

INDONESIA INKS PACT TO BUY BRAHMOS MISSILE FROM INDIA



RBI INJECTS RS 50,000 CRORE INTO BANKING SYSTEM THROUGH OMO PURCHASES



FOUR INDIANS, ONE PAKISTAN STAR IN ICC 'TEAM OF T20 WORLD CUP



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GOVT INCREASES BOOKING PERIOD FOR LPG CYLINDER TO CHECK HOARDING

New Delhi (TSIT) : The government has increased the minimum waiting period for booking a domestic LPG cylinder refill from 21 days to 25 days to prevent hoarding, as there were signs of panic buying taking place in the market amid the uncertainties due to the Iran war.

BALEN SHAH'S RSP SWEEPS NEPAL POLLS, WINNING 125 OF 165 SEATS UNDER FPTP



Kathmandu (TSIT): As counting of votes concluded in 163 electoral constituencies out of 165 under the First-Past-the-Post (FPTP) system in Nepal's parliamentary elections by Monday evening, the Rastriya Swatantra Party (RSP) secured nearly 76 per cent of the seats in the House of Representatives in a sweeping electoral victory.

UPGRADE POLICING SYSTEMS TO TACKLE EMERGING CHALLENGES: CM REVANTH



Hyderabad (TSIT) A. Revanth Reddy called for modernising policing systems and strengthening the capabilities of law enforcement while addressing the challenges faced by the system are of two types—technical challenges, which can be resolved with resources and time, and adaptive challenges, which require deeper understanding and systemic reforms.

He revealed plans to treat the 2,100 km area within the Outer Ring Road Hyderabad as the Core Urban Region to attract investments and accelerate economic growth, with the goal of transforming Telangana into a \$3 trillion economy by 2047.

No immediate hike in petrol, diesel prices; adequate stock to meet any contingency: Sources

NEW DELHI (TSIT): Petrol and diesel prices will not be increased for now despite international crude oil rates crossing USD 100 per barrel, government sources said on Monday, even as authorities stepped up efforts to maintain uninterrupted fuel supply lines across the country.



hoarding. Average households consume 7-8 LPG cylinders of 14.2 kg in a year and should normally not need a refill in less than 6 weeks, they said, adding the refill booking period has been increased to prevent hoarding and creation of artificial scarcity in the market.

Sources said the government is closely monitoring the evolving global energy situation and has taken steps to ensure that supply chains remain stable.

The widening conflict in the Middle East, which began on February 28 when the United States and Israel carried out strikes on Iran, followed by retaliatory attacks from Tehran, has disrupted energy flows through the Strait of Hormuz.

while there is enough crude oil available from alternative sources, such as Russia, replacing any loss of LPG supplies is more time-consuming, as other alternative sources are largely located in the United States and Canada.

"Every petrol pump in the country is functioning, every piped natural gas (to household kitchens) is operational, every CNG station is open," he said. "There is no cause for panic."

However, retail fuel prices are not expected to be raised immediately, as the government continues to follow a calibrated policy of allowing companies to build margins when international prices are low and cushioning consumers when rates rise, sources said.

Mojtaba Khamenei named Iran's new Supreme Leader



Tehran (TSIT): Iran on Monday named Mojtaba Khamenei as the new Supreme Leader, succeeding his father Ali Khamenei, in a move that signals the continued dominance of hardliners in Tehran even as the country remains locked in an escalating conflict with the United States and Israel.

Mojtaba Khamenei, a mid-ranking cleric believed to wield significant influence within Iran's security establishment and the vast economic networks built under his father's leadership, had long been viewed as a leading contender for the position.

"By a decisive vote, the Assembly of Experts appointed Ayatollah Seyyed Mojtaba Hosseini Khamenei as the third Leader of the sacred system of the Islamic Republic of Iran," the statement said.

We are correcting mistakes of previous govt, says CM Naidu

Amaravati (TSIT): Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu said on Monday that the coalition government is correcting the mistakes made by the previous government.



in the land records," he said. Chandrababu Naidu said the previous rulers placed their own photographs on pattadar passbooks. They even printed photos on survey stones and spent Rs 750 crore on this.

ment, no one can tamper with land records. "We have introduced the QR code system. Whoever tampers with the records will be known. Even if MROs and VROs make mistakes, it will be known through blockchain technology," he said.

The Chief Minister claimed that new pattadar passbooks were being issued without any corruption. He stated that out of 16,816 villages, a survey was conducted in 6,860 villages during the previous government, and 19.93 lakh passbooks were issued with tampered records.

'Rahul' has replaced 'Rythu Bandhu' in Telangana: KTR

Hyderabad (TSIT): Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) working president K.T. Rama Rao on Monday alleged that Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has effectively introduced a new scheme called "Rahul Bandhu" by diverting funds meant for farmers under the Rythu Bandhu scheme.



state government has failed to release the funds.

He alleged that the government has already defaulted on Rythu Bandhu payments multiple times and has once again delayed the scheme this season.

Rs 1,000 crore annually is being effectively diverted for political appeasement instead of supporting farmers.

KTR further accused the Chief Minister of trying to safeguard his political position by pleasing the Congress leadership in Delhi at the expense of Telangana's farmers. He alleged that whenever the Congress high command requires funds or political support, the Chief Minister attempts to divert public resources to maintain his position.

No major impact on India due to rise in global oil price: FM Sitharaman



New Delhi (TSIT) : The impact of the rise in global crude oil prices on the rate of inflation in India is not estimated to be substantial at this point, as the country's inflation is near the "lower bound", Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said in Parliament on Monday.

The price of crude oil that India imports has been on a declining trajectory for the past one year, till the geopolitical clashes commenced in West Asia on February 28, 2026, the Finance Minister said in an answer

to a question in the Lok Sabha. "Between the end of February and until March 2, 2026, the crude oil price (Indian basket) rose from \$69.01 per barrel to \$80.16 a barrel. Given that India's inflation is near the lower bound, the impact on inflation is not estimated to be substantial at this point," Sitharaman said.

Global crude prices have been rising since February 28, when the US and Israel launched military strikes on Iran. The war has now spread to the Middle East region as Iran hit back with retaliatory drone and missile strikes on US bases in the region.

67,000 Indians Return Amid West Asia Crisis: Jaishankar

New Delhi (TSIT): S. Jaishankar informed the Rajya Sabha that around 67,000 Indian nationals have returned home from conflict-affected regions of West Asia as of March 8, amid ongoing tensions in the region.



"Whenever there has been a partial opening of airspace, we have approved and undertaken commercial flights, including non-scheduled flights to enable the return of Indian citizens. Our estimate, as of yesterday, is that 67,000 of our nationals have done so," the External Affairs Minister said.

Making a statement in New Delhi, the minister said the government facilitated the return of citizens whenever there were brief openings in regional airspace by allowing commercial and special flights. The Indian Embassy in Tehran has also taken steps to assist Indian students and other nationals in Iran, including relocating several students to safer locations.

Indians who were in Iran for business were helped to cross into Armenia and return to India safely. He assured that the embassy in Tehran remains fully

operational and on high alert to support the Indian community. The minister also said Narendra Modi has been closely monitoring the situ-

CBSE postpones Class 12 board exams from March 12 to 16 in Gulf countries

New Delhi (TSIT) Amid the ongoing conflict in West Asia, India's Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) on Monday, March 9, postponed Class 12 exams scheduled from March 12 to 16 in multiple Gulf countries. Following a "critical review of the current situation," the board said it has decided to postpone the exams in parts of West Asia, including Kuwait, Iran, Oman, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates (UAE), Bahrain and Qatar.

Parties seek one or two-phase Bengal polls; CEC warns of zero tolerance for violence

KOLKATA: Several political parties in West Bengal on Monday suggested that the upcoming assembly polls be held in one or two phases, as the Election Commission warned of strict action against any lapse in law and order and asserted zero tolerance towards poll-related violence.

The suggestion on the phases was made during a meeting between the full bench of the Election Commission and representatives of political parties in Kolkata as part of the poll panel's review of preparedness for the forthcoming assembly polls likely to be held in April.

Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, accompanied by Election Com-

missioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi, met representatives of the TMC, BJP, CPI(M), Congress, AAP, National People's Party and the Forward Bloc, among others.

"A wide range of issues concerning the conduct of elections in the state were discussed. Several parties suggested that the elections be held in one or two phases and assured their cooperation in ensuring that the polls remain peaceful," a senior EC official said.

The parties urged the Commission to take stringent measures to curb intimidation of voters and activities of anti-social elements during the polls.

"They emphasised the need



for strong security arrangements, including deployment of Central Armed Police Forces in adequate numbers, to curb violence and ensure that voters can cast their ballots without fear," the official said.

Some parties also raised concerns about the possible use of crude bombs, illegal firearms and the influence of money and muscle power during the elections.

Responding to the concerns,

Kumar assured them that elections in India are conducted strictly in accordance with the law and that all necessary steps would be taken to ensure a free, fair and transparent poll in the state.

"The Election Commission has zero tolerance towards violence and intimidation of either electors or election staff. We will not leave any stone unturned in ensuring impartial, transparent and peaceful

elections," he said.

Kumar also reiterated that the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls had been conducted in a transparent manner and said Forms 6, 7 and 8 can still be filed for inclusion, deletion or correction of entries.

Later, the Commission held a detailed review meeting with divisional commissioners, commissioners of police, district election officers, su-

perintendents of police and nodal officers of enforcement agencies on various aspects of election preparedness, including law and order, election logistics, EVM management, voter awareness and seizure of illegal inducements.

The Commission directed enforcement agencies to act with complete impartiality and clamp down firmly on all inducement-related activities.

During the review meeting, the CEC warned that any negligence in maintaining law and order or monitoring illegal activities in the run-up to the polls would invite strict action, officials said.

According to officials, Kumar also questioned the absence

of a Narcotics Advisory Committee in West Bengal and sought an explanation from the state police.

When Director General (Law and Order) Vineet Goyal attempted to respond, he was asked to ensure immediate corrective steps, they said.

The Commission also pulled up several enforcement agencies, including the excise department, the narcotics authorities, the Airports Authority of India and the Reserve Bank of India, over alleged lapses.

Officials said the excise department was asked to ensure that the production and distribution of intoxicants do not increase in the run-up to the polls and to prevent illegal liquor production in border

areas.

The RBI was also asked to keep a strict vigil on financial transactions across districts to ensure that unaccounted cash is not used to influence voters during the election period.

District election officers and superintendents of police from various districts also made presentations on election preparedness and challenges in their jurisdictions, particularly in districts sharing borders with other states and neighbouring countries.

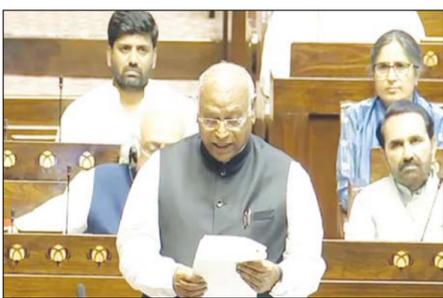
The Commission also directed officials to ensure assured minimum facilities such as ramps, wheelchairs and drinking water at all polling stations for the convenience of voters.

Kharge demands discussion on India's energy security

NEW DELHI: Congress President and Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge on Monday demanded a short-duration discussion in the Upper House on emerging challenges to India's energy security amid the West Asia conflict.

When the House met for the day, Kharge mentioned the Rs 60 per cylinder hike in domestic cooking gas LPG prices and the Rs 115 increase in commercial gas rates, among the justifications he gave for admission of his notice under rule 176.

The cooking gas price increase has burdened the poor, he said. "Therefore, I urge you to please allow a short-duration discussion on this important



subject."

Chairman CP Radhakrishnan said he will come back after giving due consideration to the notice.

Kharge said the fast-evolving geopolitical situation in West Asia is no longer confined to the region, and its impact is clearly visible on India's energy security

as well.

The conflict is now impacting India's image and prestige, he said, adding that the country imports about 55 per cent of its crude oil needs from the region.

"The conflict is now directly impacting the country's economic stability," he

said. Importantly, about 1 crore Indians work in the region, and there are reports of some Indians being killed or missing in the ongoing conflict, he said.

"India received about USD 51 billion in remittances from Gulf countries," Kharge made the submission just before External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar made a suo motu statement on the evolving situation in West Asia.

The Congress and other opposition parties protested against him making the statement, saying a short-duration discussion should precede such a move.

They shouted slogans during Jaishankar's statement before staging a walkout at the fag end of the statement.

'First Announce, Subsequently Think': Cong's swipe at govt on VB G RAM G Act

NEW DELHI: The Congress on Monday took a swipe at the government over the implementation of the new VB G RAM G Act, saying details were still being worked out and this was a perfect example of the Modi government's 'FAST' approach to governance -- 'First Announce, Subsequently Think'.

Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh shared on X a media report which claimed that the Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) Bill, 2025 -- passed by Parliament within two days of its introduction on December 16 last year -- has several steps to clear before it can be implemented.

The new rural employment legislation replaces the Congress-led UPA government's flagship scheme, the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 (MGNREGA).

In a post on X, Ramesh said, "In December, 2025, in just two days, the Modi government bulldozed the repeal of MGNREGA through the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. No consultations with states took place. No legislative scrutiny by the Standing Committee concerned took place."

"It was said that extreme urgency for the repeal and its substitution by the Viksit Bharat Grameen Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission Guarantee Act was because the new law was to be implemented from April 1, 2026," he said.

It turns out that the consultations that should have happened earlier are taking place now, Ramesh said, adding that details are still being worked out.

"A perfect example of the Modi Government's FAST approach to governance -- First Announce, Subsequently Think!" Ramesh said.

'Saffron crowd' wants to swallow TN, DMK won't allow it: Stalin



TIRUCHIRAPPALLI: Ruling DMK president and Chief Minister M K Stalin on Monday alleged that a "saffron crowd" wanted to "swallow" the southern state, but asserted his party would not allow that. Addressing a mega party conference here, he also launched a scathing attack against his rival, AIADMK chief Edappadi K Palaniswami, accusing him of becoming a "slave" to the BJP in order to become CM.

Further, with Bihar CM Nitish Kumar set to step down, he said that state never had a BJP CM, and that after winning polls by showcasing the JD (U) veteran, "now they have sidelined him".

A 'Saffron crowd,' an obvious reference to the BJP, wants to "swallow Tamil Nadu". DMK will not allow it to happen, the CM asserted. To win over the state, BJP was gradually "swallowing" AIADMK, he alleged.

No framework or parameter to designate any city as 'heritage city' in India: Govt

NEW DELHI: There is "no framework or parameter" to designate any city as a 'heritage city' in India, the government informed the Parliament on Monday.

Union Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat said this in a written response to a query in Lok Sabha.

Jhunjhunu MP Brijendra Singh Ola asked him whether the government has designated any "town/city in Jhunjhunu parliamentary constituency of Rajasthan as a heritage city."

Rajasthan's Jhunjhunu district is located in the Shekhawati region, known for its old havelis, carrying murals and frescoes which attract a lot of tourists.

The Union culture minister in his response further said the Archaeological Survey of India is mandated to protect and maintain the monuments and archaeological sites of national importance as per the AMSAR (Ancient Monuments and

Archaeological Sites and Remains) Act, 1958.

"Government of India has not designated any town/city in Jhunjhunu Parliamentary Constituency as a heritage city," he said.

Shekhawat was also asked whether the government, UNESCO or any other international organisation has laid down any criteria or parameters for designating a city as a heritage city.

"No, sir. There are no criteria/parameters for designating a city as a heritage city, either by the government or by UNESCO," he said.

Shekhawat added, "There is no framework/parameters to designate any city as Heritage City in India."

However, the historic city of Ahmadabad (in 2017) and Walled City of Jaipur in Rajasthan (in 2019) have been inscribed on the List of World Heritage Sites, under the UNESCO's World Heritage Convention, 1972, he said.

Tech, policy, human behaviour to shape India's mobility future: NITI Aayog member V K Saraswat

BENGALURU: NITI Aayog member V K Saraswat on Monday emphasised that India's future mobility landscape will be shaped by a combination of technology, policy, economics, environmental considerations, and human behaviour.

He also highlighted the role of digital innovation in India's mobility transformation.

Speaking at the Japan-India Mobility Summit 2026 here, Saraswat said India and Japan bring deeply complementary strengths to the future of mobility.

While India offers scale, market growth and expanding capabilities in software and AI, Japan contributes advanced technological depth, engineering excellence and global leadership in safety and mobility systems.

"The next phase of our partnership should move beyond infrastructure towards technology co-creation - from hydrogen mobility and smart transport systems to next-generation vehicles and integrated mobility plat-

forms," he said.

Saraswat stressed that mobility transformation today is not merely a sectoral reform; it represents a structural redesign of energy, infrastructure, data and industry.

"Through pragmatic pathways and sustained collaboration, India and Japan can together build scalable solutions that accelerate decarbonisation while setting a global benchmark for sustainable mobility," he said.

Saraswat also underscored that India's mobility transition must address the needs of 1.4 billion people, while reducing logistics costs--which currently account for 13-14 per cent of GDP--and supporting rapid urbanisation.

He stressed that no single technology or fuel can meet the mobility needs of a country on India's scale.

"India has therefore adopted a diversified and technology-neutral strategy that includes battery electric vehicles, strong and plug-in hybrids, ethanol blending, compressed biogas, LNG, green



hydrogen for heavy mobility, and sustainable aviation fuels," Saraswat said.

He noted that electrification is already gaining momentum in India, with electric vehicles accounting for approximately 8 per cent of total vehicle sales in 2025. Electric three-wheelers represent about 16 per cent of the segment, while electric buses account for around 7 per cent of annual bus sales.

Saraswat said that initiatives such as intelligent transport systems, digital traffic management, unified digital payment systems,

and the FASTag electronic toll collection system--which has achieved nearly 98 per cent penetration--are enabling seamless and efficient mobility across the country.

According to an official statement, the summit brought together policymakers, industry leaders, and technology innovators to advance collaboration in building the future of sustainable mobility.

The Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) of Japan, the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), and the New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO), in close collaboration with NITI Aayog and key industry players underscored how the two countries' complementary strengths - India's scale, growing digital capabilities and manufacturing ambition, and Japan's technological depth and engineering excellence, can accelerate innovation across mobility systems.

Speaking at the summit, Keisuke

Hosonuma, Director for Automotive International Trade Policy, METI said, The transition to carbon neutrality in mobility will not follow a single pathway. Different markets require different solutions based on their economic realities, policy environments and consumer preferences.

"Japan's multipathway strategy therefore, combines electrification, hybrid technologies and next-generation energy solutions while strengthening international collaboration. India is a critical partner in this journey, offering immense opportunities for innovation, scale and sustainable mobility development," he added.

The summit focused on strengthening cooperation across advanced mobility technologies, energy transition pathways, intelligent transport systems, and next-generation mobility while exploring new opportunities in hydrogen mobility, smart urban transport networks, and integrated multimodal infrastructure, the statement said.

BJP claims it helps OBCs but its govt has given nothing to backward classes: Rahul

NEW DELHI: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday said the BJP claims that it helps the OBCs but in reality, their government has given nothing to the backward classes, urging women workers of his party's OBC Department to take this message to the people.

Gandhi also said the caste census is a critical issue and has to be done in the right manner.

Addressing the OBC Congress Women's National Wing Convention at the party's Indira Bhawan headquarters here, Gandhi, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is 100 per cent "compromised" and he is being "blackmailed" by the US.

"Modi has struck a deal with America and opened up India's market for them. America has large farms where work is done on a massive scale with machines.

"In such a scenario, will India's farmers be able to compete with America's farmers? It is the government's job to protect the country's farmers, but Modi promised Trump that we will buy American goods worth 9 lakh crore rupees every year," he said.

If this happens, what will become of India's farmers and traders, Gandhi asked.

"Narendra Modi is being blackmailed, which is why he has surrendered before Trump. Cases are



running against Anil Ambani, but he is not being arrested, because he has all the information.

"If Anil Ambani opens his mouth, it will spell trouble for Modi ji. In such a situation, Narendra Modi is very troubled -- he is surrounded by Trump, Hardeep Puri, Anil Ambani, Epstein, Netanyahu," Gandhi said.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's speech was held in Parliament House on Monday but he did not even use the word Iran, Gandhi said.

Making a suo motu statement in Parliament, Jaishankar told Parliament that New Delhi stood for maintaining the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all states in the region. He defended allowing the Iranian ship to dock at an Indian port as the right decision taken on humanitarian grounds.

Attacking the prime minister, Gandhi said, "America told Narendra

Modi -- we will tell you where to buy your oil from, and Modi said 'Yes, Sir' and agreed."

He alleged that a trade deal happened with America but India got nothing out of it.

"Meanwhile, America told Bangladesh -- if you buy cotton from us, we'll make the tax zero... This decision will destroy India's textile industry. Narendra Modi gives lots of speeches here, but he can't speak up in front of Trump," he alleged.

In his remarks to the women workers, Gandhi said the BJP claims that it helps the OBCs, but in reality, their government has given nothing to the backward classes.

"Therefore, you must take this message to the people. You must work together and organise to raise your voice," he told the women workers.

Further, Gandhi said Artificial Intelligence's fuel is 'data' and "if we want to run AI, it will run on data alone". He said the most essential thing today is 'data'. If America wants to compete with China, it is not possible without India's data, because India's population is very large. "This data is your capital, your future, which Narendra Modi has given away to America for free. So much has happened, but the media has not said a word," he said.

"Narendra Modi talks about AI, but he has handed over all the data to America. He is just fooling the country," he said.

Rohit Shetty house firing case: Accused seeks bail for attending his marriage



MUMBAI: One of the 12 accused arrested in the filmmaker Rohit Shetty's house firing case on Monday sought temporary bail for attending his marriage in Agra, scheduled for March 11.

The accused, Ritik Yadav, requested interim relief after he was remanded to judicial custody by Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA) court judge Satyanarayan Navandar.

The plea, filed through advocate Dilip Shukla, stated that Yadav's wedding is scheduled on March 11 at his native place, Agra.

"The matter will be heard on Tuesday," Shukla said.

All 12 accused arrested in connection with the firing incident are currently in judicial custody. Yadav was among the seven accused, including

shooter Deepak Sharma, arrested on February 14 from Haryana and Uttar Pradesh.

At least five rounds were fired at the first floor of Shetty's nine-storey building in Juhu on February 1. One bullet struck the glass of a gym inside the building.

Lawrence Bishnoi gang member Shubham Lonkar has claimed responsibility for the incident in a social media post. Besides this case, he is also wanted in the NCP leader Baba Siddique murder case and the firing at Bollywood actor Salman Khan's residence in Bandra.

Police had invoked the stringent MCOCA against the accused involved in firing at Shetty's house, with the preliminary investigation suggesting that they intended to create terror in the city.

Patna to get Rs 296-crore ULTraPOD transit system for govt buildings

PATNA: A ULTraPOD Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) system will be constructed at a cost of Rs 296 crore to improve connectivity among major government and administrative buildings in Patna, officials said on Monday.

The ULTraPOD (urban light transit pod) is an automated transit network that aims to provide seamless connectivity on a designated route.

According to a statement by the cabinet secretariat department of the Bihar government, Chief Secretary Pratyaya Amrit held a key meeting with a team from Larsen & Toubro (L&T), which made a detailed presentation on the proposed system.

"The project will cost around Rs 296 crore, and the ULTraPOD track will stretch nearly 5 km, starting from Visvesvaraya Bhawan, passing through Vikas Bhawan and the Legislative Assembly building, and finally reaching the old Secretariat," it added.

The department aims to complete the construction of the ULTraPODs PRT within 15 months of administrative approval. As part of the PRT system, the pods will operate without unscheduled halts and carry passengers directly to their destination stations, officials said.

"Under the plan, 59 pods will operate along the track, with each pod accommodating up to six passengers. Pods will be available at stations at an interval of seven seconds," the statement read.

In the initial phase, nine stations will be constructed, two of which will include parking facilities.

All-Women Crew Operates Guntur-Rayagada Express as Waltair Division Marks Women's Day

Visakhapatnam. (TSIT) The East Coast Railway's Waltair Division celebrated the grand finale of International Women's Day with a special initiative highlighting women's empowerment. The Guntur-Rayagada Express was operated by an all-women crew from Visakhapatnam to Rayagada. The train was flagged off by Lalit Bohra at Visakhapatnam Railway Station. In a symbolic gesture, all operational duties at the station on the occasion were handled by women staff. Speaking at the event, DRM Lalit Bohra high-



lighted the contribution of more than 1,600 women employees working across the division in key areas such as track maintenance, loco operations, ticket checking, and Route Relay Interlocking systems. He also praised dedicated security initiatives like 'Meri Saheli' and 'Subhadra

Vahini', which work towards ensuring the safety of women passengers. As part of the celebrations, several awareness sessions were conducted on topics including child psychology for working women, stress management, and women's health and nutrition. The programme was attended by Additional Divisional Railway Managers E. Santharam and K. Rama Rao, along with other senior railway officials, marking the occasion as a strong message of women's empowerment and gender equality in the railways.

TTD CELEBRATES WOMEN'S DAY; PADMAVATHI AWARDS PRESENTED TO 32 WOMEN EMPLOYEES



Tirupati (TSIT) Grand celebrations of International Women's Day were organised by Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams at Mahathi Kalakshetram in Tirupati on Monday, where Padmavathi Awards were presented to 32 women employees for their dedicated service.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. A. Sarath said women are the foundation of the Indian family system and play a crucial role in building strong families, shaping society, and contributing to the progress of the nation. He noted that mothers are the first teachers who instill values, culture, and discipline in children.

TTD Board Member Panabaka Lakshmi said women hold a highly respected position in Sanatana Dharma, adding that the tradition of worshipping women as goddesses is unique to India. She emphasized that educating women strengthens families and society.

During the event, 32 women employees from various TTD departments were honoured with shawls, a five-gem silver dollar, and a memento of Goddess Sri Padmavathi, while 78 women employees due to retire next year were also felicitated.

The programme also featured Bharatanatyam and Veena performances by faculty and students of Sri Venkateswara Music College, along with prize distribution for competitions such as essay writing, painting, quiz, and singing organised for women employees.

Several TTD officials, including Welfare Department Deputy EO Anandaraju, along with women employees, participated in the celebrations.

Healthy Competition Among Districts Key for Rapid Development: NITI Aayog



Visakhapatnam (TSIT) A regional seminar held at Rushikonda in Visakhapatnam highlighted the importance of healthy competition among districts to accelerate development. Addressing the gathering, Rohit Kumar stated that rapid progress can be achieved when districts compete positively while sharing best practices. The seminar, organised by NITI Aayog, focused on the success of the Aspirational Districts and Aspirational Blocks Programmes (ADP-ABP). Rohit Kumar explained that the programmes function on the 3C model - Convergence, Collaboration, and Competition, which has been instrumental in driving rural development across the country. Officials highlighted several success stories during the event, including Andhra Pradesh

achieving 100% drinking water facilities in Anganwadi centres, Telangana making notable progress in education, and Kadapa district securing the top national rank in the 'Sampoorna Abhiyaan' initiative. Speaking on the occasion, Anantha Sankar outlined the state's long-term development roadmap 'Swarnadhara@2047', envisioned under Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, aiming to achieve a GSDP of \$2.4 trillion by 2047. The seminar also showcased several innovative grassroots initiatives such as 'Nirman' for tribal students in Alluri Sitharama Raju district, 'One Family - One Entrepreneur' in NTR district, 'Dokka Seethamma Midday Meal' in Kadapa, and onion-based food processing initiatives in Kurnool.

CONGRESS LEADER HOSTS IF TAR IN MOOSAPET'S JANATA NAGAR

Hyderabad: An Iftar dinner was organized on Sunday night in Janata Nagar, Moosapet, under the leadership of local Congress leader Salim. The event saw the presence of TPC Vice President and Kukatpally Congress in-charge Bandi Ramesh as the chief guest. Addressing the gathering, Bandi Ramesh extended warm



Ramadan greetings to the Muslim community and emphasized the importance of celebrating festivals with communal harmony between Hindus and Muslims.

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

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described movable property mortgaged / charged to the Clix Capital Services Pvt. Ltd. (CLIX) (Secured Creditors), the possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Clix Capital Services Pvt. Ltd. (CLIX), Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 10.04.2026, for recovery of amount as mentioned below, due to the Secured Creditors from following Borrower(s), Guarantor(s) and Corporate Guarantor(s). The reserve price and earnest money to be deposited is mentioned below respectively.

Name of Borrower, Co-Borrower/ Guarantor(s) with address:- 1. Ion Health Zone Pvt. Ltd., Clear View Diagnostics D. No. 10-1334, Beside Green Apple Hotel, 60th Road, Old Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam 530026. Also At :- D.No-26-4-9/1, Pole No-158/4, 100 Feet Road, Chinaganthyada, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam 530026. 2. Dr. Sekhar Dalibonia, 3. Dr. Majji Yamshidhar Reddy, Both R/O - Door No. 27-3-214, Employee Colony 2nd Lane Srinagar Gajuwaka Visakhapatnam 530026. Also At:- D. No. 10-1334, Beside Green Apple Hotel, 60th Road, Old Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam 530026. Loan No. - SCDFHS0000121513, SGLUHS0000065543, SGLUHS0000066088 (Along with future interest and charges accruing after 23-Apr-2024 till the total realization of the loan amount)

EQUIPMENT	MANUFACTURER	DEALER	UNIT	RESERVE PRICE	EMD
DENTAL OPG SYSTEM	MDS CO VATECH	ASCULAP MEDICALS	1	Rs. 25,00,000/-	Rs. 2,50,000/-
FULLY AUTOMATIC CELL COUNTER	DYNACOUNT	ASCULAP MEDICALS	1	Rs. 2,15,000/-	Rs. 21,500/-
COAGULATION ANALYZER	SERACLOT	ASCULAP MEDICALS	1	Rs. 1,00,000/-	Rs. 10,000/-
ULTRASOUND	EDAN	ASCULAP MEDICALS	1	Rs. 15,50,000/-	Rs. 1,55,000/-
HITACHI 0.4 MRI	HITACHI	PHANTOM HEALTHCARE	1	Rs. 52,00,000/-	Rs. 5,20,000/-
IMMUNOASSAY ANALYZER	MALGUMI 800	ASCULAP MEDICALS	1	Rs. 5,50,000/-	Rs. 55,000/-
SEMI AUTO ANALYZER	CPC DIAGNOSTIC PVT LTD	ASCULAP MEDICALS	1	Rs. 1,65,000/-	Rs. 16,500/-

Recovery amount per Demand Notice
Rs. 2,03,18,443.04/- as on 23-Apr-2024

Date & Time of Inspection of Property
08.04.2026 to 09.04.2026 From 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM

Date & Time of E-Auction
10.04.2026 11 AM to 4 PM (with unlimited extensions of 5 Minutes each)

EMD amount shall be remitted through NEFT/RTGS/Funds Transfer in favor of Clix Capital Services Pvt. Ltd., Account No. 34195000665, ICICIBANK, IFSC:ICIC0003419

Last date for deposit of EMD and uploading Bid documents: 09-04-2026 Till 12.00 PM at www.bankauctions.in

The balance 25% of final purchase price minus EMD amount shall be deposited by the successful bidder, latest by the next working day by way of RTGS / NEFT within 15 days from the date of auction in the same E-Auction account as above. The refund of EMD to the unsuccessful bidders shall be made only in the account number mentioned by such bidder in the Bid form within 5 working days.

Terms and Conditions: E-auction is being held on "AS IS WHERE IS" and "AS IS WHAT IS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS" basis and will be conducted "Online". The auction will be conducted through CLIX approved service provider C India Pvt. Ltd. at the web portal www.bankauctions.in. Bid Documents, Declaration, General Terms and Conditions of online auction sale are available in www.bankauctions.in. To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer, there is no encumbrance on the properties. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of properties put on auction and claims/rights / dues affecting the properties, prior to submitting their bid, in this regard, the a-Auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of CLIX. For any details with respect to any help, procedure and online training in respect of the auction process please contact +91-7291981124/25/26 and E-mail ID - delhi@clix.com. For any details regarding the property please contact Mr. Ayush Gupta, (M) 9999916811. It may please be noted that in case of any discrepancy/inconsistency between the auction notices published in English and in Hindi then the contents of the notice published in English shall prevail. The Authorized Officer/ Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in anyway for any third party claims/rights/dues. The sale shall be subject to rules/statutory provisions prescribed under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

Place: AP, Date: 10.03.2026 Authorized Officer, Clix Capital Services Pvt. Ltd.

NIWAS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED (Formerly, Niwas Housing Finance Private Limited)

Regd. Office: - Unit No. 305, 3rd Floor, Wing 2/E, Corporate Avenue, Andheri- Ghatkopar Link Road, Chakala, Andheri (East), Mumbai - 400093

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8 (1) and (2)]

Whereas, The Authorized Officer of the Secured Creditor mentioned herein, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Act), 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with (Rule 3) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice calling upon the borrower(s) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s) and the public in general that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of NIHL has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on the date mentioned against each property. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrower(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the NHFL for the amount mentioned below and interest and other charges thereon.

Loan Account Number	Borrower(s) & Property Details	Amount & Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Possession Status
LNKURLAP-11230038069	1.NAGABHUSHANAM KAVETA GARI (BORROWER) 2.NAGAMANI KAVETA GARI (CO-BORROWER)	Rs. 5,16,815/- (Rupees Five Lakh Sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred Fifteen Only) DATE: 16-Dec-2025	06-Mar-2026	PHYSICAL POSSESSION
LNELRHL-03240041846	1.BOGADI DURGA BABU (BORROWER) 2.BOGADI VENKATA RAMALAKSHMI (CO-BORROWER)	Rs. 3,58,947/- (Rupees Three Lakh FiftyEight Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Seven Only) DATE: 16-Dec-2025	06-Mar-2026	PHYSICAL POSSESSION

PROPERTY BEARING:- ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE PROPERTY BEARING ELURU DISTRICT, BHIMADOLE SUB REGISTR.S.R.NO:116/11, NEAR NO-152, AGADALANKA VILLAGE, BHIMADOLE MANDAL, ELURU DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH HOUSING SITE AND HOUSE IN AN EXTENT OF 76-98 SQ.YDS. ALONG WITH EASEMENT RIGHTS ARE BOUNDED BY, EAST: PROPERTY BELONGS TO BOGADI VENKANNNA 20FT, SOUTH : PROPERTY BELONGS TO BOGADI VANUMALLAMMA 33.4FT, WEST: PROPERTY BELONGS TO BOGADI SRINU 24FT, NORTH : ROAD 29.8FT.

Date: 10-03-2026. Sd/- Authorized Officer
Place: Andhra Pradesh. NIWAS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

DCB Bank Limited Corporate & Registered Office: 6th Floor, Tower A, Peninsula Business Park, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai - 400 013, Maharashtra. Jyothi Majestic, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad-Telangana 500 034

DCB BANK

E- AUCTION SALE NOTICE (Under Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)

E-Auction sale notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower(s), co-borrowers and the guarantors in particular, by the Authorized Officer, that the under mentioned property is mortgaged to DCB BANK LTD., The Authorized Officer of the Bank has taken the physical possession under the provision of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. The property will be sold by tender cum public E-auction as mentioned below for recovery of under mentioned dues and further interest, charges and cost etc. as per the below details:-

The property will be sold "as is where is", "as is what is", "as is how is" & on a "No Recourse" basis without any kind of warranties & indemnities.

Name of the Borrower & Guarantors:	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid Increase Amount	Date & Time of E Auction	Type of Possession
1. APPA RAO PILLA; 2. PILLA RAMALAKSHMI; 3. PILLA APPALASWAMY; 4. PILLA SANNAYAMMA	Rs.10,00,000/-	Rs. 1,00,000/-	Rs. 10,00,000/-	28-03-2026 & 11.30 am - 1.00 pm	Physical

Description of Mortgage Properties: All That The A.R.C.Roofed Building Constructed In An Extent Of 71.0 Sq.Yds And 4.1 Sq.Yds For Passage And Total Extent Of 75.1 Sq.Yds Consisting With 2 Item, Mpl. Ward No.3, Present Mpl. Ward No.38, Rev Ward No.1, Block No.11, N.T.S.No.662, Old Asst.No.1721, Subsequent Asst.No.1721, New Asst.No.21537, Old Door No.9/1-3 Situated In Inner Side Of Ramalayam Street, Pothanavari Street, Kothapeta Within The Limits Of S.R.O Vijayawada Of Krishna Dist., Being Bounded By Schedule: Item No. 1: 71.0sq.Yds. For Building East: Municipal Road South : Municipal Road Properties Of Tammaina Achatamma And Others West : Property Of Tammaina N.V.D.Hymavathi North: Passage Belongs To 2nd Item; Item No.2: 1/2 Undivided Share Of An Extent Of 4.1 Sq.Yds Out Of 8.2 Sq.Yds. For Passage Of Item No.1; East: Municipal Road; South: Item No.1; West: Property Of Tammaina N.V.D.Hymavathi; North: Property Of Pothina Gopala Rao.

Inspection Date and Time: - of all properties from 16-03-2026 to 23-03-2026 Between 11.00 AM to 3.00 PM contact to Y.Bala Raju, Mobile-7794029120, between 11am to 6pm.

Date and time of submission of EMD on or before 26-03-2026 up to 5.00 PM, with request letter of participation KYC, Pan Card, Proof of EMD

The intending purchasers/bidders are required to deposit EMD amount by way of Demand Draft Only in the favor of DCB Bank LTD.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE E-AUCTION

- The properties are being sold on an "as is where is", "as is what is", "as is how is" & on a "No Recourse" basis without any kind of warranties & indemnities.
- All Statutory Dues/Attendant Charges/ Other Dues including registration charges, stamp duty, taxes, etc. shall have to be borne by the purchaser and the Authorized Officer or the bank shall not be responsible for any charges, lien in encumbrances or any other dues to the government or anyone else in respect of the e-auctioned property not known to the bank, the Independent Bidder is advised to make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances on the property including Statutory Liabilities, Areas of Property Tax, Electricity Dues etc.
- Contact :Jaya Prakash Reddy, Mob. No: 8142000064 : Back End Office: 8142000066/63/62, Office mail id: info@bankauctions.in & Mail Id: prakash@bankauctions.in at their web portal https://bankauctions.in/ on the dates as mentioned in the table above with Unlimited Extension of 5 Minutes. Bidders are advised to detailed terms and conditions of auction sale before submitting their bids refer to the link https://www.dcb.bank.in/cms/showpage/page/customer-comer.
- The interested bidders are required to register themselves with the portal and obtain login ID and Password well in advance, which is mandatory for e-bidding, from auction service provider (4dsource.com), Mob. No: 8142000064, Back End Office: 8142000066/63/62, Prospective bidders may avail online training on e-auction from their registered mobile number only.
- Online E-auction participation is mandatory in the auction process by making application in prescribed format which is available along-with the offer tender document on the website.

Date: 10-03-2026 Sd/- Authorized Officer
Place: Vijayawada DCB Bank Limited

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

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I/II DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD(DRT 2)
1st Floor, Triveni Complex Abids, Hyderabad 500001

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.

RC/318/2024 Date: 06-03-2026

Karnataka Bank Limited
Versus
K Balanagi Reddy and Another

To
(CD 1) K Balanagi Reddy, S/o K Shankar Reddy, Aged about 50 years, Occ: Agriculture D.No.2-64, Uddelhal Village, Bommanahalli Mandal, Bommanahalli, Anantapur District, Andhra Pradesh.

(CD 2) K C Nagi Reddy Rural Godowns, Kanekal Village And Mandal, Anantapur District, Andhra Pradesh-515871

Rep By Its Managing Partner
(CD 3) CNX Corporation Limited, 12a, Haji Kasam Building, 3rd Floor, 66, Taminrind Lane, Fort, Mumbai-400001.

This is to notify as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD(DRT 2) in OA/493/2020 an amount of Rs. 3550040 (Rupees Thirty Five Lakhs Fifty Thousands Forty Only) along with pendente lite and future interest @ 9.90 % Simple Interest Yearly w.e.f. 08/12/2020 till realization and costs of Rs. 167135 (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Seven Thousands One Hundred Thirty Five Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally) Fully/Limited.

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

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

4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 10/04/2026 at 10:30 a.m. for further proceedings.

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:

(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.

(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 06/03/2026

Sd/- Recovery Officer
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD(DRT 2)

ICICI Home Finance Corporate Office: ICICI Home Finance Company Limited ICICI HFC Tower, Andheri - Kurla Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai - 400059, India
Branch Office: Supriya Towers, 1st floor, D. No. 5-37-155, 4/15 Brodipet, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh- 522002
[See proviso to rule 8(6)] Notice for sale of immovable assets

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

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd., will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", as per the brief particulars given hereunder:

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Legal Heirs. Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price/ Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction	One Day Before Auction Date	SARFAESI Stage
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
1.	Putla Suresh (Borrower) Putla Divya Teja (Co-Borrower) Loan No. LHGTRO0001413105	D.No.43/2 Door No.10-93 Ambekard Statue, Stuvurtapuram, Kankatapolam, Bapatla, Guntur Andhra Pradesh- 522317	Rs. 11,53,098.00/-	Rs. 16,25,400/-	April 02, 2026 11:00 AM To 03:00 PM	April 10, 2026 02:00 PM To 03:00 PM	April 09, 2026 Before 05:00 PM	Physical Possession

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL: Link-https://BidDeal.in) of our auction agency ValueTrust Capital Services Private Limited. The Mortgagees/ notice are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till April 09, 2026 before 05:00 PM else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) RTGS/ Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before April 09, 2026 before 04:00 PM. The Prospective Bidder(s) must also submit signed copy of Registration Form & Bid Terms and Conditions form ICICI Home Finance Company Limited Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before April 09, 2026 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit Demand Draft (DD) should be paid on a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favor of "ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd. - Auction" payable at the branch office address mentioned on top of the article.

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact ICICI Home Finance Company Limited on 9920807300.

The Authorized Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit https://www.icicifh.com

Date: March 10, 2026 Authorized Officer, "ICICI Home Finance Company Limited",
Place: Guntur CIN Number- U65922MH1999PLC1210106

KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LIMITED Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd., Registered Office: 27, B.C. 2/2, G Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400051. Branch Office: Legal Department, 6-3-109/1, 2nd Floor, Navabharat Chambers, Raj Bhavan Road, Somajiguda, Hyderabad-50 082 Corporate Identity Number: L65110MH1995PLC038137, www.kotak.com

E - AUCTION CUM SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, read with proviso to Rule 8(6) & (9) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, Guarantor (s) and / or Mortgagee, that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited (Secured Creditor), the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Secured Creditor on 12-06-2025 will be sold through E-Auction on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS", "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS", "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" and "NO RECOURSE BASIS" on 25-03-2026, for recovery of Rs. 6,15,02,360.71 (Rupees Six Crores Fifteen Lakhs and Two Thousand and Three Hundred Sixty and paise seventy one only) as on 01-12-2025 together with further interest and other charges thereon at the contractual rates upon the footing of Penal Interest, compound interest until payment/realization due to Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited, being the "Secured Creditor", from the Borrower namely, **Mr. Karshak Seeds - Vaidhava Mills, Property of Mr. Gogineni Damodara Rao, (Borrower), Smt Gogineni Damodara Rao, (Mortgagee/Guarantor), and Smt Gogineni Usha, (Guarantor).** The details / description of Immovable Property being put up for auction, the Reserve Price, the Earnest Money Deposit and the Auction Schedule are mentioned below:

Name of the Mortgagor/s	Details of Immovable Property put for E - Auction	Last date for submission of online bid	Date & Time of E-Auction	Reserve Price (Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (Rs.)
Mr.G.Damodara Rao	All that piece and parcel of Flat No.501, situated in R.S.No. 334/2A, Sri Vaidhava Villa, Gunadala, Vijayawada, Krishna District, extent undivided share of 54.40 Sq.yards and bounded by: East: Steps and Flat No.502, South: Open to Sky, West: Open to Sky and North: Open to Sky. With a plinth area of 1360 sq. feet; 250 Sq. feet of Common area and 150 Sq. feet of parking area along with undivided share of 54.4 Sq.yard in the total extent of 816 sq.yards being bounded by: East: Corporation Road, South: Chaitanya Bhawan Shankara Prasad and Ch. Gangadhara Rao, West: Ayush Hospitals and North: Plot No. 19 and Plot No.2.	24-03-2026 upto 04:00 p.m.	25-03-2026 between 01.00 p.m. to 02.00 p.m.	66,00,000.00 (Rupees Sixty Six Lakhs Only)	6,60,000.00 (Rupees Six Lakhs and Sixty Thousand Only)

The undersigned may at his absolute discretion and on request from the prospective buyers, arrange for inspection of the said property on 13-03-2026 between 11.00 am to 1.00 pm through his authorised representative/agent.

Important Terms and Conditions:

- The E - Auction shall be conducted only through "On Line Electronic Bidding" through website https://www.bankauctions.com on 25-03-2026 from 01.00 p.m. to 02.00 p.m. with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes duration each.
- For details about E-auction, the intending bidders may contact M/s. C1 India Pvt.Ltd through Mr. Dharani Krishna - Mobile +91-9948 182 222; email id - andhra@c1india.com
- The intending bidders may visit the Bank's official website - https://www.kotak.com/en/bank-auctions.html for auction details and for the terms and conditions of sale.
- For detailed terms and conditions of auction sale, the bidders are advised to go through the portal https://www.bankauctions.com and the said terms and conditions shall be binding on the bidders who participate in the bidding process.
- It is requested that the interested Bidders are required to generate the login ID and password from the portal https://www.bankauctions.com before uploading the bid and other documents.
- The successful bidder has to deposit 25% of the highest bid amount (including EMD already paid) immediately on closure of the e-auction sale proceedings on the following working day in case business hours is closed on the day of E - Auction, in the mode stipulated as above. The balance 75% of the highest bid amount shall have to be deposited within 15 days from the date on which the acceptance/confirmation of sale is conveyed to such successful bidder or such extended period which shall be at the sole discretion of the Authorized Officer and within the provisions of SARFAESI Act, 2002 and the Security Interest Rules, 2002.
- The highest bidder will not have any right and title over the property until the Sale Certificate is issued in his favour subject to realization of entire Auction Price and other incidental expenses. Sale shall be subject to terms and conditions of E - Auction and confirmation by the Secured Creditor / that effect.
- In the event where a bidder fails to deposit the entire bid / auction amount, the amount already deposited by the successful bidder shall be forfeited and the defaulting bidder shall neither have claim on the property nor on the amounts deposited. The Authorized Officer shall be free to exercise any one or more rights available to him in terms of the provisions of SARFAESI Act, 2002 and the Security Interest Rules, 2002, in respect of the auction property.
- On receipt of the entire sale consideration within the stipulated period as mentioned above, the Authorized Officer shall issue the Sale Certificate, the sale shall be completed thereafter, and Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited shall not entertain any claims.
- The sale certificate shall be issued in the same name in which the Bid is submitted. No request for inclusion/substitution in the sale certificate of names of any person(s) other than those mentioned in the bid shall be entertained.
- The EMD amount, to the unsuccessful bidders, shall be returned by Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd, in their accounts by way of RTGS / NEFT / Funds Transfer, within 10 (Ten) working days and without any interest.
- The Authorized Officer has the absolute right to accept or reject a bid or postpone/cancel the notified E - Auction Sale without assigning any reason. In the event of postponement/cancellation of the E - Auction Sale after submission of the bid, EMD submitted by the bidders will be returned, without interest and in case the bids are rejected, Authorized Officer can negotiate with any of the bidders or other parties for sale of the property by private treaty.
- In an event of failure of the E - Auction Sale for the want of bids or otherwise or for any other reason, the Authorized Officer can enter into a private treaty for sale of the property, as a whole or any part thereof, with the proposed purchaser or any other party providing an offer to purchase the property.
- In the event where a bidder is declared as the successful bidder in the e-auction sale conducted and subsequent to that, if the auction proceedings are stayed by any Court / Tribunal, at any stage till the date of issuance of the sale certificate and handing over the possession, including but not limited to restraining the bank from further proceedings, then the bidder shall not have any right to claim the refund of the EMD/amount so deposited by him / her or any interest on the amount so deposited towards the sale of the property. The Bank at its sole discretion will refund the money so deposited, without any interest and/or damages and/or claims and no communication will be entertained whatsoever in this regard.
- The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule herinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorized Officer / Secured Creditor, but the Authorized Officer / Secured Creditor shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.
- Any encumbrances are not known to the Bank. The Authorized Officer or the Bank shall not be responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrances, or any other dues to the Government or anyone else in respect of property auctioned. The Intending Bidder is advised to make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances on the property including statutory liabilities, arrears of property tax, electricity dues etc.
- All statutory dues/ other dues including registration charges, stamp duty, taxes, etc. shall have to be borne by the purchaser.
- All outgoing charges i.e. Municipal Taxes, Maintenance/Society charges, Electricity and Water charges and any other dues or taxes including transfer charges / fees in respect of the property put for Auction-cum-Sale under the present notice shall be paid by the successful Bidder/Purchaser solely.
- All other incidental charges (including but not limited to security charges or maintenance charges for preservation of the property under the present auction) will be borne solely by the highest bidder from the date of issuance of Certificate of Sale, which will have to be cleared / reimbursed to the Bank before registration of the Certificate of Sale. However at the sole discretion of the Authorized Officer, any just and reasonable delay will be considered for exemption, without setting any precedent for future.
- As per Section 194-I of the Income Tax Act, 1961, TDS @ 1% shall be applicable on the sale proceeds, if the sale consideration is Rs. 50,00,000.00 (Rupees Fifty Lakhs only) and above, the Successful Bidder/purchaser shall deduct and deposit 1% TDS in the name/s of Mr. G. Damodara Rao having PAN No. ACPYGT902C and to be borne by him from the sale price of the respective property and deposit the same with Income Tax Department, Furthermore only 99% of the Sale price is to be remitted to the Bank.
- Buyer will strictly be on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS", "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS", "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" and "NO RECOURSE BASIS" on the terms and conditions as mentioned herein, however the Authorized Officer shall have the absolute discretionary right to change or vary any of the terms and conditions. The bidders are advised to make their own independent inquiries regarding any encumbrances, Search in Sub-Registrar Office and Revenue Records and Municipal Records and any administrative Government records relating to the concerned Property and sending electricity charges (if any) etc. before submitting the bid for the concerned Property. Please note that the Bank/Authorized Officer/Secured Creditor does not in any way guarantee or make any representation with regard to the fitness/title of the properties/assets under auction. Sale/auction will be strictly on no recourse basis.
- If the dues of the bank together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by them or part thereof as may be acceptable to the bank are tendered by/on behalf of the Borrower(s)/Guarantors/Mortgagor/s, at any time on or before the date fixed for sale, the auction / sale of asset may be cancelled.
- The Authorized Officer reserves the right to accept or reject all bids, if not found acceptable or to postpone/cancel / adjourn/terminate or vary the terms of the auction at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever and his decision in this regard shall be final.
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EDITORIAL

Viral Sensations to First-Timers: Meet Nepal's Gen Z Poll Stars - Beyond Balen Shah

From rapper-turned-politician to social activist viral on social media, and promoter of education and scientific inventions to the hard-working mayor of a small town, Nepal election has them all.

Not just former Kathmandu mayor Balendra Shah, or his Rastriya Swatantra Party (RSP) colleague former TV show host Rabi Lamichhane, Nepal's post Gen Z revolt election has seen all kinds of candidates, a lot of them political novices, representing diverse backgrounds.

With the RSP having created history with a near-clean sweep, rapper-mayor Balen Shah is all set to become Nepal's new prime minister.

But Balen Shah is not the only unusual face in this election. Meet some of the other interesting ones:

ASHIKA TAMANG, 33, RSP

Ashika Tamang is a well-known name in Nepal thanks to her viral videos. In recent years, she's shown herself in action in her videos calling out men peeing at public places, or folks throwing garbage at river banks. She became popular after her videos with social messages went viral on social media platforms like Facebook Reels, Instagram and TikTok. At times, the "Nepali Angelina Jolie" also faced the wrath of Nepal Police and the law of land for allegedly failing to honour public decency. The former nurse-cum-actress is endearingly called Didi (sister) for her social work and campaign against corruption and wrong-doing. She won many hearts and minds during last year's Gen Z revolt after collecting funds to help protesters injured or dead during the violent protests. Prior to election, she courted some controversy as she spent some time in Germany working as a staff nurse. She has won the parliamentary seat from Dhading-1 as an RSP candidate, securing an impressive 39,000-plus votes, and beating old-time political heavyweights like Rajendra Pandey of the Communist Party of Nepal - Unified Marxist Leninist (CPN-UML).

MAHABIR PUN, 71, INDEPENDENT

Mahabir Pun is a well-known Nepali scientist and an activist. He founded Nepal Wireless Networking Project in the 2000s which helped connect western Nepal's remote mountain villages and schools to the worldwide web. Until last summer, he was busy touring Nepali towns and villages, selling his autobiography to raise funds for various social work projects, including the National Invention Centre that he founded in 2012.

Prior to that he was engaged in community development initiatives such as setting up self-sustainable, community-run schools and projects like yak and rabbit farming to support rural education. In 2007, he was honoured with the Ramon Magsaysay Award.

Later, he earned an honorary doctorate from University of Nebraska, USA, from where he had completed his Bachelor's and Master's degrees decades earlier.

Despite the distinctions he achieved, he continued to live an austere life, serving Nepali communities. After last September's #GenZRevolt he was appointed Minister for Education, Science and Technology in the interim government, but he quit in January to fight the election. This week, he won the House of Representatives election from Myagdi-1 with nearly 23,000 votes, defeating his rival by a huge margin. Harka Sampang Rai, 43, Shram Sanskriti Party (SSP) Harka Sampang Rai is a famous face in Nepali political and social media landscape. Son of a British Gurkha soldier, he holds a Bachelor's degree and worked as an English teacher before turning into a social activist.

A \$10 Billion Threat: How Exposed India Really May Be To Middle East's Oil Crisis

As the stock market bleeds, trade's stopped in major routes, interlinked businesses collapse, each nation's macroeconomic resilience is under a severe stress test, especially, when a country's energy system is deeply embedded in fragile global networks. The rapidly escalating conflict in West Asia triggered by the US-Israel power axis and the rising instability surrounding Iran's response, its blockade of the Strait of Hormuz in a few days, illustrates how quickly such disruptions travel from tanker routes to macroeconomic fundamentals. For a major energy-importing economy like India, the macroeconomic shock does not remain limited to oil prices. It moves almost immediately through the balance of payments, financial markets, and corporate balance sheets. The most immediate transmission mechanism is the balance of payments. India relies on imports for over 85% of its crude oil requirements, making energy prices one of the most powerful external determinants of macroeconomic stability. Empirical estimates suggest that every ten-dollar increase in the price of Brent crude widens India's current account deficit by roughly 0.3 to 0.4% of GDP, translating into over USD 10 billion in additional import expenditure. What History Suggests Energy shocks rarely occur in isolation. Periods of geopolitical uncertainty often trigger broader commodity movements and precautionary import behaviour. In early 2026, India's gold imports surged sharply as households and investors sought a hedge against global volatility. Combined with higher fertilizer imports and rising energy costs, this pushed the country's merchandise trade deficit to unusually elevated levels. Before drawing parallels with earlier oil shocks, however, an important distinction must be made. The current disruption does not yet resemble the systemic energy crises of the past. It's Different This Time The scale of the price increase remains modest. Brent crude is trading around the eighty-dollar range, well below the levels reached during the Russia-Ukraine energy shock in 2022, when prices surged above USD 130 per barrel. Even in historical perspective, current prices fall within ranges that global markets have previously absorbed without triggering a full macroeconomic break-



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down. Equally important is the narrow scope of the disturbance. Earlier crises were marked by simultaneous surges across multiple energy markets. The inflationary spiral of 2021 and 2022 was driven by the simultaneous rise in oil, natural gas, coal, and electricity prices. Today's volatility is concentrated largely in crude oil and liquefied natural gas markets, preventing the broad-based energy inflation that defined previous crises. The structure of global energy consumption has also evolved dramatically since the 1970s. At the time of the Arab oil embargo, petroleum accounted for nearly 25% of global electricity generation. Today, that share has fallen to less than 3%. The Import Vulnerability Yet the absence of a full energy crisis does not mean the macroeconomic consequences are mild. For energy-importing economies, even moderate oil shocks propagate quickly through domestic inflation dynamics. Higher oil prices feed directly into retail inflation through transportation costs, energy inputs, and fertilizer-linked agricultural prices. A sustained increase of USD 10 to 15 dollars per barrel can add roughly thirty basis points to consumer price inflation, while shaving roughly twenty basis points off real GDP growth. This creates a textbook stagflation drag, importing infla-

tionary pressures while suffocating domestic expansion. This widening deficit places immediate depreciation pressure on the Rupee. To prevent a currency freefall and limit imported inflation, the Reserve Bank of India is forced to aggressively intervene using its foreign exchange reserves to mop up Rupees. This massive intervention sucks immense amounts of Rupee liquidity out of the domestic banking system. Consequently, domestic borrowing costs spike for businesses and consumers alike. The dynamic creates a shadow tightening of monetary policy that chokes off credit growth, even if the central bank officially holds the repo rate steady. Persistent inflation driven by these supply-side shocks also forces households to dip into their savings to maintain basic consumption levels. This reduces the pool of domestic capital available for investment, further constraining long-term economic growth. The Point India May Be Missing The narrative that India's economy resides in a resilient sweet spot relies heavily on the assumption of frictionless global trade. A prolonged paralysis of the Strait of Hormuz shatters that premise, exposing the structural limits of the nation's energy architecture. The Strait itself carries around one-fifth of global oil supplies and over 20 mil-

lion barrels per day of petroleum flows, making it one of the world's most critical energy chokepoints. India's profound dependence on Gulf suppliers reveals that aggregate macroeconomic buffers are highly asymmetrical. While strategic petroleum reserves offer a temporary cushion for crude, the lack of strategic storage for refined products leaves the domestic economy dangerously exposed to localized shocks. However, the core threat remains macroeconomic stabilization. The true cost of an extended Hormuz closure is the sudden obsolescence of India's current strategic reserves and subsidy frameworks. Moving forward, policymakers must urgently rethink their strategic response to these vulnerabilities. This requires expanding the size and scope of strategic reserves to include essential fuels like LPG, aggressively diversifying toward Atlantic Basin crude, and building robust maritime security coordination with Gulf partners. A logistical freeze in the Middle East does not merely slow Indian economic growth. It destabilizes the country's balance of payments and amplifies its external vulnerability, which demands a complete recalibration of how the nation insulates its macroeconomic stability from external geopolitical decay when uncertainty rises.

Life is bigger than one exam: Questioning the mindset surrounding the UPSC



(UPSC is not the only measure of success, there is a world of success beyond UPSC)

The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) results were recently announced. Like every year, the stories of successful candidates are making headlines. The interviews of the toppers, their strategies, their hard work, and their struggles are being discussed across the country. This is natural. The achievements of the young people who succeed in this exam after years of rigorous preparation are certainly worthy of praise. But amidst all this celebration, there's another aspect that's less frequently discussed. It's the mindset that's forming in our society around the UPSC, which has transformed this exam into not just an opportunity but the ultimate measure of success. Gradually, the belief that the ultimate goal of education is the UPSC has become deeply ingrained in our social environment. In homes, among relatives, and even in school and college settings, the message often echoes: true success lies in passing this exam. If a young man or woman in a household is selected for the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) or Indian Police Service (IPS), it becomes a matter of pride for the entire family and neighborhood. This pride is natural, but it also carries an unspoken message: those who fail to clear this exam are perhaps not as successful. This mindset often creates unnecessary pressure on the minds of millions of young people. At the age of

18 or 19, when a student is contemplating their future, the UPSC is often presented as the ultimate goal. Interestingly, very few of these young people actually pursue this path, understanding the complexities of governance, policymaking, or public service. Often, this decision is driven more by the desire for social prestige than by motivation. This trend has intensified in the age of social media. Short video clips, images of officers in uniform, and popular portrayals like "Collector Sahib" or "Supercop" create an attractive image in the minds of young people. But the reality behind these images—long working hours, administrative complexities, constant responsibility during natural disasters, political pressure, and the difficulties of decision-making—is rarely mentioned. Another important issue related to this exam is that of language. Over the past few years, the representation of Hindi-medium candidates in UPSC results has been steadily declining. This is not just a language issue, but also an issue of equality of opportunity. Many students from smaller cities and towns across the country prepare for this exam with limited resources. They face challenges with the English language, a lack of study materials, and expensive coaching facilities. Ironically, the officials who must work with the country's diverse population often think and speak in their local languages. Hindi, Bhojpuri, Maithili, Awadhi, or other Indian languages are not just a medium of communication but also an expression of social experiences. If the experience of linguistic inequality increases in the selection process, it should be a matter of concern. At the same time, we must recognize that a nation isn't built solely by administrative services. Today, the contributions of scientists, engineers, entrepreneurs, teachers, doctors, and technical experts are equally important to India's progress. Thousands of young people working in information technology are strengthening the country's digital infrastructure. New ideas in the startup world are finding solutions to the problems of

farmers, small businesses, and ordinary citizens. Yet these professions rarely enjoy the social prestige that civil service commands. This imbalance also impacts young people's career choices. Many talented students, simply due to societal expectations, spend years preparing for the UPSC, even though their potential could contribute significantly in other fields. It's also a harsh reality that out of millions of candidates, only a few hundred ultimately succeed in this exam. For the remaining candidates, the process can often prove lengthy and mentally demanding. Some students persevere for five or six years, during which their age, financial resources, and sometimes even personal relationships are compromised. In the event of failure, they are left feeling as if their struggle was in vain. In fact, this attitude is the biggest problem. Success or failure in an exam cannot determine a person's full potential or worth. The UPSC is certainly an important exam, but it is not the door to life's possibilities. As a society, we must understand that there are many paths to success. If we encourage young people to pursue only one path as supreme, we will inadvertently limit their potential. The need today is that while we respect exams like the UPSC, we shouldn't let them become the sole goal of life. Young people must be assured that their hard work, their talent, and their contributions are not diminished by any single result. Every profession has its own dignity, and every responsibility has its own importance in society. If we can develop this balanced approach, it will not only reduce unnecessary pressure on young people but also provide the country with talented and dedicated citizens in diverse fields. Ultimately, it's important to remember that the result of any exam determines only an opportunity, not a person's worth. Life's possibilities are much broader than that—and it is these possibilities that are the true strength of a society. (Dr. Satyawan Saurabh, PhD (Political Science), is a poet and social thinker.)

The extremes of political hatred and the prestige of the country



PRIYANKA SAURABH

(What will those people say now who did not hesitate to call the Prime Minister a "curse" using the stadium's name as an excuse?)

Dissent and criticism are considered a healthy tradition in a democracy. Questioning the government in power, its decisions, and its leadership is both a citizen's right and a testament to the strength of democracy. However, when criticism crosses the line and reaches the level of personal sarcasm, ridicule, and insults, it ceases to be merely political disagreement but takes the form of a mindset that undermines democratic discourse. In recent years, bitterness and hatred have increasingly replaced ideological differences in Indian politics. There is a growing tendency to judge any event, achievement, or national event through a political lens. This is why some people often view national achievements or events with disdain simply because they are linked to a leadership or government with which they ideologically disagree. The playing field is generally considered separate from politics. Sports involve competition, wins and losses, but ultimately, the spirit of sportsmanship reigns supreme. However, when the sporting arena is turned into a medium for political sarcasm and personal comments, it undermines both the dignity of the sport and national sentiment. When a sport like cricket, which is deeply connected to the sentiments of millions of people in India, is made the

subject of political taunts, this trend appears worrying. Ironically, India made history by winning the World Cup on the same stadium whose name has been subjected to sarcasm and satire by some. This event speaks volumes not only from a sporting perspective but also symbolically. It demonstrates that fleeting political commentary and negative rhetoric ultimately fail to match real achievements. In a vast and diverse democracy like India, it's natural that not everyone will share the same political ideology. No leader or government is beyond criticism. However, it's equally essential that criticism be based on facts, logic, and decorum. When criticism degenerates into mere sarcasm, insults, and ridicule, it undermines the dignity of democratic discourse. The proliferation of social media has further complicated this problem. Today, everyone has a platform to express their opinions. This is positive from a democratic perspective, as it has expanded freedom of expression. However, it is also evident that sometimes, without fact-checking or thinking seriously, people make comments that spark unnecessary controversy and bitterness. Sometimes, simply to please a particular group or to fit in, people use language that is inappropriate in any way. The decorum of language is of particular importance in political discourse. Words not only express ideas but also influence the social environment. When the language used in public life becomes increasingly harsh and offensive, it impacts general social behavior. Gradually, the tendency to perceive disagreement as hostility and criticism as insult begins to grow. Satire and sarcasm have always had their place in the Indian political tradition, but they were also accompanied by a certain balance and decorum. Today, the situation often appears to be one where the intensity of words and harsh language eliminate the possibility of dialogue. This creates unnecessary tension and division in society. In this context, it's also important to

understand that healthy criticism is essential in any democracy. If the government or leadership makes a mistake, criticism is natural. It's the responsibility of the media, intellectuals, and ordinary citizens to question those in power. But criticism should aim for reform, not merely insult or ridicule. The biggest challenge facing society today is to understand the difference between healthy criticism and unnecessary hatred. Political differences are a natural feature of democracy, but if these differences become a source of social division, it becomes a matter of concern. Therefore, it is essential that we embrace disagreement as a form of respectful dialogue, rather than turning it into a means of personal attack. Conscious sections of society—such as writers, journalists, academics, and intellectuals—can play a crucial role in this direction. They must ensure that the level of public discourse does not decline. Strengthening the tradition of expressing one's views with logic, facts, and decorum can be the greatest contribution to democracy. It should also be kept in mind that political power is not permanent. Over time, governments change, leaders come and go, and circumstances evolve. But a nation's reputation and dignity are permanent. Therefore, in any political dispute or disagreement, we must not forget the fundamental fact that, ultimately, we are all citizens of the same country, and its reputation is a shared responsibility. Today, we need to make political debate more mature and responsible. Instead of turning disagreement into hostility, we should make it a medium for a healthy exchange of ideas. Criticize, but based on logic and facts. Use satire, but maintain its decorum. And most importantly, under all circumstances, we should put the nation's reputation and dignity above all else. The true strength of democracy lies not just in elections, but in the ongoing dialogue within society. If this dialogue is restrained, rational, and respectful, democracy will be strengthened.

Crude oil prices spike near USD 120 a barrel as Iran war impedes production, shipping

Chicago: Oil prices spiked near USD 120 per barrel before falling back on Monday, March 9, as the Iran war intensified, threatening production and shipping in the Middle East and pummeling financial markets. The price for a barrel of Brent crude, the international standard, surged to \$119.50 per barrel early in the day but later was trading at USD 107.80 per barrel. West Texas Intermediate, the light, sweet crude oil produced in the United States, spiked at \$119.48 per barrel but fell back to USD 103 per barrel. The war's toll on civilian targets grew as Bahrain accused Iran of striking a desalination plant vital to drinking water supplies, and oil depots in Tehran smoldered following overnight strikes by Israel. Oil prices have surged as the war, now in its second week, ensnares countries and places that are critical to the production and movement of oil and gas from the Persian Gulf. Prices moderated after the Financial Times reported that some members of the Group of Seven industrial nations were considering releases of strategic oil reserves to alleviate pressure on the markets. The unconfirmed report cited unnamed people



familiar with the talks. On Saturday, President Donald Trump downplayed the idea of turning to America's Strategic Petroleum Reserve, saying US supplies would soon fall. Roughly 15 million barrels of crude oil — about 20 per cent of the world's oil — typically are shipped every day through the Strait of Hormuz, according to independent research firm Rystad Energy. The threat of Iranian missile and drone attacks has all but stopped tankers from traveling through the strait, which is bordered in the north by Iran, carry oil and gas from

Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq, Qatar, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and Iran. Iraq, Kuwait and the UAE have cut their oil production as storage tanks fill due to the reduced ability to export crude. Iran, Israel and the United States also have attacked oil and gas facilities since the war started, exacerbating supply concerns. The surge in costs for oil and natural gas is pushing fuel prices higher, cascading through other industries and jolting Asian economies that are especially vulnerable due to the region's heavy reliance on imports from the Middle East. The last time Brent

and US crude futures traded near the current level was in 2022, after Russia invaded Ukraine. Higher energy costs push inflation higher, straining household budgets and denting the consumer spending that is a main driver of many big economies. Tokyo's benchmark Nikkei 225 index shed 5.2 per cent on Monday while other markets also foundered. US futures were down more than 1.5 per cent. On Friday, the S&P 500 dropped 1.3 per cent and the Dow plunged as many as 945 points before finishing with a loss of roughly 450. The Nasdaq composite sank 1.6 per cent. In the US, a gallon of regular

gasoline rose to USD 3.45 on Sunday, about 47 cents more than a week earlier, according to AAA motor club. Diesel was selling for about USD 4.60 a gallon, a weekly increase of about 83 cents. Energy Secretary Chris Wright, speaking on CNN's "State of the Union," said US gas prices would be back under USD 3 a gallon "before too long." "Look, you never know exactly the time frame of this, but, in the worst case, this is a weeks, this is not a months thing," Wright added. If oil prices stay above USD 100 per barrel, some analysts and investors say it could be too much for the global economy to withstand. Iranian authorities said strikes by Israel on oil depots in Tehran and a petroleum transfer terminal early Sunday killed four people. Israel's military said the depots were being used by Iran's military for fuel to launch missiles. Mohammad Bagher Qalibaf, the speaker of Iran's parliament, warned that the war's impact on the oil industry would spiral. Iran exports roughly 1.6 million barrels of oil a day, mostly to China, which may need to look elsewhere for supply if Iran's exports are disrupted, another factor that could increase energy prices.

PURE Energy Private Limited Wins Defamation Case; Court Orders Rs.50 Lakh Damages Against Influencer Aditya Prabhakar

Hyderabad 2026: On January 29, 2026, the Court of the III Additional District and Sessions Judge at Sangareddy delivered a significant judgment in the case of PUR Energy Private Limited vs. M. Prabhakar Aditya (O.S. No. 78 of 2024). The court decreed a recovery of Rs. 50,00,000 (INR 50 Lakhs) in damages in favor of PURE Energy, marking a decisive victory for emerging startup brands against the rising tide of digital extortion and malicious misinformation campaigns orchestrated by social media influencers. **Judicial Findings: Protecting the Right to Reputation** Presiding Judge Smt. G. Sunitha Ravindra Reddy emphasized that the right to reputation is a fundamental right protected under the Constitution of India. The court found that the defendant's, Mr Aditya Prabhakar (known as "EV TraxelXP"), resident of Ongole, Andhra Pradesh, actions caused "immense loss of reputation" and "irreparable loss which cannot be compensated." The court observed that the defendant, preying on the assumption that the legal system is slow, remained ex-parte (absent) during the proceedings, failing to contest the evidence provided by PURE Energy. This evidence included snapshots of defamatory comments, copies of emails, and the deceptive videos themselves. **The Verdict: Financial and Legal Redress** The court ruled entirely in favor of PURE Energy, granting the following reliefs: **Relief Granted** Description Damages Rs. 50,00,000/- for defamation and loss of reputation.



Legal Costs Rs. 73,383/- to be paid by the defendant to the plaintiff. **Permanent Injunction** Restraining the defendant from using or defaming the plaintiff's trademark. **Mandatory Injunction** Requiring the removal of all defamatory material/comments/videos from the internet. Beyond the financial penalty, the court issued a mandatory injunction requiring: The immediate takedown of all scandalous and derogatory content. A public apology in both national newspapers and across the defendant's social media platforms. A permanent restraint on the misuse or dilution of the PURE EV trademark and designs. **The Calculated Defamation Campaign** The court's findings highlighted a deliberate attempt to tarnish PURE Energy's reputation through a YouTube video titled "One Company Destroyed the EV Industry! Poor EV! Real Face." The defendant's tactics included: **Trademark Infringement:** Shrewdly replacing the registered trademark "PURE EV" with "POOR EV" to escape liability while ensuring the audience identified the target.

Stock markets nosedive amid ongoing Middle East conflict

Mumbai: Stock market benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty tumbled nearly 3 per cent in early trade on Monday, March 9, as boiling crude oil prices and bearish trend in global equities weighed heavily on investors' sentiment. Besides, relentless foreign fund outflows also made investors jittery. The 30-share BSE Sensex crashed 2,345.89 points or 2.97 per cent to 76,573.01 in early trade. The 50-share NSE Nifty tumbled 708.75 points or 2.89 per cent to 23,741.70. All the 30-Sensex firms were trading lower. InterGlobe Aviation traded nearly 8 per cent lower. Tata Steel, Maruti, State Bank of India, EteThe 30-share BSE Sensex crashed 2,345.89 points or 2.97 per cent to 76,573.01 in early trade. rnal, Asian Paints and ICICI Bank were also among the major laggards. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, jumped 23.63 per cent to USD 114.59 per barrel. "Brent crude has spiked above \$115 delivering a big oil shock to economies and markets. Big oil importers like India will be



hit hard if the West Asian conflict lingers long and crude price remains high," VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Investments Limited, said. In Asian markets, South Korea's Kospi tumbled over 7 per cent and Japan's Nikkei 225 dropped 6.5 per cent. Shanghai's SSE Composite index and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index were also quoting lower. The US market ended lower on Friday. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 6,030.38 crore on Friday, according to exchange data. Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs) bought

stocks worth Rs 6,971.51 crore in the previous trade. On Friday, the Sensex tumbled 1,097 points or 1.37 per cent to settle at 78,918.90. The Nifty dropped 315.45 points or 1.27 per cent to end at 24,450.45. Last week, the BSE benchmark tanked 2,368.29 points or 2.91 per cent, and the Nifty declined 728.2 points or 2.89 per cent. The 30-share BSE Sensex crashed 2,345.89 points or 2.97 per cent to 76,573.01 in early trade. The 50-share NSE Nifty tumbled 708.75 points or 2.89 per cent to 23,741.70. All the 30-Sensex firms were trading lower. InterGlobe Aviation traded nearly 8 percent lower. Tata

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Royal Stag BoomBox creates a spell-binding experience in Vizag: Electrifying Line-Up Featuring Badshah, Nikhita Gandhi, Sreerama Chandra, DJ Sahil Gulati and Payal Dhare

Visakhapatnam, 9th March 2026: Celebrating its philosophy of 'Living It Large', Seagram's Royal Stag brought the much-anticipated fourth edition of Royal Stag BoomBox to Vizag at Indira Priyadarshini Stadium on March 7th. Building on the phenomenal success of previous editions, this year's Royal Stag BoomBox raises the bar by seamlessly blending the best of music and gaming entertainment into one immersive experience. The electrifying evening drew thousands of fans who came together to witness performances by some of India's most celebrated artists. From high-energy sets to unforgettable on-stage moments, the night delivered a powerful showcase of sound, spectacle and the unmistakable spirit of this generation - Generation Large. The Indira Priyadarshini Stadium, in Vizag transformed into a multisensory playground, featuring vibrant installations, immersive art displays, curated food experiences



and interactive zones — going far beyond just music. The evening began with an electric face-off between gaming sensation Payal Dhare & a fan who battled through the gaming rounds at the event, clinched the win, and earned the chance to play alongside her. This was fol-

lowed by a dynamic opening set by DJ Sahil Gulati, who instantly set the tone with his irresistible beats. The momentum continued with an energetic performance by Nikhita Gandhi, known for her versatile pop style and contemporary Bollywood hits that brought a fresh, modern vibe to the stage. Carrying the pulse of the night forward, Sreerama Chandra followed with his powerful vocals and emotive performance style, delivering timeless melodies that created a heartfelt and memorable moment for the audience. Closing the night on a massive high, Badshah brought his signature larger-than-life swagger to the stage, delivering back-to-back anthems that turned the stadium into a roaring celebration seamlessly reflecting the festival's unique fusion of musical styles and leaving Generation Large with an unforgettable live experience. Royal Stag Boombox has evolved into far more than a music festival, it's a cultural platform that captures the pulse of contemporary India and the unmistakable energy of Generation Large," said Debasree Dasgupta, Chief Marketing Officer, Pernod Ricard India. "Music and live experiences are powerful engines of connection; they create shared moments and enable true conviviality."

Meesho gets about Rs 1,500 cr income tax demand notice

New Delhi: E-commerce firm Meesho has received an income tax demand notice of around Rs 1,500 crore, including interest, which the company plans to contest, a recent company filing said. Meesho received the notice on March 6 for assessment year 2023-24. "The Assessment Unit of Income Tax Department has raised a tax demand aggregating to Rs 14,99,73,82,840, including applicable interest," the filing said. The filing said that the demand order is based on certain additions and adjustments to the income reported by the company. "The company is currently evaluating the Assessment Order and does not concur with the observations and adjustments made in the Assessment Order. The company believes that it has adequate legal and factual grounds to contest the same and is taking necessary steps to protect its interest," Meesho said. The e-commerce firm said that a similar demand order was



issued for the assessment year 2022-23 as well, which it disclosed in detail in the prospectus filed on December 5, 2025. "As indicated therein, the High Court of Karnataka, by an order dated April 17, 2025, granted an interim stay on such demand notice and the matter is currently pending. "The Assessment Order along with the Demand Notice does not have any major adverse impact on the company's financial position, operations, or other activities," the filing said. The company has reported a widening of loss to Rs 490.6 crore for the third quarter ended

December 2025, mainly due to a significant jump in expenses during the festive season. The company had posted a loss of Rs 37.43 crore in the year-ago period. Meesho's expenses increased by about 44 per cent during the quarter, especially in the category of "other expense", which has been a significant portion of the total spending across the reported period. The e-commerce firm posted expenses of close to Rs 4,071 crore during the quarter, out of which "other expenses" stood at Rs 3,821.3 crore, or about 94 per cent of the total during the reported quarter.

Central Electricity Authority Recognizes Power Sector Frontline Workforce at 6th Lineman Diwas on March 2026

New Delhi, 9th March 2026: The sixth edition of 'Lineman Diwas' was celebrated in New Delhi today by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA), Ministry of Power, in collaboration with Tata Power Delhi Distribution Ltd. The observance of Lineman Diwas is aimed at acknowledging the tireless dedication and invaluable services of linemen and ground maintenance staff, whose contributions are critical to ensuring the reliable delivery of electricity services across the country. The event was graced by Shri Shripad Yesso Naik, Minister of State for Power and New & Renewable Energy of India. Shri Pankaj Agarwal, Secretary(Power) delivered the keynote address. Shri Ghanshyam Prasad, Chairperson, and Members of CEA, Mr. Dwijadas Basak, CEO, Tata Power-DDL along with senior leaders and distinguished stakeholders from across the power sector. Around 250 linemen and



supervisors from over 66 State and private power distribution and generation companies, along with transmission licensees across India, participated in the event. The gathering provided a platform to share experiences, discuss operational challenges in maintaining uninterrupted power supply, and exchange insights on safety practices while promoting collaborative learning among partici-

pants. The programme commenced with the administration of a safety pledge and participants affirmed their commitment to follow safety practices and remain vigilant in order to protect themselves, their families, and society at large. Addressing the gathering, Shri Shripad Yesso Naik said that Lineman Diwas, observed during National Safety Week, acknowledges the dedication of frontline power sector workers who ensure uninterrupted electricity supply across the country. He emphasised the need to strengthen safety culture at the workplace through consistent use of personal protective equipment, proper shutdown confirmation before undertaking maintenance work, and regular capacity-building and training. He further highlighted that the adoption of modern technologies

such as smart grids, real-time monitoring systems, AI-enabled predictive maintenance, and drone-based inspections can help identify potential faults in advance and minimise risk to field personnel. Referring to the theme of the sixth edition of Lineman Diwas — "Seva, Suraksha, Swabhiman" — he said it reflects the spirit of service, safety, and dignity of the power sector's frontline workforce. Referring to linemen as the warriors of the power sector, Sh. Pankaj Agarwal, Secretary(Power) observed that during harsh weather or natural disasters, when people remain indoors, linemen step out to restore electricity and ensure continuity of power supply. He noted that despite increasing automation in the sector, it is the linemen on the ground who ultimately restore systems and keep the network running. He emphasised that all field personnel should be equipped with standardised safety kits and tools.

Iranian missiles intercepted over Turkey, UAE and Qatar, as oil price passes \$100 a barrel

Friedrich Merz has called for a speedy change of government Iran, saying: "The sooner the mullah regime stops, the sooner this war will be over." The German chancellor says: "Iran is the centre of international terrorism and this centre must be shut down and the Americans and Israelis are doing that in their own way." He also says the war could have "repercussions" on the German economy, the largest in Europe, and says his government is "doing everything we can to increase our independence in energy policy". Air activity has increased significantly in the last 72 hours here at RAF Fairford in Gloucestershire, south-west of England, with the United States putting in some of its heavy-duty bomber forces. On Monday, three B-52 bombers landed - the first time B-52s have been seen in the UK during this current conflict. These old, subsonic, warhorse staples of the American Air Force came



into service in the 1950s and have seen action everywhere from Vietnam to Afghanistan. Some B-52s form part of the United States Strategic Command, meaning they can carry nuclear weapons. But they can also be used to deliver conventional air-to-ground munitions. Four B-1 bombers have also landed here since Friday. These supersonic aircraft are capable of flying long distances and can carry

up to 24 cruise missiles. Fairford has a 10,000ft (3,000m) runway, making it ideal for these giant aircraft. These arrivals have attracted dozens of journalists and local people, who've dotted themselves around the perimeter fence to catch a glimpse of this impressive American firepower. Two members of the United Arab Emirates armed forces have been killed in a helicopter crash caused by a technical

malfunction, according to the country's defence ministry. It's not clear whether the incident is related to the US-Israel war with Iran. The UAE's Ministry of Defence says the two people killed were "performing their national duty" at the time of the incident on Monday, and that it "extends its deepest condolences and sympathies to the families of the two martyrs". Earlier we reported that an explosion had been heard in the Qatari

capital of Doha. Qatar's defence ministry now reports that it has been attacked by 17 ballistic missiles and six drones from Iran. It says that its armed forces have successfully intercepted all of the attacks without any casualties. One of the key reasons oil prices have surged to a new four-year high above \$100 (£75) is the absence of shipping traffic passing through the Strait of Hormuz, the only route for tankers carrying oil and gas out of the Gulf. Publicly available tracking data from MarineTraffic shows only one vessel, sailing under a Belize flag, crossing the strait and heading east into the Indian Ocean in the past 24 hours. Another Comoros-flagged vessel can be seen approaching, but has not transmitted its location for over 10 hours. TankerTrackers.com, which monitors global energy shipments, tells BBC Verify that they have identified 57 vessels in the region that are "dark" - meaning they are not

transmitting AIS tracking signals. War-risk insurance premiums for vessels in the area have increased and Iran has threatened to "set ablaze" vessels using the route. BBC Verify has identified 11 reported incidents of damage to commercial ships in the area. Neil Roberts, head of marine and aviation at the Lloyd's Market Association which represents insurance firms, says many vessels remain at anchor because of safety concerns rather than the issue of obtaining insurance cover. On Friday, the US announced a plan for a government-backed reinsurance scheme to help maintain coverage for ships transiting the strait. Like Europe and Asia, US stock markets have also fallen after being spooked by oil prices. Within minutes of opening, the Dow Jones Industrial Average tumbled 1.1% - or more than 550 points, while the S&P 500 index fell by 1%. The Nasdaq also began Monday in the red, down 1%.

POLICE RELEASE IMAGES OF OSLO US EMBASSY EXPLOSION SUSPECT



Police in Norway have released pictures of a suspect linked to an explosion outside the US's embassy in Norway's capital Oslo on Sunday. Two heavily pixelated images taken from surveillance footage show a person with their face concealed, dressed in dark clothing and carrying a backpack. Police said in a statement on Monday that their investigation had so far showed the explosion was caused by an improvised device that was placed at the building's entrance. The blast caused minor damage and no injuries were reported. Police previously said it was possible the explosion was an act of ter-

rorism. They said in their latest update that they had no developments on the attacker's motive. As well as the images, investigators were also examining a video published on Google Maps around the time of the incident, police said. The now-deleted video featured Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, local media reported. He was assassinated last month during joint US-Israeli strikes on Tehran. Police said the investigation into the embassy blast was being treated as high priority and that dogs, drones and helicopters had been used to carry out investigations at the scene of the explosion.

WHO IS MOJTABA KHAMENEI, IRAN'S NEW SUPREME LEADER?



Mojtaba Khamenei, the son of Iran's Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who was killed in US-Israeli strikes, has been chosen as his successor. Unlike his father, the 56-year-old has largely kept a low profile. He has never held government office, nor given public speeches or interviews, and only a limited number of photos and videos of him have ever been published. But for years there have been rumours that he held considerable influence behind the scenes in Iran. US diplomatic cables, which were published by WikiLeaks in the late 2000s, described him as "the power behind the robes" who was widely regarded as a "capable and forceful" figure within the regime, according to news agency AP. Yet his selection could still prove controversial. The Islamic Republic was founded in 1979 after the monarchy was overthrown and its ideology is based on the principle that the supreme leader should be chosen for his religious standing and proven leadership, not through hereditary succession. During his reign, Ali Khamenei spoke only in general terms about the future leadership of the Islamic Republic. One member of Iran's Assembly of

Experts - the clerical body that selects the supreme leader - said two years ago that Ali Khamenei opposed the idea of his son being a candidate for future leadership. But he had never publicly addressed such speculation. So, who is Mojtaba Khamenei? Born on 8 September 1969 in the north-eastern city of Mashhad, Mojtaba is the second of Ali Khamenei's six children. He received his secondary education at the religious Alavi School in Tehran. At 17, Mojtaba served in the military for several short periods during the Iran-Iraq War, according to Iranian media. The eight-year bloody conflict made the regime even more suspicious of the US and the West, which supported Iraq. In 1999, Mojtaba went to Qom, a holy city which is considered an important centre of Shia theology, to continue his religious studies. It is notable that he did not wear clerical clothing until this time, and it is unclear why he decided to attend a seminary at 30, as it is more usual to do so in one's younger years. Mojtaba remains a mid-ranking cleric, which could pose an obstacle to his acceptance as the new supreme leader.

GUINEA OPPOSITION LEADER URGES 'DIRECT RESISTANCE' AFTER 40 PARTIES DISSOLVED

Guinea's main opposition leader Cellou Dalein Diallo has said that "direct resistance" to the country's coup leader-turned-president is now the only remaining path to change, after the authorities dissolved 40 political parties. The authorities accused the parties of not complying with the law - a charge they have rejected. The move comes two months after former junta head Mamady Doumbouya was sworn-in as president, following an election that saw some key challengers barred from running. Doumbouya, who came to power in 2021 after overthrowing Condé, has been accused of cracking down on democratic freedoms. Among the parties dissolved were the Rally



of the People of Guinea of former President Alpha Condé and Diallo's Union of Democratic Forces of Guinea. Diallo is currently in exile. Late last Friday, Guinea's ministry of territorial administration and decentralisation announced in a decree that the headquarters and local offices of 40 political parties would be closed, and their logos, acronyms and other symbols banned from use.

Istanbul's ex-mayor on trial for corruption charges

The former mayor of Istanbul has appeared in court as the central defendant in a mass corruption trial that his opposition party and rights groups say is politically motivated. Ekrem Imamoglu, 55, faces more than 140 charges including corruption and running a criminal organisation. Prosecutors are seeking a jail term of up to 2,430 years. He and his Republican People's Party (CHP) deny any wrongdoing. They accuse Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and his allies of launching a crackdown over the leader's decline in popularity. Prior to the trial, which got off to a chaotic start on Monday, Imamoglu was widely seen as one of the few politicians capable of defeating Erdogan, who has been at the top of Turkish politics since 2003. Another 407 of



Imamoglu's supporters have also been put on trial, accused of running a criminal corruption network headed by the opposition figure, who prosecutors describe as its "founder and leader". Imamoglu was greeted by his supporters with cheers and whistles as he entered the courtroom in the Marmara prison on Monday. But it was not long before proceedings were brought to a halt by the judge after the politician contested the judge's

decision to hear the testimony of other defendants before his in the trial. The judge called the protest disrespectful and ordered a recess until the afternoon, just 15 minutes after the hearing had started. Present in the courtroom were Imamoglu's wife, Dilek, and CHP leader Ozgur Ozel. Imamoglu was arrested in March last year on the day he was named as the CHP's presidential candidate for 2028. His detention triggered the country's largest street protests in more than a decade, followed by hundreds of arrests and a police crackdown. Apart from the corruption case, prosecutors have accused him of a raft of other offences including espionage and forging his university degree, a qualification he would need to become president and that has since been annulled. Turkish authorities deny that the judiciary is being used as a political tool. But the trial has been strongly criticised by rights groups. "The trial of Mayor Ekrem Imamoglu follows more than a year of weaponising the criminal justice system against his party and other CHP elected officials while he sits in jail," Benjamin Ward, deputy Europe and Central Asia director at Human Rights Watch, said in a statement last week.

INDIA OFFERED SANCTUARY TO IRANIAN SHIP THREE DAYS BEFORE US SANK IT

The Iranian warship Iris Dena was given permission by India to dock three days before it was torpedoed by a US submarine, India has said. Foreign Minister S Jaishankar said Iran had sought permission for three of its ships to dock at Indian ports on 28 February - the day the US and Israel began a war on Iran - and permission was granted by India on 1 March. The ships' movements between 1 and 4 March are not clear and nor is why only one of them made it to India. The sinking of the Iris Dena, with 130 sailors on board, in international waters off Sri Lanka's southern coast on 4 March marked a dramatic widening



of the war - and raised questions about India's authority in its backyard. It was the first military strike outside the Middle East since the US and Israel launched their war on Iran. President Donald Trump has said destroying Iran's navy is one aim of the

assault. The three Iranian ships - Iris Dena, Iris Bushehr and Iris Lavan - had all participated in a military exercise hosted by India between 15 and 25 February in the coastal city of Visakhapatnam. They left Indian waters on 25 February and were likely to

have been in international waters on 28 February - when the US and Israel began attacking Iran. "The Iranian side had requested permission on 28 February for three ships in the region to dock at our ports. This was accorded on 1 March," Jaishankar told parliament on Monday. "Iris Lavan actually docked on 4 March in Kochi. The crew is currently in Indian naval facilities. We believe that this was the right thing to do." It was the first military strike since the US and Israel launched their war on Iran. President Donald Trump has said destroying Iran's navy is one aim of the assault.

BAG OF CANNABIS AND CASH ACCIDENTALLY DONATED TO NZ CHARITY SHOP



Two teenagers have been arrested after accidentally leaving a backpack containing cannabis and thousands of dollars in cash outside a charity shop in New Zealand. After arresting the owners, officers also searched their vehicle, where they found an air pistol - possession of which requires a licence and supervision for under 18s - a police scanner, and more cash. Possession of a police scanner is not illegal in New Zealand, but distributing or acting on information heard on it is a crime. Police said two 16-year-olds - a male and a female - had been arrested. Officials have not released any details of charges or court appearances. New Zealand has strict rules about reporting details of cases before its Youth Court. In a 2020 referendum, voters in New Zealand narrowly rejected a measure to legalise recreational cannabis.

that this particular donation had a distinctive pungent aroma," a police spokesperson told the New Zealand Herald. "Once it was opened, it quickly emerged why." After arresting the owners, officers also searched their vehicle, where they found an air pistol - possession of which requires a licence and supervision for under 18s - a police scanner, and more cash. Possession of a police scanner is not illegal in New Zealand, but distributing or acting on information heard on it is a crime. Police said two 16-year-olds - a male and a female - had been arrested. Officials have not released any details of charges or court appearances. New Zealand has strict rules about reporting details of cases before its Youth Court. In a 2020 referendum, voters in New Zealand narrowly rejected a measure to legalise recreational cannabis.



N Korea cancels Pyongyang Marathon

Alleged Bondi gunman seeks order to suppress family's identity

Alleged Bondi Beach gunman Naveed Akram has sought a court order to prevent media from publishing details of his immediate family over concerns about their safety. The 24-year-old, who faces 59 charges including 15 counts of murder over the 14 December attack on a Jewish festival, did not appear in person at Monday's hearing. His lawyer applied to the court in Sydney on his behalf for a non-publication order on the names, addresses and places of work and school for his mother, brother and sister. Magistrate Greg Groggin granted a temporary order, citing global interest in the case - but noted that the name of Akram's mother had already been widely published. "Hasn't the horse



already bolted on that?" he asked. A lawyer for News Corp Australia - which owns Sky News Australia and numerous prominent newspapers - present at the hearing at the Downing Centre Local Court said the company would likely challenge the order. The matter is due to return to court briefly next week.

Four Indians, One Pakistan Star In ICC 'Team Of T20 World Cup'

India's T20 World Cup win had many superlative performances. Be it Sanju Samson, Jasprit Bumrah or Ishan Kishan, India had the right person at the right time to get the job done. The result was there for all to see in the 2026 T20 World Cup final - a clinical India crossing the finishing line and lifting the coveted trophy with a 96-run win over New Zealand. A day after the title clash in Ahmedabad, four members of the victorious Indian team were named in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 Team of the Tournament. "Player of the Tournament Sanju Samson leads the winning quartet after the opener's 321 runs from just five innings. Samson started the tournament outside of the Indian XI but shone with Player of the Match performances against the West Indies and England before making the highest individual score in a Men's T20 World Cup final



with 89 against New Zealand on Sunday," the ICC said in a release. "He is joined by teammates Ishan Kishan, Hardik Pandya and Jasprit Bumrah, as India's impressive victory on home soil is recognised." The top of the order, announced by the ICC, also includes Pakistan's Sahibzada

Farhan, who finished as the tournament's top run-scorer with an aggregate of 383. That came at an average of 76.60 and was headlined by a pair of centuries - against Sri Lanka and Namibia. Aiden Markram is one of two South Africans included in the side, with the Proteas captain scoring 286

runs - including three half-centuries - as his team reached the semi-finals. In fact, Markram was named the captain of the Team of the Tournament. Lungi Ngidi was also included, having taken 12 wickets at an average of 15.58. He took four wickets against Canada and three each

against Afghanistan and the West Indies, and also impressed with a miserly spell against India that yielded just 15 runs from four overs. England's Will Jacks was named in the middle order thanks to his brilliant displays as an all-rounder as his side reached the last four.

Gautam Gambhir's Reply To MS Dhoni's "Coach Sahab" Post Wins Internet

Over the years, much has been said about the relationship between MS Dhoni and Gautam Gambhir. The now-India coach's comments on Dhoni's iconic six that sealed the 2011 ODI World Cup final against Sri Lanka remain a subject of debate among fans even today. However, as Dhoni attended the T20 World Cup 2026 final between India and New Zealand in Ahmedabad on Sunday, a touch of camaraderie blossomed between the two former India stalwarts. Dhoni even shared a post on Instagram after India clinched a 96-run win in the final, urging Gambhir to smile a little more. "History gets created at Ahmedabad, big congratulations to the team and support staff and to all the fans of the Indian Cricket Team worldwide. Such a pleasure to see all of you play. Coach Sahab, smile looks great on you. Intensity with smile is a killer



combo, very well done. Enjoy guys (BUMRAH ke baare mein kuch na likhoo tou hi acha hai. CHAMPION BOWLER)," Dhoni captioned the post. Gambhir, basking in the glory of scripting history in the T20 World Cup, responded to Dhoni's comment, saying: "And what a reason to smile, great seeing you." Dhoni, who was present at the stadium for the blockbuster final and also walked out with the trophy alongside 2024 T20 World Cup-winning captain Rohit Sharma,

shared a picture of the victorious Indian team on Instagram and praised the players, coach, support staff, and fans. India's victory was built on a dominant batting display led by Sanju Samson's 89 off 46 balls, supported by half-centuries from Abhishek Sharma and Ishan Kishan. The bowlers then sealed the contest early, with Jasprit Bumrah and Axar Patel dismantling New Zealand's top order to secure a comprehensive 96-run win.

"Jabse Mahieka Aayi Hai": Hardik Pandya's Ultimate 'Life-Changing' Admission After T20 World Cup Win

Not many players can claim to be two-time T20 World Cup winners. Hardik Pandya is now one of those rare cricketers. The star all-rounder was a crucial member of the side that won the 2024 T20 World Cup, and now he has been a defining factor in the team defending the title. Speaking after the title win, Pandya said he still has many years of cricket left in him and wants to make the most of that period by helping India dominate global tournaments. Throughout the tournament, Pandya was accompanied by girlfriend Mahieka Sharma at all venues. Even during the final, Mahieka cheered on Pandya. After



the final, Pandya made a big admission: "Jab se Mahieka aayi hai, life mein bas jeet hi jeet hai (From the time Mahieka has come into my life, I am only winning)." Hardik Pandya has set a target for the future, saying he hopes to win 10 more ICC titles over the next decade

following India's triumph in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026. "I have 10 more years left in me, and I want to win 10 more ICC titles. That's my goal. (On winning at home and defending the title) It's quite emotional. Because of winning the WC in India, the excitement of

the people is amazing. The effort we have put in... From yesterday, I knew we are champions. The only self-belief I had was that there was no other result. Losing wasn't a thought," Pandya said. Pandya also reflected on a key moment earlier when he bowled the 19th over against England in the semi-final, recalling how memories from the 2024 T20 World Cup helped him stay composed in pressure situations. "I am thankful to God. When I was bowling the 19th over against England, I was thinking about the 2024 World Cup final. I told Kishan and Abhishek also that when you go out to bat, think of good memories," he said.

"Justice Mil Gaya": Arshdeep Singh Trolls Sanju Samson, Gautam Gambhir In Hilarious Videos

Sanju Samson and Gautam Gambhir — two stalwarts of the Indian cricket team who dominated social media chatter — were both rewarded for their resilient efforts as India defeated New Zealand to clinch the T20 World Cup 2026 title. Samson wasn't even a starter at the beginning of the tournament, but he seized his opportunities, delivering match-winning performances in the last three games. Gambhir, on the other hand, silenced speculation about his coaching future by guiding the team to back-to-back T20 World Cup triumphs. As Gambhir and Samson redeemed themselves on social media, putting the chatter around their performances to rest, India pacer Arshdeep Singh shared a couple of hilarious videos



trolling both. "Justice for Sanju Samson" often trended on social media whenever the wicketkeeper-batter was overlooked for a spot in the Indian team. It was only after Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma's retirements that Samson became a permanent fixture. Named Player of the Series in the T20 World Cup, Samson was cheekily trolled

by Arshdeep, who said, "Justice mil gaya (finally got justice)," in reference to the popular trend. When Arshdeep turned the camera towards Gambhir, he teased him with, "Paaji, kade has vi leya karo yaar (brother, you should smile sometimes)," leaving the India coach in splits. The India coach also criticised the hate often directed at him online, stressing that his accountability lies with the team, not with trolls. "My accountability is not towards social media. It is for the team. The process was not to be shared. We wanted to play fearless cricket. We wanted to play high-risk, high-reward cricket — that's how this format works. The captain and I were on the same page. If I can work honestly with them, if we can put in the hard work honestly, my accountability was never before, nor will it be today or in the future, towards social media. Even if I win two ICC trophies as a coach, it really does not matter. In the future, those 30 people in the changing room will matter the most to me in my coaching tenure — no one else matters."

Mohammad Amir Tears Into Mitchell Santner Over Tactical Blunder As His India Prediction Backfires

Former Pakistan pacer Mohammad Amir found himself under the spotlight again as another one of his India predictions backfired. Amir had backed New Zealand to go all the way in the tournament and beat India in the final, but Suryakumar Yadav's men turned the contest into a one-sided affair. Playing at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad, the hosts emerged triumphant by 96 runs. The manner of India's win saw Amir question New Zealand skipper Mitchell Santner's tactical calls at the start of the game. New Zealand won the toss and opted to field first, hoping to dismiss India for a chaseable score. But the Kiwis committed the biggest blunder of the game when they ignored the

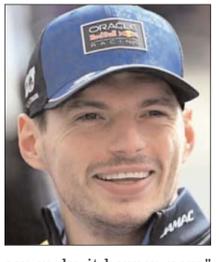


option of an all-out off-spin attack against the under-fire Abhishek Sharma. "Credit to New Zealand bowlers. They were bowling wides and being hit for sixes from there. It's not like India doesn't deserve any credit. I just didn't understand the bowling changes. When you know Abhishek Sharma struggles against spinners, you bring in Jacob Duffy,"

Amir said during a discussion on the 'Haarna Mana Hai' show. "I have never seen New Zealand under such pressure. I have been following them since 2005, but I have never seen them under pressure," he added. India outmuscled New Zealand with the bat, piling up a whopping total of 255 runs. The likes of Abhishek Sharma, Sanju Samson, Shivam Dube, and Ishan Kishan all contributed to the tally, leaving New Zealand with a monumental target to chase. Amir, who has often said that bowlers win you tournaments, admitted that India had busted the myth as they relied heavily on their explosive batting to get the job done time and again in this tournament. "I have to give credit to India.

VERSTAPPEN TO COMPETE IN 'BUCKET LIST' 24-HOUR RACE

Four-time Formula 1 world champion Max Verstappen will tick off one of his "bucket list" events to compete in the Nurburgring 24-Hours endurance race. The 28-year-old Red Bull F1 driver will get behind the wheel of a Mercedes AMG GT car at the event in May, when showroom-style cars take on the famous 15.8-mile circuit in the Eifel mountains in Germany. The Dutchman, who finished sixth in Sunday's season-opening Australian Grand Prix, said: "The Nurburgring Nordschleife is a special place. There's no other track like it. The 24-hours of Nurburgring is a race that's been on my bucket list for a long time, so I'm really thrilled we



can make it happen now." It is very rare for an F1 driver, especially of Verstappen's calibre, to take part in a lower-level motorsport event but he has long-enjoyed driving on motorsport simulator games and has a particular affinity with sportscar racing. It is widely considered

Verstappen could one day compete at the Le Mans 24-Hours, external an event which has exploded in popularity in recent years thanks to the introduction of new 'hypercar' regulations, which has seen the likes of Ferrari, Peugeot, Aston Martin and Ford return to the top level of sportscars. The revered Nurburgring 24-hours is a level below races such as Le Mans, which is part of the World Endurance Championship, which last week announced it will postpone the season-opening Qatar 1812km race because the US-Israeli war against Iran.

'A LONG WAY TO GO' - RADUCANU LOSES IN 52 MINUTES



Britain's Emma Raducanu says she needs to be "aggressive" if she is to compete against the world's best players after losing to Amanda Anisimova in only 52 minutes at Indian Wells. American sixth seed Anisimova, a runner-up at Wimbledon and the US Open last year, raced to a 6-1 6-1 victory to reach the fourth round in California. Raducanu lost her serve in the opening game, won only 11 points in the first set and was 3-0 down in the second before managing to hold serve. "When I'm playing someone who's at the top like that, I think they have an extra 10

miles an hour on their serve than me," Raducanu said. "If I'm not feeling it, that gap feels more evident in terms of weight of shot, in terms of power. "You just feel a little bit behind and your punches aren't landing as much as theirs are. "I need to obviously be aggressive when playing those players, but I think there's still a long way to go to be doing that and I need to use my strengths and probably mix it up a bit more." Having enlisted Mark Petchey as a temporary coach after parting with Francisco Roig in January, Raducanu said last week that she is hoping to rediscover her "natural way of playing" in an attempt to build towards the form that won her the 2021 US Open. Raducanu, who beat Anastasia Zakharova 6-1 6-3 in the second round, said: "It's difficult to read much into the game.

Ngannou to make MMA return on Rousey v Carano card

Francis Ngannou will return to mixed martial arts after a 19-month absence when he faces Brazil's Philippe Lins on 16 May. The five-round heavyweight bout will be part of Most Valuable Promotions' (MVP) inaugural MMA fight card, headlined by Ronda Rousey and Gina Carano in Los Angeles. Former UFC champion Ngannou has not fought in MMA since October 2024, when the Cameroonian stopped Renan Ferreira in

the first round to win the PFL Super Fights heavyweight championship. "While the world was busy talking, I was busy evolving," said Ngannou. "Silence shouldn't be mistaken for absence - it's the sound of a predator closing the distance. "Stepping back into the cage isn't just a return - it's a reclamation. My return to MMA demanded a stage that matched the scale of my ambition, and partnering with MVP to bring this

event to Netflix ensures the entire world is watching." Ngannou's exit from the UFC in January 2023 was a massive moment in MMA as one of the sport's biggest stars opted to walk away from the world's biggest promotion. The 39-year-old joined the Professional Fighters League (PFL) in May 2023, but fought just once for the MMA promotion. His status rocketed when he came close to beating Tyson Fury in a boxing contest in

October 2023, and he went on to face Anthony Joshua in 2024, which ended in a knockout defeat. He parted ways with the PFL this week and it was announced on Monday that he had joined Jake Paul's MVP. "Francis Ngannou is unequivocally the best heavyweight MMA fighter in the world and his addition creates star power on one card like never before seen in the sport," said Paul and Nakisa Bidarian, the co-

founders of MVP.



'EPIC - FIRST SEMESTER' ~ First Single "Sancharam" Strikes a Soulful Note - A Hesham Abdul Wahab Musical



The makers of EPIC - FIRST SEMESTER have unveiled the film's first single "Sancharam," a soulful track that beautifully captures the emotional journey of the lead characters. Penned by renowned lyricist Goreti Venkanna, the song stands out for its pure Telugu poetry and heartfelt storytelling. The lyrics elegantly contrast the essence of desi roots and videshi life, perfectly aligning with the film's narrative. Adding more depth to the composition, the track is melodiously

sung by Hesham Abdul Wahab along with Goreti Venkanna, with music composed by Hesham Abdul Wahab. Visually, the song presents stunning glimpses of London, blending vibrant international landscapes with the soulful charm of Telugu vocals. The pairing of Anand Deverakonda and Vaishnavi Chaitanya, who reunite after the blockbuster Baby, adds a charming presence on screen. EPIC - FIRST SEMESTER marks the feature film directorial

debut of Aditya Haasan and brings together a promising cast and crew. The film is produced by Suryadevara Naga Vamsi and Sai Soujanya under Sithara Entertainments and Fortune Four Cinemas, and presented by Srikras Studios. Co-Produced by Venkat Upputuri & VMR. The film promises to be a refreshing and emotionally rich soft love story that captures the innocence, conflicts, and unspoken emotions of young hearts. More updates about the film will be revealed soon.

Yash Raj Films announces July 10, 2026 as the theatrical release date of Alpha!



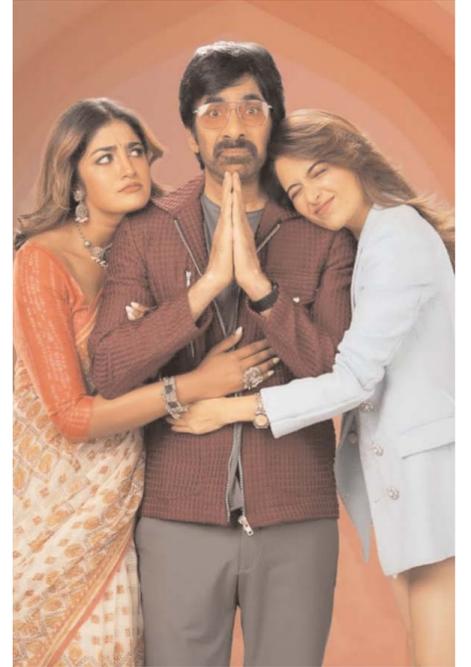
Yash Raj Films' has announced the theatrical release date of its highly awaited action entertainer, Alpha, headlined by Alia Bhatt, to be July 10, 2026! YRF, Alia and Sharvari posted about this development with a brand new teaser poster that showed a glimpse of Alia Bhatt's all new fierce action avatar in which she is shown all bruised and cut, clearly after a bloody showdown. Alpha pairs Alia Bhatt with the rising star of the Hindi film industry, Sharvari, in this relentless action thriller, that also has Anil Kapoor & Bobby Deol in pivotal

roles. Alia and Sharvari will go toe to toe against Bobby in this brutal showdown. Alpha marks Alia's first film with Yash Raj Films. It is also the first female-led out and out action film of India with Alia and Sharvari teaming up to pull off never seen a girl do before on screen. Alpha is directed by Shiv Rawail, who had previously directed YRF's global hit series The Railway Men. The film has been produced by Aditya Chopra.



'Bhartha Mahasayulaku Vignayapathi' set for its Digital Premiere on ZEE5 from March 13th, stream- ing in Telugu, Tamil, Kannada and Malayalam

ZEE5 is set to premiere the much-anticipated comedy-drama Bhartha Mahasayulaku Vignayapathi on March 13th, across all four South languages: Telugu, Tamil, Kannada and Malayalam. Written and directed by Kishore Tirumala and produced by Sudhakar Cherukuri under SLV Cinemas, the film stars Ravi Teja, Ashika Ranganath, and Dimple Hayathi in lead roles. Blending humour, emotion and Kishore Tirumala's trademark slice-of-life storytelling, the film follows a man whose seemingly simple professional trip spirals into an unexpected personal maze. What begins as an attempt to fix a business setback slowly unfolds into a tangled web of relationships, choices and consequences, told with charm, warmth and sharp comedic timing. The Zee5 premiere aims to bring this layered entertainer to a wider audience across languages. Speaking about the film's digital release, Mass Maharaja Ravi Teja said, "This film has a very unique emotional core wrapped in humour. Kishore Tirumala has narrated it in a way that stays both entertaining and relatable. I'm glad it's coming to ZEE5 so audiences across South regions can experience it in their own language." Ashika Ranganath shared, "My character has shades that many women will instantly connect with. The situations are funny, chaotic and real at the same time. I'm excited to see how



audiences react to it on its digital release." Dimple Hayathi added, "This film deals with human relationships in an honest yet entertaining way. Each character has a purpose and a moment that stays with you. Looking forward to the audience discovering those layers on ZEE5." With its relatable conflicts, lively performances and Kishore Tirumala's grounded narrative style, Bhartha Mahasayulaku Vignayapathi promises to be an engaging watch for families and youth alike. The film premieres on March 13th on ZEE5 in Telugu, Tamil,

Kannada and Malayalam. *About ZEE5: ZEE5 is Bharat's largest home-grown video streaming platform and the multilingual storyteller for millions of entertainment seekers. ZEE5 stems from the stable of ZEE Entertainment Enterprises Limited (ZEEL), a Global Content Powerhouse. An undisputed choice of video on demand platform for consumers, it offers an expansive and diverse library comprising 4,071+ films, 1,800+ TV shows, 422+ web originals, 4,492+ music videos, and over 1.35 lakh hours of on-demand content.

"R" Movie Launched with Pooja Ceremony under GMAA Entertainments Banner

A new film titled "R" has been officially launched under the banner GMAA Entertainments, presented by Sireesha. The film is being directed and produced by Goli Ramakrishna, while Gali Bala Kiran Reddy is serving as the co-producer. Set against a village backdrop, the film was formally launched today with a pooja ceremony at Sri Prasanna Anjaneya Swamy Temple. The launch event was attended by the film's team and well-wishers. The movie features Santosh Krishnan, Bhagya Reddy, Brahmanandam Reddy, Durgam Naidu, Pawan, Siri, Sandhya,



Bhanu Chander, Swathi and others in important roles. The technical team includes Ashok Reddy Kankalla as the cinematographer, Munish as the editor, Shivaji as the choreographer, Kadavakallu Ganesh as the Chief Associate Director, and Vedanth Raj Ande as the Assistant Director. The makers have announced that the shooting will commence from the 20th of this month, and

the film is scheduled for a grand release on October 17 this year. Speaking on the occasion, director-producer Goli Ramakrishna said that the film will be completed in two schedules with the support of the cast and crew. He added that the shooting will take place in and around Hyderabad, and the film will carry a meaningful message for the audience. He also mentioned that more details about the project will be revealed soon in a unique manner. Co-producer Gali Bala Kiran Reddy stated that the release date has already been announced because of the director's strong passion and confidence in the film.

HYDERABAD: CM REVANTH REDDY TO LAUNCH ALLU CINEMAS



"Miracle" movie Will Be the Best Film of My Career!! — Crazy Heroine Hebah Patel



A film that will make director Prabhas Nimmala's name resonate widely!! — Multi-talented Hero Sriram I will remain grateful for a lifetime to the people of Kondamadugu. "Miracle" is a unique story that has never before been portrayed on the Indian screen. — Director Prabhas Nimmala Despite having several blockbuster films in my career such as "Kumari 21F, Eedo Rakam - Aado Rakam, and Odela Railway Station", the film I am currently working on, "Miracle," will be the most memorable movie of my career. Thanks to director Prabhas Nimmala, said crazy heroine Hebah Patel. The unique story-based film "Miracle" is being jointly produced by Ramesh Eggidi, Srikanth Mogadasu, and Chander Goud under the Saida Family Entertainment banner. Hebah Patel plays the female lead in the film, while senior actors Suresh and Sriram play key roles. Randheer Beesu appears as the

hero. The film is being directed by Prabhas Nimmala, known for films like "Satya Gang and Fighter Shiva". On the occasion of completing the third shooting schedule in Kondamadugu, a village near Hyderabad, the team of Miracle held a press meet in the presence of village elders, local residents, and the film unit members. With Hebah Patel announcing that Miracle would be the best film of her career, expectations for the film have increased significantly. The press meet, held in the heart of Kondamadugu village and attended by a large gathering of villagers, was addressed by Hero Sriram, heroine Hebah Patel, director Prabhas Nimmala, hero Randheer Beesu, Naresh Naidu (who is debuting as the antagonist), cinematographer Suresh Reddy, second and third heroines Navya Sri and Akshara, executive producer Srikanth, and senior film journalist Dheeraj Appaji, who is playing a forensic officer in the film.

'Lechindi Mahilalokam' is not a movie that preaches women to commit crimes but a story that makes everyone laugh: Manchu Lakshmi

Sunstudio has partnered with UFO to release 'Lechindi Mahilalokam' in theatres. The film is jointly produced by Hyma Rajasekar, Shweta Mahi, and Nirosha Naveen under the banners of Brihaspati Entertainments, Apparently Cinema, and Story Factory. Directed by the duo Arjun and Carthyk Sreerama Chandra, this movie features actress Manchu Lakshmi, Sriram Chandra, Ananya Nagalla, Hariteja, Hema, Supriya, and Shraddha Das in the lead roles. These days a newly married couple has differences over petty issues. And neighbours keep adding fuel to these fights, and pollute to cause more harm. The developments in this sequence are thrilling on one hand and hilarious on the other side. This family entertainer is set to be released in the-



aters on March 26. The trailer of Lechindi Mahilalokam was grandly launched at Prasad Lab on Monday. Speaking at the event, the producers said, "The film industry is new to us. We were not aware of what's in store for newcomers in the industry. We made such a

good movie in our first attempt. If everyone watches our movie in theaters and blesses us, we will bring you many more such good stories." Director Arjun said, "The movie came out as expected because of the dedication every single individual in the film. All our

women co-operated with us very well. The DoP also put a lot of efforts. That is why the movie output came out so well. It is a completely fun movie that everyone will like. Everyone should definitely watch it." Another director Carthyk Sreerama Chandra said, "This is a film

of fun-riot. All the artistes supported us a lot. The movie came out quite good. If you have watched the trailer, I think everyone would like to watch the entire film. I think everyone will enjoy this movie in theaters. Everyone should definitely watch it on March 26," he said. AP, Telangana UFO Vice President Laxman said, "I saw the movie and felt it is good story that strikes chord with audiences. I came forward to release it. Everyone will like this movie. I want everyone to definitely watch it in theaters and enjoy it." Actress Hariteja said, "The vibe of the movie is understood from the trailer. We enjoyed a lot while making the movie. It starts with a small point and the movie goes as it engages audiences very well. It will be very entertaining. Everyone should definitely watch it on March 26." Actress Manchu

Lakshmi said, "Even though we made a small film, end of the day it feels a great achievement as we made a wonderful film. I got excited about the comedy in it. We made a lot of changes in the flow. Watch the film as a film. We will listen to a serious subject only if it is told comically. All women should watch it. I want the producers to get double the money they invested. I am very happy to be a part of the film with such good women. The blue drum shown in the promotions has nothing to do with our film. 'Lechindi Mahila Lokam' is not a film that tells people to commit murder. It is a film that makes everyone laugh. Everyone should definitely watch it on March 26," she said. Singer and actor Srirama Chandra said that he is happy to be a part of the film. "Happy Women's Day to all women.