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PM MODI TO INAUGURATE NOIDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PHASE I ON MAR 28

New Delhi (TSIT) Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Uttar Pradesh on March 28 to inaugurate Phase I of the Noida International Airport, a major infrastructure project expected to significantly boost aviation capacity and connectivity in the National Capital Region. According to an official release issued on Thursday, the Prime Minister will arrive at the airport site in Jewar, located in Gautam Buddha Nagar, where he will undertake a walkthrough of the terminal building at around 11:30 AM. He is scheduled to formally inaugurate the airport at noon and address a public gathering on the occasion. The Noida International Airport, developed at an estimated cost of Rs 11,200 crore under a public-private partnership model, is being seen as a milestone in India's ambition to emerge as a global aviation hub. Officials said the airport will serve as the second international gateway for the Delhi NCR region, complementing operations at Indira Gandhi International Airport. Together, the two facilities are expected to ease congestion and significantly enhance passenger and cargo capacity in the region.

ED ATTACHES RS. 55.33 LAC PROPERTIES IN AYUSHMAN BHARAT FRAUD CASE IN ASSAM

New Delhi (TSIT) The Enforcement Directorate (ED), Guwahati Zonal Office, has attached immovable properties worth Rs55.33 lakh belonging to Mobzzil Hussain Barbhuiya, proprietor of Shifa Hospital & Research Centre, Hailakandi, Assam, in a case related to large-scale fraud under the AB-PMJAY (Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana) scheme. The ED initiated a PMLA investigation based on an FIR registered by Hailakandi Police Station, Assam. The ED investigation revealed that Shifa Hospital & Research Centre, Hailakandi, which was empanelled under the AB-PMJAY scheme, fraudulently raised 778 fake reimbursement claims amounting to Rs64,10,780 during the period from April 22, 2019, to November 5, 2022, without providing any actual medical treatment to beneficiaries. The hospital was found to be non-existent at its declared address.

Healthcare, education our top priorities, says CM Revanth

Hyderabad (TSIT): Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Thursday asserted that healthcare and education remain the top priorities of his government, assuring that no funds allocated to these sectors will be reduced.

Replying to the debate on demands for grants in the Assembly, the Chief Minister stated that the government is prepared to increase allocations if required. He highlighted key reforms in the Rajiv Aarogyasri scheme, including doubling the coverage limit from Rs.5 lakh to Rs.10 lakh.

The CM revealed that the government inherited pending dues of Rs.627 crore under Aarogyasri when it assumed office in December 2023. Since then, Rs.2,408 crore has been cleared, including Rs.927 crore to government hospitals and Rs.1,480 crore to private hospitals. He clarified that only Rs.727 crore remains pending and dismissed claims that private hospitals are shutting down due to unpaid dues. On the Chief Minister's Relief Fund, Revanth Reddy said Rs.2,046 crore has been disbursed so far. He added that an



online application system has been introduced to eliminate irregularities that were reported in the past. The government has also earmarked Rs.4,500 crore for the medical treatment of the poor and is planning to strengthen teaching hospitals by referring Aarogyasri beneficiaries to them. Administrative reforms, including appointing Group-I level officers to oversee hospital management, are also under consideration.

Highlighting future initiatives, the Chief Minister announced plans to extend the Indiramma Jeevitha Bima scheme to 1.15 crore families based on caste census data. He also proposed creating a dedicated platform to enable Telangana-origin doctors working abroad to contribute services during their visits.

Congress slams Centre over Pak's reported mediation role in West Asia conflict

New Delhi (TSIT) Senior Congress leader Jairam Ramesh on Thursday launched a sharp attack on the Centre's foreign policy, alleging that India's diplomacy has suffered a setback amid reports of Pakistan emerging as a mediator in the ongoing West Asia conflict. In a post on X, Ramesh criticised the role of the External Affairs Minister, saying he was attempting to "cover up India's extreme embarrassment" on the global stage. "The dapper and long-experienced External Affairs Minister is doing his best to cover up India's extreme embarrassment and the setback to its regional diplomacy," he said.

Calling Pakistan's reported involvement in mediation "truly atrocious," Ramesh listed a series of allegations against the neighbouring country, including its history of sponsoring terrorism, providing shelter to global terrorists such as Osama bin Laden, and violating nuclear non-proliferation norms through the network led by A Q Khan. He also accused Pakistan of carrying out attacks on civilian infra-



structure and engaging in internal conflicts against its own population. "That Pakistan can even be considered for such a role is a most damning indictment of both the substance and style of Prime Minister Modi's diplomacy," Ramesh said, targeting Narendra Modi. He further alleged that the government's foreign policy approach had been "full of bombast and marked by cowardice." Drawing a comparison with the period following the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks, Ramesh said that under former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, India had successfully isolated Pakistan diplomatically. In contrast, he claimed that

recent developments—including remarks attributed to Pakistan Army Chief Asim Munir and the April 22, 2025 terror attack in Pahalgam—had not led to similar international isolation.

Ramesh also alleged that Pakistan had instead gained relevance globally, claiming that its military leadership had found favour with sections of the international community, including figures associated with US President Donald Trump.

Referring to remarks by the External Affairs Minister that India is not a "broker country," Ramesh said the situation on the ground suggested otherwise. "The colossal failures in our diplomacy, outreach, and narrative management have made a broken country a broker country," he stated, adding that this, in his view, reflected poorly on the government's diplomatic record. The remarks come amid ongoing political exchanges over India's foreign policy stance and its handling of regional and global developments related to the West Asia conflict.

ECI SEIZES RS 400 CR AHEAD OF POLLS, 95% COMPLAINTS RESOLVED WITHIN 100 MINUTES

New Delhi (TSIT) The Election Commission of India on Thursday reported that seizures of illicit inducements have surpassed Rs 400 crores in the run-up to the General Elections for the Legislative Assemblies of Assam, Kerala, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal, as well as bye-elections in six other states,



scheduled to begin on April 9. Announcing the poll schedule on March 15, the Commission directed the State and union Territory governments to ensure strict compliance with the Model Code of Conduct (MCC). "We have reviewed readiness with Chief Secretaries, CEOs, DGPs, and heads of enforcement agencies from the poll-bound and neighboring states to ensure violence-free, intimidation-free, and inducement-free elections," the ECI said in a press note on Thursday.

Trump warns time running out as Iran issues 5-point plan

New York (TSIT) : With the world in the throes of an energy crisis from the partial closure of the Strait of Hormuz, President Donald Trump warned on Thursday that time was running out for Tehran to "get serious" about a deal. Iran responded to the United States' 15-point peace proposal with a five-point plan, according to the Iranian news agency Tasnim. Trump said on Truth Social that Iran "better get serious soon, before it is too late, because once that happens, there is no



turning back, and it will not be pretty". He described the Iranian negotiators as "very different and strange", claiming they were "begging" for a deal while publicly saying

they were considering the United States proposals. Later, at an open cabinet meeting, he remarked, "We will see if we can make the right deal, and they make the right deal, and then the strait will open up."

Keeping the Strait open, a chokehold on 20 per cent of fossil fuel flows to the world, has emerged as a top priority for the United States and many countries affected by the blockage. Trump added, "Even now, we do not know if there are any mines."

India, Fiji discuss strengthening cooperation in agriculture & capacity building

Suva (TSIT): India's High Commissioner to Fiji Suneet Mehta held a meeting with Fiji's Minister for Agriculture, Waterways and Sugar Industry Tomasi Tunabuna on Thursday, with discussions focused on strengthening bilateral cooperation in agriculture and capacity building. "High Commissioner Suneet Mehta was pleased to call on Minister for

Agriculture, Waterways and Sugar Industry, Hon. Tomasi Tunabuna," Indian High Commissioner in Suva posted on X. "Productive discussions were held focusing on strengthening bilateral cooperation in agriculture, capacity building, further deepening the strong and growing partnership between our two nations and people," it added.

IRAN 'CROSSED ALL RED LINES': GCC CALLS FOR DIPLOMACY

Abu Dhabi (TSIT) The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) has accused Iran of crossing "all red lines" as tensions in the region escalated sharply, with missile strikes, maritime threats, and disruptions to global trade through Strait of Hormuz raising alarm.

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CM Revanth directs formulation of CSR policy to boost corporate participation

Hyderabad TSIT BUREAU: Chief Minister A.Revath Reddy has directed officials to formulate a dedicated policy for effective mobilization and optimal utilization of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds in Telangana. At a review meeting held on Thursday, the Chief Minister emphasized the need to attract greater CSR contributions for developmental and public welfare activities in the state. He stated that corporate companies supporting such initiatives through CSR funds should be formally appreciated by the government. He proposed organizing an annual felicitation programme to honour companies that make



outstanding CSR contributions. This recognition event will be held as part of the State Formation Day celebrations. Chief Minister also instructed officials to establish a state-level CSR cell with a dedicated office. The cell will coordinate CSR activities across departments, compile details of projects undertaken by corporate companies, and identify government projects that can be taken up through CSR funding. To strengthen coordination

between the government and corporate sector, the Chief Minister directed the development of a Telangana CSR portal. The portal will provide comprehensive information on CSR opportunities, enabling companies to contribute funds and select suitable projects across various departments. Officials informed the Chief Minister that Telangana currently receives only about 3% of CSR contributions at the national level. Expressing concern, the Chief Minister questioned why compa-



Telangana Assures Adequate Fuel Supply; Daily Availability Remains Stable

Hyderabad: The Telangana Government on Thursday assured that fuel supply across the state remains stable, with adequate stocks of petrol and diesel being maintained to meet public demand. According to official fuel data released by the state government, the average daily supply of petrol stands at 5,883 kilolitres (KL), while diesel supply averages 7,348 KL. On March 25, petrol supply was recorded at 10,799.5 KL and diesel at 11,327.5 KL. Overall, the total average daily fuel supply in the state is 13,231 KL, with the combined supply on March 25 reaching 22,127 KL. The government stated that it is ensuring robust fuel availability across all outlets and urged citizens not to panic.

Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar Unveils Poster of Legislators' Sports Meet



Hyderabad TSIT: Speaker of the Telangana Legislative Assembly Gaddam Prasad Kumar, along with Legislative Affairs Minister D.Sridhar Babu, unveiled the poster for the upcoming Legislators' Sports Meet, marking the formal launch of the event. The occasion witnessed the presence of several prominent leaders and officials including Minister Adhuri Laxman Kumar, Government Whip Adi Srinivas, Sports Authority of Telangana Chairman K. Shivaseena Reddy, MLAs Raj Thakur, Anirudh Reddy, and Ramchandra Naik. Also present at the event was Sports Authority of Telangana Managing Director Dr. Soni Bala Devi, along with other officials and representatives. Speaking on the occasion, the Speaker emphasized the importance of sports in promoting health, team spirit, and camaraderie among public representatives. He stated that such events provide a platform for legislators to engage beyond legislative duties and foster unity. Minister D. Sridhar Babu highlighted that Telangana has been giving top priority to sports development and such initiatives reflect the government's commitment to encouraging a sports culture across all sections of society.

KEY STEP FORWARD FOR SOUTHERN PART REGIONAL RING ROAD WITH EFFORTS OF MINISTER KOMATIREDDY VENKAT REDDY

Hyderabad TSIT: In a significant development for Telangana's infrastructure growth, the construction process of the Southern Part of the Regional Ring Road (RRR) has taken a crucial step forward, owing to the persistent efforts of Roads & Buildings Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy. Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari, in an official communication addressed to Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, confirmed that the proposal submitted for the Southern Part of the Regional Ring Road is under active consideration. He stated that a Detailed Project Report (DPR) is currently being prepared.

Hyderabad TSIT: In a significant development for Telangana on the auspicious occasion of Sri Rama Navami, and thanked the Union Minister on behalf of the people of the state. The Minister also expressed optimism that with the Northern Part of the RRR already sanctioned and in the tendering stage, and now with a positive move on the Southern Part, the complete Regional Ring Road project is set to become a reality soon. "Under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, the Regional Ring Road will emerge as a true game changer for Telangana. It will significantly transform the economic landscape of the state," he said. He further noted that the completion of the RRR will not only enhance the transportation network but also open up vast opportunities for industrial development in suburban and surrounding districts. Minister Komatireddy reiterated that the State Government will continue to coordinate closely with the Centre to ensure the expeditious completion of the project, which will provide world-class infrastructure connectivity around Hyderabad.

Union Minister further informed that a consultancy agency has already been appointed for the DPR preparation and that the process is underway. Expressing happiness over the positive response from the Centre, Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy extended his sincere gratitude to Union Minister Nitin Gadkari for acknowledging the proposal made in the interest of Telangana's development. He stated that this development comes as a welcome

COLLECTOR FOCUSES ON DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT, CALLS FOR EXPEDITING WORKS.

Mancherla, March 26, TSIT: District Collector Kumar Deepak has directed officials to expedite ongoing development works across Mancherla district, emphasising coordinated efforts to improve civic infrastructure and public services. Addressing a budget meeting of the Bellampalli Municipality on Thursday, the Collector underscored the need for collective action to ensure planned urban development. He instructed officials to achieve 100% tax collection, ensure timely payment of salaries to municipal staff, and strengthen sanitation management. He also highlighted the importance of improving internal roads, drainage systems, and drinking water supply in all wards. The Collector noted that an estimated budget of Rs.32.42 crore for the financial year 2026-27 had been approved, comprising Rs.4.77 crore in general revenue, Rs.26.28 crore in grants, Rs.81 lakh in deposits and advances, and a closing balance of Rs.55 lakh. He further stated that funds were being mobilised through CSR initiatives for municipal development works. Later, Mr. Deepak inspected the ongoing widening works of National Highway 63 at Thimmapur in Mandamari mandal and directed officials to ensure that the project progresses without hindrance. He also reviewed the implementation of the 'Praja Palana Pragati Pranalika' programme in Mandamari municipality, stressing strict sanitation practices, including segregation of wet and dry waste at the household level. During his visit to Nasapur, the Collector reviewed the construction of the Balasadanam building being taken up at a cost of Rs.1.34 crore under Mission Vatsalya. He instructed officials to expedite the works and ensure timely completion. Public representatives and officials were present.



OPTIONS AT KOTHAGUDA TRIBAL MODEL SPORTS SCHOOL: TRIBAL WELFARE D.D. DESIRAM



Mahabubabad (March 26) (TSIT): Tribal Welfare Deputy Director Desiram said in a statement today that selections will be held on the basis of the unified Warangal district on the 28th, 29th and 30th of this month in the Sports School in Kothaguda mandal to fill 40 seats in the 5th class in the Tribal Model Sports School Kothaguda in Mahabubabad district through a battery test to fill 40 seats in the 5th class. Therefore, tribal (ST) boys currently studying in the 4th class in the unified Warangal district are invited to take advantage of this opportunity.

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SALE NOTICE IN RESPECT OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES BELONGS TO: Smt. Dayamani Nagavath
E Auction Sale Notice for sale of the Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstructions of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules under Rule 9 (1) issued now after expiry of 30 days of the Intending sale Notice dated 29.10.2024. Since all of you have failed to exercise your right of redemption as contemplated under section 13 (8) of Act 54/2002 r/w Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, this notice for e-auction sale is issued. This is to inform the borrowers / guarantors/ mortgagors / co-applicants / co-borrowers
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrowers / guarantors/ mortgagors / co-applicants / co-borrowers that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, will be sold on in "As is where is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 30.04.2026 11.00 AM. To 01.00PM for recovery of dues of Rs.46,63,364/- as on 05.12.2022 with further interest, costs other charges and expenses thereon from 06.12.2022 due to the Shiriram Finance Limited, Secured Creditor as per Demand Notice dated 05.12.2022 issued U/s 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, to the Borrower/Guarantor(s) mentioned below.
Agreement No: CDRPKTF1906190002
Name and address of the Borrower/Guarantor(s) 1. Rajunayak Nagavath, S/O Dhadunagar, Age: 34 Years, Occ: Krupa Flyash Bricks Industries, Bhupalipally, #14-190, Hanuman Nagar, Bhupalipally, Warangal(Dist), 9441067631.
2. Dayamani Nagavath, W/O Nagavath Raju Naik, Age: 31 Years, # 14-190, Hanuman Nagar, Bhupalipally, Warangal(Dist), 9010558694.
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The interested bidders required assistance in creating login ID & Password, uploading data, submitting bid, training on e-bidding process etc., may contact Ms. Shiriram Automall India Limited contact person: Mr.Gaurav Namboodiri, Contact No.9835922941 Mr.Gaurav Namboodiri sgaurav.nid@samil.in and for any property related query may contact Shiriram Finance Limited Authorized Officer, P.Raju, Ph.No : 7995070900, during office hours and working days.
The Authorized Officer reserves the right to reject any or all bids without furnishing any further reasons. The online auction will be conducted on website (<https://eauctions.Samil.in/home>) of our auction agency Shiriram Auto Mall India Limited, and for the place of Tender Submission/ for obtaining the bid form /Tender open & Auction, please visit the website <https://eauctions.Samil.in/home> and for detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer to the link <https://www.shriramfinance.in/auktion> provided in the Shiriram Finance Limited website.
Note: It is informed that "SHIRIRAM CITY UNION FINANCE LIMITED" has been amalgamated with "SHIRIRAM TRANSPORT FINANCE LIMITED" as per order of NCLT, Chennai. Subsequently the name of "SHIRIRAM TRANSPORT FINANCE LIMITED" was changed as "SHIRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED" with effect from 30.11.2022 vide Certificate of Incorporation pursuant to change of name dated 30-11-2022.
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APPENDIX- IV-A- [See provision to rule 8 (6)]
Public Notice For E-Auction Cum Sale (Appendix - IV A) (Rule 8(6))
Sale of Immovable property mortgaged Hinduja Housing Finance Limited (HHF) having its Corporate Office at 167-169, 2ND Floor, Little Mount, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015 and Regional Office at - Hinduja Housing Finance Limited- Ashok Bhoopal Chambers, Unit No.101, Municipal No. 1-8-271, to 273 & 1-8-301 to 302, 1st Floor, Sardar Patel Road, Secunderabad - 500 003 under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter "Act"). Whereas the Authorized Officer ("AO") of HHF had taken the possession of the following property/ies under Section 13(4) pursuant to the notice issued U/S 13(2) of the Act in the following loan accounts/prospect nos. with a right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS & AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for realization of dues amounting to Rs.52,44,922/- as on 19-02-26 The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website: www.bankauctions.com.

SI No	Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Date of Possession	Reserve Price	Date of Inspection of property
1	1. Mr.AVULAMANDANANI R/o H NO 29, PNO 42, 1 ST LANE, R KNAGAR, MALKAJIGIRI, Telangana,India, Hyderabad -500047Borrower 2. Mrs.BHOOTHARAJU VENKATA SUNANDA R/o H NO 29, PNO 42, 1 ST LANE, R K NAGAR, MALKAJIGIRI, Telangana, India,Hyderabad 500047Co-Borrower AP/KPL/KMPL/A000000048 &CO/CP/CP/A0000008362	15-10-2025 & Rs.48,56724/- (Rupees Forty Eight Lakhs Fifty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Four Only)	02/01/2026	Rs. 52,50,000/-	02-May-2026 1100 hrs -1400 hrs EMD Last Date 04-May-2026 till 10AM. Date/Time of E-Auction 04-May-2026 1100 hrs-1300 hrs

Description of the Immovable property/ Secured : All That the Residential Flat bearing No 402, in Third Floor of RAM S FORTUNE having super built up area 950 Sq feet, including common areas and Car parking along with undivided share of land measuring 33.33 Sq yards or 27.86 Sq mtrs. out of measuring area 286.66 Sq yards or 222.92 Sq mtrs On Premises Plot bearing No 86, Demolished House bearing No 27-64/7/286 PTIN No 1280769469, Old No 27-256/86, in Survey Nos 116, 117 and 123, Situated at BLOCK NO 27, OLD NEREDMET, MALKAJIGIRI, Telangana, India - 500056 and bounded by Boundaries of Flat, North : Open To Sky, South : Open To Sky, East: Open To Sky, West : Corridor, Lift And Staircase. Boundaries of Property: North: Neighbours House On Plot No.85, South: Neighbours House On Plot No.87, East: Plot No.74, West: 25'0 Ft Wide Road.

Mode Of Payment: -All payment shall be made by demand draft in favour of Hinduja Housing Finance Limited payable at Hyderabad or through RTGS/NEFT The accounts details are as follows: a) Name of the account: Hinduja Housing Finance Limited b) Name of the Bank: -HDFC BANK LTD., c)Account No: HHFLTDAPKPLKMLPLA048 &A8362, d)IFSC Code: -HDFC0004989

TERMS & CONDITIONS OF ONLINE E-AUCTION SALE: -
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5. The bidders may participate in e-auction for bidding from their place of choice. Internet connectivity shall have to be ensured by bidder himself. Secured Creditor / Service provider shall not be held responsible for the internet connectivity, network problems, system crash own, power failure etc. 6.For details, help, procedure and online bidding on e-auction prospective bidders may contact the Service Provider M/S C1 India Pvt Ltd Plot No- 68, 3rd floor Sector 44 Gurgaon Haryana - 122003 (Contact no: 7291981124, 25.26) Support Email - Support@bankauctions.com, Mr. P.Dharani Krishna Mob. 9948182222. Email: andhra@c1india.com. 7. For participating in the e-auction sale the intending bidders should register their name at <https://www.bankauctions.com> well in advance and shall get the user id and password. Intending bidders are advised to change only the password immediately upon receiving it from the service provider. 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The sealed cover should be super scribed with "Bid for participating in E-Auction Sale in the Loan Account No. AP/KPL/KMPL/A000000048 &CO/CP/CP/A0000008362 (as mentioned above) for property of Mr. AVULAMANDANANI . 8.After expiry of the last date of submission of bids with EMD, Authorized Officer shall examine the bids received by him and confirm the details of the qualified bidders (who have quoted their bids over and above the reserve price and paid the specified EMD with the Secured Creditor) to the service provider M/S C1 India Pvt Ltd to enable them to allow only those bidders to participate in the online inter-se bidding / auction proceedings at the date and time mentioned in E-Auction Sale Notice. 9. Inter-se bidding among the qualified bidders shall start from the highest bid quoted by the qualified bidders. During the process of inter-se bidding, there will be unlimited extension of "10" minutes each, i.e., the end time of e-auction shall be automatically extended by 10 Minutes each time if bid is made within 10 minutes from the last extension. 10. Bids once made shall not be cancelled or withdrawn. All bids made from the user id given to bidder will be deemed to have been made by him alone. 11. Immediately upon closure of E-Auction proceedings, the highest bidder shall confirm the final amount of bid quoted by him BY E-Mail both to the Authorized Officer Mr. S.Bhaskar (CLM) A.Preetnam Kishore (RRM), Branch Office at Hinduja Housing Finance Limited- Ashok Bhoopal Chambers, Unit No.101, Municipal No. 1-8-271, to 273 & 1-8-301 to 302, 1st Floor, Sardar Patel Road, Secunderabad - 500 003 and the Service Provider for getting declared as successful bidder in the E-Auction Sale proceedings. 12. The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the bid amount (including EMD) on the same day of the sale, being knocked down in his favour and balance 75% of bid amount within 15 days from the date of sale by DD/Pay order/NEFT/RTGS/Chq favoring Hinduja Housing Finance Limited. 13. In case of default in payment of above stipulated amounts by the successful bidder / auction purchaser within the stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the amount already paid (including EMD) will be forfeited and the property will be again put to sale. 14. At the request of the successful bidder, the Authorized Officer in his absolute discretion may grant further time in writing, for depositing the balance of the bid amount. 15. The Successful Bidder shall pay 1% of Sale price towards TDS (out of Sale proceeds) and submit TDS certificate to the Authorized officer and the deposit the entire amount of sale price (after deduction of 1% towards TDS), adjusting the EMD within 15 working days of the acceptance of the offer by the authorized officer, or within such other extended time as deemed fit by the Authorized Officer, failing which the earnest deposit will be forfeited. 16. Municipal / Panchayat Taxes, Electricity dues (if any) and any other authorities dues (if any) has to be paid by the successful bidder before issuance of the sale certificate. Bids shall be made taking into consideration of all the statutory dues pertaining to the property. 17. Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorized Officer in favour of the successful bidder only upon deposit of entire purchase price / bid amount and furnishing the necessary proof in respect of payment of all taxes / charges. 18. Applicable legal charges for conveyance, stamp duty, registration charges and other incidental charges shall be borne by the auction purchaser. 19. The Authorized officer may postpone / cancel the E-Auction Sale proceedings without assigning any reason whatsoever. In case the E-Auction Sale scheduled is postponed to a later date before 30 days from the scheduled date of sale, it will be displayed on the website of the service provider. 20. The decision of the Authorized Officer is final, binding and unquestionable. 21. All bidders who submitted the bids, shall be deemed to have read and understood the terms and conditions of the E-Auction Sale and be bound by them. 22. For further details and queries, contact Authorized Officer, Hinduja Housing Finance Limited, S.Bhaskar (CLM), A.Preetnam Kishore (RRM) (C) Cell No. 8247673058, 9963566656. 23. This publication is also 30 (Thirty) days' notice to the Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantors of the above said loan account pursuant to rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, about holding of auction sale on the above-mentioned date / place.

Place : Hyderabad Date : 26-03-2026 Sd/-Authorized Officer, For Hinduja Housing Finance Limited
Special Instructions / Caution: Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Hinduja Housing Finance Limited nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements / alternatives such as back-up power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

FOR ADVERTISEMENT PLEASE CONTACT: 9948480279, 7330778889

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APPENDIX- IV-A- [See provision to rule 8 (6)]
Public Notice For E-Auction Cum Sale (Appendix - IV A) (Rule 8(6))
Sale of Immovable property mortgaged Hinduja Housing Finance Limited (HHF) having its Corporate Office at 167-169, 2ND Floor, Little Mount, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015 and Regional Office at - Hinduja Housing Finance Limited-5-89/2A, 1st Floor, Sara Complex, Above KBS Bank, Beside Maheswari Theatre, Yengonda, Mahabubnagar Town, Telangana-509001. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter "Act"). Whereas the Authorized Officer ("AO") of HHF had taken the possession of the following property/ies under Section 13(4) pursuant to the notice issued U/S 13(2) of the Act in the following loan accounts/prospect nos. with a right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS & AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for realization of dues The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website: www.bankauctions.com.

SI No	Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Date of Possession	Reserve Price	Date of Inspection of property
1	1.NARSIMULU T H.No. 4-85,MAGANOOOR VILLAGE AND MANDAL NARAYAN PET DISTRICT Telangana - 509208 Borrower 2.Mrs.REVATHI B.H.No. 4-85 MAGANOOOR VILLAGE AND MANDAL NARAYANPET DISTRICT Telangana -509208. Co-borrower 3.Ms.TAYAMMA B.H.No. 4-85 MAGANOOOR VILLAGE AND MANDAL NARAYANPET DISTRICT Telangana -509208. Co-borrower LAN:AP/HDB/MKTL/A000000066 &AP/HDB/MBNR/A000000624	19/02/2024 & Rs.9,14,922/- (Rupees Nine Lakhs Fourteen thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Two Only)	24-05-2024	Rs.9,97,992/-	10-April-2026 1100 hrs - 1400 hrs EMD Last Date 11-April-2026 till 10 am. Date/Time of E-Auction 11-April-2026 1100 hrs-1300hrs.
		Total Outstanding as On Date 17-03-2026 Rs.12,42,803/-		Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.98,799/-	
		Bid Increase Amount Rs.10,000/-			
Description of the Immovable property/ Secured Asset : SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY All that the H.No.4-85 admeasuring 141.83 Sq. yards in Situated at "Manganoor" shwar in Grampanchayat Limits Manganoor Mandal, Narayanpet District and bounded as follows: BOUNDARIES: EAST: B Thimaiah House ,WEST: B Narasimulu House, NORTH: 12 ft Road SOUTH: 18 ft Road,					
2	1.NARASIMHA. E HOUSE NO 10-122,RAM NAGAR COLONY NAGARKURNOOL TOWN AND DISTRICT Nagarkurnool, Telangana, India - 509209. Borrower 2.Mrs.ESHWARAMM A. E HOUSE NO-10-122,RAMNAGAR COLONY NAGAR KURNOOL TOWN AND DISTRICT Nagarkurnool, Telangana, India - 509209 Co-Borrower 3.Mrs.LAVANYA. E HOUSE NO 10-122,RAM NAGAR COLONY NAGARKURNOOL TOWN AND DISTRICT Nagarkurnool, Telangana, India - 509209 Co-Borrower LAN:AP/HDB/KWTK/A000000003	15/07/2024 & Rs.15,21,650/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Twenty One thousand Six Hundred Fifty Only)	15-11-2024	Rs.24,91,200/-	10-April-2026 1100 hrs - 1400 hrs EMD Last Date 11-April-2026 till 10 am. Date/Time of E-Auction 11-April-2026 1100 hrs-1300hrs.
		Total Outstanding as On Date 17-03-2026 Rs.20,38,907/-		Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.2,49,120/-	
		Bid Increase Amount Rs.10,000/-			
Description of the Immovable property/ Secured Asset : SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY All that the constructed H.No.10-198 P Admeasuring 353.5 Sq yards Survey No. 3/A Situated within in the limits NAGARKURNOOL Town And Municipality District and bounded by: North: Buchamma House ,South: Venkatamma House, East: Ramulu Goud House and Road, West: M Laxmaiah House					
3	1. MR. SURESH GOLLA H.No.15-19, Bramana Street, Kogoli Town Narayanpet, Telangana-509339Borrower 2. MR. GOLLA NARASAMMA H.No.15-19, Bramana Street, Kogoli Town Narayanpet, Telangana -509339. Co Borrower 3. MR. GOLLANARASAMMA H.No.15-19, Bramana Street, Kogoli Town Narayanpet, Telangana -509339Co Borrower LAN:AP/HDB/MBNR/A000000555	20/12/2023 & Rs.10,18,869/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Eight thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Nine Only)	17-04-2024	Rs.13,27,968/-	10-April-2026 1100 hrs - 1400 hrs EMD Last Date 11-April-2026 till 10 am. Date/Time of E-Auction 11-April-2026 1100 hrs-1300hrs.
		Total Outstanding as On Date 17-03-2026 Rs.10,95,615/-		Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.1,32,796/-	
		Bid Increase Amount Rs.10,000/-			
Description of the Immovable property/ Secured Asset : SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY All that the H.No.15-19, admeasuring 121.8 Sq. yards, with a plinth area Ground floor 641.20 Sqfts., R.C. Roof, situated at Kogoli Town & Mandal, Narayanpet District under the jurisdiction of Kogoli Municipality, and bounded as follows: BOUNDARIES: EAST : 8 ft lane & House of Manohar shastri s/o Manikya shastri, WEST : 2 ft lane Ho of Sate Bichappa, NORTH: 10 ft wide Road & House of Gallia Ramulu, Collapsed House of Medi Hanumaiah, SOUTH: 8 ft Sheri & Medi Ramu S/o Satyanarayana house					
4	1. Mr. Ravikumar Godugu H.No.6-73 Thamilak Village, Kalwakurthy Mandal Nagarkurnool, Telangana-509320Borrower 2. Mrs.Kavitha Godugu H.No.6-73 Thamilak Village, Kalwakurthy Mandal Nagarkurnool, Telangana-509320co Borrower LAN:AP/HDB/MBNR/A000000469 & AP/HDB/MBNR/A000000661	07/02/2024 & Rs.7,84,040/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Eighty Four thousand Fourty Only)	02-05-2024	Rs.15,55,781/-	09-April-2026 1100 hrs - 1400 hrs EMD Last Date 10-April-2026 till 10 am. Date/Time of E-Auction 10-April-2026 1100 hrs-1300hrs.
		Total Outstanding as On Date 17-03-2026 Rs.7,98,277/-		Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.1,55,578/-	
		Bid Increase Amount Rs.10,000/-			
Description of the Immovable property/ Secured Asset : SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY All that the survey No.1, House No.6-73, Admeasuring 236.00 sq yards in situated at Thamilak Village, Kalwakurthy Mandal, Nagarkurnool District and bounded as follows R.C.C. Roof 420 sq feet BOUNDARIES: EAST: House of Ruknaddin WEST: Colony Road NORTH: Colony Road, SOUTH: House of Naramma					
5	1. Mr. RAJENDER NAIK P.H.No.4-21, NEAR YELLAMMA TEMPLE MADDUR TOWN NARAYANPET Telangana-509411Borrower 2. Mrs. VIJJI BAI P.H.No.4- 21/1, NEAR YELLAMMA TEMPLE MADDUR TOWN NARAYANPET Telangana-509411. Co-borrower LAN:AP/HDB/MBNR/A0000007818 &CO/CP/CP/A000001407	19/02/2024 & Rs.17,17,381/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Seventeen thousand Three Hundred Eighty One Only)	24-05-2024	Rs.23,49,908/-	10-April-2026 1100 hrs - 1400 hrs EMD Last Date 11-April-2026 till 10 am. Date/Time of E-Auction 11-April-2026 1100 hrs-1300 hrs.
		Total Outstanding as On Date 17-03-2026 Rs. 18,54,249/-		Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.2,34,990/-	
		Bid Increase Amount Rs.10,000/-			
Description of the Immovable property/ Secured Asset : SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY All that the newly construction H.No. 4-21/1, Admeasuring 143.97 sq yards, in survey No. 103/B, Situated at Renivatta, Maddur Village and mandal, Narayanpet District and Bounded by: BOUNDARIES: EAST: Plot Of Padmabai WEST: Plot of Hiralal NORTH: 12 feet Road SOUTH: Plot of Nasaran					
Mode Of Payment : -All payment shall be made by demand draft in favour of "Hinduja Housing Finance Limited" payable at Vijayawada or through RTGS/NEFT. The accounts details are as follows: a) Name of the account: Hinduja Housing Finance Limited b) Name of the Bank: -HDFC, c)Account No:- Given above in Schedule, d)IFSC Code: -HDFC0004989					
TERMS & CONDITIONS OF ONLINE E-AUCTION SALE: -1. The Property is being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS, WHATEVER THERE & WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS". As such sale is without any kind of warranties & indemnities. 2.Particulars of the property / assets (viz. extent & measurements specified in the E-Auction Sale Notice has been stated to the best of information of the Secured Creditor and Secured Creditor shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission. Actual extent & dimensions may differ. 3.E-Auction Sale Notice issued by the Secured Creditor is an invitation to the general public to submit their bids and the same does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or representation on the part of the Secured Creditor. Interested bidders are advised to peruse the copies of title deeds with the Secured Creditor and to conduct own independent enquiries (due diligence about the title & present condition of the property / assets and claims / dues affecting the property before submission of bids. 4. Auction/bidding shall only be through "online electronic mode" through the website https://www.bankauctions.com Or Auction provided by the service provider M/s C1 India Private Limited, who shall arrange & coordinate the entire process of auction through the e-auction platform. 5. The bidders may participate in e-auction for bidding from their place of choice. Internet connectivity shall have to be ensured by bidder himself. Secured Creditor / Service provider shall not be held responsible for the internet connectivity, network problems, system crash own, power failure etc. 6.For details, help, procedure and online bidding on e-auction prospective bidders may contact the Service Provider M/S C1 India Pvt Ltd, Plot No- 68, 3 rd floor Sector 44 Gurgaon Haryana -122003 (Contact no: 7291981124, 25.26) Support Email - Support@bankauctions.com , Ms. Dharani Krishna Mob. 9948182222. Email: andhra@c1india.com . 7. For participating in the e-auction sale the intending bidders should register their name at https://www.bankauctions.com well in advance and shall get the user id and password. Intending bidders are advised to change only the password immediately upon receiving it from the service provider. 8.For participating in e-auction, intending bidders have to deposit a refundable EMD of 10% OF RESERVE PRICE (as mentioned above) shall be payable by interested bidders through Demand Draft/NEFT/RTGS in favor of "Hinduja Housing Finance Limited" on or before 11-April-2026, 9 AM. The intending bidders should submit the duly filled in Bid Form (format available on https://www.bankauctions.com) along with the Demand Draft remittance towards EMD in a sealed cover addressed to the Authorized Officer: HHFL Branch Office Hinduja Housing Finance Limited- 5-89/2A, 1 st Floor, Sara Complex, Above KBS Bank, Beside Maheswari Theatre, Yengonda, Mahabubnagar Town, Telangana-509001 latest by 10:00 AM on 11-April-2026. The sealed cover should be super scribed with "Bid for participating in E-Auction Sale in the Loan Account No. LAN: AP/HDB/MBNR/A0000007818 &CO/CP/CP/A000001407 (as mentioned above) for property of Rajender Naik P.10. After expiry of the last date of submission of bids with EMD, Authorized Officer shall examine the bids received by him and confirm the details of the qualified bidders (who have quoted their bids over and above the reserve price and paid the specified EMD with the Secured Creditor) to the service provider M/S C1 India Pvt Ltd to enable them to allow only those bidders to participate in the online inter-se bidding / auction proceedings at the date and time mentioned in E-Auction Sale Notice. 11. Inter-se bidding among the qualified bidders shall start from the highest bid quoted by the qualified bidders. During the process of inter-se bidding, there will be unlimited extension of "10" minutes each, i.e., the end time of e-auction shall be automatically extended by 10 Minutes each time if bid is made within 10 minutes from the last extension. 12. Bids once made shall not be cancelled or withdrawn. All bids made from the user id given to bidder will be deemed to have been made by him alone. 13. Immediately upon closure of E-Auction proceedings, the highest bidder shall confirm the final amount of bid quoted by him BY E-Mail both to the Authorized Officer Mr. Praveen					

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FOCUS ON SANITATION, ENSURE 100% TAX COLLECTION: ADDITIONAL COLLECTOR CHANDRAIAH.

Mancherial, March 26, TSIT: District Additional Collector (Local Bodies) P. Chandraiah has directed officials to accord top priority to sanitation and ensure 100% collection of municipal taxes across the district. On Thursday, Mr. Chandraiah inspected sanitation and development works in Rajiv Nagar under the Mancherial Municipal Corporation limits, along with Mayor Dharni Madhukar, Commissioner Anvesh and other officials. He stressed the need for daily door-to-door garbage collection and regular cleaning of internal roads and drainage systems. Responding to public grievances, he instructed



officials to immediately address issues related to drainage, obstacles caused by overhead power lines to house construction, and deficiencies in basic civic amenities. He also called for measures to ensure adequate drinking water supply and proper street lighting in all areas. Later, during a visit to the Kyathanpalli municipal office, the Additional

Collector reviewed tax collection records. He directed officials to intensify efforts to recover pending dues and achieve tax collection targets within the stipulated time. Emphasising accountability, he asked officials to prioritise public grievances and ensure prompt resolution.

In view of the summer season, Mr. Chandrayya instructed officials to take advance measures to prevent drinking water scarcity. He also called for expediting the construction of houses under the Indiramma housing scheme in accordance with prescribed norms.

Public representatives and officials were present.

PDSU PAYS TRIBUTE TO BHAGAT SINGH, CALLS FOR YOUTH MOBILISATION

Mahabubabad, March 26: The Progressive Democratic Students Union (PDSU) observed the 95th death anniversary of freedom fighters Bhagat Singh, Shivaram Rajguru, and Sukhdev Thapar, paying floral tributes at the Paladugu Krishna Memorial Building.

Marking the commemoration week (March 23-30), PDSU leaders remembered the sacrifices of the national heroes who laid down their lives fighting British rule and inspired generations with their courage and ideals. Speaking on the occasion,



PDSU leaders called upon students and youth to draw inspiration from Bhagat Singh's spirit of struggle and work towards building an equal and just society. They alleged that the policies of the Narendra Modi government were neglecting education and

prioritising other sectors, and urged youth to raise their voice on public issues.

The speakers also criticised global conflicts, referring to policies of the United States under Donald Trump, and called for opposition to war and violence.

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**(RULE - 8 (1))
POSSESSION NOTICE**

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Northern Arc Capital Ltd under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 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 14th January 2026 calling upon the Borrower (1) DEEPAK KUMAR, S/o, NARENDER KUMAR SINGH (Borrower) Address: HOUSE NO 4-42-117 ASBESTOS COLONY ROAD NO 4, MEDCHAL MALKAJIGIRI, Telangana-500037. (2) Narender Kumar Singh (Co-Borrower) HOUSE NO 4-42-117 ASBESTOS COLONY ROAD NO 4, MEDCHAL MALKAJIGIRI, Telangana-500037. (3) Sheela Devi (Co-Borrower) HOUSE NO 4-42-117 ASBESTOS COLONY ROAD NO 4, MEDCHAL MALKAJIGIRI, Telangana-500037 (4) Vineet Kumar Yadav (Co-Borrower) HOUSE NO 4-42-117 ASBESTOS COLONY ROAD NO 4, MEDCHAL MALKAJIGIRI, Telangana-500037 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 4581283.80/- (Rupees Forty Five Lakhs Eighty One Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Three and Paise Eighty Only) as on 14/01/2026 along with interest from 15/01/2026 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Guarantor/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/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on this possession notice dated 26/03/2026.

The Borrower/Guarantor/Co Borrower 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 Northern Arc Capital Ltd for an amount of Rs. 4581283.80/- (Rupees Forty Five Lakhs Eighty One Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Three and Paise Eighty Only) as on 14/01/2026 along with interest from 15/01/2026, costs, etc. thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

All that the piece and Parcel of House No. 4-42-177, P.TI No. 1140406193, measuring 118.22Sq. Yards or 98.85 Sq. Meters, having its built up area 400.00 Sq. feet situated at Asbestos Colony, Kukatpally Village, Under GHMC Circle Limits, Kukatpally Mandal, Mechel Malkajigiri District, Telangana bounded by: East: 20' Wide Road; West: House No. 4-42-194; North: House No. 4-42-176; South: House No. 4-42-178.

Place: Telangana
Date: 26-03-2026

Authorised Officer
For Northern Arc Capital Limited

Canara Bank Koramangala Layout Branch
P B No.3421, No.348, 100 Ft Road, 4th Block, St.John Medical College Post, Koramangala Layout, Ph: 9483520885, E-mail: cb0885@canarabank.com

(Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Property)

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of, Canara Bank, Koramangala Layout Branch, Bangalore, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 16.04.2026, 10.30 AM to 11.30 PM for recovery of below mentioned amount.

E-AUCTION DATE : 16.04.2026

Borrower and Mortgagor: (1) Mr. Bhaskar Bhogadi Alias Mr. Bhogadi Bhaskar (Borrower), 3-179, S1-B179, Sachivalaya Nagar, Vanasthalipuram, Hayath Nagar, K V Rangareddy Vanasthalipuram, Hayathnagar, Telangana-500070 (2) Mrs. R. Jyostna Alias Rachuri Jyostna (Guarantor/ GPA Holder), 6-3-179, Sachivalaya Nagar, Vanasthalipuram, Dist K V Rangareddy, Hayathnagar Telangana 500070

Total liabilities : Rs. 2,55,40,499.46 (Rupees Two Crore Fifty Five Lakh Forty Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety Nine and Paise Forty Six Only) as on 25.03.2026 with further interest and charges thereon

Reserve Price: Rs.2,74,32,000/- EMD: Rs. 27,43,500/-

Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before: 15.04.2026 - 7.00 p.m.

Description Immovable Property

Name of Title holder : Mr. BHASKAR BHOGADI

SCHEDULE-A Property : Item No.1 : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Survey No.343/2 measuring 24 guntas and survey No.338/2 measuring 1Acre, totally measuring 1 acre 24 guntas converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purpose vide official memorandum dated 11.01.2005 bearing No.ALN.SR(A).509/2004-05 situated at Bidaraguppe Village Attilbele Hobli Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District and bounded on the East by: Land belonging to Ramachandrarao, West by: Tank bund, North by: Land belonging to B M Govinda Reddy Smt. Saraswathamma S others, South by: Land belonging to Survey No.331/1

Item No.2 : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Survey No.343/1 measuring 2 acres 37 guntas converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purpose vide official memorandum dated 20.07.2012 bearing No.ALN(A).SR/76/12-13, situated at Bidaraguppe Village Attilbele Hobli Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District and bounded on the East by: Land bearing Re-Survey No.344, West by: Land bearing Re-Survey No.341, North by: Land bearing Re-Survey No.343/1 and Road, South by: Land bearing Re-survey No.338 & 343/2

SCHEDULE 'B' Property : Villa No.33 Type 2 Block A, measuring 750 Sq.ft super built up area (Carpet Area 1852 Sq.ft), along with UDS of 1265 Sq.ft, together with one car parking space to be constructed on Schedule A Property known as "AKRUTIARK", Bounded on : East by: By road/ Passage, West by: Remaining portion of the property, North by: Passage, South by: Villa No.34.

CERSIA ID / Asset ID: 400073182595

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank. For further details contact Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, Koramangala Layout Branch, Ph: 9483520885 e-mail: cb0885@canarabank.com during office hours on any working day or the service provider E-bkray (M/s PSB Alliance Pvt.Ltd.), (Contact No.8291220220, website:https://bananknet.com, Email:support.bananknet@psballiance.com

Date : 26.03.2026
Place: Hyderabad Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

NIKHIL DEY MEETS CM REVANTH REDDY PRAISES TELANGANA'S PUBLIC GOVERNANCE INITIATIVES



Hyderabad TSIT: Prominent social activist Nikhil Dey and his delegation met Chief Minister A.Revanth Reddy at the Telangana Legislative Council Conference Hall on Thursday. During the meeting, Nikhil Dey appreciated the various welfare and governance initiatives being implemented by the people's government in Telangana. He particularly lauded the state's efforts in strengthening transparency and citizen-centric administration. A key point of discussion was the expansion of the 'Prajanavi' grievance redressal programme. The delegation and officials deliberated on extending the initiative to the Revenue Division level to ensure wider accessibility and quicker resolution of public grievances. Chief Minister directed officials to take necessary steps in this regard. Meeting also discussed the establishment of a 'Praja Suchna Portal' in Telangana, on the lines of the Jan Sochna Portal implemented by the Rajasthan Government. The proposed portal will serve as a single-window platform, providing comprehensive information on all government schemes across departments in one place. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy instructed officials from the IT Department to take up the development of the portal at the earliest. Nikhil Dey also appreciated the Telangana Gig Workers Bill, stating that it would stand as a historic legislation in the country and set a benchmark for worker welfare. Among those present at the meeting were Planning Board Vice Chairman Chinnna Reddy, Chief Secretary Ramkrishna Rao, and senior officials including Dana Kishore, V.Sheshadri, B. Ajith Reddy, Manik Raj, Divya Devarajan, and Vemula Srinivasulu. The meeting underscored Telangana's continued focus on transparency, accountability, and citizen empowerment through innovative governance reforms.

HINDUJA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED
Corporate office at #167-169, 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(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorized Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of HHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/Guarantor/LAN No.	Demand Notice Date and Amount	DATE OF POSSESSION
1. Mr. Chinthala Madhusudhan, R/o.H No. 3-26/1, Yellamla Vill, Jangaon Manda & Dist, Telangana, India -506201.....Borrower	09.01.2026 Rs.9,72,402/- (Rupees Nine Lacs Seventy Two Thousand Four Hundred Two Only)	25-03-2026
2. Mrs. Chinthala Manjula, R/o.H No. 3-26/1, Yellamla Vill, Jangaon Manda & Dist, Telangana, India -506201Co-Borrower	09.01.2026 Rs.5,85,553/- (Rupees Five Lakh Eighty Five Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Three Only)	26-03-2026
3. Mrs. Dasari Pulamma R/o. H No.2-131, Gurrupagudem, Vemulapalle, Miryalaguda, Nalgonda, Telangana, India -508374	09.01.2026 Rs.11,18,667/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Eighteen Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Seven Only)	24-03-2026

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that the land and R.C.C ROOF HOUSE WITH OPEN PLACE PROPERTY bearing GP HNO. 3-26/10, measuring 200.00 square yards R.C.C ROOF plinth at to 900.00sq.ft, situated area Yellamla Village Jangaon Mandal and Dist. Subregister Jangaon As Follows: Boundaries EAST LANE, WEST: BIRRU LALA NARSAIAH HOUSE, NORTH: CHINTHALA SUGUNAMMA OPEN PLACE, SOUTH: G.P. ROAD

Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/Guarantor/LAN No.	Demand Notice Date and Amount	DATE OF POSSESSION
1. Mr. Dasari Nagaraju, R/o.H No.2-131, Gurrupagudem, Vemulapalle, Miryalaguda, Nalgonda, Telangana, India -508374	09.01.2026 Rs.5,85,553/- (Rupees Five Lakh Eighty Five Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Three Only)	26-03-2026
2. Mrs. Dasari Ramana, R/o. H No.2-131, Gurrupagudem, Vemulapalle, Miryalaguda, Nalgonda, Telangana, India -508374	09.01.2026 Rs.11,18,667/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Eighteen Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Seven Only)	24-03-2026
3. Mrs. Dasari Pulamma R/o. H No.2-131, Gurrupagudem, Vemulapalle, Miryalaguda, Nalgonda, Telangana, India -508374	09.01.2026 Rs.11,18,667/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Eighteen Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Seven Only)	24-03-2026

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that the Land and R.C.C. House with Open Place Property bearing GWMCO.No.57-4-156/A/1, to an extent of 230.00 Sq. Yards (or) 192.30 Sq.Meters, Situated at Rampur Village, Kazipet Mandal, Hanamankonda District. Within the limits of Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation, within the Registration District Hanamankonda and it is in the jurisdiction of the Joint Sub-Registrar, Warangal (R.O) bounded as follows: Boundaries EAST: 10-0 WANDRA ROAD, WEST: OPEN PLACE OFSALOMAN, NORTH HOUSE OF SANDRA KUMARASWAMY, SOUTH: HOUSE OF RAMAIAH

Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/Guarantor/LAN No.	Demand Notice Date and Amount	DATE OF POSSESSION
1. Ms. Sandra Rama, R/o.H No.6-82, Rampur, Dharmasagar, Telangana, India -506151	09.01.2026 Rs.11,18,667/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Eighteen Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Seven Only)	24-03-2026
2. Mr. Malliah Sandra, R/o.H No.6-82, Rampur, Dharmasagar, Telangana, India -506151	09.01.2026 Rs.11,18,667/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Eighteen Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Seven Only)	24-03-2026
3. Co-Borrower And Also Ms. Sandra Rama, & Mr. Malliah Sandra, H NO 57-4-156/A/1, Rampur, Dharmasagar, Telangana, India -506151	09.01.2026 Rs.11,18,667/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Eighteen Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Seven Only)	24-03-2026

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Place: All Telangana
Date: 26-03-2026

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
For Hinduja Housing Finance Limited

BAJAJ FINANCE LIMITED

Registered Office : Bajaj Finance Limited, C/o Bajaj Auto Limited Complex Mumbai Pune Road Akurdi Pune 411035. Corporate Office : Bajaj Finance Limited, Off Pune Ahmednagar Road, Viman Nagar, Pune - 411014 Branch Office : Bajaj Finance Limited, Sr Ananthula Complex, 1st Floor, 1 4 249 153, 1 MG Road, Suryapeta, Telangana - 508216. Authorized Officer's Details : Name : Yenduri Kumar Email ID : yenduri.kumar@bajajfinserv.in Mob No. +91 7799468198

**APPENDIX- IV-A (See proviso to rule 8 (6))
e-Auction Sale Notice Under SARFAESI Act 2002**

Sale of Immovable Assets Under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("ACT")

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the Borrowers / Co-Borrowers / Mortgagor(s) in respect of below mentioned secured asset which is mortgaged with Bajaj Finance Limited ("BFL"), and possession of which had been taken by undersigned Authorised Officer of BFL under the provisions of the ACT will be sold by Auction for recovery of the amount mentioned hereunder and further applicable interest, charges and costs etc. The secured asset described below is being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS, AS IS WHAT IS AND WHATEVER THERE IS" under Rule No. 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules ("the Rules") for recovery of the dues defaulted as under:

Particulars of E-auction

1. Sri Surya Enterprises thr. Its Prop. Radhakrishna Vempathi R/o. D No. 1-2-147/A/1 Near E Seva Municipal Quarters Lane Suryapeta Telangana 508213 Also at, R/o. Flat No. 102 H No. 1-1-517/2/18 Ward No. 1 Block No. 1 First Floor Seven Hills Apartment S/o. No. 265 Bechiraj Madharam Rv Suryapeta 508213 Telangana 2 Vempati Bhagyalakshmi Wo Vempati Radha Krishna R/o. H No 1-2-147/A/1 Municipal Quarters Lane Near E Seva Suryapeta Nalgonda 508213 Telangana 3. Radhakrishna Vempathi S/o Vempati Suraiyah R/o. H No 1-2-147/A/1 Municipal Quarters Lane Near E Seva Suryapeta Nalgonda 508213 Telangana Contact-9848125627 Email id-vempathiradhakrishna1@gmail.com

Name & Address of Borrower

Loan Account No. PGH2PBL10326561

Statutory Demand Notice U/s 13(2) Date & Amount Notice dated 12.05.2025 Demand amount ₹ 3395991/-

Outstanding Amount as on 24.03.2026 ₹ 3706969.95/- (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakhs Six Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Nine and Ninety Five Paise Only)

Description of Immovable Property All the piece and parcel of Flat No. 102 H No. 1-1-517/2/18 Ward No. 1 Block No. 1 First Floor Seven Hills Apartment S/o. No. 265 Bechiraj Madharam Rv Suryapeta 508213 Telangana along with proportionate share in common areas (Area adm. 495 Sq.Ft.)
Boundaries: Flat No. 102 Boundaries : East : Open to Sky & Stairs; West : Lift and Open Sky; North : Corridor; South : Open to Sky.
Apartment / Land Boundaries : East : Place of N Basava Rao; West : 30 Ft. Road; North : Houses of Janardhan Reddy and Others; South : 16 Ft. Road

Reserve Price in INR ₹ 35,01,360/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakhs One Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Only)

EMD ₹ 350136/-

E-auction Date and Time 27/04/26 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

E- auction Portal https://bankauctions.in

Last date of submission of EMD 25/04/26

Bid Increment Amount ₹ 25000/-

Encumbrance Known to Secured Creditor Not Known

Date of Inspection of Property From 27/03/26 to 25/04/26 on Working Day between 9.30 AM to 5 PM with Prior appointment

Public in General and Borrowers in particular please take notice that if in case auction on date scheduled herein fails for any reason whatsoever then secured creditor may enforce security interest by way of sale through private treaty, at the discretion of the secured creditor. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link https://bankauctions.in and https://www.bajajfinserv.in/auction-notice

Date : 24/03/2026
Place : Pune

For Bajaj Finance Ltd.
Authorised Officer

Telangana Shines at National Cultural Competitions in New Delhi



Hyderabad TSIT: Telangana has once again demonstrated its cultural excellence at the national level, with its artists delivering an outstanding performance at the National Cultural Competitions held in New Delhi from March 20 to 25. The prestigious event was organized under the aegis of the Central Civil Services Cultural Board and witnessed participation from talented artists representing various states across the country.

The Telangana contingent, comprising 47 artists, competed in 16 different cultural disciplines, showcasing the state's rich artistic traditions, creativity, and versatility. Their performances not only reflected technical excellence but also highlighted the vibrant cultural heritage of Telangana on a national platform. In a commendable achievement, Telangana secured awards in three major categories. Gandham Santhosh, a Special Grade Teacher (SGT) in Special Education from Kottapet in Warangal district, emerged as the winner in the Western Dance category, impressing judges with his energetic and well-coordinated performance. In the field of classical instrumental music, Dr.K.Parthur, Associate Professor at MKR Government

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited, having one of their Area Office at Sangra Reddy, are proposing to consider a loan to be advanced to Smt. Jangampeta Mangamma W/o. Sri. Jangampeta Muni Raj, in respect of property comprising of the Open Place bearing No.249 admeasuring 200 Sq. Yards which is equivalent to 167.2 Sq. Mtrs., in Survey No.464 situated at Rudramam Village, Patancheru Mandal, Sangra Reddy District and entrusted me for legal opinion, in the documents produced before me there are Certified copy of link Documents, i.e., 1) Sale Deed, bearing Document No. 7840/2004, dated 22.06.2004. Registered at SRO, Sangra Reddy upon enquiry it has been informed that Original was lost and that the same not traceable. The General Public is hereby cautioned not to deal with the person/persons who are in illegal possession of the document. If any person/persons entering into any transaction with respect to the above mentioned property basing on the lost document shall be doing so at their risk and such transactions shall not be honoured. If anyone has any claim/interest/dispute over the said property, the same may be reported to the undersigned within 7 days from the publication of the notice, failing which no further claim over the said property will be entertained and Encumbrance pending against this Documents.

Mereddy Narasimha Reddy (Advocate)
House No. 11-13-194/1/4, Plot No. 5, Road No. 3, Green Hills Colony, Kothapet, Ranga Reddy District-034, Phone No. 6301426732

Indian Bank Choutuppal
IBGA No. C127, CBS Code:01893
C127@indianbank.co.in, Mobile No. 9912748900

**ANNEXURE VIII
NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice of sale under Rule 6(2) & 8(6) of The Security Interest (Enforcement Rules) 2002 under The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002

Name of the Branch:	Name of the Branch:
1. M/s Manikanta Agro Industries, Registered office: Jayabheri Vasireddy, Backside Fruit Market, Kothapet, Saroor Nagar, Ranga Reddy 500060	2. M/s Manikanta Agro Industries, Factory address: H No. 5-48/2, Sy. No. 129/B1, 129/B2, Neelutla Village, Ganpur Mandal, Jangaon, Telangana-506167
3. Mr. Rammoan Jooluri, Flat No. 201, Lakshmi Sri Sai Durga Towers, Prabhath Nagar, Ranga Reddy 500060	4. Mr. Nune Venkateswarlu, H. No. 1-3-91/1, Kisan Nagar, Bhongir, 508116
5. Ms. Padma Kandukuri, H.No. 6-5-163/1, Raveendra Nagar, Nalgonda, 508001	6. Ms. Tadiseti Sreedevi, Plot No. 22A, Janaki Enclave, Karamnaghat
7. Mr. Tadiseti Sreenu, H. No. 22A, Janaki Enclave, Near Backside of KKR Function Hall, Karamnaghat,	8. Ms. Tadakamalla Bharathamma, H.No. 07-02-07/p85, Durga Nagar, Jillegadda
9. Ms. Thatishetti Kalyani, Plot No. 22A, Karamnaghat, Hyderabad	10. Ms. Mashetty Kalpana, Flat No. 401, H No. 6-2-831, Meerbagh Colony, Srinivas towers, Nalgonda 508001
11. Ms. Pola Madhavi, H. No. 1-9-129/16/1/C, Flat No. 102, Usha Kiran Enclave, Musheerabad, Hyderabad 500020	12. Ms. Edukulla Manjulatha, 6-5-178, Beat Market, Near TTD Kalyana Mandapam, Nalgonda
13. Ms. Kandukuri Chandana, H. No. 6-5-163/1, Raveendra Nagar, Nalgonda	

Sub: OCC (6743385389) and Term Loan accounts (6743381996 & 7225198799) with Indian Bank, Choutuppal Branch-regd.

M/S Manikanta Agro Industries availed OCC and Term Loan facilities from Indian Bank, Choutuppal Branch, the repayment of which is secured by Mortgage of schedule mentioned properties hereinafter referred to as "the Properties". M/S Manikanta Agro Industries failed to pay the outstanding dues to the Bank. Therefore a Demand Notice dated 06.11.2025 under Sec. 13 (2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (for short called as "The Act"), was issued by the Authorized Officer calling upon Borrower(s), Guarantor(s) of M/S Manikanta Agro Industries liable to the Bank to pay the amount due to the tune of Rs. 4,17,82,055.32 (Rupees Four Crores seventeen lakhs eighty two thousand fifty five and paise thirty two only) as on 25.03.2026 and the said amount carries further interest at the agreed rate from 26.03.2026 till date of repayment with further interest, costs, other charges and expenses thereon. Both Borrowers and Guarantors failed to make payment despite Demand Notice dated 06.11.2025.

As Mrs. M/S Manikanta Agro Industries failed to make payment despite Demand Notice, the Authorized Officer took symbolic possession of the schedule mentioned properties under the Act on 22.01.2026 after complying with all legal formalities.

As per Sec.13 (4) of the Act, Secured Creditor is entitled to effect sale of the assets taken possession of and realize the proceeds towards outstanding balance. In accordance with the same, the undersigned / Authorized Officer intends selling the schedule mentioned securities in the following mode:

THE SALE PROPOSED TO BE HELD IS BY WAY OF PUBLIC TENDER AUCTION ADOPTING THE e-AUCTION MODE.

*As per Rule 6 (2) and 8(6) of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 framed under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, 30 days notice of sale is required to be given and hence we are issuing this notice. The amount due is Rs. 4,17,82,055.32 (Rupees Four Crores seventeen lakhs eighty two thousand fifty five and paise thirty two only) as on 25.03.2026 and the said amount carries further interest at the agreed rate from 26.03.2026 till date of repayment with further interest, costs, other charges and expenses thereon.

Please take note that this is notice of 30 days and the schedule mentioned properties shall be sold under the Act by the undersigned/Authorized Officer any time after 30 days.

The date of sale is fixed as 06.05.2026 which would be by e-auction mode. Inspection of the scheduled properties and related documents up to date EC to be by the intending purchasers/bidders may be done at their expense from 06.04.2026 to 05.05.2026 between 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.

The Reserve price and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) for the sale of the secured assets is fixed as mentioned in the schedule

The Tender/bid Form with the Terms and conditions can be had on-line from the website (https://www.banknet.com (PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd.) and using the provision in the system/software. The tender form and the terms and conditions would be available in the website.

The intending Bidders/ Purchasers are requested to register with online portal (https://www.banknet.com (PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd.) using their mobile number and email id. Further, after completing their eKYC, the intending Bidders/ Purchasers have to transfer the EMD amount in their e-Wallet by 06.05.2026, 4 PM (Date of auction & end time). The registration, eKYC and transfer of EMD in wallet must be completed well in advance, before auction.

Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) amount as mentioned above shall be paid online or after generation of Challan from the website (https://www.banknet.com (PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd.) for depositing in bidders EMD Wallet. NEFT transfer can be done from any Scheduled Commercial Bank. Payment of EMD by any other mode such as Cheques will not be accepted. Bidders, not depositing the required EMD online, will not be allowed to participate in the e-auction. The Earnest Money Deposit shall not bear any interest.

The Authorized Officer/Bank has the absolute right to accept or reject any bid or adjourn/ postpone/cancel the sale without assigning any reason therefor.

The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% (twenty-five percent) of the bid amount, including EMD amount (10%) deposited, latest by the next working day and the remaining amount shall be paid within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale in the form of Banker's Cheque/ Demand Draft /Account Transfer and/ or any other acceptable mode of money transfer. The Nodal Bank account no. / IFSC Code etc. for online money transfer is as under:

Nodal Bank Account No. and A/c Name Branch name and IFSC Code
465722788 IZBONAL OFFICE HIMAYATNAGAR IDIB0000008

In case of failure to deposit the amounts as above within the stipulated time, the amount deposited by successful bidder will be forfeited to the Bank and Authorized Officer shall have the liberty to conduct a fresh auction/ sale of the property & the defaulting bidder shall not have any claim over the forfeited amount and the property.

The sale is subject to confirmation by the Secured Creditor.

The sale is made on "As is where is and as is what is" basis and no representations and warranties will be given by the Bank relating to encumbrance, Statutory liabilities etc. If the e-auction fails owing to any technical snag etc., the same may be re-scheduled by issuing 7 days' prior notice.

***This Notice is without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Secured Creditor (this portion may be retained if it is a non-suited filed account)

***This Notice is without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Secured Creditor with no prejudice to rights of the Secured Creditor to proceed with the proceedings presently pending before DRT/RO of DRT/ DRAT/ Court (and proceed with the execution of order/decrees obtained) to be obtained. (This portion may be retained if it is a suited filed account).

SCHEDULE

The specific details of the assets which are intended to be brought to sale are enumerated hereunder:-

Details/Description of Mortgaged Assets	Forced/ Distress Price	EMD	Date, Time for e-auction and Property ID No.	Prior Encumbrance
EM of Rice Mill Land and Building under the Regd Sale Deed No. 10345/2018, Dated 28.09.2018 bearing GP Door No. 5-48/2, Sy. No. 130/D, admeasuring AC 3-30 Gls or 18,150 Sq. Yds or 15175.21 Sq. Mts consisting of Ground Floor with RCC roof situated at Lingala Ganpur road, Neelutla Vill., Lingala Ganpur Mtl, Jangaon Dist in the name of M/s Manikanta Agro Industries within the following Boundaries: North: Agri land of Yedla Yadaiah, P. Sudhishwamy and Others, South: Agri Land of Marati Chokkamma and Others in Sy. No. 130/D, East: Agri Land of Marati Chokkamma and others in Sy. No. 130/D, West: Agri Land of P. Andalu and Ambala Yadagiri.	Rs. 507.57 lacs	Rs. 50.76 lacs	Date: 06.05.2026 (10.00 am to 4.00 pm) IDIB67433853891	(*)
2. EM of Commercial Land and Building under the Regd Sale Deed No. 9689/2018, Dated 28.09.2018 bearing H No 5-48/2 (Survey No. 129/B1 & 129/B2) admeasuring 5687 Sq. Yds or 4754.91 Sq. Mts situated at Neelutla Vill., Lingala Ganpur Mtl, Jangaon Dist in the name of M/s Manikanta Agro Industries within the following Boundaries: North: Agri Land of Alishala Yadagiri and Others, South: Road, East: Agri Land of Alishala Yadagiri and Others, West: Agri Land of Alishala Yadagiri	Rs. 92.12 lacs	Rs. 9.21 lacs	IDIB67433853892	(*)
3. EM of Commercial Land and Building under the Regd Sale Deed No. 9812/2018, Dated 04.10.2018 bearing H No 2-4-97, admeasuring 125.00 Sq. Yds situated at Railway Station road, Jangaon Town and District Dist in the name of M/s Manikanta Agro Industries within the following Boundaries: North: House of A. Venkataiah and Others, South: Lane, East: M. C. Road, West: House of Manga Upalalaha	Rs. 96.75 lacs	Rs. 9.70 lacs	IDIB67433853893	(*)
4. EM of Residential Land and Building under the Regd Sale Deed No. 9806/2018, Dated 28.09.2				

NRI EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS GRANTED DEEMED-TO-BE UNIVERSITY STATUS BY UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION



Eluru: NRI Educational Institutions, located near Agiripalli in Eluru district, has been granted Deemed-to-be University status by the University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi, announced Chairman Dr. R. Venkata Rao.

Founded in 2007 with the establishment of NRI College of Pharmacy and expanded in 2008 with the NRI Institute of Technology, the institution achieved autonomous status in 2018. It later secured NAAC A-Grade and NBA Tier-1 accreditations, culminating in this major milestone in 2026.

CEO M. Teja Sai stated that admissions for the academic year 2026-27 will commence soon for courses including B.Tech, M.Tech, B.Pharmacy, MBA, and other programmes.

The official recognition was received from Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. Principal Dr. C. Nagabhaskar said that detailed information regarding entrance examinations, courses, and scholarship opportunities will be announced shortly. The achievement marks a significant step in the institution's growth, positioning it as a prominent center for higher education and research in the region.

BUDA DELEGATION MEETS VMRDA OFFICIALS IN VISAKHAPATNAM.



Visakhapatnam (TSIT) A delegation from the Ballari Urban Development Authority (BUDA), led by Chairman Anjaneyulu along with members of the Board of Directors, paid a visit to Visakhapatnam and met VMRDA Chairman M.V. Pranav Gopal and Metropolitan Commissioner Mr. N. Tej Bharat on Thursday. During the meeting, the BUDA representatives were briefed in detail about the comprehensive master plan prepared for the Visakhapatnam Metropolitan Region (VMR), maintenance of parks under VMRDA, and various development works being undertaken by its technical wing. Discussions were also held on planning strategies and implementation of development projects. The meeting was attended by the Mayor of Ballari, BUDA members Geddappa, Ranjith Kumar, Joint Commissioner Mr. Ramesh, Secretary Muralikrishna, Chief Planning Officer Shilpa, Chief Statistical Officer Hariprasad, and Planning Officers Mounika and Kishore, among others.

'MEE INTIKI MEE DOCTOR' LAUNCHED IN TIRUPATI; MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT TO SERVE RURAL POOR



Tirupati, March 26: District Collector Dr. S. Venkateswar inaugurated a Mobile Medical Unit under the "Mee Intiki - Mee Doctor" project to strengthen primary healthcare services in rural areas of the district. Launched under the aegis of the Indian Red Cross Society with CSR support from the Rural Electrification Corporation (REC), the initiative aims to provide free and quality medical services to the poor, particularly in remote SC and ST habitations. The specially designed mobile unit will offer outpatient services and medicines to nearly 100 patients. Staffed with a doctor, nurse, pharmacists, and driver, the unit will visit two to three villages daily as per a fixed schedule. It will also coordinate with ASHA and ANM workers for follow-up care and refer patients to higher medical facilities when required. Implemented at a cost of Rs.8.40 crore, the programme is being introduced in seven districts across the state, including Tirupati. The initiative focuses on achieving 100% immunization, reducing communicable diseases like dengue and malaria, and lowering maternal and infant mortality rates. The Collector also highlighted plans to launch a Mobile Blood Bank soon to promote voluntary blood donation and ensure timely availability of blood. Officials from the Health Department and Indian Red Cross Society attended the programme.

AP POLICE NAB BALLARI YOUTH FOR EXTREMIST LINKS

Ballari (TSIT) A 36-year-old man from Ballari city has been arrested by Andhra Pradesh Police on charges of allegedly spreading extremist propaganda online and maintaining links with banned terrorist organisations, police sources said on Thursday. The accused, identified as Abdul Salam, a resident under Kaul Bazaar police station limits, was taken into custody on Tuesday night following specific intelligence inputs. He was tracked down and apprehended near Dhara Mill in Ballari by a special police team from Andhra Pradesh. Subsequently, with assistance from local police, a search (panchanama) was conducted at his residence before he was produced before a court and taken to Vijayawada for further investigation.

Historic MoU Signed to Promote Andhra Pradesh as a Culinary tourism hub

THE SOUTH INDIA TIMES, VISAKHAPATNAM: In a significant move to boost the tourism sector, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has entered into a historic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Sun International Institute of Tourism & Management and the Indian Culinary Institute. The agreement was formally signed in the presence of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu on Thursday. The event was also attended by State Tourism Minister Kandula Durgesh, Special Chief Secretary of Tourism Ajay Jain, and CMD of Sun International Institute of Tourism & Management Srikanth Jasti. Representatives from the participating institutions exchanged the MoU documents in the presence of the Chief Minister. Speaking on the occasion,



Srikanth Jasti stated that the primary objective of the collaboration is to take Telugu cuisine to national and international platforms. He emphasized that the partnership would help showcase the rich regional food culture of Andhra Pradesh to the world. The MoU aims to develop Andhra Pradesh into a leading culinary tourism destination. It will focus on skill development in the culinary sector, creating employment opportunities, and organizing food festivals and tourism-related events under the aegis of the AP Tourism Authority. Special initiatives will be undertaken to promote traditional Telugu cuisine globally. AP Tourism Corporation Chairman Nookasani Balaji and representatives from the AP Hotel Association were also present at the event.

Peace Committee Meeting Conducted in Shadnagar Ahead of Sri Rama Navami

RANGAREDDY (TSIT) As part of precautionary measures ahead of the Sri Rama Navami festival, a peace committee meeting was held at the Shadnagar Police Station to ensure smooth and peaceful celebrations in the region. The meeting was presided over by ACP Laxminarayana and witnessed participation from religious leaders, community representatives, social activists, public representatives, and prominent citizens from Shadnagar and nearby areas.



During the meeting, religious elders and local leaders urged the public to celebrate the festival in an atmosphere of peace, unity, and mutual respect. They stressed

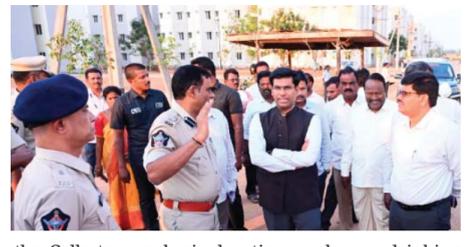
the importance of maintaining communal harmony and said it is the shared responsibility of every citizen to uphold peace during festival occasions.

Speaking on the occasion, ACP Laxminarayana said the police department has put in place all necessary security arrangements to prevent any untoward

incidents during the festivities. He instructed that the Shobha Yatras organised as part of the Sri Rama Navami celebrations must be carried out in a disciplined and peaceful manner. He also warned that strict action would be taken against anyone trying to disturb public order or create tensions by hurting religious sentiments.

CM Naidu to Inaugurate TTDCO Housing Units in Naidupeta on March 30

Tirupati, March 26: District Collector Dr. S. Venkateswar has directed officials to ensure fool-proof and meticulous arrangements for the upcoming visit of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, who is scheduled to inaugurate TTDCO housing units at Puduru village in Naidupeta on March 30.



The Collector, along with District SP L. Subbarayudu and other senior officials, conducted an inspection of the housing site and surrounding areas to review preparations. The team examined key arrangements including sanitation, plantation drives, infrastructure readiness, and overall site development.

During the inspection,

the Collector emphasized that all arrangements for the Chief Minister's tour, including the inauguration and house-warming (Gruha Pravvesam) ceremony, must be carried out in a systematic and timely manner. He instructed officials to personally monitor the works and ensure completion before the visit.

Special focus was laid on providing essential ameni-

ties such as drinking water, electricity, and sanitation facilities to all the housing units to be inaugurated.

Officials including Joint Collector Govindarao, Additional SP Ravi Manohar Chari, Naidupeta DSP Chenchu Babu, Sullurupeta RDO Devendra Reddy, and local municipal and revenue authorities participated in the inspection.

'EKAA: THE ONE' SHOWCASES RARE 64 YOGINI ARTWORKS IN HYDERABAD

Hyderabad | March 26, 2026: A unique and culturally significant art exhibition, "Ekaa: The One - The 64 Yogini Trail," by Dr. Beena Unnikrishnan, is being held in Hyderabad from March 26 to 28 at Gallery 78, Silpa Hills, Khanamet near HITEC. The exhibition presents a rare collection of all 64 Yogini artworks, offering an immersive experience rooted in the philosophy of Shakti—the primordial feminine energy. Through a contemporary artistic lens, the works explore themes of feminine power, balance, consciousness, and transformation.



Developed over five years, the collection is being showcased as a cohesive body of work by a single artist for the first time globally, marking a significant cultural milestone. Unlike traditional depictions, the exhibition reinterprets the Yogini tradition within modern social and cultural contexts.

Conceived as a non-commercial public initiative, the exhibition is open to all, with artworks not available for sale, emphasizing cultural dialogue over commerce. The showcase is part of a nationwide tour spanning 16 states over 81 days, covering more than 10,000 kilometres, and aims to build a pan-India narrative around India's sacred femi-

nine heritage.

Inspired by ancient Yogini temples dating back to the 9th-12th centuries, the artworks symbolize various aspects such as intuition, courage, healing, and renewal. A distinctive feature of the artist's process is beginning each painting with the eyes, creating a deep emotional connection in every piece.

Visitors can also explore the documentary Y64: Whispers of the Unseen, which traces the journey and cultural relevance of Yogini temples in contemporary times.

The exhibition reflects a broader message of inner balance, highlighting the coexistence of feminine and masculine energies within individuals and the importance of harmony in today's world.

GITAM to Host 5-Day Workshop on AI & ML for Business Decision-Making

Hyderabad: The GITAM School of Business is set to organize a five-day online hands-on workshop titled "Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning for Business Decision-Making" from May 25 to 29, 2026, between 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM.



The Management Development Programme (MDP) aims to equip participants with practical knowledge of how Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) are transforming modern business decision-making. The workshop will focus on real-world applications such as customer acquisition, demand forecasting, risk management, and personalized marketing through AI-driven analytics.

Designed primarily for faculty members from

The sessions will be led by Dr. M. Kamakshiah, an expert in Business Analytics, Data Science, and AI/ML, who has conducted several training programmes in the field.

Key topics include supervised and unsupervised learning, recommender systems, and ensemble models, with applications in customer churn prediction, market segmentation, product recommendations, and fraud detection.

Upon completion, participants will gain both conceptual clarity and hands-on experience, enabling them to apply AI/ML techniques in business scenarios and develop AI-enabled academic projects.

For registration and details, interested participants can contact Dr. Joseph Paul, Chairperson, Executive Education, Center for Business Engagement, GITAM.

Asian Institute of Nephrology and Urology Experts Warn of 'Cola Urine' Risk from Extreme Workouts

Hyderabad, March 26: Medical experts at the Asian Institute of Nephrology and Urology (AINU) have cautioned fitness enthusiasts against intense workouts without proper preparation, highlighting the risk of a serious condition known as Rhabdomyolysis.

The warning follows a recent case at AINU's HITEC City facility, where a 25-year-old man developed severe health complications after performing 90 minutes of high-intensity exercises on his first day at the gym. Within a few days, he experienced severe muscle stiffness, fatigue, reduced urine output, and a dark "cola-colored" urine — a key symptom of the



condition.

Doctors found critically elevated muscle damage markers, the presence of myoglobin in urine, and rising kidney parameters. Experts explained that Rhabdomyolysis occurs when intense, unaccustomed exercise causes muscle fibers to break down rapidly, releasing harmful substances into the bloodstream that can damage the kidneys and potentially lead to acute kidney injury.

According to the hospital, early diagnosis and coordinated care by Dr. Deepak Ragoori, Consultant Urologist, and Dr. Kranthi Kumar, Consultant Nephrologist, played a crucial role in the patient's recov-

ery through aggressive hydration and electrolyte management.

AINU specialists advised gymgoers to watch for warning signs such as dark-colored urine, severe muscle pain, extreme fatigue, reduced urination, nausea, or vomiting, and to seek medical attention immediately if these symptoms occur.

Experts recommend a "start low and go slow" approach to exercise, gradual increase in intensity, proper hydration, and adequate rest to avoid such life-threatening complications. They emphasized that while exercise is essential for health, excessive or sudden intense training can pose serious risks.

NIRANJAN REDDY VISITS ARRESTED LEADERS, DEMANDS RELEASE

Wanaparthi (TSIT) Former minister Singireddy Niranjana Reddy visited the Wanaparthi town police station to meet leaders who were arrested while protesting over an alleged rape incident.



Leaders including Nandimalla Ashok, Cheerla Chandr, Mechanic Srinu, and six others had reportedly gone to question the incident when they were taken into

custody. Niranjana Reddy met them at the police station and expressed solidarity, encouraging the detained leaders. Speaking on the occasion, he alleged

that the arrests were part of a conspiracy to protect the accused in the case. He criticized the Congress government, stating that instead of taking strict action against those responsible for the crime, those raising their voice were being targeted.

He demanded the immediate and unconditional release of all the arrested leaders and called for justice for the victim.

TPCC PRESIDENT MAHESH KUMAR GOUD CONDOLES DEMISE OF FORMER MP RANJITH REDDY'S MOTHER

Hyderabad TSIT: The recent demise of the mother of former MP Ranjith Reddy has cast a pall of gloom among family members and well-wishers. On Thursday, TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud visited the residence of Ranjith Reddy and conveyed his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family. He paid floral tributes to the portrait of the departed soul and offered prayers for her eternal peace.



Mahesh Kumar Goud expressed deep sorrow over the loss and extended his sympathies to Ranjith Reddy and his family members during this difficult time. He prayed that they find the strength to bear the irreparable loss. Several party leaders and supporters were also present on the occasion to pay their respects.

SEMINAR ON "WORLD WATER DAY" UNDER THE THEME: WATER AND GENDER ORGANIZED AT KITS WARANGAL

WARANGAL, March 26, TSIT: Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering (EEE), Kakatiya Institute of Technology & Science Warangal (KITSW) and the institution of engineers (India) Warangal Local Centre (WLC) are jointly organising seminar on "World Water Day" under the Theme: Water and Gender* held at in Civil Seminar Hall, KITSW Warangal campus said by the Principal Prof. K. Ashoka Reddy.

On this occasion the guest speaker NIT Warangal, Professor (HAG), Department of CE, Prof. N. V. Umamahesh focused on highlighting the theme to explore the critical relationship between water, women, and gender equality. It requires sustainable water management, integrated river



management and sustainable development goals. Water is the driving force of life. Rivers to be managed in the best engineering practices for the benefit of society. He concluded

that making water a force for sustainable development and gender equality that benefits us all with safe drinking water.

On this occasion The Principal Prof. K. Ashoka Reddy gave the presidential remarks. The session was informative and interactive, with the students actively participating in discussions and raising questions in the domain of sustainable development techniques. The former MP, Rajya Sabha and KITSW chairman, Capt. V. Lakshminantha Rao and Treasurer, P. Narayana Reddy and Additional secretary & former Husnabad MLA Vodithala Satish Kumar have congratulated and appreciated the department of EEE for successfully conducting the technical seminar on Water and gender.

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POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)
 (As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Bajaj Finance Limited (BFL), under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Sec. 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand by registered post ("Notice") calling upon the Borrowers/Co-borrowers mentioned here under to repay the amount mentioned in the notice U/s. 13(2) of the said Act within a period of 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors named below having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors and public in general that the undersigned has taken physical possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on me under Sec. 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The borrowers in particular and public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property and any dealing with this property will be subject to the charge of the Bajaj Finance Limited, for the amount mentioned herein below along with interest thereon at contracted rate. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (6) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

No.	Loan Account No./Name of the Borrower(s) /Mortgagor(s) /Guarantor(s)	Description of Property Schedule of Property	Date of Notice U/s.13(2) and U/s.13(4) Noted Date of Possession	Rs.2023702.95/- (Rupees Twenty Laks Twenty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Two and Ninety Five Paise Only)
1	LAN: PF16PBL5095140 1. M/s Maruthi Paints Thr. Its Prop. Suresh Medaram R/o. 4-3 Pothaigadda Motkur Yadadri Telangana Nalgonda 508277 Contact: 9963308532 Email id: sureshmedaram532@gmail.com Also at, R/o. House Bearing H No. 4-3 Block No. 04 Sy No. 445 Situated at Motkur Village Motkur Mandal Yadagiri Bhuvanagiri 508277 along with proportionate share in common areas (Area adm. 36.17 Sq.Yds.) Boundaries: As per documents: East: House of Beesu Yadagiri; West: House of Jilla Venu; North: 15 Ft. wide Road; South: House of Jilla Yadagiri As per site visit: East: Others House H No. 4-4; West: Others House H No. 4-2; North: 15 Feet wide Road; South: House of Yadagiri	All the piece and parcel of House Bearing H No. 4-3 Block No. 04 Sy No. 445 Situated at Motkur Village Motkur Mandal Yadagiri Bhuvanagiri 508277 along with proportionate share in common areas (Area adm. 36.17 Sq.Yds.) Boundaries: As per documents: East: House of Beesu Yadagiri; West: House of Jilla Venu; North: 15 Ft. wide Road; South: House of Jilla Yadagiri As per site visit: East: Others House H No. 4-4; West: Others House H No. 4-2; North: 15 Feet wide Road; South: House of Yadagiri	19.08.2025	Rs.2023702.95/- (Rupees Twenty Laks Twenty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Two and Ninety Five Paise Only)

Date: 25.03.2026, Place: Telangana For Bajaj Finance Limited, Authorised Officer

SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED
 Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Gundy, Chennai-600032
 Administrative office: 6th Floor level 2, Building No.02, Aurum Q park, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghatkopar, Navi Mumbai-400710 Branch at #11-334, 2nd, New Chaitanyapuri Colony, Kazipet, Warangal - 508003

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE
 Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer M/s. Shriram Finance Limited, (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shriram Finance Limited, by 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.02, Aurum Q Park, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghatkopar, Navi Mumbai-400710 and branch office at Kazipet WGL, (hereinafter referred as Company/Lender), 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 25th day of March, 2026.

Borrower Name and Address	Amount due as per Demand Notice
1) Sudhir Kumar Gadipalli S/O Kashinadham, Age: 46 Years, Occ: Business, R/O.H.No.3-5-7, Station Road, Jangaon, Jangaon Dist- 506 167, Cell: 9247858252. And Also At Sudhir Kumar Gadipalli S/O Kashinadham, Age: 46 Years, Occ: Business, # House and open place H.No.2-3-69, 200.00 Sq.Yards, 167.20 Sq.Mtrs, Shivalayam Street, Jangaon Village and Mandal, now Jangaon District. 2) Lingamurthy Bussa S/O Ramaiah, Age: 58 Years, R/O.H.No.3-2-50/1, Near: E.Seva, Ganesh Street, Jangaon, Jangaon Dist- 506 167, Cell: 970055010	Rs.5945403/- (Rupees Fifty Nine Laks Forty Five Thousand Four Hundred and Three only)

KZPI1T1709270007- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:(Property holder Name is GADIPALLY SUDEEKH KUMAR Mortgage deed dated 07.10.2017 Registered as Document No.80912017 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Jangaon):House and open place bearing Municipal H.No.2-3-69 admeasuring to an extent of 200.00 Sq.yards or 167.20 Sq.Mtrs situated at Shivalayam Street, Jangaon Village and Mandal of Warangal District, now Jangaon District, within the registration District, Warangal and Sub - Registrar, Jangaon is bounded by - East: MC Road, West: Municipal Drainage, North: House of others, South: House of Dontha Kavitha and others.

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

Place: Kazipet WGL, Date: 25-03-2026 Sd/-Authorized Officer, Shriram Finance Ltd.

AXIS BANK LIMITED
 PUBLIC NOTICE FOR - AUCTION OF PLEDGED ASSETS BEING GOLD ORNAMENTS

The Borrowers, in specific and the public in general are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted by the Axis Bank at the below mentioned Branch.

That the below mentioned Borrowers has availed the credit facility from the Axis Bank Limited against the pledge of gold ornaments ("Gold Loan Facility") in favour of the Bank towards the security. The Demand notices were issued to the Borrowers/Guarantors calling upon the Borrowers/Guarantors to pay their outstanding amount towards the Gold loan facility availed. As the Borrowers/Guarantors have failed to repay the outstanding loan amount, the bank is constrained to invoke the pledge and proposed to conduct an auction sale of pledged gold ornaments more particularly described in schedule of property hereunder on 27-04-2026 at 11:00 AM on "As Is Where Is", "As Is What Is", "Whatever There Is" and "No Recourse Basis". Auction will be held at

Details of Borrowers and outstanding amount

Customer Name	Loan Account	Amount Outstanding	Date of Demand Notice	G.W	N.W
Branch : BODHAN					
SHAIK MEHRAJ	XXXXXXXXXXXX5244	1563660.6	23-Feb-26	279.2	255.1
SHAIK MEHRAJ	XXXXXXXXXXXX0961	1492044.6	19-Dec-25	284.5	244.1
SHAIK MUJAHID	XXXXXXXXXXXX8095	1174130.9	19-Dec-25	169.5	160
PADMA YOGESH	XXXXXXXXXXXX5070	192977	09-Feb-26	29.19	27.09
Branch : CHAMPAPET					
SYED SHAHKIZEM HUSSAINI	XXXXXXXXXXXX7124	744338	23-Jan-26	181.5	160.7
INDER SINGH VERMA	XXXXXXXXXXXX8768	391897.58	23-Feb-26	82.8	76.2
Branch : SUNCITY HYD TG					
MYNAMPATI RENUKA	XXXXXXXXXXXX0826	3277812.97	10-Jan-26	585.8	434.4
ABHASKAR	XXXXXXXXXXXX1404	158574.19	09-Feb-26	19.8	19.4
DODLASEI GOUND	XXXXXXXXXXXX3002	1378317.8	26-Feb-26	209	173.8
Branch : JAGTIAL					
MAHESH NAMALA	XXXXXXXXXXXX8560	1187809	27-Jan-26	307.1	205.1
Branch : KAMAN BRANCH KA KRN TG					
NELAGIRI SAI CHANTHAN	XXXXXXXXXXXX4656	1258460.28	09-Feb-26	200	199
Branch : KARIMNAGAR					
MAMIDI VENKATESH	XXXXXXXXXXXX0834	1948082.3	10-Jan-26	242.5	234.7
SYED ABDUL SALAM	XXXXXXXXXXXX4349	141427	16-Feb-26	19.1	16.6
Branch : KHAMMAM					
KAPPAGANTHULA JAYASREE	XXXXXXXXXXXX7860	1653658	09-Feb-26	217.3	200.4
GUMMADI MALLIKA	XXXXXXXXXXXX2980	796340	23-Jan-26	104.5	97.4
JALA DHANAMMA	XXXXXXXXXXXX1690	116610	09-Feb-26	13.8	13
Branch : MIRYALAGUDA					
SILAM VENKATARAM REDDY	XXXXXXXXXXXX9428	1222430	23-Jan-26	224.7	193.2
Branch : SURYAPET					
THOORPATI SHYAM SUNDER	XXXXXXXXXXXX4335	1088936	19-Dec-25	143.4	137.9
JATANGI SURESH	XXXXXXXXXXXX9097	311631	23-Jan-26	50.1	48.1
Branch : WANAPARTHY					
KONDURU DIVYA SRI	XXXXXXXXXXXX1625	820431	10-Dec-25	122.6	103.4
R.SHANTHAMMA	XXXXXXXXXXXX8767	327894	16-Feb-26	50	49.5

TERMS & CONDITIONS OF TENDER
 The Base/Reserve price will be given on the auction day/date to the tenders on which the auction bid will be considered. The bid/offers in the prescribed tender form provided by the bank shall only be considered for bidding. Incomplete bid/form/ tenders are treated invalid and shall liable to be rejected. The tender documents along with the terms and conditions shall be collected from the above branch. The tender document duly completed to be handed to the concerned branch official during working hours on 27-04-2026. Tenders received after the due date will not be considered. The said properties is / are offered for sale on "As Is Where Is", "As Is What Is", "Whatever There Is" And "No Recourse" Basis. The Bank does not undertake any responsibility to standard, purity and /or any other dues, taxes, if any, in respect of the said property. Tenders will be opened by the Bank on the auction date in the presence of the tenders who may choose to remain present on the day and time as said above, inter alia, for raising /revising their respective offers.

Branch Names Mentioned Above, Auction Date: 27-04-2026.
 Offerer tender once submitted cannot be withdrawn and bidder will liable to deposit the bid amount if there is single bid/offer for particular article/asset/ornament. If there are more than one bid for particular article/asset/ornament, inter-se bidding shall take place among the bidder and highest bidder shall be declare as successful bidder. Bidder should submit all KYC documents i.e. PAN Number, PAN Card, Adhar Card & Address proof etc. Bidder should submit valid E-mail ID & Contact Number. The Bank reserves its right to accept or reject the offer at its sole discretion. Any disputes / differences arising out of sale of the said properties offered for sale shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of Courts / Tribunals at Mumbai only.

Place: TELANGANA Authorized Officer, Axis Bank LTD.

AYILENI MOHAN REDDY REMEMBERED ON 30TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY



Husnabad, March 26 (The South India Times): The 30th death anniversary of veteran Communist leader Ayileni Mohan Reddy was observed with great solemnity at Amedbedkar Crossroads in Husnabad on Thursday, with leaders and citizens paying heartfelt tributes.

Leaders from various political parties and civil society organisations garlanded his portrait and

recalled his lifelong dedication to the working class and the Communist movement in the region.

Speaking on the occasion, his son Ayileni Mallikarjuna Reddy said his father had served in the Communist Party of India (CPI) for nearly 25 years, tirelessly working for public welfare. He expressed anguish over the circumstances surrounding his father's death, stating that misinformation had led to his unjust killing. Despite the hardship faced by the family after his demise, he noted that Mohan Reddy continues to live in the hearts of the people.

KITS WARANGAL STUDENTS DONATE 560 UNITS IN MEGA BLOOD CAMP

WARANGAL, TSIT : 560 Units of Blood donated to Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) Hanumakonda by KITS Warangal Students in association with Lions Club Warangal. Special Thanks to the KITS Management and Enthusiastic



Students, faculty & staff of the KITS family proved their social responsibility by donating blood, said by Ex. Governor, Lions club warangal, Ln. K. Venkata Reddy. The NSS Club, Student Activity Centre (SAC), Kakatiya Institute of Technology & Science, Warangal (KITSW) is organized the "Mega Blood Donation Camp" in association with Lions Club Warangal held at auditorium KITS Warangal campus on 26th March, 2026 said by the Principal Prof. K. Ashoka Reddy. It is organized in the memory of Sulochana garu wife of late Dr. V. Vishwanath Rao. The former Rajya Sabha MP and KITSW Chairman,

Capt. V. Lakshminantha Rao and KITSW treasurer P. Narayana Reddy, Husnabad constituency former MLA & KITSW Additional secretary, Vodithala Satish Kumar have congratulated and appreciated the faculty, staff and SAC student executive team for donating blood. On this occasion the chief guest Ex. Governor, Lions club warangal, Ln. K. Venkata Reddy highlighted that any healthy person can donate blood 250-300ml. After donating the blood the amount of satisfaction is incomparable with any kind of donation. By donating the blood students look younger and also enhance their dynamism with respect to skill development.

BHADRACHALAM DECKED UP FOR CELESTIAL WEDDING OF LORD RAMA

Khammam (TSIT): The temple town of Bhadrachalam has transformed into a spiritual spectacle as it gears up for the grand celebrations of Sri Rama Navami. The famed Sri Sita Ramachandra Swamy Temple is resplendent with elaborate decorations, marking preparations for the celestial wedding of Lord Rama and Sita.



The temple premises are adorned with colourful flowers, festoons and dazzling illuminations, creating a divine ambience. Devotional hymns, especially the keertanas of saint Bhadrachala Ramadasu, echo through the air, immersing devotees in deep spiritual fervour. Priests are making meticulous arrangements to conduct the Sitarama Kalyanam in accordance with sacred traditions, accompanied by Vedic chants and rituals. Thousands of devotees

from across Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and other parts of the country, as well as from abroad, are expected to witness the grand event. Authorities have put in place extensive arrangements to ensure a smooth experience for pilgrims, including queue management systems, drinking water facilities, annadanam, medical camps and tight security. On behalf of the state government, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and his spouse will offer pattu vastrams and mutyala talamburalu to the deities, continuing a long-standing tradition associated with the temple festivities.

LOAN FACILITY TO BENEFICIARIES OF INDIRAMMA HOUSES: DISTRICT COLLECTOR



Wanaparthi: District Collector Adarsh Surabhi suggested that the beneficiaries of Indiramma Houses who are unable to make advance investment by themselves should provide loans through Self Help Societies instead of borrowing from outside. On Thursday, District Collector visited Buddharam village under Gopalpet mandal and inspected Indiramma houses and double bedroom houses under construction.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, VEENA SHURPALI, legally wedded wife of LT COL ARVIND RAMCHANDRA SHURPALI (RETD) R/O: H.NO.E-174, AWHO VED VIHAR, SUBHASH NAGAR, TIRUMALAGIRI, HYDERABAD, TELANGANA- 500015 have changed my name from VEENA SHURPALI to VEENA ARVIND SHURPALI vide affidavit dt.09/05/1994

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MOHD AKBAR S/O. MOHAMMED RAMZAN ALI, R/O. H.NO. 6-673, RAMNAGAR, MIRYALAGUDA, NALGONDA DISTRICT, TELANGANA STATE - 508207, I HAVE CHANGE MY NAME FROM, MOHD AKBAR TO MOHAMMED AKBAR S/O. MOHAMMED RAMZAN ALI.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MOHD SHAWAB S/O. MOHAMMED AKBAR, R/O. H.NO. 6-673, RAMNAGAR, MIRYALAGUDA, NALGONDA DISTRICT, TELANGANA STATE - 508207, I HAVE CHANGE MY NAME FROM, MOHD SHAWAB TO MOHAMMED SHAWAB S/O. MOHAMMED AKBAR.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that I, Mr. Kanhaiya Lal, son of Ram Sajeewan, residing at Rajapur deva patti, Pratappgarh, Uttar Pradesh - 230304, has purchased 60,000 (Sixty Thousand Only) shares of Rs. 10/- each of Dulichand Silk Mills Private Limited from the shareholder Shree Dulichand Chemicals Private Limited (erstwhile Dulichand Synthetics Private Limited). Any person/person(s) having any right, title, interest, claim, demand or objection of any nature whatsoever in respect of sell of aforesaid shares is hereby required to make the same known in writing along with documentary proof to Mr. Kanhaiya Lal residing at Rajapur deva patti, Pratappgarh, Uttar Pradesh - 230304 within Three days from the date of publication hereof failing which the sale transaction shall be completed without any reference any claims. Date: 26.03.2026 Place: Hyderabad SD/- Mr. Kanhaiya Lal (Transferee)

IDBI Bank Ltd.

3rd floor, D. No: 5-9-89/1 and 2, Chavelp Road, Hyderabad-500001, Telangana, www.idbibank.in

APPENDIX IV-(RULE 8(1)) POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)
 Whereas the undersigned being the authorized officer of IDBI Bank Limited 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 Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 12th January, 2026 vide reference number SARFAESI/NIKHL/28001 calling upon the borrower Shri. S Nikhil Reddy and Shri. S V Ramana Reddy to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 40,01,313.13 (Rupees Forty Lakh One Thousand Three Hundred Thirteen and Paise Thirteen Only) due as on December 10th, 2025 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

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 possession of the property described herein below, in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this day of March 24th, 2026.

The borrowers 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 IDBI Bank Limited for an amount of Rs. 41,27,838.13 (Rupees Forty One Lakh Twenty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Eight and Paise Thirteen Only) due as on March 22nd, 2026 plus applicable interest, incidental expenses, charges and costs thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY:
 (Mortgage by deposit of title deeds created by the Borrower/Mortgagor, on 25/06/2022, in respect of its immovable properties situated at Plot No.100/B with land admeasuring 200.00 Sq. Yards equivalent to 167.225 Sq. meters in HMDA approved residential layout "Square Avasa" in a total extent of land Ac 24-15 Gts. in Sy. No. 5,6,7,8 (part), 10, 41P and 42 situated Markhal Village, Maheshwaram Mandal, Rangareddy Dist, Telangana State)

All that piece and parcel of land comprised in and forming part of above mentioned details which is bounded as follows: **BOUNDARIES OF THE PLOT:**North:Plot no 100 A, South:Neighbour's Land, East:40'0" Wide Road, West:Plot No 67. Together with all buildings and structures constructed/erected thereon and/or to be constructed/erected thereon.

The borrowers 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.

Place: Hyderabad Date: 25-03-2026 Authorised Officer IDBI Bank Ltd.

IDBI Bank Ltd.

Retail Recovery Department, Branch Address: D-CIN: L65190MH2004G0148838 No. 46-22-11, Kari Suri Reddy Plaza, Danavepeta Park Road, Rajahmundry, Pin Code : 533103, A.P.

NOTICE UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 (THE SARFAESI ACT)

BALA MURALAKRISHNA JIGURU (Borrower) H.NO 14-119 & 120 SALLAKSHMI ENCLAVE MIRYALAGUDA MALKAJIGIRI, TELANGANA Phone:-91 94939 21596. JAYA LAXMI JIGURU (Joint Holder) H-25-61/38/132, PLOT 132 CIEEF COLONY EAST BESIDE ANANDABAGH SARFAESI ACT, TELANGANA, Phone:-90 655879399. JIGURU SUBRAMANYAM (Guarantor) H.NO. 25-61/38/132, PLOT NO. 132 CIEEF COLONY, EAST ANANDABAGH HYDERABAD - 500047, Phone:-91 94407 67939.

Notice is hereby given to the aforesaid Borrower(s) and Guarantor that the aforesaid Borrowers was secured financial assistance of Plot No.13,05,000/- by IDBI Bank Ltd. (IDBI Bank), by way of TL for Home Purchase. Pursuant to the sanction of the said financial assistance, necessary loan and security documents were executed by Bala Muralakrishna Jiguru (Borrower), Jaya Lakshmi Jiguru (Joint Holder) & Jiguru Subramanyam (Guarantor). The said financial assistance has been secured, inter alia, by a Home Loan Agreement executed in respect of the below. As the aforesaid Borrowers has defaulted in repayment of the said financial assistance in terms of the Loan Agreement (s) dated 22.08.2007, in terms of the Borrower has been classified as non-performing assets (NPA) in the books of IDBI Bank account of the guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) from time to time. In view of the defaults committed by the aforesaid Borrowers IDBI Bank vide its letter bearing Ref. No. Recall-Retail Recovery/04/3845-2025-26 dated 29.08.2025 and Ref. No. Interest Recovery/04/3846/2025-26 dated 22.09.2025, has declared the financial assistance together with interest and other moneys aggregating Rs. 15,03,763.25/- (Rupees Fifteen Lacs Three Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Three and Twenty Five Paise Only) as on 31.08.2025, to have become immediately due and payable by the Borrowers and called upon the Borrowers to pay to IDBI Bank the said sums together with further interest and expenses thereon with effect from 01.09.2025 till payment or realization, and the contractual rate as stated in the said letter. As on 26.03.2026 an amount of Rs.14,41,805.00 (Rupees Fourteen Lacs Forty One Thousand Eight Hundred and Five Only) together with further interest and expenses thereon with effect from 27.03.2026 till payment or realization is due and payable by Bala Muralakrishna Jiguru (Borrower), Jaya Lakshmi Jiguru (Joint Holder) & Jiguru Subramanyam (Guarantor) along with further interest till payment/realization. Necessary notice was issued/serve by IDBI Bank under section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act at the above address of Bala Muralakrishna Jiguru (Borrower), Jaya Lakshmi Jiguru (Joint Holder) & Jiguru Subramanyam (Guarantor) by "Registered post with Acknowledgement Due" which was returned un-served with postal remark "Locked" and "Left without Instruction". In view of the aforesaid, this public notice is issued in compliance with Proviso to Rule 3 (1) of the SARFAESI Rules. Please note that you shall not transfer or otherwise dispose of the property (other than in the ordinary course of your business) any of the Secured Assets, without prior written consent of IDBI Bank, failing which you shall be liable for an offence punishable under section 29 of the SARFAESI Act. We invite your attention to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. In the circumstances, Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) are called upon to pay the amount mentioned in the notice and sixty days from the date hereof failing which IDBI Bank, as a secured creditor shall be entitled to enforce its security interest, under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act as also under any other law as available to IDBI Bank for realising its dues.

Details of the property: Residential flat no. 405, consisting 810 Sq. ft. super builtup area, in Fourth floor (Above stilt ground, First, Second and Third floor) of the residential complex "SAI LAXMI ENCLAVE" (premises no. 14-119 & 120 and plot no. 27, with an undivided share of 18 sq. yds. or 15.04 sq.mts. out of its land area of 667 sq.yds. or 557.61 sq.mts under survey no. 739, situated at Miryalaguda, within the limits of Miryalaguda Municipality, District of Nalgonda, State of Andhra Pradesh, India. North: Open to Sky, Flat no.406 East - Open to Sky; West: Corridor, Flat no. 401 THE COMPLEX BOUNDED BY:North: H.No. 14-102, South: Road 15' 0" wide (existing), East : Road 20' 0" wide (existing), West : Road 30' 0" wide (existing). Total extent of all items with all easement rights & to be constructed thereon and all the things attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to the earth

Date: 26.03.2026, Place : Rajahmundry Authorised Officer, IDBI Bank Ltd.

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APPENDIX-IV [Rule -8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE
 WHEREAS The Authorized Officer of the Axis Bank Ltd (Formerly known as UTI Bank Ltd.), having its Registered Office: "TRISHUL", Opposite Samartheshw Temple, Near, Laxal, Garden, Elloribridge, Ahmedabad- 380006, among other places its Branch office at Axis Bank Ltd., Retail Asst. Centre, D.No.5-2-183/184, 3rd Floor, R.P. Road, Secunderabad Branch, 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 under Section 13(2

EDITORIAL

Sandeshkhali, RG Kar: Is BJP Trying To Revive The 2 Issues In Bengal?

Sandeshkhali, a remote stretch in the Sundarbans region of North 24 Parganas, lies far from Kolkata, not only geographically but also culturally. It is a region marked by poverty, weak infrastructure, and chronic underdevelopment. Yet, in recent years, particularly during the last election cycle, Sandeshkhali has emerged as a politically sensitive flashpoint in West Bengal. The controversy began with allegations against a local Trinamool Congress strongman, Sheikh Shahjahan, accused of running illegal operations and perpetrating serious atrocities against women. Reports of the degrading treatment of poor local women triggered widespread outrage. Following sustained protests, Shahjahan was arrested and remains in custody. Among those who led the resistance was Rekha Patra, who emerged as a prominent face of the movement against the ruling party government.

Despite the intensity of the protests, however, the issue failed to significantly alter the electoral outcome. The Trinamool Congress retained control of the area.

While Sandeshkhali represented a rural flashpoint, a separate controversy in urban Kolkata drew national attention. The alleged rape case in the RG Kar area became a major political issue. Although the accused was arrested, the BJP continued to campaign on the claim that justice remained incomplete and that the real culprits had not been fully brought to account. The case sparked protests, candlelight marches, and broader civil society mobilisation. In the 2026 election campaign, the BJP is attempting to stitch these two episodes together - from rural Sandeshkhali to urban Kolkata - into a single political narrative. The strategy is clear: to revive both controversies as emblematic of a larger question of governance and women's safety in West Bengal. The unanswered question is whether this effort will translate into electoral gains. The BJP has returned to Sandeshkhali with renewed vigour. Rekha Patra has shifted her political activity to Hingalgaon, an adjacent constituency, signalling an attempt to expand the issue's geographic resonance. The party hopes that allegations of atrocities in Sandeshkhali will influence voters beyond the immediate locality.

This strategy draws on the deeper structural realities of the region. Sandeshkhali remains vulnerable to flooding, suffers from poor connectivity, and lacks adequate healthcare and educational facilities. Its economy is largely agrarian, with betel leaf cultivation playing a central role, and poverty continues to shape everyday life. These conditions provide fertile ground for political mobilisation. At the same time, the region's history offers a longer lens. The undivided 24 Parganas has long witnessed cycles of agrarian distress and local tensions. Colonial-era records describe administrators mediating communal disputes, while writers such as Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay chronicled the hardships of Bengal's peasantry. Contemporary unrest, therefore, is not an aberration but part of a deeper historical continuum. Yet history alone does not win elections. In the previous contest, Sandeshkhali did not produce a decisive political shift. This time, however, the BJP appears determined to refine its campaign. Alongside Sandeshkhali, the focus has sharpened on the R.G. Kar case. The hospital falls within the Kashipur-Belgachia Assembly constituency, where Trinamool leader Atin Ghosh-seen as relatively popular and non-controversial-is contesting. But the political resonance of the case extends far beyond constituency boundaries. The victim's mother has also publicly expressed her desire to enter electoral politics, even appealing to the BJP for support in her pursuit of justice. This has reportedly caused friction within the CPI(M), whose leaders had been among the most vocal supporters of the family during the protests. Whether the BJP will offer her a nomination remains uncertain. Irrespective of that decision, the party is actively campaigning on both issues. Women have taken the lead in this effort, supported by high-profile visits from leaders such as Smriti Irani at the national level, and Rupa Ganguly and Agnimitra Paul within the state.

Is The Dreaded 'Dahiya Doctrine' Guiding Israeli Actions In Iran, Gaza, Lebanon?

Close your eyes for a moment and imagine this: millions of people in South Delhi are told to leave their homes overnight and move across the Yamuna to East Delhi. The warning is stark. Stay, and your life is at risk. But even the escape is dangerous. The bridges you must cross could be bombed at any moment. It sounds unthinkable in the calm, peaceful bubble of South Delhi, doesn't it?

And yet, this is exactly what has been unfolding in Lebanon. More than a million people fled southern Lebanon as Israeli strikes intensified. Entire communities are being uprooted, families carrying what little they can, uncertain not just of where they are going, but whether they will get there safely. A few days ago, that danger was captured in a moment that felt almost like a scene from a Hollywood war movie in its suddenness. British journalist Steven Sweeney, reporting for the Russian outlet RT, was covering the mass exodus while standing on a bridge over a river. In a dramatic 17-second video clip, a missile strikes the bridge. The screen shakes violently. For a brief, chilling moment, neither the reporter nor his cameraman is visible, leaving viewers fearing the worst. They survived, miraculously, with minor injuries. But the aftermath has sparked fresh controversy. Sweeney, who was clearly identifiable in a flak jacket marked "Press", has accused Israel of deliberately targeting him. He says he was documenting what he described as the "forced displacement of one million people" when the strike occurred. Israel has said civilians were warned, but Sweeney disputes this, alleging that the attack was an attempt to silence journalists reporting from the ground. The Russian government has also claimed it was a deliberate targeting of Russian TV journalists.

War Spilling Into Civilian Life

Theatres of war are generally seen on frontlines and in trenches. But not in Lebanon. Not in Iran. And, to be honest, not even in Israel. As Israel's fury with Hezbollah in Lebanon and its war with Iran intensify, and as both its adversaries respond with missiles



fired into Israel, the battle lines are expanding into civilian life and destroying it.

Across Iran, for example, the scale is striking. Housing complexes, medical facilities, schools, shops, and even heritage sites, have been hit. According to the Iranian Red Crescent, more than 67,000 civilian sites were struck, including 498 schools and 236 health facilities, until 18 March.

Lebanon's misery appears equally bad, if not worse. In the midst of this widening destruction, a difficult question comes to mind: Is there a method behind this madness? Why do civilian areas and infrastructure repeatedly become part of the battlefield? Is this incidental or strategic? Those who have covered the Israeli-Palestinian bloody conflicts for years know what it is. They call it Israel's dreaded Dahiya doctrine.

What Is the Dahiya Doctrine?

It is certainly, as far as we know, not a formally written policy, but a widely discussed Israeli military approach. At its core is the idea of using overwhelming, often disproportionate force, including against infrastructure, in areas where hostile groups

operate. It takes its name from the Dahiya suburb of Beirut, heavily bombed during the 2006 war with Hezbollah, the Iran-backed militia group. The destruction there became a reference point for future military thinking. Former Israeli general Gadi Eisenkot later articulated the logic clearly: in future conflicts, areas from which Israel is attacked would face intense destruction. The aim was deterrence - making the cost of conflict so high that it discourages future attacks. In simple terms: hit hard enough that the message cannot be ignored.

Why Israel Uses It

From Israel's perspective, this approach is shaped by the nature of its adversaries. Groups like Hezbollah and Hamas are often accused by Israel of operating within civilian areas, blending into urban environments. Israeli officials argue that the battlefield is embedded within civilian spaces. They say that a clear separation between military and civilian targets is often impossible. They also claim that strong, decisive force is needed to avoid prolonged conflict. It is said that the strategy is built

around three goals: deterrence, speed and pressure. Deterrence sends a message across the region. Speed aims to shorten wars. Pressure, more controversially, seeks to raise the cost of conflict for the environment in which armed groups operate. Civilian casualties, which often run into thousands, are just collateral damage and can't be helped.

The Legal and Moral Fault Line

For obvious reasons, this approach has been widely criticised. International humanitarian law is based on two key principles: distinction and proportionality. Civilians and civilian objects must be protected. Even when attacking military targets, civilian harm must not be excessive. Human rights bodies argue that the scale of destruction and deaths witnessed in places like Gaza, Lebanon, and now Iran, raises serious concerns. Israel, however, rejects the accusation that it deliberately targets civilians as a way of collective punishment. Its position rests on three main points: It acts in self-defence. The Gaza operations by Israel began as a result of the brutal Hamas attack inside Israel, killing over 1200 people.

Cuba And The End Of An Era

Cuba's deepening crisis represents more than the failure of an economic model-it signals a turning point in Global South politics. While attention remains fixed on the Middle East, consequential shifts are unfolding across Latin America, shaped in significant part by a more assertive U.S. policy posture that has intensified long-standing pressures on the region. The island is facing a severe economic and energy crisis, driven by structural weaknesses and the cumulative weight of external constraints. Decades of U.S. economic embargoes-tightened in recent years-have pushed an already fragile system toward breaking point. Fuel shortages, power outages, and rising social strain reveal a system under acute stress, reflecting a wider shift in hemispheric dynamics. Cuba, long seen as an emblem of resistance to Western dominance, now confronts the practical limits of that posture.



For decades, countries such as Cuba, Venezuela, and Bolivia were romanticized across the Global South as symbols of sovereignty and defiance. Figures like Fidel Castro, Che Guevara, and Hugo Chávez occupied an outsized place in this imagination. Yet ideology and symbolism often obscured more complex realities. Cuba became a Soviet outpost during the Cold War, culminating in the Cuban Missile Crisis-the closest the world came to nuclear confrontation in that era. Economically, Cuba and Venezuela might have achieved more sustained development had they pursued more pragmatic engagement with the United States, as many in the region did.

Today, that question is no longer theoretical. The collapse of Venezuelan support, particularly in the energy sector, combined with sustained U.S. pressure, has left Cuba increasingly isolated. Early signs suggest Havana may now explore limited accommodation with Washington. Even tentative steps would mark a profound departure from decades of entrenched positioning. If this trajectory continues, it may signal the decline of an older form of Global South politics-once anchored in ideological defiance, now yielding to the imperatives of realism. The Non-Aligned Movement and the Group of 77, once central to the moral and rhetorical architecture of the post-colonial world, are likely to see their influence further diluted in this evolving environment. An earlier era of ideological posturing is giving way to

more pragmatic navigation of power and opportunity.

Yet realism does not eliminate the need for dignity. States must recognize their limitations, but major powers must also understand that humiliation can seed future instability. The experiences of Iraq, Afghanistan, and Libya illustrate how coercive or poorly managed transitions often create new crises. Similarly, the post-Cold War order-widely perceived in Moscow as dismissive of its security and status-helped shape grievances that continue to influence global geopolitics.

An instructive counterpoint is the evolution of relations between the United States and Vietnam. Despite a deeply traumatic war, the two countries today engage as pragmatic partners. This transformation underscores that even the most adversarial histories can give way to stable and mutually beneficial relationships-provided transitions are managed with foresight and respect.

How transitions are managed can be as important as the transitions themselves. Amid this evolving landscape, India has a distinct opportunity. It is one of the few countries with credibility across the Global South and sustained engagement with the United States. This positions it to act as a bridge-engaging countries like Cuba while supporting gradual, dignified economic and political adjustment. India's own experience-balancing strategic autonomy with pragmatic

partnerships-offers a relevant template. Platforms such as the Non-Aligned Movement and BRICS will need to adapt, or be complemented by more flexible coalitions aligned with contemporary realities.

Diasporas also shape outcomes. In the United States, Cuban, Venezuelan, and Iranian communities influence domestic debates and, at times, foreign policy. India, too, must navigate the growing influence of its diaspora in key Western capitals-an asset if managed carefully, but a potential complication if not. The manner of transition remains critical. Cuba and Venezuela must adapt with legitimacy intact. An emerging order perceived as purely coercive or dismissive will generate resistance, undermining both regional stability and broader strategic objectives. Successful transitions require early, careful engagement, guided by respect and strategic foresight. The stakes are significant. Cuba, Venezuela, and others remain symbols of a historical narrative, but the world is moving toward a multipolar order shaped by realism, strategy, and negotiated respect. India has both the credibility and the opportunity to help guide this transition-toward a Global South that is pragmatic, resilient, and capable of asserting itself without confrontation. The Global South is not disappearing; it is being redefined. The question is whether India and its partners will move early enough to shape that process-ensuring the emerging order reflects inclusion, pragmatism, and respect, rather than humiliation.

Not China, Not Russia: Why Is Pak Suddenly Everywhere In US-Iran 'Talks'?



It seems nothing can stop Pakistan's power play even as it battles Afghanistan and multiple internal crises. The news that Washington routed the 'peace' deal via Islamabad has most Pakistanis themselves puzzled, and not a little apprehensive. After all, the ebullient Trump may change his mind at any minute, and trifling with Iran, or even reaching out to it, is fraught with danger. But what is clear is that Pakistan is certainly reaching out, and that too publicly. If this succeeds, the key actors will claim a victory in the region and in the Muslim world. In fact, it may be anything but. That's the stuff of details.

Too Many People Talking

First, the facts as reported. The Financial Times reported that Field Marshal Asim Munir had reached out to Trump proposing Pakistan as the 'venue' for talks. This was on March 23, at about the same time that Trump announced the 'five-day' pause. These two events may not be directly connected, since a number of countries, including Turkey, Egypt, not to mention Russia, have been

pressing Washington to end the war. However, none is very keen to get directly involved. Turkey, for instance, has its own Shia population that might get restive if talks are held on its territory. In short, Pakistan may well be the fall guy. At the same time, Pakistan Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif was talking to Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian. Not surprisingly, the Chinese also reached out to persuade Iran to pitch for peace. On March 25, the Prime Minister was briefing the Saudis, while Pakistan's Foreign Minister, Ishaq Dar, was talking again to his counterparts in Turkey, also reaching out to Iraq recently in an effort to get the Ummah united to end the war. That's a lot of people talking almost at the same time. The big takeaway for the political leadership was, however, that President Trump 'reposted' Shehbaz Sharif's tweet welcoming and supporting 'ongoing' efforts to end the war. That was when Tehran denied that there was anything at all in the pipeline. But Pakistan has much to gain from peace in the region.

Riyadh Compliance Demands

First, there is that troublesome Saudi-Pakistan 'Strategic Mutual Defence Agreement', signed in September last year, which specifically promised that Pakistan would stand by Riyadh if it was attacked. Though labelled 'Mutual', Saudis are hardly capable of standing by Pakistan in a war; but they could certainly provide the money, which made the whole deal attractive to Pakistan - which, in any case, was already providing training and even manning much of the Saudi Armed Forces, besides getting access to the best of US weapons that money could (literally) buy. But with the first drone attacks - either intended or mistaken - that hit the kingdom, the Saudis summoned the Field Marshal, with Defence Minister Prince Khalid posting pointedly that the two had discussed the attacks "and the measures needed to halt them within the framework of our Joint Strategic Defence Agreement". The Field Marshal would have quailed

at the thought of standing against a neighbouring Shia power - and Iran is a power, make no mistake. But it seems Munir would have had its answer ready. On March 1, thousands of Shia youth went on a rampage in Karachi, even entering American embassy premises, with this continuing at other locations till the next day. For a country that has been able to stop even its majority Sunni protests, despite the public decision to deploy to Gaza - and mysteriously then stage massive protests when pressure came to deploy following the peace accord - this violence, particularly the total failure to protect foreign embassies, was inexplicable. At any rate, Shia anger would certainly have crept into the conversation as a highly limiting factor. If Riyadh was displeased, the next best thing would have been to stop the war itself. A Crisis Uninterrupted Second, an end to the war is entirely in Pakistan's interest. The country imports 99% of its LNG from Qatar. After the Iranian attack on Ras Laffan, and Oman being hit, too, reports indicate serious disruption in the country.

D. K. Shivakumar Defends Bengaluru Development Plans; Says Critics Will Acknowledge Decisions in Future

Bengaluru : Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar today said that the Opposition may criticise his contribution to Bengaluru City today but would realise its value a few years later. Replying to a debate on Greater Bengaluru in the Legislative Assembly, the DCM, who also serves as the Minister for Bengaluru Development, said, "The opposition may criticize many of the decisions we have taken for the benefit of Bengaluru city today. But five years from now, they will say D K Shivakumar made good decisions. That is enough for me. I may not be able to convince everyone right now, but when the time comes, they will agree."

"Opposition leaders have engaged in extensive debate regarding the GBA. R Ashok and Ashwath Narayan have given many suggestions and I accept them. They have also criticized. I have always been one to accept criticism. Without

criticism, no person can change. When gold is tested, it is put into fire. When a person is tested, criticism and allegations are made. How we correct ourselves from this is what matters. I do not get angry the moment someone criticizes," he said.

"Veteran leaders of the House in the past such as S Bangarappa, Kagodu Thimmappa, Lakkappa, AK Subbaiah, M C Nanaiah and many others — used to debate very well. Those debates were constructive. Now debates are turning negative. Positive thinkers always have a solution for every problem. Negative thinkers always have a problem for every solution. We must always remain positive. I took charge of the Bengaluru Development portfolio with great interest. I was previously Urban Development Minister, I was Energy Minister — I now have enough experience and I set out to bring change in Bengaluru too. Yet some found



fault. That is also the duty of the Opposition," he said.

"Since taking charge of the Bengaluru Development, I have done extensive study. I am searching for solutions to Bengaluru's problems. The population that was 70 lakh then is now 1.40 crore. There are 1.30

crore vehicles. In other cities, major roads account for 16% of the area. Here it is only 8%. The NICE Road was started earlier but never completed. The Peripheral Ring Road, if built then, would have been completed for Rs.3,000 crore. All these reasons have caused traffic con-

gestion," he added.

"On May 15, 2025, a new notification was issued for administrative reform of Bengaluru city, and five corporations were formed including the existing areas. On September 2, it was decided to bring the 74th Amendment. The decision was not made overnight. As suggested by opposition leaders, a House committee was formed and their suggestions were incorporated. If there are errors, those too will be corrected. Now 369 wards have been created. Bengaluru is not being divided for any reason. This is administrative decentralization. Large projects need to be taken up in Bengaluru and government support is needed for that — which is why the Chief Minister has been made the head of the GBA. Bengaluru had no Planning Authority and that issue has been resolved. The GBA will decide on these matters," he explained.

"For Bengaluru's development, the BJP government in 2008 gave Rs.1,960 crore in grants for five years. Our government gave Rs.7,000 crore. BJP raised it to Rs.12,000 crore. Step by step, we gave Rs.3,000 crore, then Rs.7,000 crore in 2025, and the Chief Minister's grant added another Rs.1,500 crore. This year Rs.7,000 crore has been given. Thus the grant has been increasing over time. The BJP government's 2020 tax law has not been changed. We have provided even more facilities to the people — OTS, reduced penalties and many other opportunities have been given. Because of OTS implementation, Rs.1,277 crore in additional revenue has come in," he said.

"Why did Modi call Bengaluru a Global City? He said Bengaluru must be prepared for all future challenges. Atal Bihari Vajpayee had said that India can be seen through

THE GOVERNMENT WILL KEEP ITS WORD TO FARMERS ON ALAMATTI: DCM D K SHIVAKUMAR



Bengaluru : Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar today said that the state government would keep its word given to farmers regarding the Upper Krishna project.

Speaking on a resolution moved by H K Patil in the Legislative Council regarding the Alamatti issue, the DCM, who is also the Irrigation Minister, said, "We are committed to providing water to farmers. There are financial challenges, but our government will definitely do something about it."

"We travelled to Delhi, held meetings, and discussed legal options to take action as Andhra and Maharashtra are creating obstacles to the project. Bosaraju, M.B. Patil, H.K. Patil, the State's Advocate General, Nagamohan Das, and other legal experts discussed and arrived at a decision to protect the interests of the state," he said. "All members have passed the budget. Good discussions have taken place in the Council. H.K. Patil has moved a resolution on the Alamatti issue in the interest of our state. I congratulate everyone for giving their approval to this resolution," he added.

Mourya Concepts Celebrates 20 Years with Employee-Centric Initiatives; 135 Two-Wheelers Distributed Across India



Bengaluru : Mourya Concepts marked its 20th anniversary with a significant employee welfare initiative, distributing 135 two-wheelers across India, reinforcing its strong people-first philosophy.

With an expanding national presence comprising 45 branches and a team of over 330 employees, the company continues to grow, driven by a focused commitment to employment generation and workforce empowerment.

Further strengthening its

progressive outlook, Mourya Concepts recently gifted six Mahindra BE6 electric vehicles worth Rs.1.5 crore, reflecting its emphasis on sustainability and forward-looking practices.

Speaking on the occasion, Founder Vaynugopal said, "Our employees are the backbone of our organisation. This initiative underscores our commitment to enhancing their mobility, improving productivity, and supporting their overall growth."

R. Ashoka Slams Congress Budget, Alleges 'Debt Trap'; Seeks Coastal Policy and Protection of Forest Land

Bengaluru : Opposition Leader R. Ashoka said that the Congress government has pushed the people into a debt trap through the budget, and they have clearly highlighted this during the Legislative Assembly session. He added that they have also raised several issues logically and compelled the government to take action.

Speaking to reporters after the session, he said: "In this session, we have exposed the government's mistakes. We brought to light how bribes were being taken through PhonePe in the I-Khata system, and the government has taken action against that officer. A detailed discussion was held on the development of Bengaluru. We have explained point by point how Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has created a debt trap in the budget. We have forced the government to accept its mistakes. This government will continue to take



loans next year as well. We have made the public realize that Congress leaders are experts in taking loans but zeros when it comes to development."

He further stated that they fought in the House to save the Air Force training school in Jakkur, and as a result, the land has been protected. They have also saved the silk yarn factory in T. Narasipur. "We have discussed all these issues and brought them to a logical conclusion," he said.

Ashoka mentioned that he will participate in election campaigning in Davangere and Bagalkot at

the end of this month and in April. He added that the BJP team will work unitedly to win these elections.

Bring a Coastal Policy During the Question Hour in the Legislative Assembly, Opposition Leader R. Ashoka said that there are several problems in the coastal region. Unlike other areas, roads there do not last long. There are also different types of health issues in the region. More taxes are being collected from Mangaluru. Therefore, a separate development policy should be brought for the coastal region, similar to the one for Kalyana Karnataka. This policy can be implemented within the existing grants. He suggested that Speaker U.T. Khader, who also belongs to the same region, should also provide suggestions on this matter.

Save Forest Land There are 452 acres of reserved

forest land in the Jalahalli Circle. The Ramakrishna Hegde government had identified it as revenue department land and handed it over to the Air Force. I had inquired about this with officials. Now, we need to protect these forest areas. No other projects can be implemented in forest regions. There are also court orders related to this. However, Air Force officials are not allowing any infrastructure development around this land. They are not permitting the construction of any roads or underpasses. This land should not be transferred to anyone for any reason.

He pointed out that some development works are currently being carried out by the Air Force in this area. But people are finding it difficult even to move around in the Jalahalli Circle. The Air Force is carrying out development works unauthor-

Samsung Introduces Galaxy A57 5G, Galaxy A37 5G with Exciting Offers in India



GURUGRAM, India, March 26, 2026 – Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today introduced the Galaxy A57 5G and Galaxy A37 5G, the newest additions to the Galaxy A series for young users who prioritise photography, performance, AI-enabled everyday features and durability.

New Design Language with Enhanced Durability Galaxy A57 5G comes with an aluminium frame, and at 6.9mm, it is the slimmest Galaxy A series device so far. The slimmer bezels on Galaxy A57 5G improve the device's visual balance and allows for a more immersive viewing experience.

Galaxy A57 5G features a 120Hz refresh rate and comes with Vision Booster technology, with 1900nits peak brightness that allows users to view content clearly in outdoor conditions and enjoy HDR content. Both Galaxy A57 5G and Galaxy A37 5G come with Gorilla Glass Victus+ on the front and back, improving resistance to scratches and drops. The devices also carry an IP68 rating for

safety against water and dust. Galaxy A57 5G and A37 5G are built to last with six Android OS upgrades and six years of security.

Night Photography Designed for Social Media and Low-Light Content

Galaxy A57 5G and Galaxy A37 5G feature a 50MP main camera with optical image stabilisation and a 1.0µm (micron) big pixel sensor, paired with enhanced image signal processing (ISP) and a Low Noise Mode. The result is brighter photos with sharper detail in low-light environments. Galaxy A57 5G has a 50MP main camera, a 12MP ultra-wide camera, a 12MP ultra-wide camera and a 5MP macro camera. Galaxy A37 5G includes a 50MP main camera, an 8MP ultra-wide camera and a 5MP macro camera. Both devices have a 12MP HDR front camera for clearer selfies and video calls.

The camera software on the new A series also includes AI-driven editing tools. The Best Face feature supports up to five people, allowing users to select the best facial expression from each person in a group shot. The Object Eraser tool

runs on device and works 33 percent faster, enabling users to remove unwanted elements from images without an internet connection.

Processor and Performance Improvements

Galaxy A57 5G packs Exynos 1680 that delivers 33 percent higher NPU, while Galaxy A37 5G is powered by Exynos 1480 that delivers 162 percent improvement in NPU performance for faster on-device AI tasks. Both devices come with LPDDR5X RAM and UFS 3.1 storage, which reduce application load times and improve file transfer speeds.

Galaxy A57 5G includes a flagship-size vapor cooling chamber, which is 13 percent larger than the previous generation for managing heat during extended gaming or heavy workloads.

Battery Life and Faster Charging

Galaxy A57 5G and Galaxy A37 5G have a 5000mAh battery that can last up to 2 days. With 45W charging support, the new devices reach 60 percent battery in 30 minutes.

Experience

Galaxy A57 5G and Galaxy A37 5G run One UI 8.5, which integrates AI-driven tools—Samsung Bixby, Gemini and Perplexity—designed to support everyday tasks. The enhanced Circle to Search with multi-object recognition allows users to search objects directly from the screen and find related information or similar products.

Direct Voicemail allows voice messages to be stored directly on the device without relying on a network operator's voicemail system. Voice Transcription is new to the Voice Recorder app, making it easier to revisit important details from meetings, lectures or calls by quickly transcribing and translating call recordings or turning voicemail audio into text. Real-time call transcription converts voice conversation into on-screen text during calls.

Security and Privacy with Samsung Knox Vault

Galaxy A57 5G and A37 5G come with Samsung Knox Vault, which stores data in dedicated tamper-resistant hardware and monitors for hardware-level attacks. The devices also include software-level protections, alerting users in cases of data breach.

Availability and Offers Galaxy A57 5G and Galaxy A37 5G will be available across retail stores, Samsung Exclusive

Stores, Samsung.com and other online platforms. Customers can choose among three attractive offers: INR 3000 Bank/UPI Cashback or a 24-month zero interest, zero down payment EMI plan or INR 3000 upgrade bonus.

Rs.51,469 Cr Investments at Invest Karnataka 2026; 70,000 Jobs Expected

Bengaluru: The Invest Karnataka Conclave 2026 witnessed a major boost to the State's industrial growth, with 48 domestic and global companies committing investments worth Rs.51,469 crore, Industries Minister M. B. Patil announced. Addressing the conclave, the Minister said Karnataka is focused on staying ahead by promoting investments in emerging sectors such as advanced manufacturing, semiconductors, green energy, electric vehicles, digital technologies, and biotechnology. He emphasized that strong coordination between the government and industry is crucial in the current volatile global environment. The agreements, signed in the presence of the Minister, are expected to generate around 70,000 jobs, further strengthening



Karnataka's position as a leading industrial hub. Over 100 representatives from multinational companies and technology startups participated in the event. Major companies including Axiscades, Ultraviolet Automotive, SFO Technologies, Mahindra Aerospace, and Yazaki signed MoUs for new projects and expansion.

The government also reiterated key incentives, including revised zoning regulations to increase industrial land availability, identification of 20 Special Investment Regions, and the introduction of a new single-window system to streamline approvals.

Sector-wise, the highest investments came from ESDM and data centres (Rs.24,103 crore), followed by aerospace & defence (Rs.13,800 crore), manufacturing (Rs.6,503 crore), automobile/EV (Rs.4,998 crore), and pharma/biotechnology (Rs.2,065 crore). The Minister described the conclave as a significant milestone in Karnataka's investment promotion efforts, reflecting strong industry confidence in the State's policies, skilled workforce, and ease of doing business...

Puravankara Limited Plans 30 Projects Worth Rs.55,000 Cr; Targets 1 Million Trees by 2030

Bengaluru, March 25, 2026: Leading real estate developer Puravankara Limited has announced an ambitious expansion plan to launch 30 projects across South India and Mumbai over the next 24 months, with a total Gross Development Value (GDV) exceeding Rs.55,000 crore. The upcoming projects will span nearly 51.14 million sq. ft. of developable area, with several already in the approval stage and the rest in design, reflecting a significant boost in the company's growth trajectory. The expansion is focused on prime urban markets, supported by a strong project pipeline and disciplined capital allocation.



As of the first nine months of FY26, the company reported pre-sales of Rs.3,859 crore and customer collections of Rs.3,045 crore, indicating strong demand and operational momentum. Speaking on the development, Managing Director Ashish Puravankara said the company is entering its next growth phase with a robust pipeline, improved capabilities, and a continued focus on delivering high-quality developments. He emphasized confidence in India's growing housing demand and emerging urban opportunities. CEO (South) Mallanna Sasalu highlighted that the projects are designed as inte-

grated communities catering to evolving customer needs, while also contributing to economic growth and employment generation. The company's upcoming developments are expected to generate nearly 8 million man-days of direct employment annually and support over 250 ancillary industries linked to the real estate sector.

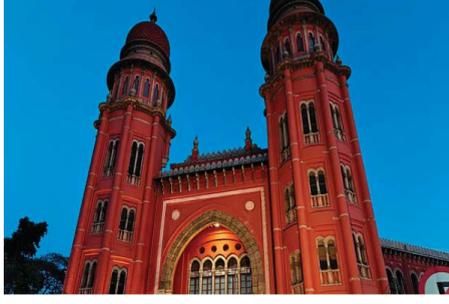
Reinforcing its sustainability commitment, Puravankara has pledged to plant 1 million trees by 2030 under the World Economic Forum's 1t.org initiative. As part of this effort, 10,000 trees will be planted during the Puravankara 10K Run scheduled for March 29, 2026.

The company also reiterated its focus on green building practices, water conservation, and environmentally responsible development as it marks its Golden Jubilee year, aiming to deliver long-term value to customers and stakeholders.

MAWS irregularities: Tamil Nadu government told to explain non-registration of case

CHENNAI: The Madras High Court has sought an explanation from the State government for the non-compliance of its earlier directive ordering the forthwith registration of a criminal case in relation to alleged large-scale irregularities in appointments within the Municipal Administration and Water Supply (MAWS) Department.

In his contempt petition, MP Inbadurai stated that bribes ranging from Rs 25 lakh to Rs 35 lakh were sought from candidates to fill 2,538 posts of assistant engineers, junior engineers, and others. He pointed out that he had approached the court as no FIR had been registered, which then directed the DVAC to register cases. The MP then sought



to punish the director in-charge of the anti-corruption watchdog as he alleged the DVAC was also deliberately not taking action due to political influence.

The contempt petition came up for hearing before a bench comprising Chief Justice SA Dharmadhikari and Justice G Arulmurugan. During the hearing, a

counter affidavit was filed on behalf of the DVAC in response to the contempt proceedings.

The bench observed that its earlier order had directed the forthwith registration of an FIR and questioned the authorities for failing to comply with the same. In response, senior counsel NR Elango submitted that, under the provisions

of the Prevention of Corruption Act, prior sanction of the Government is required for initiating criminal prosecution.

The bench, however, raised pertinent queries as to whether such prior sanction would be required even at the stage of FIR registration pursuant to a High Court order, and further questioned why no appellate remedy had been invoked against the said order if the authorities were disinclined to implement the same. Advocate General PS Raman submitted that a review petition challenging the said order had been filed and that the same was yet to be numbered. The bench adjourned the matter to April 20 for further hearing.

DMK MP seeks action against Tamil Nadu BJP chief under Money

CHENNAI: DMK Rajya Sabha MP R Girirajan has approached the Madras High Court, seeking a direction to the ED to register a case under the PMLA against two BJP leaders, including Tamil Nadu BJP chief Nainar Nagenthran, and take appropriate action, a source said on Thursday.

He claimed that an FIR was originally registered by the Tambaram police against Nagenthran and Kesava Vinayagam, former state general secretary of the BJP, in connection with an electoral offence involving the transportation of Rs 3.98 crore allegedly intended to induce voters in the 2024



Lok Sabha elections.

The case was later transferred to the Crime Branch-CID. "Nagenthran and Kesava Vinayagam were allegedly involved in an electoral offence related to the transportation of Rs 3.98 crore intended for voter inducement. The

incident occurred on April 6, 2024. Two suspects, identified as Satish Perumal and Naveen, were found in possession of the money in a train compartment at Tambaram railway station," Girirajan said.

"Both Perumal and Naveen confessed to the

police that they were carrying the money to distribute to voters in the Tirunelveli Lok Sabha constituency on behalf of Nainar Nagenthran, who was the BJP candidate from Tirunelveli at the time," the DMK MP alleged. "The act amounted to offences under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002. The materials collected during the investigation disclose the commission of serious cognisable offences, including conspiracy and cheating, thereby attracting provisions relating to 'proceeds of crime' as defined under Section 2(1)(u) of the Prevention of Money-Laundering Act," Girirajan submitted.

Seven TN fishermen arrested by Sri Lankan Navy; two trawlers seized; protests erupt

RAMESWARAM: In yet another incident highlighting tensions in the Palk Bay, seven fishermen from Rameswaram in Tamil Nadu were arrested by the Sri Lankan Navy in the early hours of Thursday on charges of alleged poaching. Two mechanised fishing trawlers were also seized during the operation. According to officials from the fisheries department, a total of 365 fishing tokens had been issued from the Rameswaram fish landing centre on Wednesday (March 25).

The arrested fishermen were part of two boats reportedly operating near the Neduntheevu islet when they were



intercepted by Sri Lankan naval authorities. The vessels are said to be owned by Simson and Sasikumar. Following initial inquiries at sea, the fishermen were taken into custody and escorted to a naval port in Sri Lanka for further legal proceedings. News of the arrests triggered protests in Thangachimadam in

Ramanathapuram district, where agitated fishermen gathered near the Karl Marx statue and staged a demonstration. Protesters raised slogans against the Sri Lankan government, condemning the frequent arrests and demanding the immediate release of the detained fishermen and their boats. Fishermen's associa-

tions have also urged the Union government to intervene decisively, stating that repeated detentions were severely affecting livelihoods in the region.

An emergency meeting of fishermen representatives is scheduled for 4 pm to decide on the next course of action. Fishermen leader Jesu Raja said the community has been facing such hardships for over four decades and that fishing remained their only source of income, with nearly 90 per cent of families depending on it, warning that their survival could soon be at risk if governments failed to find a permanent solution.



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Antibiotics and 6 other medications linked to disrupted gut microbiome

The study, published in the American Society for Microbiology's Journal mSystems, found that, in addition to antibiotics, antidepressants, beta-blockers, stomach acid reducers, and anti-anxiety drugs, these substances could continue to disrupt the microbiome long after use.

Babak Firoozi, MD, board certified gastroenterologist at MemorialCare Orange Coast Medical Center in Fountain Valley, CA, welcomed the study, but urged caution when interpreting the findings: "The methodology was robust, and convincingly linked changes in gut microbiome to medication uses, but this was not a controlled trial. There are far too many variables that cannot be accounted for, such as environmental factors, diet, geographic location. The most surprising finding is how many classes of drugs appeared to have influence on the gut biome."

The researchers utilized data from 2,509 adults in the Estonian microbiome cohort, a component of the Estonian biobank — a population-based databank of volunteers in Estonia. The volunteers, who were ages between 23 and 89 years, provided blood, cheek swab, and stool samples. The researchers then used shotgun metagenomics sequencing-Trusteed Source on the stool samples to analyze the make-up of their gut microbiomes. A subsample of the cohort — 328 people — provided a second stool sample after a median follow-up period of 4.4 years, which the researchers also analyzed.

They accessed details of participants' current and historical prescription drug usage from their electronic health records. At the time of the first sample, participants were using a total of 433 different prescription drugs, and in the five years preceding it, they had used 507 different medications. Just over one-third of the participants (857 people) were taking no medications at the time of the first sample, and those taking medications were using, on

average, three different types of medication. The researchers did not assess the effects of antibiotics at the first time point, so they excluded anyone who had taken antibiotics within 90 days of the first sample, but the second sample was assessed for the effects of antibiotics.

In total, the researchers analyzed the effects of 186 drugs. Of these, 167 affected the microbiome in some way, and 78 showed long-term effects on the composition of the microbiome.

Measurable changes in the microbiome were seen in people who had taken the following medications:

Antibiotics — medications that treat bacterial infections by killing bacteria or stopping them from multiplying
Antidepressants — these increase neurotransmitters in the brain to relieve symptoms of depression
Antipsychotics — medications that treat psychosis associated with some mental health conditions, such as schizophrenia and bipolar disorder
Beta-blockers — medications used to treat cardiovascular symptoms, such as angina and high blood pressure
Biguanides — metformin, used to treat type 2 diabetes
Proton pump inhibitors (PPIs), which reduce stomach acid to treat acid reflux, heartburn, and stomach ulcers
Benzodiazepines, which are prescribed for anxiety and sleep disorders. As well as antibiotics, beta-blockers, benzodiazepine derivatives, glucocorticoids, PPIs, biguanides, and antidepressants all had effects on the microbiome that were seen many years after previous drug intake. The researchers found that the longer people took medications for, and the more medications they took, the greater the effect on the microbiome. Multiple medications appeared to interact and have a greater impact on the microbiome, but for individual drugs, it was benzodiazepines that seemed to have the greatest negative impact. In their paper, the authors warned:

Flavanol-rich foods may protect blood vessels from damage caused by prolonged sitting

Modern lifestyles mean that people spend an increasing amount of time sitting, whether working at a desk, watching TV, or travelling by car, train or plane. Prolonged sitting can adversely affect the function of the blood vessels. A new study has found that foods high in flavanols — antioxidants found in plant foods, such as cocoa, tea, and some fruits and vegetables — may improve vascular function during sitting or being sedentary. Sitting for long periods is linked to declines in vascular function, particularly in the legs, even in people who are physically fit. Recent research suggests that adults in the United States sit for at least 6 hours every day, and adolescents even more. Decline in vascular function can increase the risk of cardiovascular diseases. Trusted Source, such as strokes and heart attacks. However, many of us have sedentary jobs, spend a lot of time travelling by car, train, or plane, or enjoy watching TV or playing computer games, so we may spend much of the day sitting down. Now, researchers from the University of Birmingham, in the United Kingdom, have found that flavanols may help counteract the effects of prolonged sitting.

In their small-scale study, published in The Journal of Physiology, researchers found that young men who drank a high-flavanol cocoa drink before sitting for 2 hours maintained better blood flow in the femoral (leg) and brachial (arm) arteries than those who drank a low-flavanol version of the drink. "Even though the trial was small, its randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, crossover design gives it strong internal validity for detecting acute physiological changes. However, the external validity is narrow: all were young, healthy, male, and the experiment lasted only two hours. The outcome, flow-mediated dilation, is a well-validated marker of endothelial function but still a surrogate, not a clinical endpoint. Thus, the findings are mechanistically meaningful but not clinically definitive."

— Christopher Yi, MD, board certified vascular surgeon at MemorialCare Orange Coast Medical Center in Fountain Valley, CA, who was not involved in the study.

High vs. low flavanol cocoa
Researchers recruited 40 healthy men, ages between 18 and 34, into the study. Half were high in fitness, and half were low, as measured by a cardiorespiratory fitness test conducted by the researchers. Before the experimental visits, participants fasted for 12 hours, and avoided caffeine, alcohol, polyphenol-containing foods and drinks, and any vigorous exercise for 24 hours. Upon arrival, they rested in a supine position for 15 minutes, after which researchers measured their blood pressure, resting heart rate, flow-mediated dilatation (FMD), a higher value indicating better



vascular function) in the superior femoral and brachial arteries, and tissue oxygenation in the gastrocnemius (calf) muscle. As soon as these tests were completed, participants sat still in a comfortable chair for 2 hours, with their legs parallel and both feet flat on the floor. They were allowed to make gentle arm movements, such as using a computer, writing, or texting. When they sat down, researchers gave them a randomly assigned high-flavanol cocoa or low-flavanol cocoa drink to consume within 10 minutes. The drinks, made using cocoa and 350ml spring water, were identical apart from their flavanol content, 695mg in the high-flavanol drink, and 5.6mg in the low-flavanol. During sitting, researchers recorded tissue oxygenation in the medial gastrocnemius, and after 2 hours, they repeated the other 4 tests done at the start. Get downloadable timelines, step-by-step instructions, and more expert guidance on Medicare open enrollment with our 4-day series.

Researchers assessed FMD of the superior femoral and brachial arteries using ultrasound.

They found no differences in retrograde shear rate. Trusted Source (a measure of friction that can damage the lining of arteries) or blood flow between the groups. However, there were differences in FMD. In both arteries, FMD reduced during sitting in the low-flavanol group, and not in the high-flavanol group. After sitting, FMD remained higher in the high-flavanol than the low-flavanol group. Neither measure was influenced by the individual's fitness. "We have known for some time that flavanols have beneficial effects for blood flow from observational studies. It is surprising we can see such strong effects from

one off dose on negative effects of sitting down."

— Eamon Laird, Assistant Lecturer in Human Nutrition at Atlantic Technological University Sligo and Adjunct Assistant Professor Trinity College Dublin, who was also not involved in the study. "Previous research already showed that prolonged sitting impairs endothelial function, and that cocoa flavanols acutely enhance FMD in other contexts. The novel contribution here is showing that flavanols can preserve both upper- and lower-limb endothelial responsiveness during sitting and that cardiorespiratory fitness did not confer natural protection."

"Essentially, [flavanols] increase nitric oxide (NO) production that helps blood vessels relax and dilate, improving circulation. They can also reduce inflammation and have been associated with reduced oxidative stress. We are also unsure if the other dietary components that are often found with flavanols may also have an additive beneficial effect."

"Flavanols enhance endothelial nitric-oxide (NO) signaling by stimulating endothelial NO synthase (eNOS) activation, reducing oxidative stress and superoxide-mediated NO breakdown, and improving vascular smooth-muscle responsiveness to NO." "By preserving NO bioavailability, flavanols maintain vasodilatory capacity and counteract the temporary endothelial 'stiffening' that occurs when leg blood flow and shear stress fall during sitting," he added. Together with exercise, flavanols may help vascular function. Experts agreed that although flavanols had a positive effect on vascular function, exercising or keeping active throughout the day is likely the most effective approach.

'A game-changing moment for social media' - what next for big tech after landmark addiction verdict?

A jury in LA has delivered a damning verdict for two of the world's most popular digital platforms, Instagram and YouTube. It ruled those apps are addictive, and deliberately engineered that way - and that its owners have been negligent in their safeguarding of the children who have used them. It's a sombre moment for Silicon Valley and the implications are global. The tech giants in this case, Meta and Google, must now pay \$6m (£4.5m) in damages to a young woman known as Kaley, the victim at the centre of this case. She claimed the platforms left her with body dysmorphia, depression and suicidal thoughts. Both companies intend to appeal, with Meta maintaining a single app cannot be solely responsible for a teen mental health crisis. Google, meanwhile, says YouTube is not a social network. But for now the ruling means "the era of impunity is over" according to Dr Mary Franks, a law professor at George Washington University. It is hard to overstate what a game-changing moment this court verdict is for social media. Whatever happens next, and there will undoubtedly be appeals and further legal processes, this is going to redefine the landscape. It could even be the beginning of the end of the



social media era as we know it. A 'big tobacco' moment? The world's doomscrollers might not have been shocked by the verdict but I think the tech companies were. Meta and Google racked up eye-watering legal fees defending this. This case, and others like it, are clearly of huge significance to them. The other two companies in the trial - TikTok and Snap, the owner of Snapchat - settled before it went to court. There were mutterings in the tech sphere they couldn't afford the fight. I had been invited to slick briefings about all the tools social networks offer (mainly to parents) to protect kids. But ultimately the court ruled their measures were not enough. Arturo Bejar,

who used to work at Instagram, said he warned Mark Zuckerberg of the dangers it posed to children several years ago. "It changed from a product you used to a product that uses you," he told BBC Radio 4's Today programme on Thursday. Meta has denied his claims. Some experts have described the verdict as big tech's "big tobacco" moment, and we know how that worked out - although it didn't stop people smoking altogether. Could there be health warnings on screens? Restricted advertising and sponsorship opportunities? The tech companies are currently legally protected in the US by a clause known as Section 230, which shields them from liability

for the content that is published on them. Other types of media companies do not have this benefit. It is often said the tech industry couldn't survive without it. But scepticism over the shield may be growing, with Senate Commerce Committee having held a hearing to discuss it on Wednesday. The tech leaders enjoy a generally cosy relationship with US President Donald Trump, who has championed the sector. He hasn't yet leapt to their defence. Another option is that the platforms are forced to strip out all the features designed to keep people there. But engagement is big tech's lifeblood. Lose all the techniques: the endless scrolling, the algorithmic rec-

ommendations, the auto play, and you're left with a very different, and arguably limited, social media experience. The success of big platforms lies in their foothold - keeping large numbers of people online for as long as possible and coming back as often as possible, in order that they might be targeted with as many ads as possible. That's how the companies make money. In several territories, including the UK, children do not contribute to this advertising machine but only since regulators intervened. However, today's children are tomorrow's adults and the ideal scenario for the tech companies is that they turn 18 as established users already. Facebook, Meta's original social network, is often jokingly referred to as the "boomer platform" - but 2025 figures suggest nearly half of its worldwide users are aged 18-35. More challenges to come Kaley's court victory is now big tech's second defeat in a number of similar cases set for trial in the US this year. There are more to come. "This landmark verdict, along with many other similar lawsuits against social media companies, signals a shift in how courts view platform design as a set of choices that can carry real legal and social consequences.

New India bill to amend transgender rights sparks protests

India's parliament has passed a controversial bill that seeks to change how transgender people are legally recognised and their right to self-identify, amid protests by opposition parties and the LGBTQ community. The government says the changes will make welfare benefits more accessible and strengthen an existing law against exploitation and trafficking, but critics warn it could exclude many transgender, non-binary and gender-fluid people. India is estimated to have around two million transgender people, though activists say the true number is higher and legal recognition remains uneven. The legislation was approved by both houses this week and now needs the president's assent to become law. In 2014, India's Supreme Court recognised transgender people as a "third gender" and affirmed their right to self-identify. Despite legal protections, many transgender people in India continue to face discrimination and limited access to education, healthcare and formal employment, often relying on traditional or informal forms of work. In 2019, the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act was enacted, aimed at addressing vulnerabilities



faced by the community. Now, the new bill - essentially a proposed amendment to the 2019 law - centres on how a transgender person is defined. The government says the current definition is too vague and makes it difficult to identify those who are most marginalised. It argues that a narrower definition will help ensure welfare benefits - such as job reservations and healthcare support - reach those who need them. It says the changes are intended to protect people facing "extreme and oppressive" discrimination and to prevent exploitation and trafficking. The bill removes the right to self-identify and instead limits recognition to those defined by biological or physical traits. This includes people with intersex variations - where a person is born with sex characteristics that do not fit typical definitions of male or female - as well as

traditional identities long used among transgender communities in India. The bill also makes certification from medical boards and district authorities mandatory for those undergoing gender-affirming surgeries. Activists say the new bill moves away from the self-identification principle of the 2014 court ruling and could reshape how transgender people are legally recognised. Critics further argue that the new definition could exclude many transgender people, particularly those who rely on self-identification, including some trans men and women as well as non-binary and gender-fluid people. They also say that mandatory medical certification undermines dignity and autonomy. "It has shattered our identity," transgender rights activist Laxmi Narayan Tripathi told reporters.

OPENAI CLOSSES SORA VIDEO-MAKING APP AND CANCELS \$1BN DISNEY DEAL

OpenAI has shut down its artificial intelligence (AI) video-generation app Sora less than two years after its unveiling made headlines for creating realistic clips based on simple prompts. At the same time OpenAI will also wind down its \$1bn content partnership with entertainment giant Disney, the BBC understands. OpenAI told the BBC on Wednesday that it has discontinued Sora so that it can focus on other developments, such as robotics "that will help people solve real-world, physical tasks". A spokesperson for The Walt Disney Company said "we respect OpenAI's decision to exit the video generation business and to shift its priorities elsewhere". Disney will engage with other AI platforms to find ways to responsibly use the technology without infringing on intellectual property rights, a spokesperson said. OpenAI said it is shutting down both its Sora consumer app and the internet-based platform that professional install to generate videos. The BBC understands that with the closure of Sora, OpenAI will no longer focus



on developing video-generation tools. The firm said it aims to create other forms of advanced AI, including "agentic" technology capable of autonomously completing tasks with little human oversight. OpenAI plans to apply the same technology used to teach AI how to produce realistic videos to training robots. Image-making tools on ChatGPT have not been affected by Sora's closure, OpenAI said. What went wrong? Sora was unveiled in 2024 to huge interest around the world due to the high quality of its AI-generated

videos. But there were questions around how much money could be made from the tool. Since the platform's launch, Sora made \$1.4m in global net in-app revenues, compared to \$1.9bn over the same period for ChatGPT, according to data from Seema Shah, VP of insights at market intelligence firm Sensor Tower. Forrester analyst Thomas Husson told BBC News it was "a resource black hole" with "limited monetisation". "The platform struggled to prevent the creation of non-consensual imagery and realistic misinformation, not to

mention major copyright infringement," he said. Husson said the decision may have been taken now to "minimise the associated risks" in the run-up to a potential stock launch, which would turn OpenAI into a public company where shares could be bought and sold on an open market. "Given OpenAI is still unprofitable and pressure from investors and rivals is growing, this is cash they likely decided they can't afford to continue burning as initial interest has faded," said Henry Ajder, an expert on AI and deepfakes.

OIL PRICES VOLATILE AS TRUMP TALKS UP IRAN NEGOTIATIONS

Oil prices remained volatile on Wednesday, as the US and Iran clashed over what terms might bring the conflict in the Middle East to an end. Brent crude rose to \$101 a barrel at midday in the US before falling back to \$98 as President Donald Trump spoke optimistically about the possibility of reaching a deal. But Iranian media on Wednesday cited leaders criticising the US peace proposal. They presented their own terms for a ceasefire, including international recognition of Iran's "sovereign right" to control the Strait of Hormuz, a key route for global oil and gas supplies. On Wednesday, White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt maintained that US attacks were working to convince the Iranian regime to negotiate. She said failure to reach an agreement would be a result of the Iranian regime refusing "to understand they have already been defeated". Distance between the two sides could prolong a conflict



that has rocked financial markets and sent energy prices soaring since the US and Israel attacked Iran on 28 February. Iran has effectively blocked the Strait of Hormuz since the start of the war, cutting off a waterway that usually sees about 20% of the world's oil and liquefied natural gas pass through each day. It has generated a supply crisis, forcing countries in Asia - the main destination for oil from the Gulf - to take unusual measures to try to secure oil and gas supplies. Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos declared a state of emergency in his country, which imports 98% of its oil from the Gulf, while on

Tuesday, the boss of energy giant Shell said oil shortages could hit Europe next month. Larry Fink, the boss of US financial giant BlackRock, told the BBC that a global recession could be triggered if the price of oil hits \$150 a barrel. But hopes that momentum might be building to reach resolution have helped to boost investor spirits and ease oil price pressures. In the US, the main indexes closed higher with the Dow Jones up 0.6% and the Nasdaq 0.7% ahead. The S&P 500 finished marginally higher. In the UK, the FTSE 100 was 1.4% higher after trading ended. Germany's Dax index rose

1.3% and in France, the Cac gained 1.1%. Overnight, major stock exchanges in the Asia Pacific closed higher. Japan's Nikkei 225 ended 2.8% up and South Korea's Kospi index rose 1.5%. Both countries are heavily reliant on oil that passes through the Strait of Hormuz. Australia's ASX 200 index was up by more 1.8%. Hong Kong's Hang Seng and Shanghai's composite each gained by around 1%. In a message posted by its mission to the United Nations on Tuesday, Iran had said it would allow "non-hostile vessels" to pass through the Strait of Hormuz, provided they coordinate with "the competent Iranian authorities". The statement came after some countries appeared to have negotiated safe passage for their vessels despite Tehran threatening to target ships that tried to use the channel. The US on Friday had also lifted sanctions on Iranian oil, in a move it said would help ease the supply crunch.

Proposed IBC amendments risk weakening insolvency framework: Nagarkurnool MP

New Delhi: Nagarkurnool MP Mallu Ravi on Wednesday, March 25, raised serious concerns over the proposed amendments to the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), warning that the Bill in its current form could undermine the foundational principles of India's insolvency resolution framework. Speaking on the amendments, Ravi said the changes dilute the institutional strength of the insolvency resolution process by moving away from the core objective of preserving and maximising asset value for all stakeholders. He expressed particular concern over proposals that would subordinate the role of the liquidator to the Committee of Creditors (CoC). "The earlier framework ensured a fair and balanced approach by empowering the liquidator with quasi-judicial authority. Subordinating this role to the CoC risks undermining neutrality and due process, while concentrating excessive power in the hands of financial creditors," he said. The MP also flagged concerns with the proposed Creditor-Initiated Insolvency Resolution Process (CIIRP), arguing that its continued reliance on payment default as a trigger rather than enabling early intervention allows value erosion to set in before corrective action can begin. He said the mechanism also creates inequity by excluding operational creditors and certain financial creditors from initiating proceedings, narrowing access and reducing transparency. On procedural grounds, Nagarkurnool MP warned that restrictions on the withdrawal



of insolvency applications, both before the formation of the CoC and after resolution plans are invited, would discourage early settlements and out-of-court resolutions. "Such rigidity runs counter to the need for flexibility in a complex financial ecosystem," he said. Turning to cross-border insolvency provisions, he cautioned against excessive delegation of legislative powers to the executive, urging Parliament to lay down clear guiding principles rather than transplanting global frameworks such as UNCITRAL without adapting them to Indian realities, including judicial delays and promoter-driven litigation. Ravi also took issue with the amendments' emphasis on strict timelines without adequately addressing systemic constraints such as tribunal backlogs, infrastructure gaps and institutional capacity.

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT GIVES CONDITIONAL APPROVAL TO EU-US TRADE DEAL

The European Parliament has backed legislation to implement an EU-US trade deal, following months of uncertainty over President Donald Trump's tariff threats. A majority of lawmakers voted in favour of the measures on Thursday, but added a series of safeguards to ensure the US honours its side of the deal struck last July. The legislation would set tariffs at 15% for most EU goods - down from the 30% initially threatened - in exchange for European investment in the US and the removal of EU import duties on US industrial goods. The vote comes after months of delay following Trump's threats to annex Greenland and a US Supreme Court ruling that found some of his tariffs unlawful. The EU assembly voted by 417 to 154, and 71 abstentions, in favour of the legislation. The text will need to be signed off by all of the bloc's 27 member states before it is implemented, with a concluding vote



expected in April or May. On Thursday, lawmakers moved to strengthen its safeguards, including a provision to suspend the agreement if the US imposes additional tariffs above 15% or introduces new duties on EU goods. Another would halt the deal if the US threatened the EU's territorial sovereignty. MEPs also included a "sunrise clause" that means EU tariff reductions will only take effect if the US upholds its side of the bargain - including lowering

tariffs to 15% on EU products that contain less than 50% steel and aluminium. When the framework agreement was announced last summer, Trump said the 50% US tariff on global steel and aluminium would still apply to the EU. But on Thursday the parliament voted that it will only accept zero tariffs on US goods if hundreds of European goods made with steel and aluminium are excluded from that 50% tariff. A "sunset clause" will see the agree-

ment end by 31 March 2028. "At this stage, we have received reassurances from the US that they intend to honour the deal," European economy commissioner Valdis Dombrovskis said after the vote. "While we will continue our efforts to maintain constructive relationships and avoid volatility, we will not turn a blind eye to any risks to our interests." EU trade commissioner Maros Sefcovic described the vote as a "crucial step". The framework agreement

was made during a meeting between European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and Trump at the president's Turnberry golf course in Scotland last July. Von der Leyen hailed it as a "huge deal," while Trump said it was a "good deal for everybody". Trump said at the time that the EU would boost its investment in the US by \$600bn (£446bn) - including purchases of American military equipment - and spend \$750bn on energy. Von der Leyen said increased purchases of American liquefied natural gas, oil and nuclear fuels would help reduce Europe's reliance on Russian energy. The US and the European Union are each others' largest trading partners. More than 1.6tn (\$1.9tn, £1.4tn) in goods and services were exchanged in 2024, according to European figures - nearly a third of all global trade. Trade in goods alone totalled about \$976bn in 2024.

Iran has 'legal right' to control Strait of Hormuz, official tells state media, as Israel kills navy chief

Trump says that since 28 February, when the war began, the US has been hitting Iran's military capability "at a level that few people have ever seen before". He says the US has wiped out Iran's navy and air force "completely" and knocked out "close to 90%" of Iran's missile launchers, and "probably more than 90%" of the missiles themselves. Trump continues, saying Iran is begging to make a deal. "They're great negotiators," he says. "Lousy fighters, but great negotiators". While we wait to hear from the US president, Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps-affiliated Tasnim News Agency says Tehran has responded to the US's reported 15-point peace plan and is now awaiting a response. Citing an "informed official", Tasnim reports that Iran's conditions are: "Acts of aggression and assassination by the enemy must cease" "Objective conditions must be established to ensure that war will not recur" "Compensation and war reparations must be guaranteed

and clearly determined" "An end to hostilities must be implemented on all fronts and for all resistance groups involved in the conflict across the region", referring to Iran's allies and proxies in the region. The official is also reported to have told Tasnim that Iran's exercise of sovereignty over the Strait of Hormuz is the country's "natural and legal right". Polish PM Donald Tusk says his government will cut VAT and excise duty on fuel to shield drivers from rising prices caused by the war in the Middle East. He says VAT on fuel would be cut from 23% to 8% and excise tax would fall to a minimum. His government is also working on introducing a maximum retail fuel price, to be set daily, as well as a bill to introduce a windfall tax on energy companies benefiting from higher sales prices, Tusk says. The price of diesel at the pump has risen by 45% since 25 February to 8.69 zlotys (£1.76) per litre and the price of regular petrol was up 25% during the same period. Tusk says



the government does not plan to impose any restrictions on fuel sales because stocks remain sufficient. The cabinet, he goes on, will hold an extraordinary meeting later to take decisions on lowering fuel prices. Here in Germany, lawmakers have approved initial measures aimed at curbing surging fuel costs as the Iran war pushes up prices. It means petrol stations, for a time, will only be able to increase prices once a day, at noon. The government says it will review the measures after six months. The bill, which still needs to pass the upper house, will also make it easier for Germany's competition regulator to combat excessive pricing. It's disputed whether the plans will really lead to lower prices at the pump, while there have also been industry warnings about rushing through major changes in competition law. A little earlier, we heard from Nato's chief

Mark Rutte who was presenting his 2025 annual report at a news conference in Brussels. Asked if the war in Iran is now a Nato issue, Rutte says the Nato alliance has "long recognised the threat Iran's missile programme poses to allies and their interests". He says that what the US is doing is "degrading those capabilities, both the nuclear and the missiles". Iran now has "capabilities increasingly dangerous for allies", Rutte says, adding that Nato defence systems have successfully intercepted ballistic missiles heading towards Turkey from Iran on three separate occasions. His comments come after US President Donald Trump continued to criticise Nato countries and their response to the Iran war. Iran is still under a government-imposed internet outage, but some residents are paying hefty prices to connect to the internet. I've been speaking to some of them, and asking what they plan to do after the war ends. Some of them replied to my question with a

question, saying that their answer depends on whether the Islamic Republic stays in power. "Will the Islamic Republic still be in power in this scenario? If yes, I'll start using all my options to get out of Iran. If no, I'll wait and see what happens. I've got some ideas to maybe start a business," a Tehran-based man in his 30s says. A woman in her 20s, also in Tehran, says: "The answer really depends on whether the Islamic Republic stays in power or not. If they go, I'll go on a trip as a reward to myself. If they stay in power, I'll try my best to get out of the country." Others tell me they're missing the small things. "I really want the war to end. I'll go to my favourite library. It's closed because of the war. I don't like studying at home," another woman in Tehran says. "I'll stay out until midnight and sit in a cafe. It might seem very basic, but I miss it. I miss going out at night in Tehran," a final woman in her 20s, in the Iranian capital, says.

'We are in agony' - Savannah Guthrie does first interview since mum's disappearance



US television presenter Savannah Guthrie has spoken of her family's "agony" in the first interview since her mother's disappearance. Nancy Guthrie, 84, has been missing since 1 February, when she was last seen at her Tucson, Arizona home. Police released images of a masked person captured by a security camera, but investigative leads received so far have fallen through. "To think of what she went through, I wake up every night in the middle of the night, every night," Guthrie said in an excerpt of the interview released by the TODAY show. The Guthrie family is offering a \$1 million reward, in addition to \$100,000 pledged by the FBI, for information leading to Nancy's return. "Someone needs to do the right thing," Savannah Guthrie told her former TODAY show co-host Hoda Kotb in the emotional interview. "We are in agony. It is unbearable." Her family is one of 33 awaiting word from loved ones reported missing in Arizona in the past year to the US justice department's missing-persons database. Six of those went missing from Pima County, including Nancy Guthrie.

Trump confirms May meeting with Xi Jinping as Iran war forces postponement



US president Donald Trump says he will meet Chinese president Xi Jinping in China on 14-15 May, after delaying the landmark trip amid the US-Israel war with Iran. This would be the first visit to China by a US president in nearly 10 years. Trump is also set to host Xi in Washington DC later this year, and officials are "finalizing preparations for these Historic Visits", he wrote on Truth Social on Wednesday. White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt confirmed the dates of Trump's visit, telling reporters that President Xi had understood and accepted the request to postpone the trip. "President Xi understood that it's very important for the president to be here throughout these combat operations right now," Leavitt said at a press briefing on Wednesday. Beijing has not confirmed the dates listed by Trump - though it does not typically reveal Xi's schedule so far in advance. Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Lin Jian told reporters on Thursday that "both sides are maintaining communication regarding

President Trump's visit to China". He also said that "leader-level diplomacy plays an irreplaceable strategic guiding role" in bilateral ties. Trump's trip, originally slated for 31 March, was delayed after the US and Israel launched wide-ranging strikes on Iran last month, killing the country's supreme leader. In response, Iran attacked Israel and US-allied states in the Gulf and effectively closed the Strait of Hormuz - a key waterway for the world's oil and liquefied natural gas - leading to a global fuel crisis. Trump has urged US allies to help unblock the strait. He also threatened Iran with attacks on its energy production infrastructure if it did not allow full access through the waterway. When asked if the Iran war would wind down by the time Trump visits China, Leavitt said they had "always estimated approximately four to six weeks, so you can do the math on that". The last time a US president visited China was in November 2017, during Trump's first term. The last time Trump and Xi met was last October in South Korea, on the sidelines of the Apec summit.

AUSTRALIA'S SUNSCREEN REGULATOR WANTS NEW RULES AFTER RECENT PRODUCT SCANDAL



Australia's sunscreen regulator has proposed sweeping reforms to the industry after a recent scandal saw dozens of popular brands pulled off shelves. An experiment by a trusted consumer advocacy group last year found many Australian sunscreens were not providing the protection they claimed to, sparking public outrage in a country which is a skin cancer hotspot. An investigation by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation also alleged issues with a leading laboratory which test sunscreen efficacy and a manufacturer which made a common base formula. The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has now announced plans to make sunscreen labelling simpler and introduce more oversight at testing labs.

'I HAVE NO RECOLLECTION OF ANYTHING' - EPSTEIN SURVIVOR SAYS SHE WAS DRUGGED AND RAPED

A woman who said she was drugged and raped by convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein has spoken publicly for the first time to BBC Newsnight about her ordeal. The woman, who spoke on condition of anonymity and whom the BBC will refer to as Nicky, said she met the disgraced financier when she was 19, working as a model. She said that after she gave him a massage at his waterfront mansion in Palm Beach, Florida, he gave her a drink of water, and she blacked out for hours, when she believes she was raped by Epstein. Nicky said she felt encouraged to come forward by other survivors sharing their stories. She is now calling for the US Department of Justice to release all its remaining files on Epstein. "There's nothing you won't



do to stop reliving all of it' In an extensive interview with BBC Newsnight, Nicky described in detail Epstein's abuses. As other survivors of Epstein have recounted, Nicky's interaction with Epstein began with a massage. He asked her to remove her top and bra. "I honestly thought, OK, maybe it's just an old rich guy that has a fetish and so be it," she said. "Whatever. I

mean, it paid my rent." But a few weeks later, when Nicky returned to see Epstein, her encounter was different. "So I took my top off just like last time, started at his feet, worked my way up, and when I got to his upper thigh and went on to his chest, he pulled at my jeans, like almost to unbutton them," Nicky said. She told Epstein she was on her period, which was not true. He encouraged her to have sex with him anyway and proceeded to masturbate in front of her, Nicky recalled. She quickly got dressed and told herself she had to "get the hell out of here". She went to the bathroom to wash the massage oil off her hands and when she returned, Epstein offered her a sip of water. "I took some water and I have no recollection of anything for a minimum of 12 hours after that," Nicky said. She said she woke up feeling sick, sluggish and heavy. Nicky said when she went to the bathroom, there were signs she had had sex, although she could not recall any intercourse. "I have done various psychotherapies to try to remember, to try and have a glimpse of something, and it's black, I have no idea," she said of the interaction.

ARMY COMMANDER CONVICTED OF GUINEA STADIUM MASSACRE DIES IN PRISON

One of the key military figures convicted of crimes against humanity for his involvement in Guinea's 2009 stadium massacre has died in custody, authorities say. Aboubacar Sidiki Diakité - also known as Toumba - died early on Wednesday in hospital following a medical emergency, the prison administration said. He was serving a 10-year sentence for his role in one of the darkest episodes in Guinea's history in which more than 150 people were killed in the capital, Conakry, as they demanded an end to military rule. At least 109 women were also raped. While in custody, Diakité



remained a controversial figure, creating a political party and attempting to run for president. Last year, he declared his intention to stand in the presidential elections, which was rejected by the Supreme Court after it ruled he was ineligible. At the time of the mas-

he was taken late on Monday. Citing his medical report, the administration said he presented symptoms characterised by gastric swelling, abdominal pain and constipation. His death has prompted mixed reactions in Guinea where memories of the 2009 violence remain politically sensitive, with people still waiting for justice. One political expert likened his death to "the end of an era", telling the BBC: "He died, but the full truth died with him." Tens of thousands of people had gathered at a stadium on 28 September 2009 to protest against the possibility of Camara running for president.

'We are being choked': Philippines transport workers strike over fuel costs



Hundreds of transport workers in the Philippines' capital Manila have gone on strike over rising fuel costs. Diesel and petrol prices have more than doubled since the Iran war broke out on 28 February - with the Philippines now in a state of national energy emergency. One 62-year-old driver in Manila told the BBC the situation was getting increasingly desperate, saying he had no food to support his five children and had not received any cash aid from the government. As the two-day strike started on Thursday a ship carrying more than 700,000 barrels of Russian crude oil arrived in the country. President Ferdinand Marcos' spokeswoman said. Press Secretary Claire Castro told reporters that the Sierra Leone-flagged Sara Sky arrived earlier this week with the crude shipment. Marcos had promised to look for new sources of oil as the country had been relying on supplies that pass through the Strait of Hormuz for 98% of its requirements. The transport coalitions leading the strike have laid out sweeping demands - from scrapping fuel taxes

and rolling back oil prices, to abandoning deregulation and introducing state controls. They are also pushing for fare increases and higher wages. Groups of protesters gathered in different areas across the capital on Thursday morning, holding signs and calling for the government to do more to help. Many of them were drivers of jeeps - mini-buses known for their cheap fares. Motorcycle and car ride-hailing drivers were also among those who earlier said they would join protests, according to local reports. Some said they had not received the payout of 5,000 pesos (\$83; £62) that the Department of Social Welfare and Development had said certain drivers would be eligible for. "I lined up for more than five hours yesterday for the cash aid from the government, but my name was not there," said 62-year-old Guillermo Japole, adding that he had received "no cash aid, no earnings, no food for the family". Guillermo, whose five children are in school, says his family is on the edge of being evicted from their rental home.



Zimbabwe says 15 nationals killed after being lured to fight for Russia

A right-wing populist party made big poll gains - and it's shaking up Australian politics



Thirty years ago, against the odds, a fish-and-chip shop owner with little political experience won a seat in the Australian parliament. Since then Pauline Hanson has become as well known for her inflammatory anti-immigration rhetoric as much as her parliamentary stunts, while support for her right-wing populist One Nation party has ebbed and flowed. But after

returning from the political wilderness a decade ago, Hanson's party is now riding a new wave of popularity, driven by voters weary of mainstream political parties that they say don't understand their struggles. On 21 March, One Nation achieved its first electoral breakthrough outside Hanson's home state of Queensland. In a state election in South Australia, the party won the second highest number of votes - more than 20% - the first time it has done so in Australia where two parties have traditionally been dominant. Incumbent Labor Premier Peter Malinauskas won a resounding victory in the poll, increasing his majority in the process.



RCB's Name To Be Changed After Rs 16,700 Crore Sale? Ananya Birla Might Just Have Answered The Question

Will Royal Challengers Bengaluru change its name after being acquired by a new group? That is one question on everyone's mind since a consortium led by the Aditya Birla Group (ABG) on Tuesday acquired 100 percent equity stake in the IPL franchise Royal Challengers Bengaluru for a whopping USD 1.78 billion (approximately Rs 16,706 crore) from its current owner, United Spirits Limited. Other parties involved in the group are Blackstone's perpetual private equity strategy, BXPE (a firm of which Viral Patel is the CEO), Bolt Ventures owned by American investor David Blitzer, and media conglomerate Times of India. RCB are one of the eight original IPL franchises that have been part of the league since its inception in 2008. They won the IPL title for the first time in 2025. However, if a post by Ananya Birla, a prominent face in the Aditya Birla Group, is anything to go by,



RCB's name will not be changed. Ananya reposted an Instagram post on her story which said the team's name will not be changed. Talking about the mega RCB sale, which made the team the costliest IPL side ever, the USL said in a statement: "United Spirits Limited, pursuant to the meeting of its Board of Directors, today announced

that it has entered into definitive agreements for the sale of the 100 percent equity stake held in its wholly owned subsidiary Royal Challengers Sports Private Limited (RCSPL) to a consortium. "The consortium comprises Aditya Birla Group (ABG), The Times of India Group (Times), Bolt Ventures (Bolt), and Blackstone's per-

petual private equity strategy, BXPE (Blackstone), for a total consideration of INR 166.6 bn in an all-cash transaction," the statement added. The transaction includes RCB's men's and women's (WPL) teams. "RCSPL owns and operates the Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) franchises that participate in the Indian Premier League

(IPL) and Women's Premier League (WPL). "Upon completion of this transaction, the consortium will, through its ownership of RCSPL, acquire the rights to own and operate the IPL and WPL franchise," said the USL. The announcement also concluded the strategic review of RCSPL that was initiated by USL on November 5, 2025.

TENSION BETWEEN TESTS AND FRANCHISE T20 - CUMMINS

Australia Test captain Pat Cummins says there is a growing tension between Test and franchise T20 cricket after several team-mates opted out of The Hundred auction because of a home series against Bangladesh in August. The Hundred organisers hoped to attract major names to its inaugural auction, but none of Australia's Test regulars entered the selection process. Some Australia white-ball players picked up Hundred deals, with Tim David, Mitchell Marsh and Adam Zampa set to play in this summer's tournament. "Some of our guys are saying no to a half a million pounds for 20 days' work to go and play those two Test matches against Bangladesh," Cummins told the Business of Sport podcast, external "It's a tension point. It has been for a while, but I think it's only growing. "Something we speak about is how do we make sure we've got our best Australian guys to choose from when we're picking a Test side or an ODI side, because there is so much demand for them elsewhere."



Fast bowler Cummins is captain of Sunrisers Hyderabad in the Indian Premier League (IPL), and the owners of his franchise bought into Hundred side Northern Superchargers, renaming them Sunrisers Leeds. Cummins' wife Becky is from Harrogate, and he said he would be interested in playing for the franchise. "We spend a lot of time over in England during the summer," said Cummins. "All the boys that go and play it love it. Slightly different format; I think it's less than a month long. It looks good fun, so one

day I'd like to play." Cummins is set to miss the start of the IPL, which begins on Saturday, as he recovers from the back injury that ruled him out of all but one Test in their Ashes series win over England. The Bangladesh series - Australia's first Test assignment since the Ashes ended in January - runs from 13 to 26 August, while this year's Hundred takes place from 21 July to 16 August. The Tests will be the first between the sides since 2017, while Bangladesh have not toured Australia since their first visit in 2003.

"Imran Khan In A Cell Built For Death Row Inmates": Pakistan Great's Son Makes Explosive Appeal At UN

Kasim Khan, the son of former Pakistan Prime Minister and legendary cricket captain Imran Khan, has made a statement at the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), urging for the release of his father from prison. Imran Khan has been in jail since 2023 and was sentenced last year, along with his wife, to 17 years on corruption charges they both deny. Kasim alleged that Imran has been held in a solitary confinement cell, one which is "built for death row inmates". Kasim's statement comes after it was reported in recent weeks that Imran had lost a large part of his vision in his right eye during his imprisonment. "I'm deeply concerned by the alarming rise of intolerance



in persecution in Pakistan. We are witnessing a systematic campaign to dehumanize and silence specific segments of the population," Kasim said in his speech at the UNHRC. "My father, Imran Khan, has been in prison for nearly 1,000 days. He is the primary target of a regime that treats dissent not as a political disagree-

ment, but as a grave crime to be crushed. I've not seen my father in over three years. He is held in a solitary confinement cell - a cell built for death row inmates. "UN experts have warned the inhumane conditions could amount to torture. This is not neglect - it's a deliberate persecution designed to strip a human being of his dignity. The

intolerance extends beyond him," Kasim added. "Pakistan has expanded its blasphemy laws to impose life imprisonment, and branded citizens as terrorists, fostering a climate of hatred. We ask this council and the OHCHR to urge Pakistan to end this persecution immediately. They must comply with UN Working Groups' opinion, and they must release my father and all political prisoners. Thank you," he concluded. In February, following reports of Imran's condition in prison, a 14-member group comprising Imran's former teammates and opponents, including Indian cricket legends Sunil Gavaskar and Kapil Dev, had made a formal appeal to the Pakistan government for "fair and humane treatment" of Imran.

Lalit Modi Controversially Calls Sanjiv Goenka 'Clown'. It's Related To RCB, RR's Record Sales

Lalit Modi, Indian Premier League (IPL)'s first chairman, launched a brutal attack on Lucknow Super Giants owner Sanjiv Goenka over his social media post on the record-breaking sales of Rajasthan Royals and Royal Challengers Bengaluru. While a Kal Somani-led consortium for USD bought RR for 1.63 billion dollars, RCB became the most expensive franchise in IPL history after being acquired by a consortium comprising Aditya Birla Group, Blackstone, Times of India Group and Bolt Ventures for 1.78 billion dollars. Goenka downplayed Lalit Modi's role in IPL's growing valuation over the years and credited the league's structure, particularly its media rights model. Modi did not mince his



words while reacting to Goenka's social media post and even called him a 'clown' and added that he 'has a memory loss'. "Seriously this guy really has a memory loss of who conceived the model. Thats ok. He just lives in his own world. We all know that @DrSanjivGoenka is a (clown emoji) wish it was his

brother @hvgoenka who owned the ipl franchise. He is a true cricket fan. Not this clown - who thinks his tweet will change history. Just proves he has zero knowledge. Just swelled up head Jai hind. @Lalit Modi posted on X (formerly Twitter). Earlier, Goenka reacted to the record sales of

the franchises with special mention of the league's governance. "@rajasthanroyals, acquired for roughly ₹270 crore in 2008, have just been sold for over ₹15,000 crore. @RCBTweets, acquired for roughly ₹485 crore, sold for over ₹16,600 crore. Two franchises, same week, each over ₹15,000 crore," Goenka wrote on X. "That value was built by the architecture of the IPL. The way broadcast and digital rights were structured. The governance that gave brands confidence to invest at premium levels. Much of this traces back to the vision of @JayShah," he added. Lalit Modi left India in 2010 in a haze of allegations related to tax evasion, money-laundering and proxy ownership linked to the money-minting IPL.

VIRAT KOHLI GETS A NEW FULL SLEEVE TATTOO AHEAD OF IPL 2026

India and Royal Challengers Bengaluru star batter Virat Kohli got a new full sleeve tattoo on his left hand ahead of the Indian Premier League 2026. He got the work done at 'Aliens Tattoo India', which shared the video of it on Instagram and it went viral on no time. As per the company, the tattoo signifies Kohli's journey. The player will be seen in action during the 19th edition of IPL that begins on March 28. RCB take on Sunrisers Hyderabad in the first game at M Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru. "This was not about adding another tattoo. It was about creating something that carries depth, something that reflects who he has become," wrote Aliens Tattoo in its website. "This piece draws



from his journey as a person. It reflects the transformation he has gone through, what he has moved beyond, what he has arrived at, and the direction he continues to move in. At every inflection point in his life, he has shed parts of who he once was, through discipline, through focus, through an unwavering sense of belief. And yet, not everything was left

behind. Some parts stayed. Some became stronger. And much more was added - to his personality, to his beliefs, to the way he approaches life today. His new full sleeve tattoo reflects exactly that. "His left arm was not a blank canvas. It already carried years of ink, an incomplete arm-band, older tattoos, elements that belonged to different phases of his life.

NORTHAMPTON COACH VESTY QUESTIONS ENGLAND'S IDENTITY

Northampton head coach Sam Vesty has questioned whether England have lost their identity under Steve Borthwick. The RFU are currently holding a review into the team's under-performance in the Six Nations in which England lost four games for the first time in the championship since 1976. Under scrutiny will be not only England's results but the style of play which has been criticised as being overly kick-heavy and conservative. Borthwick, who has spoken of his desire to develop England's game from the basic approach which took England to the World Cup semi-final in 2023, has referred to the weight of the jersey proving restrictive. However Vesty, who coaches England half



backs Alex Mitchell and Fin Smith as well as Tommy Freeman, Henry Pollock, Alex Coles and Fraser Dingwall at Northampton, thinks this is a red herring. "It is the same with all of the other countries as well. They all have a weight of expectation," Vesty told BBC Radio Northampton's The Saints Show. "Scotland move the ball. Italy move

the ball... all those teams that we have just mentioned - if I asked you what their identity was, you could pretty clearly say something, couldn't you? I'm not sure you can say that with England at the moment." England delivered a much-improved display in a narrow 48-46 defeat to France in the final round with plenty of attacking rugby but Vesty queried how much importance should be attached to the game. "It's the easiest time in the world to play, isn't it?" added Vesty, who was an assistant coach on England's 2017 tour to Argentina under Eddie Jones. "Everyone's written them off. There's no pressure on them. Can't win. And we see a free rugby team.

'TREATMENT OF SCOTLAND PLAYERS WASN'T GOOD ENOUGH'



Captain Rachel Malcolm says it was a "hard read" when BBC Sport laid out the struggles of some of her Scotland players at last year's Women's Rugby World Cup. The 34-year-old said she wants the squad to be "happy and supported". In February, some Scotland players told BBC Sport of an emotionally damaging World Cup tournament because Scottish Rugby's handling of player contracts left them with poor mental health. Scotland reached the last eight, the women's team's best performance at a World Cup in 23 years. But off the field some players were struggling with uncertainty over their professional futures, and one said she suffered a breakdown as a result. "I think it ultimately wasn't good enough in terms of how the players were treated and team-mates were feeling," said Malcolm at the launch of the 2026 Women's Six Nations. "As a player group we were very together in that whole process and we were very aware of different people's situations and different people's respons-

es to what happened. "I think it's obviously brave of those girls to speak out but I think the most important thing is that moving forward change needs to happen for that process to be better - and that is what has happened. "The Scottish Rugby Union is now working with us and making sure those processes are better so the same doesn't happen and people aren't made to feel that way in the future." Scotland's player contracts had been due for renewal in June last year, two months before the World Cup, and they had asked for 12-month deals to ensure job security and allow them to focus on the tournament. While some were offered that deal, a quarter were told their deals would end in October, immediately after the tournament. Four players spoke to BBC Sport on the condition of anonymity and described the news as a "big shock" that put them under huge mental strain. At the time annual contracts ranged from £18,000 to £27,000 and in most cases were a player's main source of income.

Barefoot In Abidjan, Fearless In Germany: The Rise Of RB Leipzig's Yan Diomande

One of the biggest stars in the German Bundesliga, Yan Diomande, is a name that instills fear in the minds of teams across the globe. The man whose speed and dribbling ability take him past some of the finest defenders in the world once had to fight for the absolute basics. His journey from the dusty streets of Abidjan in Ivory Coast to the clinical brilliance of Germany's top flight wasn't a straight line, but a battle fought through sheer defiance. In a video feature released by RB Leipzig, the 19-year-old winger took a deep dive into his raw self, revealing a

story defined not just by goals, but by an unwavering sense of responsibility. Diomande's story began in the Sicogi neighbourhood of Abidjan, Ivory Coast. Like many of the world's greatest talents, his first pitch was the street, and his first boots were nonexistent. Playing barefoot wasn't a choice but the harsh reality of the circumstances back home. In those early years, football wasn't merely a hobby or a path to fame, it was, as Diomande put it himself, a mechanism for survival. What he and his friends learned by playing on the sun-baked streets of Sicogi was a lesson in resilience

that even the finest academies in the world could not have taught. Looking back at a picture of himself and his friends, playing football in the streets of Abidjan, Diomande highlighted how so many of his friends have now broken into European football. While he is playing in Germany, a number of others are in England or Belgium. Despite his move to Germany, Diomande stays in touch with his old friends through a WhatsApp group, sharing the same bond that they once did back home. From Ivory Coast to the USA Diomande moved to the DME Academy in Florida (USA) in 2022. It was

a period of rapid maturation where he traded the spontaneity of street football for the structured discipline of the American league system. "It's not easy to go so far away from your family. Now I feel like I could live on my own forever," he said of his experience in the USA. This chapter proved crucial, providing him with the mental fortitude required to navigate a life far from home. From not knowing the English language to battling loneliness, the USA stint laid the foundation and battle-hardened Diomande for challenges that had started to unfold in his top-tier football career.



After watching "Carmeni Selvam," people will feel like reducing their EMIs: Versatile actor Samuthirakani at Trailer Launch event

Produced by Arun Rangarajulu under the Pathway Productions banner and directed by Ram Chakri, the bilingual film "Carmeni Selvam" has been made in Telugu and Tamil. Versatile actor Samuthirakani plays the lead role, while Gautham Vasudev Menon appears in a key role. Lakshmi Priya and Abhinaya also play important roles. The film is set for a grand theatrical release on April 3 in both Telugu and Tamil. It will be distributed by PVR Inox Pictures. The already released first look poster and teaser have created interest, and the trailer launched on Thursday has further raised expectations with its family emotions and a storyline connected to current trends. The trailer launch event was held in Hyderabad. Telugu directors who have worked with Samuthirakani, "Vimanam" fame Shiva Prasad, "Ramam Raghavam" fame Dhanraj, and "Save the Tigers" fame Teja Kakumanu attended as guests. Director Shiva Prasad of "Vimanam" said, "When we think of a middle-class father character, the first name that comes to mind is Samuthirakani garu. Looking at this story, it



seems to revolve around money. This film will connect with every middle-class family." Teja Kakumanu said, "The Earth stopped revolving around the Sun long ago. Now everything revolves around money. This film will definitely appeal to all middle-class families." Dhanraj said, "Only when we encourage such good stories will more good films be made. I wish this movie great success." Speaking on the occasion, versatile actor Samuthirakani said, "Life can be viewed and expressed in many ways. We are pre-

sented it differently in this film as well. Ram Chakri is a very intense creator. I thank him for bringing such a good story to me. Lakshmi Priya and Abhinaya's performances will impress everyone. This film will make every viewer think after they walk out of the theater. Also, everyone will feel like reducing their loan EMIs. Only when we reduce the burdens on us can we achieve our dreams. This is a film that says if everyone becomes financially strong, they will definitely succeed." Director Ram Chakri said, "Samuthirakani

garu will showcase different variations in this film. Ramanujam garu composed the music as a service. I will never forget the support given by producer Arun. This film will connect with every middle-class family. Through this film, we show how people can reduce their debts and live happily." Producer Arun Rangarajulu said, "This movie will connect with everyone. Special thanks to our distribution partner PVR Inox Pictures." Actress Abhinaya said, "I feel proud to play this character. It is a great honor to work

with Samuthirakani garu. He can perform any role. This film will create awareness among people." Actress Lakshmi Priya said, "This film is very special to me. The character Shanti that I played will be relatable to everyone. It is a film that families can watch together." Lyric writer Rambabu Gosala said that this is an emotional film and that he was happy to get the opportunity to write all the songs in it. Music director Ramanuja, music producer Jeevan, and the entire film unit participated in the event.

Nandamuri Balakrishna Honoured with Lifetime Achievement Award at International Film Festival Delhi 2026



We are delighted to announce that Nandamuri Balakrishna has been honored with the prestigious "Lifetime Achievement Award" at the International Film Festival Delhi 2026. The award was presented by the Hon'ble Chief

Minister of Delhi, Rekha Gupta. This recognition marks yet another significant milestone in the illustrious journey of Shri Nandamuri Balakrishna Garu. His contribution to the Telugu film industry has been remarkable, and this honor stands as a

moment of pride not only for him but for the entire Telugu cinema fraternity. On this special occasion, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to Shri Nandamuri Balakrishna Garu and wish him continued success, hoping he receives many more accolades in the years to come.

Nagabandham Set for Grand Worldwide Release on July 3rd



Abhishek Nama, Virat Karnna, Kishore Annapureddy, Nishitha Nagi Reddy, NIK Studios, Abhishek Pictures Pan India Mythological Epic Nagabandham Grand Worldwide Release On July 3rd Abhishek Nama's highly anticipated pan-Indian epic Nagabandham, starring Virat Karnna, has now locked its worldwide release date- July 3rd. Produced by Kishore Annapureddy and Nishitha Nagi Reddy on NIK Studios and Abhishek Pictures, the team has opted for an early

monsoon arrival. The release date poster is designed with a striking concept. It visually bridges mythology and the modern world. The upper half showcases Virat Karnna in a fierce, Shiva-inspired avatar gripping a colossal, intricately designed trishul, radiating divine intensity and spiritual might. The lower half shifts dramatically into a sleek contemporary universe, introducing the antagonist with a sharp, stylish presence that hints at a high-voltage clash between ancient power and modern chaos.

Priyadarshi, Sai Kumar "Suyodhana" movie pre release press meet, the movie is going to have a worldwide grand release on 27th of this month

"Suyodhana" is a film under the banner of Prajwala Line Creations featuring Priyadarshi, Drishika Chander as the hero heroine, dialogue king Saikumar and senior heroine Prema in pivotal roles. This film is being directed by YS Madhav Reddy and is being produced by Bosubabu Nidumolu. This movie is releasing worldwide on 27th of this month. Sri Lakshmi Pictures, which has released many hit films, is releasing the movie "Suyodhana". Today, the pre-release press meet of this film was held in a grand manner in Nuhyderabad. In this program Art Director Brahma Kadali said - Editor Chhota K Prasad is the reason why I came into this film. He supported this film in many ways along with editing. We have done good set work for this movie. It is seen in a very big span in the movie. "Suyodhana" stands as a special movie for Saikumar and

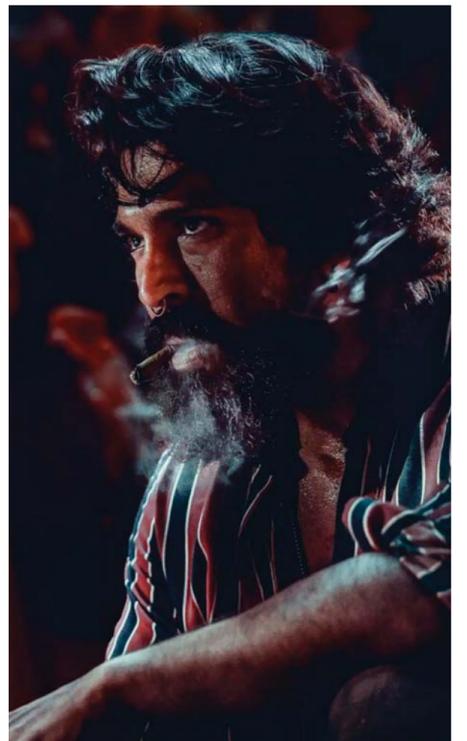


Priyadarshi in their career. Said. Music director Jai Krish said - I felt happy as a music director when I got to know that the movie "Suyodhana" will be a sound theme. A new vibe you will all feel in this movie. After watching the performances

of Priyadarshi and Sai Kumar, I made sure to improve my BGM. This movie will give you all a new experience. Said. Editor Chhota K Prasad said - "Suyodhana" is a new kind of movie. Such films do not come regularly. Our produc-

er Bosu made the movie with great passion. Technically every craft is quality. I want you all to watch this film which is releasing on the occasion of Sri Rama Navami and give your response. Said. Producer Bosubabu Nidumolu said - Our technicians are the main strength of our film. Brahma Kadali's art work, Karthik's camera work, Jai Krish's music, Chhota K Prasad's editing, all these made the movie come out in high quality. Chhota K Prasad supported us in all matters. Even though it was the first film for our director Madhav, he got the output he wanted from everyone like a veteran. I can't forget the support given to us by Priyadarshi and Saikumar. Bapiraju sir is releasing our film in a grand manner. If all the producers get people like him, no one will have a problem. Filmchamber programs are being requested to educate new producers about film making.

What's The Clarification From Peddi Makers On Charan Injury



The team behind Mega Power Star Ram Charan's much-awaited film Peddi, directed by Buchi Babu Sana, has issued an official statement regarding a minor accident that occurred during the shoot yesterday. While performing an intense action sequence, Ram Charan sustained a small injury just above his eye. According to Team Peddi, the injury is completely minor and nothing to be concerned about. Ram Charan, known for his discipline and unwavering commitment, went on to finish the remaining portions of the day's schedule despite the incident. The production unit has now paused the shoot briefly, giving Ram Charan a short break. The team assures that filming will resume tomorrow. Sharing the update on social media, the team urged fans not to speculate about the

incident. In their statement, they said, "We'd like to address the recent chatter surrounding a minor incident on the sets of Peddi. We want to assure everyone that Ram Charan Garu is absolutely fine and doing well. He had a minor injury to the left eye on the sets, and there was a small procedure done. He will be resuming the shoot tomorrow with no disruptions to the schedule. We appreciate the concern, but there is no cause for worry. Everything is under control, and the film continues to move forward smoothly." The makers reiterated that the situation is under control and thanked fans for their concern, while emphasizing that production remains on track. Actor's Dedication Impresses Fans Despite the injury, Ram Charan reportedly continued working, showcasing his commitment to the project.

Barbarikudu The Son of Ghatotkacha Movie Grand Opening of Ram Laxman's Disciple Krishna as Indian Hero

PP Movie Makers, Renuka Ellamma Creations banners T. Barbarikudu is the latest film under the direction of Sivajhansi Regala, produced by Malleshwarudu, Anthati Naresh Kumar and Anthati Rajesh Kumar. Barbarikudu, the most ambitious film, recently celebrated a grand pooja. It seems that this film is going to open with the story of a warrior from Mahabharata Kurukshetra war. Sivajhansiregala, who worked as an assistant director for many films in the Telugu film industry as a disciple of famous music director MM Keeravani's father Shiv Shakti Dutta, is making his directorial debut with this film. The story of a warrior from India's biggest epic Mahabharata is going to be screened to capture the



hearts of Telugu people. In this regard, the passion of the director as well as the producers should be appreciated. Movies like this are not produced unless there is love and affection. In this regard, the producers of the film T. Malleshwarudu, Anthati

Naresh Kumar and Anthati Rajesh Kumar were successful in the beginning. They are confident that the film Barbarikudu that they are making will definitely win the hearts of the audience. Many people know less about the history of Barbarikudu.

The makers say that with this film, everyone will know how great a warrior he is. Krishna Bharat, who choreographed fights for many super hit films and is the disciple of Ram Laxman and the son-in-law of stunt master Badri Master.