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ED ATTACHES RS 26.86 CRORE PROPERTIES IN BANK FRAUD CASE



HYDERABAD, MARCH 6 (TSIT): Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Hyderabad Zonal Office has provisionally attached immovable properties valued at Rs 26.86 crore in a bank fraud case of Sowbhagya Ispat India Pvt. Ltd. (SIPLI).

ANDHRA PRADESH TO BAN SOCIAL MEDIA FOR CHILDREN UNDER 13



Amaravati, March 6: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu said on Friday that the state government will ban use of social media for children under the age of 13 years.

CM REVANTH CALLS ON GOVT EMPLOYEES TO STRENGTHEN STATE ECONOMY

HYDERABAD TSIT BUREAU: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Friday appealed to government employees to work with dedication to strengthen the state's economy and meet the growing financial requirements of Telangana.

Addressing the Telangana Madiga Employees' Thanksgiving Programme in Hyderabad, the Chief Minister said employees have a crucial responsibility to curb irregularities and help generate more revenue for the state.

Highlighting the government's 99-day action plan, Revanth Reddy said the programme aims to ensure that welfare schemes reach the needy. He said the government is working to provide ration cards, fine rice, Indiramma houses and free power to eligible beneficiaries and urged employees to support the administration in delivering these benefits to the people.

Criticising the previous BRS government, the Chief Minister said it failed to take progressive steps for the empowerment of poor BC and SC communities and limited its initiatives to schemes such as distributing sheep and buffaloes and promoting traditional occupa-



A. Revanth Reddy urged government employees to work with dedication, curb irregularities and help strengthen Telangana's economy while ensuring welfare schemes reach the needy.

tions. He said the present government aims to transform the lives of Dalits by promoting quality education and enabling them to become doctors, engineers and IAS officers. Revanth Reddy described the 2023 Assembly elections as a battle between the 'mighty BRS rulers' and a struggling Congress determined to end what he called a dicta-

India's strategic autonomy under threat, says Congress over US Russian oil waiver

NEW DELHI (TSIT) With the US announcing a temporary waiver to allow Indian refiners to purchase Russian oil, the Congress alleged on Friday that India's strategic autonomy and national sovereignty are under 'dire threat' because Prime Minister Narendra Modi is being 'blackmailed' by America.

'President (Donald) Trump's energy agenda has resulted in oil and gas production reaching the highest levels ever recorded. To enable oil to keep flowing into the global market, the Treasury Department is issuing a temporary 30-day waiver to allow Indian refiners to purchase Russian oil,' US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said on Thursday.

In a post on X, Gandhi said: 'India's foreign policy emerges from the collective will of our people. It should be rooted in our history, our geography, and our spiritual ethos based on Satya and Ahimsa.' 'What we are witnessing today is not policy. It is the result of the exploitation of a compromised individual,' the leader of opposition in the Lok Sabha said. He also shared his



February 11 speech in the Lok Sabha during a discussion on the budget, where he spoke about India's energy security being compromised. 'The US will tell us who we can or cannot buy oil from, if it is Russia or Iran, the US will decide. But our prime minister will not decide,' Gandhi had said.

The Congress also shared Gandhi's speech on X. 'The proof is here to be seen - and the silence of the compromised Prime Minister is shameful,' the party said. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge alleged that India's strategic autonomy and national sovereignty are under dire threat 'because PM Modi is getting blackmailed on Epstein Files and Adani Case'. 'The US proclamation to 'allow' and grant us 'permission' to buy Russian oil, as a 'waiver for 30-days' clearly demonstrates Modi government is continuously ceding diplomatic space.

'This is the kind of language which is used for sanctioned states, and not India, who has been a responsible and an equal partner in global order,' he said in a lengthy post on X.

'Now, the US grants India a 'temporary 30-day waiver' and 'allows' Indian refineries to buy Russian oil. From trade to oil, from data to India's long-term relationships with friendly countries, Modi ji SURRENDERED it all,' Kharge alleged. India, he said, has a proud record of chartering its own destiny and one that has remained unblemished until now.

'From Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi to even Atal Bihari Vajpayee - No Prime Minister has buckled under pressure of any country and made India a virtual vassal state, except Modi ji,' he said. 'Main Desh Nahi Jhukne Doonga' was a mere slogan-cry to win elections. 140 crore Indians stand betrayed.

RSP sweeps Nepal polls with leads in 101 out of 165 seats in first election after Gen-Z revolt

Kathmandu/New Delhi, Mar 6 (UN) The Rastriya Swatantra Party (RSP) appeared to be heading for a sweep in Nepal's first elections since a Gen-Z revolt in September last year toppled the Communist-led coalition headed by Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli.

With two of four seats declared and leads in 101 constituencies out of 165 where direct elections are held, the newbie RSP party led by former Kathmandu Mayor Balendra 'Balen' Shah looks set to form the government. The Nepal Congress, often called the 'Grand old party of Nepal' has won one seat and is leading in 11 more seats as of 6.30 pm. 'The two Communist parties - Nepali Communist Party led by Prachanda Oli's



CPN (UML) - which dominated the country for more than a decade are really fighting for the third spot with 12 and 10 leads as of now,' said Kuvera Chalise, Consulting Editor of Nepalkhabar. The two winners from RSP

are 30-year-old Ranju Neupane (Darshana) who won against her nearest Nepal Congress candidate from Kathmandu-1 by 15,455 votes and Biraj Bhakta Sreshta, who has won by more than 24,000 votes from Bagmati. From Nepal Congress, 32-year-old Yogesh Gauchan Thakali has won by 3,307 votes from Gandaki in Mustang.

'This victory in Nepal is really the net result of the anger and frustration of the younger generation because of the poor governance and lack of efforts by the old guard to create employment opportunities within Nepal even as rampant corruption and its fruits became more and more visible,' added Chalise, a well-known political analyst.

Mamata Banerjee holds protest over voter roll deletions ahead of Bengal polls

Bengal (TSIT) Mamata Banerjee on Friday staged a dharna in Kolkata, protesting alleged large-scale deletions in voter rolls ahead of the upcoming West Bengal Assembly elections. The All India Trinamool Congress chief accused the Election Commission of India and Bharatiya Janata Party of conspiring to disenfranchise Bengali voters.



The protest was held at Metro Channel in Esplanade, a politically significant venue in the city. Banerjee said the issue of voter list revisions would be a key campaign point for her party ahead of the high-stakes state elections expected in April.

Hyderabad to become a world-class city: CM Revanth



HYDERABAD (TSIT): A. Revanth Reddy, Chief Minister of Telangana, said Hyderabad has the potential to become one of the most beautiful and globally competitive cities with proper planning and governance. He was speaking at the inauguration of Eco Hill Park in Hyderabad. The Chief Minister said the government is focusing on improving infrastructure, beautifying the city and developing the Musi River riverfront to boost tourism

and create employment opportunities. He also noted that the area around Rajiv Gandhi International Airport at Shamshabad could emerge as a major bullet train hub connecting cities such as Bengaluru, Amaravati and Chennai. Revanth Reddy assured that people affected by development projects would receive proper rehabilitation and reiterated the government's commitment to transforming Hyderabad into a world-class city.

CM STALIN UNVEILS VISION 2030 FOR TRILLION-DOLLAR TN ECONOMY

CHENNAI (TSIT): Laying out an ambitious roadmap for the future, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin on Friday presented the State's 'Tamil Nadu Vision 2030' dream, outlining key goals to transform the State into a trillion-dollar economy while ensuring inclusive development and social welfare.



He also spoke about his dream of making the whole country a 'Samathuvapuram'. Speaking at the event 'Kanavugal Meipada - Dreams to Reality', organised under the 'Ungal Kanavai Sollunga' (Tell Us Your Dream) initiative in Chennai, the chief minister said the government wanted the people to articulate their dreams that would shape Tamil Nadu's future.

Quoting poet Subramania Bharati, who wrote about the need for dreams to become reality, Stalin said Tamil Nadu's development must benefit the land, the people and the State collectively.

He added that the Vision 2030 framework reflects those aspirations and charts a structured path for growth over the coming years. The chief minister outlined 14 key focus areas under 'Tamil Nadu Vision 2030', aimed at improving housing, economic growth, education, infrastructure, agriculture and social welfare. A major highlight of the vision is the goal of transforming Tamil Nadu into a one-trillion-dollar economy by 2030, strengthening its position as one of India's leading economic engines.

A Narrow Window: Washington's 30-Day Waiver for India's Russian Oil

New Delhi (TSIT) The United States' decision to grant India a temporary 30-day waiver to purchase Russian crude oil currently stranded at sea, represents a carefully calibrated move to keep a strategic ally happy while maintaining the threat of pressure on Russia for the future.

The waiver was announced Friday by US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent, underscoring how Washington is attempting to balance pressure on Moscow with the realities of global energy dependence, while reinforcing its 'Asian pivot' towards New Delhi.

The waiver will allow Indian refiners to buy Russian oil cargoes already loaded and in transit, ensuring that these supplies can reach markets



without generating significant new revenue streams for Russia. According to highly placed sources, 'Washington's waiver will act as a pressure-release valve for global markets.' Approximately 20 million barrels of Russian crude will be eligible under the temporary measure, allowing

Indian refiners to secure immediate cargoes that might otherwise remain stranded. Major state-run companies, including Indian Oil Corp (IOC), Bharat Petroleum (BPCL), Hindustan Petroleum (HPCL) and Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd (MRPL), along with private

sector giant Reliance Industries have reportedly resumed or intensified negotiations for these shipments, indicated sources. However, market dynamics have shifted, pointed out officials. Russian Urals crude, once available at deep discounts of about USD 13 per barrel below Brent, has now become costlier amid tight supply and strong demand for prompt cargoes. Indian refiners will have to pay USD 2-4 more per barrel of Urals crude oil than for Brent, market analysts said.

They said nearly 20 million barrels are on tankers in the Indian Ocean area. These shipments are expected to reach Indian ports within a week, for more supplies Indian shippers will have contract oil tankers

which are in the Black Sea and bring them through the Suez Canal and the Mediterranean Sea. By limiting the authorisation to oil already stranded at sea, the American administration wants to signal it will not allow disruptions in global supply while maintaining the broader sanctions architecture imposed upon Moscow ever since the Ukraine conflict started.

The immediate rationale behind the decision lies in the fragile state of global oil markets. Rising tensions in West Asia, in particular concerns over the security of shipping through the Strait of Hormuz, through which a fifth of the world's energy cargos transit, have heightened fears of supply disruptions.

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AICC Appoints Errabelli Swarna as President of Telangana Mahila Congress



Hyderabad: The All India Congress Committee (AICC) has appointed Errabelli Swarna as the President of the Telangana Mahila Congress...

Work towards making Rahul Gandhi the Prime Minister: MLA Megha Reddy

Thudi Megha Reddy and District Congress Committee President Shivsena Reddy called on party workers to strengthen the Indian National Congress with the goal of making Rahul Gandhi the future Prime Minister of India...



Shailaja Kiran who started Modular Retina OT

Karimnagar, March 6, TSIT : Shailaja Kiran Margadarsi Managing Director who launched Modular Retina OT at Raykurthi Eye Hospital today are the first buyers of this mission in India...



TGREDCO VC & MD V.Anila Inspires Women in Green Energy Sector

Hyderabad (TSIT): On the occasion of International Women's Day, V.Anila, Vice Chairperson and Managing Director of the Telangana State Renewable Energy Development Corporation (TGREDCO), emphasized the growing role of women in the renewable energy sector...

CM Revanth Attends Allu Sirish Wedding, Blesses Newlyweds



Hyderabad (TSIT): Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy attended the wedding ceremony of Allu Sirish, son of noted film producer Allu Aravind, held at a grand event space in Kollur on Friday...

SOUTHERN POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY OF TELANGANA LIMITED OPERATION CIRCLE : SANGAREDDY SHORT TENDER & EXTENSION NOTICE

SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY Tender Notice

ID.No. 369 Name of the work Replacement of over aged telecom exchanges over Guntur division.

ID.No. 370 Name of the work Telecom arrangements in connection with commissioning of exchanges over Guntur division.

ID.No. 371 Name of the work Provision of Aspiration type smoke detection system at 71 Nos Electronic Interlocking & Panel Interlocking Stations/Gomties over GNT division.

1. If the date of opening of tenders happens to be declared holiday at later date, the tenders will be opened on the next working day at the stipulated time.

Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer/Guntur

Tender Notice No: CRS-E-13-25-26

DY.CME/CRS/TPTD acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No: mentioned here under closing date as mentioned below up to 11:00Hrs.

SI.No. 1 Tender No. E-06-EAST-BZA-2026 Details of Work Name of work Vijayawada Division - BZA - GDV & GDV-MTM Sections (UP & DN):

Notice Board Location where complete details of tender can be seen Office of the Chief Workshop Manager, Carriage Repair Shop, Tirupati

No:G/E/29Tr/Tenders/2025-26 Dt.05.03.2026

Tender Notice No: G/E/29Tr/Tender Notice/59/2025-26

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/ Traction/Guntakal acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Tender No. GTL-TRD-29-ETL-91-2025-26 Name of Work: GTL-91: Replacement of Leaning/critical and less contact wire height OHE structures due to raising of track with new OHE structure in connection with safety in RU-GY-DMM section

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer, Traction, Guntakal

CHANGE OF NAME I, SUBB KRISHNA KUMAR K. S/o: SATHI REDDY KOMPALLY...

CHANGE OF NAME I, LAKSHUMIAIAH, F/O: HAV CHEEMALA RAMAKRISHNA R/O: KRISHNAMPALLE, CHALLAGIRIGELLA, PORUMAMILLA, CUDDAPAH, ANDHRA PRADESH - 516505

CHANGE OF NAME I, RAMADEVI (Old Name), R/o. H.No. 22-8-24, Qrt. No. 50, 2nd Doctors Colony, P.O., K.M. College, Deshapet Road, Warangal District, 506 007, T. S., has changed my name as THATIPAMULA RAMADEVI (New Name).

CHANGE OF NAME I, SOMANADHAM (Old Name), R/o. H. No. 22-8-24, Qrt. No. 50, 2nd Doctors Colony, P.O., K. M. College, Deshapet Road, Warangal district, 506007, T. S., has changed my name as THATIPAMULA SOMANADHAM (New Name).

BAJAJ FINANCE LIMITED Registered Office: Bajaj Finance Limited, C/o Bajaj Auto Limited Complex, Mumbai Pune Road Akurdi Pune 411035

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")

Name & Address of Borrower 1.Mohd. Abdul Rahman Coal And Coalash Traders Thr. Its Prop. Mohd. Abdul Rahman R/o. Pl. No. 342 Gaganpeth New Distille Hyderabad Rajendranagar Rangareddy Hyderabad 500052 Telangana Also At R/o. 17-3-27/1/1 New Distille Hyderabad Ranga Reddy Telangana 500052 Also At R/o. Municipal No. 4-18-152 In Survey No. 302/1 Hassan Nagar Mahmood Nagar Attapur Village Rajendranagar Municipality Rangareddy 500052 2.Syeda Sana Sultana C/O Mohammed Jeelani R/o. 4-18-152 Mahamood Nagar Noor Masjid Hassan Nagar Rajendranagar Svpna Rajendranagar K V Rangareddy Telangana Hyderabad 500052 Telangana 3.Mohammed Jeelani S/o Mohd Abdul Rahman R/o. 4-18-152 Mahamood Nagar Rajendra Nagar Svpna K V Rangareddy Hyderabad 500052 Telangana Contact:9848418218 Email Id: mohdjeelani40@gmail.com

Loan Account Number 769493/ P400P58900157 Statutory Demand Notice dated 08.08.2024 Demand amount ₹ 769493/- Outstanding Amount as on 06.03.2026 ₹154402.21/- Rupees Ninety One Lakhs Fifty Four Thousand Two Hundred Twenty One Paisa Only

Reserve Price in INR ₹ 71,77,208/- (Rupees Seventy One Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand Two Hundred Eight Only) EMD ₹ 717720/- E-auction date and time 24/03/26 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm https://bankauctions.in Last date of submission of EMD 23/03/26 Bid Increment Amount in Rs. ₹25000/- Encumbrance Known to Secured Creditor Not Known Date of inspection of Property From 08/03/26 to 23/03/26 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-notices

WARANGAL URBAN CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD., (Regd.No. 900FR/31-12-94) Branch : # 8-10-32, 1st Floor, J.P.N. Road, WARANGAL - 506 002.

POSSESSION NOTICE (Immovable Property) (Under SARFAESI Act 2002 - APPENDIX IV (Rule 8(1))) Whereas the undersigned being the authorized officer of the Warangal Urban Cooperative Bank Limited, Warangal under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule of 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notice dated 29-09-2025 calling upon the borrower to repay the loan amount mentioned in the notice being within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice, along with future interest as applicable, incidental expenses, cost, charges etc., incurred till the date of payment and/or realization.

Table with columns: Sl. No., Borrower Name & A/c Number, Guarantors, 13(2) Demand Notice, Date of symbolic possession, Date of symbolic possession, Loan outstanding as on Possession Notice in Rs.

Whereas the Borrower/Co-borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagor mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the Borrower mentioned herein above in particular and to the Public in general that the Authorized Officer of Warangal Urban Cooperative Bank Limited has taken SYMBOLIC POSSESSION of the property/Secured Asset described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned above. The Borrower/Co-borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagor mentioned herein above in particulars and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid property/Secured Asset and any dealing with the said Property/Secured Asset will be subject to the charge of Warangal Urban Cooperative Bank Limited. The Borrower's/Mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section(8) of Section(13) of the Act, in respect of the time available to redeem the secured assets.

Place : Warangal, Date : 05-03-2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer, Warangal Urban Coop. Bank Ltd., Warangal

AXIS BANK LIMITED PUBLIC NOTICE FOR - E-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 pledge in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted by the Axis Bank at the below mentioned Branch.

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 up the Borrowers/Guarantors to pay their outstanding amount towards the Gold loan facility available. 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 e-auction sale of pledged gold ornaments more particularly described in schedule of property hereunder on 17-Mar-2026 (dated) at 12.30 PM to 3.30 PM (time of e-auction) on "As In Where Is", "As Is What Is", "Whatever There Is" and "No Recourse Basis".

Table with columns: Sr. No, BRANCH\_RAC\_NAME, Loan Account, Customer Name, Amount Outstanding, Date of Demand Notice, G.W, N.W

**THE NEW INDIA ASSURANCE Co. Ltd.**  
HYDERABAD REGIONAL OFFICE  
New India Bhawan, Plot No.1, 2 & 3, Habsiguda,  
I P, Uppal, Hyderabad - 500 007.  
CIN No: L66000MH1919G01000526

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DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER

**KVB Karur Vysya Bank** SANTOSH NAGAR BRANCH  
Smart way to bank Ground Floor, D.No:9-6-195/1/1, Beside  
Bhasyam School, Santoshnagar Main Road,  
Hyderabad-59, Telangana; Ph:8008998850, Email:hydsantoshnagar@kvbmail.com

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION OF GOLD ORNAMENTS**  
The below mentioned borrowers have failed to repay the loan and redeem the gold ornaments within the stipulated time in spite of several reminders. The Gold Jewellery/ornaments pledged under the said loan accounts by the below listed borrowers will be sold in offline auction at respective Branch premises on 25.03.2026 at 03.00 PM.  
Those willing to participate are requested to contact the branch. The Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any bid without assigning any reason whatsoever. Please note if the auction does not get completed on the same day, the same will follow the subsequent days on the same terms and conditions. If the customer is deceased all the conditions pertaining to auction will be applicable to nominee/legal heir. The Borrower are hereby notified to pay the  
up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the pledged gold ornaments will be sold and balance dues will be recovered with interest and cost. For any queries and terms and conditions contact branch. GST applicable. Contact number:040 2433 4422

S. No.	Name & Address of borrower/s	Description of Jewels	Gross Weight(gms)	Reserve Price	EMD
1	V Naga Vijaya Laxmi, P.No.10, Lane Beside Nikhita General Store, Road No.2, Near Bank of Maharashtra, Sai Nagar Colony, Balapur X Road, Hyderabad, Telangana-500079.	4 Bangles & 1 Chandra Haaram	Gross Weight: 89.500	Rs. 12,22,491/-	Rs. 1,22,250/-

Date: 06.03.2026, Place: Hyderabad Sd/- Authorised Officer, Karur Vysya Bank

**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, Plot No.13 14 15 13 89 1,  
1st Floor Above State Bank of India Kona Plaza Bank Colony  
Khammam Telangana 507002  
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 detailed as under:

Particulars of E-auction	
Name & Address of Borrower	1.Sri Padmavathi Enterprises thr its Prop. Nuthalapati Ravi R/o. H No. 1-20 & 1-21 Station Road Karepalli Khammam Telangana 507122 Also at R/o. Flat No. 202 1st Floor Sri Venkatasai Apartments H No. 15-13-300/1/202 Sy. No. 286/A 286/AA Bank Colony Khammam Municipal Corporation Khammam Dist. 507002 2. Nuthalapati Ravi S/o Nuthalapati Rangarao R/o. 1 176/1 Pinjaramadugu Kameshalli Khammam Telangana 507122 3. Swappa Nuthalapati S/o Ganesh Karri R/o. 1 176/1 Pinjaramadugu Kamepalli Khammam Telangana 507122 Contact No. 9848172599 Email id: sripadamavathienterprises@gmail.com
Loan Account Number	PS46PBL2248335
Statutory Demand Notice u/s. 13(2) Date & Amount	Notice dated 15.01.2025 Demand amount ₹ 2196032/-
Outstanding Amount as on 06.03.2026	₹ 2644911.66/- (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs Forty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Eleven and Sixty Six Paise Only)
Description of Immovable Property	All the piece and parcel of Flat No. 202 First Floor Sri Venkatasai Apartments H No. 15-13-300/1/202 Sy. No. 286/A 286/AA Bank Colony Khammam Municipal Corporation Khammam Dist 507002 along with proportionate share in common areas (Area adm. 28.33 Sq.Yds built up area 1102.50 Sq.Ft) bounded as: East: Open to sky; West: 5 ft wide corridor; North: Open to sky; South: Open to sky
Reserve Price in INR	₹ 27,14,796/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakhs Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Six Only)
EMD	₹ 271479/-
E-auction date and time	24/03/2026 11:00 pm to 4:00 pm
E-auction Portal	https://bankauctions.in
Last date of submission of EMD	23/03/2026
Bid Increment Amount in Rs.	₹ 25000/-
Encumbrance Known to Secured Creditor	Not Known
Date of Inspection of Property	From 08/03/26 to 23/03/2026 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-notices

Date: 06/03/2026 Authorized Officer  
Place: TELANGANA Bajaj Finance Ltd.

**L&T Finance Limited**  
(formerly known as L&T Finance Holdings Limited)  
Registered Office: L&T Finance Limited, Brindavan Building  
Plot No. 177, Kalina, CST Road, Near Mercedes Showroom  
Santacruz (East), Mumbai 400 098  
CIN No.: L67120MH2008PLC181833  
Branch office: Hyderabad

**POSSESSION NOTICE**  
[Rule-8(1)]

Whereas the undersigned being the authorized officer of L&T Finance Limited (Erstwhile, L&T Finance Holdings Ltd), under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred by Section 13(12) of the said Act read with [rule 3] of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notices calling upon the Borrower/ Co-borrowers and Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the demand notice appended below within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice together with further interest and other charges from the date of demand notice till payment/realization. The Borrower/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors and public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein under in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13 of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules on this notice.

Loan Account Number	Borrower/s & Guarantors Name	Description of the Mortgaged Properties	Demand Notice		Date and Type of Possession Taken
			Date	Outstanding Amount (₹)	
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**Facilities for Medical Students to be Strengthened: MP Gaddam Vamsi Krishna.**



Mancherla, March 6, TSIT :Peddapalli Member of Parliament Gaddam Vamsi Krishna said the government is committed to strengthening the medical sector by providing all necessary facilities to students studying in government medical colleges. On Friday, the MP, along with District Collector Kumar Deepak, inaugurated buses arranged for students of the Government Medical College near Gudipet in Hajipur mandal.

**Special Commissioner Ch.Priyanka Inspects I&PR Office as Part of 99-Day 'Prajapalana Pragathi Pranalika'**



Hyderabad As part of the "Prajapalana Pragathi Pranalika" 99-day programme being implemented from March 6 to June 12, a special activity was conducted at the Information and Public Relations (I&PR) Department office at Masab Tank in Hyderabad on Friday. On the occasion, Special Commissioner of the Information and Public Relations Department Ch. Priyanka planted saplings in the office premises and inspected various sections

of the department to review cleanliness and file management. During her interaction with officials and staff, Priyanka directed them to maintain files properly and ensure cleanliness in all sections. She instructed that pending files should be cleared promptly and that old annual files, after the stipulated period, should be systematically preserved in the store room. She also clarified that only running files should be kept in desks and cupboards. The Special Commissioner further directed officials and employees to maintain clean surroundings and keep their office rooms well organized. The programme was attended by I&PR Department Director Kishore Babu, Additional Director D.S.Jagan, Chief Information Engineer V. Radhakrishan, RIOs J. Ramulu and P.Jayaram Murthy, Deputy Directors M. Madhusudan and Y. Venkateshwarlu, S.A. Hashmi, Rajareddy, and other staff members of the department.

**Ministers review Prajapalana Pragathi Pranalika 99-day action plan**



Hyderabad: A review meeting on the implementation of the Telangana government's "Prajapalana Pragathi Pranalika" 99-day action plan was held at the Collectorate Auditorium in Karimnagar on Friday. Joint Karimnagar district in-charge minister Tummalala Nageswara Rao, minister Ponnam Prabhakar and Telangana government advisor Harkara Venugopal Rao reviewed the activities to be carried out in the unified Karimnagar district from March 6 to June 12. The leaders discussed programmes to be implemented at mandal, constituency and district levels, focusing on sanitation drives, disposal of pending files, strengthening health services, public safety, welfare scheme implementation, child protection, anti-drug awareness, promotion of education, youth and sports development, women empowerment and environmental protection.

**"Green Queens" Programme Marks International Women's Day at Dulapally Forest Academy**

Hyderabad: The Telangana Forest Department celebrated International Women's Day with a special programme titled "Green Queens (Haritha Raanulu)" at the Forest Academy in Dulapally.



Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force (PCCF & HoFF) Dr. C. Suvarna and Additional Director General of Police Swati Lakra attended the event as chief guests. The programme, organised under the leadership of Forest Academy Director Priyanka Varghese, began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Suvarna said International Women's Day is not just a celebration for women but an opportunity for both men and women to strengthen the spirit of equality. She highlighted that women, though often perceived as physically

weaker, possess strong mental resilience and the ability to face challenges with courage. She noted that among forest beat officers who left their jobs, nearly 60 were men, while very few women resigned, reflecting the determination and commitment of women employees. She also praised the women frontline staff of the Forest Department for playing a key role in protecting forests and preserving natural resources. ADGP Swati Lakra said it is inspiring to see women serving in uniform across departments such as police, health and forest services.

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**Historic justice to Madiga community under CM Revanth Reddy's leadership: Minister Adhuri Laxman Kumar**



Hyderabad: Adhuri Laxman Kumar, Telangana Minister for Welfare, said the government led by A. Revanth Reddy has delivered historic justice to the Madiga community by implementing the SC sub-classification law. peaking at a programme organised by the Telangana Madiga Employees Coordination Committee at Shilpakala Vedika in Hyderabad on Friday, the minister said the move has opened new opportunities for the community in education and employment. He said the decision has already shown results, with 772 students securing opportunities to become doctors and engineers, while nearly 16,000 Group-II and about 10,000 Group-III candidates have gained employment opportunities. The minister also announced that the government plans to develop Ambedkar Tower at Lower Tank Bund and reconstruct Jagjivan Bhavan at Kachiguda to promote social awareness and honour national leaders. He urged the Madiga community to remain united and support the government's efforts toward social justice and empowerment.

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Tirumala:Sri Muddada Ravichandra assumes charge as TTD EO Sri Muddada Ravichandra assumed charge as TTD EO on Friday morning at the Srivari Temple. Later, he took oath as the Member Secretary of the TTD Governing Council. TTD Additional EO Sri C.H. Venkaiah Chowdhury administered the oath to him.

**Father gives son a second life with rare kidney transplant at KIMS Kurnool**



Kurnool: Doctors at KIMS Hospital, Kurnool successfully performed a rare ABO-incompatible kidney transplant, giving a 28-year-old patient a new lease of life. Madhu Krishna from Allugundu village in Kurnool district received a kidney from his father Gorantla despite their incompatible blood groups. The transplant was carried out on February 13 after specialized pre-transplant treatment under the supervision of nephrologist Dr. K. Anantha Rao and a multidisciplinary medical team. The patient recovered well and was discharged on February 21 with stable kidney function. Doctors explained that such transplants require advanced procedures like desensitization, plasma exchange and antibody reduction. Hospital authorities said more than 80 kidney transplants have been successfully performed at KIMS Kurnool, providing advanced treatment to patients in the Rayalaseema region.

**Officials must ensure welfare schemes reach every eligible beneficiary: Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy**



Mahabubabad (TSIT): Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, Minister for Revenue and Housing in Telangana, directed officials to work in coordination to ensure government welfare schemes reach every eligible beneficiary.

He was speaking at a preparatory meeting of the combined Warangal districts held at the IDOC office in Mahabubabad regarding the Prajapalana Pragathi Plan 99-day programme. The minister stressed improving education and healthcare services, filling the shortage of doctors in government hospitals and ensuring medical facilities even in remote villages. He also instructed officials to speed up construction of Indiramma houses, monitor school vehicles through GPS and take strict action if vehicles are unfit. Minister Konda Surekha urged officials to quickly resolve applications received through Prajavani and improve monitoring systems. Public representatives and district officials attended the meeting.



Chittoor: District Collector Sumit Kumar inaugurated the Census Training Classes program at the conference hall of SITAMS College. DRO Mohan Kumar, RDOs, MROs, MPDOs and others participated in this program.

**QBE to become sole owner of Raheja QBE General Insurance Company**

QBE Insurance Group, an international general insurance and reinsurance company headquartered in Australia, is set to become the sole owner and shareholder of Raheja QBE General Insurance Company Limited, subject to regulatory approval. The move follows 18 years of joint ownership with Prism Johnson Limited and reflects QBE's continued commitment to the Indian insurance market. The transaction is currently under review by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI). The company stated that its operations and service standards will remain unchanged during the review process, and further details will be announced in due course.

**RTIH Tirupati organizes women entrepreneurs development program**



Tirupati: Ratan Tata Innovation Hub (RTIH) organized the first day of its Women Entrepreneurs Development Program (WEDP) on March 6 as part of International Women's Day celebrations at its campus near Renigunta Airport. RTIH CEO Vijaywanth Mathur and chief guest Varsha Vishwanath Kasturi inaugurated the event and

**99-DAY ACTION PLAN LAUNCHED UNDER 'PRAJAPALANA-PRAGATHI PRANALIKA': MINISTER GADDAM VIVEK**

Sangareddy: Gaddam Vivek Venkataswamy, Minister for Labour, Employment Training, Factories, Mines and Geology in Telangana, announced the launch of a 99-day action plan under Prajapalana-Pragathi Pranalika to ensure welfare schemes reach all eligible beneficiaries.



them quickly through village and ward sabhas.

The programme will run from March 6 to June 12. Speaking at a review meeting held at the Integrated Collectorate in Medak, the minister said the initiative aims to understand public issues directly and resolve

PM Surya Ghar Yojana, and conducting skill development programmes for youth.

Officials were also directed to address drinking water shortages, repair roads and encourage crop diversification in agriculture.

**ACCUSED SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT IN MAHABUBABAD MURDER CASE**

Mahabubabad (TSIT): The Principal District and Sessions Court in Mahabubabad sentenced an accused to life imprisonment in a murder case registered under Kuravi Police Station limits. According to police, a case was filed based on a complaint by Maloth Sevaya of Kothathanda, Narayanapuram village against the accused Banoth Bhadrhu. After investigation, police filed a charge sheet and the case was heard as SC No. 367/2022 in the court. Delivering the judgment, District and Sessions Judge Mahmood Abdul Rafi found the accused guilty and sentenced him to life imprisonment along with a fine of Rs.25,000. Police officials and the prosecution team were appreciated for effectively investigating and presenting the case in court.

**CARE Hospitals concludes 'PRAVARA 2026' governance and compliance summit**

Hyderabad: CARE Hospitals concluded the two-day PRAVARA 2026 - CARE Governance & Compliance Summit held at Hyatt Place Banjara Hills, bringing together hospital leaders, legal experts and compliance specialists to discuss governance in healthcare.



The summit featured sessions on key regulatory frameworks including the Clinical Establishments Act, Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act, Transplantation of

Human Organs and Tissues Act, PCPNDT Act, environmental regulations and hospital safety standards. Experts discussed corporate compliance, medicolegal cases and biomedical waste management.

Shalabh Dang, Chief Sales & Marketing Officer, highlighted the

importance of immigration reporting and FRRO compliance for international patients.

The event concluded with Statutory Compliance Excellence Awards recognizing teams across the CARE Hospitals network. Rajeev Chourey, Vice President - Quality, Operations & ESG, said the summit strengthened knowledge sharing and reinforced commitment to governance and patient safety.

**Women's success lights India's future: MGU VC Prof Khaja Althaf Hussain**

Nalgonda, March 7 (TSIT): "The bright future of India is reflected in the remarkable accomplishments of women today," said Vice Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi University Prof Khaja Althaf Hussain. Participating as the chief guest in the celebrations of International Women's Day at Mahatma Gandhi University on Friday, Prof Khaja Althaf Hussain said, "Indian women are progressing significantly despite facing numerous challenges. Their ability to take on various roles and contribute to the nation's development is truly commendable. Women achieving remarkable success serve as a beacon of



hope for a prosperous India." Prof Hussain encouraged students to draw inspiration from the stories of these women, aiming for high aspirations while maintaining discipline. Speaking on

the occasion, member of the Telangana Education Policy Drafting Committee Prof Padmaja Shaw emphasized that supporting women's empowerment is both a social necessity and a collec-

tive responsibility. She recognized women's integral role in the advancement of families, institutions, and society. Inspector Kota Karunakar underscored the importance of prioritizing women's safety and well-being. He urged students to remain vigilant about social media, protect themselves from cybercrimes, and lead by example through responsible actions and added, "As educated individuals, they hold the responsibility to foster awareness about societal issues such as substance abuse, cybercrime, and violence." Registrar Prof K Anji Reddy also spoke on the occasion.

**Robotics and artificial intelligence laboratory inaugurated at GITAM**

Hyderabad: A Robotics and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory was inaugurated at the School of Core Engineering of GITAM Deemed to be University, Hyderabad, on March 6. The facility was inaugurated by Anil Kumar Mahendrakar, Plant Head and Senior General Manager at Mahindra & Mahindra Limited,



Automotive Division, Zaheerabad.

Speaking on the occasion, he highlighted the

importance of connecting academic learning with industrial applications and expressed Mahindra's support in providing expert lectures and hands-on training for students. He also invited students to visit the company's manufacturing facility for practical exposure.

The laboratory, established by the Department of Mechanical Engineering, aims to promote practical learning and research in robotics, automation, artificial intelligence, and smart manufacturing. Faculty members, students, and university officials attended the inauguration.

**One more Amrit Bharat Express train to Telangana**



Hyderabad (TSIT) A Express train connecting Nagercoil and

Cherlapalli will soon be flagged off, providing improved connectivity between Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana. The train will include sleeper and general second-class coaches, offering a more comfortable travel option for long-distance passengers. Railway officials said the new service is expected to greatly benefit travelers commuting between the three states. Further details regarding the schedule and operations will be announced soon.

**GRAND INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS HELD IN RAILWAY DEPARTMENT**



Visakhapatnam (TSIT): International Women's Day week celebrations were held with great enthusiasm at the Sagarmala venue under the auspices of the East Coast Railway Women's Welfare Organization (ECRWWO), Waltair. ECRWVO President Jyotsna Bohra inaugurated the event by lighting the traditional lamp and highlighted the vital role of women in the progress of the nation. She praised women railway employees for their significant contributions in various departments, including train operations as loco pilots and train managers, as well as in track maintenance, signal and telecom services, and passenger safety through loco sheds, health units, and the Railway Protection Force.

On the occasion, 56 women employees were honored with shawls and certificates of merit for their dedicated service. Beautician Satyaveni also conducted a 'Beauty and Wellness' session, focusing on health and personal care for women employees. ECRWVO Vice President Gayatri Santharaman, Secretary Ankita Sharma, Treasurer Tanuja, committee members, and many women employees attended the event.

**BJP DISTRICT PRESIDENT MMN PARASHU RAMA RAJU RECEIVES PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AT JANATA VARADHI OFFICE**



Visakhapatnam: The 'Janata Varadhi' programme was held at the Uttarandhra BJP office to strengthen the connection between the public and the government. BJP Visakhapatnam District President MMN Parashu Rama Raju received petitions and grievances from people of the North Andhra region. Speaking on the occasion, he said the party is committed to bringing long-pending public issues to the notice of government officials and working towards their quick resolution. He also announced that an MLA will be available at the Janata Varadhi office every Friday to receive public representations and urged citizens to make use of the facility. BJP District Secretary Lenka Sriram, District Media Convener T. Koteswara Rao, Janata Varadhi Co-Convener Moola Venkata Rao, and several party leaders and activists participated in the programme.

**'BOOMBOX' MUSIC CONCERT IN VIZAG TODAY**

Visakhapatnam (TSIT): The 'Royal Stag Boombox' music concert is set to entertain music lovers in the city today (Saturday) from 3:00 PM at the Indira Priyadarshini Municipal Stadium in Visakhapatnam. The event aims to offer a unique experience by blending Bollywood melodies with energetic Hip-Hop music. Popular rapper Badshah will perform his hit Hip-Hop tracks, while singers Sreerama Chandra and Nikhita Gandhi are expected to captivate the audience with their performances. DJ Sahil Gulati and social media personality Payal Dhare will also be special attractions of the event. Apart from live music, the program will feature interactive zones highlighting contemporary pop culture and gaming experiences. Organizers said tickets for the concert can be booked through the SkillBox website, and gates will open from 3:00 PM onwards.

**PHARMA ANVESHAN-2026 HELD AT THE APOLLO UNIVERSITY**



Chittoor: The Apollo University organized "Pharma Anveshan-2026" through the Apollo Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences to mark the 124th birth anniversary of Mahadeva Lal Schroff. The event aimed to create awareness among students about emerging trends and research opportunities in pharmaceutical sciences. As part of the program, a poster presentation competition was conducted, where students showcased their research ideas and scientific creativity. Prof. K. Bhaskar Reddy, Dean of the institute, said the pharmacy profession has expanded beyond drug dispensing and now includes areas such as drug discovery, clinical research, personalized medicine, nanotechnology, and AI-driven pharmaceutical research. He encouraged students to actively participate in research and collaborate with industry for practical exposure.

### Collective effort key to success of 99-day programme

Khammam: Vakit Srihari and Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy said the 99-day Prajapalana Pragati Pranalika programme should be implemented successfully through coordinated efforts of officials and public representatives. Speaking at a review meeting at the Collectorate in Khammam, the ministers said the programme aims to strengthen welfare and development at the grassroots and ensure schemes reach all eligible beneficiaries. Officials were directed to ground the first phase of Indiramma houses by March and reallocate units if beneficiaries are unwilling. They also stressed awareness on crop diversification and modern farming, while noting the programme will cover sectors such as health, sanitation, housing, agriculture, education and youth welfare.

### Public administration should make the programme successful: Minister Damodara Rajanarsimha



Wanaparthy: Damodara Rajanarsimha, State Minister for Medical and Health and in-charge minister for the Palamuru region, called on officials to work collectively to ensure the success of the government's 99-day Prajapalana development programme. Speaking at a preparatory meeting held at the Integrated District Offices Complex in Mahabubnagar, the minister said the programme's ten themes were designed to strengthen governance and development. He urged officials to treat the 99-day initiative as a challenge and implement it effectively.

### Special Chief Secretary Vikas Raj Conducts Inspections Under 99-Day Action Plan



Hyderabad: As part of the "Prajapalana Pragati Pranalika" 99-day action plan, Special Chief Secretary of the Roads and Buildings (R&B) Department Vikas Raj conducted inspections of various sections and offices of the department on the first day of the programme.

Following the directions of R&B Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, Vikas Raj, along with additional secretaries, inspected the T.R&B department sections on Friday. During the inspection, he instructed officials to properly organize old records and take necessary steps to close files that need to be completed immediately.

Later, the Special Chief Secretary visited the R&B Department building at Red Hills, including the Central Building Division and other offices functioning there.

He directed officials and staff to undertake a special cleanliness drive in the office premises, record rooms and file storage areas, and complete the work by March 15. He also asked the staff to identify long-pending files and set daily targets to clear them.

Vikas Raj instructed officials to prioritise the disposal of old files related to establishment matters, vigilance and disciplinary cases, quality control recoveries and court cases. He further advised that outdated records should be disposed of as per office procedures.

He also suggested that files prior to 2014 should be indexed and, if required, printed from scanned digital records to ensure proper documentation and easy retrieval in the future.

### Leadership with Purpose Abhilasha Bisht Inspires Women in Uniform

Hyderabad: On the occasion of International Women's Day, Abhilasha Bisht DGP and Director RBVR Telangana Police Academy (TGPA), shared an inspiring message encouraging women to step forward into leadership roles and serve society with confidence and commitment.

In a special interaction, she said women are proving their strength and capability in every field, particularly in uniformed services, where courage, discipline and dedication are essential. She noted that the growing presence of women in the police force reflects a positive transformation in society and strengthens the justice and security system.

Reflecting on her journey in policing, Abhilasha Bisht said the profession demands integrity, perseverance and empathy, qualities in which women officers excel. She observed that women bring a



balanced approach to policing by combining firmness with sensitivity while dealing with the public.

As Director General and Director TGPA, she said the academy is focusing on modern training methods, leadership development and technology-driven policing to prepare officers for emerging challenges. Special emphasis is being placed on capacity building, mental resilience and ethical policing to ensure that trainees develop professional competence along with a strong sense of public service.

She also highlighted the importance of creating an inclusive and supportive environment within the police department.

### SHIV SENA PLANS TO CONTEST CORPORATION ELECTIONS INDEPENDENTLY IN TELANGANA

Hyderabad: Sinkaru Shivaji, Telangana State president of Shiv Sena, met Eknath Shinde, Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra, in Mumbai and discussed the party's strategy for the upcoming municipal corporation elections in Telangana.

Shivaji said the party should actively contest elections to strengthen its presence in the state. He informed Shinde that many leaders are interested in joining the party but are hesitant due to Shiv Sena's absence in recent municipal polls. Shinde reportedly responded positively and asked the Telangana unit



to prepare for the elections. Shivaji also criticised the Indian National Congress government in the state over unfulfilled promises and the demolition of houses during the HYDRA drive. He said the party would soon announce its political and agitation programmes in Telangana.

### MEPA LEADERS PAY TRIBUTES TO LATE THALLA SUGUNA MUDHIRAJ



Warangal district, on the occasion of her Dasadina Karma (month-day death ceremony), MEPA Founding State President Puli Devender Mudhiraj, along with district and mandal committee members, attended the programme and offered tributes to the portrait of Suguna Mudhiraj. They also cosigned her son Thalla Ravinder Mudhiraj, MEPA District President. Speaking on the occasion, Puli Devender Mudhiraj said Suguna Mudhiraj was known for her kind nature and service-minded attitude. He added that her good values are reflected in her son Ravinder Mudhiraj and assured that MEPA would stand by the bereaved family. Among those who participated in the programme were Narsampet Division MEPA Vice-President Dandu Srinivas Mudhiraj and leaders Pandavula Venkateshwaru, Ramakrishna, Eerla Naresh, Pandavula Rajeshwar, Maheshwar, Pittala Ramaswamy, Gona Narahari, Moddu Raghavulu, Kishore, Veeranna, Pandavula Srinivas, Meka Raju, Meka Naveen, Dandu Akhil, Gangaraboyina Niranjan, Ravula Raju, Bunny, Hari, Venkatesh, Vijender, Praveen, Rajendra Prasad and others.

Hanamkonda: Leaders of the Mudhiraj Employees and Professionals Association (MEPA) paid floral tributes to Late Thalla Suguna Mudhiraj, a resident of Chandrayyapalle village in Dugundoi mandal of

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**E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH RULES 6(1) & 9 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 Authorized Officer of Canara Bank ARMB Branch Hyderabad for follow up, will be sold "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 24.03.2026 for recovery of Rs. 10,24,93,327.25/- (Rupees Ten Crore Twenty Four Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Seven and Paise Twenty Five Only) as on 28.02.2026 plus unapplied interest w.e.f 01.03.2026 and other Bank charges) due to the ARMB Branch, Canara Bank from M/s Gururcare Technologies Private Limited, Mrs. C Narayanaamma & Mr. Suresh Kumar Ramachandran (Borrowers)

**DATE & TIME OF AUCTION : 24.03.2026 11.30 A.M. to 12.30 P.M.**  
(With unlimited extension of 10 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)

Details and full description of the property: All that part and parcel of land and building thereon in the premises bearing New Door No. 9, Mylai Ranganathan Street, T. Nagar, Chennai - 600 017 forming part of the property at New Door No. 9 as per property Tax Collection Receipt dated 28.06.2006 issued by Corporation of Chennai premises bearing Door No. 9/1, Mylai Ranganathan Street, T. Nagar, Chennai - 600 017 (Old No. 15 - prior old Door No. 17 as per Deed of Transfer dated 30.07.1956) Mylai Ranganathan Street, T. Nagar, Chennai - 600 017, measuring North to South on both sides 54 feet and East to West on both sides 45 feet and thus the area being 2430 sq. ft. T.S.No. 6387, Block No. 139 having boundaries as under: North : Mylai Ranganathan Street, South : T.S.No. 6387 and also part of T.S.No. 6387 plot sold by the vendor herein to M/s R.M.Visalam and Others, East: Part of T.S.No. 6387 retained by the vendor with new Door No. 9 and belonging to the vendor herein, West : 5 feet wide and 54 feet long path leading from Mylai Ranganathan Street to the rear plot of M/s Visalam and Others.

**RESERVE PRICE Rs. 4,38,00,000/- EMD Rs. 43,80,000/-**

**THE EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT SHALL BE DEPOSITED ON OR BEFORE 23.03.2026 BY 5:00 PM.**

\*No known Encumbrances to the knowledge of the Bank. However, the intended bidders are required to make independent enquiries regarding encumbrances, title of the properties, claims/rights/dues affecting the properties prior to submitting the bid.  
For further details contact Mr. Varaganti Sandeep Kumar (Name of Nodal Officer & its team CO/O/Brach, Ph. No. Mobile 985660606) may be contacted during office hours on any working day. The service provider BAANKNET (M/s PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd), (Contact No. 7046612345/6354910172/829120220/892219848/8160205051, Email: support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com/support.ebkrray@procure247.com)

Date: 04.03.2026, Place: ARMB, HYDERABAD Authorized Officer, Canara Bank

### R.S. Brothers opens grand new showroom in Nizamabad



Nizamabad: R.S. Brothers expanded its presence in Telangana with the grand launch of a new showroom on RP Road in Nizamabad on March 5, 2026, bringing a world-class family shopping experience to the city.

The showroom was inaugurated in the presence of K. Umari Mudiraj, Mayor of Nizamabad Municipal Corporation, while popular actress Nidhi Agerwal attended as the special guest. A large number of residents and fashion enthusiasts participated in the event. Founded

by P. Venkateswarlu, S. Rajamouli, T. Prasada Rao and late P. Satyanarayana, the brand continues to offer a wide range of traditional and modern fashion. The new showroom features extensive collections of women's wear, men's wear and kids' wear along with a lifestyle section offering home furnishings, cookware, appliances, toys and travel accessories. Special collections for Ramadan and the wedding season are also available, making the store a one-stop destination for shoppers in the region.

### Effective implementation of Praja Palana-Pragati plan stressed

Mancherial: Jupally Krishna Rao, Minister for Tourism, Culture and Excise and district in-charge Minister, directed officials to ensure effective implementation of the Praja Palana-Pragati Pranalika programme launched by the Government of Telangana. During a video conference held at the Integrated District Collectorate in Adilabad on Friday, the Minister reviewed the programme with officials of Mancherial, Kumram Bheem Asifabad and Nirmal districts. Godam Nagesh, Rajarshi Shah, Akhil Mahajan and local MLAs also participated.



**L&T Finance Limited** (formerly known as L&T Finance Holdings Limited)  
Registered Office: L&T Finance Limited, Brindavan Building Plot No. 177, Kalina, CST Road, Near Mercedes Showroom Santacruz (East), Mumbai 400 098  
CIN No.: L67120MH2008PLC181833  
Branch office: Sadashivpatt

**Public Notice**

This is to inform the public in general and customers in particular that L&T Finance Limited (formerly known as L&T Finance Holdings Limited), having its registered office at Brindavan, Plot No. 177, C.S.T. Road, Kalina, Santacruz (East), Mumbai, Maharashtra, India, 400098 shall cease to operate at its Branch Office located at, Sy 976 H No 3-7-83-97-A/1, Dattathreya Nagar Sadashivpatt, Sangareddy Dist., Telangana-502291 with effect from 07-06-2026. The said closure is (on account of business requirements) and all operations of the said branch shall be shifted to Office Sy 976 H No 3-7-83-97-A/1, Dattathreya Nagar Sadashivpatt, Sangareddy Dist., Telangana-502291, effect from 07-06-2026.

It is clarified that due care is being taken by L&T Finance Limited to ensure that no inconvenience is caused to the customers during the process of closure of the said branch(es). The accounts of all the customers shall be transferred to the transferee branch referred above and all such customers shall be serviced from that branch from the effective date. Customers are hereby requested to take note of the aforesaid change. In case of further clarification and/or in case of any difficulty, customers may contact 9346204353.

Date: 07.03.2026, Place: Sadashivpatt

For any clarification regarding the above notice, please contact at 1800 268 0000 or the concerned branch

Sd/-  
Authorized Officer  
For L&T FINANCE LIMITED

### Speculation grows over Somu Veerraju's possible appointment as Tamil Nadu Governor

Speculation is mounting that Somu Veerraju, a senior leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), may soon be appointed Governor of Tamil Nadu as part of the Centre's recent reshuffle of gubernatorial posts. Political observers say the move could be linked to the upcoming Assembly elections. Currently, Kerala Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar has been given additional charge of Tamil Nadu after R. N. Ravi was shifted to West Bengal.



associated with the BJP for decades and served as the party's state president from 2020 to 2023. He is currently a Member of the Legislative Council and BJP floor leader. Analysts believe his long association with the party could influence the Centre's decision.

**AXIS BANK LIMITED**  
(CIN: L65110GJ1993PLC020769)  
#5-2-183/184, 3rd Floor, Modi Square, RP Road, Secunderabad-500003.

**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 Samaratheshwar Temple, Near Law Garden, Ellisbridge Ahmedabad- 380006, among other places its Branch office at Axis Bank Ltd., Retail Asset 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) of SARFAESI Act on 16-10-2025 calling upon the borrower / guarantors / mortgagors: To, 1) Mr. Nakka Venkata Ramana Rao Panduranga (Applicant), Nalka Rao, Rio, H.No-3-13-115/C, Srinivaspuram, Ramanthapuram, Amberpet, Seminary Hyderabad-500013. Also Al. Mr. Nakka Venkata Ramana Rao Panduranga (Applicant), S/o. Nakka Rao, Proprietor at Venkata Ramana Pearls & Jewellers, Rio, H.No-3-13-115/C, Srinivaspuram, Ramanthapuram, Amberpet, Seminary, Hyderabad-500013.2) Mrs. Nakka Sujatha (Co-Applicant) D/o Mr. Pala Lochna Kataru, Rio, H.No-3-13-115/C, Srinivaspuram, Ramanthapuram, Amberpet, Seminary, Hyderabad-500013. Property Address: Mr. Nakka Venkata Ramana Rao Panduranga (Applicant), S/o. Nakka Rao, No.3-13-115/C, On plot No.32, Srinivaspuram, Ramantapur Village, Revenue Mandal, Uppal under GHMC Uppal Circle, Hyderabad-500033. Loan Number: LPR002702457705, LTR00272989462. To repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 17,85,729/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Eighty Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Nine Only) being the amount due as on 15-10-2025 this amount includes interest till 15-10-2025 together with further interest thereon from 16-10-2025 for LPR002702457705 & Rs. 23,02,223/- for (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Two Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty Three Only) being the amount due as on 15-10-2025 this amount includes interest till 15-10-2025 together with further interest thereon from 16-10-2025 LTR002702989462 costs and other consequences, damages etc., including the expenses for the said takeover and sale of assets thereon. The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub Section 16 of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. "Where the amount of dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by him is tendered to the secured creditor at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction or inviting quotations or tender from public or private treaty for transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale of the secured assets, -1. The secured assets shall not be transferred by way of lease, assignment or sale by the secured creditor, and in case, any step has been taken by the secured creditor for transfer by way of lease or assignment or sale of the assets before tendering of such amount under this section, no further step shall be taken by such secured creditor for transfer by way of lease or assignment or sale of such secured assets."

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY:** All that the Part and parcel of the bearing No. 3-13-115/C, On plot No.32 in survey No.203, admeasuring 367.34 or 307.1 Sq.Mtrs, situated at Srinivaspuram, Ramantapur Village, Revenue Mandal, Uppal under GHMC Uppal Circle, Hyderabad under the purview of Sub- Registrar Uppal, RR District and bounded as follows: **BOUNDARIES:** North: 30' Wide Road, South: Plot No. 48, East: Plot No.48/West: Plot No.31.

Note: For any further details please contact: 1. Ms. Fatima Shaikh (Authorized Officer): +91 9381793217. 2. Mr. Raj Kumar (Collections Manager): +91 7396604144. Place: Hyderabad Date: 04-03-2026. Yours faithfully, Authorised Officer, Axis Bank Limited

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**Tender Notice No:G/E/29/Tt/ Tender Notice/60/2025-26**

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/ Traction/Guntakal acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders for the following works.

**Tender No. : GTL-TRD-29-eTN-92-2025-26 Name of Work :** Kondapuram (KDP) - Crossovers for common loop Facility to Down loop in Gooty (GY)- Renigunta (RU) Section **Approximate Value (₹):** 45,08,845.5/- **EMD (₹):** 90,200/-

**Tender Closing date & time: 30.03.2026 at 15.00 hrs**

Note: 1. Tender Document may be downloaded from [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) by tenderers, free of cost. For Bidding the tender and other details login to <http://www.ireps.gov.in> Corrigendum if any will be issued online only.

**Sr.Divisional Electrical Engineer, Traction, Guntakal**

**Tender Notice No:G/E/29/Tt/ Tender Notice/61/2025-26**

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/ Traction/Guntakal acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders for the following works.

**Tender No. : GTL-TRD-29-eTN-93-2025-26 Name of Work :** GTL Division-Improvement of reliability for OHE/PSI infrastructure in GTL-WVD & GTL-BAY sections including branch lines **Approximate Value (₹):** 1,71,90,407/- **EMD (₹):** 2,36,000/-

**Tender Closing date & time: 31.03.2026 at 15.00 hrs**

Note: 1. Tender Document may be downloaded from [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) by tenderers, free of cost. For Bidding the tender and other details login to <http://www.ireps.gov.in> Corrigendum if any will be issued online only.

**Sr.Divisional Electrical Engineer, Traction, Guntakal**

**E-TENDER NOTICE NO: S&T/ 04/2026 DATED.06.03.2026**

For and on behalf of the President of India, Senior Divisional Signal and Telecommunication Engineer (Maintenance) South Central Railway Guntakal invites e-tenders (Open) for the following work up to 15.00 hrs of 30.03.2026.

**Tender No. : 01-SNT-04-2026**  
**Description of the work (Signal and Telecom work) :** Replacement of aged/codal life completed multi section digital axle counter systems (MSDAC systems) with dual detection (DC track circuit and MSDAC) at Nandalar (NRE) & Rajampeta (RJP) stations of Gooty - Renigunta section in Guntakal division. **Advised Tender Value of the work (₹):** 1,95,00,000/- **Earnest Money Deposit (₹):** 4,14,500.00 **Completion Period:** 12 Months

**Tender No. : 02-SNT-04-2026**  
**Description of the work (Signal and Telecom work) :** Replacement of codal life completed major IPS systems at 17 locations & mini IPS systems at 7 locations in Guntakal division **Advised Tender Value of the work (₹):** 97,48,993.00 **Earnest Money Deposit (₹):** 1,95,00,000/- **Completion Period:** 12 Months

If the date of opening of tenders happens to be declared holiday at later date, the tenders will be opened on the next working day at the stipulated time. Validity of the offer should be 60 days from the date of opening. Corrigendum will be issued for the above tender notice if necessary through online only. For further tender conditions /details and for downloading of tender document, please visit website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)

**Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer, (M), Guntakal**

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

**Tender Notice No: LGD/L/22/ 2025-26-OT Date: 06.03.2026**

Dy.CEE/LGDS acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No. LGD/L/22/2025-26/OT-E-TENDER- closing date 02.04.2026 at 15:00 hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards earnest money (Bid Security) shall be deposited either in cash through e-payment gateway or submitted as Bank Guarantee bond from a scheduled commercial bank of India or as mentioned in tender documents. The Bank Guarantee bond shall be as per Annexure-VIA and shall be valid for a period of 60 days beyond the bid validity period. The original Bank Guarantee should be delivered in person to the official nominated as indicated in the tender document within 5 working days of deadline of submission of scanned copy of B.G. with the bid on e-tendering portal (IREPS) and / or non-submission of original B.G. within the specified period shall lead to summary rejection of bid.

**S.No.: 01 Tender No: LGD/L/22/ 2025-26/OT Description of work:** Electrification of Pit line in the Power Car shop at Carriage Workshop, Lallaguda Adversited value (₹): 12,31,851/- (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Thirty-One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-One only) **Bid Security (₹):** 24,600/- **Period of Completion:** 12 Months from the date of issue of letter of acceptance **Date of Closing:** 02.04.2026 at 15:00 hrs.

Website Particulars: [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)

For further Tender conditions / details (available in the tender documents) and for downloading of tender documents, corrigendum, please visit our website <http://www.ireps.gov.in/>

**Dy.Chief Electrical Engineer, CWS, Lallaguda, Secunderabad**

**E-Tender Notice No.489/ DRM/W/GNT**

The undersigned invites e-tenders for the works mentioned below upto 15:30hrs of 31.03.2026.

**S.No.: 01 Tender ID: 2846 DEN**  
**Section: North Description of work :** Proposed construction of New Bridge at km 21/30-32 in between TEL - VJA stations in GNT - TEL section **Approx value in (₹):** 55270758/- **EMD (₹):** 426400/-

1. Last date for online submission of E-bids is upto 15:30 hrs of 31.03.2026. For detailed information login to website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)

2. Any further Communication/ Corrigendum shall be intimated through E-portal [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in).

**Divisional Railway Manager A2619 (Works), Guntur**

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# EDITORIAL

## WHAT WAR LOOKS LIKE

What happens when war comes to a city? Many of us imagine that wars are fought between soldiers far in the mountains, in the deep sea, or high in the clouds. But Tehran is neither of those things.

I've lived through a war in Tehran before, and I know a little of what it feels like. It feels like a bad dream. A very bad one.

With a population of nearly 14 million, ringed by snow-capped mountains to the north and dotted with green parks, Tehran looks like Srinagar with skyscrapers. The bulk of the city's elite and upper middle class, as well as government and security buildings that are targets of hourly airstrikes now, are based in the north of the city. The roads are clean and in excellent condition, but they meander, and traffic jams around the bends are frequent. With good schools, universities, museums, cafes, art galleries, a metro system, spacious public squares with street musicians singing 'Hotel California' and Farsi rap with equal gusto, Tehran is a vibrant, modern city. But if you lived in Tehran today, what would you do? Anyone who could has already left the city. Roads leading out of the city were choked with traffic in the first two days of the airstrikes. But now the question is, if 174 cities have been bombed across the country, where is it safe to go? When a cruise missile slams into concrete within hearing distance, your first thought is of your children. Parents rushed to schools to pull children out immediately after the first airstrikes on February 28. But how do you explain the reasons for this conflict to your crying child, especially when every consecutive night comes with louder explosions? You decide to stay at home, as some of the war advisories ask you to. But what do you do all day? The offices are closed. There is an ongoing internet blackout. You can't "work from home", or get on social media or answer a WhatsApp call from a family member abroad. Depending on the channel, the TV only spouts war propaganda from one side or the other. All you can do is stand on the terrace and watch precision bombing spring ten-storey high mushroom clouds in the distance.

It's possible that one of the bombs lands too close and shatters your windows. Your spouse is hurt but not fatally. But the hospitals are too full of casualties to attend to your minor injury. You decide to self-medicate, but as many international drug patents exclude Iran, the pharmacy only sells locally made drugs, and you don't trust their quality.

If you have a dog, as many in north Tehran do, you can't afford to take it out for a walk, and none of the kennels answers the phone. The dog cowers under the bed and whimpers at every explosion. You decide to go check on a friend. But how do you move around the city? You could take the metro, but several of the major metro stations have been converted into bomb shelters. You can drive, but many of the underground parking areas are also now bomb shelters. Alternatively, you can leave the car parked in the street, exposed to falling debris. You could always take a taxi and pay the all-day long surge pricing. But most drivers in the city are dependent on Google Maps and Wayz. And the maps get hacked before every round of conflict, showing your location 10 miles far from where you are. How does the cab driver then find your pick-up location? Even if the cab finds you, the driver is unable to navigate and asks you for directions to the destination. Since the January 2026 protests, internet access has been uneven. In the current internet blackout, only a select few white (unfiltered) SIM cards have been allowed internet access by the authorities. And so it is that the favour you seek from that special friend in high office is not a job or a loan or for your file to be pushed up the queue. All you ask for is a "white" SIM card. You decide to wait the war out and focus on caring for your elderly parents. Iran has a strong joint-family system, and it's common for working adults to live with their parents. Given economic distress and shrinking wages, many young people in Tehran do not marry until their 30s.

# Where are the real heroines?

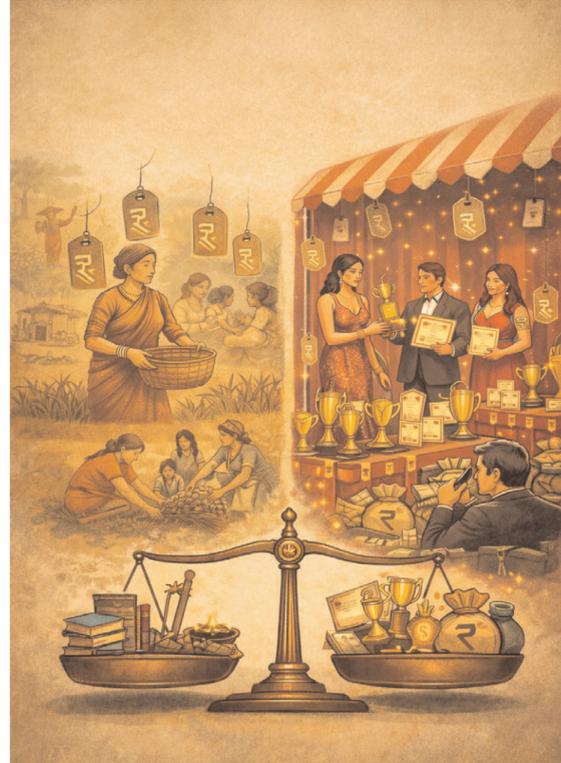


**PRIYANKA SAURABH**

**The market for women's awards (Show business hidden behind the glitter of respect)**

The purpose of Nari Samman should be to recognize women for their true role and contribution to society. But when recognition is limited to photos, certificates, and social media posts, it becomes not respect but a market for respect. More than trophies, women need equal opportunities, security, education, and a dignified life. They need a society where their hard work is recognized even without the glare of the stage. Respect once held a profound meaning in society. Honoring someone wasn't just a formal ceremony, but a moral obligation to publicly acknowledge their struggle, labor, and contributions. Respect meant society's acknowledgment of the individual's life's role in paving the way for others. However, in recent years, a strange trend has emerged—a market for awards in the name of "women's honor."

Today, it seems as if every institution, every platform, and every organization is competing to distribute awards with grand names like "Nari Shakti Samman," "Woman Icon Award," "Woman Leadership Award," and "Global Women Excellence Award." Open social media and every other day, you'll see photos of some woman being honored with the "International Women's Honor" or "National Women's Ratna." Smiling faces on stage, glittering trophies in hand, and large banners behind—everything looks incredibly attractive. But behind these glamorous images lie many questions that often go unaddressed. The question isn't why women are being honored; the question is: are these honors truly honors, or are they merely becoming a means of show and publicity? In fact, today, "women's empowerment" has become a term that, the more frequently used, the more its



true meaning is diluted. Podiums are proclaimed, speeches extol the power and potential of women are delivered, long lists of awards are distributed, photos are taken, social media posts are made, and the next day, everything returns to normal. In all this, the women who need empowerment the most are often missing. In Indian society, honors weren't just about trophies or certificates. Honoring someone was a recognition of that person's social contributions. It was a form of society's expression of gratitude—that you paved the way for others through your life. But when the purpose of honor shifts to publicity, networking, and personal branding, its value gradually diminishes. Today, many award ceremonies have a vague selection process. Participants are sometimes required to submit their own nominations, while others charge a fee, and ultimately, almost everyone is honored in a lavish ceremony. In such events, stage decorations, camera flashes, and social media posts are given more importance than the dignity of the honor itself.

The era of social media has further accelerated this trend. Today, honors are no longer just certificates, but part of digital identity. As soon as someone receives an award, photos are shared on Facebook, Instagram, and WhatsApp. The captions often read, "I received the International Women's Honor." Looking at these posts, it seems as if receiving honors is the ultimate goal of empowerment. Gradually, the competition for honors becomes more important than the actual work itself.

This trend is evident not only at the individual level but also at the institutional level. Many organizations use awards ceremonies as a means of publicity. They bestow grand titles, stage grand events, and then use the event to enhance their organization's recognition. Sometimes, it's even the case that a single individual is honored by several different organizations within a few months.

The biggest question is: if so many awards are being given, are the hard-working and struggling women of society truly coming to the fore? There are millions of women in rural

India who are doing amazing work for their families, society, and communities. They are running self-help groups, promoting education in villages, contributing to environmental protection, or fighting against domestic violence and social evils. Many women are working tirelessly to educate their children despite limited resources. Many women are breaking social barriers and standing on their own feet.

But these women lack access to major platforms or the means to promote themselves. Therefore, their work often remains unnoticed. They rarely appear on honor lists. In contrast, some individuals are honored repeatedly. Sometimes they receive the "Mahila Shakti Samman" from an organization, sometimes the "Mahila Prerna Award" from another organization, and sometimes the "Rashtriya Mahila Ratna" from another platform. This situation calls into question the credibility of the honor itself. Today, it wouldn't be wrong to say that an "awards industry" has developed in some places. This industry has a set structure. First, an award is announced with a catchy name. Then, nominations are invited. A selection committee is formed, the process of which is often not transparent. Finally, a ceremony is held in a large hotel or auditorium, where dozens of people are honored. Often, these events prioritize connections, recognition, and pay over actual accomplishments. Some even charge enrollment or registration fees. When honors are commodified, it's natural to question their ethics. Women's empowerment won't happen simply through awards. True empowerment will occur when society provides women with equal opportunities. Even today, millions of girls in India are deprived of education. Many women are economically dependent. Problems like domestic violence, gender discrimination, and social pressure still exist. Distributing honors without addressing these issues will not solve empowerment, but will be a beautification of the problem. Honor is meaningful when it serves as a hallmark of struggle, not merely a decoration on the stage. If honor inspires, it propels society forward. But if it becomes merely a means of prestige and publicity, it gradually loses its meaning. This responsibility lies not only with institutions, but also with society. We must understand that honors are only valuable when bestowed with honesty and transparency.

## WHY IS NITISH HEADED TO THE RAJYA SABHA?

Bihar will soon have a new chief minister. Nitish Kumar, the long-time chief minister of Bihar, is officially preparing to leave the CM post and get elected to the Rajya Sabha. Nitish, the leader of the Janata Dal (United), filed his nomination for the Rajya Sabha on March 5. With BJP leading the government, JD(U) may be accommodated with two deputy chief minister positions as part of a power-sharing arrangement. The change could usher in a new chief minister from the BJP, which is the dominant partner in the ruling NDA alliance in Bihar. Speculations are also rife that with Nitish's entry into the Upper House, his son Nishant Kumar is expected to make entry into politics and may be given an important position in the government. In last November's Assembly election, the NDA won 202 of the 243 seats - the BJP was the largest party with 89 seats while the JD(U) got 85, a jump of 42 seats from the previous election. Nitish was the face of the election. This is not merely another political shuffle - it could reshape the state's power equations dramatically and reshape party strategies at both state and national levels. Several strategic and political factors appear to be driving this possibility. Leadership transition at 75, Nitish (celebrated his birthday on March 1) has been a dominant figure in Bihar politics for decades. Since Nitish has been unwell for a long time, this move has been on the cards. His shift to Rajya Sabha might reflect a planned succession strategy within JD(U) and the broader alliance. Earlier, even within JD(U), there was a debate over who should be nominated to Rajya Sabha. Nitish and his close confidantes including leaders like Manish Verma (former bureaucrat, who belongs to the same caste Kurmi as Nitish) preferred son Nishant Kumar for Rajya Sabha. But Nishant reportedly wanted to pursue state politics. This process was more than just a formal step; it's a potential inflection point towards intra-party power dynamics. There is still a section in the party which wants Nitish to continue as the CM. Sources say that



Nitish's son, Nishant Kumar entering active politics, possibly as deputy CM or in a growing leadership role could be part of a succession calculus inside JD(U). The JD(U) has been steered by its supremo, his son on the top post of the party would ensure its durability and survival. It could keep the flock together at least for the next 5 years with Nitish still around. Nitish has a clean image and had kept his family away from politics hitherto unlike the RJD, Congress and other political parties in the state. Nitish has a unique governance model - a mix of development promises, lean social engineering, and strategic alliances (with both BJP and adversarial blocs at different times) - which has kept him politically relevant for years. Whether Nishant would be able to carry forward his father's political legacy and governance model given that he is a political rookie? Other political scions like RJD's (Rashtriya Janata Dal) Tejashwi Yadav and Union Minister Chirag Paswan (Lok Janshakti Party - Ram Vilas) have already cut their political teeth. The NDA (National Democratic Alliance) - especially after its strong performance in assembly elections - may be recalibrating leadership roles to balance power between JD(U) and the BJP. A BJP chief minister could strengthen the alliance's cohe-

sion and reflect its electoral weight. BJP's strategic opportunity From the vantage of the BJP, this could be a long-anticipated moment. Following the state elections, the BJP emerged as the single largest party in the assembly, even though the JD(U) has historically held the chief ministership. If Nitish vacates the CM post, the BJP - with its stronger seat count - naturally positions itself to stake a claim for the top job. BJP is well-placed to push for its own leader as the chief minister. Given that, it now has most seats, this would be legitimate both constitutionally and politically. BJP sources said that the chief ministerial candidate from their party would either be from the Backward Class (27% of the population) or Extremely Backward Class (36%). Buzzing names are those of Samrat Choudhary, current deputy chief minister, Union Minister Nityanand Rai. Bihar minister Dilip Jaiswal, and Digha BJP MLA Sanjiv Chaurasia are also in the fray. The recent precedent cases in Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh shows the BJP springing surprises in the choice of Chief Ministers. Bihar might continue this trend. A first BJP CM in Bihar would redefine regional politics and assert the party's dominance, which has been growing but often operated in the shadow of JD(U)'s senior leadership.

## A FILTH MARKET IN THE NAME OF HARYANVI SONGS



**DR. SATYAWANI SAURABH**

**(Desi beats, double meaning culture and the growing threat to the dignity of daughters)**

The soil of Haryana is known not only for its agricultural strength but also for its rich folk culture. The raginis echoing in the village squares, the folk songs of weddings, the collective voices of women working in the fields, and the traditional songs sung during festivals—all of these have kept the cultural spirit of Haryanvi society alive. These songs contained love, satire, the struggles of life, and social consciousness. Most importantly, they were both entertaining and embodied in dignity and sensitivity. But in recent years, the direction of Haryanvi music appears to be rapidly changing. Modern beats, fast-paced rap, glamour, and the viral culture of social media have made this music popular, but they have also brought with them several worrying trends. Today, a large portion of Haryanvi songs are no longer limited to entertainment, but are often becoming a medium for double-meaning words, vulgar innuendos, and derogatory portrayals of women. This change isn't limited to language. Many song videos portray women as mere objects of attraction or entertainment. This trend not only impacts the quality of music but can also impact society's perception of women. Today, Haryana is rapidly changing. Its daughters are achieving new heights in education, sports, administration,

and science. These girls, who have risen from villages and made their mark in the country and the world, have proven that, given the opportunity, they are indispensable in any field. However, the portrayal of women in some parts of popular culture is worrying. When women are portrayed in light or ambiguous contexts in popular songs, it becomes more than just a subject of entertainment. This gradually gives rise to a social mindset in which women are viewed not as respectable individuals but as objects of entertainment. The concept of family and social respect has always been important in Haryanvi society. Daughters are considered the pride of the household. Ironically, this same society often enthusiastically listens to songs that use language that is not respectful towards women. Social media plays a significant role in this entire scenario. Today, songs are no longer limited to radio or cassettes. YouTube, Instagram, and other digital platforms have opened the way for music to reach millions of people. A song can go viral in a matter of hours, reaching millions of views. The problem is that in this viral culture, sensationalism often takes precedence over quality. Controversial or double-meaning lyrics quickly attract attention, and so some creators deliberately create content that generates discussion. But the question is: can social sensitivities be ignored for the sake of a few million views and likes? The true identity of Haryanvi culture has been its simplicity, clarity, and self-respect. The folk songs of this region contained humor, but it was restrained. There was satire, but no insult. Today, when we see and hear many modern songs, it seems that the culture has become merely a "desi package"—one that depicts tractors, fields, local clothing, and village scenes, but lacks the sensitivity in language and emotions that is the hallmark of true culture. Culture isn't made up of mere external symbols. The true meaning of culture lies

in the values and sensibilities of society. If a culture is reduced to a mere commodity for the market and entertainment, its dignity gradually diminishes. This issue isn't limited to artists. Every segment of society plays a role. Artists must understand that with popularity comes responsibility. Their songs reach millions of young people, and they can unknowingly influence society's thinking. Similarly, viewers and listeners have a responsibility. As long as people continue to listen to such songs enthusiastically, their demand will remain in the market. Therefore, society must also decide what kind of culture it wants to promote. The role of the government and cultural institutions also becomes crucial here. Imposing unnecessary restrictions on creative expression is not appropriate for any democratic society. However, it is also essential to ensure that a minimum degree of social sensitivity is maintained in the material presented on public platforms. The true strength of Haryanvi music lies in its folk tradition. This music emerged from the Chaupals, reached the stage, and then established its identity across the country. If this music is reduced to a mere medium of sensationalism and controversy, it would be an injustice to its soul. Entertainment is an essential part of society. Music connects people, brings joy, and eases the stresses of life. But entertainment is only beautiful if it respects the dignity and sensibilities of society. The true identity of Haryana is its hardworking people, its strong culture, and its daughters. If music truly wants to represent this culture, it must also respect this dignity. Today, there's a need for Haryanvi music to not be limited to fast beats and viral videos, but to also retain its core identity—simplicity, sensitivity, and respect. Because when filth is served in the name of culture, it's not just a crisis for the music, but also a crisis for society's thinking. The most important identity of any society is its culture and the dignity of its daughters.

**Rs.819.74 Crore Loan Cheques Distributed to 301 Beneficiaries in Haveri**

Haveri: Former Chief Minister and Member of Parliament Basavaraj Bommai said that farmers and the working class are the real "Kuberas" or wealth creators of the modern era, emphasizing that the nation's economy grows through their hard work and productivity rather than subsidies alone. He was speaking after inaugurating a loan distribution programme organised jointly by the district administration, Zilla Panchayat and the Lead Bank at the District Panchayat Hall in Haveri on Friday. Bommai highlighted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has introduced several welfare schemes to ensure financial inclusion for common citizens. Under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, around 60 crore bank accounts have been opened across the country, many of them belonging to women, helping them develop the habit of saving.

**CM Misleading People on State Finances; Budget Directionless with Zero Development: MP Basavaraj Bommai**

Haveri: Former Karnataka Chief Minister and Member of Parliament Basavaraj Bommai alleged that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is misleading the people of the state on financial matters and described the recently presented State Budget as directionless with "zero development."

Speaking to the media in Haveri, Bommai said the Chief Minister claimed that borrowings were kept within the limits of financial discipline, but the fiscal deficit has crossed the 3 percent limit. He alleged that certain adjustments were made to conceal the actual figures. Bommai stated that the budget imposes a heavy debt burden on Karnataka while failing to ensure meaningful development. According to him, the total budget size stands at Rs.4.49 lakh crore, out of which



nearly Rs.3.40 lakh crore is committed expenditure covering salaries, pensions, interest payments, subsidies, and administrative costs. He said about Rs.64,000 crore will be spent on government guarantee schemes, leaving very little for developmental activities. Bommai also questioned the government's claim of allocating Rs.74,000 crore for capital expenditure, pointing out that the previous year's target of Rs.47,000 crore was not fully achieved. He further alleged that taxes on motor vehicles, stamp duty,

petrol cess, liquor, and electricity tariffs had been increased during the year, placing additional financial pressure on citizens. The MP also claimed that Karnataka is receiving about Rs.63,000 crore from the Central Government through various schemes and grants, including Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi and Ayushman Bharat, but the state government has not utilized these funds effectively. Bommai further alleged that adequate funds have not been allocated even for major guarantee schemes such as Gruha Lakshmi Scheme, Shakti Scheme, and Yuva Nidhi Scheme. He added that the budget makes no significant contribution toward the development of Haveri district and warned that the state could face serious financial challenges in the coming years.

**Karnataka Budget a 'Blueprint for Destruction', Neglects Dryland Regions: MP Dr. K. Sudhakar**

Chikkaballapur: Member of Parliament Dr. K. Sudhakar criticized the State Budget presented by Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, calling it a "blueprint for Karnataka's destruction" and alleging that it provides no meaningful support for dryland regions.

Reacting to the 2026-27 budget, Sudhakar said he did not expect such a poor financial plan from a Chief Minister presenting his 17th budget. He alleged that the budget places a heavy debt and tax burden on the people and has transformed Karnataka from a welfare state into a "debtor state."

The MP stated that the budget lacks a clear vision for the development of Chikkaballapur, Kolar, and Bengaluru Rural districts. He noted that although Chikkaballapur is known for flower and vegetable cultivation, the government failed to allocate



funds for the proposed high-tech flower market that was planned during the previous BJP government.

Sudhakar also expressed concern over the lack of clarity regarding the Ettinahole Project, stating that no clear timeline has been provided for supplying irrigation water to the Chikkaballapur region. He further pointed out that the budget made no mention of third-stage processing in the HN Valley Project and the KC Valley Project, which he said is essential for public health and water management.

Raising concerns over the state's financial condition, Sudhakar alleged that nearly 88-90 percent of the government's revenue receipts are being spent on salaries, pensions, and loan interest payments. He also claimed that the state's total debt has crossed Rs.8 lakh crore, warning that increasing borrowings and fiscal deficit could severely impact Karnataka's economic stability.

**Total Rs. 8.22 crore compensation distributed to the dependents of 35 deceased personnel: Ramalinga Reddy**

Bengaluru: Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy said that Rs. 4 crore compensation has been distributed to the dependents of 4 personnel who died in the accident, at Rs. 1 crore each. Speaking at a program held at the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation headquarters, he said that Rs. 14 lakh each and Rs. 3.92 crore compensation have been distributed to the dependents of 28 personnel who died due to reasons other than accidents. He said that Rs. 10 lakh and Rs. 30 lakh compensation have been distributed to the dependents of 3 deceased personnel. Concluding the dependents of the personnel who died in the accident, he said that may the Lord grant their families the strength to bear the immense pain caused by the untimely departure of the personnel.

He assured that the dependents of the deceased will be appointed on compassionate grounds in the four road transport corporations. He said that we will always stand with the families of our transport staff.

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Date: The said amount has been increased from Rs.10 lakh to Rs.14 lakh\* with effect from 01.09.2025. In 28 eligible cases, a total of Rs.3.92 crores of compensation cheques of Rs.14.00 lakhs each were distributed to the family members and in 3 cases, a total of Rs.30 lakhs\* of compensation cheques of Rs.10 lakhs each were distributed.

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**STATE BUDGET DIRECTIONLESS, WILL PUSH KARNATAKA INTO DEBT TRAP: MP BASAVARAJ BOMMAI**



Haveri: Former Chief Minister and Member of Parliament Basavaraj Bommai strongly criticized the State Budget presented by Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, describing it as a directionless and zero-progress budget that could push the state into a serious debt trap.

Speaking to the media in Haveri on Friday, Bommai said the budget lacks a clear development vision and could have long-term negative consequences on the state's financial stability. He alleged that the government has borrowed nearly Rs.1.32 lakh crore, imposed new taxes worth around Rs.25,000 crore, and presented a deficit budget of about Rs.32,000 crore.

Bommai warned that such financial decisions could set the state back by 10 to 15 years. He expressed surprise that a Chief

Minister who has presented the budget 17 times would bring forward what he called a poor-quality financial plan.

He further criticized the allocation of only Rs.22,000 crore for irrigation, stating that at least Rs.25,000 crore should have been earmarked for the Krishna Upper Basin Project. He also termed the allocations for health and rural development inadequate.

On the issue of internal reservation, Bommai said confusion among ministers is causing injustice to the Dalit community. He noted that the bill increasing reservation to 17 percent was passed during the Belagavi Session of the Karnataka Legislature and has already received the Governor's assent. He warned that if the government fails to implement internal reservation immediately, the BJP will launch a strong protest.

**DCM D.K. SHIVAKUMAR ASSURES MEETING WITH CM TO RESOLVE CONTRACTORS' PENDING BILLS ISSUE**

Bengaluru: Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D. K. Shivakumar on Friday assured members of the Karnataka State Contractors' Association that a meeting with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah would be arranged soon to address their concerns over pending payments. Speaking to contractors protesting at Freedom Park demanding the release of dues, Shivakumar said he, along with Public Works Department Minister Satish Jarkiholi, would facilitate a discussion with the Chief Minister



during the current Assembly session to find a solution. The Deputy CM acknowledged that contractors have played an important role in supporting the state's development and said the government has no intention of withholding

payments. However, he pointed out that several contracts were awarded during the previous BJP government led by B. S. Yediyurappa and Basavaraj Bommai without adequate funds, resulting in a large backlog of unpaid bills.

**ENSURE DRAINS ARE MAINTAINED FOR SMOOTH FLOW OF RAINWATER — D.S. RAMESH**



Bengaluru (TSIT): The Commissioner of Bengaluru East City Corporation, D.S. Ramesh, instructed all divisional Executive Engineers to ensure that the desilting works of drains along main roads, sub-arterial roads, and ward roads within the corporation limits are completed as a precautionary measure ahead of the monsoon season.

**ACCELERATE DRAIN DESILTING**

While inspecting the drain desilting works being carried out at K. Narayanapura, Horamavu, Kaggadasapura Railway Gate and other areas, the Commissioner directed officials to expedite the removal of silt and waste from stormwater drains to enable the smooth flow of rainwater. He stated that proper maintenance of the drainage system will help prevent water stagnation on roads during the monsoon, thereby avoiding traffic congestion caused by flooding. Such measures will also help protect public life and property, he added.

**FOOTPATH ENCROACHMENT CLEARANCE DRIVE**

A footpath encroachment clearance drive was carried out along the 60-Foot Road in AECS Layout, starting from the Ganesh Temple up to ITPL Main Road. The operation covers a total stretch of approximately 1.6 kilometres on both sides of the road, and the drive will continue in the coming days, the Commissioner said. During the operation, petty shops, illegal sheds, canopies, temporary roofing structures, railings, push carts, and other encroachments constructed along the roadside were removed.

**ROAD CLEANING DRIVE — VARTHUR KODI TO VARTHUR**

A road cleaning drive was also undertaken from Varthur Kodi to Varthur, covering a stretch of approximately 700 meters. During the operation, dust, flex banners, and unauthorized tiles placed in front of shops along the roadside were cleared. So far, around 6 tons of debris and waste have been removed, the Commissioner informed. Joint Commissioner Dr. Dakshayini K., Chief Engineer M. Lokesh, Executive Engineers, Assistant Executive Engineers, Assistant Engineers, and other officials were present during the operation.

**ENERGY MINISTER K.J. GEORGE PRAISES 'MUKHYA MANTRI SAURA KRISHI YOJANA'**

Mukhya Mantri Saura Krishi Yojana' to ensure daytime power supply for agriculture. Announcement of 100 new power substations in 2026-27, 2,000 MWh Battery Energy Storage System, 1,250 EV charging stations to boost electric mobility.



Bengaluru: Energy Minister K.J. George commended Chief Minister Siddaramaiah for introducing the 'Mukhya Mantri Saura Krishi Yojana' in the State Budget. He called it a significant step toward fulfilling the government's promise. The scheme delivers seven hours of daytime electricity to farmers for operating irrigation pump sets.

Reacting to the Budget, the Energy Minister said, "When our government came to power, the state was facing a severe drought. Despite this, we took all necessary measures to ensure seven hours of power supply to farmers. In addition, we effectively implemented the centrally sponsored KUSUM-C scheme, solarising agricultural feeders to provide farmers with electricity

able power supply to all," Energy Minister KJ George further added.

Similarly, to meet electricity demand during peak periods and store power generated from renewable sources, the government invested about Rs.3,400 crore in a 2,000 MWh Battery Energy Storage System project. In addition, the government established 1,250 EV charging stations at a cost of Rs.777 crore to promote the use of electric vehicles, which reflects its people-centric approach, the Energy Minister added.

"The State Government's Gruha Jyothi scheme, which provides free electricity up to 200 units for domestic consumers, has illuminated crores of homes. The savings from electricity bills are enabling people to utilise that money for other needs and improve their economic condition. Since the government pays ESCOMs the subsidy amount in advance, it also reduces their financial burden. In this year's Budget, the Chief Minister has allocated Rs.10,578 crore for the scheme, enabling its more effective implementation," Energy Minister KJ George said.

**REQUEST TO SUBMIT CLAIMS AND OBJECTIONS REGARDING THE REVISED DRAFT VOTERS' LIST: RAJENDRA CHOLAN**

Bengaluru: Speaking at a meeting held at the Commissioner's Office Hall on M.G. Road of the Bengaluru Central City Corporation regarding the general elections, with representatives of various political parties and officials present, the Additional District Election Officer (Central) and Commissioner of Bengaluru Central City Corporation, Rajendra Cholan, requested the public to submit claims and objections related to the publication of the revised draft voters' list to the offices of the Electoral Registration Officers and Revenue Officers concerned within their respective constituencies.

With regard to the Greater Bengaluru Authority - Bengaluru Central City Corporation General Elections-2026, the draft voters' list had already been published on 19-01-2026. The revision process

of the draft voters' list is currently underway, and the revised draft voters' list related to Bengaluru Central City Corporation will be published on 09-03-2026, informed Commissioner and Additional District Election Officer Rajendra Cholan.

If there are any discrepancies in the revised draft voters' list, claims and objections can be submitted between 10-03-2026 and 16-03-2026. Voters within the jurisdiction of the Bengaluru Central City Corporation are requested to make use of this opportunity, appealed the Additional District Election Officer and Commissioner of Bengaluru Central City Corporation.

If members of the same family are placed in different polling stations or different wards, if voter details have been interchanged, or if voters

residing geographically in one ward are included in another ward's polling station in the revised draft voters' list, claims and objections may be submitted to the Electoral Registration Officers or Assistant Electoral Registration Officers of the following Assembly constituencies: 161-C.V. Raman Nagar, 162-Shivajinagar, 163-Shanthinagar, 164-Gandhinagar, 168-Chamarajpet, and 169-Chickpet, covering the new 63 wards, informed Additional District Election Officer and Commissioner Rajendra Cholan. The meeting was attended by Additional Commissioner (Development) Daljit Kumar, Additional Commissioner (Revenue) Ranganath, Joint Commissioner Hemanth Sharan, Election Tahsildar, representatives of political parties, Deputy Commissioner, and Revenue Officers.

## TN revises pay, allowances for ration shop workers; salesmen, packers get up to 15% hike



CHENNAI: The Tamil Nadu government has revised the pay structure and allowances for fair price shop employees, including salesmen and packers, under the Public Distribution System (PDS), granting an overall hike of up to 15 per cent along with enhanced allowances and revised scales of pay for both newly appointed workers and those who complete one year of service. The move will benefit 26,020

employees across the State, including 22,804 salesmen and 3,216 packers, according to a Government Order issued by the Cooperation, Food and Consumer Protection department on March 5. Under the revised structure, newly appointed salesmen will receive a consolidated pay of Rs 7,500 per month, while packers will get Rs 6,600 during the initial stage of service. After completing one year of service, they

will be brought under a regular pay scale.

For workers who move to the regular scale after one year, the revised pay band for salesmen has been increased to Rs 9,900-Rs 39,600, up from the earlier Rs 8,600-Rs 29,000, while the pay scale for packers has been revised to Rs 9,000-Rs 35,000 from Rs 7,800-Rs 26,000, marking a significant upward revision in monthly earnings. The order also provides for periodic increments linked to years of service, ensuring steady pay progression for workers in the ration shop network.

In addition to the salary revision, the government has enhanced a range of monetary benefits. A special allowance of Rs 1,500 per month has been fixed for salesmen and Rs 1,200 for packers.

## OPS' son eyes Andipatti seat even as sitting MLA seeks renomination

CHENNAI: Former MP Ravindranath, son of expelled AIADMK leader O Panneerselvam (OPS), has reportedly sought the DMK ticket from the Andipatti Assembly constituency. The move has surprised local DMK leaders as Maharajan, the sitting MLA from Andipatti, has already applied for renomination for the upcoming Assembly elections.

Further complicating the situation is the internal differences within the party's district unit. MLA Maharajan and Theni MP

Thanga Tamilselvan have had differences earlier, including a public spat at a government function. Owing to these differences, Thanga Tamilselvan is said to be backing Ravindranath's candidature instead of Maharajan, according to a Maalaimalar report.

OPS and Ravindranath had joined the DMK last week in the presence of Chief Minister MK Stalin. The development created ripples among OPS supporters in Theni district, with some shifting towards the AIADMK.



Honble Chief Minister chaired the Tamil Nadu 2030 - Kanavu Meippadam interaction programme at Trade Centre, Nandambakkam, where Honble Ministers of Respective Departments explained the welfare schemes implemented in their departments over the past five years and the benefits delivered to the people.....

## Why does India require another country's approval to meet energy needs, asks CM Stalin

CHENNAI: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin on Friday sought to know why India required another country's approval to meet its own energy needs. His statement comes after the US issued a temporary 30-day waiver allowing Indian refiners to purchase Russian oil, amid escalating tensions with Iran.

He also said India cannot remain silent or passive following the sinking of an Iranian warship, IRIS Dena, off the Sri Lanka coast by the US military two days ago.

Taking to X, Stalin said, "When the United States decides to allow India to purchase Russian oil for just 30 days, it raises a fundamental question. Why should India need another country's approval to secure its own energy needs?" "Equally troubling is the sinking of the unarmed Iranian war-



ship IRIS Dena by the United States soon after it participated in the International Fleet Review 2026 naval exercise hosted by India in Vishakapatnam," he added.

According to the DMK chief, when a vessel taking part in an Indian-hosted multinational exercise is targeted in

such a manner, India cannot appear "silent or passive." Stalin stressed the need to preserve India's international reputation and protect its strategic interests and sovereignty.

"The Union BJP government looks totally compromised on India's longstanding tradition of strategic autonomy and an independent foreign policy. India's dignity in the international arena needs to be protected and the nation's sovereignty and interests need to be defended," he noted. The Iranian frigate, IRIS Dena, was returning home after participating in the Milan multilateral naval exercise hosted by India. At least 87 Iranian sailors were killed in the attack, which marked a major escalation in the conflict between the US and Iran outside of the Persian Gulf.

## 4 new trains, including a Amrit Bharat announced, for Tamil

CHENNAI: In a move to enhance rail connectivity in southern India, the Ministry of Railways has approved the introduction of several new train services, including a new Amrit Bharat Express service, along with additional stoppages and increased frequencies.

The approval was communicated by the Minister of Railways, Ashwini Vaishnaw, in a letter to the Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs, L. Murugan, on Saturday.

According to the detailed plan, the newly approved services include the 16619/16620 Podanur - Dhanbad Amrit Bharat Express, which is set to provide faster and more comfortable long-distance travel between Tamil Nadu and Jharkhand. In addition to the



Amrit Bharat service, the railways have greenlit the introduction of the 16707/16708 Mangaluru - Tirunelveli Express, alongside two new MEMU and passenger rail services to boost

local connectivity: the 66623/66624 Palakkad - Pollachi MEMU and the 56835/56836 Mayiladuturai - Karaikkudi Passenger.

Addressing public demands for bet-

ter access, the ministry has also approved new stoppages for key trains. The 16621/16622 Mangaluru Central - Rameswaram Express will now halt at Tirur, Udumalaipettai, and Paramakkudi stations. Similarly, the 16103/16104 Tambaram - Rameswaram Express will make an additional stop at Panruti station.

Furthermore, the frequency of several passenger trains is being enhanced to serve commuters better. The 56831/56832 Tiruchchirappalli - Karaikkudi Passenger and the 56833/56834 Karaikkudi - Virudunagar Passenger will be upgraded from six days a week to daily service. The 20601/20602 MGR Chennai Central - Bodinayakanur Express will also see its frequency increased from tri-weekly to six days a week.

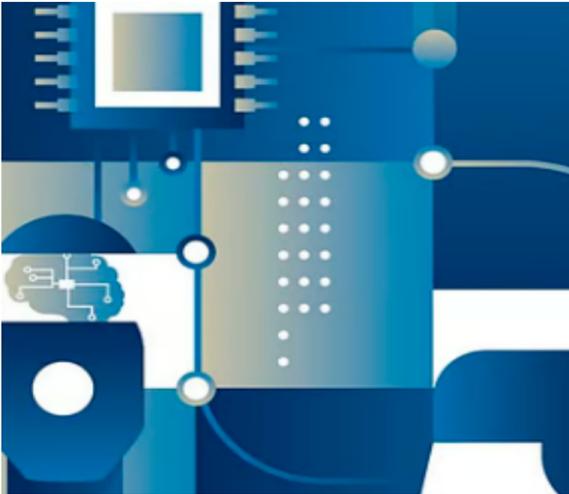
## Even the sky may not be the limit for AI data centres

If the architects of the artificial intelligence boom are right, it is only a matter of time before data centres — the giant computing facilities that power AI — will float in orbit and be visible in the night sky like planets. The science-fiction-like dream is being driven by AI and space industry leaders who are growing increasingly worried that data centres will eventually require more energy and land than are available on Earth. So one solution — perhaps the only solution, they say — is to start building them in space. Google announced in November that it was working on Project Suncatcher, a space data centre project that would begin test launches in 2027. Elon Musk said at a recent conference that space data centres would be the cheapest way to train AI "not more than five years from now."

Others pledging support for the idea include Jeff Bezos, the founder of Amazon and Blue Origin; Sam Altman, the chief executive of OpenAI; and Jensen Huang, the CEO of Nvidia.

"It is not a debate — it is going to happen," said Philip Johnston, the CEO of Starcloud, a space data centre startup. "The question is when." The notion has gained traction as the AI race hits a fever pitch, fueling fears of a potential bubble. Meta, OpenAI, Microsoft, Amazon and other big tech companies are investing hundreds of billions in data centres worldwide, with OpenAI alone committing \$1.4 trillion to such projects. Saudi Arabia and other nations are also pouring money into these efforts, while smaller companies pile up debt and take on financial risks to join the frenzy. Yet earthbound data centres are increasingly running into limits. In many places, the projects lack enough available power for the computing needs. Local opposition has also flared over whether data centres are driving up utility bills and exacerbating water shortages.

That has led to more creative — some might say wishful — thinking with space data centres. Technologists and scientists have researched the idea and concluded that some version of these projects



may be possible in the next few decades. But sceptics said the proposals flew in the face of physics and would be astronomically expensive. Tech luminaries such as Musk have also recently made comments about space data centres that are a magnitude larger than what current research suggests is possible, said Pierre Lionnet, a space economist and director at Eurospace, a trade association.

"It's completely nonsensical," he said. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration introduced the idea of space data centres in the 1960s. In the 1980s, the concept of "data repositories" in space popped up in science fiction stories. In the past decade, the notion of space data centres that could power modern AI also emerged.

The main benefit to building a data centre in space is abundant energy, with nearly 24/7 access to the sun and no clouds to obstruct the project's solar panels, Johnston said. There are also fewer environmental regulations than on Earth, not to mention fewer neighbours to oppose the imposition or complain about electric bills.

But the feasibility hinges on whether it will become cheaper to launch materials into space and whether technical issues like radi-

ation and cooling can be solved in the meantime. Experts are split on how soon those conditions can be met.

"As a business case, it's plausible," said Phil Metzger, a physics professor at the University of Central Florida and a former physicist at NASA. "It's been an evolving discussion." Data centres in space would look different from the football-stadium-size facilities on Earth. Most mock-ups from companies like Starcloud look like large satellites with a cluster of servers housing AI chips at the centre of miles of solar panels to power them. The data centres would need to be rebuilt every five years, which is when the computer chips are typically replaced, Johnston of Starcloud said. They would be visible at dawn and dusk from Earth, he said, appearing in the sky as about a quarter the width of the moon. But it is too expensive to create space data centres today. A kilogram of material costs around \$8,000 to launch into space, Lionnet said. The cheapest rate — around \$2,000 per kilogram — is offered by the rocket maker SpaceX, he added. Individual server racks in a data centre can weigh over 1,000 kilograms.

If the space-launch costs fall to around \$200 per kilogram, the economics will start to make sense,

Metzger said. He predicted that would take around a decade. In a research paper about Suncatcher published in November, Google predicted the costs could decline to that level "in the mid-2030s," comparing the timeline to its driverless robot taxis, which took 15 years to develop.

Others said they were not sure the costs would drop in such a short time. "It is like saying if we can get the cost of a McDonald's cheeseburger down to 10 cents, we will buy so many of them," Lionnet said.

Modern computer chips and semiconductors are also not built to withstand the radiation in space, which would hurt their ability to compute reliably, said Benjamin Lee, an electrical and systems engineering professor at the University of Pennsylvania. And while space is a frigid minus 455 degrees Fahrenheit, it is also a vacuum. That means there is no air to transfer the heat from the AI chips. To cool the chips, the data centres would instead require large radiator panels to disperse the heat. Such hurdles have not stopped people such as Musk, who leads SpaceX and the artificial intelligence startup xAI.

Musk started engaging with others about space data centres in November on X, the social media platform he owns, saying that "serious AI scaling" had to "be done in space." In another post, he mused about building 300 gigawatts of space data centres, which would require more than half the power that the United States uses in a year.

Bret Johnson, SpaceX's chief financial officer, said in a letter to shareholders last month that the company would explore an initial public offering next year partly to raise money for projects including "AI data centres in space." SpaceX and Musk did not respond to requests for comment.

Tom Mueller, a former SpaceX executive who believes humans will hit the limits of terrestrial energy sources by 2040, said part of the reason Musk and other AI leaders were talking about space data centres was the financial opportunity. "The hottest thing to invest in

## Valuable solutions: Climate adaptation more than covers its cost

Humanity has long learned to live with extreme weather. Much of the Netherlands would be under water were it not for centuries of ingenious adaptation to the constant threat of flooding. Likewise, ancient communities on the banks of the Tigris and Euphrates developed ways to capture and direct excess water to nourish and protect fields.

But the number of places exposed to extreme weather will only grow. According to new research from the McKinsey Global Institute, "Advancing adaptation: Mapping costs from cooling to coastal defences", the world spends dollar 190 billion per year on investments in 20 key adaptation measures that protect roughly 1.2 billion people. But three billion more people, over three-quarters of whom live in low-income regions, have only limited protection. Extending developed-economy standards of protection to all exposed places would require \$540 billion annually. That means there is a dollar 350 billion gap, 60% of which is needed to help low-income areas build greater resilience. Moreover, adaptation costs will rise. On current emissions trajectories, the world is likely to reach 2° Celsius above pre-industrial levels by about 2050, exposing an additional 2.2 billion people to heat stress and another 1.1 billion to drought, for example.

Our analysis finds that at 2°C warming, the world would need to spend \$1.2 trillion annually to protect everyone exposed to climate hazards at developed-economy standards, or almost 1% of GDP in affected places, by 2050. More than three-quarters of that spending would go toward protecting against heat and drought. That may sound expensive, but the ben-



efits of that adaptation would exceed the cost by roughly seven times. Air conditioners not only protect but also improve the productivity of indoor workers. Cooling shelters save lives in heat waves. Irrigation prevents crops from dying in hot, dry conditions. Sea dikes shield assets along coastlines from flooding. If deployed effectively, such solutions deliver immense value.

But recognising that adaptation is a good investment does not guarantee that the money will be spent. After all, the world spends only one-third of what's required today, and achieving developed-economy standards of protection at 2°C by 2050 will require 6.2 times as much as what is spent today. A lack of capacity to spend, competing priorities, collective-action problems, and other factors all threaten to hamper implementation. Moreover, the challenges of scaling up adaptation could look very different in developed and developing countries. For example, the costs would be highest by far in Sub-Saharan Africa, reaching 3% of projected GDP in exposed places, or about 50% more than governments in the region spent as a share of GDP to service their external debt in 2024. The shares of GDP needed for pro-

tection at developed-economy standards by 2°C in the Middle East and North Africa and in India are somewhat lower; and in North America, they are lower still, totaling around 0.3% of GDP in exposed places. Economic development can help improve the capacity to spend, but even if adaptation spending grew in lockstep with GDP growth, only about 60% of what is needed would be covered globally at 2°C.

If lower-income regions were to increase spending in line with their anticipated economic growth, it would cover only one-quarter of the costs of adapting at 2°C. Moreover, the presence or absence of adaptation measures can itself influence the pace of economic development. Drought or flooding can slow income growth for smallholder farmers, and heat stress can affect the productivity of outdoor workers. So, what can be done, and what role do different actors play? The good news is that many households can implement some adaptation measures on their own, particularly for heat. If made affordable, solutions like passive cooling (shade, natural ventilation, and so forth), reflective roofs, fans, or air conditioners can offer meaningful protection in many cases.

# “WOMEN” — WE HAVE TO BECOME WARRIORS THAN A MERE PACIFIST

Women empowerment is a much-discussed theme over-all today. Women have battled a long and hard fight for equivalent freedoms and rights, right to education and right to employment. Despite the fact that gender discrimination has not yet been completely tended to, we have made considerable progress from being simple parental caregivers. A woman's life is not generally bound to the kitchen yet on the off chance that she so chooses she can run the board room too. Just before international woman's day March 8, 2022 with a subject "Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow" here are some of ongoing legal advancements in the status of women. Mothers are our essential parental care givers and are regularly underestimated and undervalued. However, when she figures out how to support herself nobody can cause her to feel not exactly any man deserving his salt. As far as possible we have been the ones we develop to us. Life will head down the path we need it to head. Our own contemplations are the ship we should figure out how to explore. To enable ourselves first believe in worth. our gender isnt our weakness and should not characterize what we are capable to do. There are



Women in the military significantly more considerable than their male counterparts. There are woman CEO's that have impelled their organizations to significance. We are living in liberated times and we should change our own convictions or beliefs to conquer discrimination. Assuming that if we can bleed every month, carry one more life in our womb for nine months and give birth, we can doubtlessly educate our self and work for an independent life. How difficult it should be when men can get it done; we can do it better. The thought of equality, be that as it may, requires equity. The historical backdrop of social advancement is additionally

the historical backdrop of imbalance and inequality. Inequality between countries, religions, identity, class, caste, race and sexuality. However, the subject of woman's privileges poses a potential threat, cutting through all the layers of social delineation. German theorist and communal scientist Friedrich Engels in his classical writing states that, Woman was the first human being that tasted bondage. Woman was a slave before slavery existed. The feminist resist for equal rights has been paved through legislation, be it the social justice, equal rights and the right to vote, to employment rights, property rights, rights gov-

erning divorce and marriage to child-care and medicine legislation in view of equivalent privileges and equal rights influences the actual very values of society, affecting the manner in which we vote, yet the manner in which we work, live and function as a family, the manner in which we access education, health care and justice. In the independent India some notable Rights exclusively for woman.

### WOMEN AND INDISPENSABLE CHANGES IN INDIAN LAW

In India, the constitutionally ensured guaranteed for women is frequently contradictory to the harsh societal

reality of the land and its social standards. The struggle for woman's equality started in India in the twentieth century, during the struggle for Independence. In the fight against the British, western educated pioneers like B.R.Ambedkar, Mahatma Gandhi, Raja Ram Mohan Roy and Savitribai Phule urged woman to step away from their homes and hearths and enter the public in the sphere for Independence. Indian values, patriotism and social and cultural legacy were celebrated through the symbolism of Mother India. Maybe without precedent for India, the possibility that a woman is essential for the larger Indian tapestry as a legal citizen flourished. The consideration of the female citizen into the public arena required citizenship rights and changes in the law, for example, right to education, inheritance privileges, abolition of sati and polygamy as well as remittance for widow-remarriage. While a struggle for nationalism changed the lawful landscape of woman's freedoms through the colonial era time, the post-colonial era in India has been set apart by major developments like globalization, neo-liberal arrangements and the leaps and in innovative development.

## MARUTI SUZUKI'S HEALTHCARE INITIATIVES SUPPORT COMMUNITIES IN GURUGRAM, ROHTAK AND SONIPAT



**Gurugram / New Delhi, 06 March 2026:** Maruti Suzuki India Limited ("Maruti Suzuki") announced the start of two focused health interventions to address pressing public health challenges in rural and semi-urban communities in Haryana. Aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals - SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being), SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDG 5 (Gender Equality), these initiatives aim to improve awareness and enhance long-term health outcomes, especially for adolescents, women, and mothers.

### Menstrual Hygiene

A year-long Menstrual Hygiene Project is underway in two Government Schools of Rohtak, and Kharkhoda and will subsequently expand to eight schools in Manesar. Menstrual health remains one of the most under-discussed yet critical aspects of well-being of women. Planned to reach over 4,500

students from class 6th to 12th, the program will help to spread awareness, overcome misconceptions, adopt hygienic practices and drive long-term behavior change. It will engage parents, teachers, and community stakeholders as well, to create a supportive environment.

### Anaemia Reduction

A comprehensive Anaemia Reduction Program has also commenced across 10 villages in Gurugram, Rohtak and Sonipat districts. This builds upon the Anaemia related interventions taken in the past in Haryana. As per World Health Organization (WHO), Anaemia continues to be a global public health concern, mostly affecting young children, pregnant and postpartum women, as well as menstruating adolescent girls. Aligned with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's 'Anemia Mukh Bharat Mission', the initiative is set to reach around

16,500 beneficiaries with special focus on the vulnerable group. Maruti Suzuki is implementing this program in collaboration with the state government. The program includes screening, nutrition awareness, and sustained follow-ups for health-review of community members. Announcing these initiatives, Mr. Rahul Bharti, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs, Maruti Suzuki India Limited said, "At Maruti Suzuki, we believe that true leadership is about sharing and spreading progress. Through our comprehensive CSR interventions, we strive to uplift communities around our plants. Our community development efforts span across health-care, education, sanitation, water access, and infrastructure. Our Menstrual Hygiene Awareness Project and the Anaemia Reduction Program are set to reach over 21,000 people, including adolescents, women, and mothers."

## Jai Raj Ispat Limited Revolutionises Construction with Launch of "ATOOT" Fe 550 D-Grade TMT Bars

**Kurnool: 6th March, 2026:** Jai Raj Ispat Limited, one of South India's leading steel manufacturing companies, known for its high-quality TMT bars and structural steel products, today announced the launch of its flagship product, Jai Raj ATOOT Fe 550 D TMT Bars. Engineered to meet the evolving demands of modern high-rise and infrastructure projects as well as to offer the best quality to individual home builders, ATOOT represents a significant leap in structural integrity and seismic safety.



Jai Raj Ispat Ltd., Kurnool, is the second primary steel producer in Andhra Pradesh and is among the few primary steel plants in India adopting an advanced steel-making process. The plant has an installed capacity of 0.50 million tonnes per annum. The management plans to double this capacity by 2026-27. This facility manufactures steel through a world-class process route comprising a blast furnace – energy optimising furnace (EOF) – Ladle Refining Furnace (LRF) – endless casting, using virgin iron ore and

coke as primary raw materials. The plant is also equipped with state-of-the-art Endless Casting and Rolling (ECR) technology. The Kurnool plant is expected to significantly contribute to the region's industrial growth, aiming to boost Jai Raj Steel's annual revenue to a minimum of ₹5,000 crore within two years of operation. The ATOOT ANDHRA product launch event served as the official launch platform for the Jai Raj ATOOT Fe 550 D TMT Bars, bringing together the authorised distributors and the most prominent dealers from across Andhra Pradesh.

Mr S.K. Goenka, Founder & Managing Director, Jai Raj Ispat Limited, said, "We aim to provide our discerning customers with high-grade quality and eco-friendly rebars. The launch of Jai Raj ATOOT Fe 550 D TMT bars, a new generation of steel rebar, is part of the Company's portfolio-building plan focused on helping the end-users to make informed choices. Strong homes are built with strong intentions, unwavering efforts, and unmatched building materials; the Jai Raj ATOOT is a pioneering product built to provide relief to the customers who wish to build safe homes." According to Mrs Rajshree Jain, Director, Jai Raj Ispat Limited, "The launch of the Jai Raj ATOOT Fe 550 D TMT bars is a pivotal moment for the Indian construction industry, noting that the next 25 years belong to India's growth story." She emphasised that by utilising the world-class Danieli ECR technology at their Kurnool plant, the company is now "making the best quality bars in India, better than some of the leading producers in the country".

## L&T Finance Launches 'Spoothi' to Empower Women Entrepreneurs with Specialised Home Loan and Loan Against Property Solutions

**Mumbai, March 6, 2026:** On the occasion of Women's Day, L&T Finance Ltd. (LTF), (formerly known as L&T Finance Holdings Ltd.), one of the leading Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) in the country, is proud to announce the launch of Spoothi, a specialised program designed to empower women entrepreneurs by facilitating finance for the purchase of house property or providing Loan Against Property (LAP) for business expansion and working capital. This initiative recognises the critical role women play in the economy and aims to support those who are solely or jointly running a business or profession. Under the Spoothi program, LTF offers a range of specific relaxations and benefits, including extended loan tenors of up to 25 years for Home Loans and LAP for specific profiles. Furthermore, Industrial LAP tenors are offered for up to 12 years, and the program introduces enhanced eligibility norms such as higher



debt-to-income ratios to provide greater financial flexibility. Commenting on the launch, Mr. Sudipta Roy, Managing Director & CEO, LTF, said, "Our Company is deeply committed to supporting women borrowers because they consistently demonstrate a disciplined and strong repayment history, which makes them ideal borrowers. By launching Spoothi, the firm aims to harness this reliability while providing women with the necessary capital to scale their enterprises and secure their personal assets, ultimately contributing to a more inclusive and robust financial ecosystem." The program is initially rolling out in major metropolitan hubs, including Mumbai

Bengaluru, Chennai, Pune, Ahmedabad, Kolkata, and Hyderabad. To be eligible, the woman borrower must be a key person managing the business with at least a 50% stake in non-individual entities, and her income must constitute at least 50% of the total appraised income when clubbing with other borrowers. Additionally, the business must show an annual cash profit of at least Rs. 5 Lakhs as per the latest Income Tax Return (ITR) and must not have incurred a net loss in the last two years. Mr. Jinesh Shah, Chief Executive – Urban Secured Assets & Third-Party Products, LTF, said, "Spoothi is built upon a foundation of relaxed eligibility criteria and better pricing specifically tailored

for women. The program offers lower interest rates to ensure that financial barriers are minimised. By reducing the business vintage (i.e., age of a company) requirement to just two years for loans up to Rs. 75 Lakhs, LTF is making it easier for emerging women-led businesses to access the high-value credit they need to thrive." In the third quarter ended December 31, 2025 (Q3FY26), LTF's Home Loan and LAP segment recorded disbursements of Rs. 2,879 Crore, reflecting a 16% Year-on-Year and 6% Quarter-on-Quarter increase. The total book size grew to Rs. 28,682 Crore, a rise of 22% Year-on-Year and 5% Quarter-on-Quarter, driven by robust distribution networks and new partnerships.

## Zerodha Mutual Fund Launches ETF Tracking Inside WhatsApp

**Bengaluru 6 March 2026:** Zerodha Mutual Fund ("Zerodha MF") has launched an industry first offering: Integrated ETF Tracking within WhatsApp interface - Founder of smallcase, Anugrah Shrivastava said in a post on LinkedIn.

**Highlights**  
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This new offering allows investors to view their entire Zerodha MF portfolio - including both mutual Funds and Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) - in one unified, app-like dashboard without leaving WhatsApp. While the Zerodha MF recently introduced the ability to buy, sell, and track mutual funds via a tap-based WhatsApp interface, the inclusion of ETF tracking is a notable step in increasing convenience. Normally, tracking ETF holdings required investors to log into separate brokerage applications or demat accounts. With this update, the Zerodha Asset Management Private Limited ("Zerodha AMC")

becomes the first AMC in India to bring visibility of ETF holdings directly into WhatsApp interface, making portfolio monitoring seamless and easy.

### Some of the key highlights of the new feature include:

**Unified Dashboard:** An investor can see the entire Zerodha MF's portfolio - Mutual Funds and ETFs (Equity, Debt, and Commodities) - in one place. Seamless Transactions: Buy and sell ETFs directly from WhatsApp. Powered by the

smallcase Gateway, users can connect to any major Indian broker and execute orders without leaving WhatsApp.

**Zero Friction:** No new apps to download. It is a 100% tap-based interface built right into WhatsApp. Vishal Jain, CEO of Zerodha AMC, commented, "Our goal has always been to meet investors where they are. By bringing ETF tracking directly to WhatsApp, we are removing an additional layer of friction for investors. You shouldn't have to jump between different apps to know how your investments are doing. This feature makes tracking a diversified, multi-fund portfolio truly simple and intuitive."

### How to Access:

Investors can experience this new feature by connecting with Zerodha Mutual Fund on WhatsApp at +91-98453 35486. Simply send 'Hi' and click on "Track & Invest" to view the updated investment dashboard.

## LENOVO CIO PLAYBOOK 2026:

# 99% of Indian Enterprises Plan to Increase AI Investments; Budgets Expected to Grow 19% Year-Over-Year

**Bengaluru, India March 2026** – Enterprises across Asia Pacific are accelerating their shift from AI experimentation to execution, with 96% of organizations planning to increase AI investments over the next 12 months, according to the 4th edition of the Lenovo CIO Playbook 2026 - The Race for Enterprise AI, commissioned by Lenovo with insights from IDC. On average, organizations expect AI spending to grow by 15%, spanning GenAI and Agentic AI, public cloud AI services, on-prem AI infrastructure, and AI security tools. India stands out in AP, with 99% of organizations planning to increase AI investments over the next 12 months and the highest average year-on-year budget growth in the region at 19%. These investments prioritize deploying and supporting AI infrastructure, internal AI training including non-IT staff, and generative AI development and applications, fol-

lowed by AI devices and AI security, trust and transparency tools - underscoring AI as a core enabler of enterprise efficiency, resilience, and growth. "When 96% of organizations across AP are planning a 15% on average increase in AI investment, it tells us that AI decisions are now being made at the core of enterprise strategy," said Sumir Bhatia, President, Asia Pacific, ISG, Lenovo. "The differentiator will be how effectively organizations integrate AI, embedding it into infrastructure, operations, and security so value compounds over time." As AI becomes increasingly embedded into enterprise strategy, driving revenue growth, improving profitability, and enhancing business & customer experience have emerged as the top three business priorities for CIOs in Asia Pacific.

### From ROI Validation to

**Outcomes-Led AI**  
Building on last year's AI-nomics focus on validating returns and business cases, the 2026 Playbook highlights a decisive shift toward outcomes-led AI adoption. CIOs remain confident in AI's value, but are applying greater rigor to ensure investments translate into sustained impact. 88% of AP organizations expect a positive ROI from AI in 2026, with an average anticipated return of 2.8x (US\$2.85 for every US\$1 invested). Yet, scaling AI beyond pilots remains a key challenge, reinforcing the importance of governance, operating models, and lifecycle management.

**AI Adoption Expands Beyond IT**  
AI adoption across Asia Pacific continues to accelerate and is no longer confined to IT. 66% of organizations are already piloting or systematically adopting AI, while 15%

remain in early stages and 19% are considering adoption. In India, 59% are already piloting or systematically adopting AI, with 19% in early stages and 23% considering adoption, highlighting sustained interest and a strong pipeline for broader deployment. AI is increasingly being deployed across customer service, marketing, operations, finance, and industry-specific lines of business, reshaping how enterprises operate and compete. Notably, half of surveyed organizations report that non-IT departments are now funding AI initiatives, elevating the CIO's role as an enterprise-wide orchestrator.

**Agentic AI Emerges as the Next Enterprise Opportunity**  
Interest in Agentic AI is expected to double over the next 12 months. Today, 21% of Asia Pacific organizations report significant usage, 59% are exploring or planning limited deployments, particularly across telecommunications, healthcare, and government, where operational complexity and scale are highest. Despite growing interest, readiness remains uneven. Only 10% of organizations consider themselves ready for scaled Agentic AI implementation, with 41% requiring more than 12 months to meaningfully scale. Security, governance, data quality, and integration complexity remain key barriers. "Agentic AI represents a fundamental shift in how intelligence is embedded into the enterprise," said Fan Ho, ED & GM, Asia Pacific, Solutions & Services Group, Lenovo. "With nearly 60% of organizations already exploring Agentic AI and the majority are choosing a measured path to scale, it reflects that enterprises want AI that operates within core workflows."

# Trump demands Iran's 'unconditional surrender' as Israel says it hit leadership bunker 'with 50 jets'

**Tehran:** In a further update from Trump on the situation in the Middle East, the president says on social media: "We are moving thousands of people out of various Countries throughout the Middle East." "It is being done quietly, but seamlessly," he adds, praising Secretary of State Marco Rubio. We're continuing to receive pictures from the Lebanese capital Beirut, where the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) says it has been carrying out strikes. Some of the latest images we've seen show smoke billowing over the city's southern suburbs and streets filled with rubble. Residents in Beirut have been telling the BBC about their fear and confusion amid the strikes, which the Israeli military has said are targeting "Hezbollah command centres" and drone storage facilities. With his call for "unconditional surrender" by Iran, President Donald Trump appeared to cut off the possibility of quickly finding an off-ramp to end a war that has



spread across the Middle East. Trump's social media post signalled a fresh commitment by the US to continue the war until the government in Tehran fully capitulates. Trump didn't mention "regime change" - a term that senior administration officials have avoided since the US launched the attack six days ago. But it's hard not to interpret Trump's call for a full surrender as anything other than an end to the Iranian regime as it stands

now. Trump also reiterated his position that the US should play a role in shaping Iran's political future after the war. How Iran responds to this remains to be seen. But so far the regime has showed no signs of capitulating anytime soon. The United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations Centre (UKMTO) says a "third party source" has reported a boat has been hit by projectiles in the Strait of Hormuz. The UKMTO says it received a

report of an incident six nautical miles north of Oman today. "A third party source has reported a tug being hit by unknown projectiles in the Straits of Hormuz," it says. "Vessels are advised to transit with caution and report any suspicious activity to UKMTO." The Strait of Hormuz is the world's busiest oil shipping channel, and is bounded by Iran to the north and Oman to the South. As a result of the US-Israeli attacks

on its territory, Iran has warned that it will "set fire" to any ships trying to pass through it. The Foreign Office says that a second charter flight carrying stranded British nationals back from Oman has taken off. Downing Street says more flights are expected in the coming days. US President Donald Trump says "there will be no deal with Iran except UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER". Writing on his social media platform Truth Social, Trump adds: "After that, and the selection of a GREAT & ACCEPTABLE Leader(s), we, and many of our wonderful and very brave allies and partners, will work tirelessly to bring Iran back from the brink of destruction, making it economically bigger, better, and stronger than ever before."

**'IRAN WILL HAVE A GREAT FUTURE. MAKE IRAN GREAT AGAIN (MIGAI).'**  
Nikos Christodoulides has said he "rules nothing out"

when asked whether Cyprus could reopen discussions about Britain's sovereign bases on the island once the current crisis ends. Speaking to reporters, the Cypriot president says both the government spokesman and the foreign minister have already been asked about the issue. "The answer is that I rule nothing out," he says, referring to the possibility of revisiting the question of the British bases in Cyprus after the crisis. The British sovereign base areas at Akrotiri and Dhekelia are both UK-administered territory established under the 1960 independence agreements, meaning any changes to their status would require agreement with London. Asked about his earlier meeting with the head of Britain's foreign intelligence service, MI6, the president says they exchanged views on developments in the region, but adds that there was nothing further that could be said publicly about the discussion. One week into a widening war.

## The young women who fought in Ethiopia's last civil war and don't want to see another one



Twenty-two-year-old Abeba Amdu has seen some of the best years of her life consumed by war - and she has no wish to see another conflict in Ethiopia's northern Tigray region, which some fear could be about to break out. She went to the front lines in 2020 as a Tigrayan soldier to fight in the civil war against the federal army and remains deeply traumatised by her ordeal more than three years after the end of the brutal conflict. "I lost everything," she tells BBC Tigrinya. Before the war, Abeba had been a rising football star. Playing since the age of seven, she eventually became a striker for the 70 Enderta female

football team at 17. She saw herself as a feminist, taking on traditional attitudes about women's participation in sport. The teenager was also an outstanding student, studying IT in Tigray's main city of Mekelle, and had a clear vision for her future. Then the world she knew halted abruptly. First there was the coronavirus pandemic, leading to the suspension of her studies. Then war broke out. "I was not a believer in war, because I knew what my parents went through," she says. Abeba was referring to the fact that her mother and father bore the scars of the long and brutal war that finally ended in 1991 with the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) overthrowing Ethiopia's then ruler Mengistu Haile Mariam. The TPLF went on to dominate the federal government until 2018, when current Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed took office following huge demonstrations against its repressive rule.

## US ECONOMY UNEXPECTEDLY SHEDS 92,000 JOBS IN FEBRUARY



The number of jobs in the US economy fell last month, an unexpected contraction that has renewed questions about whether the labour market in the US might be starting to crack. Payrolls in the US dropped by 92,000 and the unemployment rate ticked up to 4.4%, according to the latest official figures, surprising analysts who had expected hiring to remain stable. It marked the biggest monthly job loss since October, when the US government shut down, and came amid concerns that a jump in oil prices sparked by the US-Israel war in Iran could threaten growth. Nearly every sector shed jobs including healthcare, typically a source of strength, which was hit by strikes last month. Employment in the federal government also continued to drop, shrinking by 10,000 last month. Since hitting a peak in October 2024, federal government employment has dropped by 330,000, or 11%, the Labor Department said. It also said job gains in December and January were lower than initially estimated. Even if healthcare employment bounces back as expected, the figures dented hopes that hiring might be starting to accelerate after the 2025

slowdown, which was the weakest year for jobs since the pandemic, said Samuel Tombs, chief US economist for Pantheon Macroeconomics. "What stabilisation?" he wrote in a note after the figures were published. "The idea the labor market has turned a corner implodes with this report." The hiring downturn sent shares on Wall Street lower and raised new pressure on US President Donald Trump, who campaigned on promises of improving the economy. Democrats quickly seized on the figures, with Senator Elizabeth Warren saying they showed that White House was "tanking the job market", while White House officials brushed off their significance. In an interview with CNBC, Kevin Hassett, director of the National Economic Council, said he still expected strong growth to power job creation in the months ahead. "There will be so much activity that everybody is going to be able to find a job that wants one," he said. The report also complicates the questions facing the US central bank. The Federal Reserve would typically respond to a weakening labour market by cutting borrowing costs.

## 'We have been preparing': Why the boots on the ground in Iran could be Kurdish



For a sixth day, the US and Israel are battering targets in Iran, waging war from the air. Could there soon be boots on the ground? Maybe. But not American ones. Iranian Kurdish opposition groups in exile in northern Iraq have told the BBC they have plans to cross the border - and have had them for decades - but they flatly deny claims that their fighters have already done so. "We have been preparing for this for the past 47 years, since the age of the Islamic

Republic," said Hana Yazdanpana, of the Kurdistan Freedom Party (PAK), which claims to have the biggest armed force. But she insisted that "not a single Peshmerga has moved". The Kurdish word peshmerga means "those who face death". Yazdanpana told us that six opposition groups - which recently formed a coalition - were co-ordinating with each other politically and militarily. "No-one moves alone," she told us. "We will know if our brothers are going to move." She does not expect fighters to advance this week. First, the US needs to pave the way. "We can't move if the air above us is not cleaned," she said. "And we need the regime's weapons depots to be destroyed."

## 'WHAT IS THE GAME PLAN?': THE IRAN WAR IS UNSETTLING CHINA AND ITS AMBITIONS

China is not feeling the shock of war in the Middle East - yet. But it is feeling the ripples. In the short-term, it has enough oil supplies for several months, after which it could turn to neighbour Russia for help. But China will be calculating what this could mean long-term - not just for its investments in the Middle East, but also for its ambitions. This week, thousands of Communist Party delegates are meeting in Beijing to discuss a roadmap for the world's second-largest economy as it continues to battle low consumption, a prolonged property crisis and huge local debt. On Thursday, China lowered its annual economic growth target to the lowest level since 1991, even as Beijing continues its rapid development of high-tech



and renewables industries. China may have hoped to export its way out of economic trouble. But it has spent a year fighting a trade war with the United States, and now faces the prospect of upheaval in the Middle East, which supplies both its major shipping routes and a lot of its energy needs. The longer the war drags on, the more it could hurt, especially if traffic through the

Strait of Hormuz remains blocked. "A prolonged period of turmoil and insecurity in the Middle East will disrupt other regions of importance for China," says Philip Shetler-Jones from the Royal United Services Institute. "African economies, for instance, have been the beneficiary of substantial and steady flows of Gulf capital. If the investment tide goes out, this risks

wider instability that undermines the sustainability of China's broader and longer-term interests." That is, given China's global footprint, its investments and markets beyond the Middle East are also vulnerable to a protracted war. And like so many other countries, China too is wary of this fresh bout of unpredictability. "I think China is thinking the same as everyone else," says Professor Kerry Brown, director of the China Lau Institute at King's College London. "What is the game plan? Surely the Americans didn't go into this with no game plan." But then, he adds: "Probably, along with everyone else, they would also be thinking, oh God, they really have gone into this with no plan at all."

## US AND VENEZUELA AGREE TO RESUME DIPLOMATIC TIES AFTER MADURO CAPTURE



The US and Venezuela have agreed to re-establish diplomatic and consular relations. The agency said in a statement that the two sides would make joint efforts to promote stability, support economic recovery and advance political reconciliation. While their diplomatic relations have been improving since the US military captured Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro in January in a surprise raid, the announcement of formal bilateral ties marks a hugely symbolic step. President Donald Trump ordered troops to seize Maduro and his wife,



bringing them to a Manhattan court to face allegations of weapon and drug offences, which they deny. The US embassy in Caracas, which closed in 2019, has already reopened, and Washington has appointed a new diplomat in Venezuela. The

Venezuelan government said on Thursday it was willing to advance a "new stage of constructive dialogue, based on mutual respect". It said the relationship must result in the "social and economic happiness of the Venezuelan people". But the statement

from Caracas made no reference to a transition or future elections, unlike the US state department's. The US has accused Maduro - who is due to stand trial this month in the US - and other members of his government of leading a criminal organisation involved in activities such as illegal mining and drug trafficking. Sources told the BBC that more diplomatic staff from the US embassy in Bogotá, Colombia, are expected to be transferred to Caracas soon. The move will make it much easier for officials to negotiate face-to-face and provide consular services.

## Hungary to expel Ukrainian bank workers in row with Kyiv



Hungary says it is expelling seven Ukrainian bank workers arrested on Thursday while transporting \$80m (£60m) worth of cash and 9kg of gold in cash-transport vehicles to Ukraine. After Ukrainian Foreign Minister Andriy Sybiha accused Budapest of taking the group hostage and stealing money, Hungary's tax authority said they had been detained on suspicion of money laundering. Ukraine's state savings bank, Oschadbank, said they had been part of a regular transport between Austria and Ukraine and were "unjustifiably detained". Hungary's tax authority said it was conducting criminal proceedings and added that the transport was being overseen by a former general of Ukraine's intelligence service. "This year alone, more than \$900m, 420m and 146 kg of gold bars were transported through the territory of Hungary to Ukraine," the national tax and customs administration said in a statement on Friday. It is not yet clear what has happened to the enormous sums of cash and the gold seized on Thursday, but

Polish Foreign Minister Radek Sikorski said "they've stolen the money". Relations between Ukraine and Hungary have deteriorated during Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine and have descended into a war of words over a halt to Russian oil supplies through the Druzhba pipeline in Ukraine. The arrest of the bank workers comes deep in Hungary's election campaign, with Prime Minister Viktor Orbán trailing in opinion polls with little more than a month before the vote. Hungarian reports described how black-clad officials from Hungary's TEK counter-terrorism centre raided the Ukrainian-registered vehicles on Thursday and then their convoy headed to Budapest. Sybiha accused Orbán of dragging Ukraine into its "domestic politics and electoral campaign", adding that Kyiv would not tolerate "this state banditism". His opposite number in Budapest, Foreign Minister Péter Szijjártó, asked why such enormous sums were being moved in cash: "If this is truly a transaction between banks."

## Trump cuts his losses on Noem after controversial tenure at homeland security

Sooner or later, advisers in President Donald Trump's orbit all come to learn the same unwritten rule: no-one can outshine the boss. Kristi Noem, the secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, became the latest reminder of that on Thursday when Trump announced he was removing her as the face of the administration's crackdown on immigration. Noem will be replaced by Oklahoma Senator Markwayne Mullin at the end of the month, Trump said in a post on Truth Social. The US Senate will have to confirm him in the post. The president said Noem would move to a new job as special envoy for a new US security initiative in the Western hemisphere



called the Shield of the Americas. "I thank Kristi for her service at 'Homeland,'" Trump said. It ends Noem's controversial tenure at the top of the department, which is tasked with carrying out the president's sweeping immigration agenda. Noem was one of the administration's brightest stars when she stepped



into the role last year after Trump returned to the White House. She immediately gained attention for joining immigration raids, often appearing in a bullet-proof vest alongside field agents carrying out enforcement actions. She was a vocal advocate of Trump's deportation drive, and touted policies that effectively

closed the US-Mexico border. She also took the message abroad, in one instance visiting a maximum-security prison in El Salvador that took in some migrants deported from the US. But Noem's unconventional approach courted controversy from the start. Homeland Security secretaries do not typically partake in field operations. Noem's decision to appear on the frontlines of Trump's immigration crackdown was viewed by critics as an effort to burnish her image as the tough-talking immigration enforcer-in-chief. She sparked a backlash by wearing a \$50,000 (£37,500) Rolex during her visit to Cecot, the notorious prison in El Salvador.

## Indonesia to ban social media and other online platforms for under 16s

Indonesia says it will ban social media and other popular online platforms for children under 16, becoming the latest country to introduce restrictions aimed at protecting young people from online abuse. Meutya Hafid, the country's communications and digital affairs minister, announced that accounts for under 16s on "high risk" platforms would be deactivated from 28 March. "This will start with platforms such as YouTube, TikTok, Facebook, Instagram, Threads, X, Bigo Live, and Roblox," said Hafid, adding that the ban would make Indonesia "the first non-Western country to delay children's access to digital spaces according to age". There was no immedi-

ate response from the affected platforms. "Our children are facing increasingly real threats—ranging from exposure to pornography, cyberbullying, and online scams, to addiction, which is the most significant concern," said Hafid. "The government is stepping in so that parents no longer have to fight alone against the giants of algorithm-driven platforms." Children's charity Unicef reported in 2023 that roughly half of the 510 Indonesian children it surveyed had been exposed to sexual images on social media. "As a working mum with two children, especially with a teenage son, I don't have much time to constantly monitor what my son is doing in the digital world."



# IRAN WILL NOT COMPETE AT WINTER PARALYMPICS

Iran will not take part at the Milan-Cortina Winter Paralympics, the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) has announced. The IPC said the solitary athlete who was preparing to represent the nation at the Games "cannot travel safely to Italy" because of the ongoing conflict in the Middle East. Cross-country skier Aboulfazel Khatibi Mianaei's withdrawal was confirmed on Friday, external a few hours before the Games' opening ceremony in Verona. IPC president Andrew Parsons said it was "really disappointing for world sport and especially for Aboulfazel" that he would be unable to take part in the Games. Parsons said: "Since the conflict began on Saturday, the IPC and the Milan-Cortina 2026 organising committee have been working tirelessly behind the scenes with the NPC [national Paralympic



committee] and national ski federation to find alternative routes for the safe passage of the Iran delegation to the Games. "However, with the conflict ongoing across the Middle East, the risk to human life

is too high." The Middle East has been plunged into crisis, following joint US-Israeli attacks on Iran targeting the country's missile infrastructure, military sites and leadership. Tehran, in response, has

launched strikes across the region, including on Israel. Residents in Tehran on Friday said they had experienced the "worst night" of Israeli strikes so far - with the US saying attacks are set to intensify. A fresh

wave of strikes was also launched on Beirut, Lebanon overnight, the Israel Defense Forces said, while Gulf nations, including Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Bahrain, reported intercepting Iranian attacks.

The IPC's Parsons said dialogue with Iran's sporting federations had "not been easy" with "communication systems down" across much of the country. He added: "To not compete at a Paralympic Winter Games because of factors outside of his control after years of training and dedication is heart-breaking for the athlete and our sympathies are with Aboulfazel at this difficult time." The 23-year-old, who has competed at the past two Winter Paralympics, was set to race in the men's sprint classic standing on Tuesday and the men's 10km interval start classic standing a day later.

# AUSSIES EDGE INDIA ON DAY ONE OF HEALY'S LAST TEST

Canberra: Australia dismissed India for 198 on day one of the day-night Test in Perth as Alyssa Healy began her final match as captain of the hosts. Australia closed on 96-3 in reply, trailing by 102 runs, with Healy - who will retire from all formats after this series - falling for 13 at the Waca.

All-rounder Annabel Sutherland starred with the ball, taking 4-46, while left-arm fast bowler Lucy Hamilton impressed on her Test debut by claiming 3-31. After losing the toss, India slipped to 107-5 but Jemimah Rodrigues compiled a defiant 52 to prevent her side being skittled. In reply, Australia opens Georgia Voll (two) and Phoebe Litchfield (nine) both made single-figure scores to leave the hosts 31-2, bringing Healy to the crease. She started to rebuild alongside Ellyse Perry before picking out Rodrigues at point off Sayali Satghare as the Aussies fell to 58-3.



However, Perry remains unbeaten on 43 and Sutherland is 20 not out as

Australia will look to build a first-innings lead on day two of the four-day game.

# Mahieka Sharma's Epic Reaction As Hardik Pandya Gets Scolded By Son For Getting Out

Hardik Pandya smashed a brilliant 12-ball 27 as India put 253 runs on the board against England, in the T20 World Cup 2026 semifinal on Thursday. Hardik's cameo with the bat was crucial to India crossing the 250-run mark, as England only suffered a defeat by 7 runs in the end. However, as Hardik walked back to the dressing room after being run out, his son Agastya wasn't happy. The little kid wanted his father to spend more time in the middle, and it was Hardik's girlfriend, Mahieka Sharma, who had to handle the situation. Hardik's son Agastya was sitting with Mahieka in the stands when Hardik was dismissed. Agastya gestured that Hardik



should have tried to hit a different shot on the delivery. Mahieka, sensing the situation, had to intervene and handle Agastya's anger. Here's the video: After India put a total of 253 runs on the board, Hardik was given an important role to play with

the ball. At one stage in the game, when Jacob Bethell was going berserk, it looked like England would go on to overhaul India's total. This is when Hardik and Jasprit Bumrah combined to put pressure back on Harry Brook's team from both ends

of the pitch. The match's turning point came when Bumrah delivered a brilliant 18th over, conceding just six runs while England needed 45 from the final three overs at the start of it. He bowled four pinpoint yorkers in the over. Following his effort, Hardik further tightened the pressure with an excellent penultimate over, giving away only nine runs and dismissing Sam Curran. India eventually managed to restrict England to 246/7, winning the match by a slim seven-run margin. For India, Jasprit Bumrah (1/33 in 4 overs), Axar Patel (1/35 in 3 overs) and Hardik Pandya (2/38 in 4 overs) were the standout performers with the ball.

# Raha Takes Centre-Stage As Ranbir Kapoor, Alia Bhatt Attend India vs England T20 World Cup Semifinal

In one of the best matches in T20 World Cup history where even a 250-plus total did not look safe-India motored into the final after beating England by just seven runs at the Wankhede Stadium on Thursday. The tournament co-host will defend its 2024 crown against New Zealand in the final on Sunday in Ahmedabad. India powered to 253/7, the fourth-highest total in T20 World Cup history, while England replied with 246/7, the fifth-highest ever. The match produced 499 runs and 34 sixes - 19 by India and 15 by England. Cheering from the stands were several celebrities. Bollywood stars Ranbir Kapoor and Alia Bhatt, along with their daughter Raha, supported India from



the stands. Anil Kapoor and Varun Dhawan were also in attendance. Sanju Samson, dropped on 15, smashed 89 off 42 balls to lead India's innings. Jofra Archer returned figures of 1/61, the most runs conceded by an England bowler in a men's T20 World Cup match. Jacob Bethell led England's

reply with a career-best 105 off 48 balls, including seven sixes. He fell on the first ball of the final over, attempting a risky second run when England still needed 30 to win. Jasprit Bumrah bowled a controlled spell of 1/33 in four overs, while Axar Patel pulled off two stunning catches and

played a key role in another dismissal. India have now beaten England in back-to-back T20 World Cup semifinals and will look to become the first team to win three T20 World Cups and defend their title. New Zealand, meanwhile, are seeking their maiden men's T20 World Cup trophy.

# Who's to blame for Spurs crisis?

Tottenham Hotspur's increasingly chaotic descent towards the Premier League relegation zone continued as thousands of supporters left early during their damaging home defeat by Crystal Palace on Thursday night. Spurs stand one point off the drop zone after interim manager Igor Tudor lost his third game in succession after replacing the sacked Thomas Frank. Tudor was appointed as a so-called "impact coach" based on his previous track record - but such has been his lack of impact that questions are already being asked about the Croat's future. Their campaign has been characterised by toxicity, misery and on occasion high farce - so who is to blame for the collapse of a club that won the Europa League last season



and reached the Champions League final as recently as seven years ago? Daniel Levy and the Spurs ownership? Former chairman Daniel Levy was always the lightning rod for criticism when Spurs struggled, with the 2008 League Cup and last season's Europa League the only successes in his reign before he "stepped down" after almost 25 years last September. Levy was the driving force behind Spurs'

magnificent stadium, but found himself in the crosshairs of supporters for what they regarded as his failure to provide the financial backing to break into the Premier League elite on a regular basis. Former Spurs and England goalkeeper Paul Robinson told BBC Sport: "This is a problem that has been building over years. You can circle a drain long enough but at some point you will fall in.

# Mohammad Amir Takes Brutal 'One-Dimensional' Dig At Abhishek, Says He Won't 'Survive'

Former Pakistan cricketer-turned-pundit Mohammad Amir hasn't missed a chance to criticise Abhishek Sharma. As the India opener failed to deliver with the bat in the T20 World Cup 2026 semifinal against England, Amir came up with another bold verdict, saying the batter is destined to fail unless he changes his game. Abhishek arrived at the T20 World Cup on the back of exemplary form but has managed only one fifty-plus score so far. Amir, speaking about the difference between bilateral series and ICC events, highlighted how teams prepare for each player far more thoroughly in global tournaments than they do in one-off assignments. "Look, there is a world of difference between



a bilateral series and an ICC event. In a series, teams maybe don't focus in the same way; they think, okay, in this series we have to try out players, that's where their focus is, and they don't mark players that intensely. But when you come into ICC events, every team marks every player

they are going to face. By now, everyone has figured out which are Abhishek Sharma's strong areas and which are his weak zones. "You can see he gets stuck even against off-spinners, and when a fast bowler comes in and keeps targeting his body with the ball, he struggles. So to perform in international cricket, especially in big events, you have to be very strong technically and mentally," Amir said during a chat on Geo News.

# LINGARD JOINS CORINTHIANS - WHAT AWAITS HIM IN BRAZIL?



It's a tradition that, with a few breaks over the years, has endured since the 1960s. Every time Corinthians unveil a big signing, a siren sounds at their social club headquarters, Parque Sao Jorge. It was like this with Socrates, Rivaldo, Carlos Tevez, Ronaldo 'Phenomenon' and, more recently, Memphis Depay. The siren will be heard once again in eastern Sao Paulo as Corinthians introduce Jesse Lingard as their new signing. The former Manchester United midfielder arrives as a free agent after leaving South Korean club FC Seoul in December. He has signed a contract until the end of the year, with the possibility it could be extended until the end of 2027 if certain goals are met. Lingard had offers from other clubs, but, after a quick call to his former United team-mate Depay, he was in no doubt about his decision and had a flight

booked even before a verbal agreement was in place. A unique experience now awaits Lingard across the Atlantic. Not only because the 33-year-old is set to become the first English footballer to feature in the Brazilian top flight. But also because Corinthians themselves are a unique force in the domestic context, too. "Every team has supporters. Corinthians are supporters who have a team," journalist Jose Roberto de Aquino famously put it. And they refer to themselves in a very particular way: "bando de loucos" - a bunch of crazies - a label the club has proudly embraced. "Welcome to the madhouse," reads a sign in the tunnel leading visiting sides to the pitch at the Neo Quimica Arena. Corinthians fans are widely known as the most loyal in the country. For better and for worse, as Lingard will soon find out first-hand.

# NBA legend LeBron James claims another scoring record

LeBron James surpassed Kareem Abdul-Jabbar for the most field goals scored in NBA history as the Los Angeles Lakers lost at the Denver Nuggets on Thursday. James scored 16 points for the Lakers in the 120-113 defeat and passed Abdul-Jabbar's tally of 15,837 during the first quarter. The 41-year-old, who is playing in an unprecedented 23rd NBA season, passed Abdul-Jabbar to become the top scorer in NBA history in February 2023. Last year he became the first player to reach 50,000 points combined in the regular season and post-season, and cur-

rently has 43,127 in the regular season alone. "Being mentioned with some of the greatest to ever play this game has always been humbling," said James, the league's four-time Most Valuable Player. "I grew up watching, reading [about], idolising a lot of the greats, and if I was able to be part of the NBA, I wanted to put myself in position that I can be named with some of the greats by doing something right. It's a pretty cool feat, but it's hard for me to kind of wrap my head around it or what it looks like." Lakers coach JJ Redick likened the evolution of James' career to that of Bruce

Springsteen, saying: "You get to the end and you're like, 'this guy's greatest hits are like insane.' And LeBron's greatest hits, he just keeps adding to them. He just plays and plays and plays and the greatest hits, he's got a hell of a catalogue." James passed Abdul-Jabbar's points record before field goals as three-point shots were introduced midway through the NBA legend's career. The six-time champion spent most of his 20-year career with the Lakers and retired in 1989 having scored 55.9% of his 23,307 shots. James has a 51.6% scoring rate. The four-time champion is set to claim another

record as Thursday's game was his 1,606th in the regular season, putting him five behind Robert Parish. James earned his 22nd All-Star selection this year and says he has not decided whether he will continue playing next season. Fellow All Stars Nikola Jokic and Jamal Murray each scored 28 points for Denver, who stayed fifth in the Western Conference standings, one spot above the Lakers. Second-placed San Antonio claimed their 13th victory from 14 games, with Victor Wembanyama returning to top form with 38 points and 16



rebounds as the Spurs won 121-106 at home against the Detroit Pistons, who lead the Eastern Conference.

## Everyone enjoyed watching 'Mrityunjay'.. Hero Sri Vishnu at the press meet of the premiere show

Content King Sri Vishnu is the hero of Hussain Shah Kiran's movie 'Mrityunjay'. This investigative thriller is produced by Sandeep Gunnam and Vinay Chilakapati under the banners of Light Box Media and Picture Perfect Entertainment. Sri Vishnu and Reba Monica John, who became a blockbuster hit pair with 'Samajavaragamana', will once again entertain with this film. This movie is going to release on March 6. The film was specially screened for the media on Thursday. In the press meet of the premiere show.



Shri Vishnu says .. Thanks to all who came to the premiere show of Mrityunjay. I saw the response in the theater. Everyone enjoyed it very much. The promotion of our film started from Rajamouli. Tarak released the trailer. Nani garu watched the night movie and appreciated it. Media and audience keep anchoring content movies whenever they come. I want everyone to come to the content movie and make it a success,' he said.

Producer Sandeep Gunnam said .. Thanks to everyone like Sukumar, Rajamouli, Tarak and Nani who supported Mrityunjay. Our team spent sleepless nights working for this movie. Sri Vishnu looks very new in this film. He said that this movie will impress everyone. Hussain Shah Kiran

said .. 'Nani garu saw the movie 'Mrityunjay'. I felt so calm after knowing that he liked it. His review is always a must. Thanks to NTR who supported me in this journey. Sri Vishnu acted as a reporter in this film. His performance in this movie will be very new. Reba Monica has done a fantastic job as a police officer. He said that this movie will impress everyone.

Reba Monica John said .. Thanks to the media for supporting the movie 'Mrityunjay'. We are very proud of our film. Our image is impressive. I want to work with this team again and again. Manisha A. Dutt speaking

..Thanks to the



director and producers who believed in me and gave me a chance. This is my second film with Sri Vishnu. We and our team worked very hard for this movie. I got into the industry

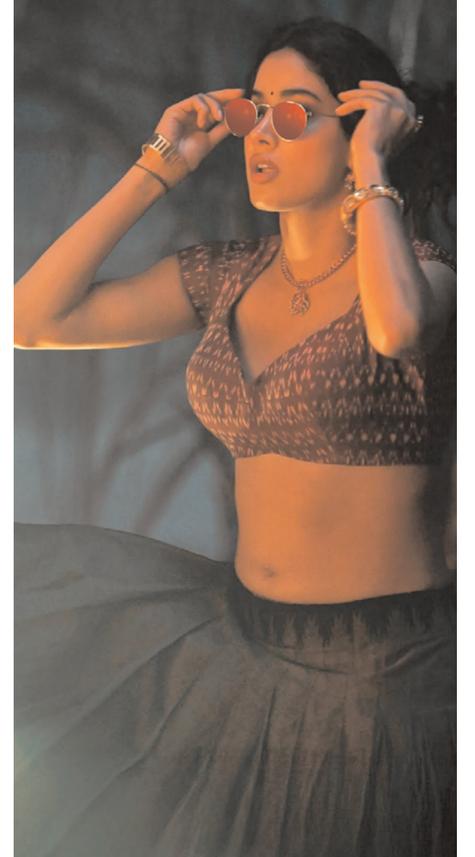
because of my elder brother Hussain Shah. He has a lot of talent and patience. 'Mrityunjay' will be very new. It will impress everyone,' he said.

Ramya says .. 'Mrityunjay' is very different and thrilling. He said that this movie will impress everyone. Actor Sudarshan says .. 'Mrityunjay' will satisfy everyone. Sri Vishnu impresses everyone with the content this time too. Thanks to the director and producers who supported me in this journey. Actor Ayyappa Sharma

said .. 'I like Gunnam Gangaraju very much. I am happy that Sandeep Gunnam is making a film like this. I liked this story told by Hussain. Sri Vishnu is equally entertaining in front of the screen and behind the scenes. This movie will impress everyone,' he said. Actor Rachcha Ravi said .. Producers Sandeep Gunnam and Vinay helped a lot in the case of 'Mrityunjay'. The director has already said that the role is settled. Sri Vishnu can play all kinds of roles as Avalis. He always tries to entertain the audience. This movie is made with heart touching emotion. This film will be enjoyed by all.

## Janhvi Kapoor Looks Traditional, Yet Glamorous In Birthday Special Poster From Mega Power Star Ram Charan's Peddi

Mega Power Star Ram Charan's upcoming pan-India action drama Peddi has entered a crucial stage as the team accelerates both post-production and promotional activities. Directed by Buchi Babu Sana and produced by Venkata Satish Kilaru under the Vriddhi Cinemas banner, the film is gearing up for a grand worldwide release on April 30th. Actress Janhvi Kapoor, the leading lady opposite Ram Charan in the film, grabs attention on her birthday with a traditional yet glamorous new poster. She steps into the role of Achiyamma, a village belle with a bold edge, leaning playfully in a dimly lit rural setting. Janhvi sports a deep maroon embroidered blouse with a plunging neckline that highlights her midriff, paired with a flowing matching lehenga. Layered necklaces, a bracelet, and round reddish-tinted sunglasses add a stylish touch, while her loose hair and confident pose blend traditional charm with a modern flair. The team also released a special birthday tribute video featuring Janhvi Kapoor, offering a behind-the-scenes glimpse that highlights her on-screen elegance and off-screen charm. It with Janhvi in striking traditional looks, holding a megaphone and singing into a vintage microphone. It also offers glimpses of the filmmaking process, with Janhvi interacting with director Buchi Babu Sana and her co-star Ram Charan. AR Rahman's soundtrack has already



struck a chord, with Chikiri Rathnavelu, editor Navin Chikiri and the recently released Rai Rai Raa Raa receiving massive love from music lovers. Shiva Rajkumar, Jagapathi Babu, Divyendu, and Boman Irani play other prominent roles. Backed by top talent like cinematographer R

## Texla' Movie Launch Ceremony Produced by Kannan Ravi Group

The launch ceremony of the film 'Texla', produced by Producer Kannan Ravi under the banner of Kannan Ravi Group and directed by Aishwarya Rajinikanth, starring Jai and Suraj Venjaramoodu, was held grandly in Chennai today (March 6, 2026). The film, helmed by Aishwarya Rajinikanth, Jai, Suraj Venjaramoodu, Anand Raj, G.M. Sundar, George Marian, and many others in prominent roles. Yuvan Shankar Raja is composing music for this film. It is produced by Kannan Ravi, with Deepak Ravi serving as the co-producer. Following the release of the film's introductory video that garnered an overwhelming response, the official launch ceremony of 'Texla' was held in grand style at a star hotel in Chennai. The occa-

sion was graced by eminent personalities including Naam Tamilar Katchi Chief Coordinator Seeman, Latha Rajinikanth, veteran producer R.B. Choudary, and acclaimed director Bala as special guests. The event also saw the presence of several prominent producers, actors, technicians, and distributors from the Tamil film fraternity, who gathered to extend their warm wishes and support to the film's team. Speaking at the event, Producer Kannan Ravi said, "I must admit that speaking on a stage like this always brings with it a sense of nervousness and humility, especially when stalwarts and creative visionaries of our industry are seated before me. In the world of cinema, I consider myself someone who is still taking baby steps. In my other arena of business, I may



such an opportunity has come my way so early in my journey. Aishwarya Rajinikanth is an immensely talented filmmaker. Beyond her talent, what touched me the most is her warmth and humility. I am confident she has a remarkable future ahead, and I extend my heartfelt wishes to her. I am equally delighted to be working with Suraj

Venjaramoodu, a phenomenal artist and a dear friend. There were earlier plans for us to collaborate on several projects, but they did not materialise at the time. I am happy that we are finally coming together through this film. My sincere thanks to Jai, Anirudh, and everyone who has graced this occasion today. I believe this is just the beginning of a long and meaningful journey." Seeman, Chief Coordinator of Naam Tamizhar Katchi, said, "It is often said that a good beginning is half the victory. In that sense, the launch of Texla has begun on a truly grand and promising note. We are all aware of the many challenges involved in producing a film today, yet Producer Kannan Ravi is courageously backing as many as sixteen films simultaneously. This itself reflects the depth of his pas-

sion and commitment towards cinema. His recent production Thalaivar Thambi Thalaimeyil has already emerged as a notable success, and it is heartening to see him embark on yet another ambitious project. I extend my heartfelt wishes to the actors, technicians, and director Aishwarya Rajinikanth associated with this film. May the film achieve tremendous success. After all, a film's success becomes a celebration in the lives of many who have worked behind it. And ultimately, success is born out of relentless hard work, something that this talented team undoubtedly represents." Director Bala said, "My heartfelt wishes first go to my younger sister Aishwarya. I would also like to congratulate Producer Kannan Ravi for placing his trust in her and giving her this opportunity.

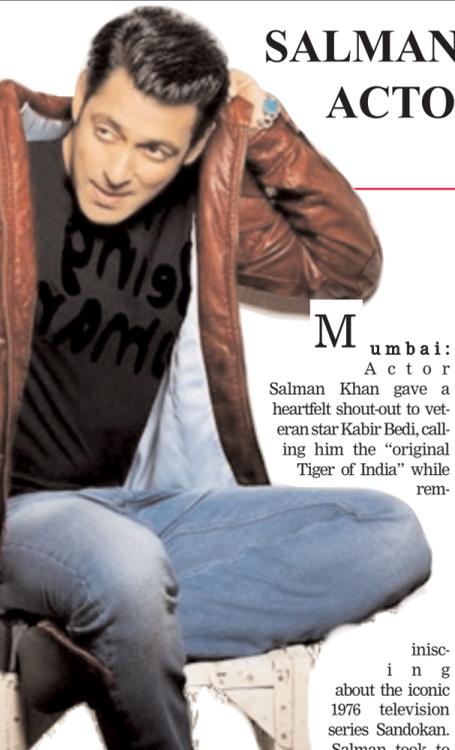
## Rocking Star Manchu Manoj's massive pan-India period action film "David Reddy" has officially announced international actress Maria Riaboshapka as the female lead



Rocking Star Manchu Manoj is currently starring in the upcoming film "David Reddy." The movie is being produced by Nallagangula Venkat Reddy and Bharat Motukuri under the Velvet Soul Motion Pictures and True Radix banners. It is directed by Hanuma Reddy Yakkanti. Set against the backdrop of the British colonial era, "David Reddy" is being made as a large-scale pan-India film with an intense action drama storyline. The film is being produced in Telugu, Hindi, Tamil, Malayalam, and Kannada. The makers have now shared an exciting update by officially

announcing that international actress Maria Riaboshapka will play the heroine in the film. According to the team, the scenes featuring Manchu Manoj and Maria Riaboshapka will showcase strong on-screen chemistry and are expected to impress the audience. "David Reddy" tells the story of a warrior who rises in rebellion against the British Empire. Manchu Manoj will be seen in a completely new avatar in this film. The glimpses and first-look posters released earlier have already received a huge response. Expectations are growing that this film could mark a strong comeback for Manoj.

## SALMAN KHAN CALLS THIS ACTOR THE "ORIGINAL TIGER OF INDIA"



Mumbai: Actor Salman Khan gave a heartfelt shout-out to veteran star Kabir Bedi, calling him the "original Tiger of India" while rem-

his Instagram stories section to praise Kabir Bedi for creating history nearly five decades ago by becoming the first Indian actor to headline an international television show with "Sandokan." "Sandokan Sandokan 50 years ago the first Indian to do an international tv show, the forever handsome, enigmatic, the original Tiger, not only of Malaysia but of India," Salman wrote on a video featuring Kabir, who was seen introducing the new "Sandokan", Turkish actor Can Yaman. Salman also wished luck to Can Yaman, who will be stepping into the role in the upcoming adaptation of "Sandokan." He noted that the actor has big shoes to fill and expressed excitement about watching the new version. "My dua that everyone looks as strong and conducts their emotional life as

@kibirbedi. The new Sandokan @canyaman... u have big shoes to fill in. Best of luck! I'm gonna watch it right now! I love u @kibirbedi," he wrote. Sandokan is a 1976 Italian television series directed by Sergio Sollima, based upon the novels of Emilio Salgari featuring the pirate hero Sandokan. It was followed in 1977 by a feature-length spin-off film, and in 1996 by a sequel series named The Return of Sandokan, with Kabir Bedi reprising his role as Sandokan in both. Sandokan is a fictional late 19th-century pirate created by Italian author Emilio Salgari. His adventures first appeared in publication in 1883. Sandokan is the hero of 11 adventure novels. Within the series, Sandokan is known throughout the South China Sea as the "Tiger of Malava".

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