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ANGANWADI TEACHER TIED TO TREE IN TELANGANA, FIVE HELD

Hyderabad, April 9 (TSIT) : Five persons were arrested in Telangana's Sangareddy district on Thursday for tying an Anganwadi teacher to a tree over the alleged financial cheating by her husband, police said. The shocking incident took place in Rasole village in Kangti mandal on Wednesday. Few villagers tied

Vasanta Kumari to a tree with a rope and humiliated her as her husband, Prabhakar, had allegedly cheated them in the name of a finance company. Prabhakar had collected money from some villagers in Ramaragidda village under "HBM Finance" and fled. Angered over this, some villagers went to Rasole, where Vasanta Kumari was attending duty.

PARTH PAWAR TAKES OATH AS RAJYA SABHA MEMBER FROM MAHARASHTRA

New Delhi, April 9 (TSIT) : Parth Ajit Pawar was on Thursday administered the oath of office by C P Radhakrishnan, Vice President of India and Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, as a newly elected Member of the Rajya Sabha from Maharashtra at Parliament House. The oath-taking ceremony, held in the presence of senior officials and members, formally marked Parth Pawar's entry into the Upper House of Parliament.

Assam sees over 84% polling, Kerala voter turnout at 75% & Puducherry 86%

Guwahati/Thiruvananthapuram/Puducherry (TSIT)

A groundswell of voter enthusiasm marked the high-stakes Assembly elections on Thursday, as voters turned out in huge numbers across urban and rural constituencies, with polling figures by 5 pm touching a striking 84.42 per cent in Assam, 75.01 per cent in Kerala, and 86.87 per cent in the union Territory of Puducherry.

No major untoward incident was reported in any part of the two states and the union Territory, and polling was held peacefully overall.

Over 5.3 crore electors queued up before the booths, reflecting robust participation as they cast their votes to shape the political future of the two states and the union Territory. Polling commenced at 7 am and is set to continue until evening across 140 constituencies in Kerala, 126 in Assam, and 30 in Puducherry. Officials said elaborate arrangements, including heightened security deployment, extensive webcasting, and drone surveillance in sensitive areas, were put in place to ensure free and fair elections. Over three-fourths of the 2.51 crore-plus electors across Assam cast their vote amid stringent security despite intermittent rains in the



POLLING LARGELY PEACEFUL, WITH NO MAJOR UNTOWARD INCIDENTS REPORTED

Over 5.3 crore voters participated across Assam, Kerala, and Puducherry

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single-phase Assembly elections that remained generally peaceful except for some sporadic incidents. According to police, polling has remained overall peaceful. Nine people were held for their alleged involvement in poll-related unrest at three places in the state. Some people also sustained minor injuries in clashes that broke out at polling booths after voting began. Among the prominent person-

alities who cast their votes are Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, state Congress president Gaurav Gogoi, Rajar Dal chief Akhil Gogoi and Rajasthan Royals captain Riyan Parag.

Sarma, accompanied by his wife and son, voted at a booth in state capital. He is contesting from the Jalukbari constituency. Gogoi voted in his home turf Jorhat, from where he is fighting his maiden Assembly election. A record turnout was witnessed in Puducherry, with an estimated 86.87 per cent of the total 9.53 lakh electorate pressing the EVM button till 5 pm, as the polling to elect the 30-member Territorial Assembly reached the final stretch, amid tight security.

Going by the unprecedented turnout, and with an hour's time left for the polling to end, the voting percentage was all set to cross the 90 per cent mark

Education key to progress, says Bhatti;

Announces key initiatives to improve quality of education

Khammam (TSIT)

Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu on Thursday said education is the true weapon for progress and stressed that only education can empower children and build an equal and progressive society.

Addressing after distributing free bicycles to students of government schools and colleges under Amma Foundation initiative at Bonakal here, Bhatti said students must shape their future by treating education as their strongest weapon and added that disparities in society can be eliminated only through education.

He said the recent socio-economic, educational, employment and caste survey conducted by the



state government has clearly shown that development is possible only through education.

He announced that the state government will launch a breakfast scheme for 20 lakh students studying in government schools from June 2, stating that no child should attend school hungry as it affects learning ability. He further

said free mid-day meals will also be extended to Intermediate students from the next academic year. Stating that the government is investing thousands of crores in education, he said every child in the state should be given an opportunity to study as far as they wish and develop into quality human resources.

Petroleum Minister Puri to visit Qatar to discuss LNG supply amid West Asia crisis

New Delhi (TSIT) : Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri is set to visit Qatar between April 9 and April 10 to discuss liquefied natural gas (LNG) supplies amid disruptions triggered by the ongoing Iran conflict, the ministry said on Thursday.

In a post on X, the Ministry said, "Union Minister for Petroleum &



Natural Gas, Hardeep S. Puri, will be on an official visit to the State of Qatar on April 9-10, 2026. India has been ensuring adequate gas availability for households,

as global supply chains remain under stress.

Earlier, state-run QatarEnergy last month declared force majeure on long-term LNG supply contracts for up to five years, affecting shipments to countries such as Italy, Belgium, South Korea and China. While India was not specifically mentioned, it remains one of the key buyers of LNG from Qatar.

India reviews preparedness amid West Asia developments

Visakhapatnam, April 10 (TSIT) : In view of the evolving situation in West Asia, the Government of India conducted a comprehensive review of the country's preparedness during a high-level meeting of the Informal Group of Ministers (IGoM), chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

The meeting was attended by senior Union Ministers including Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal, and Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, among other key officials.

During the meeting, Rajnath Singh stressed the importance of continuous preparedness, strong inter-departmental coordination, and resilience to address emerging challenges. He noted that the government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is taking proactive steps to safeguard citizens from the impact of global ten-



sions. The government stated that India's energy supply remains stable despite disruptions in West Asia. LPG vessels have successfully navigated the strategic Strait of Hormuz, ensuring uninterrupted supply, with no shortages of domestic LPG cylinders reported.

To support vulnerable sections, the supply of smaller LPG cylinders has been increased, while public sector fuel outlets continue to meet rising demand. Industrial LPG allocation has been prioritised for critical sectors such as pharmaceuticals, agriculture, food processing, and manufacturing. Additionally, the government is promoting Piped Natural Gas (PNG), with a

rise in new connections to reduce dependence on LPG. The Centre assured uninterrupted availability of essential commodities, including petrol, diesel, fertilisers, and food items, with continuous monitoring mechanisms in place to prevent shortages.

Adequate buffer stocks of rice and wheat are available to meet both routine and emergency needs, and the Public Distribution System (PDS) is functioning smoothly. Under the Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS), surplus food grains can be released to stabilise prices and control inflation if required.

Procurement for the Rabi Marketing Season 2026-27 has commenced under Minimum Support

Price (MSP) operations, with coordination between the Centre and states to ensure logistics and packaging support.

The government also reported comfortable availability of edible oils due to steady imports and improved domestic production, with mustard output expected to rise. The sugar sector remains stable with sufficient production and steady exports.

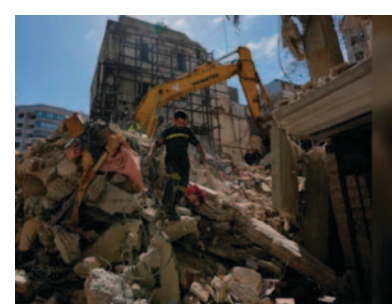
The Department of Consumer Affairs is monitoring prices of key commodities nationwide. While no major price volatility has been observed, a moderate rise in edible oil prices has been noted. The government is also preparing to procure onions to stabilise market prices and support farmers.

The IGoM concluded that India is well-prepared to handle any potential impact arising from the West Asia situation, with continuous monitoring, proactive decision-making, and coordinated efforts ensuring economic stability and uninterrupted supply of essential goods across the country.

Netanyahu orders direct Lebanon talks as Beirut death toll rises to 303

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he has instructed his Cabinet to begin direct negotiations with Lebanon, with a focus on disarming Hezbollah and establishing peace relations between the two countries. In a statement issued by his office on Thursday, April 9, Netanyahu said the move follows repeated requests from Lebanon to open direct talks with Israel and that negotiations should begin "as soon as possible". He added that discussions would centre on dismantling Hezbollah's military capabilities and advancing towards formalised relations.

Reacting to the development, Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi criticised the Israeli leader, linking



the diplomatic push to his ongoing legal troubles. Writing on X, he said a region-wide ceasefire, including in Lebanon, could hasten Netanyahu's jailing as his corruption trial resumes. Direct talks between Israel and Lebanon are expected to begin next week, according to Barak

Ravid, with Washington likely to host the first Iran Supreme Leader outlines demands, signals tougher Hormuz stance. Iran's Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei said Tehran will seek compensation for losses and injuries caused during the conflict, signalling a firm negotiating position despite the ongoing ceasefire. In a statement carried by state media, he said Iran would "not back off" from pursuing what it described as its legitimate rights, including those of the wider "resistance front", referring to its regional allies. He also called on pro-Iran supporters to take to the streets, saying public mobilisation could influence the outcome of negotiations. round.

Vijay to campaign in Karaikudi on Friday amid tight security arrangements

Chennai (TSIT) : Actor-turned-politician Vijay, leader of the Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), is set to intensify his election campaign with a major public outreach programme in Karaikudi on Friday.

The visit is part of his ongoing statewide campaign ahead of the Tamil Nadu Assembly elections, where he has been actively engaging with voters across key constituencies. During his visit, Vijay will campaign in sup-



port of his party candidates contesting in four constituencies -- Karaikudi, Manamadurai, Sivaganga,

and Tirupathur. In Karaikudi, he will specifically canvass votes for party candidate Dr D.K. Prabhu, with party lead-

ers expressing confidence that the event will draw significant public attention.

Party sources said that permission has been sought to conduct a public meeting near the Thevar statue in Karaikudi between noon and 4 p.m. In preparation for the event, officials from the Election Commission and the police department convened a coordination meeting to review arrangements and ensure compliance with election guidelines.

Ensuring income, dignity and sustainability of weavers a top priority: Yogi

Lucknow, April 9 : Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister, Yogi Adityanath, on Thursday said that ensuring the income, dignity and long-term sustainability of weavers remains a top priority for the state government, underlining the need for a comprehensive and coordinated approach to address challenges faced by the sector.

Chairing a review meeting of the Handloom Department, Chief Minister Adityanath said, "Weavers are not just carriers of tradition but also a strong pillar of the state's economy. Therefore, ensuring their income, dignity, and livelihood stability is among the government's top priorities."

He noted that weavers currently face challenges such as rising raw material costs, lack of modern design and technology, and limited market access.

"Such challenges cannot be resolved through schemes alone. A robust, result-oriented and cluster-based system must be developed," he said, directing officials to prepare a practical action plan focussed on cluster-based development.

During the meeting, officials informed that around 1.99 lakh weavers are engaged in the sector in the state, with Uttar Pradesh ranking sixth nationally.



The state has a leading position in the production of carpets, durries and mats, along with a strong presence in bedsheets, furnishings, and blankets.

In 2024-25, India's total handloom exports stood at Rs 1,178.93 crore, of which Uttar Pradesh contributed Rs 109.40 crore, accounting for about 9.27 per cent.

Emphasising the need to identify weaver-dominated regions, the Chief Minister directed the development of clusters that integrate production, quality control, and marketing. He said these clusters should function on a value chain model, covering design, branding, packaging and market access rather than being limited to production alone. The meeting also discussed cluster selection, baseline surveys, preparation of Detailed

Project Reports (DPRs), implementation and monitoring. The Chief Minister suggested organising a limited number of weavers into registered units within each cluster to encourage collective production and marketing, while also linking them with modern technology, advanced tools and skill development programmes.

Highlighting the importance of design and market alignment, Yogi Adityanath stressed the effective implementation of mechanisms such as designer-cum-marketing executives and design houses or export agencies to enhance product quality and expand market reach.

He further called for greater use of digital platforms, e-commerce and branding initiatives to connect weavers directly with consumers.

BotsIn LLC inks MoU with KITSW

WARANGAL, TSIT : Kakatiya Institute of Technology and Science, Warangal (KITSW), a premier institution committed to academic excellence, innovation, and industry-oriented learning, has formalised a collaboration with BotsIn LLC, Greenwood, Indiana, announced by the Principal Prof. K. Ashoka Reddy.

On this occasion, Principal Prof. K. Ashoka Reddy highlighted that the MoU was facilitated by Mr. Avinash Puli

designed to provide real-time hyperlocal demand insights. These solutions aim to strengthen local economies, support SMEs, enhance tourism and event planning, and enable data-driven governance in cities across India and the USA.

As part of this initiative, Your Community100 was introduced at KITS Warangal campus under the aegis of the Centre for innovation, incubation, Research and Entrepreneurship (C-i2RE).



(B.Tech CSE, 1995-1999 batch), founder of BotsIn LLC and a distinguished alumnus of KITSW. With over two decades of international experience across manufacturing, IT, pharma, and government sectors, Mr. Puli has contributed to automation systems at scale, working with organisations such as the University of Dayton, Delphi Automotive Systems, Techmetals Inc., the State of Indiana, and Eli Lilly and Company.

has also developed advanced platforms, including Your Community 100, Your City 100, and the patent-pending City Pulse Engine,

The centre plays a pivotal role in nurturing student talent by providing a structured environment for innovation and entrepreneurship, offering incubation support for student-led projects and startups, facilitating research collaborations with industry and academia, and creating pathways for internships and hands-on training in emerging technologies such as AI, automation, and digital governance. Through C-i2RE, students gain exposure to real-world problem-solving, mentorship from industry experts, and opportunities to transform ideas into viable solutions.

Hyd: Women's Bill a post-dated cheque, BJP delaying implementation: Kavitha

Hyderabad (TSIT) Telangana Jagruthi President and former BRS MP, K. Kavitha on Thursday termed the Women's Reservation Bill a "post-dated cheque" and accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) led Centre of delaying its implementation through a deceptive framework.

Addressing the media here, Kavitha said while the introduction of the Bill was a milestone, linking its implementation to the delimitation process had denied women the benefit of reservation in the recent parliamentary elections and Assembly polls in 12 states. She claimed the national momentum for the Women's Reservation Bill was the



result of sustained efforts by Telangana Jagruthi and said the organisation's protests in New Delhi, supported by 18 political parties, helped push the issue onto the national agenda. Kavitha objected to the proposal of using

Organ Donation Gives New Life to Five, Tribute to EV Satish Kumar

WARANGAL, April 9, TSIT : EV Satish Kumar (56), brother of TPCC general secretary and Red Cross Society state board member EV Srinivas Rao, served as Telugu youth state leader, passed away in a brain dead state on Thursday while undergoing treatment at a private hospital in Hyderabad due to brain haemorrhage. Active in social and political fields, he is recognized as a leader who reaches out to the people.

His sudden death left a great loss to his family and friends. Even during this tragedy, the family mem-



bers came forward with extraordinary courage and decided to donate his organs. Five people will get a new lease of life through this great decision. Many are appreciating this act as

an example for the society.

On this occasion, wife EV Anuradha and son EV Amay Rana said that they were comforted by the fact that he gave life to others through organ donation and that his sense of service will always be an inspiration.

His last rites will be performed at Shivamukti Dham, Padmakshamma Gutta Hanumakonda at 11 am on Friday (today), in the presence of family members and relatives, he said. We wish the soul of Satish Kumar to rest in peace and express our deepest condolences to his family at this difficult time.

MEPA Delegation Meets Warangal West MLA Naini Rajender Reddy

Hanamkonda TSIT: A delegation of the Mudhiraj Employees and Professionals Association (MEPA), Telangana State Committee, met Warangal West MLA Naini Rajender Reddy at his camp office in Balasamudram on Thursday and submitted a memorandum highlighting key issues faced by the Mudhiraj community.

The delegation, led by MEPA founding State president Puli Devender Mudhiraj, urged the MLA to allocate land in Hanumakonda town for the construction of a hostel for Mudhiraj students. Responding to the request, the MLA assured positive



consideration and extended his support. Speaking after the meeting, Devender Mudhiraj expressed confidence that the proposed hostel would significantly benefit students from the community by providing better educational support and accommodation facilities.

MEPA State secretary Neerati Raju Mudhiraj,

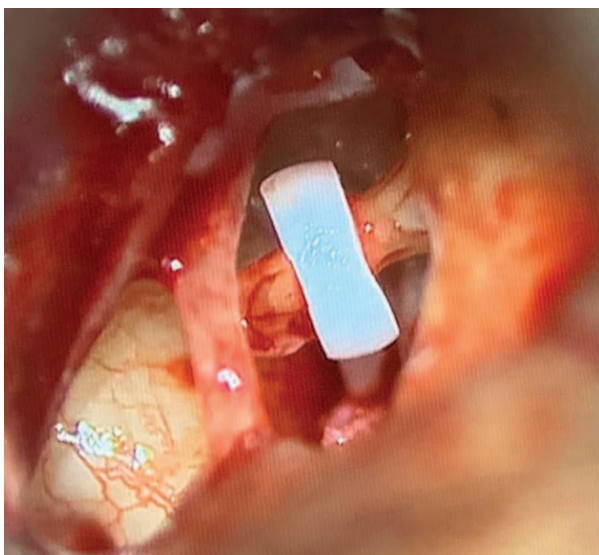
Mandal Sammaiah, Hanumakonda district president Puli Rajesh Mudhiraj, Warangal district vice-president Poludasari Ramu, Siraboina Sarangam, Bhashaboina Sandeep, and Damera mandal president Alle Praveen Mudhiraj were among those present.

CARE Hospitals Restores Hearing for Over 2,000 Patients with Advanced Stapedotomy Surgery

Hyderabad, April 9, 2026 - CARE Hospitals, Banjara Hills, has achieved a major milestone in hearing restoration, with Dr. N. Vishnu Swaroop Reddy successfully performing over 2,000 Stapedotomy surgeries. The advanced micro-ear procedure has restored hearing in patients suffering from Otosclerosis—a progressive but treatable cause of conductive hearing loss—as well as children with congenital hearing loss and those with rare bone disorders like Osteogenesis Imperfecta.

Stapedotomy involves replacing the immobilized stapes bone (the smallest in the human body) with a precision micro-prosthesis, often allowing patients to hear clearly immediately after surgery. Many adults undergo the procedure under local anesthesia, avoiding lifelong dependence on hearing aids.

Dr. Reddy's first 1,000 cases were published in



the Journal of Laryngology & Otolaryngology (Cambridge, UK) in 2021, marking the largest published stapedotomy series from India and the second-largest worldwide. Over the past six years, another 1,000+ successful surgeries have followed, drawing patients from across India and abroad.

"Hearing loss quietly

erodes confidence and human connection," said Dr. Reddy. "The true milestone is the moment a patient hears clearly again—often after years of silence." Mr. Abhinav Joshi, COO of CARE Hospitals, Banjara Hills, added that the achievement reinforces that hearing loss is reversible with timely, expert care.

Kautilya School of Public Policy to Host Fourth Graduation Ceremony with Amitabh Kant as Chief Guest

Hyderabad, April 9, 2026 - The Kautilya School of Public Policy (KSPP), GITAM Deemed to be University, will hold its 4th Graduation Ceremony for the Batch of 2026 on Friday, April 10, 2026, at 10:00 AM onwards. The event will see 35 graduates step into the field of public policy and governance.

Shri Amitabh Kant, former CEO of NITI Aayog and India's G20 Sherpa, will grace the occasion as the Chief Guest. A renowned reformer and thought leader, Kant played a pivotal role during India's G20 Presidency, contributing to the landmark New Delhi Leaders' Declaration. His distinguished career includes leading transformative initiatives such as Startup India, Make in India, and Ease of Doing



Business reforms. The ceremony will celebrate the graduating cohort's achievements while reaffirming KSPP's commitment to nurturing future leaders dedicated to inclusive growth and nation-building.

Kannada Short Film 'Pankaja' Makes Global Waves with Sundance Nod & SXSW London Selection

Bengaluru/New York, April 9, 2026 - Young Kannada filmmaker Anooya Swamy is putting regional storytelling on the global map. Her short film Pankaja, deeply rooted in Kannada culture, has been officially selected for the SXSW London Film Festival (June 1-6) following earlier recognition at the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah.

Anooya, a Master's student at New York University's Tisch School



of the Arts and a Teaching Assistant under acclaimed filmmaker Spike Lee, represents a

new wave of Indian talent blending local narratives with global cinematic language. Selection at both Sundance—a premier platform for independent cinema—and SXSW—a major convergence of film, music, and technology—is rare for an Indian regional-language short film, highlighting the strength and universal resonance of her storytelling. With Pankaja, Anooya is carrying the voice of Karnataka to audiences worldwide.

From Cancer Survivor to Marathon Runner: 40-Year-Old Woman's Inspiring Journey of Turning Pain into Power

Hyderabad, April 09, 2026 - Breast cancer is no longer a diagnosis to be viewed with fear alone. With timely intervention, proper treatment, and unwavering determination, patients can not only

overcome the disease but return to a life full of purpose and passion. A 40-year-old woman treated at the MedicoCancer Institute, Hitec City, has proven exactly that - defeating Stage II breast cancer and transforming her survival into strength by becoming a marathon runner.

A few years ago, the patient was diagnosed with Stage II breast cancer (T1N1aM0). Further evaluation revealed that her cancer was hormone receptor positive (ER/PR+) and HER2 negative. In response, the multidisciplinary team at MedicoCancer Institute swiftly designed a comprehensive, personalized treatment plan.

She underwent breast conservation surgery, followed by adjuvant chemotherapy and radiation therapy. Given the hormone-sensitive nature of her disease, she was also placed on long-



term hormone therapy alongside ovarian suppression injections. Despite the grueling physical and emotional toll of treatment, she remained resolute, following every medical recommendation with discipline and an unshakable positive spirit.

Today, five years after completing treatment, she remains completely healthy and cancer-free. More importantly, she has returned to her greatest passion - running. She is now actively participating in marathons, with every race serving as a powerful symbol of her vic-

tory over cancer and her remarkable physical and mental resilience.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Venugopal, Senior Medical Oncologist at MedicoCancer Institute, Hitec City, said, "Breast cancer is not the end of life. If detected early, it is highly treatable and, in many cases, completely curable. This patient's journey is a powerful message of hope for women everywhere. She has shown that it is possible not only to survive cancer but to come back stronger and achieve personal goals."

AMIKA at Five: An Indian Startup in Dispute Resolution That Went Global



HYDERABAD (TSIT) Five years ago, on April 9, 2021, the Amika Arbitration and Mediation Council (AAMC) was established following the recommendations of the Justice B.N. Srikrishna Committee on the institutionalisation of arbitration. What began as a local initiative has now evolved into an internationally recognised dispute resolution institution, offering a peaceful alternative to India's overburdened court system. Dr. P. Madhava Rao, Registrar of AAMC, announced today that over 500 parties involved in matrimonial, family, and property disputes have successfully sought and found resolution through the centre. This achievement comes at a critical

time, with over 50 million cases currently pending in the Indian judicial system, leaving countless litigants trapped in lengthy and expensive court battles. AAMC positions itself as a vital bridge between the traditional adversarial system and modern restorative justice. Dr. Rao explained that the centre's growing popularity stems from its ability to demonstrate to the public that even deep-seated family conflicts can be settled in a peaceful atmosphere—without ever stepping into a courtroom.

BUILDING CAPACITY, GAINING GLOBAL TRUST
Over the past five years, AAMC has conducted four intensive 40-hour training programs, producing 50 skilled mediators

by following the curriculum developed by the Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee (MCPC) of the Supreme Court of India. The institution's excellence has received international validation from the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), which approved Amika's Arbitration and Mediation Rules for resolving international commercial disputes. Further demonstrating its global reach, AAMC has designed and implemented "Training of Trainers" programs for lawyers in Myanmar.

On the domestic front, the Indian government has recognized the centre's expertise by inviting it to provide advice on mediation legislation. Additionally, national stock exchanges now utilize AAMC's mediators and arbitrators to settle investment-related conflicts.

A PHILOSOPHY ROOTED IN CORE VALUES
Beyond administrative efficiency, AAMC's success is built on an organisational philosophy based on core values rather than a purely commercial mindset. Unlike

many business-oriented firms, AMIKA views disputes holistically—particularly in marital cases, where the priority is to reunite couples or provide fair settlements that protect women's rights and preserve family ties. The centre has registered over 500 cases involving sensitive issues such as matrimonial disputes.

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2026 TN ELECTIONS

Governor post awaiting EPS, mocks Kanimozhi

Addressing a campaign rally in Namakkal, she said those aligning with the BJP would face political setbacks.



COIMBATORE (TSIT) : DMK MP K Kanimozhi on Thursday said that AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami may be appointed as Governor of some state after the Assembly polls. Addressing a campaign rally in Namakkal, she

said those aligning with the BJP would face political setbacks. "However, the job of a governor is not so difficult. Tamil Nadu had a Governor who used to walk out within five minutes of the session in the Assembly," she said, taking a jibe at former

Governor RN Ravi. Adding that Palaniswami had betrayed both Tamil Nadu and his own party, the people would teach him a fitting lesson in the upcoming polls. Accusing Palaniswami of using inappropriate language against Chief Minister MK Stalin out of fear of defeat, Kanimozhi said the upcoming polls are a battle between Keezhadi, a symbol of our regional pride, and Nagpur, which has the RSS headquarters backing the BJP. "Vote for the rising sun symbol of the DMK to protect our rights," she said.

Fraud complaint filed against Sundar C at Chennai police commissioner office

CHENNAI: A fraud complaint has been filed against filmmaker Sundar C at the Greater Chennai Police Commissioner's Office, alleging breach of agreement and failure to return advance payment. According to the complainant, Sundar C had entered into an agreement with a production company to direct a film with a budget of Rs 20 crore, with his remuneration fixed at Rs 5 crore. An advance of Rs 50 lakh was reportedly paid to him, while Rs 59 lakh was disbursed as initial payments to actors.



However, the director allegedly failed to commence the project within the agreed timeline. According to a Daily Thanthi report, the complainant further stated that following the success of

Aranmanai 4, Sundar C demanded an increased budget of Rs 30 crore and a revised remuneration of Rs 10 crore. As talks failed to reach a settlement, the producers decided to drop the proposed project, reportedly titled Kalakalappu 3, and sought a refund of the advance. The complainant has alleged that Sundar C neither returned the amount nor honoured the agreement, and instead issued threats. The petitioner has urged police to initiate legal action against the director.

MBBS FEES ONLY FOR 4½ YEARS, SAYS NATIONAL MEDICAL COMMISSION



CHENNAI (TSIT): The National Medical Commission (NMC) has directed all medical colleges, institutions and universities to collect tuition fees only for 4½ years for the MBBS course, warning that violations will invite action. According to Daily Thanthi report, the directive follows reports that some institutions were collecting fees for 5 or 5½ years. The NMC stated that such practices violate the prescribed academic structure and result in students being charged for periods without instruction. As per the Graduate Medical Education Regulations (GMER) 2024 and Competency-Based Medical Education (CBME) guidelines, the MBBS course has an academic duration of 4½ years (54 months), followed by a one-year compulsory internship. In a circular issued to deans, principals and heads of institutions, NMC secretary Dr Raghav Langer said that institutions must adhere strictly to this duration while collecting fees. Citing court rulings, the commission said tuition fees must be reasonable and non-exploitative, and charging fees without providing educational services could amount to contempt of court. The Supreme Court has also criticised the collection of internship fees and non-payment of stipends.



The Sri Lankan Navy arrested 10 fishermen from Rameswaram and seized a mechanised boat, officials said. The arrested fishermen were identified as Arokia Asad (37), Nirmal (41), Gershini Rishab (28), Nitheesh Kumar (28), John Richard (45), Melton (36), Suresh (46), Saravanan (48), Sandana Mariyan (43), and Aravind Pandi (25).

Railway Protection Force seizes 6 kg ganja in Tambaram

CHENNAI: RPF seized six kilograms of ganja, valued at around Rs 3 lakh, during a routine inspection at Tambaram Railway Station on Wednesday. Mohanraja assumes charge as Southern Railway PCPO. The Tambaram Railway Protection Force was conducting inspections when the K a c h e g u d a - Pondicherry Express, coming from Telangana via Chennai, arrived at Platform 7. During a search of the general compartment, the police noticed an unclaimed black bag under a seat. When questioned,



none of the passengers in the coach claimed ownership of the bag. Suspecting foul play, officers opened and examined it, discovering six packets concealed inside. Tamil Nadu schools to reopen on June 1. Upon inspection, the packets were found to contain ganja weighing

a total of 6 kg valued at Rs 3 lakh. The RPF immediately seized the narcotics and alerted the Anti-Narcotics Wing. The contraband was later handed over to the anti-drug trafficking police for further investigation. Preliminary investigations revealed that the ganja may have been smuggled from Telangana and was likely being transported to Puducherry via Chennai. A case has been registered, and officials are examining CCTV footage at the railway station to identify those responsible for the smuggling attempt.

The prospects of the European right after France's local elections

French voters made their voices heard in the mid-March municipal elections, whose insights into the trajectory of the far-right National Rally party, led by Marine Le Pen and her protegee Jordan Bardella, were closely followed. The party first rose to prominence in the early 1970s as the National Front, led by its founder Jean-Marie Le Pen, Marine's father. Its rise in the decades since has been striking, as it evolved from an anti-immigrant, populist opposition movement into a genuine "party of power" that boasts more than 100,000 members and nationwide support. The party's transformation into a force to be reckoned with is not only reflected in its consolidation in parliament and local councils, but also its success in reaching the decisive second round of presidential elections three times (in 2002, 2017 and 2022). While the numbers suggest that the far right at least secured its place in the second round, there is another important element to consider: in all three instances, traditional right and left-wing parties (along with centrists, environmentalists and others) formed tactical electoral alliances with the sole aim of preventing the far-right candidate from reaching the Elysee: Jean-Marie Le Pen in



2002 and Marine Le Pen in 2017 and 2022. Such tactical alliances sought to create a bulwark against an "extremist threat" and inherently demanded that traditional parties compromise on significant elements of their platforms and find some common ground. One might argue that such alliances have both advantages and drawbacks. Political parties exist, after all, to offer voters a perspective on public affairs, social and security developments, and economic and monetary priorities. When two or more parties are compelled to unite behind a single candidate, they inevitably abandon elements of their platform that reflect their supporters' priorities. Unlike ideologically rigid "cadre parties," traditional parties often pay a heavy price for compromise and lose credibility with their base, which could drift toward candidates or parties that more directly represent their core concerns. Most traditional parties in democratic countries were shaped by exceptional figures who strengthened their standing among supporters. In Germany, not every chancellor has matched the stature of Konrad Adenauer or Willy Brandt. In Britain, figures like Winston Churchill or Margaret Thatcher do not come often. And in France, not every post-Second World War president can be compared to Charles de Gaulle on the right or Francois Mitterrand on the left. The departure of such figures, whether through death or retirement, often deprives their parties of their political legacy and charismatic appeal.

Meanwhile, changing conditions and rising challenges across Europe have engendered several key shifts. Firstly, the collapse of the Eastern bloc after the fall of the Berlin Wall and the Soviet Union reshaped Europe's political map, elevating the EU as a bloc confronting a new Russia and undermining the communist left. Secondly, rapid technological development has dealt a severe blow to the labor market. Robotics, the information revolution and now artificial intelligence weaken labor unions and, with them, the socialist and communist parties. In their place, "niche issue" parties have emerged: environmental, regional (including separatist parties) and single-issue movements such as those focused on equal rights or abortion. Thirdly, migration (especially from the Global South) has intensified, driven by population growth, development disparities, economic and political crises, and civil wars. Against this backdrop, doubts have emerged about what once seemed a durable broad consensus. Just as the British distanced themselves from a unified "European identity," the Germans and Italians seem to have forgotten the horrors of Nazism and fascism, flirting with their return. Meanwhile, segments of the French working class, especially less skilled workers, have directed their frustration at immigrants, leading many to shift from the communist left to nationalist extremism. The far-right's results show that it is not the "destiny" of French democracy. It failed to achieve major

Healing with Harmony: Celebrating the Timeless Legacy of Homeopathy Honoring the Legacy of Homeopathy: Celebrating World Homeopathy Day



BY DYPA VIRTUSA

Dr. Samuel Hahnemann's legacy is remarkable, not only for founding homeopathy but also for coining the term 'allopathy', thereby defining conventional medicine as a distinct practice. Ironically, despite this contribution, allopathy has often been critical of Hahnemann. Nevertheless, his impact on both systems of medicine is undeniable, earning him a unique place in the history of healthcare. Unveiling the essence of homeopathy, we find its roots in ancient Greek wisdom, where 'homeopathy' literally translates to 'like suffering'. This timeless approach to healing is built on the principle of 'like cures like', where a medicine is chosen for its ability to induce similar symptoms in a healthy individual. With a rich history spanning over two centuries, homeopathy has evolved into the world's second-largest system of medicine, cherished by millions for its gentle, holistic, and safe approach to wellness. Today, homeopathy remains a trusted companion for countless individuals seeking a more natural path to health and healing. The cornerstone of homeopathy remains steadfast: similia similibus curentur, the principle that like cures like. While Hahnemann's discovery of infinitesimal doses has contributed to the field, it is this fundamental concept that has stood the test of time. Homeopathy has consistently demonstrated its ability to cure diseases and, when cure is not possible, provide effective palliation, offering relief and comfort to those in need. Homeopathy is built on four foundational principles, as outlined by Dr. Hahnemann

in his seminal work, Organon of Medicine: Proving on Healthy Individuals, Understanding a substance's medicinal properties through trials on healthy humans, Law of Similars, Selecting remedies based on their ability to cause similar symptoms in healthy individuals, Single Remedy Approach: Using one remedy at a time to target the individual's unique needs and Minimum Effective Dose: Administering the smallest dose necessary to achieve therapeutic results. These principles form the bedrock of homeopathic practice, guiding practitioners toward a holistic and individualized approach to healing. Homeopathic thought also emphasizes the crucial concept of disease suppression, recognizing its potential causes and consequences. By identifying and addressing these suppressions, homeopaths can achieve remarkable results. Explaining homeopathy's unique philosophy can be challenging, but its core components work harmoniously together. A fitting analogy links homeopathy to a bird, Organon (Wings), Providing the foundational principles and framework, Materia Medica (Body), Offering a comprehensive understanding of remedies, Repertory (Tail), Guiding the practitioner toward the most suitable treatment. This intricate balance enables homeopaths to navigate the complexities of health and wellness. Homeopathy's benefits extend far beyond human health, offering immense potential in Veterinary Medicine. Providing gentle, effective care for animals and Agriculture, Supporting sustainable, eco-friendly practices. Homeopathy's natural, non-toxic approach makes it an ideal choice for Promoting animal welfare, Fostering sustainable agriculture and Preserving.

environmental balance. By embracing homeopathy, we can cultivate a healthier, more harmonious relationship between humans, animals, and the natural world. Homeopathy has made a profound impact on the medical landscape, offering a unique approach that resonates with nature's subtlety. This well-established system of science harnesses tremendous potential for innovation, working quietly to restore balance and promote healing. As Dr. Hahnemann aptly described, homeopathic remedies gently eliminate obstacles, allowing the body's vital force to regain equilibrium and facilitating a natural, effortless recovery. With a rich 225-year history, homeopathy has evolved into a globally recognized system of medicine, widely accepted in countries such as Germany, France, Switzerland, England, the United States, Australia, and India. Grounded in the law of similarity, homeopathy operates on a scientifically sound biological principle, as envisioned by Hahnemann. This approach has enabled homeopathy to transcend borders, cultures, and time, offering a unique perspec-

tive on health and wellness. Homeopathy shines in its therapeutic potential, particularly in managing functional and chronic diseases. By intervening early, during the prodromal phase of functional disturbances, homeopathy can effectively arrest disease progression and restore balance, often preventing irreversible damage.

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POSSESSION NOTICE
 Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the M/s. Suryoday Small Finance Bank Ltd., under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act, 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice to below mentioned Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s). After completion of 60 days from date of receipt of the said notice, the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on them under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 6 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on the date mentioned herewith:

| Name of Borrower / Co-Borrower/ Guarantor | Date of Demand Notice | 29.12.2025 |
|---|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 259000131768, 1. MR. ANANTHARAJ RAJENDRAN S/O RAJENDRAN, 2) MRS. DIVYA D/O RAVI, 3) MR. RAJENDRAN ANJAN | Total Outstanding Amount in Rs. | Rs. 2,34,875.93/- as on 16.12.2025 |
| | Date of Possession | 07.04.2026(Symbolic) |

Description of Secured Asset(S)/ Immoveable Property (ies) : All That Piece And Parcels Of Land And Building Bearing Patta No. 230 In New Survey No. 1850, Old Survey No. 18/14 (Trunelveli District, Tenkasi Registration District, Alangulam Sub-Registrar Saragam, Alangulam Taluk, Kuttapanchan Panchayat Ward No. 13, Kuthapanchan Village, Alwarthukappathi Village, Natham Nilavari Survey No: 586/1, 0.68.005Sq.M. As Per Old Survey No: 586/1a, 2acre 4toents, At Present Re-Survey No: 586/1a1, 0.68.005acre As Per Sale Deed Documents 1293.19sq.Ft And 365.75sq.Ft. Totally 1658.94sq.Ft In Which Western Side 782sq.Ft. (70.7915sq.M) Is Consist Of A House, The House Faced From Northern Side Bearing Door No: 137-6, Including Eb Connection S.C No: 059-002-308. Water Connection No: 1261. And All Other Amenities, Land Measuring 762 sq.Ft.(70.7915sq.M). Boundaries: East By: South North Road, West By: Item 1 Property, North By: Rama Lakshmi Building.
 The Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property shall be subject to the charge of the M/S Suryoday Small Finance Bank Ltd. for an above mentioned demanded amount and further interest thereon.
 Place : Tamil Nadu, Date : 07.04.2026 Authorized Officer, Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited

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| Name of Borrower / Co-Borrower/ Guarantor | Date of Demand Notice | 27.02.2026 |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 259000105905, 1. MR. RAVIKUMAR MANI S/O MANI, 2. MRS. RADHA R W/O RAVIKUMAR | Total Outstanding Amount in Rs. | Rs. 10,77,501.10/- as on 18.02.2026 |
| | Date of NPA | 08.03.2026 |
| | Total Outstanding Amount in Rs. | Rs. 10,77,501.10/- as on 18.02.2026 |

Description of Secured Asset(S)/ Immoveable Property (ies) : All The Part And Pieces (Trunelveli District, Tenkasi Registration District, Alangulam Sub-Registrar Saragam, Alangulam Taluk, Kuttapanchan Panchayat Ward No: 13, Kuthapanchan Village, Alwarthukappathi Village, Natham Nilavari Survey No: 586/1, 0.68.005Sq.M. As Per Old Survey No: 586/1a, 2acre 4toents, At Present Re-Survey No: 586/1a1, 0.68.005acre As Per Sale Deed Documents 1293.19sq.Ft And 365.75sq.Ft. Totally 1658.94sq.Ft In Which Western Side 782sq.Ft. (70.7915sq.M) Is Consist Of A House, The House Faced From Northern Side Bearing Door No: 137-6, Including Eb Connection S.C No: 059-002-308. Water Connection No: 1261. And All Other Amenities, Land Measuring 762 sq.Ft.(70.7915sq.M). Boundaries: East By: South North Road, West By: Item 1 Property, North By: Rama Lakshmi Building.
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Shivakumar Releases Tamil Nadu Congress Manifesto: Rs.2,000 for Women, 3 Lakh Jobs, Rs.6,000 for Landless Farmers



Chennai : Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar released the Congress party manifesto for Tamil Nadu which includes Rs 2000 for women per month, filling 3 lakh government posts, and Rs 6,000 annually for landless farmers.

Speaking to reporters after releasing the manifesto at the Tamil Nadu Congress Committee office, he said, "Karti Chidambaram and his team have travelled to every corner of Tamil Nadu, met people from all walks of life, understood their sentiments, and shaped this manifesto. Women must be empowered — when a woman is strong, the family becomes strong, and when the family is strong, society becomes strong. To this end, it has been decided to provide Rs.2,000 per month to women. The money will be transferred directly to beneficiaries through direct benefit transfer, without any middlemen."

"Schemes covering health, fishermen's issues, and land

record distribution have been announced, tailored to the needs of the state's people. Three lakh government vacancies will be filled on a priority basis for unemployed youth. Posts will be filled within 300 days of it falling vacant. Tamil Nadu is a unique state in the country with its own rich history. Religious tourism holds great importance here and leads the nation. Therefore, our manifesto includes a programme to attract people from across the country, especially South India, to Tamil Nadu's temples. Pension rates will be increased, and landless farmers will receive Rs 6,000 annually," he said.

"Today, the Tamil Nadu Congress Committee is releasing a visionary document. This manifesto will empower all sections of Tamil Nadu's people. The Congress party cares for everyone. It will protect women, youth, farmers, and the oppressed. We have been part of the alliance govern-

ment here for the past ten years, working to strengthen the state. We are confident of serving this state for the next five years as well. We are striving to lead the country united on the principle of secularism," he added.

"We have delivered as promised in Karnataka"

"In Karnataka, we implemented all five guarantee schemes within the first six months of coming to power. Many BJP friends, including the Prime Minister, criticised our guarantee schemes and questioned whether they were even possible. After we implemented them, our model has been copied across the country. BJP has copied our schemes in states like Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, and Bihar. The Congress-backed DMK government has reached all sections of society through many welfare schemes," he said.

"During the UPA government's tenure, we provided employment guarantee through MGNREGA, food security, education, and the Right to Information. The BJP and their alliance governments have failed to fulfil their promises. In states where Congress and our alliance govern, we have kept our word. Over the past ten years, many of your problems have been resolved and the state has been led on a path of peace and progress. We are confident that this alliance, with the blessings of the people, will return to power in this election and serve them. The people of Tamil Nadu are aware, intelligent, and progressive — we urge them to bless Congress and our alliance," he appealed.

Karnataka bypolls see over 60 pc turnout till 5 pm

Bengaluru, Apr 9 (TSIT) Polling in the by-elections to two Assembly constituencies in Karnataka witnessed steady and enthusiastic voter participation, with moderate to brisk turnout recorded till 5 pm on Thursday, amid a keen contest between the ruling Congress and the BJP. According to Election Commission data, Bagalkot constituency recorded an approximate voter turnout of 65.68 per cent, while Davanagere South registered 63.04 per cent as of 5 pm. The polling, which began at 7 am, saw a gradual rise in voter participation through the day. Earlier trends indicated around 27 per cent turnout in

Bagalkot and about 22 per cent in Davanagere South by late morning, which increased to over 54 per cent and nearly 50 per cent respectively by 3 pm, reflecting a steady upward trend. Voting was largely peaceful, with elaborate security arrangements in place. Thousands of police personnel and polling staff were deployed across the two constituencies to ensure smooth conduct, with several polling stations identified as sensitive and kept under close watch. The Bagalkot bypoll was necessitated following the demise of sitting Congress MLA H Y Meti, while the Davanagere South seat fell vacant after the

passing of senior legislator Shamanur Shivashankarappa. In Bagalkot, the Congress has fielded H Y Meti's son, Umesh Meti, seeking to retain the seat, while the BJP has nominated Veeranna Charantimath, making it a high-stakes contest. In Davanagere South, the Congress has nominated Samath Mallikarjun Shamnur, grandson of Shivashankarappa, while the BJP has fielded Srinivas Dasakariyappa as its candidate, setting up a direct electoral battle. The bypolls have drawn significant political attention, with the Congress aiming to retain both seats.

Indira IVF Launches New Fertility Centre in Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bengaluru

Bengaluru : Indira IVF, one of India's leading fertility service providers, today announced the inauguration of its new fertility centre in RR Nagar (Rajarajeshwari Nagar), Bengaluru. The launch marks a continued step towards strengthening access to organised and technology-enabled fertility care in the city.



The centre, located on the 2nd Floor, Above Kushal's Showroom, Jawaharalal Nehru Road, opposite Balakrishna Ranga Mandira, BEML Layout, 3rd Stage, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bengaluru - 560098, will offer a comprehensive range of fertility evaluation and assisted reproductive services supported by Indira IVF's standardised clinical protocols and laboratory systems.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by Dr. Shyam N. Gupta, Centre Head, Indira IVF JP Nagar, Bengaluru, who attended the event as the Chief Guest. The event was also attended by Dr. Prajwal B K, Consultant Gynaecologist, Obstetrics & Gynaecology and Centre Head, Indira IVF Rajarajeshwari Nagar, along with senior representatives and medical professionals from Indira IVF.

Commenting on the expansion, Mr. Nitiz Murdia, Managing Director, Indira IVF Hospital Limited, stated, "Our expansion into Rajarajeshwari Nagar reflects the continued effort to strengthen organised fertility care across key urban centres. Each new centre operates on uniform clinical protocols and established laboratory systems, which helps ensure consistency in patient care

across the Indira IVF network."

Speaking at the inauguration, Dr. Shyam N. Gupta said, "Access to structured fertility care plays an important role in strengthening reproductive health services within growing urban communities. The launch of this centre in Rajarajeshwari Nagar will enable more couples to seek timely consultation and treatment within their own neighbourhood."

Dr. Prajwal B K, Consultant Gynaecologist, Obstetrics & Gynaecology and Centre Head, Indira IVF Rajarajeshwari Nagar, added, "Fertility care requires careful diagnosis, counselling, and personalised treatment planning. The centre in Rajarajeshwari Nagar is designed to provide patients with a structured clinical environment supported by advanced laboratory practices and experienced medical teams."

With this launch, Indira IVF continues to expand its national footprint, adding to its network of 200+ clinics across India. The Rajarajeshwari Nagar centre will offer a full range of fertility and assisted reproductive services for both male and female infertility, supported by standardised laboratory practices, electronic medical records and patient safety systems.

AI Learning App to Bridge Rural-Urban Education Gap in Karnataka



Bengaluru: In a major step towards inclusive education, renowned scientist S. S. Iyengar has developed an advanced AI-powered learning application to support degree and engineering students across Karnataka.

The app is designed to assist students pursuing courses such as BA, BCom, BSc, and Engineering by

enabling self-learning through Artificial Intelligence. It aims to complement initiatives of the State Higher Education Department by making quality education more accessible, especially for rural learners. Speaking at a press conference, Prof. Iyengar said the application will allow students to access study

materials, understand concepts, and receive instant, accurate answers tailored to their academic needs. The platform will be available via WhatsApp and desktop, ensuring ease of access for users with varying digital resources.

Highlighting its broader impact, he noted that the initiative is driven by a service-oriented vision to empower students and promote independent learning. He also recalled his earlier contributions, including the development of an autonomous robot and support to educational institutions through distribution of computers worth over Rs.50 lakh.

Experts believe the AI-driven platform could transform Karnataka's education landscape by fostering technology-enabled, inclusive learning for both rural and urban students.

AGMA to Spotlight Next-Generation Tooling at Die & Mould India Expo 2026

Mumbai :Die & Mould India, the largest and most prestigious exhibition for the die and mould industry in India, is set to return with its 14th edition from April 21-24, 2026, at the Bombay Exhibition Centre, Goregaon, Mumbai. The exhibition is organised by TAGMA India (Tool & Gauge Manufacturers Association), the country's only association representing tool and die makers, and continues to be the most influential and comprehensive biennial platform for India's tooling and mould-making ecosystem.

With a strong legacy of 13 highly successful editions, Die & Mould India has firmly established itself as the flagship expo of the Indian die and mould industry, bringing together industry professionals, technology providers, and global innovators. TAGMA India, which boasts a robust membership

base of nearly 700 companies, once again brings the industry under one roof to showcase advanced technologies and solutions shaping the future of manufacturing.

Die & Mould India Expo 2026 will spotlight the latest developments and advanced technological innovations in tooling, mould-making, plastic injection moulding, and precision manufacturing. Visitors can expect comprehensive displays of CNC machining, EDM systems, CAD/CAM/CAE software, additive manufacturing, heat treatment solutions, and advanced 3D printing applications for the die and mould industry. From machine tools and accessories to injection moulding machines, mould bases, and components, the exhibition covers the entire engineering and tooling value chain.

The event attracts profession-

als from key sectors such as automotive, consumer durables, electricals, electronics, and industrial manufacturing, making it a premier destination for sourcing, learning, and networking. Recognised as a gateway to the global market, Die & Mould India Expo 2026 offers unparalleled opportunities for collaboration, business expansion, and technology exchange among die and mould suppliers in India and overseas participants. Reflecting on the growing importance of the exhibition, Devaraya Manjunath Sheregar, President, TAGMA India, said, "Die & Mould India has always been a reflection of the strength and capability of the Indian tooling industry. As we move towards the 14th edition in 2026, our focus is on creating a platform that not only showcases world-class and advanced technologies but also enables mean-

ingful collaborations, knowledge exchange, and global engagement for Indian toolmakers."

Highlighting the industry's momentum, D. Shanmugasundaram, Vice President, TAGMA India, added, "The response to previous editions has demonstrated how rapidly the Indian die and mould sector is evolving. Die & Mould India Expo 2026 will build on this momentum by bringing together machine manufacturers, automation experts, toolmakers, and solution providers under one roof, helping the industry move towards higher precision, productivity, and global competitiveness."

The scale and impact of the exhibition were evident during Die & Mould India Expo 2024, which witnessed over 38,000 visitors from over 15 industry sectors, along with in excess of 35

product launches, participation exceeding 15 OEMs in the B2B Pavilion, a well-received Korean Pavilion featuring around 10 companies, and delegations from over 25 organisations exploring partnerships and collaborations. These milestones underline the growing global confidence in India's tooling capabilities.

Die & Mould India Expo 2026 promises to take this success even further, offering visitors the opportunity to discover advanced innovations, experience next-generation technologies, attend technical knowledge sessions, connect with leading suppliers, compare solutions, and gain insights into future industry trends. The exhibition is a must-attend platform for manufacturers, engineers, buyers, and decision-makers across the precision tooling and manufacturing ecosystem.

Bengaluru Cleans 29 SWD Areas Under Swachh Survekshan Drive

Bengaluru: As part of the Swachh Survekshan 2025-26, the Bengaluru Central City Corporation carried out a special cleanliness drive across areas surrounding storm water drains (SWDs), said Commissioner Rajendra Cholan.



Under the sixth phase of the action plan, 29 locations were identified and cleaned to maintain sanitation standards and move towards a garbage-free city. Authorities also conducted awareness campaigns urging citizens not to dump waste into drains and nearby areas.

A total of 290 sanitation

workers, including pourakarmikas, participated in the drive, removing around 6.7 tonnes of waste. The operation was carried out under the supervision of Additional Commissioner Dajit Kumar, with active participation from senior officials and sanitation staff across various divisions.

C.G. Srinivasan a Powerful Figure Without Holding Any Post, Says MP Basavaraj Bommai; Urges Dalits to Demand Their Rights



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Bengaluru, April 9, 2026 - Former Chief Minister and MP Basavaraj Bommai described industrialist C.G. Srinivasan as a powerful and influential figure despite holding no official position, speaking at a felicitation programme for the Dalit entrepreneur here on Thursday.

"Many gain influence through positions, but some become powerful even without holding any office. Srinivasan belongs to the latter category," Bommai said. He praised Srinivasan for organizing SC/ST entrepreneurs after resigning

as Chief Manager in the Industries Department and for working selflessly for society without compromise. Bommai urged Dalit communities to demand and secure their rights from the state government, emphasizing that Dr. B.R. Ambedkar enshrined rights in the Constitution because marginalized communities were often unaware of them. He stressed that SC/ST communities must enter the industrial sector and focus on entrepreneurship rather than seeking jobs, noting that around 5,000 entrepreneurs have emerged through Srinivasan's efforts. The MP also highlighted that during his tenure, increased reservation benefits have led to over 4,000 engineering seats and more than 400 medical seats going to SC/ST students. Former CM Jagadish Shettar, MPs Kumar Nayak and Mallesh, and other dignitaries attended the event.

2-day sports meet organized for civic workers of the corporation: Ramalinga Reddy

Bengaluru: The role of civic workers is very important in maintaining the cleanliness of Bengaluru, and this sports meet is a good break and a program that gives energy to them who are always under pressure of work, said Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy.

In order to commemorate Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Jayanti, the Bangalore South Municipal Corporation has organized a special sports meet for civic workers, gangmen and horticulturalists on April 9 and 10 at the Kittur Rani Chennamma Playground in Jayanagar.

Speaking after inaugurating the sports meet, the Minister said that physical activities are conducive to everyone's mental and physical health. He said that on the first day of the sports meet, more than 600 civic ser-



vants from Jayanagar, Bommanahalli and Bangalore South constituencies participated, and on the second day of the sports meet, civil servants from BTM Layout and Padmanabhanagar assembly constituencies will participate tomorrow.

100-meter and 200-meter race, shot put and kicking

the ball competitions have been organized for civil servants and other employees. He said that the winners of various sports competitions will be honored and awarded prizes at a special function to be held at the Dr. Rajkumar Glass House in the premises of the Greater Bangalore Authority headquarters.

Final Opportunity for Absentee Census Staff: K.N. Ramesh



Bengaluru : Bengaluru South Commissioner K.N.Ramesh said that, Training for officers and employees appointed as Enumerators and Supervisors for the Census of India-2027 within the Bengaluru South City Corporation limits has been scheduled from April 11, 2026, to April 13, 2026. All appointed personnel must mandatorily attend the training at the centers designated in their appointment orders. Officers and employees previously appointed as Enumerators and Supervisors who remained absent from the training held between April 06, 2026,

and April 08, 2026, have already been served with "Show Cause" notices. These individuals are also strictly directed to attend the training at their specified centers without fail from April 11, 2026, to April 13, 2026.

Any census officer or any person legally called upon to assist in census work who refuses to perform the duties imposed by this Act or its rules, or prevents/obstructs another person from performing such duties, shall be liable to a fine of up to Rs.1,000/- (Rupees One Thousand

only). Additionally, the law provides for imprisonment which may extend up to three years. Notice is hereby given that legal action and prosecution will be initiated against any officers or employees who remain absent during the scheduled training dates.

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Oil prices rise again on the fragile Iran ceasefire

Hong Kong: Oil rose again to above USD97 a barrel and Asian stocks were trading lower Thursday, April 9, on skepticism over a fragile ceasefire between the US and Iran. Investors were closely watching whether a two-week ceasefire between the United States and Iran was already slipping after a round of deadly Israeli strikes on Lebanon that killed and injured hundreds. Iran again closed the Strait of Hormuz, in response to the attacks in Lebanon. Tokyo's Nikkei 225 dropped 0.9% to 55,824.30, while South Korea's Kospi lost 1.6% to 5,776.03. Hong Kong's Hang Seng fell 0.4% to 25,801.87. The Shanghai Composite index was down 0.7% to 3,965.70. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 edged down 0.1%, while Taiwan's Taieix was also 0.1% lower. US futures were down more than 0.1%. Oil prices were up Thursday, reversing an earlier plunge on optimism over the temporary ceasefire agreement. Brent crude, the international standard, was up 2.4% to USD97.02 per barrel. It previously fell briefly to below USD92 a barrel following the temporary ceasefire announcement.



Benchmark US crude was 3.3% higher on Thursday at USD97.50 a barrel. Uncertainties over global energy supply remained. The Strait of Hormuz, a chokepoint for energy transport where a fifth of the world's oil typically passes, was largely closed even though the US repeatedly demanded that the strait must be reopened. Talks to pursue a permanent end to the war could be taking place as soon as Friday in Pakistan, and US Vice President JD Vance is expected to be leading the negotiating team for the United States. Wall Street closed

higher Wednesday following US President Donald Trump's announcement of a two-week ceasefire with Iran late Tuesday. The S&P 500 jumped 2.5% to 6,782.81. The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 2.9% to 47,909.92. The Nasdaq composite was up 2.8% to 22,635.00. Following renewed hopes over deescalation of the war, shares of United Airlines surged 7.9% on Wednesday, American Airlines was up 5.6%, while cruise ship operator Carnival jumped 11.2%, trimming losses since the Iran war began on concerns over

rising fuel costs. In other dealings, gold and silver prices fell. Gold's price dropped 0.7% to USD4,743.20 an ounce. The price of silver fell 1.6% to USD74.18 per ounce. The US dollar rose to 158.66 Japanese yen from 158.57 yen. The euro was trading at USD1.1668, up from USD1.1663. Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian said Israel's continued strikes on Lebanon amount to a "flagrant violation" of the ceasefire and could undermine ongoing negotiations. In a post on X, he said the repeated attacks were a "dangerous indicator

of deceit and lack of commitment" to potential agreements, warning that continued strikes would render diplomacy meaningless and that Iran would not abandon Lebanon. Latest updates here UAE reports no aerial threats as ceasefire takes effect ahead of talks The UAE Ministry of Defence confirmed that on April 9 the country's airspace remained free of any aerial threats, with no ballistic missiles, cruise missiles or drones originating from Iran detected in recent hours. The update comes after the United States and Iran agreed to a two-week ceasefire on April 8 and are expected to hold peace talks in Pakistan on April 11. Since the start of Iran's attacks, UAE air defences have intercepted 537 ballistic missiles, 26 cruise missiles and 2,256 drones. Authorities said 224 people have been injured and 13 killed. Iran nuclear chief rejects limits on enrichment Iran's atomic energy chief Mohammad Eslami said the country's uranium enrichment programme will not be curtailed, asserting that external pressure will not succeed in limiting it.

Eat Smart This Summer With This Protein-Packed Diet

Highlights
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Summer has arrived early, and with beach trips on the horizon, now is the perfect time to kickstart your fitness routine. While gym sessions are essential, diet plays an equally vital role in sculpting and maintaining a healthy body weight. Ritika Samaddar, Regional Head of Dietetics at Max Healthcare - New Delhi, recommends this straightforward, protein-rich plan featuring California Almonds, Greek Yoghurt, and Salmon. Morning Kickstart: California Almonds and Boiled Eggs Begin your day with a few California Almonds. Rich in protein, healthy fats, vitamin E, and magnesium, they help sustain energy levels without sudden spikes. They are an excellent addition to any fitness-

focused diet. Pair them with two boiled eggs for complete protein. This combo is portable, filling, and perfect for busy mornings. **LUNCH: GRILLED CHICKEN BREAST SALAD** Opt for grilled chicken breast tossed with mixed greens, cherry tomatoes, and cucumber. This meal delivers lean protein, fibre, and hydration from veggies, keeping you light yet satisfied through the afternoon. **EVENING SNACK: GREEK YOGHURT WITH CHIA SEEDS** Recharge in the late afternoon with Greek yoghurt topped with a teaspoon of chia seeds. This snack delivers probiotics for gut health,

sustained energy, and a refreshing, cooling effect. **DINNER: BAKED SALMON WITH QUINOA** End your day with a baked salmon fillet served alongside cooked quinoa and steamed broccoli. This nutrient-rich plate offers omega-3 fatty acids for skin health, anti-inflammatory benefits, and complete proteins to support overnight muscle repair. This simple routine emphasises supporting muscle building, controlling hunger, and aiding weight management. Avoid heavy carbs in the afternoons as they are difficult to digest. Aim for portion control, good hydration and light exercise. These easy, practical tips can help you stay fit and energised during the summer heat.

Project Glasswing: The cybersecurity arms race India cannot afford to ignore

Anthropic, the American artificial intelligence (AI) company behind the Claude assistant, has built an AI model so sharp at reading software code that it found security flaws hiding in major operating systems and web browsers for over two decades — flaws that the best human experts and automated tools had missed. The model is called Claude Mythos Preview, and Anthropic has no plans to release it to the public. Instead, it has pulled together Amazon, Apple, Google, Microsoft, NVIDIA, Cisco, CrowdStrike, JPMorganChase and others into a coalition called Project Glasswing to use Mythos defensively, hunting down and fixing vulnerabilities before attackers find them. Anthropic is backing this with USD 100 million in credits and USD 4 million in donations to open-source security bodies. What Mythos actually did Mythos found a 27-year-old bug in OpenBSD, an operating system considered unbreakable. It found a 16-year-old flaw in FFmpeg video software used by almost every streaming app



on your phone in a line of code that automated scanners had tested 50 lakh times without catching. It chained together multiple Linux kernel flaws to show how an attacker could seize full control of a server. It did most of this without human guidance. Why this matters in India Every UPI transaction you make, every Aadhaar verification at a ration shop, every IRCTC tatkal booking, every medical record stored at a government hospital — all of it runs on layers of the same open-source software that Mythos is now scanning. Linux powers your Android

phone and bank servers. A serious vulnerability in any of these systems is not some faraway American problem. It is our problem. Why Anthropic will not release this model The same capability that makes Mythos brilliant at defence makes it equally dangerous for attack. If freely available, ransomware gangs, state-backed hackers and freelance criminals would have a tool that finds exploitable flaws faster than any human. Cybercrime already costs the world an estimated USD 500 billion a year. Whether Anthropic's intentions are noble or not,

the fact that this capability exists at all changes the game permanently. The real danger: When open-source catches up Mythos is locked away today. But AI capability spreads fast. Open-source models have been closing the gap with proprietary ones for years. When an open-source model reaches this level, anyone with a laptop will have it. Picture what that means for India. A coordinated attack on UPI could freeze digital payments for crores of people. An exploit targeting Jio or Airtel's network software could knock out communications across states.

PARAGON INTRODUCES CASHBACK OFFER ON WOMEN'S FOOTWEAR, STRENGTHENS FOCUS ON FASHION-FORWARD STYLES

Amaravati, April 2026: Paragon, India's most trusted footwear brand, has announced a cashback offer on its women's footwear collection, as part of a key initiative to encourage purchase among women consumers and increase accessibility to its fashion-forward styles. Under the offer, consumers receive an assured ₹30 instant cashback through a simple QR-based process. Each product comes with a scratch-enabled QR code on the tag, which can be scanned to access the cashback page. By entering the voucher code and basic details, consumers can quickly claim the cashback, creating a seamless experience while accessing Paragon's fashion-forward styles with added value. Paragon's women's collection is strongly anchored in fashion-forward, trend-driven and appealing designs, closely aligned with evolving buying preferences of women consumers who seek not just comfort and



durability, but also variety, style and relevance to current trends. Through this initiative, Paragon aims to make its women's footwear range more accessible to a wider set of women buyers. Currently contributing 15-20% of overall sales, Paragon aims to scale the women's footwear segment to 40% within the next three years, highlighting the

brand's continued focus on strengthening its presence in the category. Commenting on the initiative, Sachin Joseph, Executive Vice President - Marketing & IT, Paragon Footwear, said, "The women's footwear category represents a key focus area for Paragon as we continue to strengthen our portfolio with designs that balance

style, comfort and everyday functionality. The cashback initiative has been introduced to enable greater access to the collection and encourage more consumers to explore our expanding range of contemporary styles across occasions. Our continued focus is on making fashion-forward footwear more accessible to a broader set of women consumers across markets." With a diverse portfolio spanning multiple categories, Paragon continues to focus on offering relevant design, everyday comfort, and dependable quality to meet varied consumer preferences. The women's category is expected to play a pivotal role in driving both topline growth and brand repositioning in the coming years. **About Paragon** Paragon was founded in 1975 and since then it has emerged as a marquee brand in the footwear industry, for its steadfast dedication to excellence, durability, and fashion.

Mahindra University Launches B. Tech LL.B. (Hons.) Programme Bridging Law and Emerging Technologies; Admissions Now Open

In response to the rapidly evolving intersection of law and technology, Mahindra University has announced the launch of its B. Tech LL.B. (Hons.) programme, a future-focused offering designed to equip students with a deep understanding of



foundational legal principles with specialized insights into technology-driven sectors. Students will gain exposure to contemporary areas such as AI governance, privacy laws, cyber regulations, and financial technologies, enabling them to engage meaningfully with modern legal challenges. A key highlight of the programme is its emphasis on experiential learning. Students will participate in internships, moot courts, hackathons, and industry-led engagements,

ensuring they develop not only academic knowledge but also practical skills and real-world perspectives. This approach aims to prepare graduates for diverse career pathways across law firms, corporate legal teams, regulatory bodies, and technology-driven enterprises. Speaking on the launch, E.R. Jayaram, Professor & Dean, School of Law, Mahindra University, said: "The future of law lies at the intersection of legal reasoning and technological understanding. With the B.Tech LL.B. (Hons.) programme, we are creating a new generation of professionals who are not only grounded in legal fundamentals but are also equipped to navigate and shape the regulatory frameworks of emerging technologies. Our focus is on building future-ready lawyers who can engage with innovation responsibly and effectively."

Not wearing helmets can now lead to 3-month driving license ban

Hyderabad: Riders caught without a helmet in Hyderabad will face a three-month suspension of their driving licence under stricter traffic rules being implemented by the city traffic police to curb violations and improve road safety. The proposed penalties, part of a broader crackdown on traffic offences, include a fine of Rs 100 for the first helmet violation, while a second offence will attract a fine of Rs 1,000 along with suspension of the licence, officials said. According to a News 18 report, India records nearly 5 lakh road accidents annually, resulting in approximately 2 lakh deaths. Other proposed changes include higher penalties for over-speeding, with Rs 2,000 for the first offence and Rs 20,000 for the second. Jumping a traffic signal will invite Rs 500 for the first offence and Rs 5,000 for the second. Allowing a minor to



drive will attract a fine of Rs 25,000 and three years in jail. Not giving way to an ambulance will cost Rs 1,000 for the first offence and Rs 10,000 for the second. Under digital enforcement measures, vehicles may be blacklisted if challans for offences committed over the past five years are not cleared within 45 days. Offenders' registration certificates (RC) and driving licences could also be frozen. Once

frozen, the vehicle cannot be sold, insurance renewal will be blocked and driving with a cancelled licence will lead to seizure of the vehicle. Officials said vehicles may also be blocked in the online database if pending challans remain unpaid beyond the 45-day deadline. The digital enforcement methods will include black listing of vehicles if the challans of less than five years aren't paid in 45 days.

Amazon expands Counterfeit Crimes Unit to India combat fake goods



New Delhi: E-commerce major Amazon on Thursday, April 9, announced the expansion of its Counterfeit Crimes Unit (CCU) to India, aimed at strengthening consumer protection and intensifying the crackdown on the sale of fake goods. The unit will bring together local experts to work closely with Indian brands, sellers, and law enforcement agencies to dismantle counterfeit operations and safeguard intellectual property rights in the country's fast-growing e-commerce sector.

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Israel issues new warnings for Beirut as Iran says attacks breach ceasefire

Capitol Hill has been empty for days now, with lawmakers out of town on their "spring break". There's been bipartisan frustration, with politicians away from their desks at a time when the US is engaged in a war with Iran. That concern reached a peak on Monday when President Donald Trump threatened to end a "whole civilization". Democratic lawmakers were furious at the president and dozens called for the 25th Amendment to be invoked - a method to remove a president from office. The key check lawmakers have on the president in times of war is via the War Powers Act, which attempts to limit a president's ability to wage war. The measure, if approved by Congress, would stop military operations against Iran until the Trump administration could obtain congressional approval. Early in March, just after Trump announced that Israel and the US had invaded Iran,



both the senate and the house voted on war powers resolutions. They both failed. Today, in a symbolic gesture, House Democrats will try once again to pass a war powers measure. They're trying to show Americans that they want to rein in the president. It will almost certainly fail. But it may give Americans who want the war to end a glimmer of hope. Israel's Defence Minister Israel Katz

says his country's operation in Lebanon has dealt a "very strong blow to Hezbollah's face, leaving it stunned and confused by the depth of the penetration and the scope of the blow". The defence minister says the Israel Defense Forces is "prepared and ready to act forcefully if Iran fires at Israel". As a reminder, Iranian officials have said that the Israeli strikes on Lebanon are a violation of the ceasefire agreement - and the president has warned Iran's hands will "remain on the trigger". Katz says that over 200 people, who he describes as terrorists, were killed on Wednesday in Lebanon, bringing the total number of those killed during the operation to over 1,400. Earlier, Lebanon's health ministry said 203 people were killed in Israeli strikes on Wednesday

and officials have said more than 1,700 people have been killed since Israel launched its latest campaign in Lebanon last month. Lebanon's Prime Minister Nawaf Salam has asked his Pakistani counterpart, Shehbaz Sharif, for his country's support in putting an end to Israeli strikes against Lebanon, according to a readout of a phone call between the pair released by Pakistan's Prime Minister's Office. Pakistan acted as a mediator for the US-Iran ceasefire agreement. The readout reports that Sharif told Salam he "strongly condemned Israel's ongoing aggression". It says Salam "sought Pakistan's support for bringing an immediate end to the attacks targeting Lebanon and its people". The head of Iran's nuclear agency has ruled out any restrictions on uranium enrichment, a key demand of the United States, adding to concerns that the current ceasefire

may not result in a peace deal. It's unclear who's making the big decisions in Iran - after its leadership was decimated - but a number of top officials have been making comments that put in question the foundations on which the talks due to take place with the US in Islamabad this weekend are based - at least according to Washington. Throughout the war, the US and Israel have insisted that their key aim was to end Iran's ability to build a nuclear weapon for good. The US Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth has said that Iran must either hand over its enriched uranium or the US will take it. The remarks by the head of Iran's nuclear agency clearly contradict this - a preview of just how difficult negotiations are likely to be. One view is that President Trump could make Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu accept Lebanon's inclusion in the Iran ceasefire deal.

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TRAPPED MINER RESCUED FROM FLOODED MEXICAN TUNNEL AFTER 14 DAYS



Mexican army divers have rescued a miner from a flooded underground tunnel two weeks after he was first trapped. Francisco Zapata Nájera, 42, was stuck 300m (985ft) below ground after an embankment collapsed at the gold mine in the northern Mexican state of Sinaloa. Video of the rescue shows him standing in waist-deep water, telling his rescuers that he never lost faith during his ordeal. The search continues for another miner who is still missing. Twenty-five workers were inside the gold mine when the tailings dam - a structure which holds mining waste - burst on 25 March.

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TRUMP CRITICISES NATO AS ALLIANCE CHIEF DESCRIBES MEETING AS 'VERY FRANK'



Donald Trump has again attacked Nato for not supporting the US in the Iran war, following a private meeting with its Secretary General Mark Rutte at the White House. In a post shared to Truth Social after the meeting, the US President said: "NATO WASN'T THERE WHEN WE NEEDED THEM, AND THEY WON'T BE THERE IF WE NEED THEM AGAIN." Meanwhile, Rutte has described his meeting to CNN with Trump as "very frank" and "very open", despite clear disagreements. Ahead of the talks on Wednesday, Trump had toyed with the idea of quitting the trans-Atlantic military alliance after several Nato countries resisted his calls to help reopen the Strait of Hormuz to ease rising global oil prices. The White House did not disclose details of the talk. The Secretary General was at the White House for over two hours on Wednesday, although it is unknown how long the meeting with Trump was. The meeting was expected to cajole and convince Trump that it's in his interest, and America's, to stay in the Nato alliance.

What is clear, however, is that Trump still has deep misgivings about the alliance and the member countries that he believes did not help the US enough before and during Operation Epic Fury. In recent weeks, Trump has threatened to withdraw from the 32-member transatlantic alliance. Asked about Nato's role in the ongoing conflict with Iran, White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt on Wednesday said in a direct quote from the president that Nato was "tested and they failed". Leavitt said Nato countries had "turned their backs on the American people," who fund their nations' defense, and that Trump would have a "very frank and candid conversation" with the Nato chief. Meanwhile, much of Rutte's message to Trump appears to be that many European countries did not stand in the way. The Secretary General told CNN that he pointed out that "the large majority of European nations has been helpful with basing, with logistics, with overflights". "It's therefore a nuanced picture," Rutte said.

BEST-SELLING THE HOUSEMAID AUTHOR FREIDA MCFADDEN REVEALS TRUE IDENTITY

One of the biggest mysteries in publishing has been solved, after the best-selling US author known to millions of readers as Freida McFadden revealed her true identity. McFadden has been one of the world's most popular authors of recent years, thanks to thrillers like *The Housemaid*. The author has never made a secret of the fact Freida McFadden is a pseudonym, and that she also works as a doctor, but had never revealed her real name. She has now told USA Today she is actually Sara Cohen. "I'm at a point in my career when I'm tired of this being a secret," she explained. "I'm tired of people debating if I'm a real person or if I'm three men. I am a real person and I have a real identity and I don't



have anything to hide." Under the name McFadden, she was the second best-selling author of 2025 in the UK, selling 2.6 million books, and sold six million print copies in her home country. Those sales were fuelled by the success of *The Housemaid*, which was first published in 2022 and was turned into a film last year starring Sydney Sweeney and Amanda Seyfried.

Israeli strikes in Lebanon 'grave violation' of ceasefire, Iran minister tells

An Iranian minister has told the BBC that Israeli strikes in Lebanon on Wednesday constituted a "grave violation" of the US-Iran ceasefire agreement. Deputy Foreign Minister Saeed Khatibzadeh said Lebanon was covered by the two-week deal agreed on Tuesday - something the US and Israel dispute - and said the US must choose "between war and ceasefire". The Lebanese health ministry has said at least 203 people were killed on Wednesday in air strikes on what Israel called Hezbollah command centres and military sites. Pressed on whether Tehran would likewise ask Hezbollah to stop firing rockets toward Israel, Khatibzadeh claimed the Iranian-backed militant group had "abided" by the



ceasefire. Hezbollah said on Thursday that it had fired at Israel overnight in response to what it called ceasefire violations. It has also threatened to keep up its attacks until "Israeli-American aggression" against Lebanon comes to an end. Speaking to BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme, Khatibzadeh said Tehran had sent a "crystal clear" message to the White House

late on Wednesday which could be summarised as "you cannot have cake and eat it at the same time". "You cannot ask for a ceasefire and then accept terms and conditions, accept all the areas that a ceasefire is applied to, and name Lebanon, exactly Lebanon in that, and then your ally just starts a massacre." Pressed on whether this meant Iran would also ask

Hezbollah to stop attacking Israel, Khatibzadeh responded that Hezbollah was a "Lebanese freedom movement" which he was "not shy to say" received "support" from Iran. He said the deal that was reached - "which Trump called a workable framework" - meant Iran, Washington and each of their allies were to adhere to the ceasefire, and claimed Hezbollah had "very much abided by that". The minister was also asked about Tehran's warning that ships passing through the Strait of Hormuz without its permission "would be targeted and destroyed" despite the ceasefire, during which ships are meant to be allowed through the vital waterway - and whether this could be considered an act of war.

BTS DELIGHTS FANS WITH FIRST SHOW IN \$1BN WORLD TOUR

Tonight felt defined less by perfection and more by emotion. The early tension - anticipation over the comeback's success, worries about the weather, and the spotlight on the members' recent comments about pressure - gradually gave way to something lighter, warmer. Despite earlier concerns, RM appeared on stage without a cast, a reassuring sight for fans. While the rain may have limited the kind of powerful, tightly synchronised choreography that BTS are famous for, it didn't dampen the connection between the group and their audience. Throughout the show, all seven mem-



bers repeatedly expressed how grateful they were - not just for the support, but for the chance to perform in front of fans again. That feeling was clearly mutual. As concertgoer Park Su-bin tells us: "The 360-degree stage was so refreshing and brilliant, and the staging

tailored to it. It's a shame it rained, but I think it'll still be a special memory." Besides their chart-topping hits, BTS has achieved a longevity rarely seen in the K-pop world, where groups have come and gone, and where member exits are common. Many say close-

knit chemistry is what's powering BTS - despite having taken time off for solo projects and mandatory military service, all seven of them are committed to staying together, often referring to one another as "family". In recent interviews, the band's members have shared their desire to continue performing together in their older years. "We're still here because we love each other so much. With fans and no reason to quit this precious brand and family, these people are my youth itself," leader RM told an Apple Music Radio programme a day after their latest album dropped.

He's Australia's most decorated soldier. Now he's at the centre of a historic war crimes case



One of the most significant moments in Australian military history unfolded without fanfare on a tarmac at Sydney airport, when Ben Roberts-Smith was calmly escorted off a plane and into a waiting police car. The country's most-decorated living soldier and the most famous of his generation, Roberts-Smith was on Tuesday charged with five counts of the war crime of murder. It follows a high-profile civil defamation case, which three years ago found that the former Special Air Service (SAS) corporal and Victoria Cross recipient had unlawfully killed several unarmed Afghan detainees. Roberts-Smith, who left the Australian Defence Force (ADF) in 2013, denies all wrongdoing and says the allegations are "egregious" and driven by spiteful and jealous peers. His case - now set to be tested to a higher, criminal standard - has become the face of Australia's reckoning over the country's alleged conduct in Afghanistan, which has cast a pall over its much-mythologised military legacy. "For Roberts-Smith to

now be charged with war crimes - and not just one, but multiple war crimes - is a very significant cultural and social moment for a country that, for much of its history... has placed a lot of store in the exploits and contributions of the members of its defence forces." Professor Donald Rothwell told the BBC. But the prosecution of such a highly-decorated veteran is also an extraordinary moment for the globe. "We've never seen this before," says Deane-Peter Baker, a special forces ethics scholar. When Roberts-Smith came home from Afghanistan in 2013, he was considered a national hero, having been awarded Australia's highest military honour for single-handedly overpowering Taliban fighters attacking his SAS platoon. Plum speaking engagements and board gigs, magazine covers and massive portraits, accolades and awards - like Father of the Year - followed. But in 2018, Nine newspapers began publishing a series of articles alleging misconduct during his time with the SAS - claims of unlawful beatings and killings of prisoners.



Artemis crew returning to Earth with 'all the good stuff' from Moon discoveries

ARGENTINA PASSES BILL LOOSENING PROTECTION OF ITS GLACIERS

Argentina's Congress has passed a controversial amendment making it easier to mine in glacier regions, a move environmentalists say weakens protections for crucial water sources. The pioneering Glacier Law, approved in 2010, prohibited all mining and exploration activities in glacier regions by protecting them as water reserves. The reform shifts the responsibility of defining protected glacier areas from the Argentine Institute for Snow, Ice and Environmental Sciences (Ianigla) to the provincial governments. President Javier Milei, who backed the reform, said the change

"empower[s] the provinces to utilise their resources" and allows mining activities "where there was nothing to protect". Argentina's Senate had already approved the bill in February 2026, so approval by the lower house was the last major hurdle left. Opponents of the reform argued that it would put a fundamental resource - water - at risk. "Without water, we can't even think about a growth and development project," Congresswoman Natalia de la Sota said. But a backer of the bill, Congresswoman Nancy Picón Martínez, said that the mining industry was being portrayed "as if it were a monster".



Tyson Fury Faces Bear-Wrestling Arslanbek Makhmudov In His Latest Comeback

Tyson Fury's latest comeback has revived the prospect of a long-awaited showdown with Anthony Joshua. First, though, the self-described "Gypsy King" needs to deal with a Russian-born heavyweight who wrestled a bear for fun. Arslanbek Makhmudov is Fury's opponent in their 12-round fight Saturday at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium. Fury, the former two-time heavyweight champion, came out of retirement for the fifth time because he wants to "punch men in the face and get paid for it." The 37-year-old Fury had called it quits shortly after losing to Oleksandr Usyk in December 2024 for a second time - his only two professional defeats. Usyk holds the WBC, WBA and IBF titles and at age 39 has indicated he only has a few fights left in him. The Ukrainian's next bout, though, has taken everyone by surprise - he's set to face kickboxing star Rico



Verhoeven in May at the Pyramids of Giza in Egypt. Also in May, WBO title holder Fabio Wardley faces Daniel Dubois in Manchester. Usyk told The Associated Press in a recent interview he foresees a trilogy bout with the charismatic Englishman: "In my head, Tyson Fury, it's the last dance." In their first meeting, Fury had lost his WBC

title to Usyk via split decision in May 2024. The rematch was a unanimous decision for Usyk. Fury (34-2-1, 24 KOs), if he can take care of business Saturday, has his sights set on Joshua, telling DAZN: "That's the fight we're looking to make next." The 36-year-old Joshua had called out Fury after breaking Jake Paul's jaw in a stoppage victory in

December. Days later, though, Joshua was involved in a fatal car crash in Nigeria. He was a passenger in the vehicle and two of his close friends were killed. Fury has said the tragedy is part of what motivated him to come out of retirement. Joshua appears set to resume fighting. Last weekend, he attended the Deontay

Wildner vs. Derek Chisora bout in London and had a brief exchange with Wildner after the American beat Chisora. The 36-year-old Makhmudov (21-2, 19 KOs) has created some buzz by posting a video that showed him wrestling a bear. He explained in a Feb. 21 social media post that "the goal was to overcome the threshold of fear and learn to control yourself in critical situations." Makhmudov hails from the Russian southern republic of Dagestan but lives in Canada. His most recent fight was a 12-round unanimous decision over Dave Allen in October. Makhmudov's left eye was swollen shut in a loss to Guido Vianello in 2024. He was felled by Agit Kabayel's body shots in a fourth-round stoppage in 2023. Conor Benn (24-1, 14 KOs) returns to Tottenham after two middleweight slugfests there against Chris Eubank Jr. in 2025.

Babar Azam, Marnus Labuschagne's 'Peace Gesture' During PSL Brutally Trolled By Internet

A "peace gesture" was made before the start of a Pakistan Super League (PSL) 2026 game between Peshawar Zalmi and Hyderabad Kingsmen on Wednesday, as team captains Babar Azam and Marnus Labuschagne, along with PSL CEO Salman Naseer, released a white dove during the toss. The act came in the aftermath of the two-week ceasefire between the United States and Iran concerning geopolitical tension in the Gulf region. However, the PSL's "peace gesture" received criticism from several users on social media. Meanwhile, Babar Azam found himself at the centre of a heated moment off the field after dismissing comparisons with Virat Kohli during a post-match press conference in the Pakistan Super League 2026. The Peshawar Zalmi skipper, who guided his side to a tense last-ball



victory over the Hyderabad Kingsmen, appeared visibly displeased when questioned about his ability to finish games in comparison to Kohli. While Babar contributed a measured 43 off 37 balls in the chase of 146, he was not at the crease at the end, prompting the query. Responding in a seemingly frustrated manner, Babar brushed aside the suggestion and urged the journalist to move on from such debates. "Finish these things. Keep these things

to yourself. End the comparison and move on. It's your misconception that I have not finished matches," he said. The exchange quickly gained traction, once again highlighting the scrutiny surrounding cross-border comparisons between leading cricketers. Widely regarded as Pakistan's premier batter, Babar has often been praised for his consistency, though his approach in T20 cricket has drawn criticism, particularly around strike rate and finishing ability.

Bangladesh Cricketers 'Highly Underpaid', New BCB Head Tamim Iqbal 'Reportedly Shocked'

There has been a big change in Bangladesh cricket since the change in government. Former Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) chief Aminul Islam Bulbul has been removed, while former captain Tamim Iqbal is now leading the organisation. Reflecting on the decision to substantially increase domestic match fees and the salaries of men's and women's cricketers, Tamim said players had long been "highly underpaid" and warranted better financial acknowledgment. This decision marks the first move by the Tamim-led ad hoc committee, which began its work earlier this week, providing much-needed relief to Bangladesh's domestic cricketers, especially those



in the women's league. Although there was a hike, Tamim recognised that the updated figures represent only progress in the right direction. "This may not be ideal, but it is certainly an improvement, considering there are limits to how much can be increased at once," he told

ESPNcricinfo. Tamim was reportedly shocked, according to the ESPNcricinfo story, to learn that women cricketers earned as little as BDT 1,000 per match in domestic one-day competitions, a figure that has increased only slightly in recent years. As per the BCB's new salary

structure, match fees have been raised across different formats, with women players now earning BDT 10,000 for T20 matches, BDT 15,000 for 50-over games, and BDT 20,000 for first-class fixtures. Additionally, the monthly retainers for the top 36 women cricketers have been raised from BDT 30,000 to BDT 40,000, highlighting a wider effort to enhance financial stability within the system. The overhaul extends beyond women's cricket. Male domestic players have also received a salary increase, with Category A players now earning BDT 65,000 per month, while those in Categories B and C will receive BDT 50,000 and BDT 40,000 respectively.

'Dead Ball' Rule Row Strikes IPL After Delhi Capitals' 1-Run Defeat vs Gujarat Titans. Internet Reacts

Gujarat Titans pulled off a thrilling one-run win over Delhi Capitals with Kuldeep Yadav getting run-out on the final ball of the IPL 2026 encounter on Wednesday. With 2 runs needed off 2 balls, David Miller refused to take a single in order to stay on strike and that decision backfired massively as his team fell short of the target by the smallest of margins. However, there was another decision in the match that has the social media buzzing. In the 10th over of the DC innings, Nitish Rana was struck on the pads by a delivery from Rashid Khan and while the batters completed a single, the umpire raised his finger. DC went for the review



and although the decision was eventually overturned by the third umpire, the ball was deemed dead and the run did not count. At 9.2 overs, Nitish Rana completed a single, but the run wasn't counted because the umpire had initially given

him out, even though DRS later overturned the decision in his favour. DC eventually lost the game by 1 run@ashwinraviv99 what do you think of this rule, April 9, 2026 This has been one of the contentious rules in modern cricket as

MCC Law 20.1.1.3 states that "a ball is considered dead after a batter is dismissed. The ball will be deemed to be dead from the instant of the incident causing the dismissal". Nitish Rana was given lbw but DRS showed there was a contact, they had taken a single but as umpire had given it as out the run was nullified and it became a dot ball. That foolish rule need to go out, it costed Delhi the match Law 20.6 doubles on the concept and makes it clear that the ball will remain dead even if the original decision is revoked - "Once the ball is dead, no revoking of any decision can bring the ball back into play for that delivery".

SEVEN GAMES TO GO - HOW WILL DE ZERBI TRY TO SAVE SPURS?

Clubs at risk of relegation tend to hire pragmatic coaches. But that is not how you would describe new Tottenham boss Roberto De Zerbi. The Italian is known for his attacking style of possession-based football, and has stayed true to his footballing ideas throughout his managerial career. Three years after starting in management in Italy's fourth division, De Zerbi was in charge of Serie A side Palermo, where he struggled to showcase his initial potential. When he was sacked, newly promoted Benevento hired him, but relegation followed. Despite that, De Zerbi's reputation was boosted - and he has enjoyed much success since. The 46-year-old's quality is clear but his system relies on smart and technical play-



ers more than most tactical plans. So what tactics will De Zerbi implement at Spurs, and will this relegation-threatened group of players be able to execute them? Looking at De Zerbi's Brighton and Marseille sides, you soon notice how often they repeat certain patterns of play. When building up, the idea is to draw opponents towards defenders on the ball before

using quick passing routines to find free players facing forward. They are better positioned to play the ball up the pitch quickly into the attackers. When it works, De Zerbi's sides turn possession in their own half into shots near the opposition's goal within a few seconds. It's an electrifying watch - but the level of potential attacking reward comes with great risk. De Zerbi's approach requires defensive players to take responsibility with the ball - delaying actions until they have forced opponents to press them. In a recent training clip, external he was seen coaching his new players through concepts to make his tactics easier to implement. For central defenders under no pressure, the advice was to take many touches.

Strategic Shift In Dhaka: Bangladesh Makes Fresh Attempt To Repair Cricketing Relations With India

The appointment of former Bangladesh captain Tamim Iqbal as the interim president of an 11-member ad-hoc committee has offered the board fresh hope of reviving relations with India. Under his leadership, the board has formalised its interest in touring India while simultaneously inviting the BCCI to Bangladesh for a bilateral series later this year. This move carries significant weight, as India is already scheduled to visit Bangladesh under the current World Test Championship cycle. The development appears to be a clear diplomatic effort by the new administration in Dhaka to mend fences and move beyond recent friction between the two nations. Cricketing relationship between the two countries



hit an all-time low after Bangladesh pulled out of the T20 World Cup 2026 over 'security concerns' in India. Bangladesh were replaced by Scotland in the tournament after ICC refused to entertain the former's 'venue change' request. The BCB ad-hoc committee has also been tasked with conducting fresh elections within the next 90 days, marking a transition phase

in Bangladesh's cricket administration following the removal of chairman Aminul Islam Bulbul. Aminul Islam Bulbul Appeals to the ICC The ousted Bulbul has written to the International Cricket Council (ICC) seeking intervention after being removed by the National Sports Council. However, the plea is unlikely to gain much traction.

YUVRAJ SINGH OPENS UP ABOUT HIS CANCER DIAGNOSIS



One of the biggest match-winners in Indian cricket, Yuvraj Singh's story is one that would inspire several generations of cricketers. From winning Player of the Series awards in the 2007 T20 World Cup and the 2011 ODI World Cup to making a return after battling cancer, Yuvraj's life is a true cricketing hero's memoir. The man who beat cancer and made a comeback to the Indian team opened up on his battle with the deadly disease, revealing that he was told he had only three to six months left to live. Yuvraj was battling cancer during the 2011 World Cup, but he chose to fight the pain and doubt to deliver some of the finest performances of his career. After the World Cup ended, however, the former all-rounder realised how much his health had deteriorated. "It was hard to accept. At the peak of your career, you're on top of a mountain and then you fall into a ditch. I was in Delhi. We were going on tour to the West Indies and England. Ganguly had retired and my Test spot had just opened. I was waiting seven years for that spot. I said, 'I don't care if I die, I need that spot.' But I got sick-

er and sicker. "Dr Nitesh Rohatgi said to me, 'The tumour is sitting between your heart and lung. Either you go and play cricket or you might have a heart attack. You've got three to six months left to live if you don't do chemotherapy.' That's when I realised I needed to think," Yuvraj said during a chat with Michael Vaughan on The Overlap Cricket. This is when Yuvraj moved to the USA for treatment and was told that he might never get to play cricket again. But the winner's mentality in him didn't let him lose hope. "I went to the US to see Dr Einhorn, who treated Lance Armstrong. It took a whole year to come to terms with the fact that I might never play again. Mentally, it was harder. I needed something to motivate myself. If I don't play cricket, who am I? I'm no one. That's what I believed," he said. Yuvraj added that he kept watching cricket videos while undergoing treatment. During this period, the likes of Anil Kumble and Sachin Tendulkar paid him a visit to see him. Kumble even advised him to take rest and not put strain on his mind by watching videos.

Sania Mirza Academy Serves Big: Elite High-Performance Programme Launched With Portuguese Coach

The Indian tennis ace has announced a landmark collaboration with internationally renowned coach Marco Seruca to launch a High Performance Tennis Programme starting May 1. It is an initiative aimed at reshaping India's tennis pipeline with global standards. This is a structured system designed to produce elite competitors. The impact will be on technique, fitness, game awareness and mental conditioning. It promises a 360-degree approach to the sport of tennis. Sania's partner in the project, Seruca, is a former Portuguese Davis

Cup player with over 35 years of coaching experience. He steps in as the Head Coach. His resume spans continents, including his stint as Technical Director at the Chandigarh Lawn Tennis Association and a founder of the MS Star Academy. Seruca talks about his reason for joining hands with Sania, "India has extraordinary raw talent. What has been missing is a structured, high-performance environment to channel it," Seruca said. "The Sania Mirza Tennis Academy provides exactly the right platform to do that." For Mirza-a six-time

Grand Slam champion and former World No.1 in Doubles, this move is a natural extension of her long-term vision. Since stepping away from professional tennis, she has focused on building pathways for the next generation. Mirza says, "Bringing Marco Seruca to Hyderabad gives Indian players access to the standard of coaching they deserve." The programme will operate six days a week, blending high-intensity on-court sessions with professional fitness regimes and competitive match play. Each player will receive individualized development plans, regular per-

formance tracking, and guidance on tournament pathways-mirroring systems seen in top global academies. Hyderabad, already a proven sporting hub, now adds another layer to its high-performance ecosystem. Notably, Olympic medallist Gagan Narang has built a similar pathway in shooting through his elite "Gun For Glory" academies, across 11 states and 15 academies. Mirza becomes the second Hyderabad sporting icon to invest deeply in structured, world-class training infrastructure-signalling a broader shift from individual excellence to institutional legacy.



The trailer of the film “Thimmarajupalli TV” was launched by Victory Venkatesh

Watch our film ‘Thimmarajupalli TV’ to experience technical brilliance, strong performances by the artists, and the beautiful village atmosphere: Hear Kiran Abbavaram Encouraging new talent, hero Kiran Abbavaram is producing the film “Thimmarajupalli TV” under his KA Productions in association with Sumaira Studios. Teja Velpucharla is the co-producer. Sai Tej and Veda Jalandharr are being introduced as the lead actors with this film. V. Muniraju is making his debut as a director. Set against a village backdrop, this period drama is gearing up for a grand theatrical release on the 17th of this month. The trailer launch event was held grandly in Hyderabad.



Actor Saikrishna said, “I played a character named Dakshinam in this film. We shot the movie on the borders of three states. Without mobile phones, we lived among the locals while filming. It reminded us of our childhood memories. You will feel the same when you watch the film.” Actor Balraj said, “Though I have acted in many films, no one has recognized me like this and invited me onto the stage. Kiran gave me that opportunity. I play the role of Uttaram. Saikrishna and I will entertain you in the roles of Uttaram and Dakshinam.” Actor Chitti said, “I played

the role of the hero’s friend. This is a rooted story based on village life. Our director Muniraju has presented it in an engaging way.” Actress Karishma said, “I played the role of Gangoji. I feel lucky to get such a good role. Please watch our film in theaters and share your response.” Actress Swati said, “This is my debut film, so it is very special to me. The story revolves around the drama that unfolds in a village where there is only one TV. You will see an engaging narrative throughout.” Actress Rajashree said, “I played the role of Roja. The film is set in the 1990s. You

will see how simple life was back then. It’s a film that can be enjoyed with family.” Actor Anil said, “Back then, TV itself was the biggest celebrity in our lives. Today, we are forgetting TV. People from villages miss that atmosphere when they move to cities, which is why many now go to villages for vacations. This summer, come to theaters to watch our film.” Actor Lathish said, “I played a character named Lathish. Watching this film will take you back to your past, which is very beautiful. We were excited on the first day of shooting, and we

feel the same excitement even today.” Actor Teja Vihan said, “I played the character TV Kumar. The story is set in a village located at the borders of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka. Our director has created an interesting story around this setting. Watch our film in theaters on the 17th.” Actor Amma Ramesh said, “It was my mother’s dream to see my photo on a poster, and today that dream has come true. I’ve been in the industry for 28 years. I remember the early days of television, when we used to visit houses that had TVs to

watch programs. Kiran has built this film on that backdrop. He will earn a good name from day one. Director Muniraju guided us with discipline like a teacher.” Actor Satyanarayana said, “TVs were once an important part of our lives. The happiness we experienced back then is unknown to this generation. To understand that joy, they should watch our film.” Art director Sudheer Macharla said, “This is my seventh film with Kiran. Our journey started with ‘Raja Vaaru Rani Gaaru.’ Just like our first film, we worked on this one with the same honesty and inno-

cence. That innocence creates magic, and you will see that in this film.” Actor Pradeep Kotte said, “Just as good as the trailer is, the film will be equally impressive. This movie will appeal not only to people from the 80s and 90s but also to the current generation because emotions are universal. Whether it’s buying a TV for the first time or a mobile phone, the joy is the same. You will see freshness in our film.” Director V. Muniraju said, “Things that are disappearing are usually preserved in museums. If you want to see such a museum on screen, watch our film on the 17th. Our movie is like a museum that showcases fading culture, memories, and emotions related to television. This is not just the story of Thimmarajupalli, but of people from both Telugu states. Nearly 50 million people aged 40+ in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana will connect with this film and enjoy it with their families.” Heroine Veda Jalandharr said, “You liked the three songs released from our film. The content in the movie goes beyond what you saw in the trailer. The purity and emotions will be even more impactful. We shot for 35 days and created many memories. We all worked with dedication and love for cinema to live up to Kiran’s trust. Watch our film with your parents and grandparents on the 17th.”



SHIVATHMIKA GLOWS BRIGHT IN SAREE



Shivathmika Rajashekar, daughter of the veteran actor duo Rajashekar and Jeevitha, began her cinematic journey with the critically acclaimed Telugu film Dorasaani in 2019. Following her

debut, she appeared in a handful of projects such as Panchathantram and Rangamarthanda, which earned her respect for her performance despite not becoming major commercial blockbusters. While she showed early promise, she has struggled to maintain consistent momentum in the Telugu industry, with her last notable appearances in the region occurring roughly three years ago. Meanwhile, in her recent pictures, Shivathmika exudes a classic and elegant charm, wearing a vibrant mustard-yellow saree adorned with delicate silver embroidery and a scalloped border.

“Diamond Decoyit” Promises an Emotional Experience That Will Move Audiences to Tears

The much-discussed Tollywood family emotional drama “Diamond Decoyit” is all set for a grand theatrical release across the Telugu states on Friday (April 10). Ahead of the release, the film’s pre-release event was held at the Telugu Film Chamber, where the team shared key highlights and special announcements about the movie. One of the major attractions announced by the makers is a special offer for women audiences. The team revealed that four shows of the film will be screened free of cost for women in theatres across Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. The makers invited women viewers in large numbers to experience the film on the big screen. The film stars Partha Gopal as both hero and producer,



with Meghana Reddy as the female lead. Directed by writer-director Surya G. Yadav, the film is described as a complete family emotional drama packed with heartfelt moments and strong sentiments. According to the team, the climax of the movie is especially powerful and is

expected to leave audiences deeply moved. The promotional content of the film has already received encouraging responses. Veteran filmmaker K. Raghavendra Rao appreciated the trailer after watching it, while several film personalities who attended preview screen-

ings reportedly praised the movie. Speaking at the event, hero-producer Partha Gopal said: “Diamond Decoyit is a complete family emotional drama that every family can connect with. The beautiful locations in Kadapa district are a special highlight of the film. We have arranged four free shows for women and invite everyone to watch the film in theatres.” Director Surya G. Yadav added: “Thirty-three years ago, Matrudevobhava touched the hearts of audiences deeply. With Diamond Decoyit, we are making an attempt to recreate that level of emotional connection for today’s generation. This is not just a movie—it reflects love, pain, sacrifice, and relationships found in every family.

‘Sarkar Bai’ Movie Launch Ceremony Held Grandly at Secunderabad Ganesh Temple

The upcoming film Sarkar Bai, set against a Telangana social backdrop, was formally launched with a grand pooja ceremony at the Ganesh Temple in Secunderabad. The film stars Sriram Nimmala and Sai Keerthana in the lead roles and is being directed by Lara. As part of the muhurtham ceremony, producer Tummala Praful Ram Reddy switched on the camera, while director Lara directed the first shot. The muhurtham clap was given by Telangana Income Tax Officer Dasaram. On the occasion, guests conveyed their best wishes to the film unit. Speaking at the event, director Lara said that the film is based on real-life water-related incidents and caste discrimination issues that took place in 1985. She expressed confidence that



the film, which reflects people’s struggles and social realities, will receive strong support from audiences in both Telugu states. She also appealed to viewers to encourage meaningful cinema with socially relevant themes. The film features Sriram Sriram

Nimmala as the hero and Sai Keerthana as the heroine. The supporting cast includes Baahubali Prabhakar, Naga Mahesh, Dil Ramesh, Chalaki Chanti, Chittibabu, Shivani Reddy, Nupur Mukherjee, Atidhi, and others in important roles.

The remaining cast members will be finalized soon, and the shooting of the film is expected to commence later this month, the makers announced. The launch event at the Ganesh Temple was attended by the film team in a festive atmosphere.

‘Bigg Boss’ fame Ambati Arjun’s Paramapadha Sopanam to release on April 24

Ambati Arjun, who impressed audiences with films like Arddhanaari, Theppa Samudram, and Wedding Diaries, became more popular with Bigg Boss. He is also playing an important role in Ram Charan’s Peddi. Now, he is coming as a hero with Paramapadha Sopanam. Jennifer Emmanuel is the heroine. The film is produced by Ganaparthi Narayana Rao and Telaprolu Prasanna Anjaneyulu under Swayambhu Creations, with Pulagam Supriya as co-producer. It is directed by Naga Shiva, a former assistant of Puri Jagannadh. Music is composed by Dave Jand, who worked on Eagle. Songs and the teaser got good



response. The film has completed all works and will release on April 24th. A

new poster showing Arjun’s intense look is getting good attention.

Sreeleela Should Reset Before the Next Big Leap?

Sreeleela made a striking debut in Tollywood with the 2021 romantic drama, Pelli Sandadi. Later, she scored a super hit with Dhamaka and soon became an A-list actress in the South. However, none of her films since 2022, barring Bhagavanth Kesari, have become successful at the box office. Despite scoring consecutive flops, Sreeleela has been grabbing some big offers. According to the latest buzz, the young actress will play the female lead in Ajith Kumar’s upcoming film with Adhik Ravichandran. However, people feel that instead of signing films on a

trot, it is time for the actress to take a breath and reset her career. As per reports in the Tamil media, Ajith will start shooting for his next film, AK 64, in May. Sreeleela will be seen alongside him for the first time in this movie. Anirudh Ravichander is composing the music for this film. AK 64 will be Sreeleela’s second film in Tamil, after Parasakthi. This year, she already faced two consecutive flops in the form of Parasakthi and Ustaad Bhagat Singh. Both are big films featuring star heroes. Still, due to the disappointing story and screenplay, they ended up as flops.

Despite scoring such big flops, Sreeleela is jumping onto other films without taking a pause. People on social media opined that though she has good charm and dances well, she needs to concentrate more on her strengthening her acting skills. Thus, they felt it would be better if she takes a pause, instead of signing new films on a streak. Off screen, her journey has been equally remarkable. Amid a packed acting schedule, Sreeleela recently achieved a significant personal milestone by earning her MBBS degree, reflecting a discipline that extends far beyond cinema.

