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Future City to match global standards: CM Revanth



Hyderabad TSIT BUREAU:

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday asserted that the ambitious Bharat Future City will be developed on par with global cities like Singapore, Tokyo, and New York, positioning Telangana as a major hub for investment and growth.

Laying the foundation stone for the Future City Police Commissionerate, the Chief Minister assured that farmers whose lands are acquired for the project will receive fair and adequate compensation. He directed officials to conduct Gram Sabhas and include villages within the Commissionerate limits based on the consent of local residents.

■ Bharat Future City to match global standards, positioning Telangana as a major investment and growth hub.

■ Government assures fair compensation to farmers and pushes major infrastructure plans, including bullet train corridors to boost regional development.

The Chief Minister announced that the Future City Development Corporation office will be inaugurated by June 2 and emphasized that the government will stand by affected farmers. He stated that Industries Minister

D. Sridhar Babu will be available to address grievances of locals, while officials were instructed to act with compassion towards the poor and underprivileged.

Highlighting infrastructure expansion, he revealed that proposals for three bullet train corridors connecting Hyderabad with Bengaluru, Pune, and Chennai have been cleared, which are expected to transform Rangareddy district into a major growth destination.

Taking a strong dig at the opposition BRS, the Chief Minister accused its leaders of spreading misinformation to obstruct development. He remarked that such criticism need not be taken seriously.

Drawing parallels with the success of the Outer Ring Road, he said initial opposition would eventually give way to appreciation once the project materializes. He appealed to all sections of society to support the initiative to build a world-class Future City. The Chief Minister also appealed to Maoists to surrender and join the mainstream, assuring rehabilitation, healthcare support, and security to those who choose to reintegrate into society.

Trump not satisfied with Iran's new peace proposal

Washington (TSIT)

US President Donald Trump is not satisfied with Iran's latest peace proposal, which seeks to reopen the Strait of Hormuz and end the US naval blockade of Iran's ports, while leaving its nuclear program for later negotiations, US media reported, citing several White House officials.

The president discussed Iran's proposal with his top national security officials at a meeting in the White House Situation Room on Monday afternoon, said the reports. One of the people attending the meeting said Trump was not likely to accept

Iran's proposal, which was delivered to the United States over the last few days, reports Xinhua news agency, quoting CNN. A US official told The New York Times that accepting the proposal could appear to deny Trump a victory since the president has repeatedly insisted that Iran cannot have nuclear weapons. In an interview with Fox News on Monday, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said Iran's new proposal "is better than what we thought they were going to submit," but stressed any deal must bar Tehran from developing a nuclear weapon.



PM Modi inaugurates 6 cricket academies in Northeast

New Delhi (TSIT)

The Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday inaugurated six modern indoor cricket academies across North-East India. This initiative aims to improve the game's infrastructure and harness the region's sporting potential.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) developed these facilities, which were unveiled virtually during a state event in Gangtok. The academies are located in Rangpo (Sikkim), Doimukh (Arunachal Pradesh), Imphal (Manipur), Madankurkhang (Meghalaya), Aizawl (Mizoram), and Dimapur (Nagaland). They create a high-performance cricket network throughout the North-East.

The inauguration ceremony included Jay Shah and BCCI office-bearers, while regional



administrators joined online. Shah conceived the project during his time as BCCI Secretary, and the foundation stone was laid in May 2024. These academies are designed as high-performance centres.

They include indoor practice pitches, high-tech gyms, temperature-controlled swimming pools, as well as dedicated training and administrative spaces. The facilities allow for year-round training and reduce the need for players to travel outside the region, particularly during the lengthy monsoon season.

HARKARA VENUGOPAL MEETS CONGRESS PRESIDENT KHARGE DISCUSSES SSA NANDED



Hyderabad TSIT:

Harkara Venugopal Rao, Advisor to the Government of Telangana and Chairman for Protocol & Coordination, on Tuesday called on AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge at his residence in New Delhi. During the meeting, he paid his respects to the senior leader and held discussions on the ongoing Sanghatan Srijan Abhiyan (SSA) activities in Nanded, Maharashtra. The interaction focused on organizational strengthening and coordination efforts under the campaign. Venugopal Rao briefed the Congress President on the progress of SSA initiatives and ongoing outreach programmes, highlighting efforts to reinforce the party structure at the grassroots level.

India to become trusted electronics supply partner: Vaishnav



Visakhapatnam (TSIT)

India is poised to emerge as major trusted value chain and supply chain partner to the world in electronic manufacturing, driven by strong policy support and visionary leadership, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav said on Tuesday.

Vaishnav highlighted that India has already emerged as a leader in IT services and is now rapidly advancing in electronics manufacturing.

He noted that India has made significant strides in mobile manufacturing, with mobile phones becoming one of the country's top export items. Nearly 50 per cent of domestic electronic demand is now being met through local

production. Under the Semiconductor Mission, commercial production has already begun in India.

The Minister emphasised that India is becoming a trusted partner in semiconductor and electronics production and called upon global technology companies, including Google, to manufacture their servers, GPUs and chips within the country.

Addressing the gathering after the ground-breaking ceremony of Google Cloud India AI Hub in Visakhapatnam in the presence of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, senior officials and industry leaders, Vaishnav lauded the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, emphasising the need for

the country to emerge as a global hub in key technology sectors such as Semiconductors, Quantum, Space, and Artificial intelligence.

The project, with an estimated investment of \$15 billion, is being developed in partnership with Adani ConneX and Airtel Nxta, and will include a 1 GW hyperscale AI data centre in Visakhapatnam. The state government has allocated around 600 acres of land in Turluvada, Rambilli and Adavivaram areas for the project. Describing the project as transformative, the Minister said that Visakhapatnam will evolve into AI Patnam (AI City), driven by cutting-edge infrastructure and global investments.

Shivakumar set to become CM by May 15: K'taka Congress MLA

Bengaluru (TSIT) :

As the leadership tussle in Karnataka has come to the forefront following the conclusion of voting in Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Assam,



Congress MLA Iqbal Hussain on Tuesday said in Ramanagara that Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar would "surely" become the Chief Minister by May 15. Notably, Shivakumar

celebrates his 64th birthday on that day.

Speaking to reporters, Hussain, a staunch supporter of Shivakumar, said that he had earlier made statements on two occasions about

Shivakumar becoming the Chief Minister and had given two or three dates. He now announced a final date, May 15, and stated that Shivakumar would become the Chief Minister on that day.

OUR CENSUS OUR DEVELOPMENT

(First Phase of Census 2027)
Common queries on Self-Enumeration (SE) and their Answers (Part-2)

WHAT IS SELF-ENUMERATION?

Self-Enumeration is an online process in which you fill and submit your household details on the SE portal (se.census.gov.in) yourself, without waiting for an enumerator

- ❖ **What are the benefits of Self-Enumeration?**
 - Fill details conveniently
 - Ensures privacy
 - Makes the Census process faster and efficient
- ❖ **How to log in to the Self-Enumeration portal?**
 - Select State/UT
 - Enter name of head of the family, mobile number and email (optional)
 - Verify through OTP
 - Start Self-Enumeration
- ❖ **How to mark the correct location of your house?**
 - Select district/PIN code
 - Enter area/landmark
 - Zoom on map and mark location near your house (Do not worry if exact address is not displayed)
 - Correct location marking is necessary
- ❖ **Can I edit my information later?**
 - Yes, you can edit before final submission during State/UT SE period
 - After final submission changes can be done during enumerator's visit
- ❖ **Can SE portal be accessed outside India?**

No, this facility is available only within India's geographical boundaries
- ❖ **What if an error is found after submission?**

Correction can be made when the enumerator visits your house
- ❖ **Can I save and complete the form later?**

Yes, you can save progress and complete the form within the stipulated time

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CV ANAND APPOINTED NEW DGP OF TELANGANA

Hyderabad TSIT BUREAU:

The Government of Telangana has appointed senior IPS officer C.V. Anand as the Director General of Police (Head of Police Force), marking a key leadership change in the State police administration. A 1991-batch IPS officer, Anand has been transferred from his position as Special Chief Secretary to Government, Home Department, and will assume charge as the State's top police official.

The appointment was formalised through a Government Order issued by the General Administration (Special B) Department, following due process of empanelment conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) in accordance with established guidelines. C.V. Anand will hold the post in the apex scale, drawing a fixed pay of Rs.2,25,000.



The orders were issued in the name of the Governor of Telangana and authenticated by Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao.

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Tribal Youth Empowerment through 'Giri Darshak' Initiative CM Revanth



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Uday Shekhar elected builders association president



Hyderabad (TSIT) Uppalapati Uday Shekhar has been elected President of the Cyberabad Builders Association at its general body meeting held in Hyderabad. The new executive committee was unanimously approved in the presence of CREDAI Telangana President Jaideep Reddy.

SHIRAM FINANCE LIMITED DEMAND NOTICE

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from SHIRAM FINANCE LTD. (Formerly known as Shiram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shiram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shiram Transport Company Limited name changed as Shiram Finance Limited) We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates.

Table with columns: NAME OF THE BORROWER(S) Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors, NPA DATE, DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE, OUTSTANDING AMOUNT, LOAN AMOUNT. Lists details for multiple borrowers.

CHKDPFT150629004- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: All That The House Bearing No.12-8-236/5, Consisting Of Ground And First Floor Admeasuring 88.4 Sq. Yards Or 73.90 Sq. Mts. Situated At Mettuguda, Secunderabad And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: Road; Towards West: Road; Towards North: Road; Towards South: House No.12-236/7A.

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

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.

Table with columns: Borrower(s) Details, Date & Amount of 13(2) Demand Notice, Reserve Price, Date & Time of e-Auction. Lists details for LKNM00HL-11230037321 and LNBODHL-06240044681.

Terms and Conditions of E-Auction: 1. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided on www.niwasfc.com and website of our Sales & Marketing and e-Auction Service Provider, Crediauction.com, NHFL website.

Date: 29-04-2026 Place: Telangana Sd/- Authorized Officer NIWAS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

CENSUS WORKS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED TRANSPARENTLY



Wanaparthy (TSIT): Additional Collector Local Organizations Khimya Naik has directed to conduct the census work accurately and transparently and record the details of each family in a correct manner.

Let's save the youth from being addicted to drugs :- Warangal Police Commissioner



WARANGAL, April 28, TSIT : Warangal Police Commissioner informed the officials that it is our responsibility to protect the youth from becoming addicted to drugs.

the accused, the investigation of the cases and the measures being taken by the concerned Police Officers for crime control. Police commissioner officials have given instructions and suggestions on the steps to be taken for the progress of the pending cases.



Ex-Minister Singireddy Niranjan Reddy congratulated the daughter of Ketawath Pallavi-Janalyaya of 30th Ward Near Nandi Hills Colony of Wanaparthy Town for securing 437 marks out of 440 marks in the Intermediate BIPC Group and achieving state level rank.

SP orders stricter crime control measures



Jogulamba Gadwal (TSIT) SP T. Srinivasa Rao has directed police officials to intensify crime control, improve investigation quality, and ensure justice for victims.

and visible policing. The SP called for awareness on road safety, cybercrime and financial fraud, especially in villages. He also ordered strict action against illegal activities like ganja, gambling and matka, and expansion of CCTV surveillance.

PUBLIC NOTICE: The General Public is hereby cautioned that My Client is absolute owner and possessor of House No. 1-8-616, (PTIN No. 109012 8918), IN Survey No 190 and 191, Consisting Ground and First Floors, admeasuring 64.80 Sq. Yards or 45.80 Sq. Meters, situated at Achaihan Nagar, Nallakunta, Bagh Lingam pally, Hyderabad, T.G. belonging to MRS. SHIPRA W/O. LATE SHAIK AZMATH ALI.

PUBLIC NOTICE: It is informed to the general public that my client, Sri. Billa Haripal, S/o. B. Ramulu, who is absolute owner of the below mentioned scheduled property, propose to create mortgage over the scheduled property and wants to avail loan from Banks/Financial Institutions, if any person/s has any objections/claim/interest/dispute over the said property, the same may be intimated to the undersigned within 7 days from the date of this publication, failing which no further claims/objections will be entertained and my client will proceed with the mortgage of the scheduled property in favour of Banks/Financial Institutions and will complete the transaction.

ADITYA BIRLA CAPITAL E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

30 Days 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 (54 of 2002).

Table with columns: Sr No, Name of the Borrower(s) & Co-Borrower(s), Description of Properties /Secured Assets, Reserve Price (In Rs.), Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (In Rs.) / Incremental Value (In Rs.), Demand Notice Date & Total Amt (In Rs.). Lists details for two properties.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditor's website i.e. https://abfi.adityabirlacapital.com/Pages/IndividualPropertiesForAuction-under-SARFAESI-Act.aspx or https://BidDeal.in. Contact Details - Aditya Birla Capital Limited, Authorized Officer - Apoorva Dhanthi (9930909725), Kunal Patil (9867895795), Jahnu Laskar (9706030375), Haresh Kumar (9176547103), Lingswamy Bathini (900001411) and Raghuvvera Neerukonda (9642299999)

ICICI Home Finance Corporate Office: ICICI Home Finance Company Limited ICICI HFC Tower, Andheri - Kuria Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai - 400059, India

Table with columns: Sr. No, Name of Borrower(s)/Co-Borrowers/Guarantors/Legal Heirs, Loan Account No., Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, Amount Outstanding, Reserve Price/Earnest Money Deposit, Date and Time of Property Inspection, Date & Time of Auction, One Day Before Auction Date, SARFAESI Stage. Lists details for two properties.

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 29, 2026 before 05:00 PM else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule.

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Harish Rao slams govt over cases, farmers



Sangareddy, April 28 (TSIT) BRS leader T. Harish Rao has accused the Congress government of trying to silence opposition voices by filing illegal cases against party leaders and workers. During his visit to

BRS worker Manne Krishank at Kandi Central Jail in Sangareddy, he alleged that the arrest was politically motivated and aimed at suppressing criticism of government failures. He claimed that

instead of acting on complaints, police targeted the complainant. Harish Rao also raised concerns over farmers' issues, alleging delays in procurement of crops like Bengal gram, sunflower and maize, causing hardships. He demanded clarity on bonus payments for paddy and timely opening of procurement centres. He urged the government to stop misuse of power, withdraw cases against Krishank and focus on fulfilling election promises.

Vendors told to follow food safety norms

The South India Times // Nagar kurnool: Assistant Food Safety Controller Anand Rao has urged street vendors to strictly follow hygiene and quality standards while preparing and serving food. Speaking at a training programme held at Himalaya Hotel under the supervision of Municipal Commissioner Nagireddy, he said complaints of



adulteration in milk and oil and poor hygiene practices have been reported. He stressed the need for cleanliness and adherence to food safety norms to protect public health. Around 100 vendors attended the session, along with officials and representatives from various organisations.

Collector pushes for timely public services



Hyderabad (TSIT) District Collector Priyanka Ala has directed revenue officials to ensure efficient and timely delivery of public services, with a focus on coordination and clearing pending applications. At a review meeting, she assessed key areas including revenue land acquisition, land records, encroachments and protection of government lands, directing geotagging and strict vigilance. She also instructed speedy disposal of TS-bPASS appli-

cations and progress in the Paradise-Shamirpet elevated corridor land acquisition. The Collector reviewed housing schemes, noting progress in 2BHK and Indiramma projects, and directed quick clearance of applications under welfare schemes like Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak. She stressed resolving Prajavani grievances within deadlines, avoiding delays, and ensuring transparent, citizen-centric governance.

Summer volleyball camp held at college



Dr. Suresh Babu said the camp aimed at promoting sports among local students. Marathon runner Nalini Mohan Ambati attended as guest and highlighted the importance of balancing fitness and academics. National volleyball player Kiran Reddy encouraged students to maintain discipline.

Hayatnagar (TSIT) Government Degree College, Hayatnagar organised a summer volleyball coaching camp as part of its outreach programme, with 66 students receiving 30 days of training in basics, fitness and exercises. Principal

PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE
ICICI Home Finance Registered Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400051
 Corporate Office: ICICI HFC Tower, JB Nagar, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri East, Mumbai- 400059
 Branch Office: 3rd Floor, 3-903/10, Nagarjuna Nagar colony, Yella Reddy Guda, Amespet, Punjagutta, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500073. Branch Office: D. No. 16-11-20/6/6/1/1, 1st Floor, Opp. TV Tower, Malakpet, Near Musarambagh Metro station, Dilukh Nagar, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500036.
 Whereas
 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 details. 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.	Gundabowana Tejesh (Borrower), Gunda Bowana Bharathi (Co-Borrower), LHDSK00001474062	All The Part And Parcel of Appurtenant Land In Respect of House No. 9-3-22/6, Ptn No. 1245500818 In S.No. 1/2, Admeasuring 120 Sqyds or 100.32 Sq.mts Situated At Hasmathpet Village Balanagar Mandal Under Ghm Kutapally Circle Medchal Malkajgiri District Hyderabad Telangana 500011 Bounded By- East : 10'Wide Road, West: House of Neighbours, North: Neighbours House (H.No. 3-22/C), South: 25' Wide Road / Date of Possession- 21-04-2026	19-07-2025 Rs. 1,22,427.2/-	Hyderabad- Dilukh-nagar
2.	Gundabowana Tejesh (Borrower), Gunda Bowana Bharathi (Co-Borrower), LHDSK00001474063	All The Part And Parcel of Appurtenant Land In Respect of House No. 9-3-22/6, Ptn No. 1245500818 In S.No. 1/2, Admeasuring 120 Sqyds or 100.32 Sq.mts Situated At Hasmathpet Village Balanagar Mandal Under Ghm Kutapally Circle Medchal Malkajgiri District Hyderabad Telangana - 500011 Bounded By- East : 10' Wide Road, West: House of Neighbours, North: Neighbours House (H.No. 3-22/C), South: 25' Wide Road / Date of Possession- 21-04-2026	19-07-2025 Rs. 17,87,471/-	Hyderabad- Dilukh-nagar
3.	G Siddhartha (Borrower), Rachabattuni Jaya Bhanu Priya (Co-Borrower), LHNDH00001576541	Schedule Property 1- All That Residential Flat No. 405 in 4th Floor, Bearing No. 7-6/44/405 With Built Up Area of 1632 Sq.Fts Including Common Area And Car Parking in 5th Floor Together With Undivided Share of Land An Extent of 40 Sqyds Out of Total Land Admeasuring 1522 Sqyds In The Building Known As Prithvi Residency Being Constructed on Plot No. 49, 50, 51, 70, 71, & 72 In S.No. 393/A-B, 392, 350, 351, 348/A-B, 346/Part, 345/Part And 346/B Situated At Bachupally Vill., Under Nizampet Municipal Corporatio Bachupally Md., Quthbullapur Dt., Medchal Malkajgiri, T.S., As Boundaries For Entire Plot, North- Plot No. 52 & 69, South- Open Space, East- 30' Wide Road, West- Neighbours Land, Boundaries For Flat No. 405 (4th Floor)- North- Open To Sky, South- Open To Sky, East- Open To Sky, West- Staircase & Corridor. Schedule Property II- All That Residential Flat No. 406 in 4th Floor, Bearing No. 7-6/44/406 (Ptn No. 1266106411) With Built Up Area of 220 Sq.Fts Including Common Area And Car Parking in 5th Floor Together With Undivided Share of Land An Extent of 15 Sqyds out of Total Land Admeasuring 1522 Sqyds In The Building Known As Prithvi Residency Being Constructed on Plot No. 49, 50, 51, 70, 71, & 72 In S.No. 393/A-B, 392, 350, 351, 348/A-B, 346/Part, 345/Part And 346/B Situated At Bachupally Vill., Under Nizampet Municipal Corporatio Bachupally Md., Quthbullapur Dt., Medchal Malkajgiri, T.S., As Boundaries For Entire Plot; North- Plot No. 52 & 69, South- Open Space, East- 30' Wide Road, West- Neighbours Land, Boundaries For Flat No. 406 (4th Floor)- North- Open To Sky, South- Duct Followed By Flat No. 405, East- Open To Sky, West- Open Terrace/ Date of Possession- 25-04-2026	14-08-2025 Rs. 42,00,132/-	Ameespet NDMA

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantor(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 29, 2026, Place: Hyderabad
 Authorized Officer, ICICI Home Finance Company Limited

Canara Bank ASSET RECOVERY MANAGEMENT (ARM) II BRANCH, 2nd Floor, Circle Office, Spencer Towers, No.86, M G Road, Bengaluru-560001 Email: cb6298@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
 (Under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of 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 creditors the possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore, of the Canara will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 20.05.2026 from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. basis for recovery of outstanding dues from below mentioned Borrowers. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit is mentioned below. (Rs. In Lacs.)

Name of Borrowers and Guarantors	Total Liabilities as per Sale Notice	Description of Immovable Assets	Auction Date & Time	Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Date	Incremental Value at Bid
1) Mr. Nirbhay Singh S/o. SH Nirmal Singh, Ataura Buzurg, Near Mata Ji Mandir, Rae Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh-229001. 1A) Mr. Nirbhay Singh Castleton Greens Villa No. 61, Adjacent to Surya city, B- Sector Sy No 69, 73, 74, 76, Hennagara Amanikere Village Jigani Hobli, Bangalore - 560102. 1B) Mr. Nirbhay Singh, 402, Navya Niwas 2, 403 B Raghavendra CLN, Rangareddy, Kondapur, Telangana-500084.	Rs. 1,33,78,660.92 (Rupees One crores Thirty Three lakhs Seventy Eight Thousand Six Hundred Sixty and Ninety Two Paisa) plus further interest thereon from 21.04.2026 and other expenses	Property No. 1 : Composite Schedule 'A' Property : All that Piece and Parcel of the Immovable Residentially converted property bearing Sy No.69, measuring 2 Acres 02 Guntas, Sy No.73, measuring 1 Acre 03 Guntas, Sy No.74, measuring 13+13+14+12+12+1 Acre 24 Guntas, Sy No.76, measuring 1 Acre 24 Guntas, in all measuring 6 Acres 13 Guntas, vide Conversion order bearing No.ALN(A)SR/61/2014-15 dated 16-01-2014, ALN(A)SR/99/2014-15 dated 16-03-2015 and ALN(A)SR/02/2014-15 dated 05-09-2014, situated at Hennagara Amanikere Village, Jigani Hobli, Bengaluru Urban District and bounded on the : East by : Sy No. 77, West by : Sy Nos. 71, 65 and 64, North by : Sy No. 75 & Nala, South by : 45 Meters Road. Schedule 'B' Property : An undivided share of land measuring 1,200 Square Feet, right, title and interest over Schedule 'A' property at "Castleton Greens" in composite Schedule 'A' Property and bounded on the : East by : Villa No. 60, West by : Road, North by : Villa No 62, West by : Road. Schedule 'C' Property : A 3 BHK bedroom Residential Unit bearing No.61, on the Ground and First Floor of the Building known as "Castleton Greens" constructed in the Schedule 'A' Property, having a Super Built Up Area of 2,474 Square Feet which is inclusive of the floors, ceiling and wall between the building. (As per Sale agreement)	20.05.2026 from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.	Reserve Price : Rs. 107.75 EMD : Rs. 10.78	Multiples of Rs. 1,00,000/- Encumbrance (s) : Not Known

Other terms and Conditions :

- Auction / bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website <https://baanknet.com/>. Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.
- The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorized Officer.
- The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process.
- EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of MSA. PSB Alliance Private Limited (BAANKNET) portal directly or by generating the Challan thereon to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan.
- After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before 19.05.2026, to Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore by hand. i) Demand Draft/Pay Order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT Acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No. ii) Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount. iii) Bid Form.
- The intending bidders should register their names at portal <https://baanknet.com/> and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E-auction from the service provider, MSA. PSB Alliance (BAANKNET) - e-mail: support.baanknet@psballiance.com.
- EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. The EMD/Sale proceeds shall not carry any interest.
- Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiples of Rs. 1,00,000/-. The bidder who submits the highest bid (above the Reserve price) on closure of "Online" auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor.
- The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/hers as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorized Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again. This amount shall be deposited by way of Demand Draft in favour of Authorized Officer, Canara Bank, ARM II Branch OR shall be deposited through RTGS / NEFT / Fund Transfer to credit of account of Canara Bank, ARM II Branch, A/c. No. 209272434, IFSC Code: CNRB000298.
- For sale proceeds of Rs. 50.00 Lacs (Rupees Fifty Lacs only) and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at a rate 1% or as applicable rate on the sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the bank.
- All charges for Conveyance, Stamp Duty/GST/Registration charges Tax arrears, other charges, dues etc., As applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only.
- Authorized Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the E-auction without assigning any reason thereof.
- In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating in the E-auction, they can approach concerned Circle office or Canara Bank ARM II, who as a facilitating centre shall make necessary arrangements.
- Bidder has to make due diligence and physical verification of property with regard to title, extent, area dues, etc. No claim subsequent to submission of bid shall be entertained by the bank.
- After confirmation of sale, bidder's request cannot be accepted for refund of amount which is already paid and Bank will proceed as per SARFAESI Act.

For further details contact : Authorized Officer, Canara Bank, ARM Branch-2 (911302975, 756106889, 8291102717, 9201460154, 9464534482, 8709675503 and 080-25310181) e-mail id - cb6298@canarabank.com OR the service provider MSA, PSB Alliance (BAANKNET) - e-mail: support.baanknet@psballiance.com

Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Canara Bank nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to avoid any such contingency arrangements/alterations such as back-up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

Date : 27.04.2026
 Place : Bengaluru
 Sd/- Authorized Officer
 Canara Bank

Hospital ramps up heatwave preparedness

Nagarkurnool (TSIT) Nagarkurnool Government General Hospital has made special arrangements to tackle the summer heat and improve patient care, said Medical Superintendent Dr. T. Usharani. Drinking water facilities, additional seating, and improved amenities have been provided for outpatients and pregnant women visiting the hospital. New chairs, water containers, and fans have been installed across wards to ease discomfort during long waiting hours. A dedicated ward has been set up to treat heatstroke patients, with special staff deployed for round-the-clock monitoring. Seating arrangements have also been made in the hospital premises for patients affected by high temperatures. Hospital officials said the measures aim to ensure better care and comfort during the ongoing heatwave.

Procure paddy without delay

Bhadradri Kothagudem, April 28: District Collector Ankit has directed officials to ensure that paddy brought by farmers to procurement centres is purchased without any delay. On Tuesday, the Collector made a surprise visit to a paddy procurement centre and reviewed the ongoing operations. He instructed officials to conduct the procurement process efficiently so that farmers do not face any inconvenience. During his visit to the procurement centre set up at Bommanapalli village in Tekulapalli mandal, the Collector closely inspected the procurement procedures. He specifically focused on whether the paddy brought by farmers was being accepted as per quality standards and sought details from the concerned officials on various aspects. The Collector also examined the functioning of the moisture testing machine used to determine the moisture content in paddy. He emphasised that there should be no lapses in assessing moisture levels and that the standards prescribed by the government must be strictly followed. He directed officials to test the paddy promptly and continue the procurement process without delay.

Special inspections in the vicinity of schools in Mulugu district

Mulugu, April 28, TSIT : As part of Mulugu District Public Governance - Progress Plan, the police conducted special checks on shops near schools in Mulugu mandal. Shops within 100 meters of the schools were inspected with the help of a narcotic dog under the direction of Sub-Inspector Chandrasekar. On this occasion, the police strictly warned the shop owners not to sell intoxicants. Officials said that they will continue such inspections keeping in mind the safety of the students. Police station staff and narcotic dog handler Ramesh participated in the programme along with SI Chandrasekar.

LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED
 #201, 2nd Floor, Krishna Sapphire Building, Near Image Hospital, Hitech City Main Road, Madhapur, Hyderabad - 500081.
POSSESSION NOTICE
 (Under Rule 8(1) Immovable Property)
 WHEREAS, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the LIC Housing Finance Limited, Hyderabad under the Securitisation and 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 calling upon the following Borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against their names with further interest costs etc. within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices.

- Name of the Borrower(s):** 1) Mr. Aelugu Ramya Sudha (Primary Applicant) A/c No: 7126000604
Demand Notice Date : 16.02.2026; **DNPP Date:** 28.02.2026; **Date of Symbolic Possession :** 28.04.2026.
Outstanding Loan Amount :Rs. 49,94,292.36 (Rupees Forty Nine Lakhs Ninety Four Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety Two and Paise Thirty Six Only) as on 16.02.2026.
Description of Immovable Property : All that the R.C.C. Building Bearing Door No. Not Allotted in Sy.No. 145, Plot No. 17 (Part) having Ground Floor plinth area 744.75 Sq.Fts and First Floor plinth area 744.75 Sq.Fts, Road fronted area 13.32 Sq.Yds net area 108.68 Sq.Yds or 90.86 Sq.Mtrs situated at Korutula town, Jagadil District under the jurisdiction of Sub-District Korutula and District Registration Karimnagar belonging to Mrs. Aelugu Ramya Sudha Regd. Vide Sale Deed Doc No. 4520/2021 dated 16.12.2021 and bounded by: North : Part of Plot No. 17 Part of Ruthe Akhila, South : Plot No. 18 of Burugu Ramswamy, East : 18 feet Wide Road (Prop 30 feet Wide Road), West : Open place of Ade Rajanna.
- Name of the Borrower(s):** 1) Mrs. Peddireddy Mamatha (Primary Applicant) A/c No: 700501000645
Demand Notice Date : 15.10.2025; **DNPP Date:** 01.11.2025; **Date of Symbolic Possession :** 28.04.2026.
Outstanding Loan Amount :Rs. 58,36,324.65 (Rupees Fifty Eight Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Four and Paise Sixty Five Only) as on 15.10.2025.
Description of Immovable Property : All that piece and parcel of the House on Plot No. 8 Northern Part, admeasuring an area of 111 Sq. Yards or equivalent to 92.81 Sq. Mtrs., having a built-up area of 750 Sft., in Ground Floor with R.C.C. Roof in Survey No. 72 Part, Situated at Munuganoor Village, Abdullapurmet Revenue Mandal, Ranga Reddy District under Turkayyal Municipally, under Registration Sub-District Vansaitalapuram, belonging to Mrs. Peddireddy Mamatha, W/o. Sri Ajay, registered vide Sale Deed Document No. 2335/2024 dated: 14.03.2024 and bounded by: North: Plot No. 9 South: Plot No. 8 Southern Part East: Plot No. 14 West: 25' Wide Road.
- Name of the Borrower(s):** 1) Mr. Sirkonda Aditya Varma (Primary Applicant) A/c No: 710100013127
Demand Notice Date : 27.11.2024; **Date of Symbolic Possession :** 28.04.2026.
Outstanding Loan Amount :Rs. 25,00,395.16 (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Thirty Three Hundred Ninety Five and Paise Sixteen Only) as on 27.11.2024.
Description of Immovable Property : All that the part and parcel of the Residential Flat bearing No. 302, Third Floor, of 'Sri Venkateshwara' Sri Vani Arcade' having plinth area of 1200 Sft (including common areas and car parking area), along with undivided share of land admeasuring 55.35 Sq. Yds or 44.76 Sq. Mtrs. out of total land admeasuring 490 sq. yds or 409.70 Sq. Mtrs being constructed on Plot No. 35 in survey No. 102, Plot No. 5, Ward No. 2, Block No. 4, Situated at Sai Nagar Colony of Nagole Village, Uppal Revenue Mandal, under GHMC L.B. Nagar Circle, Medchal-Malkajgiri District under S.R.O. Uppal belonging to Mr. Sirkonda Aditya Varma Regd. Vide Sale Deed Doc. No. 9942/2017 dated 02.08.2017 and bounded by: Boundaries for the building: Boundaries for the Flat: West: Plot No. 34, North: Open To Sky, South: 30' Wide Road, South: Corridor & Staircase, East: 40' Wide Road leading to Mansoorabad, East: Open To Sky, West: Plot No. 38, West: Open To Sky.
- Name of the Borrower(s):** 1) Mr. M. Srikanth (Primary Applicant) A/c No: 710500010404
Demand Notice Date : 27.11.2024; **Date of Symbolic Possession :** 28.04.2026.
Outstanding Loan Amount : Rs. 9,85,685.79 (Rupees Nine Lakhs Eighty Five Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty Five and Paise Twenty Nine Only) as on 27.11.2024.
Description of Immovable Property : Schedule A: All that the part and parcel of the part (i.e North West Portion in Ground Floor & Complete Second Floor) of House No. 37/352 LCH, bearing Municipal No. 16-1-24/352 having its plinth area of 1719 sq.ft.R.C.C. (consisting of 573 sq.ft.in Ground Floor & 1146 Sq.ft. in Second Floor), (including common areas, Balconies, Borewell & Municipal Water) out of its total Plinth area of 4132 sq.ft with an undivided share of land admeasuring 62.5 sq.yds or 52.26 Sq.mtrs out of total house admeasuring 125 sq. Yds in ward No. 16 and Block No. 1, Situated at Saidabad Colony, Saidabad, Hyderabad, Telangana belonging to Mr. M. Sidhar Regd. Vide Partition Deed Doc. No. 612/2017 dated 13.02.2017 and bounded by: North : 30' Wide Road, South: H.No. 353/LCH, East: 30' Wide Road, West: H.No. 353/LCH, East: 30' Wide Road, East: 30' Wide Road, West: H.No. 357/LCH, Schedule B: All that the part and parcel of the part (i.e North West Portion in Ground Floor & Complete First Floor & Part House) of House No. 37/352 LCH, bearing Municipal No. 16-1-24/352 having its plinth area of 2413 sq.ft. R.C.C. (consisting of 573 sq.ft.in Ground Floor & 1146 Sq.ft. in First Floor & 694 sq.ft. in Part House), (including common areas, Balconies, Borewell & Municipal Water) out of its total Plinth area of 4132 sq.ft with an undivided share of land admeasuring 62.5 sq.yds or 52.26 Sq.mtrs out of total house admeasuring 125 sq. Yds in ward No. 16 and Block No. 1, Situated at Saidabad Colony, Saidabad, Hyderabad, Telangana belonging to Mr. M. Srikanth Regd. Vide Partition Deed Doc. No. 612/2017 dated 13.02.2017 and bounded by: North : 30' Wide Road, South: H.No. 353/LCH, East: 30' Wide Road, West: H.No. 367/LCH.
- Name of the Borrower(s):** 1) Sri Konagiri Raghavender Reddy, Son and Legal Heir of Smt. Konagiri Bharathamma (Primary Applicant) A/c Nos: 712300006090/71230000401
Demand Notice Date : 07.01.2026; **DNPP Date :** 28.01.2026; **Date of Symbolic Possession :** 28.04.2026.
Outstanding Loan Amount :Rs. 18,36,271.16 (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand Two Hundred Seventy One and Paise Seventy Only) as on 07.01.2026.
Description of Immovable Property : All that the Part & Parcel of House constructed on Plot O/H No. 1-2-45/E, admeasuring 149.38 Sq. Yards equivalent to 124.87 Sq. Meters situated at Suburb Nagole Village, Medchal-Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation, District Mahabubnagar, Registration District Mahabubnagar, Telangana belonging to Mrs. Konagiri Bharathamma registered vide Sale Deed Doc No. 2623/2000 dated 17.08.2000 and bounded by: North : Others Wall (H.No. 1-2-48/D) South : 30'-0" Wide Road East : 15'-0" Wide Road West : Part of H.No. 1-2-45/E.
- Name of the Borrower(s):** 1) Mr. Mahmood Syed (Primary Applicant) A/c No: 711800011737
Demand Notice Date : 19.10.2023; **DNPP Date :** 05.03.2024; **Date of Symbolic Possession :** 28.04.2026.
Outstanding Loan Amount :Rs. 58,40,766.73 (Rupees Fifty Eight Lakhs Thirty Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Six and Paise Twenty Nine Only) as on 19.10.2023.
Description of Immovable Property : All that piece and parcel of part of House No. 9-25/9A/1 (PTIN No. 1194300283) on Plot No. 85 West Part, admeasuring 150 Sq. Yards or equivalent to 125.41 Sq. Mtrs., having Plinth Area of 1200 Sft., with RCC Roof, in Survey No. 230, situated at Royal Colony, Balapur Village & Revenue Mandal under Jalpally Municipality, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana State, belonging to Mr. Syed Mahmood, S/o. Syed Mohammed, registered vide Sale Deed Document No. 13574/2022 dated: 08.11.2022, and bounded by: North: Plot No. 83 South: 25'-0" Wide Road East: Plot No. 85 East Part West: Plot No. 86.
- Name of the Borrower(s):** 1) Mrs. Shiresha Komati Reddy (Primary Applicant) A/c No: 711800011253
Demand Notice Date : 16.01.2026; **DNPP Date :** 28.01.2026; **Date of Symbolic Possession :** 28.04.2026.
Outstanding Loan Amount :Rs. 30,02,820.46 (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Two Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty and Paise Forty Six Only) as on 16.01.2026.
Description of Immovable Property : All that the Residential Flat bearing No. G-2, in Ground Floor, bearing Door No. 5-112/G-2 (Assessment No. 1228) of 'Sai Disha Apartment', with a super built-up area of 1000.00 Sft., including common areas, in Plot No. 16, in Survey No. 1230 Part, and with undivided share of land admeasuring 21.00 Sq. Yards or equivalent to 18.39 Sq. Mtrs. (out of Total Land admeasuring 916.00 Sq. Yards) situated at Brindavan Colony, Shamirpet Village & Mandal, Medchal - Malkajgiri District, belonging to Smt. Shiresha Komati Reddy @ Panna Shiresha, registered vide Sale Deed Document No. 4468/2022 dated: 08.07.2022 and bounded by: Boundaries For Entire Building: North : 30'-0" Wide Road, South : Plot No. 17, East : Plot No. 05, West : 40'-0" Wide Road, Boundaries For Flat No. G-2: North : Open To Sky, South : Corridor and Flat No. G-7, East : Lift and Flat No. G-1, West : Staircase and Flat No. G-3.
- Name of the Borrower(s):** 1) Mr. Akhtar Pasha Md. (Applicant), A/c Nos: 710200004340
Demand Notice Date: 31.05.2025; **Date of Symbolic Possession:** 28.04.2026.
Outstanding Loan Amount Rs. 10,37,993.24 (Rupees Ten Lakhs Thirty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Three and Paise Twenty Four Only) as on 27.11.2024 together with applicable future interest from 27.11.2024.
Description of Immovable Property : All that the Residential Flat bearing No. 203, Second floor, of Mourya Residence, Block-B, Municipal H.No. 10-170/G/3, premises bearing H.No. 10-170/17 on Plot No. 72A, consisting of 765 Sft of builtup area (including all common areas and one scooter parking area) together with an undivided share of land admeasuring 28 sq.yds or 23.41 Sq.Mtrs out of 428 sq.Yds or 357.80 sq.Mtrs under Sy.Nos. 696, 700 & 701, situated at Vanasthapuri Colony, Malkajgiri the then Malkajgiri Municipality, now under GHMC Malkajgiri Circle & Mandal, Ranga Reddy District (G+2 Floor) under Jurisdiction of Joint-Sub-Registrar, Ranga Reddy (East), belonging to Sri. Mohd. Akhtar Pasha Regd. Vide Sale Deed Doc No. 1188/2015 dated 10.04.2015 and bounded by: Boundaries of the Complex: North: Plot No. 72, South: Park, East: Owner's Land, West: 25' Wide Road. Boundaries for the Flat: North: Duct & Flat No. 204, South: Open to Sky, East: Open to Sky, West: 5' Wide Corridor & Duct.
- Name of the Borrower(s):** 1) Anand Padmaram (Applicant), A/c Nos: 712300000665
Demand Notice Date : 30.07.2025 ; **Date of Symbolic Possession :** 28.04.2026.
Outstanding Loan Amount Rs. 1,81,238.75 (Rupees One Lakhs Eighty One Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty Eight Rupees And Seventy Five Paisa) as on 30.07.2025, together with applicable future interest from 31.07.2025, till realization.
Description of Immovable Property : All that the Plot No. 32, admeasuring 173 Sq. Yards, equivalent 144.16 Sq Mtrs., in lands Survey No. 41 & 43 at Shaipur Village Situated at Shaipur, Tandur Municipality, RR Dist., under the Jurisdiction of Sub-Registrar Tandur, and District Registrar, Rangareddy District within the limits of Tandur Municipality, along with the following boundaries: NORTH : Land of Bantu Hanumanth and others, SOUTH: 25' wide road, EAST: Plot No. 31, WEST: Plot No. 33.
- Name of the Borrower(s):** 1) B.Rajashakar (Applicant), A/c No: 712300001934
Demand Notice Date : 21.06.2025 ; **Date of Symbolic Possession :** 24.04.2026.
Outstanding Loan Amount :Rs. 29,64,117.87 (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Sixty Four Thousand One Hundred Seventeen Rupees and Eighty Seven Paisa) as on 21.06.2025, together with applicable future interest from 22.06.2025 till realization.
Description of Immovable Property : ALL THAT the house on Plot No 66, Admeasuring 300 Sq Yards, (75-0 length X 36-0 width) or say 251 Sq Mtrs., in land Sy No. 208/3 of Tandur Village, Situated at Ward No 8, Block No. 1, Locally Known as "GREEN CITY", Tandur Municipality, RR Dist.A.P., under the jurisdiction of Sub-Registrar, Tandur and District Registrar, Rangareddy, within the limits of Tandur Municipality, and bounded by: NORTH : Prop. 45'-0" Road SOUTH: Plot No. 73 EAST: Plot No. 65 WEST: Plot No. 67

As the above borrower has 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 above in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rule on the dates mentioned above.
 The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of LIC Housing Finance Limited for the amounts mentioned against their names with further interest accrued interest thereon and costs.
 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.

Date: 28-04-2026
 Place: Hyderabad
 Sd/- Authorized Officer,
 LIC Housing Finance Limited.



Special Trains Needed for Agri & Aqua Transport

SET UP EAST-WEST FREIGHT CORRIDOR: CM NAIDU



THE SOUTH INDIA TIMES VISAKHAPATNAM : Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu emphasized that robust railway connectivity is essential to transform the state into a major logistics hub. He urged the Railway Ministry to introduce dedicated container reefer trains to transport agricultural, horticultural, and aqua products efficiently without compromising quality. The Chief Minister, along with Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav, visited

the temporary office of the South Coastal Railway Zone in Visakhapatnam. A high-level review meeting was held with senior officials of South Central, East Coast, and South Coastal Railway zones to assess the progress of railway projects and operational plans of the new zone. Officials made detailed presentations on ongoing and proposed works. Naidu requested the issuance of a Gazette notification to operationalize the South Coastal Railway Zone from June 1, 2026.

Responding positively, the Union Minister assured that the notification would be issued soon. To strengthen the efficiency of the new zone, the Chief Minister proposed the merger of key railway sections such as Araku-Kothavalasa and Kurnool-Dhone. He noted that low rail route density in the state is hindering industrial growth and logistics expansion. He also stressed the need to develop new railway lines in the Rayalaseema region and enhance connectivity to major and upcoming ports such as Mulapeta,

Machilipatnam, and Ramayapatnam. Linking these ports with hinterland regions across states like Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Telangana, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, and Karnataka would significantly boost cargo movement, he said. The Chief Minister further highlighted the importance of developing cold chain infrastructure and dedicated freight corridors to support agri and aqua exports. Establishing an East-West Rail Freight Corridor would reduce transit time and logistics costs, thereby improving competitiveness.

FOCUS ON PORT CONNECTIVITY:

Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav stated that enhancing rail connectivity to ports in Andhra Pradesh would be given top priority. He briefed the Chief Minister on ongoing railway projects, proposed new lines, doubling works, and electrification initiatives in the state. Senior railway officials, State Transport Department Special Chief Secretary M.T. Krishnababu, Minister Dola Bala Veeranjanya Swamy, MP Bharat, and several MLAs attended the review meeting.

Nagaland CM Visits Indian Navy Platforms at Eastern Naval Command



THE SOUTH INDIA TIMES, VISAKHAPATNAM : Neiphiu Rio, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Nagaland, visited frontline platforms of the Indian Navy at the Eastern Naval Command (ENC) on April 27. During the visit, the Chief Minister toured a naval warship and a submarine and was received by senior naval officers. He was briefed on the roles, missions, and operational capabilities of both surface and sub-surface platforms, highlighting their strategic importance in safeguarding

India's maritime interests. The visit included guided walkthroughs onboard the platforms, providing a closer look at advanced systems and operational preparedness. Shri Neiphiu Rio interacted with officers and crew, appreciating their professionalism, dedication, and commitment to national security. He lauded the Indian Navy for maintaining high standards of operational readiness and acknowledged its pivotal role in ensuring maritime security and protecting the nation's interests.

Grand Welcome to CM and Union Ministers in Visakhapatnam

The South India Times, VISAKHAPATNAM: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Union Ministers received a grand welcome during their visit to the city on Tuesday. The leaders arrived at the South Central Railway office at "The Deck" in VMRDA for a review meeting related to the Railway Zone. Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav and Union Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu were warmly received by M. Nagalakshmi, Director of Swachh Andhra Pradesh Mission Corporation. Subsequently, the Chief Minister and Union Ministers participated in a key review meeting focusing on the development of the Visakhapatnam railway network, enhancement of rail connectivity in North Andhra, and expansion of infrastructure. Senior officials, public representatives, and other leaders also attended the meeting. Discussions primarily emphasized accelerating regional development through improved railway infrastructure and connectivity in the region.



The Marketplace at the School Gate, Education Shrinking Within



PROF. RK JAIN "ARJEE"

The debate over NCERT textbooks in private schools is no longer a routine academic issue; it now reflects the deeper character of India's education system. When laws offer clear direction but institutions ignore them for financial gain, it signals not just negligence but ethical decline. The notice issued in April 2026 by the National Human Rights Commission to the Centre, CBSE, and states highlights this contradiction. It raises a critical question: is the Right to Education Act being meaningfully implemented, or has it become merely symbolic? The situation shows that the principle of equality in education is under growing strain.

Section 29 of the Right to Education Act, 2009 clearly mandates that curriculum and textbooks for classes 1 to 8 be determined by NCERT or SCERT. These institutions ensure that learning material is balanced, reliable, and affordable. However, many private schools prescribe expensive books from private

publishers, weakening this objective. When parents are forced to spend large sums on textbooks, education begins to resemble a commercial enterprise rather than a fundamental right.

This trend is not accidental but part of a structured system. In several cases, schools and publishers form alliances where profit takes priority over education. Parents are compelled to purchase costly books under claims of "better quality" or "enhanced learning," though such claims are rarely verified. As a result, parents face financial pressure and often feel powerless. This practice erodes the ethical foundation of education and raises concerns about institutional credibility.

A key consequence is the widening educational divide. Government school students study from standardized, affordable books, while private school students rely on costly and different materials, creating unequal learning foundations. Over time, this gap widens opportunities. For middle- and lower-income families, already burdened by rising costs, expensive textbooks add further strain. This deepens economic inequality and reinforces social divisions.

In this context, the intervention of the National Human Rights Commission is timely and necessary. It emphasizes viewing edu-

cation as a fundamental human right. The increasing burden of heavy school bags due to multiple books also harms children's health, contradicting the National School Bag Policy 2020. Continued inaction by authorities would reflect not only administrative weakness but also neglect of constitutional responsibilities.

The argument of academic autonomy is often used to justify such practices, but it is valid only within legal limits. When the law clearly defines textbook authority, ignoring it is not independence but indiscipline. NCERT books, prepared by experts within a national framework, ensure credibility and uniformity. In contrast, private publications often emphasize presentation over authenticity. Promoting commercial interests under the guise of autonomy undermines education's core purpose.

The time has come for decisive action. Central and state governments must establish a transparent and accountable monitoring system that works effectively on the ground. Regular audits of private school booklists should be conducted, and strict penalties—including fines or cancellation of recognition—must be imposed for violations. Parents must also be informed and empowered to resist unnecessary financial burdens.

VP Radhakrishnan offers prayers at Tirumala temple



Tirupati, April 28 : Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan on Tuesday offered prayers at Sri Venkateswara Swamy temple atop Tirumala near here. He was accorded a warm welcome by Andhra Pradesh Endowments Minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy, along with Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (TTD) Chairman B.R. Naidu, Executive Officer Muddada Ravichandra and other TTD officials.



Thirumanjanam was performed grandly at the Sri Padmavathi Ammavari Temple, Tiruchanoor on Tuesday. The rituals began with Suprabhatam, followed by Sahasranamarchana and temple purification. From 6 am to 9 am, the temple premises, walls, ceiling and puja materials were cleansed. Later, a sacred mixture of aromatic substances was sprinkled throughout the temple.

PhD Admissions Open at GITAM Deemed to be University

The South India Times, Visakhapatnam : GITAM Deemed to be University has announced admissions for its full-time PhD programmes across its campuses in Visakhapatnam, Hyderabad, and Karnataka. The university will conduct an online entrance examination for eligible candidates, according to U.A. Ramgopal, Director of the Research and Development Department. Interested candidates can apply online through the official GITAM website on or before May 11. The online entrance test for Engineering, Humanities, Pharmacy, Architecture, Social Sciences, and Law disciplines will be held on

May 23. For candidates applying to Science and Management streams, personal interviews will be conducted on May 30. The results of the entrance examinations will also be announced on May 30. The PhD classes are scheduled to commence from August 24. The university will offer GITAM fellowships to meritorious candidates. Additionally, professionals working in research organizations and industries recognized by GITAM are eligible to apply under the Extramural category. For further details, candidates are advised to visit the Research section on the official website or contact via email at phdsupport@gitam.edu.

Comprehensive plan for Indira Mahila Dairy



Khammam (TSIT): District Collector TS Divakar has directed officials to implement a comprehensive plan to ensure the success of the Indira Mahila Dairy project in the district. He reviewed the programme on Tuesday at the Collectorate along with Additional Collector P. Srija and officials from various departments. The Collector suggested adopting the Vijay Dairy model and following a systematic approach in implementing the project. He also proposed involving representatives of Vijay Dairy in the governing structure to enhance efficiency and provide better support to women self-help groups. At present, Vijay Dairy collects around 6,000 litres of milk per day in the district. The Collector said the target is to distribute cattle to about 40,000 beneficiaries in phases under the Indira Mahila Dairy and increase milk procurement to 80,000 litres per day.

MobiKwik Group secures RBI approval for NBFC application

Hyderabad, April 28, 2026: One MobiKwik Systems Ltd. (MobiKwik) (NSE: MOBIKWIK / BSE: 544305), today announced that the Group's application for a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) license has been approved by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), marking a significant milestone in the Group's journey to deepen its financial services offerings.

The NBFC license will enable the launch of a new lending division - MobiKwik Financial Services Private Limited (MFSP), a wholly owned subsidiary, which will help expand its regulated lending capabilities, design innovative credit products, and serve a broader base of consumers and merchants with greater efficiency and control. This development aligns with the Group's long-term vision of building a full-stack fintech platform that delivers accessible, reliable, and tech-led financial products.

The NBFC will build on the Group's inherent strengths of having a 186 Mn+ customer base, a trusted brand name, as well as strong tech infrastructure, risk underwriting and collection capabilities. MFSP, the group's in-house NBFC is envisaged to enable launch of new credit products with faster go-to-market (GTM) offering both secured and unsecured to consumers and MSMEs in underserved geographies. The NBFC's operations

will commence upon receipt of Certificate of Registration (COR) from RBI on the fulfilment of certain conditions.

Commenting on the development, Upasana Taku, Executive Director, Co-founder & CFO, MobiKwik said "The NBFC application approval is a pivotal step in MobiKwik Group's evolution into a scaled financial services platform. We are especially happy that the application has been approved in under four months, which is an endorsement of the credibility of the Group, and are grateful to the RBI for reposing its faith in us.

This gives us the regulatory framework to deepen our credit offerings while maintaining strong governance and risk discipline. We will continue to responsibly serve the credit needs of Bharat and build products that genuinely improve financial inclusion"

The NBFC framework will allow MobiKwik to leverage its technology capability, AI-ML models and large user base to deliver personalized financial products catering to the diverse needs of the consumers. While the core focus will remain on Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities, the services

will be offered across the nation, leveraging India's diverse geographical potential. This strategy emphasizes financial inclusion in under-penetrated regions, thereby improving access to credit and driving greater mobilization of financial services.

One MobiKwik Systems Ltd. (MobiKwik) is India's largest digital wallet that offers a wide range of payments and financial products to both consumers and merchants. The Company, founded by Bipin Preet Singh and Upasana Taku in 2009, today offers various payment products such as MobiKwik Wallet, UPI, Pocket UPI, and Zaakpay (payment gateway), serving 186.6 Mn+ registered users and 4.79 Mn+ merchants. The Company has expanded into the distribution of financial products ranging from credit (ZIP EMI, MCA) and savings & investment products (Fixed Deposits, Mutual Funds, Digital Gold, Lens.AI) on its platform.

According to the RedSeer Report, as of Fiscal 2023, MobiKwik had the fourth-highest user base in India in terms of total registered users on the platform. MobiKwik was termed as one of the leading digital financial product and services platforms in India by registered users. MobiKwik is the largest digital wallet in India with a 18% market share of the PPI wallet gross transaction value (GTV) as of December 2025.

Andhra University Engages with JETRO for Global Collaboration

The South India Times, Visakhapatnam : Andhra University has taken a significant step towards international academic collaboration as a high-level delegation from the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) vis-

joint research initiatives, faculty exchange programs, and student mobility. JETRO representatives also highlighted opportunities for faculty members from Andhra University to visit Toyama Prefecture, paving the way

Japanese students for higher education at AU, with the possibility of offering fee waivers. Additionally, plans to introduce Japanese language courses in both online and offline formats were discussed to strength-



ited the campus on Tuesday. The visit focused on exploring opportunities for student recruitment into leading Japanese companies and strengthening institutional partnerships. During the discussions, both sides emphasized building robust collaborations in key areas such as

for deeper academic engagement with Japanese institutions. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Raja Sekhar underscored the importance of organizing a joint international conference to enhance academic exchange. He also expressed the university's willingness to welcome

en cultural and academic ties. The initiative reflects Andhra University's commitment to expanding its global footprint and fostering meaningful partnerships with Japan, aiming at mutual academic enrichment and enhanced career opportunities for students.

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SPEED UP GRAIN PROCUREMENT, SAYS MINISTER



Husnabad April 28 : Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnambal Prabhakar has directed officials to expedite paddy procurement and ensure farmers do not face difficulties. At a review meeting in Saidapur, he instructed officials to provide all facilities at procurement centres, arrange transport for shifting grain to mills and ensure timely payments to farmers. He stressed regular monitoring to avoid any issues. The Minister also reviewed Indiramma housing works, directing quick completion of houses, and called for proactive steps to prevent drinking water shortages by completing pipeline and repair works. He further asked officials to improve infrastructure in government schools and focus on increasing student attendance under the Badibata programme.

Maratha Bhavan Inaugurated at Jalpally Leaders Emphasise Unity and Cultural Pride



Hyderabad TSIT: The Maratha Bhavan (M.B. Convention), constructed by the Sri Chhatrapati Shivaji Maratha Sanskrit Trust on a two-acre site at Jalpally on the outskirts of Hyderabad near Katedan, was inaugurated by AICC General Secretary and Telangana in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan. The event witnessed the presence of IT Minister D. Sridhar Babu, TPCC President B. Mahesh Kumar Goud, Rajya Sabha MP V. Narendar Reddy, AICC Secretary Sachin Sawant, former MLAs Sampath and K. Laxma Reddy, along with other leaders.

A large gathering of nearly 2,000 to 3,000 members of the Marathi community attended the programme. Over 600 trustees, donors, and their family members were felicitated, and a commemorative family photograph was taken on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, leaders highlighted the legacy of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and his ideals of equality, courage, and respect for all religions. Speakers emphasized that Marathi people are an integral part of Telangana's growth and should feel secure and respected in the State.

TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud greeted the audience in Marathi, drawing loud applause, and stated that Marathi people are not outsiders but stakeholders in Telangana. Minister Sridhar Babu reiterated that the State government, under Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, is inspired by Shivaji Maharaj's ideals and is committed to the welfare of all communities.

SSC RESULTS AVAILABLE VIA MEESEVA WHATSAPP FROM APRIL 29

Hyderabad TSIT: In a major relief to students and parents, the Telangana government has announced that SSC (Class 10) Results-2026 will be made available through the MeeSeva WhatsApp platform from 2:30 PM on April 29. The Electronic Service Delivery (ESD) department, in coordination with the Telangana Board of Secondary Education, has enabled students to access their results instantly from their mobile phones without visiting any centers or facing website traffic issues. Students who appeared for the SSC examinations can get their results by sending a message to the official MeeSeva WhatsApp number 8096958096, making the process quick, simple, and hassle-free.

How to Check SSC Results on WhatsApp: Save the number 8096958096 as "MeeSeva Telangana" Open WhatsApp and send "Hi" Type "SSC Result" Click on "Open Service" Enter your Hall Ticket Number Receive your marks memo instantly on WhatsApp

The initiative marks a significant step towards paperless governance and citizen-friendly digital services, ensuring easy access to results without queues or delays. The service has been introduced under the leadership of IT, Electronics & Communications Minister D. Sridhar Babu, with MeeSeva continuing to expand its digital outreach across the State. Since its launch on November 18, 2025, the Mee Seva WhatsApp/Chatbot platform has received an overwhelming response, offering services such as birth certificates, income certificates, police challans, electricity bill payments, encumbrance certificates, CET hall tickets, and Intermediate results.

DGP B.SHIVDHAR REDDY CELEBRATES 60TH BIRTHDAY AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS

Hyderabad (TSIT) :Telangana Director General of Police B. Shivdhar Reddy celebrated his 60th birthday on Tuesday at the State Police Headquarters in Hyderabad. On the occasion, senior officials and police personnel extended their greetings and conveyed their best wishes to the DGP. A special cake featuring the 'Arrive Alive' road safety campaign theme was cut as part of the celebrations. Prominent officers including Additional DGP (Law & Order) Mahesh Muralidhar Bhagwat, TSLPRB Chairman V. V. Srinivasa Rao, SPF DG Swati Lakra, CID DGP Charu Sinha, Future City Commissioner Sudheer Babu, and IGP Chandrasekhara Reddy attended the programme along with several IPS officers.

CHILD SAFETY AWARENESS DRIVE HELD

RANGAREDDY (TSIT) A child safety awareness programme was conducted at the Shadnagar Municipal Office on Tuesday for children and teenagers. Municipal Chairman Aggunooru Baswam stressed that ensuring children's safety is a shared responsibility of parents and society. The programme highlighted issues such as teenage pregnancy, elopement and prevention of child marriages, along with a poster release. He urged teenagers to act responsibly and assured that more such awareness initiatives would be organised. Officials, She Teams personnel and councillors participated in the event.

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Canara Bank SURYAPET BRANCH - 1-4-81, Alankar Talkies Road, Suryapet Telangana-508213

DEMAND NOTICE

Notice issued Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002.

A Notice is hereby given that the following Borrowers, Co-borrowers & Guarantors have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non Performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued to them under section 13(2) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses but they have been returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of this public notice.

Name of the Borrower/ Guarantors / Date of NPA	Description of Immovable Property	Amount Outstanding
1) Sri Murali Babu Pidadamari (Borrower) S/o. Pidadamari Venkaiah, H.No 6 49, Narasimhalugudem Suryapet, Telangana-508213, 2) Indiramma Vaggu (Co Obligator) W/o. Murali Babu Pidadamari, 1 8 77 3 A, Bharath Singh Nagar, Suryapet, Telangana -508213. NPA Date: 26/04/2026	Immovable: All that part and parcel of the house constructed on the land extent of 200 Sq Yards in Plot No. 4, Survey No. 471, of Anjanapuri Colony, Pillalamuri Revenue Village, Gram Panchayat within the limits of Suryapet Town & Mandal, Municipality and boundaries as follows: East: Land of Sri G Srinivas & Others, West: 30' Wide Road, North: Plot No. 7, South: Plot No. 9 of Somi Reddy, Name of Title holder: 1) Sri Murali Babu Pidadamari, 2) Smt Indiramma Vaggu W/o. P Murali Babu	Rs.73,54,744.03/- (Rupees Seventy Three Lakh Fifty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Four and Paise Three Only) together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrower (s) and/or their Guarantor(s) whenever applicable) are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002.

Date: 27-04-2026, Place: Suryapet Sd/- Authorised Officer, Canara Bank

Hyderabad to be developed as global medical tourism hub Minister Damodar Raja Narasimha



Hyderabad TSIT: Health Minister Damodar Raja Narasimha on Tuesday said the State Government is working with a clear vision to develop Hyderabad as a global medical tourism destination. The Minister directed senior Health Department officials to make arrangements for an International Medical Tourism Event in Hyderabad in June, in coordination with the Tourism Department.

At a review meeting held with senior officials of the Health and Tourism departments at the Secretariat, the Minister said representatives from Africa, Asia, Middle East and other countries should be invited to the event. He also directed officials to involve leading medical, pharma and private healthcare institutions. As part of the event, delegates will visit private and corporate hospitals as well as major government hospitals such as NIMS, TIMS, Osmania and Gandhi Hospital.

The Minister said International Patient Services divisions should be established in the three upcoming TIMS hospitals, with a 50-bed international patients' ward in each hospital. He said this would gener-

ate revenue for government hospitals and help improve services for local people.

The Minister recalled Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's vision to position Hyderabad as a world-class medical tourism centre. He said the government has decided to organise at least one medical tourism event every year in Hyderabad.

Health Secretary Dr. Christina Z. Chongthou, Health and Family Welfare Commissioner Dr. Sangeeta Satyanarayana, TGMSIDC MD Dr. Gaurav Uppal and senior officials attended the meeting. Appointment orders to 2,322 Nursing Officers on May 12. The Minister also directed officials to make arrangements to issue appointment orders to 2,322 selected Nursing Officers on May 12, coinciding with International Nurses Day.

SHIRAM FINANCE LIMITED

Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032

Administrative Office: 6th Floor (Level 2), Building No.02, Aarun Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghanoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, Branch #12-02-18 To 20, 1st, SVN Road, Battala Bazar, Warangal - 506002

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer Ms. Shiram Finance Limited, (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shiram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shiram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shiram Finance 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, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.02, Aarun 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(2) 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 27th day of April, 2026.

Borrower Name and Address	Amount due as per Demand Notice
1) Janardhan Reddy B S/O Raghupathi Reddy, 59 Years, Occ: Rama Oil Store Business At Mulugu Ghanpur, Rio H.No.4-120/1, Charchi Road, Mulugu Ghanpur, Mulugu Dist - 506 345. Cell: 9989585863. And Also At: Janardhan Reddy B S/O Raghupathi Reddy, 59 Years, Occ: House No.4-120/A/1, 250.00 Sq.yards, 173.48 Sq.Mtrs, Ghanpur S/n, village and Mandal, Present Jangaon District, 2) Ramadevi B W/O Janardhan Reddy, Age: 53 Years, Occ: House Wife, Rio.H.No. 4-120/1, Charchi Road, Mulugu Ghanpur, Mulugu Dist- 506 345. Cell: 9989585863. And Also At: Ramadevi B W/O Janardhan Reddy, Age: 53 Years, Occ: House Wife, # House No.4-120/A/1, 250.00 Sq.yards, 173.48 Sq.Mtrs, Ghanpur S/n, village and Mandal, Present Jangaon District, 3) Srinivas Bandi S/O Pullaiah, Age: 50 Years, Occ: Conductor In APSRTC At Bhupalpally, Rio.H.No.5-176/1, Angadi Street, Mulugu Ghanpur, Mulugu Dist-506 345. Cell: 738285572.	Rs.93,16,900/- (Rupees Ninety Three Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred Only)

Description of Property: WARNTF141229001-DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (Property holder name is BYCUT RAMA DEVI & BYCUT JANARDHANA REDDY Mortgage deed dated 31.12.2014 Registered as Document No.11771/2014 on the file of the Sub-Registrar at Warangal (FORT)) The House bearing No.4-120/A/1, in the land to an extent of 250.00 sq.yards or 173.48 Sq.Mtrs situated at Ghanpur S/n, village and Mandal of Warangal District, Registration District, Warangal and Sub - District, Mulugu, bounded as under: East: H.No.4-123 of Tummalapati Kavitha, West: H.No.4-123 of Dhoma Shanukhatha, North: Land of Junnuthala Ravinder Reddy, South: GP Road.

This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL 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 Sd/- Authorised officer, Shiram Finance Ltd, Date : 27-04-2026

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Administrative office: 6th Floor(level 2), Building No.02, Aarun Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghanoli, Navi Mumbai-400710.

DEMAND NOTICE

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from SHIRAM FINANCE LTD, (Formerly known as Shiram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shiram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shiram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shiram Finance Limited) We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of SHIRAM FINANCE LTD, under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers /guarantors /mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices. The notices issued to them on their last known addresses, has returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (6) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

NAME OF THE BORROWER(S)/ Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors	NPA DATE: 30.06.2012	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE: 07.03.2026	OUTSTANDING AMOUNT: Rs.5557819/-	LOAN AMOUNT: Rs.1200000/-
1) Sangu Rajender, S/o: Chinnaveraiah Sanghu, Age: 53 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/o: H.No. 2-73, Khaji Pallo, Jinnaram, Madak-502300, B/o: Proprietor Of 'sai Baba Hydraulic Water Servicing Center', At # Opp Petrol Pump, Narsapur, Madak Road, Madak-502300, 9347589271, 08458-314585, 2) Sangu Venkatamma, W/o: Veeriah Late, Age: 80 Years, R/o: H.No. 2-73, Khaji Pallo, Jinnaram, Madak-502300, 9347589271, 9247990739, 3) N Venkata Swamy, S/o. Narsimha, Age: 66 Years, Occ: Govt Employee, R/o: H.No. 12-1-685, Shanthi Nagar, North Lesiguda, Near Bus Stop, Secunderabad-500017, O/o:South Central Railway, Working As A 'Helper' #AI Mechanical Department, Secunderabad-500017, 9247990739, 4) Kola Nelluru, S/o. Ramulu, Occ: Self Employee, R/o. H.No. 11-28, Narsapur, Madak-502313, 9396262082,				

PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS- SCHEDULE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY AS PER THE MEMORANDUM OF DEPOSIT OF TITLE DEEDS: SHVMTF08040001 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: Property On The Name Of S. Venkatamma & Rajender, All That The Part And Parcel Of House No.3-26 On Plot No.109, Admeasuring 222 Sq. Yards Or 185.59 Sq. Mts., With Plinth Area Of 1200 Sq. Ft Rcc In Sy.No. 195 And 196 Situated At Mallampet Village, And Gram Panchayath, Quthbullapur Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Under Sro Medchal, Presently Quthbullapur Sro And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: Plot No. 108, Towards West: 20ft Wide Road, Towards North: Plot No.110, Towards South: 30 Ft Ft Wide Road.

PRESENTLY THE SCHEDULE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY IS OPEN LAND AS FOLLOWS DUE TO DEMOLITION OF THE OLD HOUSE BEARING NO. 3-26: SHVMTF08040001 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: Property On The Name Of S. Venkatamma & Rajender, All That The Part And Parcel Plot No.109, Admeasuring 222 Sq. Yards Or 185.59 Sq. Mts., With Plinth Area Of 1200 Sq. Ft Rcc In Sy.No. 195 And 196 Situated At Mallampet Village, And Gram Panchayath, Quthbullapur Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Under Sro Medchal, Presently Quthbullapur Sro And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: Plot No. 108, Towards West: 20ft Wide Road, Towards North: Plot No.110, Towards South: 30 Ft Ft Wide Road.

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of the notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the guarantors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under.

Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Dated: 28.04.2026 Sd/- Authorized Officer SHIRAM FINANCE LTD, Place: MEDAK & SECUNDRABAD

Minister Vakiti Srihari Meets Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh

Hyderabad, TSIT: Minister for Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development, Fisheries, Youth Services and Sports, Vakiti Srihari, met Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Rajiv Ranjan Singh, at the NFDB office in Rajendranagar on Tuesday. The meeting was attended by Fisheries Director Nikhila, Animal Husbandry official Lakshmi Narayana and other senior officers. During the interaction, Minister Vakiti Srihari explained in detail the various schemes being implemented by the Telangana Government in the animal husbandry, dairy and fisheries sectors under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. He also highlighted the outcomes and progress achieved through these initiatives. The Minister urged the Union Government to extend greater support to Telangana, particularly in areas such as aquaculture development, insurance in life

sciences, and fair allocation of mopeds and other resources. He emphasized that since the Centre represents all States collectively, funds should be distributed equitably. Srihari further noted that the State Government is actively working towards the development of 46,000 large ponds, 26,000 small ponds and around 100 reservoirs located between the Godavari and Krishna river basins. Responding to the requests, Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh expressed a positive outlook towards extending cooperation to Telangana.

HCA Reforms Gather Pace Secretary Manney Jeevan Reddy Focuses on Transparency and Modernization

Hyderabad TSIT: The Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA) has entered a new phase of reform and modernization under the leadership of its Secretary Manney Jeevan Reddy, marking a decisive shift towards transparent, efficient, and accountable governance. Soon after assuming charge, Jeevan Reddy initiated a series of structural and administrative reforms aimed at restoring credibility and strengthening the cricketing ecosystem in Hyderabad. These measures have been widely welcomed by players, clubs, and stakeholders who have long advocated for systemic improvements within the association.

One of the major initiatives includes the introduction of a digital player verification system, with records linked to Aadhaar to ensure authenticity and eliminate discrepancies. This step is expected to bring greater transparency to player registrations and



participation. In addition, the HCA has partnered with a sports technology firm to modernize its operations. The collaboration focuses on improving data management systems, streamlining administrative processes, and enhancing overall efficiency in the functioning of the association.

INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE & STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT Emphasizing inclusive and participatory governance, Jeevan Reddy has adopted an open-door policy, ensuring accessibility to all stakeholders and prioritizing timely grievance redressal. He has also conducted consultations with affiliated clubs, fostering cooperation to rebuild trust and ensure the smooth conduct of leagues and tournaments.

FOCUS ON COMPETITIVE STRUCTURE To boost competitiveness and participation, the association has begun rationalizing league formats and schedules, making them more structured, transparent, and player-friendly. This move is expected to benefit both emerging and professional cricketers across the state.

VISION FOR HYDERABAD CRICKET Speaking on the ongoing reforms, Jeevan Reddy expressed confidence that Hyderabad cricket will regain its past prominence through a renewed focus on transparency, discipline, and grassroots development.

With a clear reform agenda and a commitment to governance standards, the HCA is steadily transitioning towards a more professional and accountable framework signaling a promising future for cricket administration in Telangana.

Altum Credo HOME FINANCE PRIVATE LIMITED

REGD. OFFICE : Floor No 7, Kalpataru Infinia, Plot No.22, Sub Plot No.3, CTS No. 15/1, Village Bhamurda, Wakdewadi, Shivaji Nagar, Pune City, Maharashtra 411005

DEMAND NOTICE

The Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And enforcement of security interest Act 2002, read with Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

The undersigned is the authorized officer of Altum Credo Home Finance Pvt. Ltd (ACHFL). Under Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (The said Act), in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, the authorized officer has issued demand notices under 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the borrower(s) (The said borrower(s)), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective demand notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, notice is hereby given, once again, to the said borrower(s) to pay to Altum Credo Home Finance Pvt.Ltd (ACHFL), within sixty days from the publication of this notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said demand notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said borrower(s). As Security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to Altum Credo Home Finance Pvt. Ltd (ACHFL) by the said borrower(s) respectively.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s) Loan Account Number	1. NPA Date, 2. Demand Notice Date (U/s 13(2)), 3. Outstanding Amount
1.	1. Kethavath Lacha (Applicant) 2. Kethavath Sharadha (Co-Applicant) Address: Nawabpet, Nawabpet, Jachderla, Mahabubnagar, Telangana - 509340 LAN: 5174202000007	1. 31-03-2026 2. 07-04-2026 3. ₹8,35,558 (Rupees Eight Lakh Thirty Five Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Eight Only) as on 03-04-2026

Property Details: All that Gramakantam H. No. 3-153, admeasuring 196.33 Sq. Yds. or 164.15 Sq. Mtrs., situated at Ramsingh Thanda H/o Hajilapur Village & Grampanchayat, Nawabpet Mandal, Mahabubnagar District, Telangana State, plinth area 1050 Sq. Ft. Boundaries: East- G.P. Road; West- 12.0 Feet Wide Road; North- 3.0 Feet Seri & House of Raju Naik; South- 10.0 Feet Road

Date: 29-04-2026 Sd/- Authorized Officer Altum Credo Home Finance Private Limited Place: Telangana

FORM G

INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR SIRI SMLTERS & ENERGY PRIVATE LIMITED MANUFACTURING FERRO ALLOYS PRODUCTS

Under sub-regulation (1) of regulation 36A of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016

SL	RELEVANT PARTICULARS
1	Name of the corporate debtor along with PAN/ CIN/ LLP No.
2	Address of the registered office
3	URL of website
4	Details of place where majority of fixed assets are located
5	Installed capacity of main products/ services
6	Quantity and value of main products/ services sold in last financial year
7	Number of employees/ workmen
8	Further details including last available financial statements (with schedules) of two years, lists of creditors are available at URL:
9	Eligibility for resolution applicants under section 25(2)(h) of the Code is available at URL:
10	Last date for receipt of expression of interest
11	Date of issue of the provisional list of prospective resolution applicants
12	Last date for submission of objections to provisional list
13	Date of issue of the final list of prospective resolution applicants
14	Date of issue of information memorandum, evaluation matrix, and request for resolution plans for prospective resolution applicants
15	Last date for submission of resolution plans
16	Process email id to submit Expression of Interest
17	Details of the corporate debtor's registration status as MSME

Krishna Komaravolu Interim Resolution Professional
Mis. Sri Smlters & Energy Private Limited
Reg. No: IBBI/PA-002/P-NO552/2017-2018/11699
House No. 7-1-214, Flat No.401,Vamsikrishna Apartments, Dharam Karan Road, Ameerpet, Hyderabad - 500016.

Date: 28.04.2026
Place: Hyderabad.

CanFin Homes Ltd

D.No:15-12-14(New), Old H.No.(6-2-14) Ground Floor, Plot No.10 and 11, Sy.No.264 and 265, Sri Krishna Nagar, Khanapuram Haveli, Khammam, Telangana-507 002. Email: khammam@canfinhomes.com
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SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

[Rule 8 (1)] [For Immovable Property]

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Can Fin Homes Limited, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers under the said Act and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a Demand Notice Dated: 17-02-2026 calling upon the borrowers Mr. PUTTA NARESH, S/o. PUTTA KONDAL (APPLICANT) And Mrs. PUTTA SARITHA, W/o. PUTTA NARESH (Co-Applicant) repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.31,06,822/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Six Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Two Only) with further interest at contractual rates, till date of realization within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the under signed has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002) on this 27th day of April of the year 2026.

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

The borrower 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 Can Fin Homes Limited for an amount of Rs. 31,06,822/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Six Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Two Only) and interest thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that the residential H.No. 4-2-151/27/2/2/a, Sy. No. 337 & 338, Plot No. 54 part, situated at Srinivasa Nagar, Near Satya Sai Baba Temple, SVM School Road, Khammam City and District total an extent of 110-00 sq.yards equals to 91-97 square meters, within the limits of Khammam within registration district Khammam and joint sub-registrar Khammam, and Bounded by: East: 30-0 wide Road, West: Plot No. 45, North: Plot No: 55, South: Plot No. 54 part of U. Bhadramma

Date: 27-04-2026 Sd/- Authorized Officer CAN FIN HOMES LIMITED Place : Khammam

EDITORIAL

Why One Of World's Wealthiest Countries Is Being Offered A 'Bailout' By Trump

In 2024, the United States extended a \$20 billion swap arrangement to Argentina during a turbulent period in that country. The move helped stabilise the Argentine currency, the peso, prevented a sharp devaluation and restored confidence in financial markets. The principle is to provide temporary access to dollars, calm the system and withdraw support once stability returns. It is not at all a tool designed for reassurance or rescue. Wealthy Gulf nations, including the United Arab Emirates (UAE), are asking Washington for a similar swap arrangement amid the war in West Asia. Not in aid, but in access to US dollars. It would have been unthinkable that oil-rich Gulf states, which have carefully built a reputation as investment magnets, would seek US financial assistance - not in the form of loans, but by requesting billions of dollars in exchange for dirhams until the impact of the Iran war subsides. US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent has revealed, what was being quietly discussed behind the scenes, that "many" American allies in the Gulf and Asia want what are known as currency swap lines. It is not hard to understand why these rich countries need America's help. But, in times of crises, even wealthy nations can find themselves knocking on America's door.

The OPEC Bombshell

The UAE on Tuesday dropped a bombshell, announcing it will walk out of OPEC and OPEC+ on May 1. The move comes against the backdrop of the Iran war, which has disrupted flows through the Strait of Hormuz and shaken global energy markets and amid its ongoing talks with the US over currency swap lines. It clearly means national survival now outweighs continuing to be part of the oil cartel. With energy prices already quite high, Abu Dhabi wants maximum flexibility to pump more if routes reopen, reroute flows, or deploy supply in line with its own security and economic interests rather than collective quotas. Its engagement with Washington on currency swaps points to a deeper shift, aligning more closely with the US financial and security umbrella as regional risks intensify. In effect, the UAE is hedging on two fronts: breaking free from OPEC+ constraints in oil while securing dollar liquidity in finance. It means that in a war-torn market, agility and alliances matter more than bloc loyalty. Saudi Arabia will be watching with unease.

For now, let's focus on the dollar question. The war on Iran is no longer a story of missiles and military strategy. It is slowly turning into a story about the global scramble for US dollars. The conflict has, as we know already, disrupted one of the most critical arteries of the global economy: the Strait of Hormuz. This narrow stretch of water carries over 20% share of the world's oil and gas traffic.

Gulf's Concerns Are America's Too

For Gulf economies, this is not a distant concern. It is existential. Their financial systems are deeply tied to oil income, and their oil exports are priced in US dollars. The system that took shape in the 1970s has made US treasuries and the dollar the most attractive destinations for countries to park their surplus capital. When that income is choked, everything else begins to strain: government spending, banking liquidity, and currency stability, etc. The UAE seems to be telling Washington: our dollar reserves are being depleted fast (by as much as \$120 billion and counting), and the pressure is building because we are unable to export in US dollars at pre-war levels. If this continues, we will be left with little choice but to shift trade into the Chinese Yuan, a currency the US is actively trying to contain. The UAE has also reportedly told the US that it was the who started the war, a conflict that the UAE did not want. In response, Washington is signalling willingness, but stopping short of commitment, keeping the door open, while making it clear that access to dollar lifelines is a privilege, not a right. So, this is not just the Gulf's problem. It is very much America's as well. If the US wants to preserve the dominance of the dollar, it has a clear interest in stepping in to support its Gulf allies. And this is what the Trump administration has been mulling.

What Is A Currency Swap Line?

A currency swap line is essentially an agreement between two central banks, mostly involving the US, that allows one country to access US dollars in exchange for its own currency. It is like a financial safety valve. If a country such as the UAE needs dollars urgently, its central bank can temporarily swap the dirham with the US Federal Reserve and receive dollars in return. Later, the transaction is reversed at a pre-agreed rate. No permanent transfer. No aid. You can say it is just liquidity on demand. But that liquidity can make all the difference, because, in a crisis, the problem is often not wealth, it is access. A country may have assets, reserves and long-term strength, but if it cannot quickly obtain dollars to meet immediate needs, panic can spread.

Swap lines prevent that panic.

Why Dollars Matter So Much

To understand the urgency of the Gulf's requests, we must grasp a simple truth: in the age we live in, the US dollar is the backbone of the global economy. As mentioned earlier, oil is priced in dollars. International trade is settled in dollars. Governments hold reserves in dollars. Financial markets run on dollars. The dollar is not just a currency. It is the system itself. For Gulf countries, this dependence is even deeper. Their currencies, including the UAE's dirham, are often pegged to the dollar. That means their stability depends directly on maintaining enough dollar reserves. If those reserves begin to dwindle, the consequences can be severe. A currency peg can break. Inflation can rise. Confidence can collapse.

This is why Scott Bessent framed swap lines not as a favour, but as a stabilising tool: a way to "maintain order in dollar funding markets" and prevent chaotic sell-offs of US assets. Imagine this: if countries cannot get dollars easily, they may start selling their prime assets, US bonds, in a rush. That could cause an earthquake in the world's largest economy.

One country, one curriculum: Crisis of federalism or education revolution?



PRIYANKA SAURABH

"History is not for those who stop. One country, one curriculum... The opposition to loot in the name of education must continue." This sentence aptly captures the biggest debate currently underway in the Indian education system. The idea of "one country, one curriculum" proposed under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 has become a subject of heated debate across the country. As of April 2026, states like Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and West Bengal are opposing it, considering it an attack on their constitutional autonomy, while the central government is calling it a historic step towards establishing quality, equality, and uniformity in education. This begs the question: is this initiative truly a revolution in education reform, or an attempt to pressure the federal structure? The National Education Policy 2020 outlined a comprehensive overhaul of the Indian education system. Replacing the 34-year-old 1986 policy, it introduced a new structure—5+3+3+4—that makes education from elementary to secondary levels more flexible and inclusive. It defines basic education for children ages 3 to 8, primary for ages 8 to 11, upper primary for ages 11 to 14, and secondary education for ages 14 to 18. It prioritizes education in the mother tongue, multilingualism, vocational training, and digital literacy. The fundamental foundation of "One Nation, One



Curriculum" is the National Curriculum Framework (NCF), which aims to establish a minimum educational standard across the country. However, it provides up to 30 percent flexibility to allow states to make modifications to suit their cultural and regional needs. However, opposing states believe this flexibility is merely symbolic and is an attempt to impose a centralized curriculum. According to the Constitution, education is a subject on the Concurrent List, meaning both the central and state governments have a role in it. States allege that the central government is exerting pressure by withholding funds under various schemes, such as the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan. Tamil Nadu is a prime example, where thousands of crores of rupees have been withheld. The state government has protested this, calling it an attack on its policy independence. A major aspect of this controversy

concerns linguistic and cultural identity. Many states in South India view Hindi as an "imposed language," while the central government maintains that the three-language formula does not mandate any one language. Nevertheless, there are concerns that a uniform curriculum will lead to the neglect of regional languages and literature. For example, the rich cultural heritage of Tamil Nadu or the literary contributions of Bengal may be limited by a standardized curriculum. The central government argues that this policy will reduce inequalities in education. Currently, India's education system exhibits significant disparities—while private schools offer high-quality education, government schools suffer from poor results due to a lack of resources. The "One Nation, One Curriculum" initiative aims to ensure uniform quality, ensuring equal opportunities for every child in the country.

Additionally, the policy emphasizes skill-based education. Subjects like coding, artificial intelligence, and data science are proposed to be integrated from the elementary level, keeping in mind future needs. This initiative is considered crucial to India's global competitiveness. However, critics also call it "loot in the name of education." They say it will increase the privatization of education and boost the coaching industry. Cities like Kota already have a large coaching market, and a uniform examination system (like CUET) could further strengthen it. Meanwhile, the central government believes that a unified entrance exam will increase transparency and reduce corruption. Historically, education reforms in India have always been associated with controversy. From Macaulay's education policy during the British era to the Kothari Commission, every change has

sparked debate. But it is also true that progress is impossible without reform. International examples also make it clear that both uniformity and decentralization have their advantages and disadvantages. Countries like Finland have achieved excellent results by adopting a uniform education system, while countries like the United States have perpetuated inequality due to a decentralized system. India must adopt a balanced model that suits its diversity and population. At the political level, this issue is no longer limited to education. It has become a question of power balance between the central government and the states. While some states are adopting it and moving forward, others are challenging it to protect their rights. Looking ahead, India faces significant challenges. A robust and modern education system is essential to compete in the digital age. If the conflict between the state and the central government continues, students will be the biggest losers. Dialogue, cooperation, and balance are essential for improving education. Ultimately, it's important to understand that "one nation, one curriculum" is not just a policy, but a vision—an effort to provide a common educational foundation for the entire country. However, its implementation must be democratic and consensus-based. In a diverse country like India, any education model can only succeed if it balances local needs and national goals. The central government must increase dialogue with the states and understand their concerns, while the states must also adopt an open approach to change. If we look at this issue beyond politics, it becomes clear that the purpose of education is not merely to impart knowledge, but to create capable and informed citizens. And this goal will only be achieved if we move forward together.

THE DARK HISTORY OF TOXIC GASES – CHEMICAL DESTRUCTION THAT SHOOK HUMANITY

Science, created by human beings, was meant to improve life. Yet, at times, the very same science has turned into a threat to human existence. Chemical weapons stand as a striking example of this contradiction. They are not limited to battlefields alone; their impact extends deeply into human lives, the environment, and even future generations. That is why every year on April 29, the world observes a day of remembrance for the victims of chemical warfare, as a mark of respect to humanity. The events that unfolded during the World Wars remain a grim reminder of human cruelty. Particularly during the First World War, the use of chemical gases claimed lakhs of lives. Within moments, people suffered from suffocation, loss of vision, and severe burns to the skin, turning battlefields into living hells. These horrifying experiences shook the conscience of the world and led to a strong resolve to prevent the use of such weapons. In this background, nations across the world came together and made a significant decision to completely prohibit chemical weapons. Through this agreement, many countries stood united on a common platform, choosing the path of peace. The international organisation working towards this cause received global recognition, marking it as a victory for humanity. The very nature of chemical weapons is deeply alarming. They directly target the human body. Some agents burn and damage the skin, others disrupt the nervous system, while certain gases choke the lungs and block breathing. Within seconds, they can



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Sabarimala-Linked Case Before Top Court Bench Impacts Other Religions Too

When the doors of Sabarimala were opened for all women, a question rang across the corridors of the Supreme Court and the country: Will the courts open gates of all religious institutions to women? There are many mosques that restrict the entry of women, also temples where women are not allowed in the sanctum sanctorum while men can. The ideal answer to this question would be yes, open the gates of all religious institutions to all individuals belonging to the faith or denomination, to men and women equally. The Centre, however, has argued before the nine-judge Supreme Court Bench that this shall be antithesis to plurality within faiths and denominations and disproportionate judicial interference in religious institutions. A court should not interfere in any religious practices, the Centre has argued. The moment a country realises something is a religious practice, it must not adjudicate upon the correctness or the essentiality of the practice. The denial of entry to women of child-bearing age in Sabarimala temple is part of 'diversity' within religion, the Centre maintained, citing instances of temples where men are not allowed. But the matter before the nine judges is bigger than Sabarimala. Two crucial petitions have been tagged with this matter. The first pertains to the Dawoodi Bohra community and the other is about the rights of Parsi women. The case of Parsi women was an appeal against the Gujarat High Court order where it was held that a Parsi woman loses her religious identity when she marries outside the community. The Dawoodi Bohra matter was a Public Interest Litigation before the Supreme Court. In both cases, the communi-



ties claimed immunity from judicial review citing denominational autonomy. The challenge to Muslim practices like polygamy and Nikah Halala is not before the bench directly but the judgment will have ramifications for all pending petitions where rights to equality and dignity of women are infringed upon by community or customary practices. The Case Of Dawoodi Bohra Women Female Genital Mutilation, as defined by the World Health Organisation, comprises procedures that involve partial or total removal of the external female genitalia, or other injury to the female genital organs for non-medical reasons. It is usually performed on girls between the age of three years and 15 years and occasionally on adult women. "The practice has no health benefits for women and can result in severe bleeding. Other problems surface later, including trouble urinating, cysts, menstrual difficulties, infections, complications during childbirth and increased risk of newborn deaths. According to available data from 31 countries where FGM is practiced - including western, eastern, and north-eastern regions of Africa, and some countries in the Middle East

and Asia - more than 230 million girls and women alive today have been subjected to the practice. More than 4 million girls are estimated to be at risk of FGM annually and the matter is of global concern. In India, it is mostly practiced within the Dawoodi Bohra Community. The Bohras are a small, close-knit, prosperous sect of Shia Ismaili Muslims based primarily in Gujarat. The community has a diaspora population in many countries, including the US, Canada, Australia and in countries of Europe and Africa. The Bohra population has been estimated to be about 1.5 million total worldwide. There are several sects within it - Dawoodi, Suleimani and Alvi, with the Dawoodi Bohras being the largest group. The community has submitted before the Supreme Court that their practice is of female circumcision or Khafd, and should not be termed mutilation since it comprises only a nick and not removal of any part of the genitalia. The Indian Medical guidelines do not permit this procedure, which has added risks - being conducted in unhygienic conditions by quacks or unauthorised personnel. Various resolutions of the United Nations term FGM as

violative of right to life, dignity and health. The Case Of Parsi Women Within the Parsi community, a clear asymmetry has long existed. A Parsi man who marries outside the faith does not lose his right to enter the fire temple or to participate in the funeral rites of his parents at a Parsi crematorium. The position of women, however, has been markedly different. The case of Goolrukh Gupta brings this disparity into focus. It raises a fundamental question: does a Parsi woman forfeit her religious identity upon marrying under the Special Marriage Act? Traditionally, Parsi women who marry non-Parsis have faced the prospect of excommunication, effectively losing their religious identity and being denied access to fire temples (Agiaries) and Parsi burial grounds. These practices stem from conservative interpretations of Zoroastrian doctrine, which tend to impose stricter consequences on women than on men, who typically retain their religious identity despite marrying outside the community. In 2012, the Gujarat High Court held that a Parsi woman's religious identity ceases upon such a marriage. This ruling has since been challenged before the Supreme Court.

S.E. SUDHEENDRA, CHAIRMAN OF THE KARNATAKA STATE BIOENERGY DEVELOPMENT BOARD HELD DETAILED DISCUSSIONS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF BIOENERGY WITH OMAR ABDULLAH

Bengaluru : S.E. Sudheendra, Chairman of the Karnataka State Bioenergy Development Board and Vice President of the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee, met the Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir, Omar Abdullah, and held detailed discussions on the development of bioenergy, a topic currently being widely discussed at State, National, and international levels.



and the steps taken under his leadership as Chairman of the board to formulate and implement a new bioenergy policy.

On this occasion, S.E. Sudheendra highlighted that under the leadership of Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, the state government is encouraging the formulation of action plans with priority given to the production of new and renewable energy, particularly bioenergy.

He stated that the proposed new State bioenergy policy would create a favourable environment to attract investors for the production of biomass-based bioenergy such as bio-briquettes, bio-pellets, biodiesel, compressed biogas, and green hydrogen. The Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir expressed keen interest in Karnataka's bioenergy initiatives and informed that his government has also prepared a draft of a new bioenergy policy on similar lines. Both leaders discussed that the objectives of the bioenergy policies of

the two States are similar, focusing on the advancement and commercialization of the bioenergy sector, along with incentives, concessions, and opportunities to encourage investments.

It was proposed that both States work jointly in the bioenergy sector in the future. The Chief Minister invited the Karnataka delegation to visit Jammu & Kashmir and engage in knowledge exchange with the Jammu & Kashmir Energy Development Agency, which serves as the nodal agency for bioenergy development in the State. The Chairman expressed his gratitude for the invitation and stated that the Board would take steps in this direction.

**STATE-RUN ENTERPRISE REGISTERS 507 CRORE PROFIT
KSDL POSTS RECORD TURNOVER OF 2,016 CRORE**

Bengaluru: Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Limited (KSDL), a premier state-owned enterprise, has, for the first time, recorded a turnover of 2,016 crore in the financial year 2025-26, along with a profit of 507 crore. Making the announcement on Tuesday, Large and Medium Industries Minister M. B. Patil described this as a historic milestone among public sector enterprises.

He was presiding over a felicitation ceremony titled "Mysuru Sandal's Pinnacle of Achievement", organised at a private hotel in the city to celebrate this accomplishment. The event included honouring staff and officials, release of a commemorative volume, and a felicitation programme.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that while it took the organisation 105 years to reach a turnover of 1,000 crore, it doubled this figure to 2,000 crore in just four years. From a turnover of 1,375 crore in 2022-23, the company has grown to 2,016 crore over the past three years since the present government assumed office—an increase of 641 crore



in a short span, he noted.

Earlier, the organisation had 34 products. Over the past three years, 57 new products have been introduced in line with market trends, taking the total to 94. Notably, this has been achieved without any new recruitment or machinery purchases. Despite having a production capacity of 26,000 metric tonnes, efficient operations enabled production of 47,494 metric tonnes in 2025-26.

Out of the 507 crore profit, 157 crore will be paid as dividend to the government, and 5 crore will be contributed to the Chief

Minister's Relief Fund. This marks an increase of 22 crore in dividend compared to the 135 crore paid last year, he explained.

In 2025-26, the company recorded 420 crore through modern trade channels and 120 crore through e-commerce. The organisation has set a target of achieving a turnover of 3,000 crore by 2028 and 5,000 crore by 2030. To support this growth, a new manufacturing unit will be established on 50 acres in Vijayapura, for which 229 crore has been sanctioned, Patil added.

Encouragement for Farmers Sandalwood oil, the key raw

material for the iconic Mysuru Sandal Soap, remains central to the company's operations. To ensure a steady supply, KSDL has launched the 'Grow More Sandalwood' initiative in partnership with farmers. Under this programme, sandalwood plantations will be developed over 10,000 acres in 10 years. Farmers will receive an incentive of 500 per sapling over a period of three years.

Additionally, sandalwood research chairs will be established at GKVK, Bengaluru, and the Agricultural University, Vijayapura, Patil said.

He further noted that tenders worth 15 crore have been floated for the purchase of new machinery. Steps have also been taken to expand exports and strengthen the company's presence across India. Over the past three years, the organisation has procured 174 tonnes of sandalwood directly from farmers, making payments amounting to 6.08 crore, he added.

The organisation also owns vacant land parcels in Bengaluru, Dabaspet, Mysuru, and Shivamogga. A blueprint has been prepared for their optimal utilisation, which, if implemented, could create a sustainable source of revenue for the company, minister said.

Bans Create Rebels: Teaching Teens to Navigate Social Media

Bengaluru : Yasmine Claire, DP Psychology, LS, Self-Taught, ToK, Secondary Learning Support Head at Stonehill International School, Bangalore stated that, When Goldilocks ate the porridge of the baby bear, she declared it was just right. Consider this wisdom from a fairy tale. Governments across the world are trying to get things just right to make social media usage safe for children and young people. Australia's social media ban for people under 16 came into effect on 10th December 25. In a media statement he stated that, In the UK, the government is planning to run a trial social media ban on a volunteer sample of 300 teenagers. Closer home, Karnataka's draft policy developed by Karnataka State Mental Health Authority (KSMHA) in collaboration with the Department of Health and Family Welfare and the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro-science (NIMHANS) on restricting



social media usage among teenagers has been completed. However, bans create rebels, as they rightly should. Restrictions create workarounds. So how can we work at achieving effective use of social media and help children and young people understand problematic content? Social Media Literacy and Parental involvement in their children's social media usage are the familiar answers. And Digital Literacy becoming a part of school curricula is a reasonable and implementable way forward. No argument here.

Bike mechanics' mega convention on May 1

AWARENESS CREATED AMONG SLUM RESIDENTS TO MAINTAIN CLEANLINESS



Bengaluru : Karnataka Two-Wheeler Workshop Owners and Technicians Association (KTWOTA) has organized a grand convention of All India Bike Mechanical Association at Palace Grounds in Bengaluru on May 1 as part of the Labour Day celebrations, said the association's state president K.S. Prasanna Kumar Gowda.

More than 12,500 mechanics from different parts of the country are expected to participate, and the first 500 people who arrive at the Kings Court Palace, Gate No. 5 of Palace Grounds, will be provided with

free bike general service and oil change. In addition, a diverse exhibition of cutting-edge spare parts for two-wheelers has been arranged, he said.

Speaker U.T. Khader will inaugurate the convention, while Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy, Labour Minister Santosh Lad and others will participate in the convention. This is one of the biggest conferences held in the country in the field of two-wheeler technicians.

Allocate Rs 10 crore per Assembly constituency to solve drinking water crisis: Opposition Leader R. Ashok demands

Bengaluru : While drought conditions are visible across the state, ministers are busy travelling to Delhi in pursuit of power. Opposition Leader R. Ashok demanded that the Congress government release Rs 10 crore as a grant for drinking water to every Assembly constituency.

Speaking at a press conference, he said Congress leaders are defying their party high command and rushing to Delhi. This proves that Siddaramaiah's leadership is worthless. In the Cabinet meeting held to decide on internal reservation, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar was absent. The fact that he held the meeting while he was in Delhi clearly shows that two factions have been created within Congress.

Drought is visible everywhere and the cry for water



is growing louder. Livestock are not getting water, and people have no drinking water. At such a critical time, if ministers go on trips to Delhi, it must be said that this is a "dead government" for the people, he remarked.

The government has not released even a single paisa for drinking water. Salaries of employees have been cut in Telangana and Himachal Pradesh. Karnataka too is showing signs of heading in

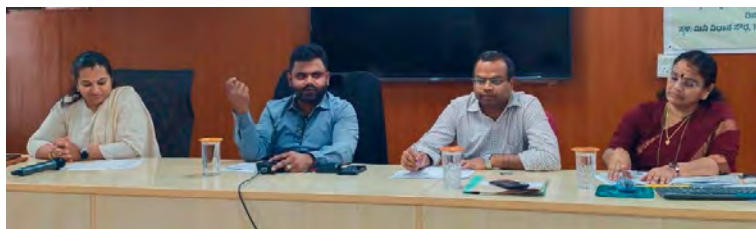
the same direction. The government should release Rs 10 crore per Assembly constituency exclusively for drinking water. This money should be used for rejuvenating borewells and supplying water through tankers. Goshalas (cattle shelters) should be constructed immediately and fodder supplied to livestock. According to the Meteorological Department's report, rainfall will be deficient this year. If the govern-

ment cannot do these things, then the ministers should just stay in Delhi. If they spend the remaining two years in Delhi, the state's development will be impossible, he said.

Statements by the Chief Minister and ministers are of no use. No funds have been released so far for any Assembly constituency. No orders have even been issued to the Finance Department in this regard. When officials are asked, they say no orders have been received, he complained. The government claims that potholes in Bengaluru have been closed. But if one goes and sees, the potholes are still visible. This government has shown how to make money even while filling potholes. Therefore, if a House Committee of Bengaluru MLAs is formed.

Commissioner directs 100% completion of house-listing by May 15

Bengaluru : Commissioner of Bengaluru North City Corporation, Pommala Sunil Kumar, conducted a review meeting on the progress of National Census-2027 works at the Yelahanka Mini Vidhana Soudha. Addressing the meeting, the Commissioner directed that the first phase of house-listing be carried out with speed and responsibility, and that 100% completion of house enumeration must be achieved by May 15 without fail. He appreciated the officials who have achieved higher enumeration targets and encouraged them to continue their good performance.



in the socio-economic survey have already been paid, and the pending payments to remaining enumerators will be cleared shortly, he stated.

The Commissioner further informed that Dies-Non (no work, no pay) orders have already been issued against staff who were absent from census duties. He warned that if such absenteeism continues, similar action will be taken against more officials. He emphasized that accuracy of

data is critical in the census process and instructed officials to ensure that there is no overlap in house mapping. Any discrepancies in data must be corrected immediately, and all enumerators must clearly understand every column before entering information.

After reviewing the performance of enumerators and supervisors, the Commissioner expressed satisfaction that the census work is being carried out

diligently.

Enumerators who have already completed their assigned census blocks and taken up additional blocks have been paid their honorarium, with 7 such enumerators already receiving payment. The Commissioner stated that honorarium for other enumerators willing to take up additional blocks will be given priority and disbursed immediately. The meeting was attended by Additional Commissioner (Revenue In-charge) Smt. Pallavi, Joint Commissioner Shri Mohammed Nayeem Momin, Special Officer (Census) Savithri Salagar, Deputy Commissioners of Zones 1 and 2, Revenue Officers, Assistant Revenue Officers, Charge Officers, Additional Charge Officers, and all concerned officials.

Anti-Encroachment Drive at Jayanagar Commercial Complex; Fine of Rs. 88,200 Recovered: Commissioner K.N. Ramesh

Bengaluru: The Corporation commercial complex in Jayanagar, falling under the jurisdiction of the Bengaluru South City Corporation, spans approximately 15,000 square feet and houses over 270 shops. The Corporation had received numerous complaints from the public stating that shop owners and vendors had encroached upon corridors, walkways, and public spaces within the complex, obstructing the smooth movement of pedestrians.

Fine Imposed After Warnings Based on these public complaints, the Corporation had been continuously creating awareness over the last three days, urging shop owners within the commercial complex to voluntarily clear the unauthorized encroachments beyond their allotted areas. Despite these efforts to raise awareness, the Corporation has initiated action

against those shop owners who continued their encroachments. Bengaluru South City Corporation Commissioner, Mr. K.N. Ramesh, stated that a total of 39 cases have been registered for encroaching upon corridors and walkways, and a fine of Rs. 88,200 has been imposed on the violators.

Trade Licenses to be Cancelled if Encroachments Persist A clear warning has been issued to all shop owners in the commercial complex, conveying the message that the encroachment of public spaces will not be tolerated under any circumstances. This special operation will continue until all encroachments are completely cleared. The Commissioner further stated that if encroachments are found in the future, strict legal action, including the cancellation of trade licenses, will be taken in the interest of the public.



Progress Review Meeting Conducted by West City Corporation Commissioner and Dasarahalli Assembly Constituency MLA

Bengaluru (TSIT) : Commissioner of Bengaluru West City Corporation, Dr. Rajendra K.V. conducted the second progress review meeting in the presence of MLA of Dasarahalli Assembly Constituency, S. Muniraju regarding various civic issues related to wards coming under the Dasarahalli Assembly Constituency. During the meeting, comprehensive discussions were held on public grievances, infrastructure development, and improvement of civic services in the constituency, following which the Commissioner issued appropriate directions to the officials. Key issues discussed and



directives issued during the meeting: • Directed officials to expedite and complete works under the Amrut Nagarothana scheme at the earliest. • Instructed installation of borewells in necessary areas and ensured proper maintenance. • Directed identification of locations under the Suraksha-75 scheme and implementation of signal

improvements. • Instructed officials to ensure proper deployment and functioning of towing vehicles wherever necessary. • Directed priority action for effective waste management. • Instructed officials to ensure proper maintenance of street lighting. • Directed improvement in maintenance of parks, drinking water facilities,

and public toilets. • Ordered removal of unauthorized flex boards and banners. • Directed organization of e-Khata mela (drive) near new apartment areas. • Ordered clearance of unauthorized encroachments and shops on footpaths. • Instructed precautionary measures for the monsoon season to prevent civic issues. • Directed priority development of Chokkasandra Lake. • Instructed proper execution of tree trimming works. • Directed inspection of trade licenses and imposition of penalties for viola-

• Ordered issuance of notices and penalties for mutton and chicken shops failing to maintain hygiene standards. During the meeting, officials were instructed to discharge their duties sincerely and efficiently in the interest of the public. Subsequently, the Commissioner and the Hon'ble MLA also conducted field inspections along with officials. The meeting was attended by Joint Commissioner Aarti Anand, Deputy Commissioner (Admin) Sayid Afrin Banu, Chief Engineer Swayamprabha, Deputy Commissioners, and heads of concerned departments.

Special buses for May Day weekend, Chitra Pournami fest in Tiruvannamalai

CHENNAI: The managing director of State Express Transport Corporation on Tuesday announced that special bus services will be operated across Tamil Nadu for the expected surge in passenger traffic during the continuous holiday period from April 30 to May 2, covering Thursday, May Day on Friday, and the weekend.

The Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporations have planned to operate additional special buses alongside regular services.

From Kilambakkam, 475 special buses will be operated on April 30 to destinations including Tiruchy, Kumbakonam, Madurai, Tirunelveli, Nagercoil, Kanniyakumari, Thoothukudi, Coimbatore, Salem, Erode and Tirupur. On May 1 and 2, around 315 buses will be operated each day on these routes.

From Koyambedu, 85 buses will be operated on April 30 to Tiruvannamalai,



Nagapattinam, Velankanni, Hosur and Bengaluru. On May 1 and May 2, around 75 buses will be operated each day.

From Madhavaram, 14 buses will be operated daily between April 30 and May 2. In addition, 200 special buses will be operated from cities such as Bengaluru, Tirupur, Erode and Coimbatore to various destinations. To facilitate return travel after the holidays, 615 special buses will be operated on May 3 from various parts of the State to

Chennai and Bengaluru, based on demand.

For the Chitra Pournami festival at Tiruvannamalai, special buses will be operated from 9.50 pm on April 30 to 11.07 pm on May 1 for devotees travelling from Chennai and other parts of the State. From Kilambakkam, 548 buses will be operated on April 30 (Thursday), 565 on May 1 (Friday), and 35 on May 2. From Madhavaram, 186 buses will be operated on April 30 and 174 on May 1. From Adyar, 55 buses will

be operated on April 30 and 50 on May 1. Additional services will also be operated from Koyambedu.

In total, 11,823 special buses will be operated from Chennai and other places to Tiruvannamalai during the period, in addition to regular services.

The State Express Transport Corporation will operate 40 AC sleeper and seater buses from Kilambakkam to Tiruvannamalai on May 1. Services will also be operated from Madurai, Salem, Coimbatore, Tirunelveli, Nagercoil, Tenkasi, Thoothukudi and Bengaluru. Passengers undertaking long-distance travel have been advised to book tickets in advance through the official website or mobile application to avoid last-minute congestion. Officials have been deployed at all bus terminals to monitor operations and ensure smooth travel arrangements.

No shortage of fuel, LPG in Tamil Nadu, say oil companies



CHENNAI (TSIT): Oil marketing companies have said that there was no shortage of petrol, diesel or LPG across Tamil Nadu and Puducherry, urging the public not to resort to panic buying.

In a statement, VC Asokan, state level co-ordinator for the oil industry, said that fuel stocks were adequate at retail outlets of Indian Oil Corporation, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited.

Provide birds water: Environ activists on awareness campaign

TIRUCHY: In an initiative to provide water to birds as the temperature is soaring high, the environmental activists created awareness among the people and distributed clay basins to every household in Tiruchy on Tuesday.

According to the environmental activist KC Neelamegam, several bird species are extinct due to environmental problems and currently, the temperature has been increasing day by day. The animals and birds are struggling for water, and it is time that the people should keep water in front of their houses, which would help the animals and birds during this hot summer. He also said, due to the high temperature, minor ponds



and lakes which support as a water resource for the birds and animals have been depleting.

"In order to maintain the food chain naturally, it is necessary to protect birds, and so we need to keep water for them during this summer,"

Neelamegam said.

On Tuesday, a group of environmental activists led by Neelamegam distributed clay basins to households at the Ponnalaipatti residential area in Tiruchy.

He appealed to people to keep water in the clay

basins, which would help the birds to quench their thirst and control their body temperature. Neelamegam appealed to the people to keep water on their terraces or outside the windows, which would be visible to the birds.

Desilt C, D canals to ensure water reach tail-end regions, appeal ryots

TIRUCHY: Delta farmers who claimed that the officials concentrate only on the A and B canals for desilting and appealed to the officials to ensure proper desilting works in the C and D channels too, as the summer cultivation has commenced in full swing across the Delta region.

The Delta farmers said that a fund of Rs 200 crore has been sanctioned for the desilt works

across the region for the current year, and the water resources department has commenced the works. However, they concentrate only on the A and B canals and neglect the C and D canals, which are mostly branch canals of the A and B.

They said that the government has already released a Government Order to ensure the desilting works in the C and D canals, which would

help water reach the villages, particularly in the tail-end areas in the region.

The officials cite the reason for the delay in commencement of desilt works in the C and D canals as the fact that the Model Code of Conduct in place, and they need to obtain special permission, as the fact which was possible only after the MCC was lifted. But we have already commenced the

summer crop cultivation as the samba procurement is almost over," said Swamimalai Sundara Vimalnathan, Secretary, Tamil Nadu Cauvery Farmers Protection Association. Vimalnathan said that the Election Commission has already relaxed certain election norms, and the desilting works are a basic need for the farmers, which would ensure water for irrigation.

EDUCATIONISTS STRESS THAT INSTEAD OF BANNING SMARTPHONES, SCHOOLS SHOULD GUIDE STUDENTS ON PROPER USAGE

A debate about the use of technology in schools — and, in particular, students' use of smartphones — has been raging in the education system for years. The approaches range from the purists, who see them as the source of all evil in education and reject their use outright, to those who have fallen under their spell and see them as the be all and end all in providing all-embracing education around the clock. Then there is the third, most commonsensical group, which would like to mobilize the benefits and reduce the harmful byproducts that come with the overuse of digital technology, especially in an unregulated manner. Tilting toward the view of the first school of thought, England's Department for Education last month issued a new "mobile phones in schools guidance," which encourages headteachers to prohibit the use of mobile phones throughout the school day, including at break times. This is, in my view, a draconian decision that relinquishes the responsibility of the education system to guide and educate children from a very young age in the best practices for using their mobile phone, from both the pedagogical and social behavioral aspects, instead of banning them.

It is not only England that bans smartphones in schools, but other countries including France, Finland, the Netherlands and even China, which is the world's largest mobile phone manufacturer. In Italy, for instance, teachers collect students' smartphones at the beginning of the day to ensure that those itchy fingers deprived of screen time do not cave into temptation. Completely separating activities inside school from those outside it creates an unnatural separation. Few would dispute that technology, and not only smartphones, has changed the dynamic in the classroom, such as how learners acquire their knowledge, the relationship between teachers and students and the seemingly inexorable shortening of attention spans.

As with all other technologies, there are disadvantages to smartphones that can affect children's development and make it more difficult for them



to become lifelong learners. Their social skills can also be hindered, especially when there is more interaction with technology than with humans, and there are also genuine concerns about the ugly phenomenon of cyberbullying. However, to ban smartphones outright is to apply the wrong remedy to a genuine problem. The answer is to educate young people in how to use their phones effectively and with due consideration for others, because we do not expect smartphones to disappear from everyday life anytime soon. For many years, education systems have either avoided social issues or barred them at the school gates, instead of developing programs that help young people from an early age to deal with these issues in a thoughtful and constructive way. This could be about politics, personal relationships, controversial social issues or more generally about growing up into a responsible adult who can make informed judgments without falling into the black hole of excess. Last year, UNESCO called for a global ban on smartphones in classrooms, even though its own director-general, Audrey Azoulay, admitted that the potential of the digital revolution is immeasurable and the challenge is to regulate its use — and she is right on both accounts.

Do not get me wrong, in all my years of teaching, I have not found that the introduction of technology was the answer to improving the quality of education. At best, it is a partial one. Moreover, there is nothing more irritating in the modern classroom than students obvi-

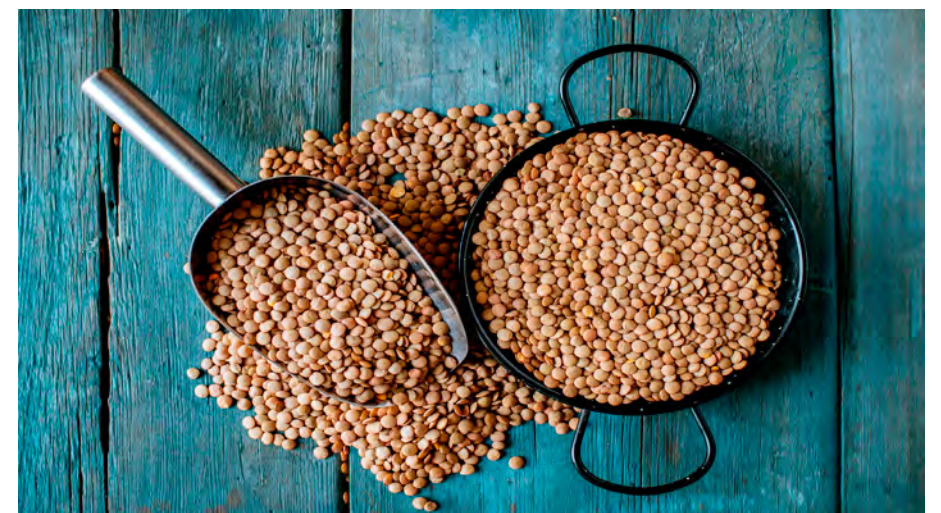
ously using their smartphones and looking at apps or websites, including social media, unrelated to the topic being discussed in class. With time, I have become able to tell when this was the case according to students' facial expressions and body language. Hence, it would be foolish to argue that smartphones and other online devices are not a distraction. The answer is to educate young people in how to use their phones effectively and with due consideration for others. Yet there are ways to change the balance between the genuine concerns about their use in class and the opportunities to enhance students' school experience by making them active and proactive learners while using technology. The days of what, in education theory, was known as "chalk and talk" or "mug and jug" learning, which saw the teacher as the jug standing in front of the class pouring knowledge into students (the mugs), have long gone. This idea of a one-way flow of knowledge and information from the teacher to the students is no longer relevant, especially in a world where learners are exposed to infinite sources of information, some of great value and others baseless and potentially harmful.

It makes the task of the educator complex and more challenging, but a major feature of the digital revolution is its ability to help students of all ages, and according to their developmental level, to harness this vast world of information in the palm of their hands in the best possible way and ensure they take ownership of this process.

Completely separating activities inside school from those outside it creates an unnatural separation and distorts the relationship between home and school, teachers and parents and the school and the wider society. The downside of young learners with their eyes constantly focused on their phones is indisputable. Attention spans shorten, they are easily distracted by notification pings and there is a real danger of them becoming accustomed to abridged explanations and argumentations. In my experience, this does not make them less critical thinkers but more disorganized in their critical thinking, as they find it difficult to separate the wheat from the chaff — and there is plenty of chaff in cyberspace — which is where good educational programs should come to the rescue. Understandably, cyberbullying is also a key concern and should not be tolerated, but for that there are guidelines and policies, as with real-world bullying, and those who are caught engaging in such behavior should be disciplined and, in certain cases, prosecuted. As always, hard cases make a bad law and, in this case, banning smartphones altogether from the school day is a hard case. More research is needed to establish the short- and long-term impacts of using smartphones in education.

No educator would like to raise a generation that does not interact in person with their peers and teachers and, hence, becomes devoid of social skills and is increasingly solitary, instead of active and interactive members of their societies. But smartphones are here to stay and, instead of students waiting all day to see what they "missed" in their cyberspace life, it would become an educational moment if they were to have limited time with their smartphones and be guided in how to use them without becoming addicted to them or indulging in antisocial behavior. Banning smartphones completely from school is just another case of the education system failing to fulfill its duty to deal with knotty issues in society instead of helping young people to develop into mature, constructive and considerate adults and citizens.

Opting for animal vs plant protein may affect sleep quality differently



Good quality sleep is essential for staying physically and mentally healthy. An adult should aim to get 7-8 hours of quality sleep a night for maximum benefit, but many people struggle to achieve this. Studies investigating the effect of diet on sleep quality have not drawn firm conclusions, but suggest that a healthful diet, such as the Mediterranean diet, could improve sleep in some people. Now, a study has found that plant proteins may improve sleep quality, while animal proteins can have the opposite effect.

People need to sleep to stay healthy, and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends Trusted Source that adults get a minimum of 7 hours of quality sleep a night. During sleep Trusted Source, a person's blood pressure and heart rate fall, their metabolism changes, their hormones are balanced, they breathe less often and less deeply, and their learning and memory is enhanced. Inadequate, or poor quality sleep increases the risk Trusted Source of chronic diseases, obesity, an impaired immune system and problems with memory and thinking.

To improve sleep quality doctors advise: going to bed and waking up at the same time every day, including weekends developing a relaxing bedtime routine ensuring the bedroom is dark, quiet, not too warm, and the bed is comfortable to stop using electronic devices 2 hours before bedtime avoiding caffeine, nicotine, and alcohol exercising regularly managing stress, using relaxation techniques if necessary. Several studies Trusted Source have investigated whether diet may affect sleep quality, but have found little conclusive evidence. Now, researchers in Ireland and the United States have examined whether protein affects sleep quality. They found that while overall protein intake had no effect, protein from plant sources may improve the quality of a person's sleep, while protein from animal sources can impair sleep quality. The study appears in

The European Journal of Clinical Nutrition Trusted Source. Kelsey Costa, M.S., R.D.N., a registered dietitian nutritionist and founder of Dietitian Insights, not involved in this study, explained to Medical News Today: "The lack of association between total protein intake and sleep quality, juxtaposed with the weak association observed for plant protein intake, underscores a nuanced understanding of how different types of proteins might influence sleep." Looking at the link between sleep and protein sources researchers collected data from three different cohorts of U.S. health professionals: the Nurses' Health Study (NHS) and NHS2 — both in women — and the Health Professionals Follow-up Study (HPFS), which only included men. They analyzed data from 83,338 women and 14,796 men from the three cohorts.

They assessed dietary intake using a validated food-frequency questionnaire that included more than 130 different food items. Participants had to report their consumption of each food from "never or less than once per month" to "more than six times per day", based on standard U.S. food portion sizes. The researchers then calculated intake of different types of protein — total, animal, dairy and plant — as percentages of total energy consumption. In all three cohorts, participants completed the Pittsburgh Sleep Quality Index, or a similar survey that assessed sleep time/duration, sleep latency (the amount of time taken to fall asleep), sleep efficiency Trusted Source (the ratio of total sleep time to total time in bed), sleep disturbance, subjective sleep quality, sleep medication use, and daytime dysfunction due to sleep problems. They completed this just once during the study period.

Plant protein may improve sleep quality. Total protein intake had no effect on sleep quality in any of the three cohorts. However, when the researchers looked at the different categories of protein, they found some small differences.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES TO QUIT OIL CARTEL OPEC

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UAE: The United Arab Emirates (UAE) is quitting the Opec and Opec+ groups of major oil producing nations next month after nearly 60 years of membership. The UAE said its decision would help it meet growing global energy demand in the long term after recent investments to boost its production capacity. It is seen as a blow to the cartel, with one analyst describing the exit as "the beginning of the end of Opec". The Gulf state's energy minister said being a country with no obligation under the groups would give it more flexibility. Opec was formed in 1960 by five countries - Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela - to defend the interests of major oil exporters by coordinating production to ensure steady revenue for its members. The number of countries in the cartel has fluctuated over the years, but in addition to the five founding members it also includes Algeria, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Libya, Nigeria and the Republic of the Congo. The UAE joined in 1967, and its departure will leave the cartel with 11 mem-



bers. There are an additional 10 non-Opec members in the wider Opec+ alliance. The UAE's departure represents a win for US President Donald Trump, who has previously attacked Opec for "ripping off the rest of the world". In January he asked Saudi Arabia and other Opec nations to "bring down the cost of oil" and doubled-down on his threat to use tariffs. And Saul Kavonic, head of energy research at MST Financial, said it was "the beginning of the end" for the alliance. "With the UAE leaving, Opec loses about 15% of its capacity and one of its

most compliant members." The UAE's decision came as the World Bank warned the war in the Middle East has caused the biggest loss of oil supply on record. Energy prices will rise by about a quarter on average as a result this year, it said, while it could take six months for shipping through the key Strait of Hormuz to return to pre-war levels. "The poorest people, who spend the highest share of their income on food and fuels, will be hit the hardest," said the World Bank's chief economist Indermit Gill. The UAE's decision to leave Opec will

not have an immediate impact on global energy supply, due to the ongoing closure of the Strait of Hormuz, but could lead to a longer-term boost in output. The country has invested heavily in boosting its production capacity and has wanted for a long time to pump more oil, economists said. David Oxley, chief climate and commodities economist at Capital Economics, said its departure could lead to lower oil prices but higher volatility on the market in the coming decades. He added that while the UAE is small, the implications could

be major if other member states leave, or countries such as Russia and Saudi Arabia decide to ramp up production as a result. Dr Carole Nakhle, chief executive of Crystol Energy and secretary general of the Arab Energy Club, told the BBC the UAE's decision "has been a long time in the making". "Abu Dhabi has pursued ambitious production capacity growth, yet often felt constrained by group quotas, especially amid uneven compliance by some members," she said. Nakhle added that Iran's actions as an Opec member were likely to have reinforced the UAE's decision. According to the latest figures from Opec, the UAE produced 2.9 million barrels of oil a day in 2024. Saudi Arabia, Opec's de facto leader, produced nine million barrels of oil. "Saudi Arabia will struggle to keep the rest of Opec together, and effectively have to do most of the heavy lifting regarding internal compliance and market management on its own," Kavonic said, adding other Opec members could follow suit. "This presents a fundamental geopolitical reshaping of the Middle East and oil markets," he added.

UAE says it will leave OPEC effective May 1

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Dubai: The United Arab Emirates announced Tuesday that it will leave the oil cartel OPEC and its wider OPEC+ group effective May 1, a move rumoured for some time as the Emirates chafed under production restrictions and had increasingly frosty relations with neighbouring Saudi Arabia.



The UAE had been a longtime member of OPEC, first through its emirate of Abu Dhabi in 1967 and later when the UAE became its own country in 1971. The UAE had been a longtime member of OPEC, first through its emirate of Abu Dhabi in 1967 and later when the UAE became its own country in 1971. But the UAE has been increasingly trying to leverage its own foreign policy in the Middle East that has contradicted some positions of Riyadh over time—particularly as Saudi Arabia began to directly challenge the Emirates in trying to draw foreign investments as the kingdom opened up under assertive Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. The UAE made

the announcement via its state-run WAM news agency. "This decision reflects the UAE's long-term strategic and economic vision and evolving energy profile, including accelerated investment in domestic energy production, and reinforces its commitment to a responsible, reliable, and forward-looking role in global energy markets," the UAE said. "Following its exit, the UAE will continue to act responsibly, bringing additional production to market in a gradual and measured manner, aligned with demand and market conditions," the country added. Saudi Arabia has long been considered a

heavyweight of OPEC, an oil cartel based in Vienna that has seen some of its market power wane as the United States increased its production of crude oil in recent years. Saudi Arabia and the UAE have increasingly competed over economic issues and regional politics, particularly in the Red Sea area. The two countries had joined together in a coalition to fight against Yemen's Iran-backed Houthi rebels in 2015. However, that coalition broke down into recriminations in late December, when Saudi Arabia bombed what it described as a weapons shipment bound for Yemeni separatists backed by the UAE. Saudi broadcasters, long based in Dubai, the economic hub of the UAE, have pulled back to the kingdom in recent months as tensions rose.

Forever New Debuts in Vishakhapatnam with Its Exclusive First Store

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Vizag, April, 2026: Vishakhapatnam steps into a new retail moment this April as Forever New opens its first store in the city at Inorbit Mall, Upper Ground Floor. The launch on April 15, 2026, marks the brand's entry into Andhra Pradesh, bringing its signature world of refined occasionwear and modern femininity to a market influenced by evolving, design-led sensibilities.



The store is conceived with a modern, streamlined layout that prioritises clarity and ease. Within it, a wide array of elegant apparel is brought together for a fashion-forward clientele, pieces that move across occasions without excess. The space is structured to allow fluid navigation, where collections can be experienced without visual clutter, and decisions feel intuitive rather than directed. Defining the launch is the latest collection, New Wave, a celebration of effortless silhouettes and refined summer dressing. Designed for the modern woman who

moves seamlessly through moments, it brings together fluid shapes, soft tailoring, and elevated details that feel as easy as they are elegant. From sun-soaked beach holidays to leisurely brunches and intimate evening soirées, the collection offers a versatile wardrobe, with lightweight fabrics, feminine hues, and timeless cuts that embody ease, confidence, and understated sophistication. The in-store experience is designed as premium, with a focus on comfort and considered service. This extends into Forever New's

wider customer offerings. The Allure loyalty programme introduces members to an exclusive ecosystem of rewards, early access to collections, and curated experiences. Complementing this is the Home Shopping service, allowing customers to connect with a personal style consultant virtually, receive selections at home for trial, and make purchase decisions within their own space. As the first Forever New store in Vizag, the launch creates a new point of access for customers in the city,

bringing the brand's collections and services into a dedicated retail environment while amplifying its presence in India. Commenting on the launch, Shifali Singh, Country Director - India for Forever New said, "We are pleased to introduce Forever New to Vishakhapatnam with our first store in the city. This opening allows us to bring our design philosophy and customer experience closer to a new audience, while continuing to expand our presence in India."

ABOUT FOREVER NEW: Forever New is one of the fastest-growing premium fashion retail brands. From dresses for every occasion to work-wear essentials, sparkling accessories, stylish footwear, and the perfect-fit denim, Forever New is committed to fashion that stays relevant beyond one season & elevates personal style. The brand continues to focus on creating easy-to-wear and timeless collections of ensembles dedicated to celebrating modern femininity.

Elections winding down, oil at USD 120: Is India going to increase fuel prices?

AGENCY
Hyderabad: The government has said it clearly and more than once that there is no plan to raise petrol or diesel prices. But with Assembly elections in West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Assam, Kerala and Puducherry drawing to a close and global crude hovering near USD 120 a barrel, that assurance is doing little to the growing speculation. Sujata Sharma, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, sought to calm nerves at an inter-ministerial briefing last week. "LPG, petroleum and diesel are available in sufficient amount and the prices have not increased, so please do not panic," she said, adding that the government had taken steps to ensure supply continuity despite disruptions caused by the West Asia crisis. **Numbers tell a different story** The reassurance, however, is contrary to what oil companies are actually absorbing. With India's crude basket trading at around USD



110 per barrel, under-recoveries for oil marketing companies (OMC) - the gap between what they pay and what they can charge - are estimated at Rs 18 to Rs 20 per litre for petrol and diesel, even after the Rs 10 per litre excise duty cut the government announced in March earlier. Emkay Global Financial Services, in a recent note, said the situation was unsustainable over the medium term and expected an initial retail price hike of Rs 10 per litre. The brokerage said that even this would not fully cover OMC losses, and that a steeper increase would risk inflation. **Kotak**

Institutional Equities estimated in a report cited by CNBCTV18 that petrol and diesel prices could rise by Rs 25 to Rs 28 per litre, with OMCs collectively absorbing an additional burden of Rs 27,000 crore every month at the current price. **Election factor** Analysts note that the timing of any revision is as much political as it is economic. Polling concludes on April 29, with vote counting scheduled for May 4, which has become the reference point about when prices might increase. Fuel prices in India have historically remained static during

major election cycles, and the current freeze is widely seen through that lens. The Ministry of Petroleum has dismissed this, saying claims of a post-poll hike are misleading and aimed at creating unnecessary anxiety. It pointed out that India is among the few countries that has not revised fuel prices in four years despite sustained global volatility. What the global picture looks like Underpinning all of this is the disruption to supplies through the Strait of Hormuz, through which roughly a fifth of the world's crude oil passes. The prolonged closure has sent crude surging, with prices now sitting close to USD 120 per barrel. At this level, domestic retail prices, frozen since 2022, will increasingly be difficult to sustain. Petrol prices in major cities currently range close to Rs 100 per litre. A hike of Rs 25 to Rs 28 would push them past Rs 120, which is an unprecedented level, with cascading effects on transport, logistics and household budgets.

Indian airlines warn of shutdown risk amid soaring ATF costs, seek urgent govt relief

Mumbai: Air India, IndiGo and SpiceJet have told the government that the country's airline industry is under extreme stress and on the verge of "stopping operations", as they sought revision in ATF pricing and financial support. The West Asia turmoil has pushed up oil prices, and airspace restrictions have increased airlines' operating costs, especially on long-haul routes. Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) accounts for around 40 per cent of a carrier's operational expenses. Against this backdrop, the Federation of Indian Airlines (FIA) has written to the civil aviation ministry, seeking steps to extend the same fuel pricing mechanism uniformly across both domestic and international operations as was done in the past with the establishment of the crack band. With an unprecedented rise in jet fuel prices and exorbitant crack/differential between crude and ATF, the federation said the operation of



airlines is being challenged in totality. "... any ad hoc pricing (domestic vs international) and/or irrational increase in the price of ATF will result in unsurmountable losses for airlines and will lead to grounding of aircraft, resulting in cancellation of flights," the federation, which represents Air India, IndiGo and SpiceJet, said. "In order to survive, sustain and continue operation, we request your urgent intervention for immediate and meaningful financial support to tide over the current situation," it said in a letter on

April 26. Also, the airlines have sought temporary deferment of excise duty on ATF, which is at 11 per cent. "With the abnormal increase in ATF prices from the pre-crisis period, adding rupee depreciation to the increased prices, the 11 per cent excise duty also increases manifold for the airlines and adds to the ATF price as a big impact on airlines," they said. Last month, the government limited the hike in ATF price to Rs 15 per litre for domestic operations, but for international operations, the price rose by Rs 73 per litre.

ELON MUSK, SAM ALTMAN MOVE COURT IN HIGH-STAKES SHOWDOWN OVER AI

Oakland: Technology tycoons Elon Musk and Sam Altman are poised to face off in a high-stakes trial revolving around the alleged betrayal, deceit and unbridled ambition that blurred the bickering billionaires' oneshared vision for the development of artificial intelligence. The trial, which began on Monday, April 27, with jury selection, centres on the 2015 birth of ChatGPT maker OpenAI as a non-profit startup primarily funded by Musk before evolving into a capitalistic venture now valued at USD 82 billion. The trial's outcome could sway the balance of power in AI, a breakthrough technology that is increasingly being feared as a potential job killer and an existential threat to humanity's survival. Those perceived risks are among the reasons that Musk, the world's richest person, cites for filing an August 2024 lawsuit that will now be decided by a jury and US District Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers in Oakland, California. The civil lawsuit accuses Altman, OpenAI's CEO, and his top lieutenant, Greg Brockman, of double-crossing Musk by straying from the San Francisco company's founding mission to be an altruistic steward of a revolutionary technology. The lawsuit alleges they shifted



into a moneymaking mode behind his back. OpenAI has brushed off Musk's allegations as an unfounded case of sour grapes that's aimed at undercutting its rapid growth and bolstering Musk's own xAI, which he launched in 2023 as a competitor. Trial promises clashing testimony from two tech titans Musk, who invested about USD 38 million in OpenAI from December 2015 through May 2017, initially was seeking more than USD 100 billion in damages. But any damages now are likely to be much smaller after a series of pre-trial rulings that went against Musk. Musk has since abandoned a bid for damages for himself and

instead is seeking an unspecified amount of money to be paid to fund the altruistic efforts of OpenAI's charitable arm. The money would be paid primarily by OpenAI's for-profit operations and Microsoft, which became the company's biggest investor after Musk cut off his funding. Musk's lawsuit also seeks Altman's ouster from OpenAI's board. Musk's decision to stop funding the company contributed to a bitter falling out between the former allies. Musk says he was responding to deceptive conduct that OpenAI's board picked up on when it fired Altman as CEO in 2023, before he got his job back days later. But the

trial also carries risks for Musk, who last month was held liable by another jury for defrauding investors during his USD 44 billion takeover of Twitter in 2022. Any damaging details about Musk and his business tactics could be particularly hurtful now because his rocket ship maker, SpaceX, plans to go public this summer in an initial public offering that could make him the world's first trillionaire. However, it turns out, the trial is expected to provide riveting theatre, with contrasting testimony from two of technology's most influential and polarising figures in the 54-year-old Musk and the 41-year-old Altman. "Part of this is about whether a jury believes the people who will testify and whether they are credible," Gonzalez Rogers said during a court hearing earlier this year while explaining why she believes the case merited a trial. The judge will make the final decision on the case, with the jury serving in an advisory role. Evidence has included glimpses of the AI race's early days Musk, whose estimated fortune stands at about USD 780 billion, has long been hailed as a visionary for his roles creating digital payment pioneer PayPal, electric automaker Tesla and rocket ship maker SpaceX.

Suspect charged with attempted assassination of Trump at Washington dinner

A California man has been charged with attempting to assassinate US President Donald Trump after trying to storm a gala event with weapons on Saturday night. Cole Tomas Allen, 31, was also charged with two firearms offences when he appeared in court in Washington DC on Monday. He did not enter a plea. He was carrying a semi-automatic handgun, a pump-action shotgun and three knives as he charged past a security checkpoint at the White House Correspondents' Association dinner on Saturday, say prosecutors. The incident has sparked a White House security review. A Secret Service agent was shot but not seriously wounded during the attack at a hotel. The accused faces life in prison if found guilty. Dressed in a blue jumpsuit with a nametag, the suspect appeared calm at Monday's court appearance in the nation's capital. He



was softly spoken as he answered almost every question from the judge with either "yes, your honour" or "no, your honour". He stated his age and said he had a master's degree. Three US marshals stood behind him, and one was at his side, while the federal prosecutor handling the case, US Attorney for Washington Jeanine

Pirro, looked on. During Saturday night's incident, Trump, Vice-President JD Vance, cabinet members and other White House officials were rushed from the Washington Hilton hotel ballroom after gunfire rang out. The suspect allegedly rushed through a security checkpoint one floor above the basement venue. "One Secret

Service officer was shot in the chest, but was wearing a ballistic vest that worked," Acting Attorney General Todd Blanche told a news conference on Monday. "This heroic officer who was hit fired five times at Allen, who was not shot but fell to the ground and was promptly arrested." It is not clear whether the Secret Service

agent was shot by the suspect, or was caught in cross-fire from other law enforcement. The agent has been released from the hospital. Attempting to assassinate the president carries a potential life sentence. The other charges - transportation of a firearm between states to commit a felony and discharging a firearm in a crime of violence - both have maximum sentences of 10 years. The suspect is due to appear in court again on Thursday. The court heard that the accused crossed multiple state lines in order to try to kill Trump. The suspect left his home in the city of Torrance in the Los Angeles area on 21 April, travelling by train to Chicago, said officials. On 24 April, he left Chicago, and arrived in Washington where he checked into the Hilton on the eve of the gala. The suspect studied at the prestigious California Institute of Technology, and worshipped

at the Pasadena United Reformed Church in the Los Angeles area. Federal campaign finance records show he donated \$25 to a Democratic Party political action committee in support of Kamala Harris for president in 2024. According to an affidavit, the accused sent an email to his family shortly before the attack that said, "Administration officials... are targets, prioritized from highest-ranking to lowest". "I would still go through most everyone here to get to the targets if it were absolutely necessary," he allegedly added. He was remanded in custody and prosecutors said more charges could be filed. The accused has not been cooperating with investigators, law enforcement sources told the BBC's US partner CBS. As US investigators look into the third alleged assassination attempt against Trump, security officials are reviewing the president's protection protocols.

MAN ADMITS PLOTTING ATTACK ON TAYLOR SWIFT CONCERT IN VIENNA



A 21-year-old Austrian man has admitted plotting a jihadist attack on a Taylor Swift concert in Vienna in August 2024. The man, named only as Beran A, also admitted to being part of a terrorist organisation, although he denied other charges including involvement in planning an attack in the Islamic holy city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia. The state prosecutor told the court in Wiener Neustadt near Vienna that police had found an almost completed bomb during a search of the man's house. Beran A was arrested after a tip-off from the CIA just before Swift's opening concert in Vienna

in 2024. As a result, all three sold-out gigs by the US superstar singer at Vienna's Ernst Happel Stadium were cancelled. More than 195,000 people in total had been expected to attend. Thousands of disappointed fans roamed the streets of the city, singing and exchanging Taylor Swift-themed friendship bracelets. Beran A was brought into the courtroom, wearing a blue shirt and handcuffs, to face charges of terrorism and other offences. He went on trial with another 21-year-old man, named as Arda K, who is accused of being part of an Islamic State cell with him.

Rescuers race to free survivors trapped inside train after fatal Indonesia crash



Rescuers are racing to try and free people trapped inside a train involved in a fatal collision outside the Indonesian capital Jakarta on Monday. At least 15 people were killed and dozens injured in the accident which took place when a stationary passenger train was hit from behind by a long-distance commuter train running on the same track. Local media ran footage of passengers on medical trolleys near Bekasi Timur Station, with other images showing rescuers trying to free people from the train wreckage. There are still victims who are alive "but they're pinned by train material", Mohammad Syafil, who leads Indonesia's search and rescue agency, told reporters early on Tuesday. "There are some victims who are alive to this minute and we're hoping to extricate them," he said. "We need to involve personnel with certain skills to perform a measured extrication." Bobby Rasyidin, the president director of state-owned railway operator KAI, said on Tuesday that 84 people are being treated for their injuries in nearby hospitals. The accident

involved one taxi and three commuter trains. It started at about 20:00 on Monday, when one of the commuter trains hit the taxi, which was lying across the middle of the rail crossing. A second train was forced to stop at the station because of this collision. Nearly an hour later, the third train, a long-distance commuter train, then crashed into a women-only carriage on the second train, while pulling into the station. Some people screamed "hysterically" as the trains collided, one passenger told the BBC's Indonesia service. Other eyewitnesses said they saw "many victims" injured in the crash. Jakarta Police Chief Insp Gen Asep Edi Suheri said six or seven people remained trapped inside the carriages. Medical expenses for the injured and funeral expenses for the deceased will be fully covered by KAI and insurance, authorities say, adding that the Bekasi Timur Station will be closed to commuters for the rest of Tuesday. Indonesia's public transport network in general has a high accident rate, due in part to ageing infrastructure and poor maintenance.

JAPAN AIRLINES TRIALS HUMANOID ROBOTS AS GROUND HANDLERS



Japan Airlines (JAL) will start using humanoid robots in ground handling tasks at Tokyo's Haneda airport from May, in a two-year trial it said is aimed at easing employees' workload. For a start, the Chinese-made robots will be deployed to load and unload cargo containers, JAL and GMO AI & Robotics, its partner in the project, said in a demon-

stration to the media on Monday. Japan's aviation industry is wrestling with a labour crunch brought on by an increase in inbound tourism and a declining working-age population, said JAL, which employs some 4,000 ground handling staff. The carrier hopes that these robots can also be used to clean cabins and operate ground support equipment in future.

US political violence generates a familiar cycle - this time it's in overdrive

For many in the ballroom at the White House Correspondents' Association dinner on Saturday night, the scene was painfully familiar. Shots fired, confusion and panic, and a sense that the normal order of things had been violently interrupted. Erika Kirk, whose husband, the conservative activist Charlie Kirk, was shot and killed last September, was in tears. Congressman Steve Scalise, majority leader in the House of Representatives who suffered life-threatening injuries in a shooting at a baseball practice with Republican teammates in 2017, was escorted out by security. So was Health Secretary Robert F Kennedy Jr, who lost his father and uncle to assassin's bullets. Many journalists in attendance had been at the



2024 rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, where an assailant opened fire on Donald Trump, grazing his ear, before being killed by a Secret Service sniper. In modern America, it seems, political violence has become an ever-present storm, that can strike anywhere, at any moment. Saturday night was the third time that Trump has been directly targeted - after

the Butler attack and another attempt in 2024 at his Palm Beach golf resort. In a separate incident, the Secret Service killed an armed man trying to enter Trump's Mar-a-Lago club, although the president was not in Florida at the time. These incidents have become frequent enough that there is almost a routine to them. Trump, reflective, calls for unity and a cooling of political

rhetoric. News coverage speculates about a "new tone" from the president. Ultimately, partisan divisions reassert themselves - often with Trump leading the way. That cycle is in overdrive this week. On Saturday night, Trump called for unity. "His many detractors should grant that his comments late Saturday at a White House press briefing hit the right notes of gratitude and comity," a Wall Street Journal editorial observed. On Sunday evening, in a sit-down with CBS' 60 Minutes programme, Trump blamed Democrats for creating an atmosphere that encouraged the shooting, then derided interviewer Norah O'Donnell as "a disgrace" and "horrible" after she asked about the manifesto written by the alleged assailant.

Russian superyacht sails through Strait of Hormuz despite blockade

A superyacht linked to one of Russian President Vladimir Putin's key allies has sailed through the Strait of Hormuz, despite the ongoing blockade of the critical shipping channel. The 142m-long (465 ft) multi-deck luxury boat, named Nord, is linked to sanctioned Russian billionaire Alexei Mordashov. It travelled from Dubai to Muscat, Oman, over the weekend - one of few private vessels to transit through the strait in recent months. Iran held high-level talks with Russia this week as its stand-off with the US over the strait's re-opening continues. Approximately one-fifth of global crude oil and liquefied natural gas (LNG) supplies



normally pass through the waterway. Mordashov, who has close ties to Putin, is not listed as the formal owner of the Russian-flagged boat. However, Nord's records indicate it was registered to a firm owned by his wife in 2022. Nord, estimated to be worth more than \$500m (£370m), left

Dubai on Friday night and arrived at Al Mouj - a marina in Oman's capital - on Sunday morning, according to data on the Marine Traffic platform. The route shown on the tracker has been used by vessels crossing with agreement from Iran. It is not clear whether Nord gained permis-

sion from Iran to sail through the route. Mordashov made his fortune largely through his steel and mining company Severstal - the largest such firm in Russia. With an estimated net worth of about \$37bn (£27bn), he is the richest Russian national listed by the US business magazine Forbes. Iran has severely restricted shipping through the Strait of Hormuz in response to US and Israeli strikes that began on 28 February. Earlier this month, Tehran warned that any vessel that approaches the strait would be targeted. The US then announced that its forces would intercept or turn back vessels travelling to or from Iran's ports.

Jimmy Kimmel rejects White House criticism over Melania widow joke



Late-night host Jimmy Kimmel has defended a joke in which he called Melania Trump an "expectant widow" just days before a shooting incident at the White House Correspondents' Dinner. The first lady described a Kimmel sketch which aired last Thursday as "hateful and violent", and the White House urged his network, ABC, to fire the comedian. Three days later, a gunman opened fire at the White House Correspondents' dinner in Washington DC, which Donald Trump attended with Melania. Authorities have said the gunman's attack may have targeted members of the Trump administration. Kimmel said the original joke was a "light roast" about the 23-year age difference between the president and his wife. "I agree that hateful and violent rhetoric is something we should reject. I think a great place to start to dial that back is having a conversation with your husband about it." On Monday, Melania wrote in a post on X that "people like Kimmel shouldn't have the oppor-

tunity to enter our homes each evening to spread hate". "His monologue about my family isn't comedy - his words are corrosive and deepens the political sickness within America... How many times will ABC's leadership enable Kimmel's atrocious behavior at the expense of our community." President Trump also said he appreciated that so many people were "incensed by Kimmel's" remarks, claiming they were a "call to violence", in a post on Truth Social on Monday afternoon. "[T]his is something far beyond the pale. Jimmy Kimmel should be immediately fired by Disney and ABC," he added. The BBC has contacted ABC for comment. Kimmel was taken off air last September after he made comments about the shooting of conservative influencer Charlie Kirk. In a monologue, Kimmel said the "Maga gang" - a reference to Trump's followers - was trying to "score political points" from the murder of Kirk. His show was reinstated a week later.

Third Ukrainian strike hits Russian oil refinery and prompts evacuations

A major Russian oil refinery on the Black Sea has been hit for the third time this month by Ukrainian drones, causing a "massive fire" and forcing the evacuation of people living nearby, local officials have said. Earlier strikes in the past two weeks at the Tuapse refinery caused a big oil spill in the sea and residents reported "black" rain falling on the city and leaving an oily residue everywhere. Ukraine's military confirmed the latest drone strike, saying such refineries helped fund Russia's full-scale invasion launched in 2022. More than 160 firefighters were deployed to extinguish the blaze, Krasnodar regional governor Veniamin Kondratyev said on Tuesday. No casualties were reported. In a post on



Telegram on Tuesday morning, Kondratyev said firefighters and other rescuers were working in "extremely difficult conditions", and he described their efforts as "true heroism". "Our top priority is preserving the lives and health of city residents and visitors," he added. The head of the local municipal district, Sergei Boyko, asked residents of nearby streets to

leave and reports said a temporary evacuation centre had been set up in a local school. Meanwhile, the regional crisis centre warned that "due to the severe fire, combustion products are being released into the atmosphere". Residents were urged to wear masks and rinse their nose, eyes and throat, as well as keep windows closed and

limit time outdoors. Anastasia Troyanova, a local correspondent for environmental news outlet Kedr, described "a huge cloud of black smoke over the town; it smells of burning". In Moscow, Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered the country's emergency minister to fly to Tuapse urgently to oversee firefighting and cleanup efforts. Putin's spokesman Dmitry Peskov said that Ukraine had struck oil storage facilities intended for export operations, accusing Kyiv of destabilising global energy markets. In a statement, Ukraine's military confirmed it had again hit the Tuapse refinery, as part of concerted efforts to "reduce the military-economic potential of the Russian aggressor".

SUSPECTED GUNMAN AGED 89 HELD IN GREECE AFTER FIVE WOUNDED





"Mujhe Hara Do Ge?" PM Modi Joins Gangtok Children For Game Of Football



Unfolding another chapter from his visit to Gangtok, Prime Minister Narendra Modi played a friendly football match with local children on Tuesday. From kicking the ball around the park to interacting with school-going children, it was a sight to behold seeing the country's top leader enjoying the beautiful game with local youngsters. PM Modi shared several pictures and videos

from the football exhibition. In a video, he could be heard playfully asking children: "Mujhe hara to nahi do ge (I hope you are not going to defeat me. Are you?)" The morning football game in Gangtok was a part of PM Modi's broader engagement with youth. It also aligned with his persistent efforts to promote sports and fitness across India, through various initiatives. In other posts

on social media platforms, PM Modi described the session as "energising". "Nothing like playing some football with my young friends in Sikkim on a lovely Gangtok morning!" he wrote in one of the posts. According to the itinerary, PM Modi is on a 2-day visit to Gangtok, where he also held a roadshow at Lok Bhawan. After reaching Gangtok, PM Modi launched several



development projects worth over Rs 4,000 crore across the state while also attending the closing ceremony of Sikkim's 50th year of statehood at Paljor Stadium. The projects span a wide range of sectors, including infrastructure, connectivity, health-care, education, power, urban development, environment, tourism and agriculture, the officials said. The Prime Minister also

addressed a gathering on the occasion. Modi was also scheduled to be present at the opening ceremony of the year-long celebrations of 50 years of Sikkim's statehood at Paljor Stadium last year, but he could not reach the venue due to inclement weather. He, however, addressed the gathering through video conferencing from Bagdogra in neighbouring West Bengal.

IPL 2026: Punjab Kings Set 222/4 Target for Rajasthan Royals



Delhi Cop, Who Once Played With Virat Kohli And Gautam Gambhir, Created Green Corridor For Lungi Ngidi

Delhi Capitals fast bowler Lungi Ngidi suffered a horrible neck injury during the IPL 2026 encounter against Punjab Kings at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in New Delhi last week. Ngidi looked in a lot of pain after landing awkwardly while trying to take a catch and the team physio quickly rushed in to check on the cricketer. Everyone on the ground looked extremely worried and an ambulance entered the field to transport the player who remained motionless for some time. Delhi was on the verge of hitting peak traffic at that time but a decision taken by ACP Sanjay Singh proved to be a masterstroke. While the journey from the stadium to Rajender Nagar usually takes around half



an hour, ACP Sanjay Singh decided to implement a green corridor and as a result, the ambulance carrying Ngidi was able to reach the hospital in just 11 minutes. ACP Sanjay Singh revealed how to get the know about the injury and what led to his instant reac-

tion. "I'm ACP Traffic of Centre District, and the Arun Jaitley Stadium comes under this jurisdiction. Whenever IPL matches take place, the overall jurisdiction lies with the DCP, and I also control a few things. I was outside the stadium, someone was watch-

ing the match on mobile, and then I was informed that someone had faced an injury inside the stadium and an ambulance had entered the field," Singh told Hindustan Times. "I thought if the ambulance entered the field, then the player had to be taken to the hospital. We had to give the route to the traffic guys. I went there, and the ambulance was near Gate No.2. The Delhi Capitals officials were also there. Lungi Ngidi was inside the ambulance, wearing an oxygen mask. He wasn't moving, and panic gripped the people. I asked the driver, 'Where are you taking him?' It was then that he said that the plan was to take him to BLK Max Hospital in Rajender Nagar."

He Played U-19 World Cup With Virat Kohli, Now He Is An Umpire In RCB Star's IPL Game

The year was 2008. India won the U-19 World Cup title under the captaincy of Virat Kohli and Indian cricket found a new hero. This was the win that catapulted Kohli into superstardom and 18 years later, he is hailed as one of the greatest batters in modern cricket. However, the 'Player of the Match' in the final against South Africa was someone who is no longer a cricketer. Ajitesh Argal took two wickets for just seven runs and played a big role in the victory. However, despite getting picked by Kings XI Punjab in IPL 2008, he did not have a thriving career and after working in the Income Tax Department, Argal passed the BCCI umpiring examination and became an



umpire in IPL 2026. During the match between Royal Challengers Bengaluru and Delhi Capitals on Monday, Kohli and Argal once again shared the cricket field and their interaction has gone viral on social media. Following RCB's win, Kohli was seen having a conversation with Ajitesh on the field and that was a heart-

warming sight for all cricket fans. It left social media users buzzing, who quickly started reminiscing about the 2008 World Cup. Former New Zealand pacer Mitchell McClenaghan has lauded Virat Kohli's remarkable consistency while also highlighting the impact of Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Josh

Hazlewood following Royal Challengers Bengaluru's emphatic nine-wicket win over Delhi Capitals in their recently concluded IPL 2026 match. RCB's thumping victory at the Arun Jaitley Stadium on Monday was set up by a fiery new-ball spell from Bhuvneshwar and Hazlewood, who dismantled Delhi's batting line-up to bowl them out for just 75, the lowest total of the season. The chase was then completed with ease, underlining RCB's all-round dominance. Reflecting on Kohli's sustained excellence in the tournament, McClenaghan emphasised the discipline and adaptability that have defined the veteran batter's journey over the years.

Virat Kohli's Young Fan Breaks Down After Security Stops Him From Meeting India Great, Internet Reacts

Virat Kohli is easily the most-followed cricketer on the planet. Wherever he goes, a long beeline of fans is always present to catch a glimpse of the star. While Kohli can often be seen obliging fans with autographs and selfies, it is not always possible for him to attend to everyone. Recently, a video went viral from RCB's team hotel in which a boy was seen waiting for Kohli to get an autograph on his bat. However, Kohli did not notice the boy and walked towards his room. The boy broke down in tears after throwing the bat away in disappointment. The little boy was really sad when he couldn't get Virat Kohli's autograph. He tried to follow his hero, but the security guards had to stop him. Feeling overwhelmed, he dropped his bat and started



to cry, running back to his mom and dad. Meanwhile, former New Zealand pacer Mitchell McClenaghan has lauded Virat Kohli's remarkable consistency, while also highlighting the impact of Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Josh Hazlewood following Royal Challengers Bengaluru's emphatic nine-wicket win over Delhi Capitals in their recently

concluded IPL 2026 match. RCB's thumping victory at the Arun Jaitley Stadium on Monday was set up by a fiery new-ball spell from Bhuvneshwar and Hazlewood, who dismantled Delhi's batting line-up to bowl them out for just 75, the lowest total of the season. The chase was then completed with ease, underlining RCB's all-round dominance.

Why A 'Vaibhav Sooryavanshi Question' To Manu Bhaker Has Created A Social Media Storm

It was a question about a young achiever to another young achiever. Manu Bhaker, the first Indian woman shooter to win an Olympic medal, was on Monday asked about 15-year-old batting sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi. However, it has generated a strong response from social media. Speaking on the sidelines of the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) 75th anniversary celebrations in Delhi, Manu spoke about Sooryavanshi. "I would say that if the mentorship is good, the company around him is good, and the people around are good, then age is just a number. And there is no age for talent. Great things happen at 60, they happen at six. So if the people around him men-



tor him well and guide him properly, then I am sure he will be the next big star," the 24-year-old shooter was quoted as saying by news agency ANI. Manu Bhaker won two bronze medals at the 2024 Paris Olympics. First, she won a bronze in the 10m pistol event and then another in 10m pistol mixed team, becoming the

first Indian to win two medals in a single Olympic Games. Reacting to the question directed at Manu, former KKR team director, Joy Bhattacharjya wrote on X: "Folks, she is an Olympic medalist. To ask her what she thinks of Vaibhav Sooryavanshi is unfair to her achievements and her sport."

Delhi Capitals Owner Sends Big Message After Humiliating Defeat Against RCB



Delhi Capitals co-owner Parth Jindal took to social media to react to his side's humiliating loss against Royal Challengers Bengaluru, in New Delhi on Monday. Josh Hazlewood took four wickets while Bhuvneshwar Kumar took three, as Delhi Capitals were bundled out for just 75. In reply, Virat Kohli and Devdutt Padikkal made short work of the run-chase, as RCB registered a brilliant nine-wicket win. This was DC's second loss in a row, following a match where Punjab Kings chased down a record 265-run target. "Stay together more than ever now @DelhiCapitals - really very tough to take but we must keep fighting and keep believing," Parth Jindal posted on X (formerly known as Twitter). Axar Patel didn't have much to answer when Delhi Capitals failed to defend 264 against Punjab Kings on Saturday and looked even more perplexed after his team crumbled to 75 versus Royal Challengers Bengaluru in

their second straight IPL surrender within a space of 48 hours. Delhi Capitals were reduced to 9 for 6 inside Powerplay overs with Bhuvneshwar Kumar getting appreciable swing and Josh Hazlewood executing short ball tactic to perfection. The result was season's lowest score and RCB cantered to a nine-wicket win. "Even I don't know what happened. That's why they say you have to be on your toes in cricket. We have to move on from this match," Axar said at post match presentation ceremony. The single that David Miller refused in a one-run defeat against Gujarat Titans did affect the tournament momentum for DC and Karun Nair dropping dolbies against Punjab Kings only made matters worse. "From today's point of view, you can say it did effect, but you can look back, if the catches were taken (Nair) or had we taken the single against GT, then momentum would have been with us."

Elena Rybakina Bows Out Of Madrid Open, Aryna Sabalenka Reaches Quarters

Australian Open champion Elena Rybakina fell to a shock 7-6 (10/8), 6-4 defeat by Anastasia Potapova on Monday in the Madrid Open fourth round. Earlier world number one Aryna Sabalenka overcame Naomi Osaka 6-7 (1/7), 6-3, 6-2 in a gripping battle to reach the quarter-finals. Third seed Coco Gauff was eliminated in a three-set battle with Linda Noskova decided on a final set tie-break in an exciting fourth-round clash. In the third round of the men's draw, second seed Alexander Zverev won in straight sets against Terence Atmane and

Alexander Bockx earned a surprising win against world number five Felix Auger-Aliassime. In the day's late match Kazakhstan's Rybakina, the world number two, was shocked by her 56th-ranked opponent. Both players secured two breaks in the first set before Potapova edged Rybakina in the tie-break. In the second set Rybakina captured her fifth break point of a long fifth game to nose ahead but lost the eighth and 10th games as Potapova triumphed. "I'm speechless, I'm extremely happy, it was such a tough match and tough opponent," said Austria's Potapova. "My

team helped me today, they were there for me, big thanks (to them)." Sabalenka, who has claimed titles at Miami, Indian Wells and Brisbane this year, was tested by her Japanese opponent but came back from a set and a break down to triumph. "When (she) put me under pressure, I was able to pull out really incredible shots and incredible tennis. So I'm happy," said Sabalenka. The first set between the two four-time Grand Slam winners was tight, with only one break point forced, by Sabalenka, which Osaka saved to hold for 2-1. Osaka dominated in the tie-break, ripping into a 5-

0 lead and then triumphing when Sabalenka lashed a return wide. Reigning champion Sabalenka stepped up a gear in the second frame, although world number 15 Osaka dug deep to survive three break points and then managed to engineer a break for herself to take a 2-1 lead. However, the Belarusian immediately broke to love and then again in the eighth game, serving out to take the second set. Only Rybakina has beaten Sabalenka this year, in the Australian Open final, and the 27-year-old dominated in the third set, securing two breaks to triumph.



Dhanush's Kara Promises a Gritty, Realism-Driven Tale Ahead of April 30 Release

The trailer stands apart in both tone and intent. Eschewing conventional hero-driven elevation, it builds its impact through silence, tension, and emotional weight. At its core is a man pushed into extraordinary circumstances - captured through a deeply internalized performance by Dhanush. His portrayal reflects a character shaped by pressure, survival, and consequence, rather than spectacle or glorification.

Set against the backdrop of the 1991 Gulf War and the fuel crisis in India, Kara grounds its narrative within a socio-political reality rarely explored in mainstream storytelling. Director Vignesh Raja, following the acclaim of Por Thozhil, continues his commitment to controlled, realism-driven narratives. The trailer hints at a tightly constructed story where personal conflict intersects with larger economic disruptions, unfolding with precision and restraint. The film features Mamitha Baiju as the female lead, bringing emotional depth to the narrative, alongside a seasoned ensemble including K. S. Ravikumar, Jayaram, Karunas, and M. S. Bhaskar. Their presence reinforces the film's performance-driven approach. Technically, Kara is backed by a craft-focused team. Cinematographer Theni Eswar brings a raw, naturalistic visual texture, while editor Sreejith Sarang



ensures narrative sharpness. Music by G. V. Prakash Kumar adopts a minimal, atmospheric approach, allowing mood and silence to heighten the film's emotional impact. The film's buzz has been consistently building across platforms. The Telugu song Kannamma Naa Kannamma has crossed 4.1 million views, while the teaser crossed 2.6 Million views in just three days. Telugu audiences have

actively engaged with the film content, promotional material, and interviews - highlighting Kara's growing cross-market resonance. Adding to this momentum, Dhanush, at the telugu pre-release event, described the film as "a story of an ordinary man in extraordinary situations," calling it a project "very close to our hearts," while also praising Vignesh Raja as an exceptional filmmaker.

TABU STEPS INTO #KING100



King Nagarjuna's milestone 100th film, currently referred to as #King100, is steadily taking shape under the prestigious Annapurna Studios banner, carrying the weight of both legacy and expectation. Helmed by Ra Karthik, marking his Telugu debut, the project is being mounted as a fitting celebration of the star's long-standing cinematic journey. The production is

moving forward at a steady pace, with key portions already underway. Adding significant momentum to the project, actress Tabu has officially come on board in an important role and has already joined the shoot. Her inclusion has instantly elevated curiosity around the film, not just for her screen presence but for the emotional resonance tied to her past collaborations with Nagarjuna.

Megastar Chiranjeevi, Most Successful Director Bobby Kolli, Leading Production House KVN Productions' #ChiruBobby2 Look Test Completed, First Pic Out

Megastar Chiranjeevi is gearing up for another massive outing as he reunites with director Bobby Kolli for a sensational new project backed by the esteemed KVN Productions. The film produced by Venkat K Narayana, currently referred to as #ChiruBobby2, has officially begun as the look test for the film was successfully completed, setting the stage for a massive cinematic spectacle. The first look-test image is out, and it's clear, another powerful and striking look for Chiranjeevi is loading. The project has already sparked excitement, thanks to a hard-hitting concept poster that hinted at an electrifying new shade of Chiranjeevi. This marks the duo's second film together after delivering the blockbuster Waltair Veerayya, strengthening the anticipation surrounding their reunion. Known for his energetic, mass-appeal storytelling, Bobby Kolli is said to be crafting one of the most intense characterizations for the Megastar. With a script designed to magnify



Chiranjeevi's towering screen presence, the combination promises a festival of high-octane moments.

The team will soon reveal details about the auspicious muhurtham and the commencement of regular shooting. Fans and movie buffs are already on standby, eagerly awaiting the official launch of what promises to be a blockbuster ride.

SAREE BY THE SEA AND HEARTS SHATTERED



Pooja Hegde, who is gearing up for her much-awaited film Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai, recently took a refreshing break and headed to her native place for a soul-fulfilling trip. The actress shared a beautiful set of pictures that give fans a rare and personal glimpse into her life away from the film sets and glamour of the city. From offering prayers at an ancient temple adorned with vibrant flower garlands, to sitting peacefully inside a stunning traditional temple in a bright pink and gold saree,

Pooja looked every bit graceful and grounded. She also soaked in the breathtaking coastal beauty, framing the golden sunset with her hands into a heart shape by the sea, while surfers walked along the sandy shore nearby. What makes these photos truly special is how effortlessly Pooja blends tradition with joy. Draped in a gorgeous peach silk saree near a heritage villa surrounded by palm trees and greenery, she radiates warmth and simplicity. This trip clearly shows the real, rooted, and beautiful side of Pooja Hegde.

Deepika Padukone's pregnancy rocks Raaka, big decision taken

Deepika Padukone recently announced that she is expecting her second child with husband Ranveer Singh. The news has brought joy to fans and the film industry alike. At the same time, it has raised questions about her ongoing film commitments, particularly



ly her remaining schedule for the much-awaited action film Raaka, starring Allu Arjun. Raaka Shoot Adjustments With nearly 50 days of shooting left for Raaka, the production team has opted for careful planning rather than delaying the project. Director Atlee has reportedly devised a plan to ensure Deepika can continue working

safely during her pregnancy. Key action sequences will now be shot using a body double. Close-up shots of Deepika have already been completed, and VFX will be used to integrate her scenes seamlessly. Despite the changes in how action sequences are filmed, Deepika's character in Raaka will remain fully intact. She will continue shooting dramatic and dialogue-heavy scenes, while her stunt double will handle the physically demanding parts. Sources confirm that her role is central to the story, with no deletion or reduction due to her pregnancy. Deepika is also filming for Shah Rukh Khan's upcoming film King. The makers have reportedly reshuffled the schedule to prioritise her action

and song sequences, allowing them to be completed early. This careful planning ensures that her workload remains manageable while maintaining her performance quality. Deepika has worked with stunt doubles before. During the shoot of Pathaan, her double performed several stunts, which were later enhanced with motion capture and VFX. For Raaka, the team is applying a similar approach to ensure her safety while preserving the high-octane impact of the action sequences.



Thalapathy Vijay's 'Jana Nayagan' finally gets its release date

After months of delays, Tamil star Thalapathy Vijay's much-awaited political action drama, 'Jana Nayagan,' is finally ready for a theatrical release. Reports suggest that the film will hit cinemas worldwide on May 8, 2026. Fans have been eagerly waiting for the movie, and the announcement has brought excitement across Tamil Nadu and other regions.

Censor Issues Resolved

The film faced major hurdles with the censor board, which prevented its earlier release. Originally, 'Jana Nayagan' was scheduled to release during Pongal 2026, and it had already received record advance bookings of over Rs. 100 crore worldwide. After resolving all certification issues, the path is now clear for the movie to reach audiences.

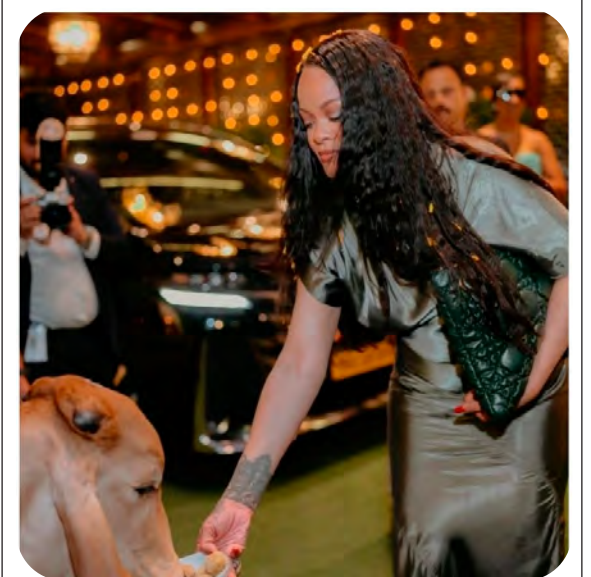
Leak and Box Office Expectations

A few days ago, the entire film was leaked online, causing concern among the makers. Despite this, Vijay's massive fan following is expected to ensure strong box office collections. Since this is also believed to be his final film before stepping into full-time politics, the opening days are expected to be extraordinary. Positive word-of-mouth could help the movie break records in Tamil Nadu.

About the Film

Directed by H Vinoth, 'Jana Nayagan' stars Vijay as a former police officer. The film features Pooja Hegde as the female lead and Bobby Deol as the main antagonist. The ensemble cast also includes Prakash Raj, Gautham Vasudev Menon, Mamitha Baiju, Priyamani, and Narain in key roles. The film is a remake of the Telugu movie 'Bhagavanth Kesari' and is produced by KVN Productions.

RIHANNA FEEDS CALF WHILE CARRYING CALFSKIN BAG, SPARKS OUTRAGE



Rihanna is back in India, and this time it's not just about the glam. The global pop icon is reportedly in Mumbai for high-profile appearances tied to her brand Fenty Beauty, deepening her business footprint in the country after her headline-grabbing Ambani performance last year.