participate in the national-level championship. Organised by the Telangana State Police with great pride and prestige, the inaugural ceremony will feature a ceremonial Guard of Honour by police contingents, a march past by participating teams, and the unfurling of the All India Police Sports Flag. The Governor will formally declare the cham-

pionship open. Cultural programmes have also been planned as part of the opening. The tournament is expected to provide a major platform for talented football players from police forces across the country to showcase their sporting abilities, while also strengthening sportsmanship, unity and coordination among police forces nationwide. Abhilasha Bisht, Director, RBVRR Telangana State Police Academy, Gajjarao Bhupal, IGP (Sports), and other senior officers were present during the meeting.

## GP Reviews Preparations for National Lok Adalat on March 28

Hyderabad (TSIT): Director General of Police (DGP) Telangana, B. Shivadhar Reddy, on Monday informed High Court Judge Justice P. Shyam Koshi that the police department has completed all necessary arrangements for the successful conduct of the National Lok Adalat scheduled on March 28 across the state.

During a video conference, the DGP briefed the judge on the measures being taken to ensure maximum disposal of compoundable cases. He

State Crime Records Bureau (SCR) and CID departments. These reports track the identification of compoundable cases, issuance of notices, and cases resolved through pre-Lok Adalat efforts.

Highlighting past performance, he noted that lakhs of cases were disposed of during previous Lok Adalats, including over 1.83 lakh cases in March, 1.93 lakh in June, and nearly 1.79 lakh cases during special Lok Adalats held in November and December last year. He expressed confi-



explained that although the Lok Adalat was initially planned for March 14, it has been rescheduled to March 28, and field-level preparations have been intensified accordingly. The DGP stated that from March 19 to 27, daily monitoring is being carried out through 'Daily Situation Reports' by the

dence that this year's figures would surpass previous records.

Special focus is being given to clearing a large number of pending traffic challans. Police officials are proactively identifying eligible cases and creating awareness among litigants to encourage settlements.

# EDITORIAL

## Trade War: The Theatre Of The Absurd In Trump's New Fight On Tariffs

The US government's trade lawyers are working overtime. So what if the work in question requires more imagination than it does expertise? Over the past fortnight, investigations into 16 countries for supposed manufacturing "excess capacity" have been launched under Section 301 of the 1974 Trade Act. The office of US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer also announced that similar probes would begin into forced labour practices in 60 countries. Several of America's largest trading partners, including the European Union, Japan, India and Mexico, will be on both lists. One can safely assume that these 76 enquiries will proceed at a somewhat speedier rate than is usual, and the answers will arrive with the same breathtaking rapidity at which the questions were asked. An even safer assumption is that these answers will just happen to be the ones that the Trump administration wants.

The White House is moving with commendable efficiency here, as it tends to do whenever it sets out to destroy institutions. Section 301 investigations serve a real purpose -- identifying countries that are deliberately setting out to violate trading norms -- and generally take months. Their purpose was to remove trade barriers, not raise them. It's perverse to employ them as post-hoc scaffolding for a policy that's already been declared unconstitutional. The entire world can see what's going on. Everyone knew that President Donald Trump's response to the Supreme Court striking down his tariffs under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act would be to find another law that lets him do exactly what he was just forbidden from doing. "No" has never been Trump's favourite word, and if there's one skill that a certain sort of real-estate developer perfects, it's forum-shopping.

The list of countries is a bit of a giveaway that this entire process is a legal fiction. Picture an army of worthy USTR officials solemnly poring over Bangladesh's structural overcapacity in manufacturing with all the seriousness of purpose that the exercise demands. Then imagine them turning with equal care to cataloguing the forced-labour practices of Norway, one of the 60 countries being examined. Hard though it might be, the rest of the world will have to take this seriously. It's far from certain that the courts will ride to the rescue again.

Yes, the margin on the IEEPA ruling was 6-3, and Chief Justice Roberts was quite emphatic. But Section 301 is different. It outlines a process that must be followed, and this investigation, however theatrical, checks off that procedural box. The world cannot assume that the justices will want to strike them down in toto again. The administration is counting on that; Greer has described these provisions as "incredibly legally durable." Washington has clearly learned something from its failures over the past year. Have its counterparts in the rest of the world learnt anything from theirs?

First, is it safe to negotiate with Trump? As the European Union has found out, he will relitigate his own deals even when he isn't being forced to by the Supreme Court. What the Section 301 investigations do is reopen -- implicitly, perhaps explicitly -- every deal Trump's done so far, whether with Korea, Japan, India, or Southeast Asia. Must they go through the whole thing again? Can they?

Some, like Malaysia's trade minister, think they will. The bilateral Agreement on Reciprocal Trade that Trump signed with Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim to considerable fanfare at the ASEAN Summit last year is "null and void," the trade minister said: "It is not on hold. It is no longer there." The deal was as dead as Monty Python's parrot. It has ceased to be. Why should any country consider itself bound by agreements signed under coercive terms that a court has voided?

## Inside The '\$500 Billion' Iran War Bill No Economist Is Talking About

In 1916, as Europe was converting its young men into statistics, an American economist named JM Clark sat down to ask a question nobody in power wanted answered: what, precisely, does a war cost? Not the spiritual cost, not the civilisational cost, not the kind measured in widows and orphans. He meant money. His answer, published in the Journal of Political Economy, was careful and devastating. Direct costs were only the beginning. The real damage lay in what he called the indirect costs. The production foregone, the trade disrupted, the capital consumed and never replenished. War was the single most efficient mechanism humanity had devised for destroying wealth. One hundred and ten years later, we are still learning this lesson. We are, as a species, slow students. On February 28, 2026, the United States and Israel began strikes on Iran. By the end of six days, the Pentagon had spent \$11.3 billion. Not allocated. Not requested. Spent. By week two, the White House's own National Economic Council revised the figure to \$12 billion, presented as a routine accounting update. The war was, officials noted, "proceeding on schedule". Nobody appeared to find the phrase alarming. War has acquired the cadence of project management. It runs at approximately \$900 million a day. The \$12 billion is the smallest number in the ledger.

**Only The 'Direct' Costs**  
It is what economists call the direct, visible, immediate fiscal cost. It does not include the aircraft carriers repositioned from the Indo-Pacific,



was already on the books. It does not include the veterans who will spend the next thirty years negotiating with a disability system not designed to receive them. And it does not include what is happening right now in the Strait of Hormuz, which is the figure that should unsettle every government on earth, including all those who did not choose this war. Through that narrow passage flows roughly a fifth of the world's oil, a fifth of global liquefied natural gas, 22% of globally traded urea, 24% of aluminium, 33% of helium, and 45% of sulphur. Iran, whose navy has lost more than 50 ships to American strikes, retains virtually all of its mine-laying craft. The economic war compounds daily even as the military contest winds down. This is not incidental. It is a deliberate strategy. Brent crude stood at \$72 a barrel on February 27. By mid-March, it had crossed \$106. After Iran struck Qatar's Ras Laffan industrial complex on the night of March 18, Brent briefly

touched \$113, an 83% rise since the start of the year. US natural gas jumped 6.5% in a single session. European gas prices rose to EUR 54 per MWh.

**The Ras Laffan Catastrophe**  
The Ras Laffan strikes deserve a paragraph of their own, because they are unlike anything else in this ledger. Iran fired five ballistic missiles at the complex: four were intercepted, one struck. Hours later, a second attack set fires that Qatari civil defence teams spent the night containing. QatarEnergy reported "sizeable fires and extensive further damage" to several of its LNG facilities. Ras Laffan covers 295 square kilometres, roughly one-third the area of New York City. It is home to Shell's \$18 billion Pearl GTL plant, QatarEnergy's LNG export terminals, and multiple gas-related installations whose total construction cost, in 2011 dollars, was \$70 billion. It accounts for roughly a fifth of global LNG supply. The critical detail, often missing from the coverage, is that production had already been halted

weeks earlier after an Iranian drone attack prompted QatarEnergy to declare force majeure on deliveries. The missile damaged a facility whose reconstruction timetable is now measured not in weeks but in seasons. With oil, governments can release buffers. With LNG, the loss is immediate, structural, and without offset.

**The Wealth That Won't Be Created**  
The deeper damage extends below the surface. Ras Laffan sits atop Qatar's North Field, one half of the world's largest natural gas reservoir. The other half is Iran's South Pars field. Israel struck South Pars. Iran struck Ras Laffan. The reservoir they share (9,700 square kilometres, approximately the size of Qatar itself) now has damaged extraction and export infrastructure on both sides of its border. On the list of the world's 25 largest natural gas fields, this single reservoir holds roughly 40% of their combined recoverable reserves. It is nearly six times larger than the second-biggest field on earth. And it is only 10% depleted. As much as 90%

of the gas remains underground. It will remain there, inaccessible, for at least a decade while surface facilities are rebuilt on both sides. Clark would have a word for this. He called it 'indirect cost', the production foregone, the capital consumed, the wealth that will not be created. LNG prices rose 60% after the initial drone strike on Qatar. That complex is now shut. Helium production (Qatar alone had been producing 17 tonnes per day at Ras Laffan, a third of global supply) has ceased. There are no ready substitutes for helium. Semiconductor fabrication, which depends on it for cooling supermagnets, is beginning to feel the constraint. South Korean chipmakers are already reporting shortages. This is not a disruption to one sector. It is a disruption to the supply chain that manufactures the physical substrate of the modern economy.

**Just Days Of Jet Fuel Left**  
The Economist's modelling of fuel stocks, drawing on Kpler shipping data, is the kind of number that belongs in a war communique rather than a commodities note. If the Strait of Hormuz remains blocked, Oceania will have exhausted 80% of its jet fuel within 36 days. Africa within 23. Asian countries outside China, Japan, and South Korea will be critically short of petrol within 12. Right now, 125 product tankers (five percent of the global fleet) are trapped inside the Gulf with nowhere to go. The disruption is not only about oil, and it was never only about oil. The Gulf, by accident of geology, has become the processing hub for an interlocking web of industrial inputs.

## Pakistan And The Collapse Of Its 'Good Taliban, Bad Taliban' Illusions

The 'Good Taliban, Bad Taliban' fallacy unravelled far quicker than Pakistan anticipated after the Afghan Taliban took over Kabul. Once nurtured, funded, and supported by the Pakistani establishment, the group has since become one of the most pressing security challenges and structural liabilities for Rawalpindi. Days after the Taliban overthrew the West-backed Ashraf Ghani government, then-Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan was quick to state that Afghans had "broken the shackles of slavery," and former chief of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), Faiz Hameed was found drinking coffee in a Kabul hotel. However, the moment of perceived victory proved fleeting. Since 2021, the relationship has gradually deteriorated, embroiled in a repetitive cycle of calibrated hostility, border clashes, closure of border crossings, backchannel third-party mediation, short-lived ceasefire, and renewed violence. Pakistan also tried trade coercion, direct negotiation, and multilateral mediation with Qatar, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, and China - with no meaningful success. The crux of the issue was the Afghan Taliban's inability, or rather unwillingness, to curb Tehreek-e-Taliban (TTP), an anti-Pakistan group that has steadily intensified attacks in Pakistan's peripheral provinces of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan, as well as periodic small-scale attacks in urban cities. That rupture has entered a far more volatile phase. On March 16, the Afghan Taliban administration accused the Pakistani military of conducting airstrikes on the Omid Hospital in Kabul, a 2,000-bed substance-abuse rehabilitation facility. The



Taliban alleged 400 deaths and 250 injuries among civilians in that attack. Nonetheless, Islamabad rejected these figures, claiming the target was an ammunition depot. Pakistan's Information Minister Attaullah Tarar stated that the Pakistan Air Force (PAF) launched "precise, deliberate and professional" aerial strikes on military installations and terrorist infrastructure, which included an ammunition storage site, and that the visible detonations clearly indicated the presence of huge ammunition depots. Pakistan formally declared an "open war" with Afghanistan in late February, launching Operation Ghazab Lil Haq, translating to 'Rage for the Righteous Cause.' Over the weeks, Pakistan has launched strikes inside Kabul, Nangarhar, Paktika, Khost, and the Taliban's stronghold of Kandahar province. At present, both sides have agreed to temporarily pause the hostilities for Eid al-Fitr this week. The deterioration was glaringly evident in 2022 - with the TTP relinquishing a ceasefire agreement with Pakistan and subsequently increasing its operations against Pakistani security forces. In the following

years, the Taliban and Pakistani forces engaged in periodic border clashes, including gunfire along the Torkham border. Pakistan also launched three air campaigns on different occasions by December 2024 in response to TTP-led attacks, and for the first time, hit Kabul in October 2025. The ongoing conflict was triggered by a suicide bombing at a border checkpoint in Bajaur on February 16. India at the UN condemned Pakistan's airstrikes on Afghanistan, citing the attack during the month of Ramadan. Meanwhile, the Chinese foreign ministry raised concern over civilian deaths. Despite the competing narratives from Kabul and Islamabad, the conflict gains attention for its scale and for the shift in Pakistan's rules of engagement - which involves an overt targeting of military and logistical infrastructure of the Taliban administration, rather than striking TTP-linked targets. In a strikingly similar doctrine to India's approach toward Pakistan's Military-Jihadi Complex (MJC), Pakistan's recent attack in Afghanistan indicates its new policy of directly targeting the Taliban administration - alleged to be responsible for enabling the TTP. This has

also involved a focus on degrading strategic assets that sustain the Taliban's military and governing capacity using its aerial capabilities; the Taliban does not possess a sophisticated air force. This new militarised approach in Pakistan's operations in Afghanistan likely reflects a coercive bargaining strategy to alter the cost-benefit calculus of shielding the TTP, and compel a behavioral change from the Taliban. The Taliban's reluctance to curtail TTP has likely continued given the low costs associated with hosting the group instead of suppressing it; the Taliban and TTP share deep ethnic, ideological, tribal and familial connections. Pakistan's sustained military pressure is likely to change that strategic calculus. What Comes Next? The most near-term security threat is retribution from the Taliban. This could involve attacks, likely including suicide bombings by the TTP to maximise damage, in Pakistan's Punjab province - to hit the heart of Pakistan's military leadership. While the TTP has intensified attacks in border regions, their operational capabilities have remained largely limited in major cities of Islamabad, Lahore, and Karachi.

### 'HUMILIATION', 'NEGLECT':

## Congress's Quiet Unravelling As Leader After Leader Leaves

Ahead of the April 9 Assembly elections, the Congress party received a severe jolt in Assam when Pradyut Bordoloi, its veteran leader and incumbent Member of Parliament from Nagaon, resigned from the party. Later, Bordoloi told the media that he was leaving after three decades with the Congress because he was feeling humiliated and isolated, insinuating that all was not well between him and Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) president Gaurav Gogoi. Bordoloi described how the party renominated an MLA who orchestrated an attack on him during the Panchayat elections in April 2025, but emphasised that his decision to quit was driven more by the humiliation and neglect he faced in the Congress than by ticket distribution or political opportunism. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, who switched to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) from the Congress in 2015, citing similar reasons, lost no time in welcoming Bordoloi into the BJP. "The Assam Pradesh BJP will recommend to the central leadership that he (Bordoloi) should fight the Assembly elections. There is no reason for someone with self-respect to stay with the Congress party. We aim to bring more Congress leaders into the party," Sarma said. Not Just A Bordoloi Story While the renomination of a tainted MLA may have triggered Bordoloi's resignation, discontent inside the Assam Congress has been hurting the party for the past several months. "When we inform Delhi of problems we face at the ground level, we get no response. They do not even respond to our



emails," a Congress worker from Assam says. During conversations with state-level Congress leaders, words like 'lack of self-respect', 'isolation', 'sidelined', and 'ignored' come up frequently. This undercurrent, left unaddressed, has resulted in significant resignations. In May 2025, PCC spokesperson Bobbeeta Sharma resigned. This was followed by a bigger blow in February 2026, when Bhupen Borah, two-time MLA and the president of the state unit from 2021 until 2025, quit the party. Borah was regarded as the "indigenous Hindu face". Himanta Biswa Sarma was quick to move in, wasting no time to accommodate Borah into the state executive of the BJP. A senior police official in Guwahati summed up the situation cogently. "Now, it will be a cakewalk for the BJP," adding that it is the Congress that has now become the BJP in Assam. Same Plot, Different Characters In West Bengal, it is a similar story - of neglect and isolation. The only silver lining being that there are fewer instances of desertion. Ironically, it is because neither the

Trinamool Congress (TMC) nor the BJP can accommodate the Congress deserters. Battle-scarred party veterans are clearly upset at the High Command's decision to field candidates in all 294 seats. They argue that given the strong anti-incumbency sentiment against the TMC and the communal politics of the BJP, a secular alliance with the Communist Party of India Marxist (CPI-M) could perhaps break the TMC-BJP binary in West Bengal's politics. However, given the Congress' electoral stake in Kerala, where it is pitted head-on against the CPI(M), an alliance in West Bengal would be mired in political contradictions, which the BJP would leverage. While there may be creative ways to resolve such contradictions, the prevailing mood within the Bengal Congress is that of frustration - frustration that local interests do not feature in the party's larger scheme of things. Over in Odisha, things are not dissimilar, as Sofia Firdous, the state's first Muslim woman legislator, defied a party whip and cross-voted with two other Congress MLAs during the

recent Rajya Sabha election. This led to the surprise victory of the BJP-backed independent candidate Dilip Ray, who defeated his Congress-Biju Janata Dal (BJD) backed rival. The Congress has expelled Firdous from the party and sought her disqualification from the Assembly under the anti-defection act. But what made Sofia Firdous break ranks? Firdous has claimed that the Congress leadership did not consult their MLAs before deciding to support the BJD candidate. She argued that the BJD had historically acted as the "B-team" for the BJP and that aligning with them betrayed the struggle of Congress workers in Odisha. Her father, Mohammed Moqim, pointed out that Firdous was repeatedly sidelined within the party's decision-making processes. New Mutation, Old Disease It would be intellectually dishonest to pretend that the Congress has never split before. It split, repeatedly, in its moments of genuine crises. The 1969 split, triggered by Indira Gandhi's clash with the Syndicate following the 1967 electoral setback, was ideological and seismic.

## Protest against internal reservation roster allocation to be held in Bengaluru on Mar 24

Mangaluru, Mar 23: A massive protest has been organized on March 24 at 10 am at Freedom Park in Bengaluru opposing the internal reservation roster allocation. The protest will be led by Sri Immadi Siddarameshwara Mahaswami of the Chitradurga Bhovi Gurupitha and will be held with the participation of members from Bhovi, Banjara, Korama, Koracha, Chalavadi, and Chammakar sub-communities, said Bhovi community leader Pavan Kumar during a press conference on Monday.

He alleged that the data included in the report of the internal reservation commission headed by justice H N Nagamohan Das is biased. He said the leaked report contains incomplete, unscientific, unclear, and unjust recommendations.

He demanded that the government release comprehensive survey data collected over the last 50 years regarding the socio-economic conditions of 101 communities listed under Scheduled Castes. He also urged the government to provide time for objections from all 101 Scheduled Caste communities regarding the report.

He further stated that the report has caused injustice to communities such as



Chalavadi, Banjara, Bhovi, Korama, Koracha, Chammakar, and Samagara. He demanded that the government form a new commission to correct the injustice and hold a meeting with leaders of all communities. As the government has not responded to these demands, the protest has been organized, he said. He also alleged that due to these issues, members of the Bhovi community in Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts are not being issued caste certificates.



Dhee Hospital in association with Ahikha Karnataka Brahmana Mahasabha conducted a Health camp, successfully in Gayatri Bhavan Banashankari, Bangalore, on 21/03/2026 (Saturday) between 10am to 2pm. AKBMS President Sri Reghunath along with Dhee Hospital Marketing Team Headed by Smt. Manjula devi and Sri Subramanya were present at the occasion.

## Tata Power Collaborates with Salesforce to Accelerate India's Clean Energy Transition

Bangalore : Tata Power, one of India's largest vertically integrated power companies, today announced its collaboration with Salesforce, the world's #1 AI CRM, to digitally transform its rapidly expanding rooftop solar (RTS), EV charging, and smart home solutions businesses. The collaboration reinforces Tata Power's long-term clean energy roadmap aligned with India's net-zero ambitions by establishing a secure, intelligent, and fully integrated clean energy ecosystem powered by AI, automation, and data-driven insights. The platform will enable scalable growth, deeper partner and customer engagement, and operational excellence across the renewable energy value chain.

As part of this transformation, Tata Power has deployed Agentforce Sales, Agentforce Service, and Agentforce Marketing across its renewable energy subsidiary, Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited (TPREL). The Salesforce platform powers intelligent, AI-enabled workflows that enhance visibility, accelerate decision-making, and create seamless omnichannel experiences—driving efficiency, agility, and service leadership at scale. Agentforce Sales and Agentforce Service form the foundation of Tata Power's best-in-class omnichannel engagement model. Salesforce serves as a strategic digital backbone for Tata Power's high-growth renewable energy businesses. The platform enables end-to-end digitisation of partners and customer journeys, delivering streamlined lead management, inventory visibility,



process automation, and real-time performance tracking. This ensures enhanced transparency, operational efficiency, and a superior customer experience across touchpoints. Additionally, Tata Power has developed a proprietary deep learning and agentic intelligence layer built on top of Salesforce to enable a zero-touch quality and safety validation process. This digital capability facilitates instant on-site verification and automated warranty generation, reinforcing Tata Power's commitment to quality assurance and delivery excellence under its Solaroof offerings.

Driven by strong policy momentum under the Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Yojana, Tata Power's residential rooftop solar segment has delivered over 200% growth across the past two financial years. Overall, the Company's solar portfolio has achieved a fivefold increase in revenues between FY2020 and FY2025, reflecting accelerated market adoption, digital-led execution excellence, and expanding customer trust across segments. 76 Looking ahead, Tata Power and Salesforce will collaborate to co-innovate high-

impact, agentic AI-led workflows designed to transform omnichannel customer and partner contact centre operations - driving faster resolution, proactive service, and predictive engagement.

Dr Praveer Sinha, CEO and MD Tata Power said, "Tata Power is leading India's green energy transition by scaling rooftop solar nationwide, expanding EV charging infrastructure, and advancing intelligent energy management solutions. As we accelerate this growth, digital capability is a critical enabler of scale, speed, and customer trust. Leveraging Salesforce's AI-powered platform, we are transforming customer and partner journeys with greater transparency and agility, while strengthening operational excellence. Together, we are building a future-ready clean energy ecosystem that advances India's net-zero ambitions."

Arundhati Bhattacharya, President & CEO at Salesforce - South Asia, said, "The path to a sustainable future is being paved by visionary enterprises that are embedding intelligence, agility, and customer-centricity into the core of their operations.

## ALTOS COMPUTING LAUNCHES 'MAKE-IN-INDIA' AI SERVERS TO BOOST INDIA'S AI ECOSYSTEM

Bangalore : Altos Computing Ltd., an Acer Inc. group company and a global provider of high-performance computing and AI infrastructure solutions announced the launch of its Make-in-India AI server portfolio, marking a significant step toward strengthening India's sovereign AI and data centre ecosystem.

The announcement was made at a dedicated launch event in New Delhi attended by Sushil Pal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India; Sudhir Goel, Chief Business Officer, Acer India; Vishal Dhupar, Managing Director, Asia South, NVIDIA; PP Sunil Acharya, Senior Director - Global accounts (OEMs & Hyperscalers), Intel India; Jackie Lee, CEO, Altos Computing Inc. and Priya Krishnamurthy, Director, Altos India, alongside media, senior representatives, partners and stakeholders from the technology industry.

The highlight of the event was the unveiling of the Altos BrainSphere™ R300 AI Series Server, the company's flagship Make-in-India AI server designed to power next-generation AI workloads across enterprises, research institutions, government organizations, and hyperscale data centres. Built for high-performance computing and advanced AI model training and inference, the R300 Series platform supports high-density GPU acceleration, scalable memory architecture, and advanced thermal efficiency, enabling organizations to manage compute-intensive AI workloads while maintaining performance, reliability, and scalability.

Talking about the launch,



Harish Kohli, President and Managing Director, Acer India, said, "India today stands at the threshold of a transformative AI era where powerful computing infrastructure will be the backbone of innovation across industries. With the launch of Altos' Make-in-India AI server portfolio, we are taking an important step toward building this digital backbone locally. By bringing advanced AI infrastructure manufacturing closer to the Indian market, we are enabling faster deployment, improved accessibility, and greater scalability for enterprises, research institutions, and public sector organisations. Through Altos' high-performance AI platforms and our strong partner ecosystem, we remain committed to empowering organisations across India to unlock the full potential of AI."

"The launch reflects Altos' commitment to supporting India's ambition of becoming a global hub for AI innovation and digital infrastructure. By manufacturing AI servers locally and enabling organizations to deploy powerful computing platforms within the country, the company aims to address the rapidly growing demand for scalable AI infrastructure across sectors, including research, manufacturing, healthcare, and public services.

## Kumaraswamy Reviews Vizag Steel Plant Operations, Pushes for RINL Revival

Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh: Union Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries H.D. Kumaraswamy conducted a comprehensive two-day review of the Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) plant in Visakhapatnam, aiming to strengthen operations and boost production efficiency. The visit reflects the Centre's commitment to revitalising the Vizag Steel Plant and enhancing its position in India's steel sector.

The Minister inspected key production units, beginning with the Coke Oven Batteries, emphasising the need for efficiency and uninterrupted operations. He also reviewed the performance of Blast Furnace-3, which was recommissioned in June 2025, focusing on fuel efficiency, advanced automation, and energy



recovery systems.

Kumaraswamy visited the Blast Furnace Control Room, where real-time monitoring ensures operational stability, and later inspected the Wire Rod Mill,

highlighting the importance of quality production and global competitiveness in value-added steel products.

He chaired review meetings with senior officials, discussing production

optimisation, raw material security, sustainability, and capacity utilisation. The Minister directed officials to implement time-bound measures to streamline operations and improve performance. Interacting with employees and labour unions, he assured that workers' concerns would be addressed promptly, stressing their crucial role in the plant's growth.

Kumaraswamy reaffirmed that RINL will play a key role in achieving India's target of 300 million tonnes of steel capacity by 2030 under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The visit also aligns with national goals such as Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Viksit Bharat 2047, aiming to transform RINL into a competitive and efficient steel producer.

## Heer by GIVA Debuts First Offline Store, Hosts 'Alfaaz-e-Heer' Poetry Night

Bangalore : Heer by GIVA, GIVA's gold and lab-grown diamond jewellery brand, celebrated the launch of its first offline store with 'Alfaaz-e-Heer', an evening of poetry, stories and celebration that brought together creators, fashion enthusiasts and members of the growing Heer community.

The launch event featured a special Shayari Night with Priya Malik, whose evocative verses set the tone for an evening rooted in expression, individuality and storytelling, values that lie at the heart of the Heer brand. The celebration also included a lively Trivia Night and launch party, creating an engaging and immersive experience for guests as they explored Heer's jewellery collections.

Designed as more than a traditional store opening, 'Alfaaz-e-Heer' reflected the brand's philosophy that jewellery is not just adornment but a form of



personal expression. Through poetry, conversations and community moments, the evening celebrated the many voices and stories that define Heer's identity.

The new store offers customers the opportunity to experience Heer by GIVA's gold and lab-grown diamond jewellery collections in a thoughtfully designed retail environment that brings the brand's contemporary and expressive spirit to life.

On the debut of the

store, Resha Jain, Chief Brand Officer at GIVA, said: "Heer has always been about celebrating individuality and the many voices of modern India. With the launch of our first offline store, we wanted to create an experience that reflects the soul of the brand, expressive, personal and rooted in culture. Alfaaz-e-Heer was our way of bringing that spirit alive, where poetry, community and jewellery come together to celebrate self-expression."

## VAN HEUSEN INNERWEAR EXPANDS JAYANAGAR FLAGSHIP STORE, UNVEILS COMPLETE PRODUCT RANGE

Bangalore: Van Heusen Innerwear, from the house of Aditya Birla Lifestyle Brands Ltd., has expanded its flagship store in Jayanagar, bringing its full range of high-performance innerwear for men and women under one roof. Spanning 1,500 sq. ft., the refreshed store is designed as a one-stop destination for urban consumers, offering a curated mix of innerwear, loungewear and athleisure. The store features a streamlined layout with dedicated sections for men and women, focusing on comfort, innovation and functionality suited to fast-paced lifestyles. The men's collection highlights performance-driven styles tailored for hybrid routines, while the women's range includes supportive and well-engineered essentials designed for everyday wear. Key offerings include the Cotton Minimizer for enhanced support, the Seamless Bra for a smooth finish, and the Bonded Innerwear range for men that delivers a second-skin feel. Speaking on the occasion, Preeti Gupta, Chief Business Officer, Van Heusen Innerwear, said Bengaluru's progressive and style-conscious consumers make it an ideal market for expansion. She noted that innerwear has evolved into a category driven by technology, fit, comfort and design, and the new store aims to meet these evolving needs. The store also offers a versatile range of loungewear and sleepwear designed for both relaxation and daily routines. To mark the launch, customers can avail a limited-period inaugural offer of Rs.500 off on purchases above Rs.1,499. With this expansion, Van Heusen Innerwear aims to redefine the category through smart design and modern retail experiences, strengthening its presence in Bengaluru.

## City Corporations to Take Over Chronic Property Tax Default Properties as Last Resort: Mounish Moudgil

Bengaluru : In a decisive step to address long-pending property tax arrears, the City Corporations have initiated a last-resort mechanism to recover dues from chronic defaulters.

Special Commissioner (Revenue), Mounish Moudgil has said that, Despite repeated statutory actions—including issuance of demand notices, attachment of properties, and multiple attempts to recover dues through public auction—several cases have remained unresolved due to non-payment and lack of bidder participation in auctions.

In such exceptional cases, where all prescribed recovery measures have been exhausted and auctions have failed repeatedly, the City Corporation will now proceed to purchase the defaulted properties itself at the notified upset price.

Key Features of the Action:

This step is invoked only after due process—demand notice, attachment, and unsuccessful auction attempts—has been fully completed.

• Corporation Purchase at Upset Price:

The property will be deemed sold to the City Corporation at the pre-determined upset price (linked to guidance value).

• Adjustment of Dues:

From the sale proceeds, all outstanding property tax dues—including penalties, interest, and administrative expenses—will be fully recovered.

• Refund to Owner:

Any surplus amount remaining after adjustment of dues will be refunded to the original khatedar (property owner) through bank transfer, ensuring fairness and transparency.

• Vesting of Property:

The property will vest with the City Corporation free of encumbrances, and ownership records will be updated accordingly.

• Final Opportunity to Default:

Even at this stage, the defaulter is provided a final one-month window to clear all dues (with applicable interest), upon which the takeover order will be withdrawn and the property restored.

Public Advisory:

Citizens are strongly advised to clear their property tax dues promptly and avoid coercive recovery measures. This step is intended to ensure fiscal discipline, improve municipal revenues, and uphold equity among compliant taxpayers.

The City Corporation reiterates its commitment to transparent, lawful, and citizen-centric governance while ensuring that long-pending arrears are effectively resolved.

## Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy Offers New Hope To Millions Of Diabetic Foot Patients In Karnataka

BREAKTHROUGH TREATMENT CAN HEAL WOUNDS FASTER AND PREVENT AMPUTATIONS

Bangalore : For the nearly 80 million Indians living with diabetes, a devastating complication quietly threatens their quality of life and their limbs. Diabetic foot ulcer (DFU) affect between 25% and 34% of diabetic patients at some point in their lifetime, with half of those cases progressing to serious infection. Now, Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) is emerging as a powerful, life-changing solution that gives patients a real chance at healing — and staying whole.

Such a therapy has been set up in the Karnataka Institute of Endocrinology & Research Institute (KIER) located at Indiranagar. "HBOT is not just a medical treatment. It is a restoration of dignity and livelihood for patients who have been suffering," said "Dr Sharanprakash R Patil, minister for medical education and skill development" after inaugurating the therapy on Monday. "We



are now able to offer patients a genuine path to recovery that was not available before. India carries one of the heaviest burdens of diabetes anywhere in the world, accounting for 1 in 7 adults with the condition globally. Of those complications, diabetic foot disease is among the most debilitating. Socio-cultural practices, including walking barefoot during daily activities, significantly increase the risk of foot wounds progressing into serious ulcers. The financial toll is equally crushing. Managing a sin-

gle diabetic foot ulcer costs an average of Rs.1.5 lakh from diagnosis to healing. Over a patient's lifetime, diabetic foot complications consume an average of 5.7 years of income. "HBOT is changing the outlook for patients living with active diabetic foot wounds. By delivering high concentrations of oxygen in a pressurised environment, the therapy accelerates wound healing, fights infection and critically helps save limbs that might otherwise be amputated," noted Dr. Ravi, director of KIER.

## TAMIL NADU: GROUNDWATER LEVEL PLUNGES IN 29 DISTRICTS, WESTERN REGION MOST AFFECTED

CHENNAI: Groundwater levels declined in 29 out of the 38 districts of Tamil Nadu in February 2026 compared to February 2025, with Dindigul and Tirupur recording the steepest fall of 2.58 metres each, according to data from the State Ground and Surface Water Resources Data Centre of the Water Resources Department.

The average groundwater levels, measured in metres below ground level, point to a widespread year-on-year depletion across large parts of the State. In contrast, in February 2025, only 13 out of 37 districts had recorded a fall, indicating a sharper deterioration this year. Dindigul and Tirupur were fol-

lowed by Coimbatore, which recorded a fall of 2.07 metres. Salem (1.68 m), Dharmapuri (1.62 m), Karur (1.54 m), and Perambalur (1.20 m) also witnessed significant declines. Several districts reported moderate drops, including Madurai (1.27 m), Virudhunagar (1.20 m), Namakkal (1.08 m), and Erode (1.10 m). In the northern region, Tiruvallur (0.99 m) and Tiruvannamalai (0.85 m) registered notable decreases. On the lower end, coastal and delta districts saw relatively marginal declines. Nagapattinam recorded a fall of just 0.03 metres, followed by Nilgiris (0.04 m) and Tiruvarur (0.11 m), indicating comparatively stable groundwater conditions.

## Sarathkumar submits plea to BJP TN chief, says hopeful of 'redressal'

CHENNAI: A day after voicing discontent over not being assigned any responsibility within the BJP, actor-politician R Sarathkumar on Monday met party's state president Nainar Nagenthran and submitted a formal representation, expressing hope that his concerns would be addressed.

Sarathkumar, a BJP national executive council member whose All India Samathuva Makkal Katchi merged with the party two years ago, said the meeting was held based on discussions held the previ-



ous day. "We have now submitted our request in writing to the state president. He said the demands are reasonable and assured that they will be considered," he told reporters after the meeting at

Nainar Nagenthran's residence in T Nagar here.

Maintaining that his earlier remarks reflected anguish, Sarathkumar said he remained confident of a resolution. "I have already expressed my concern. I believe there will be a redressal," he said, adding that he was satisfied after submitting the letter. On whether he would meet Union Minister and BJP's Tamil Nadu election in-charge Piyush Goyal, Sarathkumar said he was travelling to Coimbatore and would meet him if called.



Thiru Pratap Singh, Special Election Observer chaired a meeting on the preparedness for the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly General Elections, 2026

# MSP, incentive to be decisive factors for Delta farmers in polls

TIRUCHY: Expressing intense dissatisfaction over Tamil Nadu farmers receiving the least Minimum Support Price (MSP) for paddy in the country and the lowest State incentive, the Cauvery Delta farmers have stated that increasing the MSP, a long-pending promise of almost all political parties in the State, will be a critical factor in their voting decisions for the upcoming Assembly elections. According to the farmer leaders from the region, in 2009, during the then UPA government, when Manmohan Singh was the Prime Minister, the farmers from Tamil Nadu staged a protest by spilling paddy grains near the parliament premises, demanding profitable pricing and a decent MSP for paddy. And the BJP, which was the opposition party, stood with Tamil Nadu farmers, with the Leader of Opposition, late LK Advani, leaders like late Sushma Swaraj and Rajnath Singh speaking in solidarity with the farmers and their protest. However, when the NDA formed the government in 2014, the BJP not only overlooked the MSP demand but also attempted to curb the incentives provided along with the MSP by state governments.

"Chhattisgarh and Odisha provide Rs 3,100 including the state incentive of Rs 730 per quintal and Kerala gives Rs 631 incentive but Tamil Nadu which is one of the least paying incentive states has been providing Rs 156 for fine variety and Rs 131 for common



variety and thus, the farmer from Tamil Nadu get Rs 2,545 per quintal of fine variety paddy and Rs 2,500 per quintal of common variety paddy. This is inadequate, and we will continue to raise this issue with all State political parties and urge the government to provide MSP on par with Chhattisgarh and Odisha so that the farmers can compensate the production cost," said Sundara Vimalanathan, the secretary of Tamil Nadu Cauvery Farmers Protection Association.

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He also said that the states like Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Odisha, Chhattisgarh and West

Bengal governments provide between Rs 10,000 and 15,000 per acre as annual productivity subsidy along with the actual MSP. "We have long been fighting for this subsidy and put forth a proposal before all the political parties to include this in their respective election manifesto," Vimalnathan noted.

He said that the farmers would appeal to all political parties to ensure the MSP is provided as per the recommendation of MS Swaminathan, which directs that the MSP should be at least 50 per cent more than the comprehensive cost of production to ensure the farmers receive 1.5 times the return for their products. "Almost all the parties in the State talk about this recommended MSP only during the election campaigns, but later, they forget it," he charged.

PR Pandian, the president of the Coordination Committee of All Farmers' Association, pointed out that DMK, during its 2021 election campaign, promised farmers an MSP of Rs 2,500 per quintal. "Had they fulfilled the promises immediately after coming to power in 2021, the MSP could have been revised to Rs 3,300 per quintal of paddy now," Pandian said.

Pandian charged that the Tamil Nadu government had almost lost its rights on the Cauvery and Mullaiperiyar as it failed to initiate a legal approach. "We have already urged all the political parties to take a serious note of the Cauvery and Mullaiperiyar issue. We will continue to raise this during the election time," he said. He also stressed that the Cauvery is not only an irrigation source but also a drinking water source for the State, and let the political parties bear this in mind.

Meanwhile, P Ayyakkannu, the state president of Desiya Thennidhiya Nadhigal Inaippu Sangam, demanded a proper water storage facility in the State and appealed to the parties to ensure adequate check dams are constructed across the Cauvery and Kollidam so that the waste water flowing into the sea would be minimised. He also appealed to the political parties to make a written promise of a loan waiver from all banks and a pension for all farmers over 60 years old.

## Farmers plan to sensitise voters on broken promises of DMK, AIADMK alliances

TIRUCHY: Ahead of the upcoming Assembly elections in April, farmers from across Tamil Nadu are set to intensify their agitation against both the ruling DMK and the opposition AIADMK alliances in connection with the major agricultural promises made during the earlier election campaigns to sensitise the common voters.

The farmers in unison pointed out that the DMK, during its 2021 election campaign, had made over 500 poll promises, with several focusing on the farmers' welfare, including an MSP of Rs 2,500 per quintal of paddy and Rs 4,000 per tonne of sugarcane, and 1,000 check dams across the State, once they form government, but nothing has materialised to date.

Similarly, the DMK promised pending dues for sugarcane farmers from the sugar mills, but that too was not fulfilled, with a group of farmers protesting for a long time. "DMK promised to constitute the Agriculture Development Council with the representation of farmers while fixing MSP for the crops, but no action has been taken yet," said PR Pandian, the president of the Coordination Committee of All Farmers Association.

Highlighting that the state government has been supporting corporate firms in crop insurance, he said farmers are made to run from pillar to post for any



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clarification, resulting in them failing to insure their crops. The introduction of the Tamil Nadu Land Reforms Act has paved the way for transforming the agricultural lands into commercial complexes, he charged. "If any farmer opposes it, cases are filed against them, which is

undemocratic," Pandian claimed.

"Our support is only for the political alliance that agrees to fulfil all 38 demands formulated by the Coordination Committee of All Farmers' Associations of Tamil Nadu," he said.

Meanwhile, the farmers also charged that the AIADMK government, headed by the Leader of Opposition, Edappadi K Palaniswami, also failed to fulfil several promises. "While former Chief Minister J Jayalalitha firmly opposed the Central government's Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY) scheme, Edappadi K Palaniswami allowed it after assuming office, restricting the free electricity supplied to farmers," said Swaminathan, the secretary of Cauvery Farmers Protection Association. The farmers are eager to sensitise the electorate about the failed promises of the DMK and the AIADMK alliance.

## Experts warn of overheating risks during summer workouts

New Delhi, Mar 23: With rising temperatures, fitness experts have cautioned gym-goers against the risk of overheating during intense workouts, stressing the importance of proper precautions to ensure safe exercise.

According to Dr Indramani Upadhyay, overheating occurs when the body generates more heat than it can release, leading to fatigue, dizziness, dehydration and muscle cramps. In severe cases, it may even result in heat exhaustion or stroke. He noted that while physical activity is essential for maintaining overall health, exercising in hot conditions without adequate care can put significant stress on the body.

Overheating is commonly caused by high-intensity workouts without sufficient breaks, poor hydration, inadequate ventilation, and wearing heavy or non-breathable clothing. Lack of proper warm-up and cool-down routines can further increase the risk.

Experts emphasise that maintaining proper hydration is crucial, as drinking water before, during and after exercise helps regulate body temperature and



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replenish fluids lost through sweating. Electrolytes may also be beneficial during intense sessions.

Wearing lightweight, breathable and moisture-wicking clothing is recommended to allow sweat to evaporate efficiently and keep the body cool.

Fitness specialists also advise incorporating gradual warm-up routines to prepare the body for exercise and reduce sudden spikes in temperature. Short rest intervals between workout sets can help the body recover and prevent excessive heat buildup.

Exercising in well-ventilated spaces with adequate airflow or cooling systems is equally important to maintain comfort and performance.

Concluding the session with an effective cool-down routine, including light movements and stretching, helps lower heart rate, improve circulation and aid recovery. Experts underline that simple precautions can help individuals continue their fitness routines safely even during the summer months.

## One in three patients face medication errors in Indian hospitals

New Delhi, Mar 23: A major study has revealed that medication errors are alarmingly common in Indian hospitals, with nearly one in three patients experiencing at least one mistake during their stay.

The systematic literature review, published in the Indian Journal of Critical Care Medicine, analysed data from January 2014 to April 2025 covering over 3 lakh hospitalised patients across 40 studies.

The findings showed a median medication error rate of 34.11 percent, while the overall frequency stood at 26.74 percent, indicating that more than one in four clinical encounters involved an error.

The study highlighted that intensive care units (ICUs) reported some of the highest error rates, averaging 36.53 percent, with certain units recording figures as high as 43.60 percent. Emergency departments were found to be particularly vulnerable, with one study noting error rates of up to 74 percent. General medicine wards, which handle the bulk of hospital admissions, recorded an average error rate of 39.61 percent, suggesting that two in five patients encountered med-



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According to the study, errors occur across all stages of patient care. Prescribing accounted for 40 percent of mistakes, followed by administration at 31 percent, transcription at 22 percent, and dispensing at 11 percent.

The pattern aligns with global findings by the World Health Organisation, which states that more than half of preventable medication-related harm begins at the prescribing stage. While many

errors were classified as minor or did not reach patients, a significant proportion had clinical consequences. Around 8.9 percent required monitoring, 2.2 percent caused temporary harm needing medical intervention, and up to 1.2 percent led to prolonged hospital stays. In rare cases, life-sustaining intervention was required.

The study also warned that the actual scale of the problem could be higher due to underreporting, driven by fear of blame and legal consequences.

Experts attributed the issue to systemic challenges such as heavy workloads, staff shortages, fatigue, and poor communication. Nursing staff were found to be particularly burdened, increasing the risk of errors. However, the report pointed to solutions, noting that training and awareness programmes could reduce medication administration errors by up to 60.9 percent. Technologies like electronic prescribing, barcoding, and automated infusion systems were also found effective, though underutilised. The study stressed the need for consistent use of safety tools and a shift towards a blame-free reporting culture to reduce medication errors and improve patient safety.

# Oil falls and shares rebound after Trump says talks have been held to end war

Oil prices plunged and stock markets rebounded after Donald Trump said the US and Iran had held talks over halting the conflict in the Middle East. After the US president's statement on Truth Social, the price of Brent crude sank initially, while European and US shares rose. Trump said the US and Iran spoke about a "COMPLETE" resolution and he would postpone strikes against Iranian power plants for five days, but Iranian state-affiliated media said Tehran had not spoken to the US. On Saturday, Trump said he would "obliterate" Iranian power plants if the key Strait of Hormuz shipping route was not reopened in 48 hours. Iran had said it would respond by targeting key infrastructure in the region. The comments over the weekend had rattled financial markets, adding to fears that the US-Israeli war with Iran would be a prolonged conflict. At one point on Monday, the price of Brent had hit \$113 a barrel, but it tumbled in the immediate aftermath of Trump's latest comments. It fell to a low of \$96 a barrel, before rebounding to \$103. While oil fell, stocks rose. London's FTSE 100 index was up 0.3% hav-



ing being down more than 2% earlier on Monday. Germany's Dax index also rebounded to stand 1.7% higher while France's Cac was up 1.2%. In the US, both the S&P 500 index and the Dow Jones opened up about 2%. Stocks in Asia, which closed before Trump's latest comments, had seen heavy falls with Japan's Nikkei index dropping 3.5% and South Korea's Kospi down 6.5%. Japan and South Korea have been particularly affected by the conflict, as they are heavily dependent on oil and gas that would normally pass through the Strait of Hormuz, one of the world's busiest oil shipping channels. Since the war began on 28 February, Iran

has effectively blocked the waterway. About 20% of the world's oil and liquefied natural gas usually passes through the strait - and the conflict has sent global fuel prices soaring. In a post on Truth Social, Trump said that over the past two days the US and Iran have had "VERY GOOD AND PRODUCTIVE" talks over "A COMPLETE AND TOTAL RESOLUTION OF OUR HOSTILITIES". He added he had told the Department of War to postpone any military strikes "AGAINST IRANIAN POWER PLANTS AND ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR A FIVE DAY PERIOD, SUBJECT TO THE SUCCESS OF THE ONGOING MEETINGS

AND DISCUSSIONS". However, Iran's foreign ministry then issued a statement, which said: "We deny what US President Donald Trump said regarding negotiations taking place between the United States of America and the Islamic Republic of Iran." Susannah Streeter, chief investment strategist at Wealth Club, said Trump's comments had taken markets on a "wild ride". However, she added: "Clinging to President Trump's words is fraught with risks, given how hopes have already risen and then been dashed over the last four weeks." She also noted that with oil still above \$100 a barrel, "energy costs will remain super-painful for

companies and consumers". "It's clear that traders are still expecting significantly lower flows from the Middle East, even if a ceasefire is agreed, given the disruption to supply routes and the damage to facilities." The conflict has already disrupted global energy supplies, pushing up prices and causing fuel shortages. Earlier on Monday, the head of the International Energy Agency (IEA), Fatih Birol, had warned the war could see the world facing its worst energy crisis in decades. Birol compared the current energy crisis to those of the 1970s and the impact of Russia's 2022 invasion of Ukraine. "This crisis as things stand is now two oil crises and one gas crash put all together," he said, speaking at an event in Australia. The jump in oil and gas prices since the start of the conflict has raised fears of a sharp increase in domestic energy bills in the UK later this year. UK Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer spoke to Trump on Sunday and they discussed the need to reopen the Strait of Hormuz. Later on Monday, Sir Keir is set to chair a meeting of the government's emergency Cobra committee, which will be attended by Bank of England governor Andrew Bailey.

# KFC UNVEILS INDIA'S TALLEST SAND BUCKET AT RK BEACH TO CELEBRATE NEW RESTAURANT OPENING



Larger-than-life sand sculpture inspired by KFC's iconic bucket marks the opening of new Beach Road restaurant - Vizag's RK Beach is synonymous with many things - crashing waves, morning walks, evening strolls and the occasional sandcastle. But this week, beachgoers were in for a surprise as a life-size KFC bucket emerged from the sand. Created entirely by local sand artist Akunuru Balaji Varaprasad over 48 hours, using only beach sand, the striking installation transformed 7+ tonnes of sand into one of the world's most recognisable brand icons. Akunuru Balaji Varaprasad is a renowned sand artist and sculptor

who has crafted over 700 sand sculptures across beaches in India including those at Perupalem, Manginapudi, and Bapatla in Andhra Pradesh. He is a four-time winner of the Konark International Sand Art Festival and has represented India at international sand art competitions in Qatar and Europe. The sculpture celebrates the opening of KFC's newest restaurant on Beach Road, turning the familiar Vizag landmark into a coveted photo spot, with a steady stream of curious onlookers stopping by to click pictures, film reels and share the unexpected sight with friends online. Set against the backdrop of Vizag's vast shoreline, the 2280 sq. ft, 70-seater restau-

rant draws inspiration from its nautical surroundings. At the heart of the space is boat-inspired décor, a bamboo-clad façade and sea-facing seating, creating a relaxed setting for beachgoers to unwind & enjoy finger lickin' good food. The new restaurant is the perfect stop for beachgoers to grab their KFC favourites - including Hot & Crispy Chicken, Hot Wings, Chicken Popcorn, Peri Peri Boneless Strips, Zinger Burgers, Rolls, Rice Bowlz and more - after a walk along the waves. The new opening at Beach Road marks the 14th KFC restaurant in the city. So Vizag, what are you waiting for? Head over to KFC Beach Road now and experience it for yourself.

## Bank of Baroda : Insurance Amount Handed Over To Deceased Constable Family



**Hyderabad., 23 Mar 2026:** Bank of Baroda under its Special Salary Package agreement with the Telangana Police Department, provides Insurance coverage to employees in the unfortunate event of accidental death. In a recent case, Mr B Rama Naidu of AR Constable from CAR, Petlaburi HQs met with a road accident and passed away last year. He was maintaining Baroda Police Salary Package with Bank of Baroda Narketpally Branch, Telangana South Region. His insurance claim was processed immediately.

Today, Mr B Shivadhar Reddy, DGP of Telangana State Police handed over a cheque of 1.05 Crore to Mr. Boya Beechupalli, brother of Late B Rama Naidu at DGP Office, Telangana Police Headquarters, Hyderabad. The event was attended by Dr. Gajarao Bhupal, IPS, IG Welfare, Mr Ritesh Kumar, General Manager and Zonal Head, Mr. Ravi H G, DGM and Regional Head of Telangana South Region, Brigadier Saniya Kumar Prasad, Defence Banking Advisor, along with other Officials from TG Police and Bank of Baroda.

# ONLYFANS OWNER LEONID RADVINSKY DIES AT 43

The owner of OnlyFans, a site known for its adult content that is credited with revolutionising the online porn industry, has died at the age of 43. Leonid Radvinsky, who was born in Ukraine and grew up in Chicago, had purchased the company in 2018 from its two UK-based founders, OnlyFans said. The site's popularity surged during the Covid-19 pandemic, landing him on Forbes' annual list of billionaires just three years later. He "passed away peacefully after a long battle with cancer," OnlyFans confirmed in a statement, which asked for privacy for his family. Founded in 2016, OnlyFans is a social media platform where creators can post videos and photos for tips or a monthly fee. Creators share a range of content from cooking to fitness videos, but it is best known for pornography and the way it encourages creators and fans to connect through livestreams, personalised messages, and direct requests for custom-made



photos and videos. In return for hosting the material, OnlyFans takes a 20% share of all payments. The company generated \$1.4bn (£1.04bn) in revenue from more than 377 million subscribers in 2024, according to its most recent Companies House filing. About 4.6 million creators were posting to the site that year, it said. The boom in size and popularity under Radvinsky's ownership also brought scrutiny from lawmakers and regulators over its adult content. In 2024, British regulators launched an investiga-

tion into whether children were accessing porn, an issue that the company at the time blamed on a technical issue. Ofcom ultimately dropped that probe, but it fined the firm about £1m for failing to respond accurately to its requests for information about the measures it had in place to check the age of its users, who in theory must be 18 or over. Several years prior, the platform had been accused of failing to deal with illegal content, including child sexual abuse material. Amid increased pressure and scrutiny over its content, OnlyFans out-

lined plans in August 2021 to stop allowing sexual material on the platform. However, it dramatically turned on the proposal days later, after the plans were met with intense backlash from users and adult performers. The company has also been involved in legal fights with users, including some who felt scammed after learning that chats they thought they were having with OnlyFans creators were actually handled by low-paid, third parties. Those cases have not succeeded to date. Radvinsky graduated with an economics degree from Northwestern University and most recently lived in Florida, according to his website. Forbes estimates his net worth at \$4.7bn. He had been exploring a sale of OnlyFans last year. As well as OnlyFans, he invested in tech companies via a Florida-based venture capital firm, Leo.com. His philanthropy included donations to the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, according to his website.

## Adani Green Energy commissions 510 MW capacity power projects in Gujarat



**New Delhi:** Adani Green Energy on Monday, March 23, said it has operationalised 510 megawatt of power projects in Khavda, Gujarat. With the commissioning of the plants, its total operational renewable generation capacity has increased to 17,982.3 megawatt (MW), Adani Green Energy said in an exchange filing. The power projects having an aggregate capacity of 510.1 MW have been operationalised through its step-down subsidiaries, the company said. Based on the relevant clearances, it was decided to operationalise these plants and

**ADANI GREEN ENERGY ON MONDAY, MARCH 23, SAID IT HAS OPERATIONALISED 510 MEGAWATT OF POWER PROJECTS IN KHAVDA, GUJARAT.** commence power generation from March 22. Adani Green Energy Ltd is one of the largest renewable companies in India. The power projects having an aggregate capacity of 510.1 MW have been operationalised through its step-down subsidiaries, the company said.

## From First SIP to Rs. 150 Crore AUM: Kalpalatha Siri Seva Pvt Ltd's Trusted Journey with NJ Wealth

Kalpalatha Siri Seva Pvt Ltd is a Hyderabad based firm, overseeing approximately ₹150 crore in assets under management, serving 800+ clients, and overseeing a live SIP book of nearly ₹1.8 crore per month. Built on discipline, trust, and a long-term investment philosophy, the firm's journey reflects how the right mindset, supported by a strong platform like NJ Wealth, can build a sustainable and scalable mutual fund distribution business. Before entering financial services, P V Atreyudu, the founder began his professional career in the education sector and later transitioned into insurance distribution with ICICI in 2010. During this phase, his interest in capital markets deepened, leading him to explore mutual funds as a structured and transparent route to long-term wealth building. A professional reference introduced him to NJ Wealth's mutual fund distribution model, which stood out for its clarity, research depth, and strong ethical



conviction, professionalism, and a long-term business outlook. These learnings ensured that the focus always remained on the client's needs rather than short-term market movements. Today, nearly 90% of the firm's old clients have remained associated since the early years, reflecting deep trust and long-standing relationships. The firm is also witnessing a generational shift, with second-generation clients and Gen Z investors increasingly availing its services. Many young investors are starting early, allocating a meaningful portion of their monthly salaries towards SIPs from the beginning of their careers. An internal analysis of clients associated for over seven years indicates stable long-term returns and meaningful alpha compared to benchmark indices. The firm follows a need-based approach, with SIPs forming the core of wealth creation, while encouraging well-diversified portfolios aligned with life goals.

framework. After completing onboarding with NJ in December 2013, he formally began his mutual fund distribution journey in early 2014. Over the years, NJ Wealth has played a pivotal role in shaping the firm's growth. Its powerful technology platform, comprehensive research support, and well-structured recommended MF portfolios enabled consistent and confident client engagement. Equally impactful were NJ's regular training programmes and interaction forums, where guidance from branch teams, regional leadership, and senior management helped build

# CREDAI HYDERABAD WELCOMES HISTORIC TDR REFORMS

**HYDERABAD:** The Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Association of India (CREDAI) Hyderabad expresses its profound gratitude to the Government of Telangana and the Hon'ble Chief Minister for the landmark amendments issued in G.O.Ms. No.95 (MA&UD Department). These progressive reforms to the Telangana Building Rules-2012 mark a significant milestone in rationalising Transferable Development Rights (TDR) and enhancing the ease of doing business in the real estate sector.

**A Visionary Leap for Urban Development**  
CREDAI Hyderabad applauds the government's responsiveness to stakeholder representations aimed at balancing urban growth with regulatory flexibility. The newly notifi-

ed rules provide much-needed clarity and incentive for sustainable high-rise development across the state.

**Key highlights of G.O.Ms. No.95 welcomed by the industry includes:**

- Redefinition of High-Rise Buildings: The height threshold for High-Rise Buildings is now set at 21m or more, excluding non-working and architectural areas like lift machine rooms and water tanks.
- TDR Utilisation for Mid-Sized Plots: For plots between 750 sq.m to 2000 sq.m, buildings from 18m to 21m height are now permitted through TDR utilisation, unlocking value for smaller developers.
- Flexible Setback Relaxations: \* In Non-High-Rise Buildings, setback relaxations are now permitted via TDR.
- In High-Rise Buildings, a relaxation of up to 10% of



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above 20 floors—provides a realistic framework for vertical growth.

- Staggered Compliance: We especially thank the government for allowing 50% of TDR submission at the time of permission and the remaining 50% prior to the Occupancy Certificate, which significantly eases the initial capital burden on projects.

"This G.O. is a testament to the government's commitment to making Telangana a global real estate destina-

tion. By integrating TDR into road widening, master plan modifications, and height relaxations, the state is ensuring a win-win for both urban infrastructure and private development."— CREDAI Hyderabad Leadership

**About CREDAI Hyderabad:** The Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Associations of India (CREDAI) is the apex body of private Real Estate developers in India, established in 1999, with a vision of transforming the landscape of the Indian Real Estate industry and a mandate to pursue the cause of Housing and Habitat. Today, CREDAI represents 13,300+ Developers across 230 city chapters in 21 states and plays an important role in policy formulation by representing the views of its members to various Ministries at regular intervals.

# Trump says Iran and US both 'want to make a deal' and says they'll talk today

US stocks on Wall Street joined in the markets rebound on Monday, as investors reacted to Donald Trump's comments that there have been talks between the US and Iran about a "total resolution" to the conflict in the Middle East. The S&P 500, Dow Jones and Nasdaq indexes were all up by more than 2% even though Iran's foreign ministry denied such talks had taken place, according to the BBC's US partner CBS. Earlier on Monday, stock markets in Europe reversed early losses, and London's FTSE 100 is currently up 1%. The price of Brent crude oil is currently hovering around the \$100-a-barrel mark, whereas earlier today it had risen above \$113 (£84). "Markets have been taken on a wild ride, as investors have swung from deep pessimism to giddy optimism about the trajectory of the war with Iran," said Susannah Streeter, chief investment strategist at Wealth Club. However, she adds: "Clinging to President



Trump's words is fraught with risks, given how hopes have already risen and then been dashed over the last four weeks." The number of tankers passing through the Strait of Hormuz has slowed to a trickle since the start of the US-Israel war against Iran on 28 February. Many of those that make the journey in the face of Iran's threats against shipping have turned their AIS tracking devices off to make detection harder. But a

few have kept their transmitters on suggesting a greater confidence that they wouldn't be attacked. Today, three vessels made that journey with their transmitters active according to MarineTraffic data. The ships were seen sailing close together and taking a less-travelled route nearer to the Iranian coast than is normal. The three ships are the India-owned liquid petroleum gas tankers Pine Gas and Jag Vasant, and the China-owned

chemical tanker Bright Gold. Last week, a Pakistan-owned crude oil tanker took the same path close to Iran's shoreline, also with its tracker switched on. Former US Navy Capt Bradley Martin, who is a senior researcher at US defence think tank Rand Corporation, tells me these ships might be following a route given by Iran providing a safe passage if "any mines have been laid anywhere in the Strait". The disruption to the global oil

market that has seen prices surge is "temporary", US Energy Secretary Chris Wright claims. He says that "markets do what markets do" and had increased prices to send a signal to producers to supply more oil. Wright also says costs have not yet risen enough to "drive meaningful demand destruction" - where high prices or limited supply lead to a sustained decline in demand for a product. However, our economics editor Faisal Islam points out in an earlier post that there are longer-term impacts from the war and, even if the conflict ends this week, war-damaged facilities in the region would take time to restore. We've just been hearing from the UK prime minister, who's addressing a committee of MPs in Westminster. Keir Starmer says the UK was aware talks were taking place between the US and Iran. He also says the UK wants to see de-escalation and an end to the conflict "as swiftly as possible". "To that end, I welcome

the talks reported between the US and Iran," he adds. Starmer continues by saying "a negotiated agreement" should put "tough conditions on Iran, particularly in relation to nuclear weapons". Trump has also claimed the price of oil will "drop like a rock" if a deal is done to end the war with Iran. Oil prices have risen significantly since the conflict began, with Iran threatening vessels in the key shipping channel the Strait of Hormuz. He tells reporters "we have a very serious chance of a deal" but adds "that doesn't guarantee anything". The US president also claims the two countries are discussing 15 points to end the war, with Iran giving up nuclear weapons as points "number one, two and three". However, Trump says he wants to see a "very serious form of a regime change". Trump continues by telling reporters at Palm Beach that the US and Iran have "major point of agreement". Speaking

## KENYAN EX-FOREIGN MINISTER RESURFACES AFTER ABDUCTION FEARS



Former Kenyan Foreign Minister Raphael Tuju has resurfaced a day after his reported disappearance, which led to fears he may have been abducted. Speaking to local Citizen TV station on Monday afternoon, he said he had gone into hiding after being followed by an unmarked vehicle. He said that on realising he was being trailed, he had branched off onto a road where it would be more difficult to follow him. Once he had shaken off the other vehicle, he then abandoned his car which they would be looking for. "My family is very traumatised... and I consider myself

blessed because there are many Kenyans in unmarked graves," he said, thanking Kenyans and opposition politicians who had stood by him. He mentioned other Kenyans who had been abducted or killed in the past, explaining that this was why he had not sought police help and instead went into hiding. Earlier, the police had said they were investigating his reported disappearance and appealed to the public for information. His family had said the ex-minister and his driver had gone missing as they were on their way to an evening radio interview on Saturday.

## Nigerian police arrest 15 after viral videos of alleged sexual assault at festival



Police in Nigeria say 15 people have been arrested following allegations of sexual assault at a community festival in the southern Delta state. Videos circulated online showing young men openly attacking women who were on their own. The clips sparked widespread anger, leading to the hashtag #StopRapingWomen to trend on social media, and renewed calls for accountability over gender-based violence. Delta state police have rejected claims circulating online that the Alue-Do festival in Ozoro was a "rape festival". Local spokesperson Bright Edeafé told Channels TV on Monday that no formal report of rape had been made in connection with the festival. The videos, taken during the Alue-Do fertility festival in the city of Ozoro, show groups of young men chasing, stripping, grabbing and assaulting women in public spaces, in some cases while people are filming. The police spokesman described the scenes as "alarming, disgusting and embarrassing" and said they had arrested several suspects identified from the videos and transferred them to the state Criminal

Investigation Department (CID). Edeafé told Channels: "We have spoken to four girls and all of them said nobody raped them." Among those detained is a community leader widely named as the organiser of the event. The police say investigations are continuing. Some witnesses, activists and residents say women were warned not to go out during parts of the festival, and that those seen outside were deliberately targeted. This has raised concerns that sexual violence may have been organised or tolerated under the cover of tradition. Rights groups say that even if it is not clear whether anyone was raped, the documented acts - including forced stripping, grabbing and public humiliation - constitute serious gender-based violence under Nigerian law. The King of Ozoro has rejected suggestions that the Alue-Do festival condones sexual assault, describing it as a fertility rite that was "misinterpreted and abused by some youths". Traditional leaders also say that no rape occurred. They admit that two women were harassed, but stressing that such acts are criminal, not cultural.

## FRANCE'S FORMER SOCIALIST PRIME MINISTER LIONEL JOSPIN DIES AT 88



Former French Socialist Prime Minister Lionel Jospin has died at the age of 88. In addition to his achievements as head of government from the late 1990s, he will be remembered as a two-time presidential candidate who in 2002 suffered a stunning first-round humiliation from the far-right's Jean-Marie Le Pen. Before that Jospin had served five years as prime minister under conservative president

Jacques Chirac. Chirac defeated him in the 1995 presidential race, but then lost a snap parliamentary vote in 1997, forcing him into so-called 'cohabitation' with the left. In power, Jospin formed an alliance with Communists and Greens. His government enacted important changes like the 35-hour working week, which is still in force today though much criticised by business.

## UN issues new climate warning as El Niño looms

The Earth's climate is further out of balance than at any time in recorded history, the UN's weather agency has warned. The World Meteorological Organization says that our planet is gaining much more heat energy than it can release, driven by emissions of warming gases such as carbon dioxide. This record "energy imbalance" heated the ocean to new heights last year and continued to melt our planet's ice caps. And scientists fear that a natural warming phase called El Niño - expected to begin later this year - could soon bring further heat records. In response to the report, UN Secretary General António Guterres reiterated his call for countries to move away from fossil fuels to renewable energy to "deliver climate security, energy security and national security". "Planet Earth is being pushed beyond its lim-



its. Every key climate indicator is flashing red," he warned, in a typically punchy video address. The last 11 years were the Earth's 11 warmest years in records stretching back to 1850, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) says. In 2025, global average air temperatures were about 1.43C above those of "pre-industrial" times - before humans started burning large amounts of fossil fuels. A temporary cooling from

the natural La Niña weather pattern meant that 2025 was not quite as hot as 2024, which was boosted by the opposite El Niño phase. But last year was still one of the three warmest years since records began. Many scientists now believe that warming is accelerating, although they say temperatures are broadly within the range of long-term predictions. And the WMO points to a wealth of other evidence showing that the climate is changing

faster than we have ever seen before. Perhaps the most comprehensive measure is the amount of extra heat energy being taken up by the Earth. This "energy imbalance" ultimately drives climate change and reached a new high last year, the WMO says. While scientists are still working out exactly why the Earth has accumulated so much extra heat over the past decade or so, they have no doubt that heat-trapping greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO2) are the root cause of the imbalance. Levels of CO2 in the atmosphere are at their highest for at least two million years, the WMO says, due to human activities such as the burning of fossil fuels. Some of the extra energy trapped by these gases warms the atmosphere and the land, as well as melting the planet's ice.

## AUSTRALIA'S ABC STAFF TO GO ON STRIKE FOR FIRST TIME IN 20 YEARS

Staff at the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) will go on strike on Wednesday for the first time in 20 years, after rejecting a pay rise offer. The 24-hour strike will begin at 11:00 local time (00:00 GMT) and is expected to disrupt live television and radio broadcasts. It comes after 60% of ABC staff rejected management's offer of a 10% total pay rise over three years - 3.5% in the first year and 3.25% in the two years after. Australia recorded an annual inflation rate of 3.8% in January. The unions said the offer was too low and failed to address many other concerns including reproductive health leave and the use of artificial



intelligence. The ABC has about 4,500 staff members and 75% voted on the offer on Sunday. "We can't accept a deal that cuts conditions, sends pay backwards against inflation and refuses to rule out replacing ABC journalists with AI bots," said Michael Slezak of the

journalists' union, Media, Entertainment and Arts Alliance (MEAA). Disruptions are "inevitable" unless ABC puts on the table a "fair offer", said Jocelyn Gammie of the non-journalists' Community and Public Sector Union (CPSU). "The last thing union members

## HK police can now demand phone passwords under new national security rules



Hong Kong police can now demand phone or computer passwords from those who are suspected of breaching the wide-ranging National Security Law (NSL). Those who refuse could face up to a year in jail and a fine of up to HK\$100,000 (\$12,700; £9,600), and individuals who provide "false or misleading information" could face up to three years in jail. It comes as part of new amendments to a bylaw under the NSL that the government gazetted on Monday. The NSL was introduced in Hong Kong in 2020, in wake of massive pro-democracy protests the year before. Authorities say the laws, which target acts like terrorism and secession, are necessary for stability - but critics say they are tools to quash dissent. The new amendments also give customs officials the power to seize items that they deem to "have seditious intention". Monday's amendments ensure that "activities endangering national security can be effectively prevented, suppressed and punished, and at the same time the lawful rights and interests of individuals

and organisations are adequately protected", Hong Kong authorities said on Monday. Changes to the bylaw was announced by the city's leader, John Lee, bypassing the city's legislative council. While law enforcement officials in many parts of the world have the authority to demand access to electronic devices as part of criminal investigations, the NSL covers a sweeping range of vaguely defined offences from secession, subversion, terrorism and collusion with external forces. The NSL also allows for some trials to be heard behind closed doors. The city has seen the arrests of hundreds of protesters, activists and former opposition lawmakers since the introduction of the NSL. In February, the father of pro-democracy activist in exile was jailed for trying to cash out her insurance policy, under a homework law that expands on the NSL. Also in February, media tycoon Jimmy Lai was sentenced to 20 years in jail after being convicted of foreign collusion and publishing seditious material under the NSL.



BTS agency shares drop after comeback show turnout falls short

## France's Socialists hold on to power in major cities in election boost for mainstream



Socialists and allies held on to power France's big four cities - Paris, Marseille, Lyon and Lille - on a local election night that offered hopes for mainstream parties in next year's presidential elections. The new aspirants of the far-left and far-right also made gains - notably in Nice for an ally of Marine Le Pen and

Roubaix in the north for the France Unbowed (LFI) party. But the big lesson of the evening was the failure of alliances between mainstream left and LFI, with voters turning to the centre and right in long-time Socialist Party (PS) strongholds like Clermont-Ferrand and Brest. On the contrary, in cities like Paris, Marseille and Lille - where incumbent Socialists steered clear of the far-left because of accusations of sectarian anti-Semitism in its ranks - left-wing administrations were comfortably returned. Lyon - where the ecologist mayor Gregory Doucet did ally himself with LFI and still won - was seen as a case apart, because the right-wing challenger.



# DOMINANT HODGKINSON WINS FIRST WORLD INDOOR TITLE

After an injury-blighted first season as Olympic champion, 2026 is about one thing for Keely Hodgkinson: "domination". The 24-year-old captured her first world indoor title in commanding fashion as she claimed 800m gold in a championship record time on a historic night for Great Britain in Poland on Sunday. That success came one month after she smashed the long-standing women's indoor 800m world record, set by Slovenia's Jolanda Ceplak on the day the Briton was born in 2002. The first of two serious hamstring injuries prevented her from attacking that mark 12 months ago, and she was forced to wait 376 days to race again following her crowning moment at Paris 2024. But Hodgkinson - branded Keely 2.0 within her training group following her impressive rebuild in the gym - is already making up for lost time. "My word this year has been domination," Hodgkinson told BBC Sport. "When I'm in the shape of my



life, why leave it to chance? "If you want to beat me, I'll make you work hard for it." Hodgkinson made further history by becoming Britain's first women's 800m world champion - indoors or outdoors - crossing the line more than a second clear of her rivals in one minute 55.30 seconds. That triumph wrapped up 28 minutes of success after golds for her

training partner Georgia Hunter Bell and pole vaulter Molly Caudery on a sensational Sunday for the British team. Following Josh Kerr's 3,000m triumph on Saturday, it guaranteed the British team's most successful World Indoor Championships of all time, surpassing the three gold medals achieved in 1999. Hodgkinson reappeared on the track less than an hour

after her gold to join the bid for a women's 4x400m relay medal at the end of the final day of action in Torun. Despite her best efforts - and running the quickest leg of any athlete in the event with a 50.10-second split - she was unable to overturn a substantial deficit on her anchor leg. After executing her seismic, record-breaking run last month, Hodgkinson's atten-

tion was fixed firmly on gold in Torun. This was the final international podium missing from Hodgkinson's extensive list of honours, after various injuries prevented her from competing at each of the past three world indoors. Hodgkinson, who has 11 international medals, has also been denied in her three attempts to win world gold outdoors, achieving two silvers and one bronze. She said she hoped it would be "fourth time lucky" indoors in 2026 - but had to overcome misfortune even before beginning her gold medal bid, after the airline she had travelled with lost her kit. With her belongings delayed, Hodgkinson was forced to complete her preparations in somebody else's spikes, which ended up giving her a blister. But that did not affect Hodgkinson as she dominated Friday's heat, before cruising to victory in Saturday's semi-final in a time faster than all but one of her fellow finalist's personal bests.

# Sebastian Korda Sends Carlos Alcaraz To Another Early Exit In Miami Open, Aryna Sabalenka Advances

Sebastian Korda stared down Carlos Alcaraz on Sunday, sending the world number one crashing out of the Miami Open third round 6-3, 5-7, 6-4. Korda, ranked 36th in the world, notched his first victory over a world number one, sending Alcaraz to his second straight early exit in Miami following defeat to 55th-ranked Belgian David Goffin in the second round last year. Since that defeat, Alcaraz had built a remarkable 73-6 record, including a 16-0 start to 2026 that included an Australian Open triumph to complete a career Grand Slam and a title in Doha. It looked like Korda had missed his chance to spring the upset when he served for the match at 5-4 in the second set and was broken at love. Alcaraz won the next two games to force a third set, part of a run of five straight games for the Spaniard. But Korda didn't buckle, and it was the American who seized a break for 4-3 in the third when Alcaraz sailed a forehand wide. He held his next service



game with confidence, slamming down an overhead winner on game point and after Alcaraz held serve Korda served for the match again, this time making no mistake. "It feels great," said Korda, who has been ranked as high as 15th in the world but has endured two seasons disrupted by injuries. "I took the scenic route, that's for sure - a little more stress than I would want but happy with how I played, happy with how I stayed with it." Alcaraz said Korda played an "incredible" match. "A lot of tight, tight moments that I just didn't

make the most of it," Alcaraz said. "I think he was better on those points, on those moments. I would say that was the key of the match." Korda will face Spanish qualifier Martin Landaluce for a place in the quarter-finals after Landaluce ousted 14th-seeded Russian Karen Khachanov 6-3, 7-6 (7/2). Sabalenka marches on World number one Aryna Sabalenka kept her title defense on track with a 6-4, 6-2 victory over 72nd-ranked American Caty McNally that was tougher than the score indicated.

# "People Committed Suicide": Afghanistan Star Gives Shocking Take On Pakistan Rivalry

The on-field rivalry between Pakistan and Afghanistan has grown more intense over the years and tempers have flared between the players on some occasions in the recent past. The last few matches between the two sides have produced a number of memorable moments but Afghanistan cricket team wicket-keeper batter Rahmanullah Gurbaz made a stunning claim about their loss against Pakistan in the Asia Cup 2022 Super 4 match. Pakistan defeated Afghanistan by one wicket to make their way into the final after mounting a stunning comeback. Afghanistan looked in control for the majority of the match but Naseem Shah slammed Fazalhaq Farooqi



for back-to-back sixes on the first two balls of the final over of the game to clinch the win. Gurbaz narrated the feelings after the loss and even said that people in Afghanistan committed suicide after the defeat. "For me, the most heartbreaking match was the loss against Pakistan in the 2022 Asia

Cup. People back home were very hurt. Many people cried. Here, people committed suicide. We have many emotional people here. We also get hurt as we play for people here," Gurbaz told Shubhankar Mishra in an interview. "As I am talking to you about that match, I can still recall the sad mem-

ories. Whenever I walk into the Sharjah Stadium, I am reminded of that heart-breaking loss. I still think about how we lost that game, which we should have won. We didn't bat well, but we bowled nicely. But in the end, we lost," he added. Gurbaz made it clear that he does not hold any personal grudge against the Pakistan cricketers but added that the fans demand a win over Pakistan whenever the two teams face each other. "We are cricketers. We play for people here in Afghanistan. Our happiness lies in our people's happiness. If you ask people here about the most memorable game, they would tell you about the 2023 ODI World Cup win against Pakistan," said Gurbaz.

# Axar Patel Makes Big Remark On Team India's 'Tradition': "Temple Visits Not A Bad Thing"

Delhi Capitals skipper Axar Patel opened up about the 'tradition' of the Indian cricket team to visit temples during bilateral series as well as ICC tournaments. During the T20 World Cup 2026, the Indian cricket team players visited multiple temples ahead of their matches and even after their title win, captain Suryakumar Yadav, head coach Gautam Gambhir and International Cricket Council (ICC) chairman Jay Shah visited the Hanuman Temple in Ahmedabad and took blessings with the trophy in hand. During an event on Monday, Axar was asked about the team's 'tradition' and whether he will continue it during the IPL. The DC skipper gave a clear reply and said that it is a



decision taken by most players due to time constraints. "Temple visits are not a bad thing. We go to temples where otherwise we wouldn't be able to go. We have security with us during tournaments," said Axar Patel during a Delhi Capitals press conference ahead of the upcoming IPL 2026 season. Meanwhile,

playing XI with one of the five listed substitutes at any point of the match. It was introduced in 2023 and will stay until at least 2027. In 2024, Rohit had said that he was not a fan of the strategic rule saying it hampered the development of all-rounders in Indian cricket while the following season, Hardik said it had become to difficult pick an all-rounder in the side unless he was equally good with both bat and ball. Responding to a PTI query seeking his views on the rule, the Indian T20 vice-captain too weighed in on the subject ahead of his second season as Delhi Capitals captain. "I don't like this rule as I am all rounder myself (laughs). Earlier we used to pick all-rounder for this role (batting and bowling).

# Gary Kirsten Accuses Pakistan Cricket Board Of 'Interference', Mohsin Naqvi Responds

A World Cup winner in 2011 with the Indian team as head coach, Gary Kirsten's experience with the Pakistan team was quite different. Under the South African, India became world champions in the ODI format, but his association with Pakistan failed to create a similar impact on the global stage. Reflecting on his stint with the Pakistan team, Kirsten accused the country's board of "excessive interference" in his role. PCB chairman Mohsin Naqvi has now responded to Kirsten's accusation. In his remarks, Kirsten said the level of intervention from "outside forces" in Pakistan cricket was unprecedented. Such involvement, he explained, made his job more difficult. "The thing that surprised me more than anything was the



level of interference. I don't think I have ever seen it at that level before," Kirsten said. "It is quite difficult for a coach to come and formulate a way that you can work with the players when there is just this constant noise from the outside." Responding to Kirsten's accusation during a media briefing, Naqvi said his interactions with the South

African were very limited. Therefore, it would be better for others who worked closely with him to respond in detail to the allegations. "I didn't have many interactions with Gary Kirsten, so it would be better if those people who were coordinating things with him and involved regularly with him responded in detail to his allegations," Naqvi said.

# "Can't Be Surrounded By Warships": India Chess Great Koneru Humpy On Pulling Out Of Candidates

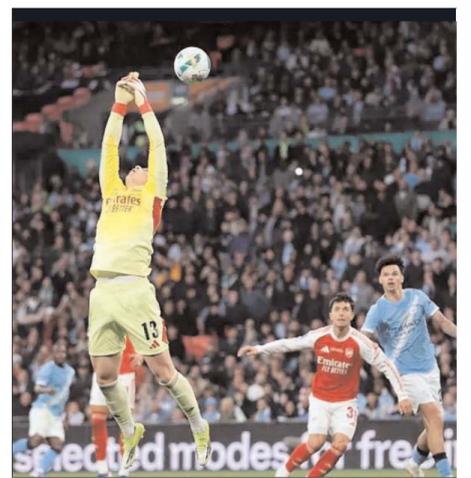
Indian chess great Koneru Humpy stood firm on her decision to pull out of the Candidates tournament in Cyprus later this month, saying one cannot be "surrounded by warships" and still play peacefully, while asserting she is "not scared" of penalties and is not playing for monetary benefits. Humpy, the two-time World Rapid champion and one of four Indians set to compete in the Candidates in Cyprus from March 28, pulled out of the prestigious event citing safety concerns amid the ongoing Gulf conflict, given the island's proximity to the volatile region. Earlier this month, a drone strike on a UK base heightened fears in the region, prompting Humpy to pull out. She has since been replaced by



Ukrainian Grandmaster Anna Muzychuk. "You can't play surrounded by warships, which is guarding the island (Cyprus). If a foreigner like me and being a woman, if I have to travel and that too for such an important tournament, how can I play peacefully?" Humpy told PTI on Monday. With her late withdrawal, Humpy is the only one

among the 16 contestants - eight in the Open and eight in the women's section - to pull out, and while there could be a hefty financial penalty, she said she is not scared. "See, that's the point. That is why they (international chess federation FIDE) keep these things (penalties) so that players will not speak out the facts. No, I'm not scared about it.

# THE SENTIMENTAL GOALKEEPING CALL THAT COST ARSENAL



There is no hiding place for a manager when decisions go against them and Mikel Arteta's choice to stick by cup goalkeeper Kepa Arrizabalaga will be one that haunts him. Arteta is known for his ruthlessness but, by opting to stick with cup goalkeeper Kepa for the Carabao Cup final, he showed a rare glimpse of his sentimental side - especially with Arsenal having not won a major trophy since 2020. Kepa's error - when he let Rayan Cherkki's cross slip through his fingers - allowed Nico O'Reilly to head Manchester City into the lead. And Pep Guardiola's side never looked back as O'Reilly headed in again just four minutes later to seal the win. Arteta's decision to play Kepa over first choice David Raya was highlighted further because of the performance of City's own cup

goalkeeper, James Trafford. Trafford was re-signed during the summer to be City's number one before Gianluigi Donnarumma became available and the club moved to sign him from Paris St-Germain, which meant Trafford became second choice. Trafford made an excellent triple save early in the game, when he denied Kai Havertz and Bukayo Saka twice, to keep the scores level. He went on to keep a clean sheet, while the questions about Kepa's selection will dominate the headlines. Former Blackburn striker Chris Sutton told BBC Radio 5 Live: "I never understand why managers play their second-choice goalkeepers in cup finals. 'You're trying to win a trophy, why wouldn't you play your number one to give yourself the best possible chance? That's common sense."

# SUNDERLAND NOT VERY GOOD COMPARED WITH NEWCASTLE - GORDON

Anthony Gordon says Newcastle United's defeat by rivals Sunderland is "not good enough" because the Black Cats are "not very good" compared with the Magpies. Sunderland completed a league double over their north-east rivals on Sunday with a 2-1 win at St James' Park, having beaten the Magpies 1-0 in the reverse fixture. The defeat means the Tyneside club have failed to beat Sunderland in any of their past 11 league meetings - the longest winless run for either club in the fixture's history. But Newcastle forward Gordon, who scored his side's opener before

Sunderland's comeback through goals from Chemsidine Talbi and Brian Brobbey, says Eddie Howe's side are the better team. "The frustrating thing is, in my opinion, they're not a very good team compared to us. We shouldn't lose to them," Gordon told Newcastle's club media. "Away is obviously more difficult because they have the fans, the atmosphere and a bit more pressure, but at home we should not lose that game. Not with the first half that we had, but again we haven't been good enough starting second halves and it's an ongoing problem." Sunderland's vic-

tory means they leapfrogged Newcastle in the table, with the Magpies dropping to 12th. The loss followed an 8-3 aggregate defeat by Barcelona in the Champions League. "Not good enough really, no excuses," said Gordon. "We were good for 45 minutes, which has been the case too often this season - we actually knew going into the game and had been trying to work on it. 'Not good enough start to the second half and they were the better team second half.'" The win for Sunderland, managed by Regis le Bris, moved them into 11th place in the Premier League on 43 points

- one point and a place above Newcastle - after 31 games. The Black Cats have won 11, drawn 10 and lost 10 games in the top flight, while the Magpies have won 12, drawn six and been beaten 13 times. Newcastle have scored 44 goals and let in 45 compared to their rivals scoring 32 and letting in 36, while the Tyneside club have, according to Opta, an xG (expected goals) score of 46.7 ahead of Sunderland's 30.3. The St James' Park side have had more shots - 409 to Sunderland's 306 - but the shot conversion rate is similar, with Newcastle's at 10.8% and 10.5% for the Black Cats.



## SALMAN KHAN'S MAATRUBHUMI HIT BY DELAY AFTER CAST LOSS



Salman Khan's upcoming film Maatrubhumi, earlier titled Battle of Galwan, has been delayed due to unexpected challenges during production. The film was initially planned for release in early April 2026, but the timeline has now been pushed further.

### REASON BEHIND THE DELAY

The primary reason for the delay is the sudden demise of actor and singer Prashant Tamang, who played a key role in the film. He was cast as the main antagonist and had already completed a major portion of his scenes. However, some important sequences, including action scenes, were still pending. His absence has created a major gap in the storyline, making it difficult for the team to move forward smoothly. The production team initially considered reshooting his role, but this option turned out to be complicated and expensive. Since his character was involved in large-scale action sequences, recreating those scenes would require significant time and resources. Additionally, coordinating Salman Khan's schedule and maintaining continuity in his appearance has added to the difficulties.

### POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

The makers are currently exploring different options to complete the film. One option is to recast the role, similar to how Paresh Rawal replaced Rishi Kapoor in Sharmaji Namkeen. Another option is to use AI and VFX technology to recreate Prashant Tamang's presence in the remaining scenes. However, this would require permission from his family.

### ABOUT THE FILM

Maatrubhumi is directed by Apoorva Lakshia and also stars Chitragada Singh in an important role. The film is inspired by the 2020 Galwan Valley clash and carries the tagline "May War Rest In Peace."

### EXPECTED RELEASE UPDATE

The makers are yet to confirm a new release date. However, reports suggest that the film may now aim for a release around Independence Day, depending on how the situation is resolved. Despite the delay, the film remains highly anticipated, and fans are hoping the team overcomes these challenges soon. His absence has created a major gap in the storyline, making it difficult for the team to move forward smoothly.

## Kalki 2898 AD sequel back on sets, Prabhas to join soon

The sequel to Kalki 2898 AD has officially resumed shooting, creating excitement among fans. After a short break, the team is back on set, with the latest schedule currently underway in Hyderabad. Though the makers have not made an official announcement yet, multiple reports confirm that work on the film is progressing steadily.

### Star Cast Joins New Schedule

Veteran actor Amitabh Bachchan recently shared pictures from the sets, confirming that filming has restarted. According to reports, Dulquer Salmaan and JD Chakravarthy have joined the ongoing schedule and are shooting alongside him. Prabhas is also expected to join the shoot soon, which is expected to further boost momentum for the project. Earlier, Amitabh Bachchan had completed a portion of his scenes and returned to Mumbai. He will be seen again as Ashwatthama, one of the most powerful characters from the first film.

### Reunion and Production Updates

One of the major highlights of the sequel is the reunion of Amitabh Bachchan and Kamal Haasan after nearly four

decades. The duo last appeared together in the 1985 film Geraftaar, making this collaboration special for fans. Reports also suggest that some parts of the sequel were previously shot in

Shankarpally without Prabhas. Now, with the Hyderabad schedule in full swing, the film is moving ahead at a faster pace.

### Deepika Padukone Exits the Project

In a surprising update, Deepika Padukone is no longer part of the sequel. The production house confirmed her exit, citing reasons such as scheduling conflicts, a pay hike demand, and her reduced role in the film. Her character was reportedly limited to a cameo in the sequel.



Tovino Thomas's prestigious film "Pallichattambi" teaser has been released. The movie is all set for a grand worldwide theatrical release on April 10



"Pallichattambi" is a big-budget film starring Malayalam star Tovino Thomas. The film is being produced by Noufal, Brijesh, and Chanukya, Chaitanya, Charan under the banners of Worldwide Films and C Cube Bros Entertainments. It is directed by Dijo Jose Antony, with Kayadu Lohar playing the female lead. The movie has generated huge expectations at

pan-India level. This prestigious project is scheduled for a grand theatrical release on April 10 in five languages, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, and Kannada. The teaser of "Pallichattambi" was released today. It opens intriguingly with the backdrop of a famous ancient church. The teaser hints at dark forces eyeing this sacred place, portraying demonic individuals tormenting innocent people.

## Hania Aamir gets trolled brutally for opting 'bold outfit' on Eid

Pakistani actress Hania Aamir is once again making headlines, this time for her Eid-ul-Fitr look that has divided social media. The actress, who was recently seen in the drama Meri Zindagi Hai Tu, which concluded on March 22, is now trending for her festive outfit choice.

For Eid, Hania opted for a saree paired with a sleeveless blouse, keeping her overall look minimal with simple makeup and a traditional parandi hairstyle. While some fans appreciated her elegance, a section of social media users expressed disappointment, stating that the outfit did not align with typi-

cal Eid fashion. Several users took to social media to share their opinions. While a few praised her beauty, others criticised her styling choices, suggesting that the look lacked the traditional "Eid vibe." "What kind of Eid look is this? Is this what we call having the best sense of fashion? Tauba, bhai. Hania was cute, but recently I don't know what she's done to herself, I don't like this at all," one X user wrote. Some comments pointed out that sarees are not commonly associated with Eid celebrations, while others felt her overall appearance could have been styled differently for the occasion. Another commented, "She

looks pretty as usual, but for Eid, she should have worn something else or draped her saree a little differently."

One netizen commented, "saree isn't very appropriate for Eid in my opinion. And she could have at least done her hair well" Another wrote, "Indian fans k Liye indian look krliya but this is not Eid look" "This is not giving the Eid vibe, you could of done better," a third one wrote "Pathetic not according to eid," another commented. Another social media user wrote, "Eid outfits should be traditional & somehow religious as it's a festival related to the religion." Despite the mixed reac-

tions, Hania continues to remain one of the most talked-about celebrities, often grabbing attention for both her on-screen performances and off-screen appearances.

On the work front, the actress was last seen alongside Bilal Abbas Khan in Meri Zindagi Hai Tu. With the drama now concluded, fans are eagerly waiting to see what she takes up next.

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## "Gaddar Award has encouraged me to deliver even better music to audiences – Music Director Mark K Robin

Some people exaggerate their small talent as something huge, while others, despite being highly talented, stay away from publicity and quietly focus on their work. Young and talented music director Mark K Robin belongs to the second category. In his 8-year musical journey, he has composed music for more than 20 films. These include successful films like The Ghost starring Nagarjuna, Malleshham starring Priyadarshi Pulikonda, Zombie Reddy featuring Teja Sajja, Mission Impossible with Taapsee Pannu, and Agent Sai Srinivasa Athreya starring Naveen Polishetty. Recently, he won the Telangana Government's Gaddar Award for Best Music Director for the film Dandora. On this occasion, he shared insights about his journey and experiences as a music director.

I am very happy to receive the Gaddar Award as the Best Music Director for the film Dandora. I believe this award will serve as an inspiration for me to deliver even better music to audiences. I feel that this award has increased my responsibility as a music director. I would like to thank

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bharti Vikramarka, and Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkata Reddy for announcing the Gaddar Awards. Director Murali made the film with great clarity. The core theme of the film inspired me to compose meaningful music. When the director narrated elements like caste barriers, denial of last rites even after death, and bodies being dropped into water from a bridge, it deeply moved me. I composed the music for Dandora with a heart full of emotion. I used local instruments in this film. I had already gained an understanding of local instruments and folk music while working on Malleshham, and that experience helped me in Dandora.

I have loved music since my childhood. I worked as a teacher. Lyricist Krishna Kanth is a good friend of mine. Krishna Kanth, Prasanth Varma, and I used to meet often. Prasanth and I together created Dialogue in the Dark, India's first virtual audio short film. I composed background music for the trailer of Majnu starring Nani.



## "THERACHAAPA" TRAILER LAUNCHED

The trailer of the upcoming film "Therachaapa", produced by Kailash Durgam under the Ananya Creations banner, has been launched in a grand manner. Directed by Joel George, the film stars Naveen Raj Shankarapu, Pooja Suhasini, and Sreelu in lead roles, with a strong supporting cast including Rajeev Kanakala, Prithviraj, Jagadeesh Prathap Bandari, Fish Venkat, Jabardasth Ashok, Nagi, Apparao, Rising Raju, Rajesh Bhoopathi, Naga Vamsi, Srinivas Nesa, Chandra, and others.

The film's cinematography is handled by Azeem and Venkat, while the music is composed by Prajal Krish, with background score by M.L. Raja. Editing is done by Raju Bodasingi, and choreography is by Jeevan George.



As the release date approaches, the makers unveiled the trailer, offering a glimpse into the film's world. The trailer begins with a pleasant and soothing background score, setting the tone for a story rooted in a coastal village. It portrays the

essence of rural life — filled with love, relationships, politics, and social divisions.

The narrative appears to revolve around a young man who rises against the prevailing circumstances in his village, highlighting emotional conflicts and

societal struggles. The dialogues and treatment stand out, promising a compelling cinematic experience. Overall, "Therachaapa" looks like a promising village political drama that could set a new benchmark in Telugu cinema.