



Yogi congratulates UP Board exam achievers, lauds students' hard work

Lucknow, Apr 23: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Thursday congratulated students who cleared the High School and Intermediate examinations conducted by the Uttar Pradesh Board of Secondary Education, praising their hard work, discipline and determination. Extending his wishes to successful candidates, their parents and teachers, the Chief Minister said the achievement reflected the dedication and perseverance of students.

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22-04-2026
Total pilgrims: 65,354
Tonsures: 25,550
Hundi kanakalu: 4.43 CR
Waiting Compartments: 05

WEATHER
38 °C | °F
Precipitation: 50%
Humidity: 30%
Wind: 11 km/h

GOLD RATE
24K ₹
1,55,410/-

TIRUPATI FAMILY TRAGEDY: FIVE DEAD IN MURDER-SUICIDE INCIDENT

Tirupati, Apr 23: A tragic incident in Andhra Pradesh's Tirupati district has resulted in the deaths of five members of a family within a few hours. Police said the incident occurred on Wednesday in Venkatakrisna Palem panchayat under Narayanavanam mandal. A man identified as Mohan allegedly killed his wife Harita (33) and mother Chandrakala (65) at their home in Chakali Veedhi. After the incident, Mohan reportedly took his two children, Kaushik (14) and Harini (12), from school in Puttur, telling staff that a family member had died. Later in the evening, Mohan and his children were found on railway tracks near Vepagunta railway station in Puttur mandal, where they were struck by an express train. All three died on the spot. Police said Mohan had earlier left home after the alleged killings, prompting his relative to alert authorities when the bodies of the two women were discovered at the residence.

EC SEIZES OVER RS 1,000 CRORE IN TAMIL NADU, BENGAL AHEAD OF 2026 POLLS

New Delhi, Apr 22: The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Wednesday said it has seized more than Rs 1,000 crore worth of cash, liquor, drugs, precious metals and other items from Tamil Nadu and West Bengal ahead of the 2026 general elections. In a statement, the poll panel said surveillance and enforcement measures have been intensified across key poll-bound states, while strict directions have been issued to state and Union Territory governments to ensure full compliance with the Model Code of Conduct. The Commission said violations of election norms would not be tolerated and regular review meetings are being held with Chief Secretaries, Directors General of Police and other senior officials. As part of the crackdown, 5,011 Flying Squad Teams have been deployed in Tamil Nadu and West Bengal to respond swiftly to complaints, with a target of addressing cases within 100 minutes.

Telangana Cabinet urges RTC workers to end strike, clears key welfare and development decisions



Hyderabad (TSIT): The Telangana Cabinet, chaired under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, on Thursday took several key decisions covering RTC workers, the Kaleshwaram Project, employee dues, sports infrastructure, and rural development. The Cabinet made an appeal to Telangana State Road Transport Corporation employees to call off their strike and participate in talks, assuring that their issues would be resolved through dialogue. It invited trade union leaders for discussions under the chairmanship of Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka.

On the Kaleshwaram issue, the Cabinet reviewed the Telangana High Court verdict on the Justice P.C. Ghose Commission report, stating that the court upheld the legality of the commission while raising only technical objections. It also decided to urge the Central Bureau of Investigation to expedite its probe and explore legal

options, including approaching the Supreme Court. Addressing employee welfare, the Cabinet expressed concern over pending dues of around Rs.6,200 crore to serving employees and Rs.8,000 crore to retirees. It resolved to mobilise resources and clear arrears of retired employees within 100 days, with ministers offering to contribute part of their salaries.

In a boost to sports, the Cabinet approved development of Gachibowli Stadium under the PPP model, expanding capacity and creating facilities for multiple sports, along with plans for a Sports University and improved athlete infrastructure. The Cabinet also cleared land acquisition proposals worth Rs.166.67 crore for the Chinna Kaleshwaram Project, expected to benefit around 45,000 acres across several mandals. Additionally, it approved setting up an Integrated Aqua Park in Mancheril district by transferring land from the Irrigation Department to the Fisheries Department. Other

TELANGANA CABINET KEY DECISIONS

- Appeal to RTC Workers**
Cabinet appeals to RTC employees to withdraw proposed strike and maintain restraint. Invites unions for talks under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Chief Minister on Friday.
- Kaleshwaram Commission & CBI Probe**
• High Court upheld legality and constitutionality of Justice P.C. Ghose Commission.
• HC verdict does not hinder CBI probe into Kaleshwaram.
• State to urge CBI to expedite inquiry; may consult experts and approach Supreme Court.
- Pending Dues to Employees & Pensioners**
• Previous govt left ₹14,000 crore in unpaid dues (₹6,200 crore to serving employees, ₹8,000 crore to retired employees).
• Ministers to contribute 50% of their salaries (and if needed, public representatives) for relief.
• Resource mobilisation sub-committee to hold talks with stakeholder groups.
• Cabinet resolves to clear retired employees' arrears within 100 days.
- Cooperative Societies**
Cabinet approves appointment of nominated governing bodies for Primary Agricultural Cooperative Credit Societies (PACS) whose tenure has expired.
- Sports Infrastructure Boost**
• Gachibowli Stadium to be developed under PPP model.
• Outdoor stadium capacity to increase from 20,000 to 50,000.
• Facilities for 21 kinds of sports on 64 acres of 76 acres.
• Approval for enhanced swimming pool, Sports University, and improved accommodation & training facilities.
• Remaining 12 acres for commercial use; revenue to support Sports University and athlete programmes.
- Chinna Kaleshwaram Project**
• Cabinet decides to complete land acquisition for long-pending project.
• To benefit nearly 45,000 acres and residents of 63 villages in Mahadevur, Kataram, Malhar Rao and Mahamatharam mandals.
• Out of 2,427 acres required, 1,020 acres acquired.
• ₹166.67 crore approved for acquisition of remaining land.
- Integrated Aqua Park in Mancheril District**
• Cabinet approves establishment of Integrated Aqua Park in Hajipur revenue limits, near Sripada Yellampalli project.
• 85.10 acres belonging to the Irrigation Department will be transferred to the Fisheries Department for the project.

CABINET COMMITTED TO EMPLOYEE WELFARE, INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT & PEOPLE'S BENEFIT

decisions included appointment of governing bodies for Primary Agricultural Cooperative Credit Societies (PACS). The Cabinet said the

decisions reflect its focus on labour welfare, irrigation, agriculture, sports development, and strengthening rural infrastructure.

TGSRTC strike: With no resolution in sight, two drivers set themselves ablaze



Hyderabad (TSIT):

The ongoing Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) strike took a serious turn on Thursday, April 23, when a driver set himself ablaze at the Narsampet depot in Warangal district, after his demands to resolve their grievances fell on deaf ears. Tensions escalated as the driver, Shankar Goud, attempted suicide by dousing himself in petrol and setting himself on fire. Surrounding RTC workers immediately rushed to his rescue and extinguished the flames engulfing Shankar.

He was shifted to a hospital for emergency treatment. His condition is believed to be critical still as he sustained 85 per cent burn injuries. After the incident, the TGSRTC intensified its protest, and a large number of workers reached the site. Additional police teams have been deployed by the higher-ups to prevent any untoward incident. As this had not settled, another RTC driver named Venkanna, who was participating in the protest at Nalgonda depot on Thursday, attempted to immolate himself too by dousing diesel and setting himself on fire. The police and fellow workers rescued him and immediately shifted him to the hospital. His condition is stable and he has sustained no injuries in the suicide attempt.

North Andhra sees investment surge; Anakapalli to be developed like Rangareddy: CM Naidu

Visakhapatnam (TSIT):

N. Chandrababu Naidu said North Andhra is witnessing a rapid influx of investments and announced that Anakapalli district will be developed on par with Rangareddy district, emerging as a major industrial hub.

The Chief Minister laid the foundation stone for two major projects by ReNew Energy Global at Z. Chintuvu village in Rambilli mandal of Anakapalli district. The projects, with a combined investment of Rs.5,400 crore, include a 6.5 GW solar ingot-wafer manufacturing unit and a 125 MW hybrid renewable power project. Both are expected to be completed within two years, generating around 2,100 jobs.

Addressing a public gathering, Naidu said Anakapalli is fast transforming into a key investment destination and has the potential to rank among the top industrial districts in the country. Drawing parallels with Rangareddy's growth, he expressed confidence that similar



progress would be achieved in North Andhra. He invited more national and global companies to invest in the state, assuring a business-friendly ecosystem. Highlighting recent progress, he said the government signed 802 MoUs in the last 22 months and is focusing on faster governance and ease of doing business. He also announced that a major AI data center project by Google, with an investment of \$15 billion, will be launched soon, while the Bhogapuram airport is expected to be operational by July. Emphasizing green energy, the Chief Minister said the state aims to generate 160 GW of renewable

Robust voter turnout till 5 PM, 90 pc in Bengal and 82 pc in TN



Kolkata/Chennai (TSIT):

Tamil Nadu and West Bengal are witnessing robust voter turnout on Thursday. The EC polling estimates that till 5 PM, both states are heading towards record voting percentages. Till 5 PM, West Bengal recorded 89.93 per cent polling, while in Tamil Nadu it stood at 82.24 per cent – breaching the previous figures in the 2021 elections, which were 82 and 74 per cent, respectively.

The Special Intensive Revision (SIR) drive, which had stoked intense controversy ahead of elections, seems to have failed to cast a shadow over the electoral exercise; rather, it has pushed voting percentages to unprecedented levels in both states. The voting has been brisk in both states since morning. At 3 PM, West Bengal recorded 78.77 per cent polling, while Tamil Nadu recorded 70 per cent, according to EC data. In West Bengal, polling began for 152 assembly constituencies at 7 AM, spread across 16 districts, with long queues at polling stations since morning. The 16 districts where polling is being held in the first phase on

Thursday are Cooch Behar, Darjeeling, Kalimpong, Jalpaiguri, Alipurduar, North Dinajpur, South Dinajpur, and Malda in North Bengal, and Murshidabad, East Midnapore, West Midnapore, Jhargram, Purulia, Bankura, West Burdwan, and Birbhum in South Bengal.

The second phase of polls in West Bengal for the remaining 142 assembly constituencies will be on April 29. Polling for the high-stakes Tamil Nadu Assembly elections across all 234 constituencies also began at 7 a.m., with over 5.73 crore eligible voters set to decide the fate of 4,023 candidates in a fiercely contested four-cornered battle.

The electoral contest primarily features the DMK-led Secular Progressive Alliance, the AIADMK-led National Democratic Alliance, Naam Tamilar Katchi (NTK), and Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), making this one of the most competitive elections in recent years. Voting commenced early in the morning, with voters seen queuing up in large numbers at polling booths, reflecting strong public enthusiasm to exercise their democratic right.

India urges citizens not to travel to Iran, asks those there to leave

New Delhi (TSIT):

Amid continuing tensions in the region, India has issued a fresh advisory urging its citizens not to travel to Iran and asking those already there to leave through designated land border routes amid continuing tensions in the region. The Embassy of India in Tehran released the advisory on Thursday, April 23, following reports that some flight services between India and Iran may resume. "In view of reports of commencement of some flights between India and Iran, and in continuation of earlier advisories, Indian citizens are strongly advised not to travel to Iran, whether by air or land," the embassy said. It added that airspace restrictions and operational uncertainties linked to regional tensions continue to disrupt international flight operations to and from Iran.

10 Indian ships exited Strait of Hormuz, 14 still in Persian Gulf: MEA

New Delhi (TSIT):

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Thursday said that 14 Indian ships have exited Strait of Hormuz safely in the past few weeks while 14 still remain in the Persian Gulf. "We have 10 Indian ships which have exited Strait of Hormuz safely in the last few weeks. We have 14 Indian ships which are still in the Persian Gulf," said MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal while address-



ing a weekly media briefing in New Delhi on Thursday. Tensions continue in and around Strait of Hormuz, the narrow waterway through which about one-fifth of global oil trade passes, ever since the conflict erupted in

West Asia. On Wednesday, Iran attacked a ship in the Strait of Hormuz that was on its way to Mundra Port in India. The attack came hours after US President Donald Trump had announced an indefinite ceasefire. It was one of the two ships that the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Navy (IRGC-N) announced it had attacked and taken over, according to the Iranian government-run Press TV. IRGC-N identified the ships it attacked as the MSC-Francesca and the Epaminodas.

Women and youth of Bengal have opened up front against TMC in 1st phase of polling: PM Modi

Kolkata (TSIT):

The high percentage of polling so far in the first phase of Assembly polls in West Bengal on Thursday for 162 constituencies has proved that it is not the BJP but the women of the state and the youth, who had opened an active front against the ruling Trinamool Congress, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday.

"The high percentage of polling, ignoring the scorching heat, proves that May 4 will not



only be the day of results but also the day of change in West Bengal. The voters' enthusiasm, especially among women and first time voters today, had proved that it is the women and youth of West Bengal who have really opened up the front against the ruling Trinamool

Congress in West Bengal," Prime Minister Modi said while addressing a campaign rally at Mathurapur in South 24 Parganas district of West Bengal, which will be going for polls in the second phase on April 29. According to him, the women of West Bengal had realised the real character of Trinamool Congress following the role of the party in the Lok Sabha recently to block the Women's Reservation (Amendment Bill).

4th Telangana PR Conference highlights role of communication in state's growth

Hyderabad: The 4th Telangana Public Relations Conference was held at Hotel Tourism Plaza with participation from nearly 200 delegates, including communication professionals, academicians, students, and media representatives. The conference focused on the theme "Telangana Rising 2047: Communication, Innovation & Empowerment."

Chairman of Public Relations Society of India Hyderabad Chapter Dr. Yadagiri Kambhampati welcomed the gathering and said the event aimed to provide a roadmap for strengthening communication practices in the state.



Chief Guest K. Sreenivas Reddy highlighted the importance of responsible media and PR in promoting development-oriented narratives. Guest of Honour Ch. Priyanka stressed transparent governance communication and the role of technology in public outreach. Delivering the keynote,

Prof. K. Nageshwar emphasized that communication should serve as a strategic tool for economic growth, social inclusion, and democratic participation. U.S. Sarma described public relations as a vital pillar in governance and nation-building. The conference featured three technical sessions on communication, innovation, and empowerment, covering topics such as Artificial Intelligence, smart infrastructure, agriculture, and tourism promotion. In the valedictory session, K. V. Ramana Chary said public relations has emerged as a key force in governance and urged professionals to promote credible, people-centric narratives.

Empowering Women through Digital Skill

Karimnagar, April 23, TSIT : Under the HR-CSR initiative, NTPC Ramagundam & Telangana organized the Inauguration Ceremony of a Computer Training Programme for local women at the Life Skill Academy, Block-2, in collaboration with Deepthi Mahila Samiti (DMS). The programme was inaugurated in the gracious presence of the Hon'ble President of Deepthi Mahila Samiti, Smt. Rakhi Samata, along with senior members of DMS, HR-CSR officials, trainers, and enthusiastic trainees were also present on the occasion, marking a promising beginning to this empowerment initiative. This two-month training programme has been designed for 50 participants and aims to enhance their digital literacy and employability. The curriculum includes certified courses such as Diploma in Computer Applications (DCA) and DCA with Tally and GST, equipping participants with practical and job-oriented skills. Upon successful completion of the training, participants will appear for examinations conducted under the Government of Telangana. Successful candidates will be awarded certificates by the Telangana Government Employment Department, thereby strengthening their educational credentials and opening avenues for better employment opportunities.



GITAM HOSTS RESEARCH DIALOGUE ON PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT OF FEAR OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE



Hyderabad (TSIT): The GITAM Deemed to be University hosted a research dialogue on the psychological impact of fear of sexual violence on women, highlighting its deep and often overlooked effects on mental health and daily life.

The seminar, part of the Research Dialogues series organized by the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, featured a lecture by Dr. Afreen Waseem. Titled "Living in Fear," the talk examined how the constant threat of sexual violence shapes women's behavior, decision-making, and emotional well-being.

Drawing from her research published in the journal Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy, she outlined six

key themes described as a "Map of Fear," including hypervigilance in public spaces, restricted mobility, coping mechanisms, anxiety, family-imposed limitations, and the need for systemic change.

Dr. Waseem emphasized that fear itself can cause significant psychological harm, even without physical violence. She called for stronger law enforcement, timely justice, supportive social environments, and a cultural shift away from victim-blaming attitudes. The seminar, organized by the Institution Research Committee, saw active participation from faculty, research scholars, and students, and concluded with an engaging discussion on gender, safety, and mental health in contemporary society.

Osman Nagar auction sets record as TGIC secures Rs 51.25 cr per acre

Hyderabad, Apr 23 (TSIT) The Telangana Government Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TGIC) achieved record-breaking bids in its e-auction of land parcels at Osman Nagar, with prices touching Rs.51.25 crore per acre, signaling strong investor confidence in Hyderabad's real estate market.

Plot No 1, measuring about 10.09 acres, fetched the highest bid at Rs 51.25 crore per acre—over 30% higher than the reserve price of Rs 39 crore—after intense competition

among developers. Another parcel, Plot No. 6 (5.72 acres), saw bids reach Rs 44 crore per acre, reflecting sustained demand.

An official statement on Thursday said the auction recorded a weighted average of Rs.48.6 crore per acre, driven by Osman Nagar's strategic proximity to the Outer Ring Road, Financial District, and key IT hubs, along with its multi-use zoning potential for residential and integrated develop-

TGIC Vice Chairman and Managing Director

K Shashanka said the outcome reflects growing investor confidence in Telangana's development trajectory and governance. He credited Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and IT Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu for fostering transparency and ease of doing business.

Officials noted that the successful auction underscores Hyderabad's rising prominence as a preferred investment destination, backed by transparent processes and strong infrastructure growth.

Consumers misled by inflated MRP labels on essential goods: Dr. Pallepada Damodar



Hyderabad, April 23: Dr. Pallepada Damodar, President of the Southern States Consumer Coordinating Committee, alleged that traders are misleading consumers by printing inflated MRP prices on essential commodities while concealing actual prices. A petition highlighting these concerns was submitted to the Legal Metrology Department at Gandhinagar, Hyderabad, in the presence of Deputy Controller Vimal Babu on Thursday. Dr. Damodar stated that several cooking oil traders, supermarkets, and malls across Telangana are displaying recommended MRP instead of actual pricing, leading to consumer exploitation. He stressed the need for stricter price control measures on essential goods. Consumer leaders including Sambaraju Chakrapani, Mamidi Bhim Reddy, AV Rao, and S. Narsimha Reddy also submitted rep-

Man arrested in minor girl's death case in Mahabubabad; police cite deception and threats



Mahabubabad, April 23: Police in Kuravi mandal have arrested a man in connection with the death of a minor girl, who allegedly took the extreme step following harassment and threats. According to Kuravi Sub-Inspector Gandrathi Satish, the girl attempted suicide on April 14 and was shifted to MGM Hospital, where she died on April 18 while undergoing treatment. Based on her statement before death, police registered a case against the identified as Banoth Kiran, and launched an investigation.

TRP backs RTC strike in Gadwal; demands government resolve workers' issues



Jogulamba Gadwal, April 23: Amid the ongoing strike by Telangana State Road Transport Corporation employees, the Telangana Rajyadhikara Party extended full support to the agitating workers and urged the state government to resolve their demands at the earliest. A protest was held in front of the Gadwal bus depot, where RTC staff boycotted duties and staged a demonstration. TRP District President Morugu Veeresh participated in the protest and expressed solidarity with the employees. Addressing the gathering, Veeresh said the party would continue to stand with RTC workers until their legitimate demands are fulfilled.

Accreditation cards for eligible journalists :District Collector Satya Sharada



WARANGAL, April 23, TSIT : District Collector and Chairperson of the Accreditation Committee Dr Satya Sharada participated in the review meeting organized with the members of the new media accreditation committee in the district collector's chamber and they will give accreditation to the eligible journalist as per 252 GO. The Warangal District Media Accreditation Committee meeting was held at the Collectorate Chamber on Thursday. The district collector who presided over this meeting said that the members of the accreditation committee should try to distribute the applications in a transparent manner according to the government regulations, following the GO and thoroughly examining the applications applied for accreditation online through the IPR portal. The collector said that efforts will be made to get accreditation card to every eligible journalist.

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[See proviso to rule 8(6)] Notice for sale of immovable assets

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

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

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earned Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction	One Day Before Auction Date	SARFAESI Stage
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
1.	Eshwar Aluguju (Borrower) Aluguju Rama Devi (Co-Borrower) Loan No. LHVNL00001563815&LHVNL00001563889	Flat No. 4 in First Floor H. No. 2-6-149, Mig-2, Block No. 7 Situated Ap Housing Board Colony Waddeppally Hanamkonda Warangal Telangana, 506001	Rs. 16,59,450/-	Rs. 14,67,720/-	04, 2026 11, 2026 08, 2026	11, 2026 02:00 PM	08, 2026 Before 05:00 PM	Symbolic Possession

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link-https://BidDeal.in) of our auction agency ValueTrust Capital Services Private Limited. The Mortgages/notice are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till May 08, 2026 before 05:00 PM else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule. The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) RTGS/ Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before May 08, 2026 before 04:00 PM. The Prospective Bidder(s) must also submit signed copy of Registration Form & Bid Terms and Conditions form at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before May 08, 2026 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit Demand Draft (DD) should be from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favour of "ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd. - Auction" payable at the branch office address mentioned on top of the article.

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

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

Date: April 24, 2026 Place: Warangal Authorized Officer, "ICICI Home Finance Company Limited", CIN Number:- U65922MH1999PLC120106

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APPENDIX IV-A - SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) & 9(1) of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s), Co-Borrower(s), Mortgagee(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below-described immovable properties, which were mortgaged/charged to the Assignor Bank/ Original Lender, and in respect of which physical possession had already been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Assignor Bank/ Original Lender prior to assignment, have since been assigned to Assets Care & Reconstruction Enterprise Ltd. [CIN: U65993DL2002PLC115769] ("Secured Creditor"). Accordingly, the Secured Creditor shall now conduct the sale of the said properties on an "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" basis for the recovery of the amounts due to the Secured Creditor from the Borrower(s), Co-Borrower(s), Mortgagee(s) and Guarantor(s), together with the Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit mentioned below for each property:

Sr. No.	Loan Account No / Trust Name / Name of Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Mortgagee(s)/Guarantors	Total Outstanding Dues (in Rs.)	Reserve Price (in Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs.)	Bank account details for EMD payment through demand draft/ RTGS/NEFT
1	HHYD21000018192/ ACRE 178 TRUST 1) Mrs. Dabburu Bhavani 2) Mr. Komu Naveen	Rs. 34,43,527.5 (Rupees Thirty Four Lakhs Forty Three Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Seven and Paise Five Only) as on 23.04.2026 along with applicable interest, charges and expenses till the date of payment and realization.	30,60,000/-	3,06,000/-	Account Name: ACRE-178-TRUST Account Number: 090110200042617 Bank: IDBI Bank IFSC Code: IDBL0000901

DESCRIPTION OF THE SECURED ASSET: ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of Residential Flat bearing No.9207, Municipal House bearing No.22-9/207 (PTIN No.1195011253) having Super Built-up area 545 Sq. Feet., and Residential Flat bearing No. 9208, Municipal House bearing No. 22-9/208 (PTIN No. 1195011254) having Super Built-up area 545 Sq. Feet., in Second Floor, in Block No.9, with an undivided share of land measuring 12.62 Sq. Yards or equivalent 10.57 Sq.Mtrs. with R.C.C. Roof in JANAPRIYA MAHANAGAR, in Sy. Nos. 105, 106, 115, 116, 117, 118, 120, 121, 123 and 124, Situated at MEERPET VILLAGE, Balapur Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, under Meerpur Municipality.

The above Loan Account(s) along with all right(s), title(s), interest(s), underlying security(ies), pledge(s) and/or guarantee(s), including the Immovable Properties, mentioned hereinabove had been assigned to Assets Care & Reconstruction Enterprise Ltd., acting as a trustee of various trust mentioned clearly in column provided above.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING AUCTION PROCESS

1	Last date of submission of EMD	02.06.2026
2	Place for submission of Bids	Assets Care and Reconstruction Enterprise Ltd. Vatika Business Centre & Co Working Space, Trade Centre BKC, Koliwery Village, MMRDA Area, Kalina, Bandra East, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400051. OR Email us at : Rohan.Sawant@acreinodia.in
3	Date and time of Auction	03.06.2026 from 02:30 PM to 03:30 PM
4	Place of auction (Web Site for Auction) -	www.bankauctions.com
5	Contact Details	Mr. Rohan Sawant - 9833143013 Mr. Vikram Shetty - 9880405324
6	Date & time of Inspection of the Property	On prior appointment basis
7	For detailed terms and condition of the sale, please visit the website www.acreinodia.in / www.bankauctions.com	

Date: 23.04.2026 Place: Telangana Sd/- Authorized Officer, Assets Care & Reconstruction Enterprise Ltd.

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Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited under the Securitization, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of property/ Date of Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Gajaraju Naresh (Borrower), Gajaraju Santhosha (Co-Borrower), 196 Chennupalle Ghangir Mandal Nalgonda Bhongir Telangana Nalgonda Telangana 508117. LHHC00001604842.	All That The Part And Parcel of House Bearing No. -1-96 Consist Of Ground Floor Admeasuring of 1248 Sq.Fts And First Floor Admeasuring of 1248 Sq.Fts of Rcc Roofed House in Total 2496 Sq.Fts in 180 Sq.Yds or 150.48 Sq.Mts Situated At Chandugutta Village & G.P. Bhongir Mandal, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District, Nalgonda Telangana 508114. Bounded By- North By- House of Chinnna Pullaiah, South By House of Gajaraju Ettaiah, East By- 20 Wide Road, West By- House of Gurram Pedda Pullaiah./ Date of Possession:- 21-04-2026	24-10-2025 Rs. 22,39,263.36/-	ECIL Hyderabad

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : April 24, 2026, Place: Nalgonda Authorized Officer, ICICI Home Finance Company Limited

SHIRAM FINANCE LIMITED Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Gundy, Chennai-600032

Administrative Office: 6th Floor/Level 2, Building No.02, Aarum Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghanoli, Navi Mumbai-400710 Branch At #12-02-18 To 20, 1st, S V N Road, Bataala Bazar, Warangal -506002

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized officer M/s. Shiram Finance Limited, (Shiram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shiram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shiram Transport Company Limited, by its Incorporation Certificate dt.30-11-2022) a corporate body registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian companies Act 1956, is doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Gundy, Chennai - 600 032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.02, Aarum Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghanoli, Navi Mumbai-400710 and branch office at Warangal II (hereinafter referred as Company/ Lender), under the provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices. The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 23rd day of April, 2026.

Borrower Name and Address	Amount due as per Demand Notice
1) Layola Suprasenan S/O Vidyadharan, Age: 69 Years, Occ: New Layola Concept School, English Medium, Bandampally, Duggondi, R/O.H.No.2-181-1, Laximpur(VIII), Bandampally, Warangal Dist- 506 342. Cell: 9704819705	Rs.6939404/- (Rupees Sixty Nine Lakhs Thirty Nine Thousand Four Hundred and Four only)
And Also At Layola Suprasenan S/O Vidyadharan, Age: 69 Years, Occ: Business, House and open place H.No.2-24/1, Laximpur Revenue Village, Grampanchayat Board, Bandampally, Duggondi Mandal, Warangal District 2) Vishwaleela Layola W/O Suprasenan, Age: 68 Years, R/O.H.No.2-4/1, Bandampally, Duggondi, Warangal Dist- 506 342.Cell: 9676389075.3) Sundharajah Podetti S/O Samuel, Age: 45 Years, Occ: Sri Sai Book Store & Xerox Centre, Narsampet Road, Warangal, R/O.H.No.1-48, Sc Colony, Nallabelli(VIII&M), Warangal Dist-506310.Cell: 8179525242.	

WARNTF1802160002 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:(Property holder name is LAYOLA SUPRESEAN) Mortgage deed dated 22.02.2018 Registered as Document No.509/2018 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at NARSAMPET) House and open place bearing GP H.No.2-24/1 situated at Laximpur Revenue Village, Grampanchayat Board of Bandampally, Duggondi Mandal of Warangal District (Rural), and within the registration District, Warangal and Sub - Registrar, Narsampet, the total area of the House with open place measuring to 523.00 Sq.Yards or 437.28 Sq.Mtrs within the following boundaries- East: House & Open place of Pentareddy Shantha Rani, West : Dry land of Elagonda Kumaraswamy and Penta Reddy Shantha Rani, North: 40 Ft wide Bandampally Road South: Dry land of Elagonda Kumaraswamy

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

Place: Warangal Date: 23-04-2026 Sd/- Authorized officer, Shiram Finance Ltd.

info.southindiatimes@gmail.com

SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY Tender Notice No: GTL-EM-02-2026-27 Date: 23.04.2026

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

Tender No: GTL-EM-02-2026-27. Name of the work: Guntakal Division-Augmentation of TRIP SHED-RENGUNTA, by providing all specified facilities. Also the mandatory requirements like Office room, staffroom, storeroom, sandroom, pit, lin extension, pathway construction etc.

For Bidding the tender and other details login to http://www.ireps.gov.in. Corrigendum of tender, if any will be issued online only. Tender Document may be downloaded from to http://www.ireps.gov.in by the tenders free of cost.

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/Maintenance/Guntakal Tender Notice No: GTL-EM-03-2026-27 Date: 23.04.2026

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

Tender No: GTL-EM-03-2026-27. Name of the work: Guntakal Division: Dharmavaram: Provision of 2 no. of Lifts to 12m FOB (Lifts Portion). Approximate Value: Rs.61,25,601.84/-

For Bidding the tender and other details login to http://www.ireps.gov.in. Corrigendum of tender, if any will be issued online only. Tender Document may be downloaded from to http://www.ireps.gov.in by the tenders free of cost.

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/Maintenance/Guntakal Tender Notice No: G/E-29/TR/Tender Notice/04/2026-27 Dated: 22.04.2026

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

Tender No.: GTL-TRD-29-eTN-06-2026-27. Name of Work: GTL div: Replacement of Rusted Cantilevers, Anti-creep, overaged insulators and composite insulators in GTL-WD section. Approximate Value: Rs. 3,07,37,150/-

Tender No.: GTL-TRD-29-eTN-07-2026-27. Name of Work: OHE Modifications in lieu of provision of new 3m FOB at Gooty (GY), Nakkandaddi (NKDD), Timmanacherla (TIM), Chikisguru (CK) & Thangudi (TGDE) stations in GY-WADI section. Approximate Value: Rs. 1,11,12,149.30/-

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Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/Traction/Guntakal Tender Notice No: G/E-29/TR/Tender Notice/05/2025-26 Dated: 23.04.2026

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

Tender No.: GTL-TRD-29-eTN-08-2026-27. Name of Work: GTL Div: OHE Modifications in lieu of Raising of platforms to high level and provision of new 3m FOB at Gooty (GY), Nakkandaddi (NKDD), Timmanacherla (TIM), Chikisguru (CK) & Thangudi (TGDE) stations in GY-WADI section. Approximate Value: Rs. 1,11,12,149.30/-

Tender No.: GTL-TRD-29-eTN-09-2026-27. Name of Work: GTL Div: OHE Modifications in lieu of Raising of platforms to high level and provision of new 3m FOB at Guntakal (GTL), Benahatu (BNL), Sankarapalle (SPL) & Lingam Kidodi (LMD) stations in DHNE-GTL-BAY section. Approximate Value: Rs. 1,25,44,703.12/-

Tender No.: GTL-TRD-29-eTN-10-2026-27. Name of Work: GTL Div: OHE Modifications in lieu of Raising of platforms to high level and provision of new 3m FOB at Impuram (IMA), Gullapalyamu (GPU), Kurabalakota (KBA), Pulicherla (PCL) & Ingampeta (MPT) Stations. GTL-DMM-PAY Section. Approximate Value: Rs. 1,04,68,866.50/-

Tender Closing date & time: 15.05.2026 at 15.00 hrs

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Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/Traction/Guntakal Tender Notice No: B-E29-TRD-TNDR-05-2026-27 Dt: 22.04.2026

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

Tender No: B-E29-TRD-TNDR-05-2026-27. Name of the work: Vijayawada Division - Replacement of Rusted Cantilevers, anti creep, over aged insulators and composite insulators in BZA division. Approximate Value: Rs.3,23,13,241.00

N.B: If date of opening, happens to be a holiday, the tender will be opened on next working day.

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/TrD/Vijayawada Open Tender Notice No: B-E29-TRD-TNDR-05-2026-27 Dt: 22.04.2026

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

SI. No.: 1. Tender No.: E-03-south-BZA-2026. Details of Work: Name of work: Sreevastharam (SVA) sections in ADEN/NLR Sub-division under Sr.DEN/SouthBZA jurisdiction. Period of completion: 10 (Ten Months) Tender Value Rs.: 1,34,18,647/-

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CHANGE OF NAME I, GOPAGANI MADHAVI, D/o. GOPAGANI CHANDRA MOULI, H.No. 4-2-252, Subash Nagar, Kothur, Hanamkonda - 506001, T.G, have changed my name after my marriage from GOPAGANI MADHAVI to KASAGANI KALYANI (New Name) W/o. KASAGANI VENU for all future purposes.

SI. No.: 2. Tender No.: E-04-south-BZA-2026. Details of Work: Name of work: Gudur-Vijayawada section: Painting of In-service Rails on Gauge face at various locations on UP & DN lines in ADEN/NLR & ADEN/OGL sub-divisions of Sr.DEN/SouthBZA Jurisdiction. Period of completion: 12 (Twelve Months) Tender Value Rs.: 2,41,85,291/- E.M.D. Rs.: 4,83,700/- Date of closing: 11/05/2026

SI. No.: 3. Tender No.: E-05-south-BZA-2026. Details of Work: Name of work: SW-I:Gudur-Vijayawada section: (i)TRR(P) - 2.2177Km from Km 221.060-223.277 on UP line at SSE/PWay/BTRR between Gudur - Kadavakuru (Excl) stations of Sr.DEN/SouthBZA Jurisdiction. (ii) TRS(P) - 21.5444Km with PORS & TRT at various locations on UP & DN lines at SSE/PWay/GDR, SSE/PWay/NLR & SSE/PWay/BTRR sections in between Gudur-Kadavakuru(Excl) stations of Sr. DEN /SouthBZA Jurisdiction. SW-II: Gudur -Vijayawada section: TRS(P) - 20.044 TKm with PORS & TRT at various locations on UP & DN lines at SSE/PWay/KVZ, SSE/PWay/GDR & SSE/PWay/OGL sections in between Gudur-Kadavakuru(Excl) stations of Sr.DEN/SouthBZA Jurisdiction. and (iv)Glued Joints-122Nos at SSE/PWay /GDR & SSE/PWay/NLR sections between Gudur - Kadavakuru (Excl) stations of Sr.DEN/SouthBZA Jurisdiction. SW-IV: GDRBZA Section: TRR(P)-0.607Km from Km.174.000-174.607 on UP line in ADEN/ NLR sub-division. SW-V: GDR-NR Section: Laying of slack gauge sleepers at 40 curve on UP & DN lines (ADEN/NLR Sub-division) for total Nos of 2565 Sleepers. SW-VI: Gudur-Vijayawada Section: TFR (AF)-7.572Km & TFR (CGSP)-2.710Km at various locations of ADEN/ NLR Sub-division. Period of completion: 18 (Eighteen Months) Tender Value R s.: 6,15,09,012/- E.M.D. Rs.: 8,46,900/- Date of closing: 13/05/2026

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WARANGAL, April 23, TSIT: Congress leader Jagga Reddy extended support to underprivileged youth by distributing bicycles to 27 paper boys in Sangareddy town on Thursday. The beneficiaries, who work as newspaper delivery agents in Sangareddy and Malkapur areas, had approached his office seeking bicycles to ease their daily work.

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RTC Workers' Issues Govt Assures Resolution, Appeals for Restraint

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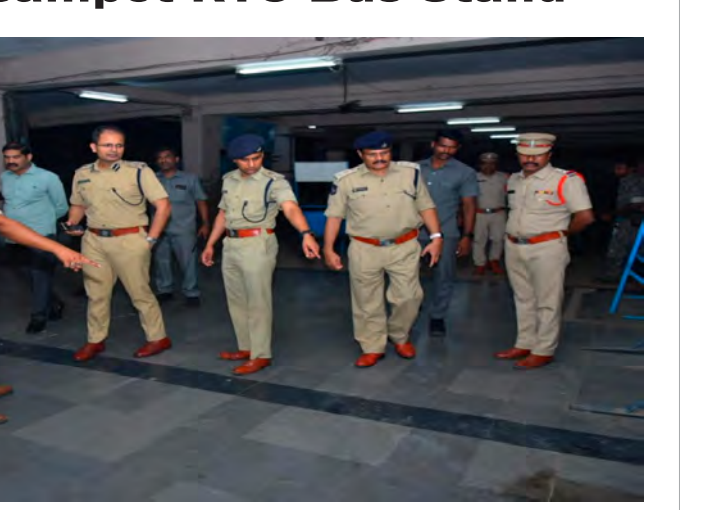
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The Congress government has extended financial support of 10,000 crore to RTC and introduced free bus travel for women. He also wished a speedy recovery for RTC employee Shankar Goud. Health Minister Damodar Raja Narasimha said the government is committed to resolving RTC issues with sincerity. He informed that an RTC employee who attempted suicide is being shifted to Apollo Hospital, Hyderabad, for advanced treatment.

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JAGGAREDDY DISTRIBUTES BICYCLES TO 27 PAPER BOYS; 500 MORE STUDENTS REGISTER FOR SUPPORT IN SANGAREDDY

Sangareddy, April 23 (TSIT): Congress leader Jagga Reddy extended support to underprivileged youth by distributing bicycles to 27 paper boys in Sangareddy town on Thursday. The beneficiaries, who work as newspaper delivery agents in Sangareddy and Malkapur areas, had approached his office seeking bicycles to ease their daily work. Responding to their request, Jagga Reddy provided bicycles to all 27 boys. Several of the recipients are continuing their education while working part-time, while others have discontinued studies due to financial constraints. Assuring further assistance, Jagga Reddy said that those who dropped out of school would be supported with employment opportunities in industries if they are willing. He also revealed that nearly 500 students have registered at his office seeking bicycles and said the distribution would be carried out in phases to benefit more needy students. The initiative was appreciated by locals as a step towards supporting working students and improving their livelihoods.



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Canara Bank ARM BRANCH HYDRABAD CIRCLE OFFICE, 10-3-163 810-3/163A, PLOT NO. 85, BESIDE RAIL NILAYAM, S. D. ROAD, SECUNDERABAD - 500026. E-mail: cb2752@canarabank.com

Ref: 2752/ARM/BN/GCTPL/2026/27/MKV DT: 22.04.2026 This Sale Notice is issued in supersession of our earlier Sale Notice dated 04-03-2026. E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH RULES 8(6) & 9 OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002

PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited. The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

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AP Ministers Study Singapore's JTC Model for Industrial Growth



Singapore/ Amaravati: On the third day of their training program in Singapore, a delegation of Andhra Pradesh ministers undertook an in-depth study of the JTC Corporation, a premier government agency responsible for developing industrial infrastructure under Singapore's Ministry of Trade and Industry. The ministers visited JTC Corporation (formerly Jurong Town Corporation) to understand its role in transforming Singapore into a global industrial hub. The agency has been instrumental in developing industrial estates, building technologically advanced smart estates, and promoting environmentally sustainable green projects. A detailed presentation on the organization's growth and operations was delivered by former Assistant CEO Seah Kee Pok, who highlighted JTC's strategic initiatives and achievements. The delegation also explored JTC's involvement in landmark projects such as Jurong Island, one-north, Changi Business Park, and Punggol Digital District. These large-scale developments have positioned Singapore as a leader in industrial innovation and urban planning. The ministers also learned about pioneering projects like the Jurong Rock Caverns—the first of its kind in Southeast Asia—designed for underground oil storage. During the visit, the ministers examined how similar models of industrial zone development, smart estates, and green initiatives could be adapted and implemented in Andhra Pradesh to boost economic growth and infrastructure. The delegation included ministers P. Narayana, B.C. Janardhan Reddy, Atchannaidu, Vangalapati Anita, Satyakumar Yadav, and Anagani Satya Prasad.

Bhagiratha's Inspiration Drives Water Conservation Movement in Andhra Pradesh



Tadepalli/ Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh BC, EWS Welfare, Handlooms and Textiles Minister S. Savita stated that the state has launched a large-scale water conservation movement inspired by the legendary sage Bhagiratha. She emphasized that under the leadership of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, the government is taking significant steps to strengthen irrigation infrastructure across the state. Paying rich tributes on the occasion of Bhagiratha Jayanti at the camp office in Tadepalli, the minister garlanded the portrait of the revered sage and highlighted his greatness in bringing the sacred Ganges from the heavens to Earth through intense penance. She noted that the state government is observing Bhagiratha Jayanti as an official festival. Savita described Chief Minister

Chandrababu Naidu as a "modern-day Bhagiratha" for his determination and commitment to water resource development. She said the government has undertaken major irrigation projects, including the prestigious Polavaram Project, which she termed as the lifeline of Andhra Pradesh. Once completed, the project is expected to transform the state's economic and agricultural landscape. Highlighting efforts in Rayalaseema, the minister said that Rs.12,441 crore was spent between 2014 and 2019 on irrigation development, while an additional Rs.6,613 crore is being invested after the formation of the current coalition government. She further noted that Rs.3,870 crore has been spent on the Handri Neeva Sujala Sravanthi project to divert Krishna River waters to drought-prone regions like Madakasira and Kuppam.

Values and culture are foundation of life, says Venkaiah Naidu at AU centenary event

Visakhapatnam, April 23: Former Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu stressed that values and culture are as important as education in shaping life, while addressing a programme at Andhra University as part of its centenary celebrations. Speaking at the Law College event held at the AU Convention Centre, Naidu said that while technology is advancing rapidly, society must not lose sight of human values. He urged young lawyers to stand by the poor and serve society,



emphasizing that knowledge must be complemented with a spirit of service. Highlighting contemporary challenges, he expressed concern over rising cybercrimes and crimes against women, calling upon legal professionals to play a proactive role in ensuring justice. He asserted that women's reservation is inevitable and stressed the need to uphold truth and dharma in public life.

Pfizer Delegation Visits GITAM to Review Educational Partnership

The South India Times, Visakhapatnam: A high-level expert delegation from Pfizer Healthcare India Limited visited GITAM Deemed University on Thursday to review ongoing academic programs and explore avenues to strengthen their educational partnership. The visit focused on evaluating courses conducted under the "Pfizer Autonomous Teams (PAT)" initiative, aimed at providing education and employment opportunities to rural girls in North Andhra Pradesh. Under this program, 337 rural girl students are currently pursuing a B.Sc. in Chemistry with full sponsorship from Pfizer, which also supports them with employment opportunities until the completion of their



degree. The visiting delegation included Vice President of Global Hospital and Biosimilars International Operations, Mc Nicholas Marius; Global Supply Vizag Site Leader Katta Ravichandra; PGS India People Experience Director T. Ravi Kiran; and RDM Procurement Director Akanksha Pandit, among others. The Pfizer team appreciated GITAM for offering a safe and high-quality academic environment. They also praised the university's infrastructure, noting that it meets international standards. Speaking on the occasion, GITAM Vice-Chancellor Dr. Errol D'Souza emphasized that the university prioritizes designing courses aligned with industry needs.

SP Leads Ground Survey of Accident-Prone 'Black Spots' to Curb Road Mishaps in West Godavari

Bhimavaram, April 23: In a decisive move to prevent road accidents, the West Godavari district police have launched a special action plan focusing on the identification and rectification of accident-prone 'black spots' across the district. As part of this initiative, District Superintendent of Police, Mr. Adnan Nayeem Asmi, IPS, conducted an extensive field inspection



on Thursday, visiting multiple high-risk locations along with senior officials from various departments, including Police, Transport, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), Roads & Buildings (R&B), Panchayat Raj, Revenue, and Municipal departments. The inspection, which lasted from morning till evening, covered 23 identified black

spots in key areas such as Bhimavaram, Tadepalligudem, Tanuku, Attili, Penumantra, Penugonda, Poduru, Elamanchili, Narsapuram, and Mogalturu. During the visit, the SP closely examined geographical challenges, road design flaws, and technical factors contributing to frequent accidents at these locations.

Minister Kandula Durgesh Pays Tributes to Former CM Nadendla Bhaskara Rao

Hyderabad/ Amaravati, April 23: State Tourism Minister Kandula Durgesh paid rich tributes to the mortal remains of former Chief Minister Nadendla Bhaskara Rao during his last rites. The minister visited the residence of Nadendla Manohar in Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad, where he



offered floral homage to the departed leader. Durgesh expressed his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and consoled them in their moment of grief, praying for strength and courage to overcome the loss. Later, the minister participated in the funeral proceedings.

SAKSHI MALIK INAUGURATES UDGM 2026 SPORTS FEST AT SRM UNIVERSITY-AP

Amaravati: Olympic medalist Sakshi Malik inaugurated the three-day national-level sports fest "UDGM 2026" at SRM University-AP, in the presence of wrestling champion Satyawart Kadian. The event brought together athletes from universities across the country, celebrating sportsmanship, youth participation, and competitive excellence. Vice Chancellor Prof. Ch Satish Kumar highlighted the institution's focus on holistic education, including physical fitness and sports development, and announced plans for a state-of-the-art sports complex. In her address, Sakshi Malik shared her journey from a small village in Haryana to winning a medal at the Rio Olympics 2016, encouraging students to set clear goals and pursue them with discipline.



She appreciated the university's efforts in promoting sports and integrating fitness into academics. During the event, three student athletes were felicitated for their achievements at the 85th All India Inter-University Athletics Championships 2025-26. Mubasina Muhammed received Rs.10 lakh for gold in long jump, Aditya was awarded Rs.5 lakh for javelin throw, and

Anamika received Rs.5 lakh for winning gold in heptathlon. The fest features competitions in football, volleyball, basketball, kabaddi, badminton, table tennis, chess, and e-sports, offering a platform for young athletes to showcase their talent. Registrar Dr. Vinayak Kalluri, Director of Sports Dr. V. Koul, faculty, and students were present at the inauguration.

BHADRAKALI BRAHMOTSAVAMS ENTER FIFTH DAY WITH GRAND VAHANA SEVAS

Warangal (TSIT) The Sri Kalyana Brahmotsavams of Sri Bhadrakali and Bhadrashwara Swamy at the renowned Bhadrakali Temple entered the fifth day on Thursday, marked by devotional fervour and grand processions. The day began with traditional rituals including Nityahnika and Chatu Sthanarchana. The presiding deity was taken in a procession on the Surya Prabha Vahanam in the morning and on the Hamsa Vahanam in the evening. Temple chief priest Sri Bhadrakali Sheshu explained that the Surya Prabha Vahanam signifies radiance and health, and devotees are believed to be blessed with good health, fame, and clarity of vision. The Hamsa Vahanam, symbolizing wisdom and discrimination, is believed to bless devotees with the ability to distinguish between right and wrong and lead a righteous life. The morning rituals were sponsored by Telangana Mudiraj



Mahasabha. Among those present were MLC Deputy Chairman Dr. Banda Prakash, State General Secretary Palle Ashok, Warangal city president Bayya Swamy, Pullirajanikanth, Dr. Aleti Krishna-Vardika, Bunsu Mallesham, Pittala Satyanarayana, Choppari Somaiah, Corporator Chintakula Anil, former corporator Aruna Shrivani, and several other leaders and devotees. The evening Hamsa Vahana Seva was sponsored by Telangana Brahma Seva Sangha Samakhyia. Its president Motukuri Rameshwar Rao-Mayuri and chairman Vennampelli Jagannathan Sharma participated in the event. The details were released by Ramala Sunita, Executive Officer and Assistant Commissioner.

TTD Inaugurates First Aid Centre at Sri Padmavathi Ammavari Temple



Tirumala : Tirupati Devasthanams has inaugurated a First Aid Centre at Sri Padmavathi Ammavari Temple, Tiruchanoor, on Thursday with special prayers for the convenience of devotees.

Considering the increasing number of pilgrims, the centre has been set up near the temple to provide immediate basic medical services. The First Aid Centre will function in two shifts: from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM and from 2:00 PM

to 8:00 PM. It will offer first aid, basic treatment, and emergency care to devotees and staff working in Tiruchanoor. In case of emergencies, patients will be stabilized and shifted to higher medical facilities if required.

Rising head & neck cancer burden in India; experts stress early detection at Medicover CME

Hyderabad, April 23: Doctors at a Continuing Medical Education (CME) programme organized by Medicover Cancer Institute raised concern over the rising burden of head and neck cancers in India, emphasizing early detection and advanced treatment strategies. Experts noted that India records nearly 2.48 lakh new cases annually, accounting for about 30% of all cancers, with many patients diagnosed at advanced stages, affecting survival outcomes. The CME titled "Head and Neck Cancers and Advancements" brought together specialists from surgical, medical, and radiation oncology, along with reconstructive surgery, to discuss the latest developments in diagnosis,



and rehabilitation. Dr. Ravi Chander Veligeti spoke on surgical approaches in oral cancers, while Dr. Neelesh Kanderi highlighted evidence-based neck management. Dr. Prajyoth Reddy Vootukuri discussed advancements in functional reconstruction to improve post-treatment quality of life. Sessions on prevention and screening by Dr. D. Rama Raju and Dr. Naveen Kokkula stressed the importance of early diagnosis. Experts including Dr. Kandra Prasanth Reddy, Dr. Sarita Shrivastava, and Dr. A.

Venugopal elaborated on modern radiotherapy, systemic therapies, and emerging immunotherapy. Special sessions also covered laryngeal and thyroid cancers, with discussions on organ preservation, minimally invasive surgery, robotic thyroidectomy, and updated global treatment guidelines. Experts highlighted that tobacco and alcohol consumption remain major risk factors and stressed that early screening can significantly improve outcomes. The programme underscored the importance of multidisciplinary care and patient-centric treatment, focusing not only on survival but also on quality of life, including speech and swallowing functions.

Vaccines are for life, not just childhood: expert calls for focus on adult immunization

Hyderabad (TSIT): On the occasion of World Immunization Week, leading neonatologist Dr. Babu S Madarkar emphasized that vaccination must be viewed as a life-long necessity, not limited to childhood, highlighting a critical gap in adult immunization across India. In a detailed note, the expert pointed out that while India's Universal Immunization Programme has achieved significant progress in child vaccination, adult immunization remains largely neglected. He noted that vaccines prevent an estimated 3.5 to 5 million deaths globally each year, yet millions still remain unprotected. Citing data, he said India has achieved nearly 93% coverage for ini-



tial doses in children, but only about 76.4% of children receive full immunization. At the same time, adult vaccination rates remain alarmingly low, with uptake for vaccines like influenza and pneumococcal reported at less than 2% in many cases.

Dr. Madarkar stressed that newborns are particularly vulnerable, as their immune systems are still developing. Vaccines administered at birth and in early infancy play a crucial role in preventing life-threatening diseases such as tuberculosis, hepatitis B, and polio. Highlighting the "cocoon strategy," he explained that vaccinating adults around newborns can significantly reduce the risk of infection transmission, thereby protecting infants during their most vulnerable phase. He also listed key vaccines adults should consider, including influenza (annual), typhoid (every 2-3 years), pneumococcal (for elderly and

high-risk groups), tetanus boosters (every 10 years), hepatitis B, HPV, shingles, and COVID-19 boosters. Addressing misconceptions, he clarified that vaccines are essential even for healthy individuals and that immunity from earlier vaccinations or infections may decline over time. Calling for urgent reforms, he urged the government to introduce a national adult immunization programme, integrate vaccination into routine healthcare, and improve public awareness. "Vaccination is not a one-time event but a lifelong shield. Strengthening adult immunization is essential to complete the protection we have built for children," he said.

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TPCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud Meets Rahul Gandhi

New Delhi TSIT:Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President Mahesh Kumar Goud met AICC leader and Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi at 10 Janpath in New Delhi on Thursday. The meeting lasted for about 15 minutes, during which Mahesh Kumar Goud briefed Rahul Gandhi on the ongoing development initiatives and welfare schemes being implemented in Telangana.

The two leaders also discussed the latest political developments and party organizational activities in the state. The TPCC chief explained in detail the progress of party strengthening measures, including the appointment of DCC presidents, formation of district and mandal committees, appointment of Booth Level Agents (BLAs), and constitution of affiliated bodies.

Mahesh Kumar Goud informed Rahul Gandhi that, in line with his assurance, a comprehensive caste census has been conducted in the state and official data has been released. He also urged Rahul



Gandhi to include provisions for Backward Class (BC) reservations in the proposed Women's Reservation Bill.

Further, the TPCC President requested that the upcoming AICC National OBC Advisory Council meeting be held in Hyderabad, to which Rahul Gandhi responded positively. Earlier, former Rajya Sabha Member V. Hanumantha Rao and Rajya Sabha MP Anil Yadav also met Rahul Gandhi.

325 Crore Support to SHG Women at Moosapet Training Programme

Hyderabad TSIT: Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) Commissioner Srijana attended a Resource Person Training Programme in Moosapet Circle as the Chief Guest under the 99 Days Action Plan - Praja Palana Pragati Pranaliika. On the occasion, financial assistance worth Rs.325 crore was sanctioned to 17 Self-Help Group (SHG) women groups to promote livelihood activities and economic empowerment. The Commissioner also distributed certificates to women who successfully completed tailoring training, encouraging skill development and self-employment. Addressing the gathering, Commissioner Srijana emphasized the importance of women's self-reliance, entrepreneurship, and access to financial support, highlighting the Corporation's commitment to strengthening women-led community institutions. Senior officials, including the Additional Commissioner (UCD), Project Director, Deputy Commissioner of Moosapet Circle, Programme Officer, bank officials, UCD coordinators, SHG representatives, and resource persons, attended the pro-

Shikha Goel Calls for Responsible Driving; Cyberabad CP Stresses Awareness to Curb Road Accidents



Hyderabad, TSIT: The 'Arrive Alive' road safety campaign is being intensified across the Cyberabad Police Commissionerate with the objective of reducing road accidents and promoting responsible driving behaviour among citizens. As part of the initiative, Director General (Vigilance & Enforcement, TGCSB & FSL) Shikha Goel attended an awareness seminar held at Satva Knowledge Park as the Chief Guest.

Addressing the gathering, she emphasized that road safety is not merely about adhering to police regulations but a personal responsibility of every individual. She urged motorists to follow traffic rules voluntarily—not to avoid penalties, but to safeguard their own lives.

Expressing concern, she noted that road accidents claim more

lives than many other forms of crime, citing that nearly 8,000 deaths occurred due to road accidents in the state last year. She warned that even minor negligence, such as using mobile phones while driving, can prove fatal. Highlighting positive change, she said awareness about seat belt usage has improved and stressed that two-wheeler riders must mandatorily wear helmets, while pedestrians should remain alert while crossing roads.

Cyberabad Police Commissioner M. Ramesh stated that the 'Arrive Alive' programme is being actively implemented across schools, colleges, and public places to spread awareness. He pointed out that over-speeding, drunk driving, rash driving, signal jumping, and wrong-route driving are the primary causes of accidents.

Sage Bhagiratha Jayanti celebrated in Gadwal; leaders highlight legacy of perseverance

Jogulamba Gadwal, April 23: The birth anniversary of Sage Bhagiratha was celebrated with devotion at the district level under the aegis of the Backward Classes Welfare Department at the IDOC premises on Thursday. Officials and members of the Sagara community paid floral tributes and offered special prayers in honor of the revered sage. Addressing the gathering, Additional Collector Lakshminarayana described Bhagiratha as a symbol of determination and perseverance. He said the sage's legendary effort to bring



the river Ganga to earth continues to inspire generations, adding that the phrase "Bhagiratha effort" represents unwavering commitment toward achieving goals. Speaking on the occasion, Morugu Veeresh elaborated on the mythological significance of Bhagiratha's penance.

BRS backs RTC strike, slams Congress



Khammam (TSIT): Extending full support to the ongoing RTC workers' strike, BRS Khammam district president and MLC Tata Madhusudan on Thursday criticised the Congress government, stating that a recent High Court verdict had once again vindicated former chief minister KCR. Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan in Khammam, he alleged that the Congress, unable to face KCR politically, had attempted to malign him through inquiry commissions. He said the court's observations questioning the functioning of such panels exposed the government's "political motives". Earlier, Madhusudan visited the Khammam RTC depot and joined striking drivers, conductors and other staff in a dharna, expressing solidarity. He termed the workers' demands as "justified", particularly the merger of RTC into the government

and immediate clearance of pending PRC dues, and urged the government to resolve the issue without delay. He also criticised the government's handling of agriculture, stating that paddy was piling up at procurement centres while farmers were facing hardships due to lack of logistics and delayed payments. He dismissed allegations against the Kaleshwaram project and said it remained crucial for the state. Alleging that the Revanth Reddy government was focused on "political vendetta" rather than governance, Madhusudan said the BRS would take these issues to the people and continue to support RTC workers until their demands are met.

Bhagiratha Maharshi was nicknamed for persistence.



Wanaparthy (TSIT): Former minister Singireddy Niranjan Reddy paid tributes to Maharshi Bhagirath by offering flowers to his statue on the occasion of Aparna Bhagirath's birth anniversary. Speaking on this occasion, he praised Bhagirath, another name for perseverance is Bhagirath, the great man who brought the Ganges to the ground through hard work. He said that KCR named the fresh water scheme as Mission Bhagiratha to quench the thirst of the people and became an inspiration. He said that during the KCR regime, special funds were allocated for the birth anniversary programs of the Mahaneys and the celebrations were organized grandly.

LB Nagar Hayathnagar Double Decker Elevated Corridor to Ease Traffic Woes: Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy

Hyderabad TSIT: State Roads & Buildings and Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy conducted a high-level review meeting on Thursday at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat to assess the progress of the proposed double decker elevated corridor from LB Nagar to Hayathnagar (All India Radio station), spanning 7.1 km.

The Minister stated that the ambitious project aims to provide major relief to lakhs of commuters and motorists by decongesting one of the busiest stretches on NH-65. He emphasized that the government is committed to transforming this accident-prone corridor into an accident-free route.

The review meeting, which lasted nearly four hours, was attended by senior officials including Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Srinivasa Raju, R&B Special Chief Secretary Vikas Raj, MoRTH Regional Officer Krishna Prasad, HMRL Chief Project Manager Anand Mohan, and R&B Chief Engineer (NH) Dharna Reddy.

Minister Venkat Reddy informed that the project is estimated to cost around Rs.941 crore, with the state government ready to contribute Rs.200 crore. He noted that



after Nagpur, this would be one of the largest double decker corridor projects in India.

Highlighting its impact, the Minister said nearly 20 lakh people residing in 54 colonies across LB Nagar and Hayathnagar would benefit. Travel time for commuters on the Hyderabad-Vijayawada route is expected to reduce significantly, enabling city crossing within 15 minutes.

Expressing concern over frequent accidents and heavy congestion along the stretch, he said the new corridor would ensure safer road crossings through service roads and ease traffic flow.

Officials were directed to expedite approvals from the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) and initiate the tendering process at the earliest. The MoRTH

Regional Officer confirmed that the project has already been included in the ministry's annual plan.

The meeting also discussed technical aspects such as pillar foundations, structural strength, and integration with the proposed metro rail on the upper deck. It was suggested that assigning the entire project to a single agency would ensure better coordination, faster execution, and effective monitoring.

Officials agreed that parallel execution of works would be feasible under a single agency model. Following the Minister's suggestion, HMRL Chief Project Manager Anand Mohan agreed to provide consent for the project. It was also decided to appoint consultants to prepare detailed estimates.

District Collector inspects Huzur Nagar Area Hospital

Suryapet: District Collector Tejas Nand Lal Pawar has warned that doctors in government hospitals should be fully available to patients, otherwise action will be taken. On Thursday, the Collector made a surprise inspection of the Huzur Nagar (Regional Hospital) Area Hospital. During the inspection of the hospital, the Collector expressed his anger over the unavailability of doctors. The Collector inquired about the details of some people leaving their duties before the appointed time. Later, the dialysis center and blood bank centers were inspected. The Collector inquired about the medical services being provided to the patients. Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said



Doctors should be available to patients on time while performing their duties.

He ordered to provide better medical services to the patients. He ordered the concerned superintendent to take action against the doctors and contract doctors who do not follow the time schedule in the OP department. He wanted to submit a full report in this regard. He suggested to pay special attention to the health programs being implemented by the government. He suggested to pay special attention to the health of pregnant women and infants. He

suggested to create awareness so that normal deliveries occur more often. He suggested to keep the hospital surroundings clean and to be vigilant about sanitation. In this context, he said that the hospital sanitation management

He congratulated the sanitation staff and nursing officers. He hoped to receive an award in Kayakalp. He suggested that the officials take steps to ensure that the surrounding areas of the hospital are kept clean by carrying out better sanitation work. The Collector inspected the emergency department, OP department, and blood storage departments of the hospital. He ordered the construction work of the newly constructed OP block to be completed expeditiously. Later, he monitored the functioning of the city scan mission. He instructed the district officials to discuss the shortcomings in the management of the T-Hub with the officials and resolve the problem immediately. Revenue Divisional Officer Srinivasulu, Superintendent Dr. Praveen Kumar, RMO Dr. Ravi Kumar, Gynecologist Dr. Vanaja, doctors, nursing officers, sanitation staff, medical staff and others participated in this program.

Bhagiratha Jayanti celebrated with fervour in Hyderabad; Leaders call for inclusive welfare

Hyderabad, Apr 23 (TSIT) Grand celebrations marking the birth anniversary of Sri Sri Sri Sagara Bhagiratha Maharshi were held at Ravindra Bharathi on Thursday, with participation from ministers, public representatives, and community leaders.

Transport Ministers Ponnamp Prabhakar and Vakiti Srihari, along with MP Eatala Rajender, BC Welfare Association president Jajula Srinivas Goud, and Sagara community leaders Uppari Shekhar and Askani Maruthi Sagar, attended the event.

Addressing the gathering, Minister Vakiti Srihari said the government is committed to the

welfare of SCs, STs, BCs, and minority communities, and assured that issues faced by the Sagara community would be addressed with priority. He highlighted Bhagiratha as a symbol of perseverance and visionary leadership, noting that even in the present era, society continues to draw inspiration from his relentless efforts.

Recalling the legend of Bhagiratha bringing the Ganga to earth, the minister said such determination remains a guiding force for progress. He urged the youth to adopt Bhagiratha as a role model and strive to achieve the impossible through sustained effort and dedication.

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3	N-P-K	100% WATER SOLUBLE MIXTURE OF FERTILIZERS	13:40:13
4	N-P-K	100% WATER SOLUBLE MIXTURE OF FERTILIZERS	00:12:45
5	N-P-K:Mg	100% WATER SOLUBLE MIXTURE OF FERTILIZERS	15:05:30:2:0:02
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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Properties)

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The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower / guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers, conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this the 22nd day of April of the year 2026

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The Borrower's attention is invited to provision of sub-section (8) of section 13 of Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets

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Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Fedbank Financial Services Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 05/02/2026 calling upon the Borrower, Mortgagor, Co-Borrower(s) and Guarantor:- (1) SURA SRINU (Borrower); (2) SURA RAMA (Co - Borrower); (3) SURA SAMMAIAH (Co - Borrower); to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice being Rs. 2352307/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakh Fifty Two Thousand Three Hundred Seven Only) as on 5/2/2026 in Loan Account No. FEDWARSTL0534842 together with further interest thereon at the contractual rate plus all costs charges and incidental expenses etc. within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said demand notice.

The Borrower, Mortgagor, Co-Borrower(s) and Guarantor mentioned hereinabove having failed to repay the above said amount within the specific period, notice is hereby given to the Borrower, Mortgagor, Co-Borrower(s), Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned Authorized officer has taken POSSESSION of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the April 23rd of the year 2026

The Borrower, Mortgagor, Co-Borrower(s) and Guarantor mentioned hereinabove in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the following property and any dealings with the following property will be subject to the charge of Fedbank Financial Services Ltd. for an amount Rs. 2352307/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakh Fifty Two Thousand Three Hundred Seven Only) as on 5/2/2026 in Loan Account No. FEDWARSTL0534842 together with further interest thereon at the contractual rate plus all the costs charges and incidental expenses etc.

The borrower's attention is invited to sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

SCHEDULE I: DESCRIPTION OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY: ALL PIECE AND PARCEL OF MORTGAGED PROPERTY BEARING HOUSE NO 19-269 IN WARD NO 19 AN ADMG TO AN EXTENT OF 107.48 SQ YARDS OR 89.874 SQ MTRS INCLUDING R C C PLINTH AREA 445 SQ FTS SITUATED AT PARKAL VILLAG AND MANDAL HANUMAKONDA DISTRICT AND WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL LIMITS OF MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PARKAL WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF SUB REGISTRATION PARKAL, WARANGAL-506164, TELANGANA. Bounded By: East: HOUSE OF PODISHETTI KUMARASWAMY, West: MUNICIPALITY C ROAD, North: HOUSE OF SURA HARIKRISHNA, South: HOUSE OF SURARAGHU

Place: - PARKAL, WARANGAL
Date: - 23-04-2026
Sd/- Authorized Officer
Fedbank Financial Services Ltd

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II, AT: TRIVENI COMPLEX, 1st FLOOR, ABIDS, HYDERABAD

O. A. No. 152 of 2026

Between: Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd., ... Applicant

And Mr. Varikuppala Ganesh & S/oDefendants

To: 1. Mr. Varikuppala Ganesh, S/o. V Anjaiah Aged about 24years, Occ: Business R/o. H No. 8-18-3365, Bhupesh Gupta Nagar TKR College Road, Karmanghat, Hyderabad - 500079
Also at: Mr. Varikuppala Ganesh R/o. H No. 4-92/A, Peddapur, Veldanda Mandal Nagarkurnool - 509360
2. Mr. Varikuppala Anjalal, S/o. V Papiiah Aged about 48 years, Occ: Business R/o. H No. 8-18-3365, Bhupesh Gupta Nagar TKR College Road, Karmanghat, Hyderabad - 500079
Also at: Mr. Varikuppala Anjaiah R/o. H No. 4-92/A, Peddapur, Veldanda Mandal Nagarkurnool - 509360

.....Defendant/s

Please take the summons in the above O.A. No. 152/2026 filed by the applicant for recovery of money of Rs. 25,50,866.46/- against you. The Hon'ble Tribunal ordered summons to you by way of paper publication and posted the matter to 09/06/2026.

In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under;

- to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;
- to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;
- you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;
- you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest in created and/or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;
- you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.

You are hereby required to show cause on 09/06/2026 at 10.30 a.m. at Debts Recovery Tribunal II, 1st Floor, Triveni Complex, Abids, Hyderabad - 500001, in person or by an Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take Notice that in case of default the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this day 13th of April, 2026.

(By order of the Court)
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II HYDERABAD

EDITORIAL

Spotlight On \$17-Billion Trump-Class Warship After Pentagon Axes Navy Chief

Pete Hegseth swung his axe Wednesday and another head rolled. This time, US Navy Secretary John Phelan. Removed from office 'effective immediately', Pentagon spokesperson Sean Parnell said on X. No further details were provided. Sources would only tell Politico it was in part over a new and "hugely expensive" class of warships the Defence Secretary and his deputy, Stephen Feinberg, just didn't want, preferring instead to pivot to mass-produced sea attack drones. But Phelan, a civilian appointment endorsed by Donald Trump, kept pushing the 'Golden Fleet' vision that would have the lead warship in this proposed new class as its command hub, and would have cost billions to even start development. And the class name? That's potentially the best part of this story - Trump. Two people familiar with developments told Politico the name was conceived "to curry favour with the president". But Hegseth, was not impressed. The plans are "not at all aligned with where Hegseth and Feinberg want to go", one source told Politico. This was despite Hegseth and Secretary of State Marco Rubio flanking the president when he announced plans for the 'Golden Fleet' and his Trump-class vessels; "They'll be the fastest, the biggest and by far, 100 times more powerful than any battleship ever built..." the president had said at his Mar-a-Lago residence in Florida in December 2025. And so the axe has swung and Phelan - a billionaire who helped finance Trump's presidential campaign - was in the White House when told the news. No formal statement has come from the US government, so far.

Plot twist: Budget sails on
The ships aren't gone, though. Not yet, anyway. The Navy presented a \$377.5 billion budget for FY27, part of a staggering \$1.5 trillion ask from the Pentagon. At the centre of it are plans for a 'next-generation battleship' - the Trump-class - to restore American dominance of the high seas. This was pitched as a critical given China's increased naval focus. Not much, perhaps, should be read into the Navy presenting the Trump-class project in its budget; these plans were already part of documents prepared for the April 21 submission.

Phelan was sacked April 22.
But why push something the Pentagon's boss suddenly did not want? Were the Trump-class warship plans simply a muscle flex for the world - a sign the US is pushing the boundaries of naval warfare, even as they are challenged by the Chinese and, now, Iran? Or was retaining them in the budget a strategic move - Hegseth hedging his bets in anticipation of an irate Trump when he finds plans for futuristic warships in his name have been junked? Or is there to the Phelan sacking than is evident at this time?

Advantage, China?
Either way, the US has a problem. Beijing has already transitioned from a largely coastal defence-only force to a deep-water fleet that is, by hull count alone, believed to be the largest in the world. In simple terms, the Chinese have warships, lots of them. They also have three aircraft carriers and plans to build a fourth. The war in Iran - specifically Tehran's squeezing of the Strait of Hormuz - has underscored the world's dependence on seaborne energy supply lines and maritime chokepoints, and how these likely become future targets. Washington's move to guarantee itself surveillance rights over the Malacca and Caribbean shipping passages, as well as pushing to have its authority over Hormuz recognised, suggests Trump knows this too. Malacca Gambit: How China Oil-Choke Strategy Could Backfire On Trump
To establish and maintain naval superiority at these chokepoints, and have assets in reserve, the US needs boats on the water. And it doesn't have them, at least not as many as China. Multiple reports indicate Beijing has between 350 and 840 ships of varying sizes and battle purposes. The US has only 290 to 465, though these are significantly more advanced. The US also has an advantage in firepower and fleet capabilities.

The \$17B, 35,000+ ton gamble
Phelan's proposed ships are 880 feet-long 35,000+ ton guided missile battleships armed with Tomahawks, a full electronic warfare suite, and a flight deck with an enclosed hangar. The size puts them on par with the Navy's amphibious assault ships - the USS Boxer and USS Tripoli, for example - deployed in the Iran war, and which can double as aircraft carriers. They would also have futuristic hypersonic, nuclear, and directed-energy weapons; think railguns, electricity-powered weapons that fire metal slugs at hypersonic speeds. Unconfirmed reports indicate the lead ship in the class - USS Defiant - could cost as much as \$17 billion, with others priced at US\$15 billion each. The overall cost - \$43.5 billion for the first three, with total hull count expected to settle at 10.

Pentagon purge
Phelan was No 4, the fourth senior Pentagon leader sacked in April. Not great advertisement, Trump's critics argue, for a government and military claiming to have 'crushed' the Iranians and won a great victory over the Strait of Hormuz, which remains shut. The sacking follows a hat-trick of firings on April 1-2 - three senior generals, including Army Chief of Staff General Randy George; General David Hodne, Commander, Army Training and Doctrine Command/Transformation; and Major General William Green Jr, the Army Chief of Chaplains. The firings (and forced resignations) haven't had an impact on the war in Iran, at least not publicly, but they have hit troop morale, multiple US media reports have said, and raised broader questions about need for military leadership re-alignment in war time.

India Is Losing A Multibillion-Dollar 'Asset', Thanks To Trump

Recently, Turkey's transportation minister, Abdulkadir Uraloglu, announced that his country, and Syria and Jordan, have together agreed to modernise their railway systems in order to eventually create a contiguous corridor between southern Europe and the Persian Gulf. The network would take approximately four to five years to build, and billions of dollars in investment, primarily because of the devastated Syrian infrastructure. The railway network reconstruction in Syria alone needs at least \$5.5 billion. Thereafter, it would be extended to connect with the rail system in Saudi Arabia. This would eventually create a North-South Gulf-Europe trade corridor between Europe, the Levant and the Gulf. Such a corridor would revive the old Ottoman-era route connecting Damascus in Syria to Medina in present-day Saudi Arabia, through Jordan. It would also reopen more modern routes that Turkey had used through Syria to connect to Jordan, Lebanon and the Gulf before the Syrian civil war began in 2011. Such a corridor makes sound sense as it would be the shortest and most cost-effective route for transportation of goods and services between the countries involved. But, at the same time, it would signal a setback to India's connectivity ambitions in the Middle East and Europe in an era of disruption of traditional trade routes. The Vision Behind IMEC In September 2023, the ambitious India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor, known



variously as IMEC or IMEEC, was unveiled during the Delhi G20 meet by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and the then US President, Joe Biden. The multimodal route (see map below) was to start from Mumbai in India and would connect by sea to the UAE. From there, it would continue through a network of railways to Saudi Arabia, then to Jordan and further on to Israel. From Israel, through the Haifa Port, the corridor would continue to Europe. It was, in great part, envisioned as an alternative to the Suez route, where a ship had just a few days earlier got stuck, causing great disruption to global trade for more than two weeks. Europe had also been seeking such a

network to find alternatives to routes running through the vast Russian landmass, since the Ukraine crisis had broken out. Given that the economies of India, the Gulf, and Europe were aligning, the IMEC was not only expected to cut down on freight and transportation costs but also to boost the economies of the participating states, as well as counter China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). Even Greece had evinced an interest in joining it. In all, the IMEC would have two routes, with each costing roughly US 3-8 billion. However, the IMEC received its first setback soon after all this, when a war broke out in the same year between Israel and Hamas following the latter's attack on October 7. The Yemen-based Houthis soon joined the con-

flict and targeted commercial shipping. This, in fact, added to the urgency of searching for alternative routes. However, the entire region stretching from Jordan to the Israeli ports became embroiled in violence and unrest and put paid to the IMEC's progress. Israel, after all, was meant to be a crucial node in the network. The IMEC's success was also contingent upon the normalisation of relations between Saudi Arabia and Israel. That was a process still underway then. The UAE, another important node in the route, had already normalised ties with Tel Aviv in the previous years, as had Jordan. However, the continuation of the war complicated this process when it came to the Saudis, who publicly accused

Israel of committing a genocide of Palestinians in Gaza, and making normalisation of ties conditional upon the creation of a Palestinian state. Adding grist to the mill, reports have now started appearing that Saudi Arabia wants to replace Israel with Syria as the transit country for a fibre-optic cable designed to connect the Kingdom to Greece via the Mediterranean Sea (Greece and Saudi Arabia had announced the East to Med Data Corridor (EMC) project in 2022). More recently, in February this year, Saudi telecom firm stc Group announced that it will invest about USD 800 million in Syria's telecommunication infrastructure. Shifting Equations This move by the Saudis points to shifting

regional alignments. For almost a decade, relations between Saudi Arabia and Turkey had been marked by suspicion and tensions, escalating particularly after the murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi in Istanbul. However, regional tensions, in particular the Israel-Hamas war, and now the Iran war, have led to realignments as Saudi and Turkish concerns converge. Over the past month, the foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia and Turkey have met three times, together with their counterparts from Egypt and Pakistan, attempting to form a regional security alliance. Similarly, the Gulf-to-Europe transport corridor (see map below) mentioned at the beginning of this essay can just as easily be rerouted through Jordan, Syria, and Turkey, bypassing Israel. Given this, the normalisation between the Saudis and Israelis seems even more elusive - almost as wishful an idea as the creation of a Palestinian state. Moreover, this also fits in with the broader Saudi objective of reintegrating Syria into the region and turning it into a telecommunications and transport hub. Major financing would give the Saudis tremendous leverage over post-war Syria. Adding to these complexities is the emerging rift between Saudi Arabia and the UAE, which are fighting proxy wars from Yemen to Sudan to Somalia. The recent move by Israel to station an ambassador in the breakaway region of Somaliland was strongly condemned by Arab countries, including Saudi Arabia.

Rivers Flow, Memories Remain: On Calls Upon India To Revive Indus Treaty With Pakistan

April 23 marks a year since India placed the Indus Waters Treaty in abeyance after the Pahalgam attack. In that time, a familiar argument has resurfaced in international discussion. A recent Chatham House article is the most polished expression of a restorationist approach that seeks to restore water cooperation first and let politics catch up later. Its appeal lies in the language of prudence. Even hostile states, the argument runs, need narrow channels of cooperation to prevent wider instability. That sounds sensible. But prudence cannot mean insulating cooperation from the conduct that made it untenable. This is not really about management. It is about memory. A Reminder On What The Treaty Really Was The real problem is that the treaty is being treated as something it never was. The Indus arrangement is often treated as though it were a technical system that should keep running, whatever happens around it. It was never that. It was a political bargain between adversaries who agreed to preserve a protected space. The treaty itself was framed in the language of goodwill, friendship and cooperation. A treaty designed to preserve order between rivals cannot remain insulated indefinitely from conduct that systematically attacks the very possibility of order. For years, many outside observers mistook India's endurance for insulation. The treaty survived not because politics had been transcended, but because India kept choosing to preserve it despite wars, crises and prolonged hostility.

The Chatham House piece notes that the treaty endured through three wars and long diplomatic freezes. But that same history points to a less flattering truth. What is often cited as proof of the treaty's success also reflects how much Indian restraint had gone into keeping it alive. Pahalgam changed the balance between restraint and memory. Those urging revival want India to remember the treaty's durability. India is entitled to remember what it had to absorb to keep the treaty alive. That is why the Chatham House prescription, and others like it, land flat in India. Reaffirm data sharing, reactivate dispute settlement, expand joint research, restore predictability, and recover confidence. It is a neat sequence. It is also the wrong sequence. Predictability and transparency are not neutral administrative virtues. They are signs of a functioning political relationship. Asking India to restore them first is asking it to simulate normalcy before the cause of rupture has been addressed. Legal Process Cannot Continue Without Trust The ongoing legal proceedings only sharpen the point. The Hague arbitration has continued without India. Reports point to a possible end-May ruling on interim measures and the treaty's status. It would not settle the case. It would only show that the procedure can continue after political consent has drained away. The Neutral Expert track tells a similar story. India once defended it as the proper forum. After abeyance, it stayed away even as the proceedings continued. "

LOSING IDENTITY BEHIND FILTERS

SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE SELF-IMAGE CRISIS OF GIRLS

How simplicity, self-respect and real life are being lost in the race for likes and validation



PRIYANKA SAURABH

Listen, girls—this isn't a sentimental appeal, but an essential truth. The worry that you might lose yourself in this race to look beautiful is no longer personal; it's becoming a social crisis. Today, the mirror resides not on the wall of our room, but on our mobile screens. And this mirror doesn't reflect reality, but rather what it wants to show. In this virtual world, beauty is no longer natural, but a project—edited, filtered, and measured by likes and views. It would be wrong to assume that social media is merely a medium of entertainment. It has now become a psychological construct, gradually shaping our thoughts, our preferences, our self-confidence, and our identity. For young women in particular, it creates such pressure that they unconsciously begin to mold themselves into someone else's mold. Looking at someone else's "perfect" photo every day and finding flaws in their own face, wondering after each story how many people saw it, how many praised it—all this is turning into a dangerous habit. This hunger for validation is subtle. At first, it seems normal—a little compliment, a few nice comments, a few likes. But gradually, it becomes a need. When compliments aren't received, it leads to anxiety, self-doubt, and a faltering self-esteem. This is the moment when a girl, who could have been strong and self-reliant from within, becomes dependent on external reactions. This dependence leads to mental exhaustion and depression, but ironically, it's all hidden behind a smiling face.

What you see on social media isn't the whole truth. Everyone here only shows the best parts of their lives. No one posts pictures of their loneliness, no one shares their fears or failures. So when you see someone always happy, in love, or successful, it's important to understand that that's not the whole story. It's just a chosen frame, with the rest of the truth deliberately cut out. The biggest danger is that this virtual comparison makes you underestimate yourself. You think you're not as beautiful, not as happy, not as successful. The truth is, you're complete in your own right. Your simplicity, your thinking, your nature—all of these make you unique. But when you try to be like someone else, you weaken your own identity. In today's world, "trend" has become the new religion. Whatever's trending is considered right. But not every trend is meant for you. Sometimes, these trends take a toll on your health, your self-esteem, and your peace of mind. Strange beauty standards, unnatural lifestyles, and a habit of showing off—all of these slowly lead you in a direction where you drift away from your true self. It's also true that social media has opened up new avenues for expression. But when this expression turns into comparison and competition, it loses its positivity. When every post becomes a performance, every photo a message saying "I'm happy," it's no longer natural life, but an act. And constantly acting is exhausting. The most important thing in this entire scenario is to connect with yourself. Understanding that your true worth isn't determined by likes and comments. Your identity is bigger than any trend or filter. Your simplicity, your honesty, and your self-respect—that's your true strength. You don't have to prove yourself every day. It's also not necessary to flaunt every joy and hide every sorrow. Real life is much bigger than that six-inch screen. There are relationships that flow without filters. There are emotions that come out without edit-

ing. There is struggle that teaches, and there is solace that brings satisfaction even without any likes. But when we start spending more time in that virtual world than in the real one, our balance gradually begins to deteriorate. It's time to pause and reflect. To ask whether we're truly living, or just pretending we're living. Is our happiness genuine, or just manufactured for a post? These aren't easy questions, but they're essential to face. You have to decide what kind of life you want—one that appears perfect to others, or one that brings you peace from within. Because in the end, what matters is how you feel about yourself, not how the world sees you. Simplicity isn't a weakness, it's a strength. In today's age of pretentiousness, staying simple, being yourself, is the ultimate courage. A simple kurti, a tiny bindi, and a genuine smile—these can be more beautiful than any expensive makeup or trend, if combined with confidence and self-acceptance. Learn to love yourself. This isn't a cliché, but a psychological necessity. When you psych yourself, you no longer need anyone else's approval. You can be happy to see others' happiness without thinking less of yourself. You can also accept your failures with ease, knowing that your worth isn't determined solely by your successes. And sometimes, it's important to step away from the noise. Sitting alone for a night, spending time with your thoughts, listening to a good song—all of this connects you with yourself. It reminds you that you're not just a profile, but a sensitive, deep-rooted human being. So, the next time you open social media, remember that it's just a part of your life, not your whole life. It's a platform, but your real story is written outside of it. There, where you can be yourself, without fear, without comparison. Being authentic is more important than looking beautiful. And authenticity is what is true, what is real. So, don't stray from yourself. Because the greatest beauty in the world is staying true to yourself.

NO THIRD EXAM FOR K'TAKA BOARD SSLC THIS YEAR; REVALUATION APPLICATION DETAILS ANNOUNCED

Bengaluru, Apr 23: Education Minister Madhu Bangarappa has clarified that there will be no third examination for SSLC students this year, citing the satisfactory overall results, similar to the Second PUC outcomes. He further announced that the second examination (Exam-2) is scheduled to be held from May 18 to May 25. Following the announcement of results, the Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB) has released the official schedule for students seeking scanned copies, re-counting, and re-evaluation of their answer scripts. Scanned copies and application window



Students who wish to verify their marks or check if any answers were left unvalued can apply for scanned copies of their answer scripts. General Application Period: April 23, 2026, to April 26, 2026. With Late Fee: April 27 to April 28 (A penalty of Rs 100 per day will be applicable). Online/Karnataka-One: The fee is fixed at Rs

410 per subject. Offline Centers: The cost may go up to Rs 420, including service charges. Direct Payments: At Bengaluru-One or Karnataka-One centers, students can pay directly. Including service charges, the amounts are specified as Rs 420 and Rs 820 respectively for relevant categories. Important instructions The board has emphasized that obtaining a scanned copy is mandatory before applying for re-evaluation. Students must ensure that their registration number and subject codes are entered correctly, as the board will not entertain any applications received after the deadline.

Fortis Hospitals Bengaluru Launches Preventive Genomics Clinic, Ushering a New Era in Precision Medicine



Bengaluru : Fortis Hospitals, Bengaluru today announced the launch of its Preventive Genomics Clinic across its Bengaluru network, thus reinforcing its commitment to delivering patient-centric, preventive and precision-led care. The clinic was inaugurated by Prof. Padmanabhan Balam, Padma Shri & Padma Bhushan, Former Director of IISc, Bengaluru, in the presence of senior clinicians, hospital leadership and distinguished guests. This Preventive Genomics Clinic aims to offer advanced genetic testing, expert counselling and personalized treatment plans, enabling indi-

viduals to make informed healthcare decisions based on their genetic profile. By leveraging genomics, Fortis Clinicians seek to enable early detection of inherited conditions, accurate diagnosis of complex diseases, and more targeted, effective treatment strategies. Speaking at the launch, Prof. Padmanabhan

Balam, Padma Shri & Padma Bhushan, Former Director of IISc, Bengaluru, said, "I congratulate Fortis Hospitals on this important initiative. Genomics is playing an increasingly important role in shaping the future of healthcare by enabling deeper insights into disease mechanisms and individual risk profiles. Initiatives like this

are critical in bridging advanced science with clinical practice, helping move healthcare towards a more preventive and personalized approach." Dr. Niti Krishna Raizada, Principal Director, Medical Oncology & Hemato-Oncology, Fortis Hospitals, Bengaluru said, "Many serious conditions, especially cancers, have a genetic link that can be identified early to avert the disease and mortality risk. Through Preventive Genomics Clinic, we aim to empower patients with knowledge of their risks and enable early timely intervention, improving outcomes and supporting preventive care."

Dr Vivek Jawali, Chairman, Cardiac Sciences, Fortis Hospitals, Bengaluru said, "Genomics is transforming how we approach disease management, shifting from a one-size-fits-all approach to a personalized and precise care. This clinic, brings together multiple specialties to leverage genetic insights for better diagnosis and treatment outcomes." Dr. Ananth Rao, VP & Business Head, Fortis Hospitals, Bengaluru said, "With growing awareness around preventive healthcare, there is an increasing need for advanced diagnostics that help individuals understand their health risks early."

93.54% RESULT IN SSLC ANNUAL EXAMINATION IN BENGALURU WEST CITY CORPORATION HIGH SCHOOLS

100% RESULT IN 3 HIGH SCHOOLS Bengaluru : In the academic year 2025-26, a total of 991 students from 10 high schools functioning under the Education Department of the Bengaluru West City Corporation appeared for the SSLC Annual Examination (I). Out of them, 927 students have passed, registering an overall result of 93.54%. Basavanagudi, Subramanyanagar, and Marappanapalya High Schools under the West city corporation of GBA have achieved 100% results, bringing pride to the city corporation. In the academic year 2025-26, a total of 74 students have secured more than 85% marks and passed with distinction. These students will be honored with an incentive of Rs.25,000 each by the city corporation.

98% RESULTS IN MINORITY DIRECTORATE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

Bengaluru: The SSLC results in residential schools under the Directorate of Minorities have reached an impressive 98.06%. Out of 3,462 students who appeared for the examination across 84 residential schools, 3,395 students passed, recording a pass percentage of 98.06%. Last year, the pass percentage stood at 81%. Similarly, in 198 Maulana

Azad schools, 6,147 students appeared for the examination, of whom 5,541 students passed, achieving a pass percentage of 90.14%. In the previous year, the pass percentage was 51.01%, said Director Jilani Mokashi. In view of the excellent results, Minority Welfare Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan congratulated all the students who passed the examination.

BDA RECOVERS PROPERTY WORTH RS. 30 CRORES



Bengaluru : Bangalore Development Authority recovered its encroached property at Arkavathi Layout 11th Block in an operation conducted on Thursday. Unauthorized AC Sheet Sheds, RRC Buildings and compound wall on which had come up in Sy. No. 103/4 of Rachenahalli Village, K.R. Puram Hobli,

Bangalore East Taluk was demolished and an extent of 1 acre 1 gunta of land is recovered. The recovered property is estimated about Rs. 30 crores. The demolition

operation was carried out by the BDA Taskforce, Executive Engineer, Assistant Executive Engineer, North Division, BDA along with the local police.

Mangaluru Airport receives prestigious Zero Waste to Landfill certification from CII

Mangaluru, Apr 23: Mangaluru International Airport Limited (MgIAL) has achieved the prestigious Zero Waste to Landfill (ZWL) Certification from the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), marking a significant milestone in its sustainability journey and reaffirming its commitment to responsible environmental stewardship. The airport has been awarded the Platinum - Class I Rating, the highest category under the certification, after demonstrating an exceptional landfill diversion rate of more than 99 per cent through robust waste management practices and strict adherence to sustainability benchmarks. The certification follows a comprehensive and rigorous audit conducted by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), which evaluated the airport's waste segregation, handling, treatment, recycling, and compliance processes. The assessment recognised MgIAL's strong and consistent implementation of the 5R principles - Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose and Recycle - across Airport operations.

Complete road works at the earliest: Dr. Rajendra K.V.



Bengaluru (TSIT): The Commissioner of Bengaluru West City Corporation, Dr. Rajendra K.V., instructed officials to expedite and complete the road work stretching 3.55 KM from Sadashivanagar Police Station to Outer Ring Road. During an inspection conducted this morning in the New BEL Road area under Mattikere Sub-Division of Malleshwaram Zone, he stated that the delay in asphaltting work was due to BWSSB pipeline works. He directed that the pipeline work be completed by May 10th, 2026, and that asphaltting be taken up immediately thereafter. Action against unauthorized commercial activities: He instructed officials to identify establishments operating without trade licenses and impose penalties while taking necessary action against them. Strict measures in solid waste management: Officials of the Solid Waste Management Department were directed to create awareness among the public to prevent dumping of waste into drains and to enforce strict action against violations. Key directions issued during inspection: • Directed to complete works from Chikkamaranahalli to Outer Ring Road at the earliest. • Ordered removal of encroachments on footpaths to ensure smooth pedestrian movement. • Directed removal of private tiles laid on footpaths and ensure proper maintenance. • Instructed action against bulk waste generators to prevent dumping of waste on footpaths. • Ordered removal of unauthorized cables. • Directed officials to take necessary steps to develop BEL Road as a model road. Chief Engineer Basavaraj Kabade, Superintendent Engineer Jayashankar, and Executive and Assistant Executive Engineers of the concerned divisions were present during the inspection.

Bike Taxi Riders Submit Representation to Karnataka CM, Seek Clarity Amid Policy Uncertainty

Bengaluru : The Bike Taxi Welfare Association (BTA), representing lakhs of bike taxi riders across Karnataka, has submitted a formal representation to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah seeking urgent clarity and intervention on the future of bike taxi operations in the state. The representation comes in the backdrop of recent media reports suggesting that the State may consider filing a Special Leave Petition (SLP) against the Karnataka High Court order per-

mitting bike taxi operations, which the Association said has created fresh uncertainty among riders. The BTA noted that such a move appears inconsistent with earlier assurances around enabling a policy-led solution. The issue has previously seen engagement at the highest levels, with Rahul Gandhi writing to the Chief Minister highlighting that lakhs of drivers had been without work for months and urging a timely resolution. In response, the Chief

Minister by way of an official communication to Rahul Gandhi's office, confirmed that the Government had initiated steps to develop a comprehensive and legally sound policy framework, aligned with High Court directions and public interest. The Association said these assurances had provided hope to thousands of riders looking towards a stable and dignified future through this sector. Highlighting the ground reality, the BTA emphasized that a

majority of bike taxi riders are local Kannadiga youth from modest socio-economic backgrounds, who rely on bike taxi services as a primary source of income in an increasingly competitive job market. "For many of us, bike taxi services are not just an occupation but our only source of income and survival. Continued uncertainty has left thousands of families anxious about their future," the Association said. The BTA has urged the Government to pri-

oritise a policy-based resolution over prolonged litigation, calling for the expedited rollout of a framework that is: Balanced and inclusive - Legally robust - Aligned with public safety and regulatory compliance, Supportive of livelihoods and last-mile connectivity. The Association reiterated its confidence in the Chief Minister's leadership and expressed hope that a clear, consistent, and forward-looking decision will be taken at the earliest.

ENERGY MINISTER KJ GEORGE LAUNCHES HT MITRA' PORTAL FOR HIGH-TENSION CONSUMERS

Bengaluru : Energy Minister K. J. George today launched BESCOM's 'HT Mitra' service request/ grievance redressal portal, developed by the utility's own engineers for its High Tension (HT) consumers. Speaking after inaugurating the portal at BESCOM's corporate office, the Energy Minister said, "The 'HT Mitra' portal will serve as a transparent and effective platform for HT consumers to raise service requests, register and resolve electricity-related complaints. This facility will be available to consumers across BESCOM jurisdiction, benefiting more than 18,000 HT consumers." Energy Minister added, "Earlier, HT consumers had to rely on the 1912 helpline or visit BESCOM offices in person to register complaints. However, they did not have access to real-time tracking of their grievances. The 'HT Mitra' portal addresses these gaps by integrating the entire complaint process into a single digital platform. Consumers can log in, register complaints, and track their status in real time. They will also receive SMS updates directly on their mobile



phones through the application." "The government's priority is to provide quality power supply to consumers. Technology is being leveraged to ensure swift response and resolution of issues. It is commendable that BESCOM engineers themselves have developed this platform. The government will continue to support such consumer-friendly initiatives," Energy Minister KJ George said. "Industries, IT-BT companies, and commercial establishments that consume large volumes of electricity will benefit from this technology-driven transparent system, which ensures timely resolution. This initiative

reflects our commitment to ease of doing business and quick grievance redressal," said Gaurav Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary, Energy Department. "Once a complaint is registered on the portal, information about who has taken what action will be directly available to officials. Since this is a fully transparent system, it ensures faster and more accountable resolution of consumer issues," said Dr. N. Shivashankar, Managing Director of BESCOM. Features of 'HT Mitra' The portal is a comprehensive digital platform specifically designed for HT consumers, enabling easy registration and login using a phone number. It

offers a ticketing system for quick complaint registration and real-time tracking. The platform facilitates direct communication between consumers and BESCOM officials and sends automated updates at every stage of complaint resolution. To ensure effective handling of complaints, the portal provides field officers with relevant information, along with facilities for tracking and report monitoring. The centralized dashboard of the portal will be overseen by the BESCOM Managing Director. Additionally, adherence to standard operating procedures will trigger alert messages in case of delays, thereby ensuring accountability.

Support for Youth through 'Yuva Nidhi': Dinesh Gooligowda Urges Registration on Seva Sindhu

Bengaluru: The state government's ambitious 'Yuva Nidhi' scheme, led by the Congress party to provide financial strength to the youth waiting for employment after graduation, has successfully completed three years. In this context, MLA and State Vice Chairman of the Guarantee Schemes Implementation Authority, Dinesh Gooligowda, has called upon new graduates who passed in the 2025-26 academic year to register under the scheme without delay to receive the allowance. Commenting on this, Dinesh Gooligowda said, "It has been proven repeatedly that the Congress party always thinks of the people's welfare. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar are at the forefront of successfully implementing the five guarantees as promised before the elections. My congratulations to them on behalf of the people of the state. The Yuva Nidhi scheme has benefited many unemployed graduates, helping them cover minor expenses and search for jobs in distant cities." Furthermore, he stated that beneficiaries must submit a self-declaration between the 1st and 25th of every month, confirming that they are not self-employed, not working, or not pursuing higher education. For those who complete this self-declaration, the Yuva Nidhi allowance will be credited directly to their bank accounts. Rs.950 Crore Allowance Distributed the inception of the scheme, the government has successfully transferred a total of Rs.950,57,13,000 (approximately Rs.950.57 crore) to the accounts of unemployed youth through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). Dinesh Gooligowda remarked that this massive amount has served as a great



support for the state's unemployed youth during difficult times. Registration of 4.22 Lakh Candidates the state, a total of 4,22,519 candidates have registered to benefit from the scheme. This includes both graduates and diploma holders. Eligibility and How to Register? Anyone who has completed a degree or diploma during the academic years from 2022 to 2026 and has remained unemployed for six months after graduation can apply. Eligible graduates will receive a monthly allowance of Rs.3,000, while diploma candidates will receive Rs.1,500. Therefore, those who have completed their degrees this year can apply.

Migrant workers in Tirupur emerge as key players in assembly polls

COIMBATORE: Far from their native homes but firmly rooted in Tirupur, migrant workers are set to play a defining role in shaping the electoral future of this textile hub in the assembly polls.

Thousands of workers from Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, and Jharkhand have made Tirupur their home and are now part of the electorate. Their growing presence is particularly significant in Tirupur North and South constituencies. According to AITUC Banian Factory Labour Union general secretary N. Sekar, Tirupur North alone has around 20,000 migrant voters, while Tirupur South has approximately 16,000. "Their preference for a political party varies between Lok Sabha and Assembly elections," Sekar noted, adding that



one of their primary concerns is improving train connectivity to their native states. Recognizing their electoral significance, political parties, both regional and national, had their campaigns strategize in Hindi to connect more

effectively with the migrant workforce. A DMK functionary involved in supervising such a Hindi outreach campaign among the migrants said, "We are highlighting welfare measures, especially free bus travel for women, which

resonates strongly among migrant families." At the fag end of the campaign, several Union ministers also visited Tirupur to interact directly with migrant workers. During one such visit, Union Minister for Law and Justice Arjun Ram Meghwal even sang devotional songs in Hindi while canvassing for support. Workers used the opportunity to submit petitions demanding more train services to northern states. However, beneath the heightened political activity lies a deepening economic distress. Over the past month, many migrant workers have faced job losses due to a slowdown in the textile sector, exacerbated by global factors such as the Iran-Israel conflict. A shortage of LPG, essential for certain textile processes like t-shirt printing,

Tamil Nadu: Make kids part of SMC in new academic year, urge stakeholders

CHENNAI: With the School Management Committee (SMC) actively operating in all state-run schools, stakeholders' urge for children's participation in SMC. The Directorate of School Education restructured SMC in August 2024 with newly elected members. Following the formation, the department directed a monthly meeting to be



held in all schools, actively discussing the concerns and development of the school, both academic and otherwise. The department had introduced SMC to get the issues of the

school, students and teachers addressed so that no concern causes hindrance to education in the government and aided school of the State. In July 2024, it also notified that the new committee members will be formed for two academic years (2024-2026), and that the SMC was mandatory in all government and aided schools of the state.

Passengers stranded amid bus shortage on election day in Tamil Nadu



CHENNAI: Several passengers travelling from Chennai to their hometowns to cast their votes were left stranded due to a shortage of buses, raising concerns over voter turnout, according to a Daily Thanthi report. Passengers bound for southern districts were the worst affected, with many unable to find buses from key terminals including Kilambakkam, Koyambedu and Madhavaram. Some even staged sit-in protests inside bus stands late at night as they struggled to secure transport.

Those who managed to board buses were caught in heavy traffic congestion and took several hours to cross Tambaram. Many passengers who started their journey on Wednesday night had only reached Tindivanam or Villupuram by Thursday morning, leaving them uncertain about reach-

ing their hometowns before polling ends. The situation comes even as the Election Commission has made elaborate arrangements for polling across the state. Voting is being held in a single phase across all 234 Assembly constituencies from 7 am to 6 pm.

Tamil Nadu has around 5.73 crore registered voters, and a total of 75,064 polling stations have been set up. As many as 4,023 candidates are in the fray, and for the first time, colour photographs of candidates have been displayed on Electronic Voting Machines.

To ensure security, about 1.4 lakh police personnel and 300 companies of paramilitary forces have been deployed, with CCTV cameras installed at polling stations. Despite these measures, the transport issues have left many voters anxious about missing the chance to cast their vote.

20 international observers to learn Election Commission's practices



CHENNAI: In a first, a team of 20 international observers from 10 countries arrived in Chennai to study the election-related activities on the penultimate day before polling. The observers were given a detailed brief of the polling activities at the NKD National Girls Higher Secondary School under the Chepauk-Triplicane assembly constituency on Wednesday. The Election

Commission has extended an invitation to the representatives of Election Management Bodies (EMBs) and heads of diplomatic missions from various countries to participate in the international election visitors programme scheduled from April 20 to 24.

As part of this programme, 20 delegates from election management bodies and diplomatic officials from Bhutan, Egypt, Mauritius, Moldova, Indonesia, Benin, Sri Lanka, Peru, Ghana, and Namibia arrived in Chennai to witness the Tamil Nadu Assembly election process.

A press release from the Chief Electoral Officer said, "During this visit, the delegates saw the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and polling materials dispatch centre at the Chepauk-Triplicane Assembly Constituency. Further, they visited district-level integrated election control rooms and media monitoring centres. The delegates' team also had interaction with the Tamil Nadu Chief Electoral Officer and the team."

Will release I-T raid proof on April 24: TNCC chief Selvaperunthagai

CHENNAI: The Tamil Nadu Congress Committee (TNCC) President K Selvaperunthagai on Wednesday stood by his charges that he was targeted through "planned Income Tax department raids" ahead of key campaign events, declaring that he would release all the proofs on April 24, one day after the polling day. In a statement, Selvaperunthagai claimed that sudden searches were carried out at places where he was staying, his office, and premises linked to alliance leaders, at a time when election campaigning had peaked. He claimed he had all the proof, denying the I-T department's claims that the Congress leader was fabricating the raid.

He reaffirmed that he possesses evidence related to the incident and would reveal it at a press meet in Chennai on April 24 after the completion of polling. "The truth must come out before the people," he said, expressing confidence in democratic institutions. Meanwhile, Selvaperunthagai appealed to voters to exercise their franchise carefully, highlighting the achievements of Chief Minister MK Stalin. He said the DMK government fulfilled over 400 of its 2021 poll promises and introduced several welfare measures despite alleged non-cooperation from the Union government.

Late-night eating may worsen stress-related bowel problems



New Delhi, Apr 23: Chronic stress can disrupt bowel function, and eating late at night may further aggravate the problem, with possible effects on digestive health and the gut microbiome, a new study has suggested. Researchers analysed data from more than 11,000 participants in the US National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey and found that people with high chronic stress levels who consumed more than 25 per cent of their daily calories after 9 pm were 1.7 times more likely to experience constipation and diarrhoea.

The study linked the risk to high allostatic load — a measure of cumulative physiological stress reflected through indicators such as body mass index, cholesterol levels and blood pressure. The study further found that these individuals had significantly lower gut micro-

biome diversity, suggesting meal timing may intensify the impact of stress on the microbiome through the gut-brain axis — the communication network involving nerves, hormones and gut bacteria. "It's not just what you eat, but when you eat it," said Harika Dadigiri, resident physician at New York Medical College at Saint Mary's and Saint Clare's Hospital, and lead author of the study.

"And when we're already under stress, that timing may deliver a double hit to gut health," she added. Researchers also examined data from over 4,000 participants in the American Gut Project and found that individuals with both high stress levels and late-night eating habits were 2.5 times more likely to report bowel-related problems. The study further found that these individ-

uals had significantly lower gut microbiome diversity, suggesting meal timing may intensify the impact of stress on the microbiome through the gut-brain axis — the communication network involving nerves, hormones and gut bacteria.

While the findings point to strong associations, researchers clarified that they do not establish a direct cause-and-effect relationship and called for further studies to better understand how stress, eating patterns and gut health interact. Dr Dadigiri said maintaining structured meal routines and small consistent habits may help support digestive function over time. "Small, consistent habits, like maintaining a structured meal routine, may help promote more regular eating patterns and support digestive function over time," she said.

Madras HC commutes death sentence of man convicted of raping minor daughter; orders life till death

CHENNAI: The Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court has commuted the death sentence of a man convicted of repeatedly raping his minor daughter and causing her pregnancy, sentencing him instead to imprisonment for the remainder of his natural life. A division bench of Justices N Anand Venkatesh and KK Ramakrishnan passed the order, according to Bar and Bench.

The court observed that "life imprisonment until death is a more enduring



retributive measure than the finality of the gallows," adding that such a sentence would force the convict into a "lifelong dialogue with his own conscience." It also noted that the convict, Murugan, shall not be eligible for premature release, remission or further commutation. The court had upheld the conviction under the Protection of

Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and sentenced him to death on January 5, 2026. Murugan was the sole accused in the case of repeated aggravated penetrative sexual assault on his 14-year-old daughter. The victim said that she was subjected to sexual assault on more than 20 occasions. The abuse came to light when the victim's mother noticed changes and took her for medical evaluation on February 5, 2025. Upon the medical examination, it was found that she was approximately 5 months pregnant.

Police personnel barred from entering polling stations without authorization, reminds HoPF

CHENNAI: The Director General of Police (DGP), Tamil Nadu, has issued strict instructions prohibiting police personnel from entering polling stations during elections unless explicitly permitted by the Presiding Officer. According to an official communication dated on Thursday instances have been reported where police officers entered polling stations, an act deemed impermissible and contrary to existing election guidelines.

The directive has been circulated to all Commissioners of Police



in cities, Zonal Inspectors General (IGs), Range Deputy Inspectors General (DIGs), and Superintendents of Police (SPs) in districts. They have been instructed to reiterate to all personnel that police must remain outside polling station premises and perform their duties strictly in accordance with prescribed procedures.

Rajasthan flags seven substandard medicines, orders immediate recall after lab tests

The Commissionerate of Food Safety and Drug Control, Rajasthan has issued a public alert after laboratory testing identified seven pharmaceutical products as "Not of Standard Quality," triggering a statewide recall and enforcement action.

The tests, conducted between April 1 and April 15, 2026, found multiple batches of medicines failing to meet required safety and efficacy standards. Acting on the findings, the Drug Controller has directed all district drug control officers to immediately remove the affected batches from circulation under provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940.

Commissioner Dr. T. Shubhamangala said routine inspections and quality surveillance are carried out to ensure only safe and effective medicines reach patients. She noted that the latest testing cycle revealed serious deviations in composition and performance across several drugs, raising concerns about their therapeutic reliability. Among the flagged products



is Cefixime oral suspension (LORAXIM Dry Syrup), which failed assay standards due to incorrect active ingredient levels. Albendazole tablets were found to be non-compliant in dissolution testing, indicating improper release of the drug in the

body. Other medicines on the list include combinations used for respiratory conditions, such as Ambroxol, Levosalbutamol, and Guaiphenesin drops, which failed assay requirements, as well as Methylprednisolone tablets, which showed multi-

ple quality failures in both assay and dissolution tests.

Cough syrup formulations and antibiotics were also affected. Dextromethorphan-based syrup showed reduced chlorpheniramine content, while antibiotics such as Cefuroxime Axetil tablets and Ciprofloxacin tablets failed key quality parameters, including assay and dissolution benchmarks.

Ajay Phatak, Drug Controller of Rajasthan, confirmed that instructions have been issued to all hospitals, pharmacies, and distributors—both government and private—to immediately halt the sale and use of the affected batches.

He also ordered enhanced scrutiny of other batches manufactured by the same companies to prevent further public health risks.

Authorities warned that any violation of the recall order will invite strict legal action under drug safety regulations, as the state intensifies efforts to ensure pharmaceutical quality and patient safety.

"India Great Country With Very Good Friend At Top": Trump After 'Hell-Hole' Row

AGENCY
Washington: US President Donald Trump on Thursday praised India and said that he has a "very good friend" leading the country. Earlier in the day, Trump reposted a racist remark by American political commentator and radio host Michael Savage's podcast, where he referred to India, China and other nations as "hell holes". Christopher Elms, spokesperson for the US Embassy in New Delhi, relayed that the Republican leader spoke warmly of India, calling it a great nation and noting that he shares a personal friendship with its leader. "India is a great country with a very good friend of mine at the top," Trump said. In his racist rant calling for changes in the United States' birthright citizenship law, Savage alleged that people from the two Asian nations come to the US to "drop a baby in the ninth month", and the law turns them into "instant" US citizens. Trump shared the transcript and video of Savage's podcast 'Savage Nation', where he slammed the US Supreme Court's arguments on birthright citizenship. The transcript describes Indian and Chinese immigrants as "gangsters with laptops"



who have "stepped on our flag". "They've done more damage to this nation than all the mafia families put together. In my unimpeachable opinion. Gangsters with laptops. They've robbed us blind, treated us like second-class citizens, let the world triumph, stepped on our flag, et cetera," he wrote. Savage said that he used to be a "great supporter of Indians in India" but only until he realised that the prospect of "white men" getting jobs at a high-tech company in California is 'nil'. In an interview with CNBC, on Tuesday, Trump falsely claimed that the US is the only country offering birthright citizenship.

Several nations, including Canada and Mexico, and other countries in South America grant citizenship based on place of birth. "In reality, about three dozen countries provide automatic citizenship to people born on their soil, including US neighbours Canada and Mexico and the majority of South American countries," CNN stated in a fact-check on Trump's claim. India's Reaction On Trump's derogatory post comparing India and China as "hell holes", the Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson, Randhir Jaiswal, acknowledged, "We have seen some reports. That is where I leave it." US

President Donald Trump on Thursday ordered the United States Navy to open fire on any boat placing mines in the Strait of Hormuz, dramatically escalating Washington's posture in the waterway that carries roughly one-fifth of the world's traded oil. "I have ordered the United States Navy to shoot and kill any boat, small boats though they may be — Their naval ships are ALL, 159 of them, at the bottom of the sea! — that is putting mines in the waters of the Strait of Hormuz," Trump wrote on Truth Social. "There is to be no hesitation. Additionally, our mine 'sweepers' are clearing the Strait right

now. I am hereby ordering that activity to continue, but at a tripled up level! (sic)," he added. The order came a day after Iran seized two cargo ships in the strait. Iranian state media posted dramatic video of masked IRGC commandos boarding the container ship MSC-Francesca from a gunboat, climbing its hull with rifles slung over their backs. Another vessel, the Epaminodes, was also seized. The Philippine government confirmed 15 of its seafarers were aboard the seized vessels, saying they were "safe and unharmed." US officials said a month ago that Iran had likely placed at least a dozen sea mines in the strait, using small boats that can carry two to three devices each. The Strait has been at the heart of the broader US-Iran confrontation. After 21 hours of US-Iran peace negotiations in Islamabad collapsed earlier this month, Trump announced a full naval blockade of the Strait, declaring Iran's toll system on passing ships "world extortion." Iran has since collected its first toll revenues from ships passing through the waterway, with the country's deputy parliament speaker confirming the money had been deposited into the Central Bank.

Infosys ADR Falls Nearly 6% As IT Major's Weak FY27 Guidance Spooks Traders

AGENCY
Mumbai: The American Depository Receipts of Infosys Ltd. were trading lower on Thursday after it posted its fourth quarter earnings. The decline comes as the IT giant has forecasted a revenue growth of 1.5%-3.5% for the fiscal 2027, missing brokerage estimate of 2%-4% for the year. The ADR of Infosys in pre-market fell 5.71% at \$12.70, however it saw some recovery at 9:39 a.m. as the markets opened Infosys ADR fell 5.19% to \$12.78. In addition to missing forecast estimates, Infosys' CC growth declined by 1.3% to 3.1% in quarter ended March, clocking the sharpest decline in four quarters. The ADR is a tool for multinational/foreign companies (primarily based outside the US) or organisations to trade on US stock markets, just like regular shares of US companies. In theory, an ADR is similar to a special certificate issued by a US bank. It is a negotiable certificate representing shares in a foreign company traded on US stock exchanges. India's second largest IT services firm posted a 28% surge



in profit at Rs 8,501 crore in the fourth quarter of the previous fiscal. This is in comparison to profit of Rs 6,654 crore in the same quarter of the previous fiscal, according to its stock exchange notification on Thursday. This beats analyst estimates of Rs 7,496 crore. Revenue advanced by 2% year-on-year for the three months ended March, reaching Rs 46,402 crore in comparison to Rs 45,479 crore. Operating income, or earnings before interest and taxes rose 3% year-on-year to Rs 9,743 crore. The EBIT margin expanded to 21% from the earlier 20.8% in the previous quarter. The revenue growth was aided by a pickup in demand from its banking, energy and communication segments. Revenue from communications and manufacturing rose over 12.6% and 15.9% respectively on a year-on-year basis. Financial services jumped nearly 5% and energy, utilities, resources and services by 8.3%. On the other hand, income from Hi-Tech fell nearly 1.5%.

FM Sitharaman Chairs Meeting On Mythos Impact On Indian Fintech Ecosystem: Sources

AGENCY
Mumbai: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has chaired a high-level meeting with banks and key stakeholders to assess the potential impact of emerging issues linked to "Mythos" on India's fast-growing fintech ecosystem, according to sources familiar with the matter. The meeting comes amid rising concerns within the financial sector over disruptions and risks associated with Mythos, prompting the government and regulators to step in for a closer evaluation. Officials indicated that the discussion focused on understanding the nature of the issue, its transmission channels within the banking and fintech landscape, and any possible systemic implications. Meeting chaired by Finance Minister with PSBs on cybersecurity and AI. According to sources the meeting was also attended by Ministry of Electronics and IT officials, DFS Secy and CERT-In officials. Sources added that the finance minister empha-



sised the need for coordinated action between banks, fintech firms and regulatory bodies to maintain trust in the system. Ensuring consumer protection and safeguarding transaction integrity were key themes during the discussions. An official statement from the finance ministry is expected later in the day, which could provide more clarity on the government's assessment and the next steps. Even before, Mythos has been viewed as a topic of intrigue and concern by many officials all over the world. RBI officials have,

over the past two weeks, held consultations with counterparts at the US Federal Reserve and the Bank of England to better understand the evolving risks. Among the regulators, the RBI may also seek direct engagement with Anthropic as per sources. Similarly, India's payments body, the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), is also attempting to secure early access to Mythos along with a small group of banks to identify vulnerabilities and day-zero cyber risks before any wider deployment,

according to one source. However, such access may not be easy to obtain. A fourth source aware of the matter said Anthropic hosts Mythos on tightly controlled servers in the United States, making it difficult to test the model on local data in overseas markets. At present, Mythos access has been restricted to a limited number of organisations responsible for maintaining critical digital infrastructure in the United States. Reuters had earlier reported that Anthropic plans to extend access to European banks in the near future.

First Look: H&M unveils the full Stella McCartney H&M Collection

India, April 2026: H&M is proud to reveal all the looks in the upcoming Stella McCartney H&M collection. The collection will be available online at www.hm.com and select stores starting 10 AM on 7 May. The collection launches some twenty years after H&M's first partnership with the acclaimed designer and campaigner. The first Stella McCartney H&M partnership – H&M's second ever design collaboration – launched in November 2005. This new Stella McCartney H&M collection builds on that legacy. It reflects on the highlights of the house's 25-year history, bottling McCartney's pioneering and rule-breaking vision into a range of apparel and accessories. The collection unites past and present, combining beloved current signatures, such as oversized shirting, sweeping trenches and sharp tailoring, with playful iconic hits from McCartney's early archive, including bejewelled prints and slogan tops. "I see this collection as a journey through my fashion history. It is a true mix of current classics and some of my old favourites that showcase my first forays into fashion and the development of my signatures. It's playful, strong, sparkling, joyful, refined." – Stella McCartney. Other key items in the collection include rib knitted dresses and tops



with McCartney's signature Falabella chain at the neck, and a long white gown with a cape-like sleeve that loops into the hem, giving the look of a sweeping circle of fabric. Also available are sparkling party-wear, separates and denims, as well as mesh dresses and tops in a bold archival cherry-print. Offering an extra dose of nostalgia is a white mini tte embellished with studs reading 'Rock Royalty'.

The accessories range is strong, and rich in bags. There will be six styles to choose from, including small, branded shoulder bags, giant totes and a timeless chocolate-toned bag with a chain-detail strap. This is one of several pieces in the collection that incorporate the Falabella chain, including necklaces and earrings, crafted in recycled metal in mixed tones, and loafers with chain detailing on the front. The collection is defined by an approach to materials that prioritises recycled content, organic cottons, wool certified to the RWS Standard and innovative usage of feedstock for coated materials, such as industrial corn and recycled vegetable oil. "Stella has always had a bold vision for fashion, and this collection tracks her journey from a young, rule-breaking voice to a master of timeless design. Every single piece in the collection is desirable and tells a unique and bold story." - Ann-Sofie Johansson
Price range: Apparel and accessories start at INR 2,229.
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Products certified to the Responsible Wool Standard (RWS) contain wool fibre from farms certified to animal welfare and land management requirements.

MrBeast's company sued by ex-employee over sexual harassment claim

AGENCY
Washington: MrBeast's media company has been sued by a former employee over claims of sexual harassment and workplace gender bias. The 27-year-old, real name Jimmy Donaldson, is the world's most-followed YouTuber and employs more than 500 people. Lorraine Mavromatis, a former executive who worked for his company Beast Industries between 2022 and 2025, alleged harassment of women employees was "condoned" and complaints were not taken seriously at the business. A representative for Beast Industries described the allegations as "categorically false" in a response to BBC Newsbeat. Mavromatis first joined the company as its head of Instagram before being promoted. In court documents she claims she was sacked from her role after "complaining about a workplace that suffered from a lack of basic employment protections". In the lawsuit she



alleges sexual harassment of other female employees was "both condoned and/or perpetuated by their supervisors", adding she was also "treated differently than her male counterpart". Mavromatis says she was told her claims were "unsubstantiated" when she complained about the "hostile environment she and other women were experiencing". In one example listed in court papers, Mavromatis says she asked former Beast Industries CEO James Warren why Donaldson

would not work with her on certain projects. The lawsuit claims Warren told her she was "a beautiful woman and her appearance had a certain sexual effect on Jimmy". She further alleges being "promptly demoted and transferred to an obscure role known by [company] employees as the division where 'careers go to die'." According to the complaint, Mavromatis was fired less than three weeks after she returned from pregnancy-related leave and told she was "too high-calibre" for the role.

Cygnnet.One Introduces STRATA to Redefine Managed IT Services for Always-On Enterprises

India, April 23, 2026: Cygnnet.One today announced an expanded direction for its Managed IT Services portfolio with the introduction of Cygnnet STRATA, a layered infrastructure framework built to support modern businesses that depend on stable, secure, and high-performing IT environments. As IT systems take on greater operational responsibility, the cost of outages, security gaps, and performance slowdowns continue to rise. Many organizations still rely on reactive support models that respond after issues occur. Cygnnet.One is positioning its managed services approach to move beyond that model, focusing on predictability, visibility, and continuous improvement across the infrastructure lifecycle. At the center of this shift is STRATA, a six-layer infrastructure stack designed to connect physical systems with cloud ecosystems while

enabling real-time monitoring, analysis, and response. Built on AIOps principles, STRATA integrates telemetry ingestion, event correlation, anomaly detection, and automated remediation into a unified operating model. This allows infrastructure to shift from fragmented monitoring to coordinated, intelligence-driven operations. **STRATA operates across six core layers.** The SENSE layer focuses on physical infrastructure. It uses telemetry pipelines, sensor-based monitoring, and AI-driven diagnostics to continuously track servers, storage systems, and environmental conditions such as temperature, power, and network health. This layer builds a live operational baseline and detects early signs of hardware degradation or capacity stress. The TRANSMIT layer manages signal flow across the infrastructure. It aggregates

and normalizes data streams from multiple sources, filters noise, and prioritizes actionable alerts. This ensures that only relevant signals are passed to operations teams and centralized NOC environments, reducing alert fatigue and improving response accuracy. The REASON layer applies AIOps intelligence. It uses pattern recognition, event correlation, and predictive modeling to identify anomalies across systems. By linking events across compute, storage, network, and application layers, REASON supports automated root cause identification and triggers corrective workflows before incidents escalate. The ASSURE layer manages performance and service levels. It continuously tracks SLA parameters against defined thresholds and uses predictive analytics to anticipate potential breaches. Automated remediation actions are triggered when risk conditions are

detected, helping maintain uptime and performance consistency across environments. The THREAT-SHIELD layer provides continuous security monitoring. It combines behavioral analysis, threat intelligence feeds, and anomaly detection to identify suspicious activity across endpoints, networks, and workloads. This layer supports real-time threat detection, incident response, and protection against evolving attack patterns, including zero-day vulnerabilities. The ADAPT layer focuses on long-term efficiency and optimization. It analyzes system behavior, workload patterns, and resource utilization trends to recommend and implement improvements in capacity planning, cost control, and performance tuning. This ensures that infrastructure evolves in line with business demand and usage patterns. Cygnnet.One's Managed IT Services span the full lifecycle of IT operations. This includes IT strategy and consulting, availability services, infrastructure managed services, application managed services, and multi-cloud operations across AWS, Azure, and GCP. The portfolio also covers cybersecurity services, governance, risk and compliance frameworks, disaster recovery, and strategic IT outsourcing. Infrastructure managed services are supported by AIOps-driven monitoring, unified NOC and SOC operations, and automated incident response workflows. The delivery model is designed to maintain high availability, with continuous monitoring, structured escalation protocols, and integrated reporting for operational visibility. Application managed services include performance monitoring, release governance, and 24/7 support to ensure business-critical applications remain stable and aligned with changing requirements.

US boards ship carrying Iranian oil, as Trump orders navy to shoot any boat laying mines in strait

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Tehran: The Lebanese prime minister has told the Washington Post that his government wants the US to use "leverage over Israel" ahead of talks in Washington DC later. "We are entering these negotiations convened by the US convinced that the US is the party that can have leverage over Israel," Nawaf Salam tells the outlet. "Their role was critical in reaching the ceasefire, and we hope they will continue exercising their leverage over Israel." As Israeli forces continue to operate in southern Lebanon, Salam says his country "cannot live with a so-called buffer zone" and wants to see a full Israeli withdrawal. In terms of meeting Israel's demand of disarming Hezbollah, he says "it's not something that's going to happen overnight. But what's more important is that we have shown seriousness". Lebanon's president has accused Israel of deliberately and consistently target-



ing journalists in the country, urging the international community to act to stop the killings. This comes after journalist Amal Khalil was killed in an Israeli attack yesterday. Journalists gathered in Martyrs' Square in Beirut in silence this morning to remember her. The front page of the newspaper where she worked, Al Akhbar, featured a picture of her, microphone in hand, smiling. Lebanese officials say she

was deliberately targeted by Israel in southern Lebanon while seeking shelter after an earlier air strike, and that the Israeli military then prevented rescuers from reaching her. Israel denies this but says it's reviewing the case. The Committee to Protect Journalists says Israel has killed at least seven other reporters in Lebanon during this war, and dozens more before both here and in Gaza. The idea of Iran - or any

nation - demanding a compulsory toll from vessels transiting the vital Strait of Hormuz waterway is anathema to both the neighbouring Gulf Arab states and to the global shipping industry. Ever since 1968, when it was ratified by the International Maritime Organisation, a carefully worked-out system has been in place by which vessels pass through the strait to pick up their cargoes from Gulf ports and termi-

nals. That system is known as the Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS). In the narrow, normally congested channel between the coastlines of Iran to the north and Oman to the south, inbound ships pass one way and outbound ships pass in the opposite direction, separated by a buffer zone of two miles to avoid collisions. It works. But the Islamic Republic, which has managed to survive more than 20,000 combined US and Israeli airstrikes over a period of 39 days, is now pushing to change the whole paradigm of global trade in the Gulf. Instead of the pre-existing TSS, it is demanding that - when the strait is open - all shipping follows a different route, designated by the IRGC Navy, forcing it to pass close to its islands of Larak and Qeshm. There, says Iran, they will be checked over by naval officers and pay a fee according to the size and value of their cargo. The US President claims Iran is "hav-

ing a very hard time figuring out who their leader is" in a new post on Truth Social. "They just don't know!" writes Trump, claiming there is "CRAZY" infighting in the country between "hardliners" and "moderates". He adds that the US has "total control" over the Strait of Hormuz and that no ship can enter or leave without US approval, minutes after posting that he has ordered the navy to fire on any Iranian vessels laying mines. Trump's latest directive comes after US forces announced earlier this month they would intercept vessels travelling to or from Iran's ports. US President Donald Trump hopes to put pressure on Iran by targeting two economic drivers - the huge tolls it demands ships pay to pass through the Strait of Hormuz, and its oil revenue. Trump previously told Fox News that "we're not going to let Iran make money on selling oil to people that they like and not people that they don't like".

GIRL, 14, FOUND IN SINGER D4VD'S CAR DIED OF 'MULTIPLE INJURIES'



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Washington: After months of speculation and delays, officials have announced that the teen girl found in singer D4vd's car died from "multiple penetrating injuries". The Los Angeles County medical examiner's office on Wednesday announced that they'd ruled Celeste Rivas Hernandez's death a homicide, noting that the 14-year-old died of injuries caused by an undisclosed object or objects. She was found dead in the front boot of a Tesla registered to TikTok star D4vd, 21, in September. The singer is facing several charges in

her death, including murder. D4vd, whose real name is David Anthony Burke, has pleaded not guilty. His attorneys say they will "vigorously defend his innocence". The musician's defence team has said it believed the "actual evidence will show that David did not kill Celeste" and he was not the cause of her death. "We will vigorously defend David's innocence," his attorneys Blair Berk, Marilyn Bednarski and Regina Peter said in a statement to the BBC. Burke is due back in Los Angeles court on Thursday at 0830 local time (1630 BST).

Two trains collide head-on in Denmark, leaving five critically hurt



AGENCY
Denmark: Two trains have collided head-on on a level crossing north west of Copenhagen, leaving five people critically hurt and 13 others with less serious injuries, medical officials say. The trains were travelling early on Thursday on a line linking the towns of Hillerød and Kagerup in the North Zealand area of north-east Denmark, with a total of 37 people on board, according to police. Tim Ole Simonsen of the Greater Copenhagen fire department was unable to say what led to the crash but told Danish TV that all the injured had been taken to hospital by air or by ambulance. Local mayor Trine Egetved said she was deeply shaken by the accident. Public broadcaster DR showed images of two yellow and grey trains, both with visible damage to the front, facing each other in a wooded area. Officials said the trains collided at 06:29 local time (05:29 BST) on Thursday and fire and rescue teams were alerted immediately. Egetved, who is mayor of the Gribskov municipality, said those

with critical injuries had been flown to the National Hospital in Copenhagen. "The local track is used by many Gribskov residents, workers and students," she wrote on Facebook. She told public broadcaster DR that it was shocking that two trains could collide head-on "and we must ensure it never happens again". In a statement to government-owned station TV2, Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen said she was "very concerned by the terrible train accident". Denmark's Accident Investigation Board arrived at the scene during the morning and Inspector Morten Pedersen of North Zealand police said they would be working together to find out what had happened. Pedersen told reporters it was far too early to know the cause of the crash. The board's railway unit manager, Klaus Jensen, told broadcaster TV2 investigators are looking at "all hypotheses", including "a failure in the signalling system, or whether there may have been a failure due to human factors".

SOUTH AFRICAN COURT ORDERS ZAMBIA TO RETURN FORMER PRESIDENT'S BODY

AGENCY
Zambia: Just hours after the Zambian government said it had taken possession of ex-President Edgar Lungu's body, a court in South Africa - where Lungu died - has ordered the body to be returned. It is the latest twist in a 10-month saga over what should happen to his remains following a long-standing feud between Lungu and his successor, President Hakainde Hichilema. The government has long maintained that, as a former head of state, Lungu should be honoured in the country and buried alongside his predecessors in the special presidential burial ground in the capital, Lusaka. But Lungu's family wanted a private burial



after negotiations with the government over the funeral arrangements broke down. Last August, the South African high court in Pretoria ruled that Zambia's government could repatriate the body and give him a state funeral - an outcome that left Lungu's relatives visibly distraught in the courtroom.

Trump administration reclassifies cannabis as less dangerous

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Washington: The US Department of Justice has officially reclassified cannabis as less dangerous, marking a major shift in the country's drug policy. Acting Attorney General Todd Blanche on Thursday changed the classifications of products containing marijuana that are covered by the Food and Drug Administration or that have received a state medical-marijuana licence. They will move from a Schedule I narcotic like heroin to a Schedule III drug - on par with Tylenol with codeine. He also called a hearing to consider reclassifying all marijuana. President Donald Trump directed his administration last year to begin the reclassification process, in



order to increase access and research of the drug. Marijuana remains illegal at the federal level. Despite the federal ban, most US states have legalised the medical or recreational use of marijuana, and many have shops where it can be purchased legally. "The Department of Justice is delivering on President Trump's promise to expand Americans' access

to medical treatment options," Blanche said in a statement announcing the change. "This rescheduling action allows for research on the safety and efficacy of this substance, ultimately providing patients with better care and doctors with more reliable information." According to the announcement, Blanche also ordered that a hearing be held in June as

part of a rule-making process to reclassify all marijuana more broadly. Once the rule change is published in the Federal Register, it has 30 days until it takes effect. During that time, it can be legally challenged - which is expected - and be blocked from being implemented for months or even years. Blanche's order comes five days after Trump signed an executive order intended to boost access to psychedelic drugs for medical treatment. Since 1970, the US has classified marijuana as a Schedule I controlled substance, meaning it possesses a "high potential for abuse" and there was "no currently accepted medical use". Since then, many states have enacted their own laws to loosen restrictions on marijuana.

In Tehran, money is short and a return to war looms over daily life

AGENCY
Tehran: On a bright Tehran spring day, Sanaei Ghaznavi street, with its mix of shops selling groceries and household goods alongside fast food and flowers, seems like an everyday place. In a country where lives have long been buffeted by crises, it is a snapshot of a people just trying to get through the day while their future hangs on forces beyond their control. For Mohammad, in t-shirt and jeans, even cranking open the striped awning of his family's shoe shop is an act of hope. "It makes me happy to be in here," he tells us when we wander into his pocket of a store with its



floor-to-ceiling shelves of trainers, big and small. "So many people have lost their jobs and aren't working." And there are few customers. "We had so many before," his father Mustafa laments glumly as he proudly explains this business has been in their family for

40 years. One Iranian website, Asr-e Iran, recently cited an unofficial estimate that up to four million jobs may have been lost or impacted by the combined effect of the war and the government's near-total internet shutdown. Boxes labelled with western logos

like New Balance and Clarks protrude from this shop's packed shelves. "Made in China," both father and son note matter-of-factly. "Even fakes are expensive in Iran," Mohammad adds. I expect them to express hope that the shaky ceasefire will hold, and that negotiations with America will succeed, in order to allow them to import the real deal when it comes to the latest fashions in footwear. "We hope the war starts again," Mohammad declares, breaking into a wry smile. His father eyes knowingly his 27-year-old son. "Look at my grey hair, I understand more than him."

Lebanon accuses Israel of targeting journalist killed in air strike



AGENCY
Lebanon: Lebanon's prime minister has accused Israel of war crimes after Israeli air strikes killed one journalist and wounded another in southern Lebanon on Wednesday. The strike killed Amal Khalil, who worked for a Lebanese newspaper, and injured freelance photographer Zeinab Faraj. Officials in Lebanon say they were deliberately targeted as they sought shelter in a home after an initial air strike hit the vehicle in front of them, killing two men. The officials also accused the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) of intentionally targeting a marked ambulance as it tried to reach the journalists in the village of Tayri. The IDF denied that it was preventing rescue teams from reaching the area and said it did not target journalists. Journalists Khalil, 43, who worked for Lebanese newspaper Al-Akhbar, and Faraj, a freelance photographer, were travelling together. The two men who died have not been named by officials. Lebanese Prime Minister Nawaf Salam said: "Targeting journalists, obstructing access to them by relief teams, and even tar-

getting their locations again after these teams arrive constitutes described war crimes." He accused Israel of repeatedly targeting media workers in southern Lebanon in what he described as "an established approach". Salam offered condolences to Khalil's family and said that Lebanon would "pursue the crimes before the competent international forums". In a statement, the IDF said it "does not target journalists and acts to mitigate harm to them while maintaining the safety and security of its troops". The IDF said it identified two vehicles that had "departed from a military structure used by Hezbollah". One of the vehicles had approached Israeli troops in a manner that was an "immediate threat" after crossing a "forward defence line", violating a ceasefire, the statement said. The IDF said the Israeli Air Force then struck one of the vehicles, and that the "structure from which the individuals had fled was also struck". The Lebanese health ministry said the IDF "pursued" Khalil and Faraj, "who had taken refuge from the first raid in a nearby house.

US Navy chief leaving post 'effective immediately', Pentagon says

AGENCY
White House: US Navy Secretary John Phelan is leaving the Trump administration, the Pentagon announced on Wednesday. His departure will be "effective immediately", Pentagon spokesman Sean Parnell said in a social media post. Navy Undersecretary Hung Cao will serve on an acting basis in the role, which is largely administrative. Phelan is the latest high-ranking military leader to leave the administration in recent months. His departure comes amid the US-Israel war with Iran and the continued US blockade of the Strait of Hormuz. The Navy has not provided a reason. His exit came after tension within the American leadership over issues



around shipbuilding, according to unconfirmed reports in US media. "On behalf of the Secretary of War and Deputy Secretary of War, we are grateful to Secretary Phelan for his service to the Department and the United States Navy," Parnell wrote. "We wish him well in his future endeavors." It comes just weeks after US Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth

asked Army Chief of Staff Randy George to step down from his post. Two other Army officials, Gen David Hodne and Maj Gen William Green, have also been removed from their roles recently. Since entering the Pentagon, Hegseth has fired more than a dozen senior military officers, including the chief of naval operations and the Air Force's vice chief

of staff. Phelan was ousted from his job after he, too, ended up clashing with Hegseth over the implementation of Trump's shipbuilding initiative, according to sources who spoke to multiple news outlets. The secretary's role is largely administrative and includes formulating policies, recruiting, training and equipping the Navy, as well as overseeing budgeting and logistics like construction, and repair of naval ships and facilities. Phelan, a civilian who had not previously served in the military, was sworn in as Secretary of the Navy in March 2025 after being nominated by President Donald Trump in 2024. The businessman was a major donor to Trump's campaign.

POPE LEO CRITICISES EQUATORIAL GUINEA PRISONS AS HE WINDS UP AFRICA TOUR

AGENCY
France: Pope Leo has urged authorities in Equatorial Guinea not to use the justice system just to punish, but also to protect society, after criticising how prisoners are treated. At a visit to a jail known for its dire conditions, he said true justice "seeks not so much to punish as to help rebuild the lives of victims, offenders and communities". "To be effective, however, it must always promote the dignity of every person," the pontiff told hundreds of inmates gathered in the prison courtyard, encouraging them not to despair. Rights groups say the prison in Bata is used to deny opponents their freedom, with Amnesty International saying inmates are "reportedly rou-

tinely beaten as punishment". Numerous prisoners "have neither been seen nor heard from, and their relatives do not know whether they are alive or dead," the human rights organisation added. Equatorial Guinea's Justice Minister Reginaldo Biyogo Ndong said detainees were treated fairly, and that the government was committed to protecting human rights. The oil-rich country, often criticised for its human rights record and wealth inequality, is the Pope's final stop on a four-nation tour of Africa. "You are not alone," the pontiff told the prisoners on Wednesday. "Your families love you and are waiting for you. Many people outside these walls are praying for you," he added.



IPL 2026: Chennai Super Kings Set 207/6-Run Target for Mumbai Indians

AGENCY

Mumbai: The wait to see MS Dhoni in IPL 2026 continues, as does the wait for Rohit Sharma's return from a hamstring injury. The star duo missed the Mumbai Indians vs Chennai Super Kings match. It was the first time that both players were absent from the 'El Clasico' since they became part of their respective teams. Earlier, decked out in their teams' training kits, Rohit Sharma and MS Dhoni batted in tandem during a nets session on Wednesday. The first leg of this year's IPL 'El Clasico' is being played at the Wankhede Stadium, but it remains to be seen whether the two main protagonists of the famed MI-CSK rivalry will be available for another bout. Rohit, who featured in the first four matches for MI, had walked off the field during the contest against Royal Challengers Bengaluru here 10 days ago with a hamstring injury and has since been on



1st TIME IN IPL, NO MS DHONI AND ROHIT SHARMA IN MI VS CSK EL CLASICO

a comeback trail. On the other hand, Dhoni is yet to take the field in this IPL as he has been nursing a calf strain that he picked up just before the tournament got underway late last month. The legendary CSK skipper

went full tilt in the training session here on Tuesday, during which he kept wickets before undergoing a batting session in the nets. On Wednesday, he had a very short stint before taking a break and later returned for

nearly an hour to face throw-down specialists and fast bowlers. While he connected with a few shots that went sailing, Dhoni had a mixed outing in which he also failed to connect with several deliveries. His availability,

according to CSK bowling coach Eric Simons, will entirely depend on how "happy" the former skipper and the team's medical staff are. There were some light moments on the field as well when Dhoni, a perennial dog lover, spotted the AI-powered IPL robotic dog and spent a few moments playing with it. He tried to make the robot mimic his gestures, though there were also times when it failed to respond. Earlier in the day, Rohit arrived at the Wankhede Stadium with his family in tow ahead of his batting stint under lights. As per the team, the former Mumbai Indians skipper has been batting, but a final call on his selection will be taken around toss time on Thursday. By the look of it, Rohit did not appear to be in any specific discomfort, as he focused more on timing and placement rather than power-hitting.

"Trying To Be The Same Person As Before": Praful Hinge On IPL Stardom



Praful Hinge is not moved by his instant stardom after an explosive IPL debut, as the Sunrisers Hyderabad pacer believes that he has taken just a baby step in his career. Hinge had a stellar IPL debut against Rajasthan Royals recently, dismissing Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, Lhuan-dre Pretorius, Riyan Parag and Dhruv Jurel across his first two overs. His four-wicket burst helped SRH defeat RR by 57 runs, and Hinge said he was not overawed by the occasion. "I had thought about getting the crowd out of my head first. I wanted to be as calm as possible. I bowled a lot in nets too."

Serie A Footballers Named In Italy's Prostitution Ring Scandal. Rs 13.2 Crore Seized, Stunning Wiretaps Leaked

AGENCY

Mumbai: Reports of an investigation of a prostitution ring in Milan has rocked Italian football in recent days, with several Serie A players implicated. According to Italy-based media outlet La Gazzetta dello Sport, an illegal event-promotion company organized luxurious evenings with high-end escorts, providing access to women available for paid sex in exchange for thousands of euros. Several celebrities, businessmen, footballers and even a Formula 1 driver have reportedly been involved in the scandal. According to further reports, close to 1.2 million euros (approx. Rs 13.2 crore) has been seized from the organisation, with four arrested. What has made the



case even more interesting is the emergence of a number of stunning wiretaps that has led to the Italian law enforcement agency Guardia di Finanza arresting four ring leaders after months of surveillance. "There's a friend of mine, a Formula 1 driver... who's coming to Milan tonight, he wants a girl," is

one such wiretapped conversation that has been obtained, as per the reports. In another exchange, a woman can be heard telling an associate that she may be pregnant after one such evening, and asks him to retrieve their chat records to confirm the exact date of the incident. Other wiretaps also revealed

the use of nitrous oxide (laughing gas) by the footballers. While the F1 driver involved remains unnamed, a number of past and present Serie A footballers have been mentioned in the clients list, which was published by Italy-based news outlet Il Giornale. According to reports in Italian media, the Milan prosecutor's office included the players' surnames as search keywords in its seizure order. This clients list includes names like star Inter Milan footballers like Alessandro Bastoni and Achraf Hakimi, AC Milan and Portugal star Rafael Leao, former Liverpool players Philippe Coutinho and Arthur, French striker Olivier Giroud and Serbian striker Dusan Vlahovic.

CSK Star's Mother Dies Amid IPL 2026. Here's How MS Dhoni Supported Him

AGENCY

Mumbai: Chennai Super Kings fast bowler Mukesh Choudhary's mother, Prem Devi, died on Tuesday after her year-long battle with illness. She was being treated in Mumbai's Tata Hospital, and that is where she died. According to Dainik Bhaskar, the fast bowler rushed to his hometown in Bhilwara, Rajasthan, right after CSK's match against Sunrisers Hyderabad on Saturday. He performed his mother's last rites alongside his elder brother, Dr. Rajesh Choudhary. Choudhary, who has played just one game for CSK this season so far, reportedly rejoined the squad ahead of their match against Mumbai Indians. However,



other reports said that he will take a short break and will be available for the next match against Punjab Kings. According to a report by OneIndia, MS Dhoni remained in constant contact with the fast bowler and gave him support during the tough times. He also took time out

to visit Choudhary's mother in the hospital. Dhoni is yet to take the field in this IPL as he has been nursing a calf strain which he picked up right before the tournament got underway late last month. The legendary CSK skipper had a full tilt in the training session here on Tuesday when he kept the

wickets followed by a batting session in the nets. On Wednesday, he had a very short stint before taking a break and returned later on for nearly an hour to face throw-down specialists and fast bowlers. While he did connect with a few that went sailing, Dhoni had a mixed outing in which he also missed connecting with a few. Dhoni's availability, as per CSK bowling coach Eric Simons, will entirely depend on how "happy" the former skipper and the team's medical staff are. But there were some light moments too on the field when Dhoni, a perennial dog lover, spotted the AI-powered IPL robotic dog and spent a few moments playing with it.

'You Don't Need Money': BCCI Faces Major Accusation Over Hectic Scheduling

AGENCY

New Delhi: Former Indian Premier League (IPL) chairman Lalit Modi strongly criticised the BCCI for overworking players and allegedly prioritising money over their well-being. Modi's comments came in response to a report claiming that India head coach Gautam Gambhir was unhappy with the team's heavy schedule ahead of the upcoming one-off Test match against Afghanistan. According to the report, Gambhir expressed concern over the fact that several Indian players will be involved in the IPL 2026 final on May 31 and may have to join the national squad immediately before the Test match on June 6. This could potentially force selectors to look at reserve players who have impressed in domestic



cricket. Lalit Modi stated that the BCCI is "killing" the players with hectic scheduling and urged the governing body to stop the "outrageous" scheduling to concentrate on player welfare. "The BCCI is killing their players with the hectic scheduling. Guys stop this outrageous scheduling you are putting the boys thru. They need time with their families and JUST OFF TIME

- You don't need the money. I CREATED ANNUITY Revenue which the world envy's. You will never have to worry about that sitting on those chairs. Do something good with your decisions for heavens sake. Welfare of the players is paramount. Don't over work them - that's why I have said the Board should have majority players on it.

Lamine Yamal To Miss Remainder Of La Liga. Club Says This On Star's World Cup Participation

AGENCY

Spain: Lamine Yamal will miss the rest of Barcelona's season but should be healed from a leg injury in time to play for Spain at the World Cup, the club said on Thursday. Barcelona said 18-year-old Yamal will miss the remaining six La Liga games for the leaders as he follows a "conservative treatment" process to heal a muscle injury in his left leg that he picked up on Wednesday while converting a penalty in a 1-0 win over Celta Vigo. The club added in a statement that its doctors "foresee that (Yamal) will be available for the World Cup."

Yamal is supposed to make his World Cup debut this summer. Spain's campaign starts against Cape Verde on June 15 in Atlanta. Yamal has emerged as one of the world's top players since making his Barcelona debut at a record-breaking 15 years old. He helped to lead Spain to the 2024 European Championship and is a major reason why Luis de la Fuente's team is among the favorites this summer thanks to his dribbling, creativity and ability to both score and set up teammates. Yamal went down after he



scored the winner against Celta in the 40th minute and immediately looked to the bench to signal he was hurt. He dropped to the ground as his teammates arrived to celebrate, then appeared to grab the back of his left leg. Yamal left the field on his own after being attended by doctors. He talked briefly with coach Hansi Flick on the sidelines before walking into the locker room tunnel by himself.

India Men Take On Canada, Women Face Denmark In Thomas And Uber Cup Finals 2026



AGENCY

Mumbai: India's men's and women's teams are set to begin their campaigns at the Thomas Cup and Uber Cup Finals 2026, with the spotlight firmly on the opening day in Horsens, Denmark. The men's team, historic champions in 2022, will kick off their campaign against Canada on April 24 at 12 PM IST, before the women's team takes on hosts Denmark later in the day, with all the ties played at the Forum Horsens, according to a press release. With the group stage offering little room for error, India face a demanding schedule early on. The men's team will next meet Australia on April 27 (12 PM IST), followed by a high-stakes clash against China on April 29 (1:30 PM IST). The women's side, meanwhile,

continues its campaign against Ukraine on April 25 and China on April 27, both ties slated for 10 PM IST. Only the top two teams from each group progress to the knockouts, placing immediate emphasis on strong starts. "We've been putting in the work as a group over the last few weeks, focusing on getting our combinations right and building rhythm across departments. The Thomas Cup is always demanding, and with three tough group ties ahead, the focus is on staying sharp and taking it one match at a time," said men's team stalwart H. S. Prannoy. The women's team arrives with a refreshed mix, blending emerging talent with established names as they look to build on their semi-final finishes in 2014 and 2016.

'WOULD BE A BIG LOSS': ON MAX VERSTAPPEN POTENTIALLY QUITTING F1, MCLAREN RIVALS' BIG STATEMENT

If four-time world champion Max Verstappen were to quit Formula 1, as he has hinted on numerous occasions, it would be a "big loss" for the sport, his McLaren rivals Lando Norris and Oscar Piastri said on Wednesday. The 28-year-old Dutchman, who won four consecutive titles from 2021 to 2024 and narrowly missed a fifth last season, has struggled at the start of this campaign with Red Bull against Mercedes, Ferrari and McLaren. Verstappen has repeatedly voiced his frustration at the sport's sweeping 2026 rules over-

haul, which places greater emphasis on electric energy management in qualifying and races, as well as limiting car speeds. "I think it would be a big loss for the sport as a whole. I think for us as drivers we want to race against the best and try and prove ourselves against the best," said Piastri. The 25-year-old Australian said Verstappen had "shown his calibre in the last 10 years" and added that the Dutchman had been the benchmark "for the last five or six". Norris, the 2025 world champion, believes Verstappen's exit would leave F1 a poorer

place. "It would be a shame for the sport, it would be a miss for the sport if that does happen, because he probably is one of the best drivers you'll see in Formula 1 ever," said Norris. "He's always been very open to say what he thinks, whether you agree or not." Verstappen has openly criticised his Red Bull car and likened the direction of F1 to "Formula E on steroids" or the video game "Mario Kart". At last month's Japanese Grand Prix, he spoke of wanting to spend more time with his family and has increasingly turned his attention to endurance racing.



Meet Ferocious Simha From Agadha

The intrigue around Agadha continues to deepen as the makers unveil another key character from this mystical world. After revealing Mahadevi, the team has now introduced the male lead of the film. The latest poster presents Shraavan Reddy as Simha. This is an interesting coincidence as Shraavan was earlier introduced to Telugu cinema by Raju with Dirty Hari film. Set against a dark and smoky backdrop, the poster captures Shraavan Reddy holding a blazing torch in his hand, its fire being the only source of light piercing through the darkness. His intense gaze, alert posture, and the dramatic lighting suggest that Simha is a man navigating through fear, mystery, and



The film is being made simultaneously in Telugu, Tamil, Kannada, Malayalam, and Hindi and is currently in post production.

unknown forces. The shadows around him and the raw flame he carries hint that his character is on a dangerous path, possibly searching for truth or confronting something beyond human understanding. The design of the poster maintains the mystical tone established earlier, with the fiery Agadha title looming above

and an atmosphere filled with suspense and spiritual tension. Simha's rugged appearance and determined expression indicate that he plays a crucial role in unfolding the mystery that surrounds the divine and mystical elements of the story. Being made on a grand scale under the banner of Sri Adi Varaha Productions, the film is produced by Kasi Visalakshi Balusu and written and directed by M. S. Raju. With 85 days of shoot, extensive set work, and nearly 45 minutes of VFX, Agadha promises a unique cinematic experience.

I want the song 'Evere' to be a good hit.. Hero Ambati Arjun at the song launch event

Anand directed the private album 'Evere' produced by Shirisha Mandavilli under the banner of Anishree Entertainments and presented by Venkata Kalyan Mandavilli. Anand handled the story, screenplay and direction of this album. Music provided by SS Vardhan, the album stars Vechalapu Krishna and Riddi Anamika Charan. This song is going to be released on 1st of May on Crazy N Catchy YouTube channel. In this order, the release event of this song was held on Wednesday. Arjun Ambati, Singer Saket and Rambabu Gosala were the chief guests for this program. In this event.. Arjun Ambati said.. All the best to the team of 'Evere'. If the producer is good then they will make another song or film again. If Pawan Kalyan was singing a song, I would have done Pampam. I want Pawan Kalyan to go on a better stage as a singer. Vardan music is good. Krishna and Riddhi couple is good. Krishna looks like the boy next door. I want the song 'Evere' to become a good hit', he said. Singer Saket said.. All the best to the team of 'Evere'. SS Vardan is a good name. Taman wants to grow in range. Pawan Kalyan and



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Ananya sang well. The energy and melody of the song are well balanced. Krishna and Riddhi are an anonymous couple. I want this song to be a good success. Rambabu Gosala speaking.. I saw the promo of 'Evere'. I like it very much. The lyrics are also good. Hero Krishna and Riddhi acted well. I want SS Vardan to go to our SS Taman range. I hope that the song 'Evere' will become a big hit', he said. Music director SS Vardhan said.. We have been working for

the song 'Evere' since a year. Thanks to Anand and Krishna who supported my vision. We worked hard for a year and made this song. Pawan Kalyan and Ananya took our song to the next level. I have been working with Vallabha for four years. He supported me. Thanks to my team, my family and my friend Tarang who supported me in this journey. Krishna and Riddhi acted well. I am confident that this song will be a great success. Our song is coming on May 1. Everyone should watch and support', he said. Director Anand said.. 'A year ago we thought of the concept of 'Evere'. Since then Krishna, Vardan and I have been working on this song. Anamika supported us a lot. I will never for-

get the support given by producer Kalyan and Shirisha. I also invited my teacher Lakshmi Devi to this event. I will always remember her contribution in my

journey. Our song is going to be released on May 1st on Crazy N Catchy YouTube channel. He said that everyone should see and support. Hero Vechalapu Krishna speaking.. "Whoever" is very special to me. Today my mother came for me from Vizag. It is because of Anand and Vardan that I have come this far. I will never forget Shirisha Mandavilli's support. This song is going to be released on May 1st on Crazy N Catchy YouTube. I want everyone to see our song and support it.



Sreeleela's Bollywood debut hits roadblocks and faces delays



Sreeleela, who made her mark in South cinema, is all set to make her Bollywood debut. She is starring opposite Kartik Aaryan in a romantic musical directed by Anurag Basu. The film is produced by T-Series, with music composed by Pritam.

SHOOT STILL IN EARLY STAGES
Contrary to rumours, the shooting of the film is far from complete. Anurag Basu recently clarified that only about 45 days of filming have been done. He said, "The majority of the shooting is done is a myth. The shooting has just started." Earlier reports claiming the project was almost finished were false.

RELEASE TIMELINE

UNCERTAIN
The film was initially scheduled for a December 2025 release. However, due to multiple reasons, the timeline has been delayed. With most of the work still pending, the film is unlikely to release before 2027. The official title of the movie remains undecided, with speculations suggesting names like "Tu Meri Zindagi Hai." Basu also confirmed that the film is not connected to the Aashiqui franchise, despite rumours.

LOCATIONS AND SHOOTING UPDATES
The first schedule of 45 days was completed in Chalsa, West Bengal. Recently, Kartik and Sreeleela resumed filming in Srinagar and Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir.

Dhurandhar Star Owns Every Inch Of Femina

Sara Arjun has officially arrived, and her Femina April-May 2026 cover says it all. Styled with the tagline "Main Character Energy," the 20-year-old looks every bit the star she has become. The cover shot has her in a bold colour-block knit cardigan with red, orange, yellow and green panels, paired with a printed denim mini skirt and gold button details. Her tousled hair flying loose and hands on her hips, Sara owns the frame completely. After two back-to-back hits with Dhurandhar and its sequel, this cover feels like the perfect crowning moment. Inside the shoot, Sara switches effortlessly between looks. In one striking shot, she stuns in a rich red satin shirt dress, hair

pinned up with loose curls falling free, gold rings and earrings adding just the right touch of glamour, she looks intense and quietly powerful. Another frame shows a completely different, breezy side, a pink crocheted crop top with colourful stone detailing, cream wide-leg trousers with rainbow rope accents, and soft curls, lounging casually in an artistic sculptural chair. Fun, fresh and

totally carefree."The third look brings structure back, a blue and white striped co-ord set of a crop top and wide-leg trousers, with a matching oversized jacket thrown over one shoulder and jewelled heels finishing the outfit. It is cool, considered and confident. What these four pictures together show is a young actress who is not trying too hard, she is simply comfortable in her own skin.

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The character of Dharma in 'Gayapadda Simham' gave me a lot of joy as an actor. The film will be very entertaining with realistic and hilarious humor: Actor JD Chakravarthy

Tarun Bhaskar, who is doing different entertainers, is going to entertain with 'Gayapadda Simham' along with writer-director Kashyap Srinivas. The film is presented by Pawan Sadineni and produced by Kalyana Chakravarthy Manthana, Bhanu Kiran Pratapa, Vijay Krishna Lingamaneni, Umesh Bansal under the banners of Saptaswa Media Works, POV Stories, and Zee Studios. Faria Abdullah and Manasa Chowdhury are playing the female leads. JD Chakravarthy plays a key role. The promotional content has already created a good buzz. Gaayapadda Simham will be released in theaters worldwide on May 1st. On this occasion, actor JD Chakravarthy shared the features of the film at a press conference.



What attracted you to play the role of Dharma in 'Wounded Lion'?
-Any challenge in a character arc is very exciting for any actor. I said something when the Dharma character glimpses were released, and I'll say it again. No one in the world has done the characters that Kamal Haasan has done. But in 'Gayapadda Simham', I feel that I got the luck that he didn't get, not as an actor, but in terms of character. I did such a different character in it.

SV Krishna Reddy "Vedavyas" Banner Pooja Programs

Every new company entering the field of film production takes special care in designing their banner. The heads of the production company try to make the logo and title of their banner very artistic. Also, before the announcement of the banner, they take a sentimental darshan of God and keep copies of the logo in front of God and perform puja programs with devotion. In the present case, famous directors SV Krishna Reddy directed K. The banner unveiling of the film "Vedavyas" which is being produced by new producer Kommuri Prathapareddy under Acchi Reddy was held at the Sai Baba Temple in Film Nagar. Former legislators, K. P. R. Kommuri Prathapareddy, the head of IT educational institutions



and a businessman, named his banner as "Sai Pragathi Films" and unveiled the banner along with film directors SV Krishna Reddy and presenters Achireddy, who traditionally visited the temple in Panchakattu and held pooja programs. The photos of these three celebrities in Panchakattu in the presence of their beloved Sai Baba are going viral on their Facebook and WhatsApp groups. Meanwhile, the Vedavyas movie under the direction of SV Krishna Reddy, with a scientific approach and a Sakutumba Sametha plot, has reached its final stage. With this film "Veda Vyas" in which Pidugu Vishwanath is introduced as the hero, Korean actress Joon Hyunji and Mongolian actor Sharan bold segment are introduced to the Telugu screen.