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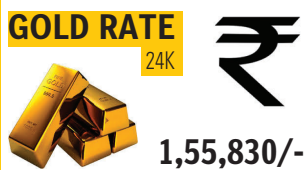
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## WOMAN DELIVERS BABY ON TRAIN, CO-PASSENGERS HELP IN DOCTORS ABSENCE

**Mangaluru (TSIT)** A train journey from Mangaluru to Mysuru turned unexpectedly into a makeshift delivery room on Monday when a woman, somewhere between stations and destinations, brought a new life into the world inside a halted train in Dakshina Kannada district. The train was stopped at BC Road Railway Station in Bantwal taluk after the woman went into labour mid-journey. The idea was simple and urgent: get her medical help. But time, as it often does in moments of crisis, refused to cooperate. For more than half an hour, no doctor arrived. What followed was a scene both stark and extraordinary. With no medical personnel in sight, two women co-passengers stepped forward. Inside the cramped confines of a train toilet, they helped deliver the baby — away from hospital beds, monitors, or sterile rooms, but not away from courage.

## Serving people of Bengal is in my destiny this time, says PM Modi

**Kolkata (TSIT):**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday expressed confidence in the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) success in the West Bengal Assembly election, stating that it is his destiny to serve the people of the state this time.

"To serve the people of West Bengal and ensure their safety and security is written in my destiny this time. Hence, this is my responsibility also. I will not walk away from this responsibility. The Assembly election in West Bengal this time is also critical in changing the destiny of the entire eastern India," the Prime Minister said while addressing an election campaign rally at Jagatdal in North 24 Parganas district.

He also explained why the Assembly polls in the state this time were crucial for changing the destiny of eastern India. According to him,



Anga (Bihar), Banga (Bengal) and Kalinga (Odisha) are the three pillars for a prosperous India, and if any one of the three pillars becomes weak, then the entire India gets affected.

"This is my last campaign rally in West Bengal this time. The kind of public enthusiasm that I have witnessed this time in my campaign rallies, I am sure that I will have to come to West Bengal again after May 4, to be a witness to the oath ceremony of the new cabinet," the Prime Minister said. Speaking on the occasion, he also said that if the BJP comes to power in West Bengal, a major "Make in India" will be established around the state capital of Kolkata.

## Universities must become innovation hubs: CM Naidu



**Visakhapatnam (TSIT):**

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Monday said that universities should not remain mere degree-granting institutions but must evolve into centres of innovation that can influence society. He was speaking at the centenary celebrations of Andhra University.

The Chief Minister inaugurated the AU iFactory and

Network Centre built at a cost of Rs.64 crore and laid foundation stones for nine development projects worth Rs.112 crore, including hostels and a convocation hall. He urged students to become job creators instead of job seekers and stressed the importance of innovation, startups, and industry collaboration. Highlighting the growing global importance of Visakhapatnam, he said the

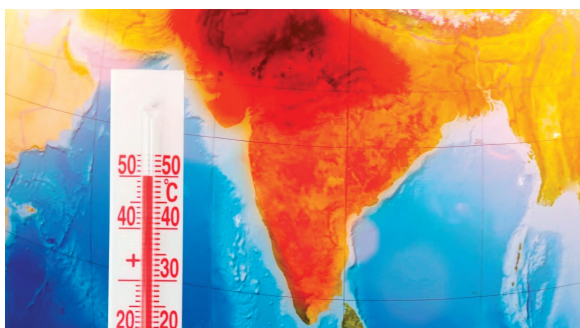
upcoming Google data centre would attract major investments.

Describing Andhra University as a leading institution with a rich 100-year legacy, he announced Rs.500 crore support for its development and expressed confidence that it could achieve a place among the world's top 100 universities. Governor S. Abdul Nazeer, who inaugurated the celebrations, said the university is a proud cultural and intellectual symbol of the Telugu people. He encouraged students to focus on research and innovation.

Education Minister Nara Lokesh said the university has nurtured great talent and set a goal of placing it among the top institutions globally. He also announced plans to strengthen research and fill faculty vacancies.

Former Vice President Venkaiah Naidu advised students to focus on skill development, maintain discipline, respect teachers, and uphold their mother tongue. The centenary celebrations mark a significant milestone in the history of Andhra University, reflecting its legacy and future aspirations.

## TN sizzles under scorching heat, temperatures to spike in coming days as peak summer intensifies



**Chennai (TSIT)**

As Tamil Nadu has been sizzling under scorching heat, with more than 14 districts recording temperatures in excess of 100 Deg F and touching 107 Deg F mark during the last few days, the Met office on Monday said the mercury level would increase in the coming days, setting the stage for the peak summer season to intensify. With the hot and humid weather would be causing great inconvenience, the Met

office has advised the people to take all precautionary measures, avoid travelling during 1200 noon at 3.00 PM and take enough fluids at frequent intervals to avoid dehydration.

As the health experts have warned of heat strokes, the Public Health departments as part of preventive steps has directed all the government hospitals, primary health centres and district headquarters hospitals to open heat stroke wards to provide treatment to the needy. According to weather

blogger, with the mercury level already rising steadily for the last two weeks and crossing the 100 Deg F mark in Chennai city, the similar weather pattern will continue in the coming, making the peak summer season called as "Kathiri", beginning on May 3 or 4, and last will the month-end, even more hotter. As the prevailing oppressive heat-wave setting the stage for heralding the Kathiri season, there would be significant rise in temperatures from May one, with the people in coastal, north coastal and interior districts, including Chennai, its suburbs and neighbouring districts of Kancheepuram, Tiruvallur and Chengalpattu districts, expected to bore the brunt of the scorching heat. Like how the Northeast monsoon, which was supposed to withdraw on December 30/31, 2025, got extended, spilling over to the month of January.

## 2020 Delhi riots: Court acquits 12 accused of murdering Muslim man, rioting

**New Delhi:** A Delhi court has acquitted 12 men accused of abducting and murdering a man during the 2020 northeast Delhi riots, saying that the prosecution failed to prove the case beyond a reasonable doubt due to major contradictions in eyewitness testimonies and weak corroborative evidence.

Additional Sessions Judge Parveen Singh was hearing the case against Lokesh Solanki, Pankaj Sharma, Sumit Chaudhary alias Badshah, Ankit Chaudhary alias Fauzi, Prince alias DJ Wala, Rishabh Chaudhary alias Tapas, Jatin Sharma alias Rohit, Vivek Panchal alias Nandu, Himanshu Thakur, Sahil alias Babu, Sandeep alias Mogli and Tinku Arora, who were accused of murdering Musharraf.

In an order dated April 21, the court said, "Prosecution has failed to prove its case against the accused beyond a reasonable doubt and the accused are entitled to benefit of doubt. All the accused are accordingly acquitted of the charges framed against them."

All accused were arrested



in connection with the case related to the death of Musharraf, whose body was recovered from a drain in Bhagirathi Vihar on February 27, 2020, amid widespread communal violence in the area. The prosecution alleged that on the night of February 25, a mob of 150-200 people forcibly entered Musharraf's residence, dragged him out, assaulted him and later threw his body into a drain. Charges were framed under various provisions, including murder, rioting, unlawful assembly, kidnapping, destruction of evidence and promoting enmity against the accused persons.

The court said the prosecution's case substantially rested on the testimony

of the deceased's wife and daughter, who claimed to have witnessed the killing.

"There are serious departures regarding the subsequent events leading to the death of the deceased. Individually, these discrepancies might be treated as minor variations; however, their cumulative effect is that the testimonies are mutually destructive and unreliable on the most material aspect of the case," the court said. The court also found the deceased's wife "wholly unnatural" and noted that despite claiming to have seen her husband being killed, she neither called a PCR nor informed relatives for nearly two days.

"It is evident that for

two days neither did she call the PCR nor inform anyone that her husband had been killed. This is highly improbable that in such a scenario she would not disclose, even to her daughter, that Musharraf had been murdered," the judge said. On the call detail records relied upon by the prosecution, the judge said they only placed the accused broadly in their residential areas and could not establish involvement in the crime.

"Presence of an accused in or around his residential area, without more, does not establish his involvement in the crime. Consequently, no substantial weight can be attached to the CDR evidence for establishing guilt," the court said.

Regarding WhatsApp chats recovered from accused Lokesh Solanki, the court said that though they showed intent to spread hatred, he had already been convicted for the same chats in another FIR and could not be punished again. It then acquitted all the accused of all charges framed against them.

## Russia will do everything that serves interests of Iran: Putin

**Saint Petersburg (TSIT):**

Iranian Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi on Monday called on Russian President Vladimir Putin in Saint Petersburg as the Kremlin reiterated its support for bringing peace in the Middle East, local media reported.



"For our part, we will do everything that serves your interests, the interests of all the peoples of the region, to ensure that this peace is achieved as

quickly as possible. You know our position well," Russia's Tass news agency quoted Putin as saying during the meeting with the visiting Iranian minister.

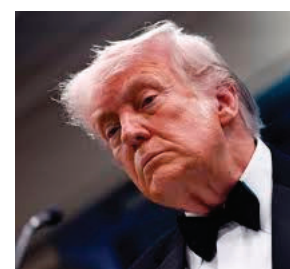
Putin stated that people of Iran are fighting "courageously and heroically" for their sovereignty. He

expressed hope that the people of Iran will overcome this "difficult period of trials and peace will come." He also expressed Moscow's

## 'I'm not a rapist, I'm not a paedophile': says Trump. Tells interviewer she's a 'disgrace'

**Washington (TSIT)** US President Donald Trump said on Monday that he is neither a 'rapist' nor a 'paedophile,' while referring to remarks made by the gunman who attacked the White House Correspondents' Association (WHCA) dinner on April 25. "I am not a rapist...I am not a paedophile," Trump said in an interview with 60Minutes programme (CBS News).

He also rebuked the interviewer by calling her a 'disgrace' and said she (the



interviewer) should be 'ashamed' of herself for asking question about something that a 'sick' person (the attacker) had written. The interviewer read out a

line from the attacker's 'manifesto' which said it was his duty to target Trump administration officials.

"And I am no longer willing to permit a paedophile, rapist, and traitor to coat my hands with his crimes. (Well, to be completely honest, I was no longer willing a long time ago, but this is the first real opportunity I've had to do something about it)" according to the attacker's 'manifesto.'

The 'manifesto' said 'I would still go through most

everyone here to get to the targets if it were absolutely necessary (on the basis that most people "chose" to attend a speech by a paedophile, rapist, and traitor, and are thus complicit) but I really hope it doesn't come to that." The interviewer while reading out the lines from the 'manifesto', asked Trump for his reaction. A calm looking Trump said 'I was waiting for this. I knew you would ask this because you are horrible people, horrible people.' 'I am not a rapist.'

# Justice must be seen to be done: Kejriwal on refusal to appear in excise case before HC judge

NEW DELHI: Aam Aadmi Party chief Arvind Kejriwal has written to Delhi High Court Justice Swarasa Kanta Sharma, saying he will not appear in the excise case personally or through a lawyer before her, the party said on Monday. BJP urges Bengaluru Police Commissioner to cancel event supporting Umar Khalid. Pointing to a "grave miscarriage of justice", Kejriwal, in a four-page letter, said he has "serious and unreconciled" concerns regarding the matter. Kejriwal later posted a video message on X, in which he said that his fight is "not about winning or losing, but about right and wrong". He also said he is preparing to go to the apex court against the earlier order given by Justice Sharma in the matter.

"People can ask me that if I am unsatisfied with the rescusal order, then why do I not approach the Supreme Court? I am preparing for that, this is a very sensitive case.

"Keeping in mind the law, respect and public trust in judiciary, I am taking one step at a time. I am not taking this step in ego, rebellion or as an insult to judiciary," Kejriwal said in his video. The Delhi chief minister wrote in the letter, "I have decided that I shall not participate in the further proceedings in this matter, either in person or through counsel. I do not take this step light-



ly. He further said that "justice must not only be done, but must also be seen to be done". "The principle that justice must not only be done, but must also be seen to be done, is among the most sacred assurances that a court gives to a citizen in a democracy," he said.

The assurance cannot be dishonoured by asking the citizen to ignore what "anyone can plainly see" in a case like this, he added in the letter.

The letter also invoked the principles of Satyagraha and the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi, with Kejriwal saying that his intent is "strengthening of judiciary and prevent its weakening".

He added that he has given the authority an opportunity to consider

and correct what he perceived to be a grave miscarriage of justice.

His earlier plea seeking the rescusal of Justice Sharma, which was rejected on April 20, was interpreted as a personal attack, the AAP chief claimed.

"After the said judgment, I am left with the painful and inescapable impression that what I had urged as a lawful plea of apprehension was received and answered as a personal attack upon Your Ladyship and as an assault on the institution itself. "Those are not, with respect, answers to the case I had brought. They show me that my plea of apprehension has been judicially understood as a personal and institutional affront," he said in the letter. The letter further noted the

leader's belief that it was now "impossible to receive an impartial hearing" in Justice Sharma's court in the excise case.

Kejriwal also reiterated two grounds cited earlier in his rescusal plea.

"First, the issue of Your Ladyship's repeated public association with the RSS's legal front, the Akhil Bharatiya Adhivakta Parishad (ABAP) - an organisation belonging to the ideological ecosystem of the ruling dispensation," he wrote, further pointing out that Justice Sharma's children "are professionally engaged on multiple advocates' panels of the Union government which happens to be the opposite party in this case". Reflecting on his personal experience during the proceedings, the

former Delhi chief minister expressed concern over the broader implications of his case on public trust in the judiciary, while he said he maintains respect for the institution.

"When I appeared before Your Ladyship to argue my case, the question in my heart was simple: Will I get justice? Today, with the deepest respect, I must say that the same question has become graver and deeper in my conscience," he said. This case has now become a matter of widespread public discussion. It is being discussed not merely in legal and political circles, but in homes across the country, the letter read. Addressing potential criticism, Kejriwal clarified that his remarks should not be interpreted as opposition to the judiciary.

"As I write this, I am also cognisant of the fact that some might portray me as someone 'against' the judiciary. But how can that ever be the case when I have personally received relief from the judiciary, including orders of bail and the present discharge?"

"Today, I walk free because of the judiciary. Let there exist no figment of imagination that my present stand is against the institution," he asserted. Kejriwal further said his respect for the judiciary "remains intact" and he has "unwavering faith" in the Constitution of India.

# AAP WORKERS PROTEST OUTSIDE RAGHAV CHADHA'S MUMBAI RESIDENCE; CASE FILED AGAINST 8



Mumbai, April 27 : A protest by leaders and workers of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) outside the residence of Rajya Sabha member Raghav Chadha in Mumbai led to police action, with several demonstrators being detained and a case registered against more than eight individuals.

During the protest, demonstrators raised slogans, including "Traitor Raghav Chadha", expressing their anger over his reported exit from the party. The protest was described as intense, prompting intervention by the Khar Police Station, which later issued notices to the detainees and released them. Police registered a First Information Report (FIR) against eight AAP leaders, including Mumbai Working President

Reuben Mascarenhas. The case has been filed under Sections 189(2), 189(3), and 223 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), along with relevant provisions of the Maharashtra Police Act.

According to police officials, the FIR pertains to alleged unlawful assembly and protest activities against Chadha and six other Rajya Sabha members who merged with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the Upper House.

The development follows a major political shift last week, when Chadha and six other AAP MPs announced that they were leaving the party and joining the BJP. The move was presented as a group merger rather than individual defections, a distinction that holds significance under India's anti-defection law.

AAP had 10 members in the Rajya Sabha. With seven MPs moving together, they crossed the required two-thirds threshold, enabling them to seek protection under the provisions of the anti-defection law.

The issue has triggered a wider political and legal debate, not only about the defections but also about earlier reform proposals related to such laws, some of which Chadha himself had supported.

Meanwhile, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann has sought an appointment with President Droupadi Murmu, where he appears to present his case regarding the AAP's call to disqualify its rebel members. Chadha had been elected to the Rajya Sabha from Punjab.

# Gujarat AAP's general secretary quits ahead of local poll results

Ahmedabad, April 27 : The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) suffered a setback in Gujarat just 24 hours before vote counting, as its state General Secretary Sagar Rabari resigned from all party posts, adding to a series of recent exits from the organisation. Rabari, a prominent leader with influence among grassroots workers and sections of the farming community, announced his resignation through a Facebook post.



His departure comes at a sensitive juncture for the party, which is awaiting the results of the local body elections held on Sunday.

In his statement issued on Monday, Rabari said, "I finish my journey with the Aam Aadmi Party here today. Freeing myself from party membership, position and responsibilities. Heartfelt thanks to all colleagues for their cooperation. Personal relationships and friendships will remain intact." His resignation follows recent political developments within the party in Gujarat, where multiple leaders have exited in the run-up to the polls. Days earlier, he had publicly criticised the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), alleging attempts to intimidate voters and curb the party's outreach, including through social media restrictions.

A party source told IANS that the reasons for his decision remain unclear. "We do not know why he has given his resignation. He was doing press conferences till two days ago for the party and targeting the BJP. He is not picking up our calls."

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# 'Why listen to Mamata': Amit Shah refutes Bengal CM's charge of 'paid' supporters

Behala, April 27 : Responding to West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's allegation that the BJP was bringing "paid supporters" from outside states to swell crowds at public rallies, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday firmly rejected the claims.

Refuting the accusation, HM Shah questioned the logic behind the allegation and said, "Show this crowd. Can so many people come from outside?" He added, "Kya yaar, aap bhi Mamata Banerjee ki baat sun rahe ho," implying that such claims should not be taken seriously.

The remarks come after CM Banerjee, on April 5, alleged that the BJP was mobilising supporters from other states and paying them to attend rallies in a



bid to influence the ongoing Assembly elections. Speaking to IANS, HM Shah reiterated his confidence in the party's prospects, stating that the BJP would secure a decisive mandate in the state. "We are going to win the election with a huge majority," he asserted. Reacting to reports of clashes between BJP and Trinamool Congress workers, HM Shah dismissed concerns of widespread violence. "There is no clash at all; the election is being conducted peacefully. Those

who have covered Bengal know how many people used to die in every election," he said. Meanwhile, tensions flared in Jagatdal in North 24 Parganas, where a violent clash broke out between workers of the two parties on Sunday night. The incident involved stone-pelting, firing, and the use of crude bombs, leaving several people injured. At least three individuals sustained injuries, while a jawan of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) suffered a bullet injury to his leg.

Officials stated that the clash occurred near a police station after BJP workers alleged that posters and flags put up for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's rally at Jalebi Math Maidan had been removed.

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Sr./ Lot No.	Loan Code / Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Description of Immovable Property(s) with known encumbrances and known liabilities, if any	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Total Outstanding Amount	Reserve Price (RP) EMD (10% of RP) Bid Increase Amt.	Property in Symbolic or Physical Possession	Date and Time of Property Inspection
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Last Date & Time for submission of 29A Declaration alongwith Self Attested KYC: 09.05.2026, upto 4.00 PM

Last Date & Time for submission of bid: 14-May-26, upto 12.00 PM

Date & Time of bid opening: 13.05.2026, at 2.00 PM

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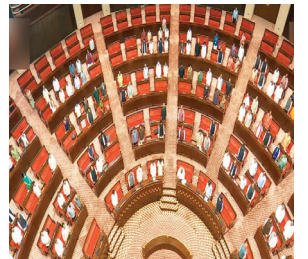
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# RS releases fresh list of party positions: BJP's number rises to 113

New Delhi, April 27 : The Rajya Sabha released a fresh list of party positions on Monday after seven members defected from the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and announced their merger with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). This change increased the BJP's representation in the House from 107 to 113 members, while that of AAP has decreased to three. The defectors - Raghav Chadha, Swati Maliwal, Harbhajan Singh, Sandeep Pathak, Ashok Mittal, Rajinder Gupta, and Vikram Sahni - revealed their decision to leave AAP last week and join the BJP. This move further strengthened the BJP's presence in the Upper House of Parliament. Now, only three members of AAP - Sanjay Singh, Narain Dass Gupta and



Sant Balbir Singh - represent the party in the Rajya Sabha. The group that defected represented a two-thirds majority of AAP's Rajya Sabha members. According to the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution, added by the 52nd Amendment in 1985, members cannot defect; however, there is an exception for "mergers." If two-thirds of a party's elected members agree to merge with another party, they are not disqualified.

# Where is Vijayan? CM's absence after polls fuels speculation in Kerala

Thiruvananthapuram, April 27 : With the dust settling after Kerala's April 9 Assembly polls, an unusual political silence has taken centre stage, the conspicuous absence of Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan from the public domain. The last official word from the government indicated that the veteran Communist leader had undergone a cataract surgery at a private hospital in Chennai and was recuperating.

However, the lack of subsequent public appearances or detailed updates has triggered a wave of speculation across political circles and social media. Critics have been quick to seize upon the development. During the election campaign, Vijayan had repeatedly underscored Kerala's advancements in the public healthcare sys-

tem, projecting it as a model for the country. His decision to seek treatment outside the state has now become a talking point, with opponents questioning the contradiction between rhetoric and personal choice. Despite the chatter, there has been no official indication of any serious health concern.

Government sources point out that the Chief Minister chaired an online Cabinet meeting last week, suggesting that administrative functions continue uninterrupted, albeit remotely. Vijayan, who turns 81 next month, remains a central figure in Kerala's political landscape. Within the Left Democratic Front (LDF), there is quiet confidence that he could script history by leading the coalition to a rare third consecutive term.

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1.	Loan Code No. 1192020100252 Ravikumara M (Borrower), MALLIKARJUNA (Co-Borrower 1), CHOWDAMMA (Co-Borrower 2)	Description: All that piece and parcel of Property No.739, E Swathi No 1512002030500120119, measuring 4.572 X 18.288 Mts. Ie 83.61 Sq. Mts. Situated at Kereyagalahalli Village, Hulikatte Gram Panchayath, Davangere, and bounded on: On and Towards East: Property of Bharathamma On and Towards, West: Property of Basamma On and Towards South: Road On and Towards North: Road	Date: 11-Nov-2024, Rs 6,81,044/- as on 08-Nov-24 together with further interest thereon from the date of default at contractual/ documented rates and other incidental expenses, etc.	Rs 6,81,044/-	Rs.6,65,780/- Rs.66,578/- Rs.10,000/-	Physical	09-May-26 Between 12.00 Noon to 6.00 PM

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Address at which the tender to be Submitted and Place of Auction: Bakhtawar, Suite 'B', Ground Floor, Backbay Reclamation Scheme Block III, 229, Nariman Point, Mumbai - 400 021, E-Auction

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Date: 28.04.2026  
Place: Mumbai

Sd/-, Authorised Officer  
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# Shivakumar defers leadership call to Congress high command

Bengaluru (TSIT) Karnataka's simmering leadership narrative in the ruling Congress once again found echo on Monday, with Deputy Chief Minister and state Congress president DK Shivakumar reiterating that both Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and he would abide by any decision taken by the party high command on the issue.

Speaking to reporters after returning from Delhi, Shivakumar said he places "full faith" in the Congress leadership, which, according to him, would take an appropriate call at the right time.



His remarks come amid continued political buzz over a possible reshuffle in the State leadership structure and changes in the Cabinet, particularly in the period following May 4, when electoral outcomes from four States, one union Territory, and bypolls in two Karnataka Assembly constituencies are expected.

Without divulging details of his Delhi discussions, Shivakumar maintained a guarded tone on internal deliberations. "I will not speak about political issues before the media. I have already said that when the time comes, you will get

to know. So I will not tell you," he said when asked about his meetings with the party leadership. He also sought to play down speculation of internal discord, insisting that the party remains united and that all decisions already taken would move forward as planned.

Responding to remarks attributed to senior Minister Satish Jarkiholi on alleged internal differences, the Deputy Chief Minister dismissed such concerns, saying the high command would address matters at the appropriate time. "There are no issues, we have faith in our party, they will do what they have to," he said.

On growing speculation around leadership change as the government approaches the three-year mark, Shivakumar said neither he nor the Chief Minister had publicly discussed the subject, adding that both would fully abide by the party's decision. "We will accept whatever and whenever the high command decides, and we will abide by it," he said. He also brushed aside queries on whether any "political development" could coincide

with his birthday on May 15. The leadership discourse within the ruling Congress has intensified in recent months, fuelled in part by talk of an informal understanding between Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar at the time of government formation in 2023, and the approaching midpoint of the government's five-year term. On the issue of internal reservation for Scheduled Castes, Shivakumar responded to BJP criticism by asserting that the government had acted in line with its commitment to ensure equitable distribution of benefits. "We have found a solution and tried to do justice to all sections among SCs. We have fulfilled the promise made, and everyone should go together," he said. In a separate note, the Deputy Chief Minister issued a firm advisory to party workers, asking them not to put up flex banners or advertisements for his birthday on May 15. "No one should put up flex banners or advertisements for my birthday. If flexes are installed, cases will be registered by authorities against those responsible," he warned.

## GMR Sports and Rugby India Announce Introduction of Women's Franchises in Season 2 of the HSBC Rugby Premier League

New Delhi : GMR Sports, in partnership with Rugby India, today announced a landmark step in the evolution of the HSBC Rugby Premier League (RPL) with the introduction of women's franchises in its second season.



Building on the success of the inaugural 2025 edition, four of the existing six men's teams—Chennai Bulls (owned by Avid Sys Sports), Delhi Redz (owned by RMZ Corp), Mumbai Dreamers (owned by Dream Sports), and Kolkata Banga Tigers (owned by Hunch Ventures), formerly Kalinga Black Tigers and now relocated from Bhubaneswar to Kolkata—will also field women's teams. This marks a significant stride towards inclusivity

and the growth of rugby in India. The addition of women's teams underscores the league's commitment to fostering a robust and sustainable rugby ecosystem while providing a premier platform for female athletes to showcase their talent at the highest level.

The HSBC Rugby Premier League, scheduled to be held from June 16-28 at Gachibowli Stadium in Hyderabad, builds on the strong foundation of its debut season held in

Mumbai last year, which featured six men's franchises. The league has rapidly emerged as a key driver in popularising rugby across the country. The introduction of women's teams is expected to further elevate the league's profile and inspire the next generation of players.

on the development, Mr Rahul Bose, President, Rugby India, said: "It has always been our dream at Rugby India to have an RPL Women edition. This year that dream comes to

fruition. We have our partners, GMR Sports and our wonderful franchisees to thank. Women's 7s rugby across the world is as exciting as Men's 7s rugby. And our Indian women are superb! Come and witness the action in Hyderabad!"

Mr Sujoy Ganguly, CMO, GMR Sports, added, "At GMR Sports, we have always believed in building platforms that drive meaningful change in Indian sport. The inclusion of women's teams in the Rugby Premier League is a natural and important progression for the league. It reflects our commitment to nurturing talent across genders, while continuing to elevate the overall standard and appeal of rugby in the country."

## Congress Faces 'Political Talaq' Warning from Muslim Leaders in Karnataka



Bengaluru (TSIT) In a significant political development, the Indian National Congress in Karnataka is facing strong backlash from sections of Muslim leadership, with warnings of a symbolic "talaq" — indicating a complete break in political support.

The unrest follows disciplinary actions against party leaders, including the suspension of a Congress MLC and the removal of Nasir Ahmed from his role as Political Secretary to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. These moves have triggered concerns among minority leaders, who allege selective targeting

of Muslim representatives.

Leaders from across districts such as Bangalore, Davangere, and Mysuru have voiced strong objections, stating that the issue goes beyond internal party discipline and touches upon dignity, representation, and trust. Several leaders warned that continued action against minority representatives could force the community to reconsider its long-standing political alignment with the Congress.

"The message is clear — respect minority voices or risk losing their support," a senior leader remarked,

emphasizing that the use of the term "talaq" reflects a serious erosion of confidence rather than temporary dissatisfaction. Adding to the discontent are unmet electoral expectations, including demands related to hijab permissions, reservations, and adequate political representation. Leaders argue that failure to address these concerns has deepened frustration within the community. As tensions rise, the Congress leadership now faces a crucial challenge — rebuilding trust with a key support base or confronting potential electoral repercussions in Karnataka.

## Special Cleanliness Drive in 34 Slum Areas under Swachh Survekshan: Daljit Kumar

Bengaluru : With the objective of maintaining cleanliness across the city and transforming it into a waste-free urban body, as well as securing a better ranking in Swachh Survekshan 2025-26, the Bengaluru Central City Corporation has undertaken a special cleanliness drive. As part of the already prepared action plan, and considering the importance of maintaining hygiene in slum areas, a total of 34 slums and adjoining back-lane areas within



the corporation limits were selected and cleaned under the 10th phase of the drive. Awareness was also created among the public to avoid littering in and around these areas, informed Daljit

Kumar, Additional Commissioner (Development), Bengaluru Central City Corporation. A total of 275 pourakarmikas and 88 other sanitation staff actively participated in the drive. Approximately 12.8 quintals of waste were collected and safely disposed of during this operation. DGM Bhimesh Nayak, concerned division AGMs, officials, pourakarmikas, and other staff members also took part in the cleanliness drive.

## Asia's Largest SCADA Centre Set for Launch in Bengaluru

Bengaluru (TSIT) In a major boost to urban infrastructure, Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board has readied Asia's largest Integrated Intelligent Water and Sewerage Management (SCADA) Centre in Bengaluru. The state-of-the-art facility, developed under the Cauvery Stage 5 project with support from Japan International Cooperation Agency, will soon be inaugurated by Deputy Chief Minister D. K. Shivakumar.

BWSSB Chairman Dr. Ram Prasath Manohar inspected the centre at Shimsha Bhavan in Jayanagar, reviewing final preparations ahead of its launch. The advanced command centre is designed to monitor and manage the city's entire drinking water and sewerage network in real time.

The SCADA facility will oversee the supply of 775 MLD water under Cauvery Stage 5 to over 110 villages, while also

integrating water treatment plants, ground-level reservoirs, and sewage treatment plants across the city. Equipped with Artificial Intelligence, the system can predict water demand, detect leakages instantly, and reduce water losses.

A key highlight is real-time water quality monitoring, tracking parameters such as chlorine, pH, TDS, and turbidity, with instant alerts in case of contamination. The system also ensures compliance with environmental standards and monitors biogas generation at sewage treatment plants. Additionally, IoT-enabled predictive maintenance, GIS integration, and smart metering will help prevent operational failures, reduce costs, and improve efficiency. Officials say the project marks a major step toward creating a digital twin of Bengaluru's water network in the future.



**DCB BANK**

# 650/12, BEE EM Avenue, Dr. Raj Kumar Road, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560 010

### POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the Undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the DCB Bank Ltd., 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 demand notice under section 13(2) of the said Act, 2002, calling upon the borrowers / co-borrowers as mentioned in column no. 3 to repay the amount mentioned in the said Demand Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrowers and co-borrowers having failed to repay the amount as mentioned in column no. 6, notice is hereby given to them and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property as described herein below in column no. 4 in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with the Rule 8 of the said Rules.

Sr. No	DETAILS OF THE LOAN ACCOUNT	DETAILS OF THE BORROWERS/ CO-BORROWERS	Date Of Demand Notice/ Amount Demanded	Date of Possession
1	DRBLRJ00564278	KARTHIK K & ANJALI S	05-Jan-26 Rs: 48,12,865/-	27-Apr-26

**Description of Secured Assets** : "All that Piece and parcel of the property bearing Vacant Site No.578, formed by the Bangalore Mahanagara Palike at Corporation colony, 9th Block, Jayanagara, Bangalore, old ward No.64, New ward No.170 of BBMP having PID No.64-144-578, Measuring East to West 40 feet, North to South 25 feet, in total measuring 1000 Sq feet, and bounded on : East by Road, West Site No.624, North: Road, South: Site No.579"

The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid property and any dealing with the said property will be subject to the charge of the DCB Bank Ltd. for the amount mentioned therein and further interest and cost thereon.

Date: 28-04-2026  
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer,  
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[Appendix - IV-A] [See proviso to rule 8(r/w) rule 9]

### SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES - DATE & TIME OF AUCTION 15-May-26 AT 10:00 AM

**PUBLIC AUCTION CUM SALE NOTICE (UNDER SWISS CHALLENGE METHOD) FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES ('SECURED ASSETS') OF RAJESHA PUTTASWAMY UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISIO TO RULE 8 AND RULE 9 OF THE SECURITY INTEREST ENFORCEMENT RULES, 2002.**

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the Borrower(s), Co-Borrower(s) and/or Mortgageor(s) in particular that the under mentioned property(s) was mortgaged to Altum Credo Home Finance Limited (hereinafter referred to as "ACHFL") and subsequently, the dues of the below mentioned Borrower(s), Co-Borrower(s) and/or Mortgageor(s) along with underlying security interest were assigned in favour of Invent Assets Securitisation & Reconstruction Private Limited (hereinafter referred to as "INVENT") by ALTUM CREDO HOME FINANCE PRIVATE LIMITED dated 29.12.2025. Physical possession of under mentioned property(s) had been taken by the Authorised Officer of INVENT under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and now will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" and "No recourse Basis" on 29.12.2025 for the recovery of dues detailed as under.

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Sr./ Lot No.	Loan Code / Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Description of Immovable Property(s) with known encumbrances and known liabilities, if any	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Total Outstanding Amount	Reserve Price (RP) EMD (10% of RP) Bid Increase Amt.	Property or Physical Possession	Date and Time of Property Inspection
1.	Loan Code No. S11720200098 Rajesh Puttaswamy (Borrower), PRAVEEN KUMAR K P (Co-Borrower),	Description: Thenganyakanahalli Dakke, Chudahalli, Grama Panchayath limits, Santharuru Hobli, Kanakapura Taluka, Ramanagara District, measuring East to West 8.8392 Meters and North to South 7.62 Meters, in all measuring 67.35 Square Meters and bounded on: On and Towards: East: Remaining portion of Vendor, On and Towards West: Road, On and Towards South: Property belongs to Shivappa, On and Towards North: Remaining Portion of Vendor	Date: 13-May-2025, Rs 13,49,395/- as on 13-May-25 together with further interest thereon from the date of default at contractual/ documented rates and other incidental expenses, etc.	Rs 13,49,395/-	Rs.20,54,484/- Rs.2,05,448/- Rs.10,000/-	Physical	09-May-26 Between 12.00 Noon to 6.00 PM

Last Date & Time for submission of 29A Declaration alongwith Self Attested KYC: 09.05.2026, upto 4.00 PM

Last Date & Time for submission of bid: 14-May-26, upto 12.00 PM

Date & Time of bid opening: 13.05.2026, at 2.00 PM

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Address at which the tender to be Submitted and Place of Auction: Bakhtawar, Suite 'B', Ground Floor, Backbay Reclamation Scheme Block III, 229, Nariman Point, Mumbai - 400 021. E-Auction

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1.	Loan Code No. S162204000005 Kempachari Kempachari (Borrower), Shobha (Co-Borrower 1),	Description: All that Piece and parcel of Property No. 63/42D E-Khatha No. 15290400600800363, Situated at Doddamannugudde Village, Bilagumba Grama Panchayath, Ramanagara Taluk, Ramanagara District, Measuring East to West 10.6680 Meters(35 feet) and North to South 6.096 Meters (20 feet), in all measuring 65.03 Square Meters (700 Square feet) and bounded on : On and Towards East: Property belongs to Ravi, On and Towards West: Road, On and Towards South: Property belongs to Angadi Ningaiah, On and Towards North: Property belongs to Gangadharachari.	Date: 10-Oct-2024, Rs 9,70,686/- as on 30-Sep-26 together with further interest thereon from the date of default at contractual/ documented rates and other incidental expenses, etc.	Rs 9,70,686/-	Rs. 12,04,875/- Rs. 1,20,487/-	Physical	09-May-26 Between 12.00 Noon to 6.00 PM

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# Madras HC dismisses plea seeking probe into Vijay's election affidavit

Chennai, April 27 : The Madras High Court on Monday dismissed a petition seeking a probe into the financial disclosures made by actor-politician Joseph Vijay in his nomination affidavit for the 2026 Tamil Nadu Assembly elections. A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Sanjay V. Gangapurwala, Dharmadhikari and Justice Arul Murugan rejected the plea filed by Chennai resident MP Venkatesh, which alleged suppression and misrepresentation of financial details in Vijay's Form 26 affidavit submitted for the Perambur constituency.



Chennai: CPM Secretary P Shammugam on Monday urged that the scheduled meeting of the Cauvery Management Authority on April 29 be postponed, citing the absence of elected governments in key States.

The petitioner had sought directions for a preliminary inquiry by multiple agencies, including the Income Tax Department, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and the Election Commission of India, claiming that the affidavit con-

tained contradictory disclosures. According to the petition, Vijay had reported high-value financial transactions, including loans worth several crores extended to family members and associated entities, while at the same time declaring zero liabilities.

The petitioner argued that such disclosures were misleading and failed to meet the statutory

requirement of full and transparent reporting under election laws. The plea also highlighted specific transactions, including a loan exceeding Rs 12 crore to his spouse and substantial transfers to a trust, alleging that these lacked adequate explanation regarding their nature and source of funds. Citing Section 33A of the Representation of the People Act,

1951, the petitioner contended that incomplete or inaccurate disclosures violated a voter's right to information, which is protected under Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution.

A time-bound inquiry and submission of a status report before polling were also sought. However, the High Court declined to entertain the plea and dismissed it without ordering any probe.

The development comes even as a separate petition raising similar concerns over discrepancies in Vijay's election affidavits remains pending before the High Court. In that case, the Bench had earlier issued notices on April 20 to the Election Commission of India and the Income Tax Department, observing that more than Rs 100 crore allegedly remained undisclosed in one of the affidavits.

# CPM seeks postponement of Cauvery Management Authority meeting



CHENNAI: CPM Secretary P Shammugam on Monday urged that the scheduled meeting of the Cauvery Management Authority on April 29 be postponed, citing the absence of elected governments in key States. In a statement, he said the Cauvery Management Authority had been constituted to monitor whether Karnataka releases 177.25 tmc ft of water annually to

Tamil Nadu, as directed by the Supreme Court of India, and to deliberate on issues related to the river water sharing.

The 50th meeting of the Authority has been announced to be held in New Delhi on April 29. Pointing out that the Cauvery water issue concerns Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Puducherry and Kerala, he noted that Assembly elections are

currently under way in Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Puducherry, with counting scheduled on May 4.

In the absence of elected governments in these States, holding such a meeting would not be appropriate, he said.

He further stated that the agenda for the April 29 meeting had not been disclosed. Under such circumstances, officials attending the meeting would not be in a position to present considered views without prior consultation with an elected government, which is the usual practice.

The party, therefore, urged that the meeting be deferred and convened after the formation of elected governments in the concerned States.

# DPH advises govt facilities to keep ORS in stock for summer

CHENNAI: Anticipating a surge in heat-related illnesses as summer tightens its grip, the Directorate of Public Health and Preventive Medicine has directed all government health facilities to stock adequate quantities of Oral Rehydration Solution (ORS) and distribute it free of cost, even as it ordered the creation of dedicated heat stroke wards across the State. The instructions, issued to government hospitals, medical college hospitals, primary health centres and urban health units, come amid a steady rise in temperatures, with Chennai recording higher-than-



usual heat levels since February.

"ORS must be made readily available in all government health institutions and supplied free to the public to prevent dehydration," a senior official in the department told DT Next. The department has

also asked field staff to prioritise vulnerable groups, including agricultural labourers, construction workers and roadside vendors, who face prolonged exposure to the sun. Health workers have been told to distribute ORS proactively and sensitise people on the

risks of dehydration.

In a parallel measure, all government medical colleges, district headquarters hospitals and major public health facilities have been instructed to establish exclusive heat-stroke wards to handle emergency cases. "District health officers must ensure that all precautionary steps are in place to prevent fatalities due to heatstroke," the official said.

Denizens lament lack of tender coconuts in southern suburbs Doctors said early symptoms such as fatigue, dizziness and excessive thirst should not be ignored.

# Denizens lament lack of tender coconuts in southern suburbs

CHENNAI (TSIT): Residents in the southern suburbs of Chennai are facing a severe shortage of tender coconuts as rising temperatures and supply issues have pushed prices higher.

For more than two weeks, Chennai and its suburbs have been experiencing intense heat, much earlier than the usual peak summer period that begins in early May.

The soaring temperatures have led to an increase in heat-related illnesses, prompting people to consume more water-rich fruits and beverages to stay hydrated. There



has been a surge in demand for tender coconut water, but supply has not kept pace. In several residential areas, households that usually rely on coconuts from their own trees

are now struggling. The number of coconuts available has dropped due to the harsh heat, which has caused many immature coconuts to fall prematurely. Gulf crisis stalls tender

coconut exports from Pollachi as ocean freight rates triple

Workers who climb trees to harvest coconuts have not been available in sufficient numbers, as many have taken up work related to election activities over the past few weeks.

Following the demand and shortage of supply, the price of a single tender coconut has risen to Rs 100-120, compared to Rs 50-60 during the same period last year. Vendors say prices could increase further, as temperatures rise in the coming weeks.

# NASA's PACE Data Is Redefining Our View of Earth's Climate and Oceans

NASA's new PACE satellite provides essential data on ocean health, air quality, and climate effects, enhancing scientific understanding and supporting global environmental monitoring. NASA is now publicly distributing science-quality data from its newest Earth-observing satellite, providing first-of-their-kind measurements of ocean health, air quality, and the effects of a changing climate.



testing of the spacecraft and instruments to ensure proper functioning and data quality. The mission is gathering data that the public now can access at [https://pace.oceansciences.org/access\\_pace\\_data.htm](https://pace.oceansciences.org/access_pace_data.htm). PACE data will allow researchers to study microscopic life in the ocean and particles in the air, advancing the understanding of issues including fisheries health, harmful algal blooms, air pollution, and wildfire smoke. With PACE, scientists also can investigate how the ocean and atmosphere interact with each other and are affected by a changing climate.

"These stunning images are furthering NASA's commitment to protect our home planet," said NASA Administrator Bill Nelson. "PACE's observations will give us a better understanding of how our oceans and waterways, and the tiny organisms that call them home, impact Earth. From coastal communities to fisheries, NASA is gathering critical climate data for all people." "First light from the PACE mission is a major milestone in our ongoing efforts to better understand our changing planet. Earth is a water planet, and yet we know more about the surface of the moon than we do our own oceans. PACE is one of several key missions - including SWOT and our upcoming NISAR mission - that are opening a new age of Earth science," said Karen St. Germain, NASA Earth Science Division director. The satellite's Ocean Color Instrument, which was built and managed by NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, observes the ocean, land, and atmosphere across a spectrum of ultraviolet, visible, and near infrared light. While previous ocean color satellites could only detect a handful of wavelengths, PACE is detecting more than 200 wavelengths. With this extensive spectral range, scientists can identify specific communities of phytoplankton. Different species play different roles in the ecosystem and carbon cycle - most are benign, but some are harmful to human health - so distinguishing phytoplankton communities is a key mission of the satellite.

The Plankton, Aerosol, Cloud, ocean Ecosystem (PACE) satellite was launched on February 8, and has been put through several weeks of in-orbit

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**PUBLIC AUCTION CUM SALE NOTICE (UNDER SWISS CHALLENGE METHOD) FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES ("SECURED ASSETS") OF MAHADEVASWAMY UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISIONS TO RULE 8 AND RULE 9 OF THE SECURITY INTEREST ENFORCEMENT RULES, 2002.**

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Sr./ Lot No.	Loan Code / Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Description of Immovable Property(s) with known encumbrances and known liabilities, if any	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Total Outstanding Amount	Reserve Price (RP) EMD (10% of RP) Bid Increase Amt.	Property in Symbolic or Physical Possession	Date and Time of Property Inspection
1.	Loan Code No. 1182020100263 Mahadevaswamy (Borrower), SIDDIAH (Co-Borrower 1), SANNADEVAMMA (Co-Borrower 2) AMBIKA H S (Co-Borrower 3)	Description: All that piece and parcel of the property No. 319/343, G. I. Assst No. 15220010094920281, situated at Boppanahalli Grama, Hebbalaguppe, Grampanchayat, the property is coming under the limits of H.D. Kote Taluk, Mysore District, measuring East to West 11.8872 Mtrs. and North to South 8.5344 mtrs. and bounded on the: On and Towards, East: Gully and property of Nagraju On and Towards West: Road On and Towards South: Road, On and Towards North: Property of Mahadevaiah	Date: 13-May-2025, Rs 2,55,649/- as on 13-May-25 together with further interest from the date of default at contractual/ documented rates and other incidental expenses, etc.	Rs 2,55,649/-	Rs.5,76,734/- Rs.57,673/-	Physical	09-May-26 Between 12.00 Noon to 6.00 PM

Last Date & Time for submission of 29A Declaration alongwith Self Attested KYC: 09.05.2026, upto 4.00 PM

Last Date & Time for submission of bid: 14-May-26, upto 12.00 PM

Date & Time of bid opening: 13.05.2026, at 2.00 PM

EMD Remittance Account Details: Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) shall be paid either through Demand Draft/ Pay Order in favour of "Invent Assets Securitisation & Reconstruction Pvt. Ltd. Payable at Mumbai" or deposited through RTGS/NEFT fund transfer to credit Account No. 0062009300142324, Name of the Beneficiary: Invent Assets Securitisation & Reconstruction Pvt. Ltd, Name of the Bank: Punjab National Bank, IFSC Code PUNB0006200.

Address at which the tender to be Submitted and Place of Auction: Bakhtawar, Suite 'B', Ground Floor, Backbay Reclamation Scheme Block III, 229, Nariman Point, Mumbai - 400 021. E-Auction

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Date: 28.04.2026 Place: Mumbai Sd/- Authorised Officer Invent Assets Securitisation & Reconstruction Private Limited

# Advanced RNA Sequencing Reveals the Drivers of New COVID Variants

A study reveals that a new sequencing technique, tARC-seq, can accurately track mutations in SARS-CoV-2, providing insights into the rapid evolution and variant development of the virus.

The SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes COVID has the unsettling ability of often generating variants of itself. Other viruses also mutate, but as SARS-CoV-2 quickly spread throughout the entire human population during the pandemic, killing millions, the virus' dynamic evolution posed a serious problem: it repeatedly challenged our bodies' immune response fighting the virus and hindered the process of getting updated vaccines ready.

Understanding the genetic mechanism fueling SARS-CoV-2's ability to generate variants can go a long way in keeping COVID at bay. In this study published today (April 22) in Nature Microbiology, researchers at Baylor College of Medicine and collaborating institutions developed a new technology called tARC-seq that revealed a genetic mechanism affecting SARS-

CoV-2 divergence and enabled the team to calculate SARS-CoV-2's mutation rate. Using tARC-seq, the researchers also captured new mutations in SARS-CoV-2 in infected cells in the lab that recapitulated observations revealed by worldwide pandemic viral sequencing data. The findings can be useful for monitoring viral evolution in the human population. "The SARS-CoV-2 virus uses RNA, instead of DNA, to store its genetic information. Our lab has long been interested in studying RNA biology, and when SARS-CoV-2 emerged we decided to investigate its process of RNA replication, which is typically error-prone in RNA viruses," said corresponding author Dr. Christophe Herman, professor of molecular and human genetics and of molecular virology and microbiology at Baylor. The researchers wanted to follow RNA replication errors because they are crucial for understanding how the virus evolves, how it changes and adapts as it spreads in the human population, but current methods lacked the precision to detect rare new SARS-CoV-2 mutations.

# New Bat coronavirus discovered in China, poses potential risk of human transmission

A team of Chinese virologists has identified a new bat coronavirus that carries the potential for animal-to-human transmission. The virus, found to utilize the same human receptor as the Covid-19 virus, was discovered in a study led by Shi Zhengli, a prominent virologist from the Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV), according to a report in the South China Morning Post.

Shi, often referred to as 'Bat Woman' for her extensive research on bat-borne viruses, has denied allegations that Covid-19 origi-

nated from a lab leak at WIV, a claim also refuted by the Chinese government. The newly identified virus belongs to the merbecovirus subgenus, which also includes the Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS) virus. It is a new lineage of the HKU5 coronavirus, first detected in the Japanese pipistrelle bat in Hong Kong. Research findings, published in the peer-reviewed journal Cell, revealed that this virus can bind to the human angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE2) receptor, the same receptor used by SARS-

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1.	Loan Code No. S119209000014 Harisha K (Borrower), SHARADAMMA (Co-Borrower1)	Description: All that piece and parcel of the Property No. 7 E-Swathu No. 151200204100500032, Measuring 9.144X12.192 Mtrs (Le 111.48 Sq.Mtrs, Situated at Sri Ranganahalli, Kanagondanahalli Gram Panchayath, Davangere and bounded as under: East : Site No. 08, West : Site No. 06, North : Site No. 02, South : Road	Date: 10-Dec-2024, Rs 3,99,718.71/- as on 10-Dec-24 together with further interest thereon from the date of default at contractual/ documented rates and other incidental expenses, etc.	Rs 399718.71/-	Rs.1,79,928/- Rs.10,000/-	Physical	09-May-26 Between 12.00 Noon to 6.00 PM

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DUTY-FREE EXPORTS TO \$20 BILLION INVESTMENT:

# How India-New Zealand FTA Emerged As A Win-Win Deal

India and New Zealand have signed a landmark Free Trade Agreement (FTA), positioning it as a major step forward in deepening economic ties, boosting exports, and unlocking investments, according to official statements. The pact, signed at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi by Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal and New Zealand Trade Minister Todd McClay, is being described as a "once-in-a-generation" opportunity to strengthen bilateral engagement. According to a PIB report, McClay termed the agreement transformative, saying it would "boost exports, create jobs, and strengthen bilateral economic ties," while improving market access and reducing trade barriers. He also pointed to strong business participation and deep people-to-people linkages between the two nations. Goyal called the FTA a defining milestone in India's engagement with developed economies, aligned with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's push for expanded global partnerships. "This



forward-looking agreement will also facilitate \$20 billion of investment into India, deepening our cooperation in trade, services, investment, innovation, mobility, agriculture productivity and education, and creating pathways for skilled talent and students," he wrote on X. A key highlight of the deal is 100% duty-free access for Indian exports to New Zealand across all tariff lines, a move expected to significantly boost labour-intensive sectors such as

textiles, leather, engineering goods, and processed foods. Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal said the FTA "marks a new era in our economic partnership," adding that Indian exporters will gain a level playing field and scale advantages in the Indo-Pacific. "The deal offers predictability in today's uncertain world," he said. PIB noted that the agreement, concluded in just nine months, opens 118 services sectors for India, introduces mobili-

ty said, adding that India's emergence as the world's third-largest economy offers Kiwi exporters "unprecedented access" to a 1.4 billion-strong market. Prime Minister Modi echoed the sentiment, calling it a landmark moment in bilateral ties. "This agreement will greatly benefit our farmers, youth, women, MSMEs, artisans, startups, students and innovators... The investment commitment of \$20 billion by New Zealand will further strengthen our cooperation... paving the way for a more prosperous and dynamic future for both countries," he said in a post on X. With bilateral trade currently modest, both sides expect the FTA to significantly expand trade and investment flows, reinforcing a broader strategic partnership anchored in economic cooperation and shared growth ambitions.

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## Financial Results for the Quarter and Year Ended 31



**Business Growth** - Total Business of the Bank stood at Rs.5,90,314 Crore as on 31.03.2026 registering a growth of 14.95% on Y-o-Y basis, wherein Gross Advances grew by 19.44% on Y-o-Y basis to Rs.2,62,752 Crore & Total Deposits grew by 11.59% on Y-o-Y basis to Rs.3,27,563 Crore. CASA Growth - Total CASA stood at Rs. 1,17,752 Crore as on 31.03.2026 registering a growth of 12.46% on Y-o-Y basis, Savings Deposit stood at Rs. 1,01,025 Crore registering a growth of 11.78% on Y-o-Y basis and Current Deposit stood at Rs. 16,727 Crore registering a growth of 16.77% on Y-o-Y basis. CASA ratio improved by 74bps to 38.65%. Profitability- Net profit for the quarter ending 31.03.2026 stood at Rs.801 Crore as against Rs.653 Crore as on 31.03.2025 registering 22.66% growth on Y-o-Y basis. Operating Profit for the quarter ended 31.03.2026 stood at Rs.1,573 Crore. Net Interest Margin (NIM)- Global stood at 3.00% and Domestic NIM at 3.19% for the quarter ended 31.03.2026. Advances in Retail, Agriculture & MSME (RAM) Sectors - RAM segment of the Bank increased by 24.23% to Rs. 1,52,324 Crore Y-o-Y backed by 26.62% Y-o-Y growth in Retail advances 26.24% Y-o-Y growth in Agriculture advances and 19.36% Y-o-Y growth in MSME advances. Reduction in NPA - Gross NPA reduced by 52bps Y-o-Y to 2.17% as on 31.03.2026 whereas Net NPA reduced by 23 bps Y-o-Y to 0.27% as on 31.03.2026. Capital Adequacy Ratio - Capital Adequacy Ratio (CRAR) stood at 18.61% as on 31.03.2026 with Tier I Capital Ratio of 16.59%. Credit to Deposit Ratio - Stood at 80.21% as on 31.03.2026 as against 74.94% as on 31.03.2025. Dividend @ 4.40% (i.e. @ 44paise per equity share) is proposed for the year 2025-26 subject to approval from shareholders in ensuing Annual General Meeting of the Bank. Financial Results for the Quarter and Year Ended 31st March 2026 Profitability (Quarter Ended March 31st, 2026): Net Profit for the quarter ended 31.03.2026 stood at Rs.801 Crore as against Rs.653 Crore for the same period in the preceding year, registering a growth of 22.66% Y-o-Y. Net Interest Margin (NIM)- Global stood at 3% and Domestic NIM at 3.19% for the quarter ended 31.03.2026. Cost of fund improved by 31 bps Y-o-Y to 4.47% for the quarter ended 31.03.2026. Yield on Advances (Domestic) stood at 8.18% for the quarter ended 31.03.2026. Cost to Income ratio improved by 581 bps Y-o-Y at 52.66% for the quarter ended 31.03.2026. Return on Asset (ROA) stood at 0.87% showing an improvement of 10 bps on Y-o-Y basis. Fee Based Income grew by 32.65% Y-o-Y to Rs.516 Crore as on 31.03.2026 as against Rs.389 Crore as on 31.03.2025. Profitability (Year Ended March 31st, 2026): Operating Profit has shown a growth of 6.49% on Y-o-Y basis to Rs.6,429 Crore as against Rs.6,037 Crore for the year ended 31.03.2025.

## Escorts Kubota expands Digitrac into a full series, launches three new tractor models

Escorts Kubota Limited, the agri-machinery and construction equipment major, has announced the launch of the Digitrac series under Powertrac. With this launch, the company expands the Digitrac range from its existing two models to a comprehensive series of five, spanning the 45-55 HP category range. The series is designed for advanced agricultural and heavy haulage applications and is being launched pan India. Escorts Kubota operates three tractor brands in India - Kubota, Farmtrac & Powertrac - catering to premium, entry-premium and value segments respectively. The Digitrac series sits within the Powertrac brand. This is the company's fourth major tractor introduction since February 2025, following the Farmtrac Promaxx series, the Kubota MU4201 and the Powertrac Shaurya paddy series. The two existing Digitrac models, the PP 461 and PP 431 are one of the key contributors to Powertrac tractor sales in India. Their design and pre-



mium aesthetics have resonated strongly with young and aspirational farmers. The three new additions to the series are the Digitrac PP 461 4WD, the Digitrac PP 431 Plus and the Digitrac PP 41i. All five models feature bigger CC engines, bigger tyres, side shift gear, a 12 forward and 3 reverse constant mesh gearbox, independent PTO (iPTO) and a heavy hydraulic lift of 2000 kg. The series fully supports advanced implements for each stage of farming, such as Super Seeder, Reaper, Reversible MB Plough, and Laser Leveller.

Commenting on the launch, Nikhil Nanda, Chairman and Managing Director said, "This is our fourth new tractor introduction since February 2025, across all three brands. This sustained pace of launches reflects the stage we are now in as an organisation. Each launch is a deliberate step towards strengthening our portfolio and moving closer to our stated ambition of a stronger market position in India." Akira Kato, Deputy Managing Director said, "Digitrac has established a strong identity with its dis-

tinctive design and proven appeal among young and progressive farmers. Expanding it into a full series of five models is a natural progression. We see meaningful opportunity to scale this product across India and make it an even larger contributor to the Powertrac business." Neeraj Mehra, Chief Officer, Tractor Business Division added, "Digitrac is now a full-fledged Tractor Series for New Age Farmers. With its positioning as Style to Kill, Performance to Thrill, this new expanded Digitrac series brings 5 models with bigger engine, a 12+3 gearbox, independent PTO and a top speed of upto 39.9 km/h. These are features that were earlier available only in higher horsepower categories. With Digitrac, we are making advanced tractor capability accessible in the 45 to 55 HP segment also, with the fuel efficiency and value that Powertrac is known for. We are confident that the expanded series will further strengthen this connect with farmers across India."

## COAL INDIA Q4 RESULTS:

# Profit Rises 11%, Revenue Beats Estimates; Dividend Declared

Coal India Ltd.'s net profit for the fourth quarter of financial year 2026 rose 11.2% year-on-year, according to an exchange filing on Monday. The company logged a consolidated bottom-line of Rs 10,839 crore, exceeding market expectations of Rs 9,125 crore. In the corresponding period of last fiscal, Coal India's net profit stood at Rs 9751 crore. Revenue from operations rose nearly 6% to Rs 46,490 crore from Rs 43,961 crore in the year-ago period. Bloomberg analysts' had estimated the topline to come in at Rs 37,800 crore. On the operational front, earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation were up 6.2% to Rs 12,673 crore from Rs 11,932 crore year-on-year. Analysts consensus estimates stood at Rs 11,932 crore. While Ebitda margin stood at 27.3%, compared to 27.1% in the comparable quarter of the last



fiscal, analysts' had estimated margins to come in at 29.8%. Moreover, the company has also declared a final dividend of Rs 5.25 per share. "Payment of final dividend for fiscal 2025-26 shall be made subject to approval of shareholders in the ensuing AGM (annual general meeting)," the filing stated. Coal production fell 2% in fiscal

2026 to 768.19 MT and the offtake was down at 744.88 MT. In the fourth quarter coal production was down 1% and offtake fell 2%. Follow live updates here. Coal India Q4 Result Highlights (Cons, YoY) Revenue up 5.8% to Rs 46,490.03 crore versus Rs 43,961.56 crore. Net Profit up 11% to Rs 10,839.18 crore versus Rs 9,751.64 crore. Ebitda up 6% to Rs

12,673.16 crore versus Rs 11,932.14 crore. Margin at 27.3% versus 27.1%. Coal India Share Price Coal India's stock ended 0.77% lower at Rs 452.50 apiece on the NSE on Monday, before the results were declared. This compared to a 0.81% advance in the Nifty index. The share price has risen 13.41% year-to-date, and 15.10% in the last 12 months.

## Bajaj Housing Finance Q4 Results: Net Profit Soars; NII Rises 15%

**Highlights**  
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Bajaj Housing Finance Ltd. on Monday posted a 14.1% year-on-year rise in its net profit to Rs 669 crore in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2026. In the corresponding quarter of fiscal 2025, the company had logged a bottomline of Rs 587 crore. The non-banking financial company's net interest income rose 15% to Rs 945 crore, as compared to Rs 823 crore in the year-ago period. In terms of asset quality, the gross non-performing assets ratio stood at 0.27%, marginally lower as

against 0.29% at the end of March 2025 quarter. The net NPA ratio was flat at 0.11%. The NBFC's loan losses and provisions for March 2025 quarter was reported as Rs 55 crore as against Rs 26 crore in the year-ago quarter. For the entire fiscal year 2025, Bajaj Housing Finance's NII rose 25% to Rs 3,752 crore from Rs 3,007 crore in fiscal 2024. The net profit increased by 20% to Rs 3,320 crore from Rs 2,770 crore in the preceding fiscal. The housing finance company's capital

adequacy ratio, including Tier II capital, stood at 22.46% as of March 31, 2025. Bajaj Finance Share Price Today Before the quarterly results were declared, shares of Bajaj Housing Finance closed 1.8% higher at Rs 91.07 per share after it rose as much as 2.47% to Rs 91.60 apiece. This compares to a 0.81% advance in the NSE Nifty 50 Index. It has fallen 3.46% in the last 12 months and 27.17% year-to-date.

## Haier Launches F11, India's Only Ultra Fresh Air Technology Washing Machine with Full AI Color Touch Panel

India, 27th April, 2026: Haier Appliances India, the No. 1 global major appliances brand for 17 consecutive years, has taken laundry innovation to the next level with the launch of its new Haier F11 washing machine series. Designed to tackle everyday consumer pain points from fabric odour and detergent wastage to complex controls, the Haier F11, India's Only Ultra Fresh Air Technology with AI Touch Panel, brings unmatched freshness, hygiene and care for laundry in modern Indian homes. The Haier F11 Washing Machine keeps clothes super fresh for up to 12 hours with its India's Only Ultra Air Fresh Technology, helping prevent odour even when clothes are left inside after a wash. Its stylish design is paired with Full AI Color Touch Panel that features large icons and dedicated programs for fabrics such as sarees, jeans and cotton, making everyday use straightforward. The washing machine also comes with Essence Wash technology that auto-



matically adjusts detergent usage based on the load, reducing wastage. It further features Instant Dissolve Premix technology, which creates a premix microbubble solution for faster and more effective detergent dissolution, along with 3D Power Spraying, where the microbubble solution is sprayed directly onto fabrics to ensure deeper and more thorough cleaning. AI One Touch further simplifies operation allowing users to start a smart wash with a three-second press while automatically setting the wash parameters.

Commenting on the launch, Mr. NS Satish, CEO, Haier Appliances India said, "With the launch of the F11, our focus is to address the real, everyday challenges faced by modern Indian households. Today, laundry is no longer just a functional task; it's about hygiene, convenience, and the reassurance that technology can quietly take care of it. Every feature of the new Haier F11 is thoughtfully designed to simplify the experience while making advanced technology intuitive and accessible to everyone. This launch reflects

Haier's commitment to redefining standards in the washing machine category and our broader goal of delivering intelligent, high-performance appliances that genuinely enhance everyday living." Manufactured at Haier's advanced facility in India, the F11 washing machine series reaffirms the company's commitment to the 'Make in India, Made for India' initiative. This launch embodies Haier's innovation-first philosophy and underscores its ongoing dedication to designing smart, globally competitive appliances tailored for Indian

lifestyles. HAIER F11 WASHER-DRYER WASHING MACHINE SERIES: TOP FEATURES AND SPECIFICATIONS: Ultra Fresh Air Technology One of the most common complaints with washing machines is stale or musty odour in clothes, especially when laundry is left inside the drum after a wash. The F11 addresses this with India's Only Ultra Fresh Air Technology, which continuously circulates fresh air through the drum after the wash cycle. Full AI Color Touch Panel Traditional machines often confuse users with multiple buttons and complex settings. The Haier F11 washing machine's large, full AI color touch panel display offers an intuitive, user-friendly interface. Users can easily select programs, track wash progress, and customise cycles at a glance, making laundry simple for every family member.

# White House says Trump 'stands by' Secret Service as shooting suspect due in court

The Washington Hilton hotel, the venue for the White House Correspondents' Dinner, says its security protocols had been directed by the US Secret Service. "The hotel was operating under stringent security protocols for the property as directed by the US Secret Service, which led security for the event," says the hotel in a statement, reported by Reuters news agency. The hotel adds that the Secret Service worked in coordination with a wide range of security teams, including local Washington DC police and hotel security. US Secretary of State Marco Rubio has been speaking to Fox News. In clips reposted on X by the official White House Rapid Response account, Rubio says: "I didn't hear shots I just saw a bunch of security people rushing in." "The first thing you wonder immediately is... is there an internal threat, is there a threat inside the ballroom



itself?" He says he watched the staff follow "all the security protocols". "It was sort of an unfortunate situation that happened there, where one individual can disrupt what is one of the bigger nights in Washington, especially when the president attends. "That's kind of the world we live in right now." FBI Director Kash Patel says

"we're going to be so ready" for Donald Trump to attend the correspondents' dinner in the next 30 days. He tells Fox News: "The security posture, I imagine, is going to be completely different. "I'll be working with the White House, with the Department of Homeland Security, the Secret Service, the Metropolitan Police

Department. The FBI will be fully resourced for that event." Speaking about the FBI's work after the shooting, Patel says that the bureau has conducted interviews "literally across the country" and transported evidence to be analysed quickly. He adds that the FBI's Behavioural Analysis Unit is working to create a

profile from "emails, social media postings, witness interviews" and interviews with friends, family and neighbours to create a "complete picture of this individual's mindset and intent". US officials identified Cole Tomas Allen, 31, as the suspect in Saturday night's shooting. Allen, from Torrance, California, describes himself as a mechanical engineer, game developer and teacher on his LinkedIn. He graduated from California State University in 2025 with a Master's in computer science. After he was detained, Allen told officials that he wanted to shoot officials in the Trump administration, two sources told CBS News, the BBC's US partner. US media are reporting a history of anti-Trump posts from the alleged shooter. A document, described as a manifesto, has also been linked to an X account with Allen's name as a username. A post

in November 2024 said the user had voted for Kamala Harris. An account with the same name on the social network Bluesky wrote in January: "The country will continue to crash and burn until people stop asking when other people will step up." I am at the federal courthouse here in Washington DC. Cole Tomas Allen, the 31-year-old suspect in the White House Correspondents' Dinner shooting, is expected to hear the formal charges against him read out shortly. Today's hearing is usually a fairly procedural part of the court process. But today we could hear from Allen himself or his attorney about his plea to the charges. While we've been learning about the suspect, we still haven't seen or heard from him since images of him were released on Saturday. We could also learn new details about what the prosecutors plan.

## Sri Lankan monks arrested after 110kg of cannabis discovered in their luggage



Twenty-two monks have been arrested at an airport in Sri Lanka after officials discovered 110kg (242lbs) of cannabis concealed in their luggage. Customs officials said each monk was found with around 5kg of Kush - a particularly potent form of the drug - hidden within "false walls" in their luggage when they arrived in the capital Colombo on Saturday. The monks, who were mainly students, were returning from Thailand after being treated to an all-expenses-paid four-day holiday by an unnamed sponsor when they were detained.

A 23rd monk, believed to have organised the trip, has since been arrested in a suburb of Colombo, police told BBC Sinhala. According to the acting police spokesman, the monk - who did not join the trip - had told the other monks that "these parcels are a donation" and that a van would come to collect the packages. Sri Lanka's Police Narcotics Bureau discovered photos and videos on the mobile phones of some of the monks, who were from temples across Sri Lanka, showing them enjoying their break wearing casual clothing.

## GUNMEN RAID NIGERIAN ORPHANAGE AND KIDNAP CHILDREN



Eight children are still missing after gunmen raided an unregistered orphanage in Nigeria's north-central Kogi State and kidnapped 23, authorities have said. Kogi's information commissioner Kingsley Fanwo said 15 children were rescued due to the "prompt and coordinated response" of security agencies. Sunday's attack also saw the owner of the facility taken, he added. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack, but security sources say the state has a functional Boko Haram cell, and that there have been several violent attacks in the area. Nigeria is also grappling with a kidnap crisis in many parts of the country, with criminal gangs abducting people for ransoms. The government has made paying ransoms illegal but this has not prevented the kidnappings. "The government remains fully committed to ensuring the rescue of all the victims," Fanwo said. His statement on Monday also

highlighted that the orphanage was "operating illegally" in a "bushy environment" without the knowledge of relevant authorities. Fanwo urged operators of orphanages, schools, and similar institutions to always engage appropriately with the appropriate government agencies "especially in the current security climate". Mass kidnappings in schools are not uncommon in Nigeria, especially in the country's northern region which is currently plagued by insecurity. This is the first time an orphanage has been targeted. In November 2025, more than 300 students and their teachers were abducted from one Catholic Secondary School in Niger State, also in the north central region of Nigeria. They were released in two batches with the last group regaining freedom more than one month after. The government denied reports that any ransom had been paid, or that two Boko Haram commanders had been freed as part of the deal.

## Colombia offers record \$1.4m-reward for rebel it blames for deadly bomb attack



Colombia's Defence Minister Pedro Sánchez says he is offering a record reward for information leading to the capture of a rebel leader known as "Marlon". "Marlon", whose real name is Iván Jacob Idrobo Arredondo, is suspected of having ordered Saturday's bomb attack on the Pan-American Highway, in which 20 people were killed. The attack is one of the dead-

liest targeting civilians and comes just over a month before presidential elections scheduled for 31 May. Sánchez said the 5bn peso (\$1.4m; £1m) reward for "Marlon" was the highest offered by Colombia. The defence minister accused "Marlon" of being behind Saturday's attack as well as a series of others in the provinces of Cauca and Valle del Cauca.

## Trump says King will be 'very safe' during US visit after security talks

Donald Trump has said King Charles III will "be very safe" during his state visit to the US, which is due to begin later on Monday. Further security talks took place between the White House and Buckingham Palace after a gunman gained access to an event attended by Trump in Washington DC on Saturday. Asked about the security implications for the royal visit, the US president told CBS' 60 Minutes on Sunday that the grounds of the White House, where King Charles will visit, are "really safe". The King and Queen's programme will go ahead largely as planned, Buckingham Palace said, with the UK government hoping it could ease diplomatic tensions. The UK's ambassador to the US, Sir Christian Turner, said



the visit would be about "renewing and revitalising a unique friendship" between the two countries. He said Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer had spoken to Trump on Sunday, and the trip would proceed largely as expected. The King and Queen privately reached out to the Trumps to give their sympathies after the attack, during which a Secret

Service agent was lightly injured and the president and his wife were rushed to safety. The four-day state visit will begin in Washington DC, with the King and Queen being greeted at the White House by Trump and the First Lady Melania Trump. The president said on Sunday: "I think it's great, he'll be very safe... the White House grounds are really

safe. This area of not very many acres is really safe. "And he'll be staying here, I believe he's going to a couple of other locations because he's here for a few days. "He's a great guy. They called him and they are so looking forward to being here. We spoke this morning." There are British and US flags flying in the streets around the White House, ahead of what will be several days of political theatre. It will be a charm offensive by the UK, attending ceremonial events in Washington and making a symbolic show of solidarity at the 9/11 Memorial in New York. For Trump, it will also be a chance to be seen on the world stage next to royalty and might be a welcome diversion from his own political battles.

## Kim Jong Un opens memorial for N Korean soldiers killed in Ukraine war

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and Russian Defence Minister Andrey Belousov have unveiled a memorial in Pyongyang for North Koreans who have died fighting in the Ukraine war. Military jets flew overhead and white balloons were released into the air as Kim and Belousov unveiled a statue and opened a memorial museum. It is not known how many North Korean soldiers are fighting against Ukraine, but South Korean intelligence estimates that at least 15,000 have been sent to help Russia recapture parts of western Kursk. Seoul also estimates that about 2,000 North Koreans have died in the conflict - neither



Pyongyang nor Russia have provided any official numbers. In return for providing soldiers, it is believed North Korea has received food, money and technical help from Moscow. The opening of the Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at the Overseas Military Operations on

Sunday coincided with what Russia described as the first anniversary of its recovery of parts of Kursk. Ukraine launched a surprise incursion in Kursk in August 2024. Russia said it regained full control of the region a year later. Kim assured Belousov that North Korea "will as ever

fully support the policy of the Russian Federation to defend the national sovereignty, territorial integrity and security interests", according to state media. Russia will "surely win a victory in the just sacred war", Kim said. Belousov said he discussed long-term military co-operation with North Korean officials, according to Russian news agencies. Aside from Belousov, Kim also met with the speaker of Russia's parliament, Vyacheslav Volodin, a close ally of Russian President Vladimir Putin. During a meeting on the sidelines of China's military parade in Beijing last September, where both leaders came as guests.

## Russian fighters confirm withdrawal from northern Mali city after separatist attacks



After a weekend of co-ordinated attacks across Mali by separatist fighters and Islamist militants, Russian forces who are in the country helping protect the military government have confirmed they have pulled out of the northern city of Kidal. In a series of social media posts, Russia's Africa Corps said they had "left the locality" along with Malian troops. The separatist Azawad Liberation Front (FLA) group said on Sunday the Russian troops had agreed to withdraw permanently, and claimed control of Kidal, declaring it "now free". Mali has faced insurgencies for years from the separatists in the north, and groups affiliated with al-Qaeda and the Islamic State group. On Saturday, explosions and sustained gunfire were reported in multiple parts of Mali, including the capital, Bamako. Attacks were also reported in the central cities of Ségou and Mopti, as well as Gao and Kidal in the north, on the southern fringes of the Sahara desert. In Kati - a town near the capital and home to a major military base - Malian Defence Minister Sadio Camara

was killed in an apparent suicide truck bombing on his residence. Reports suggest the assault by the FLA - who seek a breakaway state for northern areas dominated by ethnic Tuaregs - was primarily focused on cities in the region, while the jihadist group Jama'at Nusrat al-Islam wal-Muslimin (JNIM) had staged simultaneous attacks in multiple areas. The Alliance of Sahel States (AES) - comprising Mali and the neighbouring countries of Burkina Faso and Niger also led by the military - said the attacks were a "monstrous plot backed by the enemies of the liberation of the Sahel" but did not go into any further detail. Fighting resumed in Kidal on Sunday, but shortly afterwards, FLA spokesman Mohamed Elmaouloud Ramadane said an agreement had been reached between them and the Russian Africa Corps with a "a view to ensuring their secure withdrawal from the fighting". He previously told the FLA had remained in the city because "elements of the Malian army and Russian mercenaries" were still present.

## Iran's foreign minister meets Putin in Russia as Israel continues strikes in Lebanon

Two separate clips, filmed yesterday, show a helicopter landing before a group of what appear to be Israel Defense Forces (IDF) soldiers carry a stretcher towards the aircraft. Seconds later an explosion can be seen in the background. We have geolocated the footage using satellite imagery and carried out reverse image searches to confirm the videos are new. Israeli media reported that one soldier was killed in the attack as wounded troops were being evacuated. The Iran-linked Hezbollah group said it carried out the attack. As a reminder, Israel has what it calls a "buffer zone" extending around 10 kilometres into Lebanese territory, needed, it says, to reduce the threat from Hezbollah. It



means around 5% of Lebanon is now under Israeli military occupation. Back in Russia Sergei Lavrov, the country's foreign minister, has given a positive assessment of the talks between Russian and Iranian delegations in St Petersburg. They were "useful", state TASS news agency quoted Lavrov as telling journalists after the

meeting. The negotiations lasted for "about 1.5 hours", Interfax added. Earlier, Putin offered Araghchi Russia's support in ending the Iran war, while Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said that Moscow was ready to mediate in reaching a peace deal. As discussions take place in Russia, we've been monitoring the latest in the Strait of Hormuz.

Satellite imagery seen by BBC Verify shows that two ships seized last week by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) are currently anchored off Hormuz Island. Imagery captured today show the ships - MSC-Francesca and Epaminondas - lying at anchor around 8km (5 miles) from the island in the Strait of Hormuz. Both vessels reportedly came under fire from IRGC forces last Wednesday and were said to have been damaged. Videos showing IRGC personnel boarding the two ships was broadcast by Iranian state media last week - although BBC Verify analysis indicates some parts of the footage was filmed after the seizures.

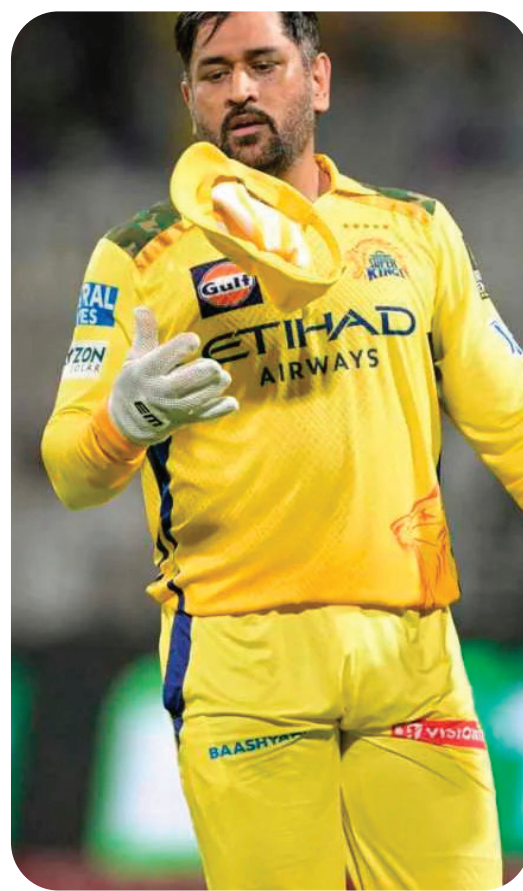
## AT LEAST 42 KILLED IN CHAD AFTER WATER WELL DISPUTE ESCALATES





Royal Challengers Bengaluru defeats Delhi Capitals by 9 wickets (81 balls left)

## MS Dhoni Suffers 2nd Injury, CSK Coach Stephen Fleming Drops IPL 2026 'Comeback' Bombshell



If one calf strain was not enough, MS Dhoni has faced another setback. Chennai Super Kings head coach Stephen Fleming has revealed that the former captain has "tweaked" his calf again. Fleming indicated that Dhoni's return to the playing XI for the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 has been further delayed after the veteran wicketkeeper-batter suffered another setback in his recovery. Dhoni, who was initially expected to miss only the opening two weeks of IPL 2026, has now been sidelined for nearly a month, with CSK already eight matches into their campaign without their talismanic former captain featuring even once.

## Abhishek Sharma Fan Girl Responds To Backlash Over Grabbing SRH Star's Hand At Team Hotel

Recently, Sunrisers Hyderabad star Abhishek Sharma was involved in an off-field incident. Following the match against Rajasthan Royals in Jaipur on Saturday, a video went viral on social media showing a fan forcibly grabbing and pulling Abhishek's hand after spotting the star cricketer at the team hotel. While the fan was visibly excited upon seeing the player, the incident left Abhishek visibly agitated, despite being surrounded by security officials. The encounter has sparked a heated debate among fans, with many suggesting the incident was a clear security breach. Now, the fan-girl in question has responded. On her Instagram handle,



named \*moreofhimshikha\*, she posted a video with the caption: "Girls, tumhare jiju pyaar se nahi maan rahe the toh bas phir kuch aisa kiya maine (Girls, your brother-in-law was not agreeing politely, so I ended up doing something like this)." After facing backlash, she wrote on Instagram: "With all due respect to Abhishek Sharma and his fans, I would like to share what actually happened from my side. Things are not always exactly how they appear

online. "I was at a venue where Abhishek Sharma had arrived, and when I found out he was there, I went to see him because I've been a fan of his for a long time, even before he became this famous. I only wanted to shake his hand, but there was a huge crowd. In the rush, while I was trying to move and give space, I accidentally grabbed his hand instead of shaking it," she added. "Everything happened very quickly, and the moment got messed up. I got nervous, and my brother pulled me back right after. The video was recorded, and I posted it because that moment felt special to me. I genuinely didn't expect it to go viral or be misunderstood like this."

## Mohammed Shami Given Award For 'Obstructing The Field' Dismissal Amid Ongoing IPL 2026 Row

Veteran Indian cricket team fast bowler Mohammed Shami received the 'ChatGPT IQ Award' in the Lucknow Super Giants dressing room following the loss against Kolkata Knight Riders on Sunday. Shami did not take any wickets, but he slammed a last-ball six to take the match to a Super Over, and it was his throw that led to Angkrish Raghuvanshi's controversial 'obstructing the field' dismissal. In a video released by LSG on their social media, assistant coach Lance Klusener listed Shami's performances in the match and mentioned the dismissal while handing him the award. Klusener said, Shami showed presence of mind to



affect the dismissal. Shami's throw hit Raghuvanshi while he tried to return to his crease and the third umpire decided that he intentionally came in between the ball and the wicket-keeper. Raghuvanshi was on Monday fined 20 per cent of his match fee for his emotional outburst after being

one Demerit Point for breaching Level 1 of the IPL's Code of Conduct for Players and Team Officials during Match No. 38 against Lucknow Super Giants," read an IPL statement. "Raghuvanshi was found to have breached Article 2.2 of the IPL's Code of Conduct, which relates to "abuse of cricket equipment or clothing, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings during a Match." The incident occurred in the fifth over, when, after being given out for "obstructing the field", Raghuvanshi struck the boundary cushion with his bat in an aggressive manner and subsequently threw his helmet into the dugout. Raghuvanshi admitted to the offence and accepted the Match Referee's sanction.

## Delhi Capitals Gets Special Message From Parth Jindal Ahead Of RCB Clash

Two days after losing to Punjab Kings despite posting a 264-run total, Delhi Capitals face the humongous task of beating the formidable Royal Challengers Bengaluru. The six-wicket loss to Punjab Kings - a game in which their bowlers were dismantled in a record chase - has left DC shaken. Placed sixth on the points table, they now find themselves in a tightening playoff race where another defeat could seriously dent their chances. Ahead of the match, DC co-owner Parth Jindal remarked: "Time to turn the heat on @DelhiCapitals. We all know how good this squad is - time to be together, time to play together and time to bring our best cricket to the @IPL. This is where our season truly begins." Time to turn the heat on @DelhiCapitals



we all know how good this squad is - time to be together, time to play together and time to bring our best cricket to the @IPL - this is where our season truly begins. Delhi's campaign so far has been defined by splendid batting but inconsistent execution with the ball. Their top order, led by KL Rahul, has repeatedly provided blistering starts, while the likes of

Nitish Rana and David Miller have ensured momentum is maintained through the middle overs. However, the inability to defend even imposing totals remains a concern, despite moderate success while chasing targets. The death bowling, in particular, has looked vulnerable under pressure - something opposition teams have begun to target.

## Yuzvendra Chahal Wants To Open For Punjab Kings, Preity Zinta Gives Epic Response

Punjab Kings are currently riding high in IPL 2026. At the halfway stage of the group phase, PBKS are the only undefeated team. In seven matches so far, they have won six, while one was washed out, taking their total points tally to 13. Generally, going by past trends, 16 points are enough for a team to qualify for the playoffs. If they win two more matches, it can be safely assumed that PBKS will be the first team to enter the IPL 2026 playoffs. No wonder the PBKS dressing room is a happy place at the moment. In the midst of this, PBKS spinner Yuzvendra Chahal had a funny request for the team's co-owner, Preity Zinta. "Mam, ek match mein open batting karne ka chance mil jaaye toh



#pzchat," Chahal asked the veteran actor on X. "For

sure, Yuzi. Anything for you. IPL khatam hone do, uske baad whichever match you like I'm sure Prabh & Priyansh won't mind then #Ting," came the epic reply from Preity.

## SPURS' SIMONS TO MISS REST OF SEASON AND WORLD CUP



Netherlands attacking midfielder Xavi Simons said he was "heartbroken" after being ruled out for the rest of the season for reoperation on his knee. Simons was carried off on a stretcher in the second half of Tottenham's 1-0 win at Wolves on Saturday. The 23-year-old fell to the ground following a collision with Wolves defender Hugo Bueno. After initially getting to his feet, he went down again. Spurs confirmed Simons will have surgery in the coming weeks. "They say life can be cruel and today it feels that way," Simons wrote in a social media post. "My season has come to an abrupt end and I'm just trying to process it. Honestly, I'm heartbroken. None of it makes sense." Partial tears or ruptures to the ACL typically lead to players being unavailable for between six and nine months as they recover. "We can confirm that Xavi Simons has ruptured the anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) in his right knee," said a Tottenham statement, "external Xavi will undergo surgery in the coming weeks and, following that, will then begin his rehabilitation with our medical team." The injury to Simons comes as Spurs fight for Premier League survival. Despite beating Wolves, they remain in the relegation zone and are two points from safety with four games left. The 2026 World Cup, which is taking place in the United States, Canada and Mexico, begins on 11 June, with the Netherlands starting their campaign in Group F against Japan on 14 June. "All I've wanted to do is fight for my team and now the ability to do that has been snatched away from me... along with the World Cup," added Simons. "Representing my country this summer just gone. I'll take time to find peace with this, but I'll continue to be the best team-mate I can be. I have no doubt that together we'll win this fight."

## Kylian Mbappe A Doubt For El Clasico, Real Madrid Confirm Thigh Injury

Real Madrid striker Kylian Mbappe is a doubt for the Clasico on May 10 after his club confirmed Monday he has sustained a thigh injury. "He has been diagnosed with an injury to the semitendinosus muscle in his left leg," said Los Blancos in a statement, after the France captain went off hurt during Madrid's 1-1 draw against Real Betis in La Liga last Friday. Madrid, second in the Spanish top flight by 11 points from leaders Barcelona, face Espanyol on

Sunday before taking on the Catalan giants the following weekend. Real Madrid initially indicated Mbappe had suffered a muscular overload, but further tests showed the top goalscorer was injured. If Madrid drop points against Espanyol without him and Barcelona defeat Osasuna on Saturday, Hansi Flick's side will be crowned champions for a second successive season. Mbappe has been troubled by injury this season, generating concern in France with the World Cup in the

United States, Canada and Mexico starting on June 11. The 27-year-old, a world champion in 2018, was dogged by a knee issue which lasted for two months, the longest absence of his career, and admitted it caused him "frustration, anger and anxiety". Real Madrid striker Kylian Mbappe is a doubt for the El Clasico against Barcelona next month because of a hamstring injury. The France captain was replaced after 81 minutes of the 1-1 La Liga draw with Real Betis on Friday.

Real said Mbappe had been "diagnosed with an injury to the semitendinosus muscle in his left leg" and that they were "awaiting progress". Real, who are 11 points behind leaders Barcelona in the table with five games remaining, visit Espanyol on Sunday before travelling to the Nou Camp on 10 May.



## Kara Telugu Release Promoted Ahead of April 30 Debut

This film, Kara, is a story of an ordinary man struck in extraordinary situations. The film is also an extraordinary film, one which is very close to our hearts" says Dhanush at 'Kara' Telugu Pre-Release Event Ahead of its theatrical release on April 30, Kara was formally introduced to the Telugu audience at a special promotional event in Hyderabad, with Dhanush presenting the film alongside director Vignesh Raja. Produced by Dr. Ishari K. Ganesh under Vels Film International, the film features music by G. V. Prakash Kumar and brings together a performance-driven ensemble including Mamitha Baiju and K. S. Ravi Kumar in key roles. Set against a tense, realism-rooted backdrop, Kara is positioned as a character-centric drama that follows an ordinary man drawn into extraordinary circumstances. The narrative unfolds through emotional conflict and situational pressure rather than conventional hero-driven spectacle. The film marks director Vignesh Raja's next after Por Thozhil, carrying forward a similar emphasis on grounded storytelling and psychological engagement. The Telugu release is being handled by Vigneshwara Entertainments, signalling a structured and simultaneous outreach into the Telugu market. The



evening was graced by Sai Durgha Tej, Venky Atluri, and Buchi Babu Sana, whose presence underscored the growing anticipation around the film's Telugu release. With music by G. V. Prakash Kumar and a strong ensemble cast supporting Dhanush, Kara is being presented not merely as a dubbed release, but as a film with the potential to resonate across languages through its narrative strength and performances. Distributor Satish who is releasing the film in the Telugu market, spoke about the significance of the opportunity and his confidence in the film's appeal. "Good evening, and a hearty welcome to everyone here. I am thankful to my parents and family, who are the core strength behind where I am today.

Very thankful to Ganesh Sir for this opportunity. Dhanush Sir, it has been a long-standing dream to be a distributor for your most successful film, and this will be that film. Director Sir, I have seen the film; it has great sequences, and the plot is such a hardcore family drama. I would also like to introduce my friend Rajesh, with whom all the promotions were handled. We hope to work with you again soon, and are thankful for the opportunity." Director Vignesh Raja reflected on the intent behind the film, emphasising its sincerity and connection with audiences. "Hello all, my first film, Por Thozhil - as soon as the film was released, I got so much appreciation from the Telugu audience. So, for all the people who liked that film, we made a film that is

similar in spirit, meaning it is very honest and sincere in its intention, and the intention is only one thing: to show you guys a good time at the theatre. It will respect your time, your intelligence, and the time you spent on the ticket. So please do come and watch; I am banking on you guys to take the film to the masses and take the word further. Thanks to Dhanush Sir, Mamitha Mam, Ravi Kumar Sir, and a lot of actors who gave genuine performances. Thanks, Durgha Tej Sir - I am a fan of your work - and thank you, Atluri Sir, for taking the time. And Vigneshwara Entertainments, thanks for distributing the film." K. S. Ravi Kumar shared his experience of working on the film and his long-standing association with Dhanush. "Hello everyone,

it's a good time for me here. Recently, I made a straight Telugu film, Ustaad, and now, in this film, I did my own dubbing. It has been a decade since Dhanush and I acted together; he hasn't changed. He has been the same guy, and it is the same with his father too, who is a friend of mine. They are such a great family. And the Telugu audience are great; all my films were remade or dubbed, and they became super hits. For this film—one thing I have to say is about the producer. He is a big educationalist. He has many colleges and schools; films are his passion. His father is a great artist, and his daughter also worked as a producer for this film. The director is also an intelligent guy; he knows things and is aware of everything. He gave me a fantastic role, and like how I did to Kamal, he did the same with me — he made me go through prosthetic make-up. I want to thank Mr. Sai Durgha Tej garu; he became a big hero. Venky Atluri Sir, big fan of your films. Dhanush is a guy who lives for cinema. Yesterday also, he mentioned that he is like a blinded horse when it comes to cinema, and nobody can disturb him. I acted as his father in the film, and thank you, Dhanush, for this role." Mamitha Baiju spoke about her journey with the film and the personal significance of the role.

## Jagapathi Babu, Laya, Akella V Krishna, Kishore Naidu Chirumamilla, Tammareddy Bharadwaj, Charitha Chitra Production's Vadhala Thrilling Teaser Unveiled

Senior actor Jagapathi Babu steps into an intense new territory with Vadhala, a suspense-driven drama that blends emotional depth with a chilling premise. Sharing the screen with him are Laya and Hrithika Srinivas, both playing crucial roles in this tightly wound narrative. The film is directed by Akella V Krishna and backed by producers Kishore Naidu Chirumamilla and Tammareddy Bharadwaj under the Charitha Chitra Production banner. The makers who previously generated intrigue with a glimpse, have now come up with a thrilling teaser. Yogi is a deeply devoted husband who dotes on his wife, making her the center of his world. She, in turn, loves him wholeheartedly and guards their relationship with quiet intensity, unwilling to let anyone disrupt the bond they share. However, their seemingly perfect world is unsettled by the presence of a young girl close to the family, who develops an intense attachment to Yogi. To her, he is everything - her anchor, her obsession, and she is prepared to cross any line to claim his love. Jagapathi Babu slips comfortably into an age-appropriate role, portraying a gentle, caring hus-



band whose world carries a quiet charm. Laya matches him perfectly as the devoted wife, bringing warmth and affection to their bond. Together, they share an effortless, endearing chemistry that anchors the narrative. Hrithika Srinivas emerges as an intriguing surprise, stepping into a character laced with negative shades, hinting at deeper layers to the story. The teaser also hints at another pivotal presence, with Ravi Varma appearing in a key role that adds further weight to the ensemble. Akella V Krishna presented the story in a gripping manner, with the inclusion of

suspense and drama in a remarkable way. Chota K Naidu frames the film with a gritty visual tone that enhances the suspense, while Karthik Kodakandla's background score injects a steady pulse of tension throughout. The editing by Kotagiri Venkateswara Rao keeps the narrative crisp. Lakshmi Bhupala is the writer, while production design is handled by Bajja Bramaiah. Overall, Vadhala positions itself as a gripping emotional thriller where every moment feels consequential, leaving behind a teaser that lingers with its intensity and intrigue.

## Janhvi Kapoor's Micro Dress Shuts Down Night



Bollywood actress Janhvi Kapoor turned heads at the grand launch of Fenty Beauty in Mumbai, where global pop icon Rihanna was also present. The star-studded evening brought together some of India's most stylish celebrities, and Janhvi stood out with a look that perfectly balanced modern structure and understated elegance. She wore an off-shoulder white top paired with a sculpted corset-style waist and a draped black mini skirt. The silhouette played with volume and structure, giving the outfit a sharp, editori-

al edge. Her hair was pulled back in a sleek bun, and she kept her accessories minimal, letting the outfit do all the talking. Her makeup leaned toward a soft glam look, with a flawless base, contoured cheeks, and defined eyes that were striking yet not overdone, a style that felt perfectly in tune with Fenty Beauty's philosophy of celebrating natural beauty. On the career front, her film Homebound has been selected as India's official entry for the 2026 Oscars, and her upcoming Telugu project Peddi with Ram Charan is set for a June 2026 release.

## THE BLACK GOLD SHOOT WRAPPED UP IN 60+ WORKING DAYS, SAMYUKTHA LOOKS POWERFUL IN NEW POSTER, MAKING VIDEO UNVEILED

Stepping into one of the boldest phases of her career, versatile actress Samyuktha, known for her strong performances, diverse roles, and a streak of successful films as a lucky heroine, takes the lead in the gritty, female-led action drama The Black Gold, being mounted on a pan-Indian scale. Directed by Yogesh KMC and produced by Razesh Danda under Hasya Movies in collaboration with Maganti Pictures, the film promises a hard-hitting narrative driven by intensity and scale. Set against the backdrop of coal mines along the Telangana-Maharashtra border, the story revolves around a police officer who values the law more than the gun in her hand, an intriguing and fresh narrative point. The film boldly explores one of India's most sensational

coal syndicates, reportedly involving even a Chief Minister. It is inspired by real-life incidents, adding further intensity to the story. Samyuktha looks tough, standing in front of a massive industrial machine, with her sunglasses on in the poster. She carries a gun casually by her side, as if danger is just part of her day. Dust swirls around her. The movie was shot across locations such as Mancherla, Bellampalli, Kagaznagar, and Adilabad, along with specially

erected sets in Hyderabad. The team wrapped the entire production in just 60+ working days, executing five power-packed schedules across 10+ fully built, realistic sets, with 300+ crew members on the ground every day, as revealed in a working video that showcases the grit and determination behind the making of the film. The action sequences have been designed on a scale rarely seen in heroine-oriented films. Completing such a high-intensity film with extensive action in just 60 days is no small

feat. The shoot was carried out using two cameras daily, and in some cases, up to five cameras simultaneously. With high production values and strong technical standards, The Black Gold is being shaped to appeal to both cinema lovers and Gen Z audiences alike. The film also brings together a strong supporting cast, including Murali Sharma, Rao Ramesh, Nassar, Manish Wadhwa, Ramki, Ravindra Vijay, Adukalam Naren, BVS Ravi, Krishna Chaitanya, and Chandrika Ravi in important roles. Coming to the technical crew, the music is composed by Sam CS, while A. Vasanth handles the cinematography. Chota K Prasad is the editor, and Sahi Suresh serves as the production designer. The Black Gold will have a pan-Indian release in Telugu, Hindi, Tamil, Malayalam, and Kannada.



## Drugs case: Mumbai court orders defreezing of Rhea Chakraborty's bank account

A special court in Mumbai has ordered the defreezing of the bank accounts of actor Rhea Chakraborty and her brother, accused in a drugs case, citing the NCB's failure to follow procedural requirements under the NDPS Act. The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) had frozen the duo's accounts as part of its probe into a drug-related case linked to the death of actor Sushant Singh Rajput. Rhea Chakraborty and her brother, Showik, represented by lawyer Ayaz Khan, argued that the NCB failed to follow the mandatory procedural requirements under Section 68F (for seizure or freezing of properties) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985. The prosecution opposed the applica-

tion, citing Chakraborty's alleged statements as evidence of her being an active member of a drug syndicate in contact with peddlers. It maintained that the freezing of the account was a necessary action by the investigation officer. However, finding merits in the defence's contention, Special NDPS Court Judge U C Deshmukh on Saturday noted that under section 68F(2) of the NDPS Act, any order to freeze or seize property must be confirmed by a "competent authority" within 30 days. If no such confirmation is made, the order becomes legally invalid. The respondent (NCB) does not deny that there is no compliance with the mandatory pro-

cedure, the court pointed out. Therefore, in view of a high court ruling and provisions of Section 68F of the NDPS Act, the application is liable to be allowed, it said.



## Rishab Shetty's 'A Film By Giri' to Release in Theatres on May 8



Under the banners of Star Wood Entertainment and Rishab Shetty Films, presented by Achhibabu M, the film 'A Film By Giri' stars Rishab Shetty of Kantara fame as the hero, with Rachana Inder as the female lead. The film has completed all formalities and is set to arrive in theatres on May 8.