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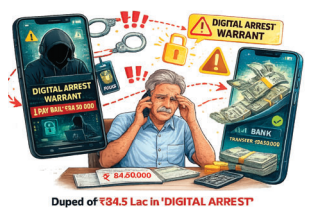
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Elderly man duped of Rs 84.5 lac in 'digital arrest'



Lucknow: In a shocking case of cyber fraud, an 85-year-old man from Lucknow was allegedly duped of Rs 84.5 lakh by scammers posing as police and Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) officials, who kept him under a prolonged "digital arrest" through threats and intimidation. The victim, Badruddin Ansari, a resident of Janakipuram's Sector-G, approached cyber police after enduring weeks of psychological pressure and financial extortion. According to police, the ordeal began on March 7 when Ansari received a call from a fraudster posing as a senior inspector from Lucknow police headquarters. The caller claimed Ansari's name had surfaced in a money laundering case in Pune and alleged that a fake HDFC Bank account had been opened in his name for illegal transactions.

Major fire engulfs flats in Ghaziabad housing society, firefighting underway

Ghaziabad: A major fire broke out in a residential apartment at Gaur Green Avenue society in the Abhay Khand area of Indirapuram on Wednesday morning, triggering panic among residents. Thick plumes of smoke were seen billowing from the building as the blaze rapidly spread, with initial reports suggesting that multiple flats were affected. Fire department teams rushed to the spot soon after receiving the alert, and several fire tenders were deployed to bring the flames under control. A resident, identified as Rohit, said around 10 to 12 flats were gutted in the fire. He suspected a possible electrical issue.

CM Naidu urges TDP cadres to increase vote share in next polls



Amaravati (TSIT):

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Wednesday urged party leaders and cadres to strengthen the TDP more at every polling booth level to increase its vote share in the next elections. "In the next elections, we must secure a

higher number of votes than we did in the 2024 elections," he said while addressing the party leaders after administering an oath to the new politburo, national and state committees of the TDP at the party headquarters at Mangalagiri. He urged the party leaders to highlight the development works undertaken by the gov-

ernment in the upcoming local body elections. He exuded confidence of a landslide victory in the local body polls. "Remember that the next general elections will be held in just three years.

The people voted for our alliance with the specific mandate to rebuild and transform the state. We must secure a higher vote count in the next election than we did in 2024; only then can it be truly said that we have performed our duties effectively."

He also emphasised the coordination with alliance partners Jana Sena and BJP at the grassroots level and advised TDP cadres to give no room for any controversies.

CM Naidu said that he and Deputy Chief Minister and Jana Sena leader Pawan Kalyan share an excellent rapport and are maintaining a very good relationship. Party workers at the grassroots level should conduct themselves in the same manner. We must also maintain coordination with the BJP. There is no rift between the state and the Centre - nor should there ever be one."

NO HIKE IN PETROL, DIESEL PRICES: PIB fact-check unit debunks social media post



New Delhi (TSIT):

The fact-checking unit of the Press Information Bureau (PIB) on Wednesday dismissed as fake a viral message claiming that petrol and diesel prices have been hiked by up to Rs 12.50 per litre.

The Press Information Bureau's Fact Check unit clarified that no such order has been issued by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG). "An order circulat-

ing on social media claiming fuel price hikes is fake. The Government of India has not issued any such order," the PIB Fact Check said in a post on X.

It also urged citizens to verify such information only through official sources and avoid sharing unverified claims.

The clarification comes amid the circulation of a purported government notification on social media platforms

suggesting a sharp increase in fuel prices. On Tuesday, a senior government official said that there is no proposal at present to increase retail fuel prices, seeking to calm concerns amid rising geopolitical tensions in West Asia that have impacted global energy markets. Addressing an inter-ministerial briefing here, Sujata Sharma, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, said petrol and diesel prices will remain unchanged for now, even as the government continues to monitor the evolving situation. She also reassured consumers about the adequate availability of essential fuels.

"LPG, petroleum and diesel are available in sufficient amounts, and the prices have not increased, so please do not panic," Sharma said. The government has ensured 100 per cent supply for domestic LPG and PNG consumers, as well as for CNG used in transportation, according to her. The government's reassurance comes at a time when global oil markets remain volatile due to uncertainty in West Asia, a key oil-producing region.

KARNATAKA CONTINUES JAL JEEVAN YOJANA DESPITE NO CENTRAL FUNDS: SIDDARAMAIAH



Bengaluru (TSIT):

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday stated that the state has continued implementing the Jal Jeevan Yojana over the past two years despite not receiving any funds from the Central Government. Addressing a video conference with Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil on Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0, the Chief Minister highlighted that significant progress has been achieved in providing rural households with drinking water connections. Out of 101.31 lakh rural families, 88.06 lakh households have been connected so far, achieving 86.93 per cent coverage. He noted that of the 66,344 works undertaken under the scheme, around 48,789 have been physically completed.

Exit polls predict BJP win in Assam, edge in Bengal; DMK to return in TN, UDF to take Kerala

NEW DELHI (TSIT)

Several exit polls on Wednesday predicted a thumping victory for the BJP in Assam and a clear edge for the party over the ruling TMC in West Bengal, while projecting a return of the DMK government in Tamil Nadu and a comeback by the Congress-led UDF in Kerala after 10 years. The pollsters also forecast a return to power for the ANRC-led NDA government in Puducherry.

Axis My India predicted a sweep for the BJP in Assam, forecasting 88-100 seats for the BJP and its allies and 24-36 seats for the Congress and its partners. People's Pulse predicted that the NDA would get 68-72 seats while the Congress plus would secure in the range of 22-26 seats.

Matrize said the NDA is likely to get between 85-95 seats and the Congress and its allies 25-32. The Assam assembly has 126 seats with the magic mark being 64. In Kerala, Axis My India forecast that the UDF would get 78-90 seats, LDF 49-62 and NDA 0-3. People's Pulse predicted that the Congress-led UDF would get 75-85 seats, the LDF 55-65 and the NDA 0-3. Matrize forecast 60-65 seats for the LDF, 70-75 seats for the UDF and 3-5 seats for the



NDA. Kerala Assembly has a total of 140 seats with the magic mark being 71. In West Bengal, the People's Pulse exit poll predicted that the TMC would get 177-187 seats, BJP 95-110, Left Front 0-1 and the Congress 1-3.

Matrize, however, predicted a BJP edge in the state, and said it is likely to get 146-161 seats. It said the TMC would get 125-140 seats. P-Marq predicted 150-175 for the BJP and 118-138 to the TMC. West Bengal has a total of 294 seats with the majority mark being 148. In Tamil Nadu, the People's Pulse predicted 125-145 for the DMK-led alliance, 65-80 for AIADMK-BJP and 18-24 for TVK. Matrize forecast that the DMK-Congress would get 122-132, NDA 87-100 and TVK 10-12. The Tamil Nadu has a total of 234 seats with the magic mark being 118. Most exit polls have had a chequered history and have been off the mark on several occasions in the past. In Puducherry, Axis My India predicted 16-20 seats for the NDA and 6-8 for the DMK-Congress.

Next milestone South Asia league: CM Stalin

The Chief Minister said that the accomplishment was "just the beginning" and that more achievements would follow with people's support, hinting at winning a mandate in the April 23 election, with vote-counting on May 4.

CHENNAI (TSIT)

Chief Minister MK Stalin, on Tuesday, hailed Dravidian governance as the secret behind the State clocking 10.83 per cent growth in 2025-26 and setting a record by registering double-digit economic growth for the second year in a row, asserting that Tamil Nadu is now ready to compete with South Asian countries, not just other states in the nation.

The Chief Minister said that the accomplishment was "just the beginning" and that more achievements would follow with people's support, hinting at winning a mandate in the April 23 election, with vote-counting on May 4. Tamil Nadu was synony-

mous with "achievement," Stalin said. The Dravidian model was unique as it matched what it says with statistics, he added. "Having laid the foundation in the first three years (of DMK rule), we have now achieved a record of double-digit growth for two consecutive years. Thanks to the people of the State for supporting our excellent administration and hard work. This is just the beginning. With your support, we are sure to reach many more heights," the Chief Minister said on 'X'. In its pursuit of excellence, Tamil Nadu's competition was not with other Indian states, he said, asserting that "the State should rise as a leading state in South Asia."

CM REVANTH DIRECTS ACCELERATION OF TUMMIDIHATTI BARRAGE PLAN

Hyderabad TSIT BUREAU:

Chief Minister A.Revanth Reddy has directed officials to expedite the action plan for the construction of the Tummidihatti Barrage. A high-level review meeting was held on Wednesday at MCRHRD, attended by



Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, irrigation engineers, and technical experts. Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao, Rajya Sabha MP Vem Narender Reddy, CMO Secretary Manik Raj, ENC Sridhar, and Finance Principal Secretary Sandeep Kumar Sultanania were also present. During the meeting, officials made a detailed PowerPoint presentation explaining the optimal height for the barrage and the corresponding water utilization capacity.

BENGAL POLLS: VOTING PICKS UP PACE, 39.97 PC RECORDED IN 1ST FOUR HOURS

Kolkata (TSIT)

The polling percentage in the first four hours till 11 a.m. on Wednesday in the second phase of West Bengal Assembly elections has been recorded at 39.97.

This is slightly lower than the 41.1 per cent recorded in the first four hours of April 23 voting in the first phase in 152 Assembly constituencies.

District-wise till 11 a.m. East Burdwan district recorded the highest polling percentage at 44.50, followed by Hooghly district at 43.12, Nadia at 40.34, Howrah at 39.45, North 24 Parganas at 38.43, the electoral dis-

trict of Kolkata (Uttar) at 38.39, South 24 Parganas at 37.92 and the electoral district of Kolkata (Dakshin) at 36.78. Incidentally, this polling percentage is substantially higher than the average percentage of 28.10 recorded in the seven-phase 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

On Wednesday, the Union Home Minister called up the Leader of Opposition in the West Bengal Assembly, Suwendu Adhikari, and enquired about the progress of polling in the Bhabanipur Assembly constituency in South Kolkata, which is witnessing a high-profile



contest between Adhikari and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

Meanwhile, sporadic tension continues to prevail in the hyper-sen-

sitive Bhangar Assembly constituency in South 24 Parganas district. A team of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) reached

HIGHLIGHT POINT:

► Polling in West Bengal's second phase reached 39.97% by 11 a.m., slightly lower than the first phase but significantly higher than 2024 Lok Sabha early turnout.

► Voting marked by tensions and incidents, including clashes, arrest of a polling agent, BJP's repoll demand, and heightened security in sensitive constituencies like Bhangar.

the constituency in relation to the agency's investigation into two cases it is investigating, one related to an explosion and the other related to the recovery of crude bombs there just

before the second phase of polling. Meanwhile, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) had demanded repolling at Falta Assembly constituency in South 24 Parganas district, which, during the last couple of days, witnessed a battle of dialogues between the Election Commission of India (ECI)-appointed police observer Ajay Pal Sharma and the Trinamool Congress candidate from Falta, Jahangir Khan.

At Kanchrapara in North 24 Parganas district, the Trinamool Congress councillor from Kanchrapara

Municipality, Kalyan Kar, got into an argument with an Independent candidate for standing within a hundred meters of the polling booth. Finally, the councillor got into a scuffle with an Independent candidate.

Later, the police arrived and brought the situation under control. A Trinamool Congress polling agent was arrested in Nadia's Chapra Assembly constituency by the central forces personnel deployed there. The agent of booth 54 of Chapra Assembly constituency was accused of influencing voters.

CM Mamata alleges voter harassment by central forces during Bengal polls

Kolkata, April 29 : West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday cast her vote around 4.30 p.m. at a polling booth at Mitra Institution under the Bhabanipur Assembly constituency in south Kolkata and alleged that central forces deployed by the Election Commission of India (ECI) for the second phase of Assembly polls for 142 constituencies had harassed and beaten innocent voters, including women and children, in the name of ensuring free, fair and violence-free polling. She also accused the central forces of deliberately and selectively targeting Trinamool Congress leaders, workers and even polling agents throughout the day under the instructions of police officers appointed by the ECI.



"Is it really a free and fair poll? I have seen the central forces resorting to so many atrocities on polling day. But despite this, I am confident of Trinamool Congress's victory in the Assembly elections this year," the Chief Minister told mediapersons after casting her vote. She is the voter, sitting MLA and Trinamool Congress candidate from the Bhabanipur Assembly constituency, and this time she is pitted against

Leader of the Opposition in the West Bengal Assembly, Suwendu Adhikari. Apart from the central forces, officers-in-charge of some police stations under both Kolkata Police and West Bengal Police also came under attack from the Chief Minister. "Atrocities have been committed in various areas of Nadia district, as well as Arambagh,

Khanakul and Goghat areas in Hooghly district. There have been similar incidents in the Canning area of South 24 Parganas district. The atrocities have been going on since Tuesday night," the Chief Minister alleged. According to her, since the ECI had deployed police observers from other states, and none of them understood Bengali, there had been a communication gap. "Some of these police officers are instructing the central forces to crack down on innocent voters and even some of the Trinamool Congress candidates," the Chief Minister said. There were reports of sporadic tension in Bhabanipur through Wednesday, though there were no reports of casualties or major injuries. At times, central forces personnel had to resort to baton charge to disperse agitated crowds.

KTR slams CM Revanth Reddy for 'sadistic pleasure' remark

Hyderabad, April 29 : Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president K. T. Rama Rao on Wednesday condemned Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy over his reported remark that he derives "sadistic pleasure" when opposition parties criticise him. Addressing a gathering at Telangana Bhavan, KTR termed the reported statement as "shameful" and accused the Chief Minister of being insensitive to public suffering. He said that people across the state, distressed by what he described as failures of the Congress government over the past two-and-a-half years, are voicing their anger, but the Chief Minister appears to be celebrating such criticism instead of addressing issues. KTR questioned whether the Chief Minister feels no remorse over the reported deaths of 140



Gurukul students and alleged that the government has failed to ensure basic responsibilities, such as uninterrupted power supply and timely disbursal of Rythu Bandhu benefits. He also highlighted the plight of farmers, stating that paddy is lying exposed to the rains on roads while procurement remains stalled. "People from all sections are suffering. When the opposition raises these concerns, the Chief Minister, calling it a source of pleasure, reflects

a disturbing mindset," KTR said, adding that the public would ultimately judge such leadership. Earlier in the day, several leaders from different political parties in Kalwakurthy constituency joined the BRS in the presence of KTR. On the education front, KTR alleged that pending fee reimbursement dues have pushed students into uncertainty, with many colleges reportedly withholding certificates and restricting attendance. Referring to a recent High

Court direction permitting institutions to collect dues from parents, he said students' futures were being jeopardised. KTR noted that the fee reimbursement scheme, originally introduced during the tenure of former Chief Minister Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy, was continued effectively during the BRS government, but is now being neglected. He further alleged that crop procurement across the state has nearly come to a standstill, with farmers unable to sell paddy, maize and jowar. He accused the government of deliberately delaying procurement processes to avoid paying bonuses. Reaffirming the party's stance, KTR said BRS has consistently stood with the people for 25 years, both in power and in opposition, and will continue to fight for public issues and aspirations.

Special Pradosha rituals held at Sri Kalahasteswara temple



Srikalahasti, April 29: Special Pradosha rituals were performed with great devotion on the auspicious occasion of Trayodashi at the renowned Sri Kalahasteswara Swamy Vari Devasthanam on Wednesday. The temple witnessed a large turnout of devotees who participated in the sacred ceremonies. As part of the rituals, the processional deities of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati, along with Nandeswara, were cere-

moniously anointed with fragrant and sacred substances. The abhishekam was conducted using various sugandha dravyas, symbolizing purification and divine grace. Following the abhishekam, priests performed elaborate pujas in accordance with temple traditions. Ritual offerings including Harathi, Dhoopta, Deepa, and Naivedyam were presented to the deities with devotion and adherence to Vedic customs.

Cooling system installed for traffic staff in Mahabubabad



Mahabubabad, April 29: In a relief measure for traffic personnel during the summer heat, a water mist sprinkler-based cooling system was installed at the Nehru Center Traffic Post in Mahabubabad district. The initiative was undertaken under the leadership of District SP Dr. Shabarish to support traffic staff working in extreme weather conditions. The cooling system releases fine water mist, providing immediate relief from the scorching heat and helping personnel carry out their duties more

comfortably. Along with the installation, Milton water flasks and cooling goggles were distributed to traffic personnel to help them stay hydrated and protected from heat-related issues. Speaking on the occasion, SP Dr. Shabarish said the police department considers it a responsibility to safeguard the health of its personnel who work tirelessly for public safety. He advised traffic staff to take necessary precautions to prevent heatstroke and dehydration during the summer season.

TELANGANA RELEASES RS 1,000 CRORE TOWARDS PENDING DUES FOR EMPLOYEES

Hyderabad, April 29 : Taking another significant step towards resolving long-pending issues of the government employees in Telangana, the state government has released Rs 1,000 crore towards pending dues. Acting on the directions of the Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister, Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, the funds were released on



Wednesday. Principal Secretary of the Finance Department, Sandeep Kumar Sultania, issued the orders for the release. With this, the Deputy CM has fulfilled the assurance given in the Assembly, said an official release. Last year, during discussions with employee unions, the government had promised to release Rs 700 crore per month.

Ensure transparency in procurement, says Collector

Nagarkurnool: District Collector Hemant Keshav Patil has directed officials to maintain complete transparency in paddy and maize procurement and ensure that farmers do not incur any losses. During a review meeting on Yasangi paddy procurement held at the Collectorate on Wednesday, the Collector instructed civil supplies officials and millers to carry out procurement in a systematic and farmer-friendly manner. He said paddy brought by farmers should be procured immediately as per quality standards without delay. Emphasizing maize safety, he direct-



ed millers to provide suitable storage spaces and take precautions to protect produce from moisture and rain. Adequate arrangements such as tarpaulins and covers must be ensured to maintain quality. The Collector stressed the need for quick transportation and proper coordination

among departments to avoid prolonged storage at procurement centers. He also directed officials to provide basic facilities including drinking water, shade, weighing machines, and gunny bags for farmers' convenience. He highlighted that transparency must be maintained in moisture testing, weighing, and quality checks. Records should be updated promptly and payments processed without delay. The Collector warned that strict action would be taken in case of negligence and reiterated that protecting farmers' interests remains the government's top priority.

Grand Worship Services Held at Christ Worship Centre

Hyderabad TSIT: Grand worship services were held with great devotion at the Christ Worship Centre (CWC) in Rajahmundry. Thousands of believers participated enthusiastically in the three services conducted during the day, offering prayers and praises to God. Prominent spiritual leaders including Apostle Joseph Vijay Kumar, Dr. Kumayi, and Dr. John Wesley delivered the Word of God, inspiring the congregation with their messages. The praise and worship session led by



Blessie Wesley, which is conducted every Sunday, filled the gathering with spiritual joy and devotion, drawing many closer in faith.

Following the services, the pastors personally met attendees and offered prayers for each individual, adding a personal and compassionate touch to the spiritual gathering. In addition to those physically, many devotees also joined the services online, glorifying God from different locations. Christ Worship Centres, which are being established in various regions, continue to play a significant role in spreading spiritual awareness and strengthening faith among people.

MULUGU DISTRICT TOPS THE STATE IN CLASS 10 RESULTS : DISTRICT COLLECTOR

Mulugu, April 29, TSIT : District Collector Bhorkade Hemant Sahadevarao said that it is a happy thing that Mulugu district stood first in the state in the tenth class results released on Wednesday. The reason for this success is the teacher's who wish the students well in advance and guide them in the right way to achieve the best results. He said that he wishes heartiest wishes to the headmasters, mandal education department officials and district education department officer Siddhartha Reddy. A total of 3287 students in the district appeared for the exams and 3264 passed the exam, standing first in the state with 99.30 percent and it is a happy thing that the success rate is flying.



NERATI RAJU APPOINTED BSP SHADNAGAR CONSTITUENCY VICE PRESIDENT

RANGAREDDY : Nerati Raju has been appointed as the Assembly Vice President of the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) in Shadnagar constituency. The decision was announced during a party meeting led by constituency president Abbi Jagan, in the presence of Ranga Reddy district president Doddi Srinivas. The meeting focused on strengthening the party structure, during which several positions were filled. Raju's appointment comes in recognition of his decade-long dedication and disciplined service to the party. Speaking at the event, Doddi Srinivas praised Raju's journey from a grassroots worker to a key constituency leader, highlighting his commitment to promoting Bahujan ideology.



TGMREIS Achieves Record 98% Pass in SSC 2026

Hyderabad TSIT: Telangana Minorities Residential Educational Institutions Society has recorded a remarkable 98% pass percentage in the SSC Results 2026, setting a new benchmark in academic excellence. Out of 204 schools, 126 schools achieved 100% results, reflecting the strong academic framework and consistent performance across institutions. As many as 197 schools recorded average scores above 500 marks, while 45 schools crossed an impressive 570 marks average, showcasing the high standards maintained by the society.

Announcing the results, officials stated that the success was driven by quality teaching, continuous academic monitoring, focused mentoring, and student-centric learning practices. Students and parents expressed gratitude to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy for his support towards strengthening minority education in the State. Education leaders Mohammed Azharuddin and Mohammed Faheemuddin Qureshi congratulated students, teachers, and parents on the historic achievement, appreciating the collective efforts behind the success.

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Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset/ Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
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Date: April 30, 2026
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Vengamamba jayanthi begins; Govindaraja Swamy utsavam on May 1

Tirupati: The 296th Jayanthi celebrations of saint-poetess Tarigonda Vengamamba commenced on a grand note at Annamacharya Kalamandiram in Tirupati, highlighting her literary contributions and message of women empowerment. Addressing the literary meet, scholar Amudala Murali noted that Vengamamba's devotional works reflected her deep faith in Lord Venkateswara while also inspiring social awareness and women's empowerment. Eminent speakers elaborated on her notable contributions, including Dwipada Bhagavatam and Sri Venkatchala Mahatmya, which continue to hold spiritual and literary significance.

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Notice for sale of immovable assets through Private Treaty

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ICIICI Home Finance Company Limited (ICIICI HFC) conducted several e-Auctions for the sale of the mortgaged property mentioned below, however, all such e-Auctions failed. Now, an interested buyer has approached ICIICI HFC with an offer to purchase the said property for an amount of Rs.18,00,000/- . Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below-described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of ICIICI Home Finance Company Ltd., will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", by way of Private Treaty as per the brief particulars given hereunder:

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(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
1.	Katamarreddy Venkata Lakshmi (Borrower), Srinivasa Rao Baliji (Co-Borrowers) Lan No. LHGTR00001376886	Flat No. 102, D No 25-27-37d, 388/B, Garudadrri Myfair Apartment, Ankireddy Palem Village, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh- 522001	Rs. 33,94,960/- April 24, 2026	Rs. 18,00,000/- Rs. 1,80,000/-	May 08, 2026 11:00 AM To 02:00 PM	May 16, 2026 02:00 PM before 04:00 PM	May 15, 2026	Possession

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link- <https://BidDeal.in>) of our auction agency ValueTrust Capital Services Private Limited. The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) RTGS/ Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICIICI Home Finance Company Limited, Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before May 15, 2026 before 04:00 PM. The Prospective Bidder(s) must also submit a signed copy of the Registration Form & Bid Terms and Conditions form at ICIICI Home Finance Company Limited, Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before May 15, 2026 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit Demand Draft (DD) should be from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favor of "ICIICI Home Finance Company Ltd. - Auction" payable at the branch office address mentioned on top of the article.

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Date : April 30, 2026
 Place : Guntur

Authorized Officer, "ICIICI Home Finance Company Limited"
 CIN Number:- U65922MH1999PLC120106

YSRCP leader Srihari arrested again for abusive social media post

Amaravati, April 29 : YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) General Secretary (Media), Pudi Srihari, has been arrested once again for an allegedly abusive social media post targeting Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. Police from Kuppam town arrested him in Bengaluru on Wednesday. He was being brought to Kuppam. The arrest came a day after the Supreme Court declined to intervene in Andhra Pradesh High Court's order, suspend-



ing the remand rejection order of the trial court. Srihari, who served as Chief

Public Relations Officer (CPRO) to then Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, had approached the Supreme Court, apprehending arrest after the High Court suspended the remand rejection order given by the trial court in Kuppam. Srihari was arrested on April 15 in Vijayawada in the case registered against him over making objectionable social media posts with morphed images of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu.

He was subsequently shifted to Kuppam, where the case was registered against him and another YSRCP functionary Girish Kumar Reddy. Srihari was produced before the trial court on April 16. He was released after the court rejected the petition by the police to send him to judicial remand. Later, the High Court suspended the order of the trial court. The matter was scheduled for further hearing in the High Court on Wednesday.

GOVERNMENT DOCTORS ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS SUCCESSFULLY HELD IN NAGARKURNOOL; DR. RACHA RAGHU ELECTED DISTRICT PRESIDENT



The South India Times Nagar kurnool : The elections of the Government Doctors Association (TG GDA) in Nagarkurnool district were conducted peacefully and concluded successfully. These elections, held for the first time in the premises of the Government Medical College, witnessed enthusiastic participation from doctors.

The election process was carried out efficiently under the guidance of Medical College Principal Dr. Ramadevi, Government Hospital Superintendent Dr. Usharani, and State Government Doctors Association President Dr. Narahari. The District Returning Officer S. Rajesh Goud supervised the elections smoothly. Out of a total of 70 eligible voters, including doctors from the Government Medical

College, Government General Hospital, area hospitals, Primary Health Centres (PHCs), and Vaidya Vidhana Parishad institutions, 60 doctors exercised their voting rights. Among them, 2 votes were declared invalid.

In the results, Dr. Racha Raghu secured 31 votes, while his nearest rival Dr. Shekhar received 27 votes. Dr. Racha Raghu, former Superintendent of the Government General Hospital and a General Surgeon as well as Head of the Department (HOD), emerged victorious and was officially declared elected as the District President of the Government Doctors Association by Returning Officer S. Rajesh Goud. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Raghu expressed his gratitude to fellow doctors for placing their trust in him and electing him with a majority. He stated that he would work with commitment for the welfare and rights of government doctors and strive to further improve the quality of healthcare services in the district. Doctors opined that these elections have strengthened unity among government doctors and created a strong platform to address their issues. Dr. Racha Raghu will serve as the District President for a period of two years.

Awareness on drug abuse and cyber crimes stressed in Sangareddy



Sangareddy, April 29 (TSIT) District Additional SP Chaitanya Reddy stressed the need for public awareness and vigilance against drug abuse and cyber crimes. As part of the 99-day action plan under Prajapalana-Pragathi Pranalika, an awareness program on women's safety, child protection, drug abuse, and cyber crimes was organized on Wednesday at MNR Medical College in coordination with the district police, district welfare department, and child welfare department. District Additional SP Chaitanya Reddy and Additional Collector Pandu attended the event as chief guests.

Speaking on the occasion, Additional SP Chaitanya Reddy said that the police department is giving top priority to women's safety and conducting extensive awareness programs through the She Teams. He advised women and citizens to contact emergency helplines 100, 112, 1930, 1098, or the district She Team helpline

in case of emergencies. He also urged people to remain alert against cyber frauds and warned them not to fall victim to scams such as "digital arrest." Victims of cyber fraud should immediately call 1930 or file a complaint through the NCRP portal. He further cautioned that offenders under the POCSO Act face severe punishment. Highlighting the dangers of drug abuse, he said it can destroy the future of youth and appealed to the public to report suspicious activities to the concerned authorities.

Additional Collector Pandu stated that women's safety and child protection are crucial for the progress of society. He advised the youth to stay away from drugs and cyber crimes and encouraged everyone to improve awareness about laws and legal protections.

He added that people should not remain silent when facing problems and should approach the concerned authorities for quick solutions.

Collector stresses focus on drinking water, sanitation and public services

Sangareddy, April 29: District Collector Prateek Jain has directed officials to give special priority to drinking water supply, sanitation, and delivery of public services across the district. During a video conference held at the Collectorate on Wednesday, the Collector reviewed key issues with sub-divisional officers, Tahsildars, MPDOs, and officials from Mission Bhagiratha, housing, electricity, and municipal departments. He issued several instructions aimed at improving basic services and governance. The Collector emphasized that there should be no shortage of drinking water in any part of the district. Reviewing the supply situation



with Mission Bhagiratha Superintending Engineer Raghuver, he examined bulk supply, pumping issues, and grid-related concerns. He advised citizens to contact the 1916 toll-free helpline in case of water supply problems. He also instructed electricity officials to closely monitor feeders to prevent power interruptions during the summer season.

Revenue officials were directed to expedite the processing of Sada Bainama applications by conducting proper inquiries and forwarding files without delay. To improve public service delivery, the Collector ordered a special drive for quick issuance of essential documents such as family member, birth, and death certificates. He also directed audits on the utilization of funds

in municipalities and gram panchayats to ensure transparency. Expressing concern over poor sanitation, he instructed authorities to address garbage accumulation and plastic waste along major roads on a priority basis. Additionally, officials were asked to visit government schools and hostels at least twice a week to identify infrastructure needs and ensure timely repairs. Reviewing the progress of the Indiramma Housing Scheme, the Collector urged officials to motivate beneficiaries to complete construction at the earliest, stressing that proactive efforts at the mandal level would accelerate overall development in the district.

Matter Aera 5000+ Launched in Visakhapatnam - First Experience Hub Opened in Akkayapalem



The South India Times, Visakhapatnam : Matter Motor Works has unveiled its advanced electric motorcycle, the Matter Aera 5000+, in Visakhapatnam. Along with the launch, the company also inaugurated its first Experience Hub in Akkayapalem. Speaking on the occasion, Founder and Group CTO Kumar Prasad Telikapalli said that two-wheelers play a crucial role in daily commuting across busy areas such as Beach Road, Akkayapalem, and NAD Junction. He noted that with the growing urban lifestyle, there is increasing interest in electric

vehicles as an efficient and cost-effective mode of transport. In this context, he highlighted that the Aera 5000+ is India's first geared electric motorcycle. It comes equipped with a HyperShift 4-speed manual gearbox, offering riders a unique combination of traditional gear riding experience along with the convenience of electric power. Later, Dealer Principals Naresh Jain and Mahaveer Jain stated that the Experience Hub set up at The Business Center in Akkayapalem will allow customers to physically explore the bike and take test rides.

No Shortage of Petrol and Diesel in Visakhapatnam: Collector Urges Public Not to Panic

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) District Collector M. Abhishikh Kishore clarified that reports about a shortage of petrol and diesel in the city are completely false.

He urged the public not to believe rumours and avoid panic buying. On Wednesday, the Collector inspected an HP petrol bunk near Rama Talkies in the Resapuvanipalem area. Along with Civil Supplies and Legal Metrology officials, he reviewed the ground situation, checked stock registers, and interacted with the fuel station management.

He stated that all 123 petrol bunks across the district are functioning normally and there is no shortage of fuel anywhere. He explained that temporary stock unavailability at one or two out-



lets in the past week led to misinformation about fuel scarcity. Due to false rumours, fuel sales have increased beyond normal levels, resulting in queues at some filling stations. The Collector advised citizens to purchase fuel only as needed and avoid unnecessary hoarding. He further assured that oil companies such as Bharat Petroleum, Hindustan Petroleum, and Indian Oil have adequate reserves and supply is

continuing without disruption. The situation remains completely normal, he reiterated, warning that strict action will be taken against those spreading false information. J C Inspection Meanwhile, Joint Collector Gobbilla Vidhyadhari inspected another HP petrol bunk near Polamamba Temple. She reviewed stock levels and assured the public that there is no need for concern, as sufficient fuel supplies are available.

SRM AP launches AI-integrated M.Sc. economics and psychology programmes

Amaravati: The Easwari School of Liberal Arts (ESLA) at SRM University-AP has launched its M.Sc. Economics and M.Sc. Psychology programmes, redesigned to integrate Artificial Intelligence (AI) into postgraduate education. The programmes aim to equip students with advanced analytical, research, and applied skills suited for a technology-driven world.

The university announced that scholarships and fee concessions of up to 100 percent will be offered to eligible candidates, ensuring wider access for meritorious students. Vice Chancellor Prof. Ch. Satish Kumar highlighted the growing need to combine subject expertise with emerging technologies. He said students must not only understand their core disciplines but also develop the ability to use AI tools for analysis, prediction, and decision-making. He added that SRM AP is among the early institutions to integrate AI deeply into postgraduate curricula. Dean Prof. Vishupad noted that AI is not treated as



an add-on but is embedded within the curriculum to enhance learning outcomes. He described the launch as a milestone, marking ESLA's first postgraduate offerings and reflecting its commitment to innovation in higher education. The M.Sc. Economics programme blends economic theory with AI-driven tools, policy frameworks, and data science to address global challenges. Students can specialise in Finance and Data Science or Development and Policy, with an option to pursue a dissertation for research-oriented careers. The M.Sc. Psychology programme

focuses on research and application, combining psychological science with AI-based tools in mental health, organisational, and educational settings. The curriculum includes advanced research methods, psychometric assessments, and machine learning-based analysis, along with bridge courses for students from non-psychology backgrounds. The programmes offer flexible one-year and two-year tracks and are open to graduates from diverse academic streams, including engineering.

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

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

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

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantor(s)/ Legal Heirs. Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured Asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction	One Day Before Auction Date	SARFAESI Stage
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
1.	Uddandi Thulasi Krishna (Borrower) Musunuri Mani Kumar (Co-Borrower) Loan No. LHNEL00001360542/ LHNEL00001361022	Sy No. 126 E 1 Kakuturu Gramam Chemudugunta, Venkatachalam Nellore Andhra Pradesh-524320	Rs. 10,64,699/-	Rs. 16,13,520/-	26, 2026 11:00 AM To 03:00 PM	02, 2026 02:00 PM To 03:00 PM	01, 2026 Before 05:00 PM	Symbolic Possession
2.	Srinivasa Didded (Borrower) Vinaya Kumar (Co-Borrower) Loan No. LHRJY00001579491/ LHRJY00001579493	D. no. 7-93-2, Situated At Ambedkar Peta, Indira Colony, Annadevarapeta Village And Gram Panchayath, Vegeswarapuram Sub Reg And Tallapudi Mandal, West Godavari District. Rs No. 473/1 West Godavari Andhra Pradesh- 534342	Rs. 27,54,254/-	Rs. 19,80,000/-	26, 2026 11:00 AM To 03:00 PM	02, 2026 02:00 PM To 03:00 PM	01, 2026 Before 05:00 PM	Symbolic Possession
3.	Kundla Haribabu (Borrower) M N Varapamma (Co-Borrower) Loan No. LHCTR00001504434/ LHCTR00001504436	D.No. 5-66, Flat No. T-2, In Third Floor "Galaxy Elite" Kurnool Road, Prakasam District, S.No. 167, N.G.O. Colony, Venkateswara Nagar Road Ongale Andhra Pradesh	Rs. 27,11,759/-	Rs. 45,36,000/-	26, 2026 11:00 AM To 03:00 PM	02, 2026 02:00 PM To 03:00 PM	01, 2026 Before 05:00 PM	Symbolic Possession
4.	Anantham Madanamahana Kumar (Borrower) B Hemalatha (Co-Borrower) Loan No. NHTRU00000833107	D No. 1 145 Gallapalli Gram Panchayat Tirupathi Rural Mandal Chittoor Dist Tirupathi 517501 Sy No. 34 3 Tirupathi- 517501	Rs. 6,71,276/-	Rs. 15,57,000/-	26, 2026 11:00 AM To 03:00 PM	02, 2026 02:00 PM To 03:00 PM	01, 2026 Before 05:00 PM	Symbolic Possession

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link-https://BidDeal.in) of our auction agency ValueTrust Capital Services Private Limited. The Mortgagors/notice are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till June 01, 2026 before 05:00 PM else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) RTGS/ Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before June 01, 2026 before 04:00 PM. The Prospective Bidder(s) must also submit signed copy of Registration Form & Bid Terms and Conditions form at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before June 01, 2026 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit Demand Draft (DD) should be from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favor of "ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd. - Auction" payable at the branch office address mentioned on top of the article.

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

The Authorized Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit https://www.icicifh.com.

Date: April 30, 2026 Authorized Officer, "ICICI Home Finance Company Limited", Place: Nellore, West Godavari, Ongole, Tirupathi CIN Number- U65922MH1999PLC120106

Challenge for Open Debate on Investments and Development in Visakhapatnam



Visakhapatnam (TSIT): YSRCP Visakhapatnam district president KK Raju challenged coalition leaders to an open debate on investments and development in North Andhra. Speaking to the media at the party office in the city, he asserted that the foundation for major industrial projects in the state was laid during the YSRCP government. He stated that the groundwork for the mega data center project at Tharluvada in Visakhapatnam was initiated during the previous YSRCP regime. Land allocation and approvals for the project now being developed jointly by Adani, Airtel, and Google—were completed earlier, he said, alleging that the current government is indulging in "credit appropriation." Raju criticized Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, claiming that in two years of governance, little has been done for the development of North Andhra. He also pointed out that despite the establishment of the Visakhapatnam Railway Zone without the KK line, the government has not focused on its progress. He further said that key projects such as Mulapeta Port, Bhogapuram Airport, NTPC Green Hydrogen Project, and various renewable energy initiatives were all initiated during the tenure of former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy. He highlighted that significant investment commitments were secured during the Global Investors Summit held in Visakhapatnam. Raju also criticized Nara Lokesh for making political remarks in the presence of industrialists, stating that it affected the state's image. He remarked that in Visakhapatnam, "V" stands for credibility" under YSRCP, while it signifies "betrayal" under TDP rule. Several party leaders were present at the press meet.

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The following borrower(s) have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from ICICI Home Finance Company Limited ("ICICI HFC") and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Loan Account Number & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset/ Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Nagudu Nagamani (Borrower), Nagudu Madhu Mohan Rao (Co-Borrower), D. No 20-4/1-144 Andhra Pradesh Rajeshwari Peta Vijayawada Vijayawada - 520015 Andhra Pradesh - LHVJW00001333447	Krishna District, Vijayawada District Registrar Office Jurisdiction, Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Area, Vijayawada, Rajarajeswaripeta Area, Subbaraju Nagar, Vijayawada Village Portion R.S. No. 93/1 Sub Division R.S. No. 93/1f, Plot No. 26 Part, New Assessment No. 1073242902, D.No. 20-4/1-144G Being Bounded By North By: Plot No. 25. South By: Property of Mude Vasu. East By: Road. West By: Plot No. 19. In Between These Boundaries An Extent of 75 Sq.yards or 62-70 Sq.mts of Site And 675 Sq.ft Plint Area of Ground Floor R.C.C. 225 Sq.ft Plinth Area of First Floor R.C.C. Building Therein, Together With All The Buildings And Structures Thereon, Rights, Fixtures, Fittings And All Plant And Machinery Attached To The Earth or Permanently Fastened To Anything Attached To The Earth Both Present And Future..	13-04-2026 Rs. 20,42,013/-	06-04-2026
2.	Nagudu Nagamani (Borrower), Nagudu Madhu Mohan Rao (Co-Borrower), Vegettable Market Shop No. 29,30 Kedareswara Rao Peta, vijayawada Vijayawada 520010 Andhra Pradesh - LHVJW00001333629	Krishna District, Vijayawada District Registrar Office Jurisdiction, Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Area, Vijayawada, Rajarajeswaripeta Area, Subbaraju Nagar, Vijayawada Village Portion R.S. No. 93/1 Sub Division R.S. No. 93/1f, Plot No. 26 Part, New Assessment No. 1073242902, D.No. 20-4/1-144G Being Bounded By North By: Plot No. 25. South By: Property of Mude Vasu. East By: Road. West By: Plot No. 19. In Between These Boundaries An Extent of 75 Sq.yards or 62-70 Sq.mts of Site And 675 Sq.ft Plint Area of Ground Floor R.C.C. 225 Sq.ft Plinth Area of First Floor R.C.C. Building Therein, Together With All The Buildings And Structures Thereon, Rights, Fixtures, Fittings And All Plant And Machinery Attached To The Earth or Permanently Fastened To Anything Attached To The Earth Both Present And Future..	13-04-2026 Rs. 97,149/-	06-04-2026
3.	Nagudu Nagamani (Borrower), Nagudu Madhu Mohan Rao (Co-Borrower), D. No. 20 1 144G Murthy Garu Church Road Subba Raju Nagar New Raju Rajeswari Peta Vijayawada Vijayawada 520003 Andhra Pradesh - LHVJW00001499035	Krishna District, Vijayawada District Registrar Office Jurisdiction, Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Area, Vijayawada, Rajarajeswaripeta Area, Subbaraju Nagar, Vijayawada Village Portion R.S. No. 93/1 Sub Division R.S. No. 93/1f, Plot No. 26 Part, New Assessment No. 1073242902, D.No. 20-4/1-144G Being Bounded By North By: Plot No. 25. South By: Property of Mude Vasu. East By: Road. West By: Plot No. 19. In Between These Boundaries An Extent of 75 Sq.yards or 62-70 Sq.mts of Site And 675 Sq.ft Plint Area of Ground Floor R.C.C. 225 Sq.ft Plinth Area of First Floor R.C.C. Building Therein, Together With All The Buildings And Structures Thereon, Rights, Fixtures, Fittings And All Plant And Machinery Attached To The Earth or Permanently Fastened To Anything Attached To The Earth Both Present And Future..	13-04-2026 Rs. 4,84,375/-	06-04-2026

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower(s) and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date: April 30, 2026 Place: Vijayawada Authorized Officer, ICICI Home Finance Company Limited

Seven dead in Bengaluru rains; Kumaraswamy seeks permanent solutions

Bengaluru: Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy has expressed deep shock over the death of seven people, including children, following heavy rains that lashed Bengaluru on Wednesday. He called on the State Government to implement permanent measures to prevent such tragedies in the future.

In a statement, the Minister said the incident involving the collapse of a compound wall at Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital was deeply disturbing and heartbreaking. He extended his condolences to the families of the victims and prayed for the speedy recovery of those injured in the



mishap. Kumaraswamy urged the authorities to ensure immediate and comprehensive medical treatment for the injured and provide necessary support to the affected families. He stressed that such incidents occurring repeatedly during heavy rains indicate a failure to learn from past experiences. Raising serious con-

cerns, he questioned how the compound wall collapsed and sought details regarding its construction and maintenance. He demanded a thorough investigation into the incident and called for strict action against those responsible for any negligence. The Union Minister emphasized that offering compensation alone is not

sufficient in cases involving loss of lives. He said the government must focus on long-term structural solutions and preventive measures to ensure public safety.

Highlighting the need for better preparedness, he noted that rain management should be a continuous and proactive process rather than a reactive response after disasters occur. He expressed concern that current efforts appear inadequate and delayed, likening the situation to preparations being made only after a crisis has struck. Kumaraswamy reiterated that effective planning, infrastructure maintenance, and accountability are essential to prevent the

KASARGOD: POLICE ARREST ONE IN CONNECTION WITH SEETHANGOLI YOUTH'S MURDER

Kasargod, Apr 29: The Kumbala police have arrested a 39-year-old man in connection with the brutal murder of a youth in Seethangoli. The arrested accused has been identified as Srinivas, a resident of Kotekar, Kumbala. The victim, Safayat (30), a resident of Bapalipona and a driver for a poultry transport vehicle, was found dead in a pool of blood in a deserted area near Seethangoli town on Tuesday afternoon. Preliminary investigations suggest that old enmity was the motive behind the crime.

According to the police, Safayat and his friends had consumed alcohol together on April 27, which had led to a minor scuffle. On Tuesday afternoon, Safayat and Srinivas reportedly pur-

chased alcohol from a beverages outlet in Seethangoli and headed to a secluded spot behind a nearby building to consume it. As they were drinking, a heated argument broke out between the two. While two other companions who were present earlier had already left the spot, the confrontation between Safayat and Srinivas turned violent. Srinivas allegedly pushed Safayat to the ground and bludgeoned his head with a wooden plank found at the site. Local residents, who rushed to the spot after hearing screams, found Safayat lying in a pool of blood. Srinivas had fled the scene by then. Although Safayat was rushed to the hospital in critical condition, he could not be saved.

Extension of Sarala Kaveri Scheme: Golden Opportunity for the Public to Get Water Connections via EMI



BENGALURU : With the objective of protecting public health by providing healthy and pure Cauvery water to all citizens of Bengaluru, as per the wishes of Deputy Chief Minister Shri D. K. Shivakumar, the 'Sarala Kaveri' scheme—introduced to easily provide water connections without placing a financial burden on citizens—has been extended until further orders, stated BWSSB Chairman Dr. Ram Prasath Manohar.

He issued these instructions during a meeting with officials at the BWSSB head office today. This significant decision has been taken to assist the poor, middle-class families, and apartment associations who find it difficult to pay the 'Prorata' charges in a single lump sum when securing a new Cauvery water connection. Originally launched in May 2025, this extension comes in the wake of the unprecedented positive response from the public toward the scheme.

Key Features of the Sarala Kaveri Scheme: Priority for Small Site Owners: Small site owners with a built-up area of 600 sq. ft. can secure a water connection by paying an initial amount of just Rs. 1,000. An option has been provided to pay the remaining balance in easy installments (EMI).

EMI Facility for Apartments: This is a major boon for apartment associations struggling to pay large Demand Notice (DN) amounts in a single payment. They can now secure a connection by initially paying just 20% of the total fee. A

12-month window is provided to pay the remaining 80% of the amount.

Facility for Non-Domestic Consumers: The EMI-based Sarala Kaveri facility has been extended beyond residential homes to include commercial buildings. Non-domestic consumers can now also take full advantage of this initiative. Pure Water to Every Home: Deputy Chief Minister D. K. Shivakumar has made a firm resolve to protect public health by delivering healthy, pure Cauvery water to every home. The scheme has been extended against this specific backdrop.

Providing further information, BWSSB Chairman Dr. Ram Prasath Manohar appealed, "Under the leadership of Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Shri D. K. Shivakumar, the BWSSB has always prioritized pro-people programs. Much like the Sanchari Kaveri, the 3rd Generation Rainwater Harvesting system, and the SCADA technology we implemented earlier, 'Sarala Kaveri' is a highly consumer-friendly scheme. This EMI facility will offer massive financial relief to apartments and commercial buildings struggling to pool the full Demand Notice amount at once. The public should make the best use of this scheme. To ensure an adequate and equitable water supply across the city, the Water Board has already implemented several proactive measures, and the extension of this scheme will further benefit the citizens of Bengaluru.

Karnataka targets major milestones in Quantum City by 2028



Bengaluru (TSIT): Karnataka is set to achieve significant milestones in the development of its ambitious 'Quantum City' project by 2028, according to Minister for Minor Irrigation, Science and Technology N. S. Boseraju.

After inspecting the 6.23 acres of land allotted for the project near Hesaraghatta, the Minister said the state is positioning itself as a global hub for quantum technology. He noted that Karnataka is already a leader in the quantum sector and is now moving towards large-scale implementation of advanced infrastructure.

The proposed Quantum City, also referred to as Q-City, is envisioned as a world-class ecosystem that will host pilot fabrication lines, common computing infrastructure, and cutting-edge research laboratories. The project will also provide dedicated workspaces for startups along with advanced incubation facilities aimed at supporting deep-tech innovation and entrepreneur-

ship. Boseraju stated that the government has already released a comprehensive quantum roadmap to promote research and technological growth. He added that discussions with the Quantum Task Force, led by Prof. Arindam Ghosh of the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), and other stakeholders will soon begin to finalize a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model for the project.

Following the site visit, the Minister also toured the International Centre for Theoretical Sciences (ICTS) campus, where he interacted with scientists to assess future technological needs. He emphasized that ICTS will play a key role in shaping the scientific and research framework of Quantum City.

Senior officials including K-STEPS Managing Director Sadashiva Prabhu, Minister's Private Secretary Veerabhadra Hanchinal, ICTS Director Prof. Rajesh Gopakumar, and Project Head Prasanna were present during the visit.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, SINGAPORE! FARAH KHAN REVEALS A DIFFERENT SIDE OF THE CITY WITH KLOOK

Bengaluru : Klook India has announced its association with acclaimed filmmaker and personality Farah Khan for its new summer travel campaign, inviting Indian travellers to rediscover familiar destinations through fresh, unexpected experiences. Joining Klook's world of joy and discovery, Farah Khan returns to Singapore, a destination she has visited before but, as the video playfully reveals, never quite like this. She is accompanied by Dilip — her personal chef and trusted companion in all things adventurous, for whom the city is entirely new. It is a pairing that works precisely because of the contrast: Farah, the seasoned traveller who arrives with assumptions; and Dilip, who arrives with none.

The campaign taps into a travel truth that many Indian travellers will recognise. Even when visiting much-loved destinations, holidays often follow the same familiar routes, recommendations, and itineraries. With this campaign, Klook encourages travellers to look beyond the obvious and make room for experiences that are planned, spontaneous, iconic, local, expected, and unexpected — all in one place.

The digital-first campaign opens with a trailer now live on Klook India's Instagram handle, offering a first glimpse into Farah Khan's upcoming travel story, accompanied by her trusted chef Dilip. This will be followed by three short-form episodes, each capturing their travels through Singapore, with the full brand film to be released early May across Klook India's Instagram and YouTube handles.



As Asia's leading travel experiences platform, Klook enables travellers to book a wide range of experiences before and during their trips, making it easier to discover more of a destination — whether it is a popular attraction, a local hidden gem, a last-minute plan, or something entirely new.

"Indian travellers today are more informed and more inspired than ever, yet most holidays still end up looking remarkably similar. The algorithm recommends, the crowd follows, and the holiday becomes a copy of someone else's experience. We believe the most rewarding journeys begin where the top-ten list ends, and this campaign is our invitation to every traveller to trust their own curiosity," says Shivam Tyagi, Marketing Lead, Klook India & Middle East.

Tyagi adds, "Farah brings the eye of someone who has seen the

world and still finds wonder in it; and Dilip, the unbridled excitement of someone experiencing it all for the very first time. Together, they capture exactly what Klook stands for: no matter where you are on your travel journey, there is always something new, something unexpected, something that makes you feel alive. This campaign is for every traveller who has ever come home thinking - I wish I'd done more of that."

The Indian Traveller Has Moved On. Has Your Holiday?

Klook's latest Travel Pulse Study reveals that the way Indian travellers approach their holidays is shifting. Travellers are increasingly open to discovering activities while already at the destination, making spontaneous decisions on the go, and seeking local recommendations after they arrive.

Nearly 2 in 5 Indian travellers actively seek out lesser-known alternatives in addition to popular tourist spots regularly, with Gen Z leading the way. Nearly 1 in 2 Millennial travellers say they would rather spend longer in fewer places in order to truly connect with local culture.

These are travellers who have done the landmarks and are now asking what else a destination has to offer. Klook, with its breadth of planned highlights, hidden local gems, spontaneous bookings, and in-trip discoveries, is built to help travellers answer that question.

With the summer campaign now live, Klook India invites travellers to look again at the destinations they think they know — and discover how much more there is to experience.

Scientists Sequence Arabica Genome, Opening Doors to Climate-Resilient Coffee

The work makes it possible to tell the story of the fusion of genomes that gave rise to the world's most consumed species, as well as identifying genes responsible for resistance to rust and other diseases. Coffee is one of the world's most traded commodities, and Coffea arabica is the most widely consumed of the 130 or so species that exist. It is the result of the fusion of two other species: Coffea canephora (known in Brazil as Conilon or Robusta coffee) and Coffea eugenioides. In the last decade, almost every major commodity in the world has had a reference genome sequenced, but coffee has only recently joined the list.

The reference genome is essential for

developing varieties that are better adapted to climate change and resistant to disease. By sequencing the reference genome of Arabica coffee in an unprecedented endeavor, a consortium of scientists was able to select genes that may be responsible (candidate genes) for coffee's resistance to rust and other diseases. At the same time, they identified the expression of some genes related to the aroma of Arabica. The Power of Genomic Knowledge "With the knowledge of the genome, it is possible to obtain information that allows us to go in two directions: the development of varieties by directing crossbreeding, in other words, as a reference to guide us in future cross-

breeding that produces new varieties; and more direct interventions, such as modifying a gene specifically," summarizes Douglas Domingues, currently a researcher at the Plant Genomics and Transcriptomics Group of the Luiz de Queiroz School of Agriculture at the University of São Paulo (ESALQ-USP), in Brazil, and one of the authors of the paper (developed when he was still working at the Rio Claro campus of the São Paulo State University).

According to him, there was a bit of a race to sequence the genome. "The price of sequencing has come down a lot, and coffee was one of the few commodities that hadn't had its reference genome sequenced. There were other groups trying, and there was a paper published just before ours. But most of them used the standard strategy: choosing an interesting plant for cultivation and sequencing its genome," he reports.

The group to which Domingues belongs has sequenced a plant that is not interesting from an agronomic point of view but has a lot to offer from a genetic point of view. "The advantage of our reference genome is that it's derived from a 'dihaploid' individual. This results in a homozygous reference genome that will be a superior standard for future research," explains Patrick Descombes, coordinator of the work and senior expert in genomics at the Nestlé

Institute of Food Safety & Analytical Sciences. He explains that Arabica coffee is a tetraploid: it has two genomes in one because it is the fusion of two other species. By sequencing a dihaploid derived from Arabica coffee compared to a common tetraploid variety, scientists get a clearer and more simplified view of the genome. This makes it possible to identify variations between similar genes with greater precision, facilitating the use of molecular information for improvement studies.

In this study, the group was able to determine more precisely when this fusion took place: more than 600,000 years ago, C. canephora and C. eugenioides fused to form this tetraploid hybrid, which continued its evolutionary path. "We came to this conclusion using DNA information from Arabica, Robusta and Eugenioides: we were able to make a more accurate inference because previously this interval was dated at between 50,000 and 1 million years. We reduced that window to 350,000 to 600,000 years," reports Domingues. The article, published recently in Nature Genetics, was the result of a consortium of scientists from more than ten countries, including Brazil, which participated with more than one institution. In Domingues' case, his participation was partially funded by FAPESP through a Young Researcher project and a postdoctoral fellowship awarded to Suzana Tiemi Iwamoto-Suzuki, also an author of the article.

A Lunar Orbit That's Just Right for Humanity's First Space Station Around the Moon

A unique halo orbit is the road less travelled around the Moon. As NASA prepares for humanity's long-term return to the lunar surface through the Artemis missions, the agency is introducing novel concepts — backed up by science and decades of experience in human spaceflight — to blaze new trails on and around the Moon. An international collaboration, Gateway is a human-tended, small station that will orbit the Moon. The lunar outpost is specially designed to enable deep space exploration with many capabilities for maintaining a sustained presence in space and conducting research in a deep space environment. Features like a human habitat, multiple docking ports for a variety of spacecraft, including

Orion, and the ability to host experiments that will study space weather will all help contribute to future exploration efforts. Similarly, Gateway's unique near-rectilinear halo orbit, or NRHO, was specifically chosen to help ensure the success of future Artemis missions. There is no shortage of options for how a spacecraft could orbit the Moon, but two in particular — low lunar orbit and distant retrograde orbit — are helpful for understanding why NRHO is the right fit for Gateway. A spacecraft in low lunar orbit follows a circular or elliptical path very close to the lunar surface, completing an orbit every two hours. Transit between Gateway and the lunar surface would be quite simple in a low lunar orbit given their proxim-

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DOB CHECK INEFFECTIVE:

Meta Gets EU Rap For Failing To Keep Kids Away From Facebook, Instagram

The European Commission (EC) has ruled that Meta has failed to find, address and minimise the risk its social media platforms (Instagram and Facebook) pose to minors under the age of 13, according to a press release from the organisation on Wednesday.

The executive branch of the European Union (EU) found Meta's safeguards and related measures to enforce restrictions on usage for minors to be inadequate.

"The measures do not adequately prevent minors under the age of 13 from accessing their services nor promptly identify and remove them, if they already gained access," the release said. The EC stated that minors could easily circumvent its age verification policy by putting in a false birthdate that affirms that they are at least 13 years old.

The Commission called Meta's tool for reporting minors under 13 "difficult to use and not effective", with users having to make an average of seven clicks in order to access its



reporting form. The process becomes more arduous with users having to manually enter information, with it not being filled automatically. It also stated that Meta does not follow up on cases where minors are reported for being under 13, which leads to minors being able to continue using the platform without facing action. The EU body also found Meta's risk assessment of the dangers its platforms posed to exposing minors to inappropriate content to be lacking, calling it

"incomplete and arbitrary". It stated that the assessment contradicts large swathes of evidence from the EU that found 10-12% of children below the age of 13 accessing Instagram or Facebook. "Meta seems to have disregarded readily available scientific evidence indicating that younger children are more vulnerable to potential harms caused by services like Facebook and Instagram," the release said.

Departments Will Be Affected, What Amount Will Laid Off Employees Receive The EC has stated that Meta must overhaul its risk assessment methodology and safeguarding measures. "Meta must effectively counter and mitigate risks that minors under the age of 13 could experience on the platforms, which must ensure a high level of privacy, safety and security for minors," the release stated. The EC will also consult with the European

Highlights

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Board for Digital Services for further clarification, if its findings are validated, Meta is liable to pay a fine equal to a minimum of 6% of the total worldwide annual turnover. "The Commission can also impose periodic penalty payments to compel a platform to comply," the release said. Instagram and Facebook are now free to examine the documents in connection to the EC's investigation files and reply in writing to the EU body's preliminary findings.

Trump's Pick Kevin Warsh Set To Head Fed As Nomination Clears Key Senate Panel Hurdle

The Senate Banking Committee on Wednesday voted to advance the nomination of Kevin Warsh, President Donald Trump's next chair of the Federal Reserve. The panel voted 13-11 along party lines to send Warsh's nomination to the full Senate, this puts him on track to be confirmed by the full Senate before Jerome Powell's term ends on May 15. The Senate Banking Committee vote coincides with the US Federal Reserve's meeting, during which Fed officials are expected to keep the benchmark interest rate steady. Warsh's confirmation was in a limbo for over two months, as the Powell probe had complicated the path ahead for President Trump's pick to replace the outgoing Fed chair. Warsh's confirmation was in a limbo for over two months, as the Powell probe had complicated the path ahead for President Trump's pick to replace the outgoing Fed chair. Warsh's nomination had been held up by Republican Senator Thom Tillis, who sits on the Senate Banking Committee as the investi-



gation into Powell's handling of Fed renovations were ongoing. However, last week the Department of Justice agreed to drop a criminal probe into the cost overruns in the renovation of the Fed's Washington headquarters. In a post on X he said, "I have been clear from the start: The U.S. Attorney's Office criminal investigation into Chair Powell was a serious threat to the Fed's independence, and it needed to end before I could support Kevin Warsh's confirmation." Who Is Kevin Warsh? A Fed veteran, Warsh earlier served during the critical period from 2006 to 2011, spanning the global financial crisis as well as the Central bank's efforts to

stabilise the economy. Appointed by President George W Bush, Warsh was among the youngest individuals ever to serve on the Fed's Board of Governors. Warsh completed his graduation from Stanford University. He then earned a law degree from Harvard. Before becoming a part of Fed, he was in investment banking at Morgan Stanley. He served in the White House during the Bush administration as a special assistant to the President on economic policy. Notably, this is not the first time when he has been linked to the position of Federal Reserve chairman. He had come close to being nominated back in 2017, when he lost the race to Powell.

Zepto Strengthens Food Safety Commitment with Hyderabad Edition of 'Zepto Sankalp'

Hyderabad April 29, 2026: Zepto Limited organised a mass food safety awareness training programme for its food handlers in Hyderabad as part of Zepto Sankalp, the company's flagship food safety initiative. Building on the success of its previous edition held in Mumbai, marks the continued expansion of the Sankalp Programme. This reinforces Zepto's commitment towards embedding food safety practices across its growing network. The session, held at FTCCI, Hyderabad, brought together hundreds of food handlers, including last-mile delivery partners and pickers. Led by Food Safety Works, the training sensitised trainees on key food safety practices such as hygiene protocols, appropriate food storage temperatures, and compliance standards critical to ensuring the safe delivery of essentials to consumers. The event was attended by senior officials from the Office of the Commissioner of Food Safety, Government of Telangana, including Shri



P. Murthy Raju, Assistant Food Controller, GHMC; Shri B. Laxmi Kanth, Gazetted Food Inspector; and Dr. Srivenaka, Food Safety Officer. Speaking on the initiative, Srinivas Reddy, Senior Director, Zonal Operations, Zepto, said, "At Zepto, a user's trust is built on the assurance of quality and safety in every order delivered. As we expand the Zepto Sankalp Programme to Hyderabad, we remain committed to equipping our food handlers with the right knowledge and practices. We are grateful to the

Commissioner of Food Safety, Government of Telangana for their continued support and helping us strengthen our vision of a safer food ecosystem. Shri P. Murthy Raju, Assistant Food Controller, GHMC added "Ensuring food safety is a shared responsibility that rests on awareness, consistent on-ground practices, and strong compliance. Initiatives like Zepto Sankalp that build capacity, improve hygiene standards, and enhance accountability across the ecosystem are essential to delivering safe food at scale." Sarika

Agarwal, Managing Director, Food Safety Works said "Every safe meal is supported by food handlers who understand the importance of hygiene and compliance. Training initiatives like these help strengthen awareness, encourage accountability, and create safer food systems at scale." The programme is part of Zepto's ongoing efforts to build a strong culture of compliance and responsibility across operations. Supported by internal audits, regular inspections, and close engagement with regulatory authorities, Zepto continues to embed food safety across sourcing, storage, and last-mile delivery. To date, Zepto has trained nearly 60,000+ food handlers nationwide, with over 4,000+ FOSTAC-certified partners, reflecting its commitment to raising food safety standards in quick commerce. Through initiatives like Zepto Sankalp, Zepto continues to strengthen trust, compliance, and experiences while setting new benchmarks for food safety in the sector.

Lights, camera, Singapore! Farah Khan reveals a different side of the city with klook

Mumbai, 29th April 2026: Klook India has announced its association with acclaimed filmmaker and personality Farah Khan for its new summer travel campaign, inviting Indian travellers to rediscover familiar destinations through fresh, unexpected experiences. Joining Klook's world of joy and discovery, Farah Khan returns to Singapore, a destination she has visited before but, as the video playfully reveals, never quite like this. She is accompanied by Dilip — her personal chef and trusted companion in all things adventurous, for whom the city is entirely new. It is a pairing that works precisely because of the contrast: Farah, the seasoned traveller who arrives with assumptions; and Dilip, who arrives with none. The campaign taps into a travel truth that many Indian travellers will recognise. Even when visiting much-loved destinations, holidays often follow the same familiar routes, recommendations, and itineraries. With this campaign,



Klook encourages travellers to look beyond the obvious and make room for experiences that are planned, spontaneous, iconic, local, expected, and unexpected - all in one place. The digital-first campaign opens with a trailer now live on Klook India's Instagram handle, offering a first glimpse into Farah Khan's upcoming travel story, accompanied by her trusted chef Dilip. This will be followed by three short-form episodes, each capturing their travels

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THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA 2 SEES STRONG ADVANCE BOOKING IN INDIA AHEAD OF RELEASE

The countdown has begun for The Devil Wears Prada 2, which is set to arrive in the theatres on May 1, 2026. Even before its release, the sequel is showing encouraging signs in India, with advance bookings picking up pace and audience interest steadily growing. Early ticket sales indicate that the film has already sold close to 23,000 tickets across major national chains. Around 18,000 of these have been booked through PVR Inox, while Cinepolis has contributed roughly 5,000 tickets. The demand is strongest in metro cities, which usually drive business for Hollywood titles. With a few days still left, the numbers are expected to rise further as the release date approaches. Expected Opening Collection Based on current trends, trade experts estimate that the film could open at around Rs 7 crore in India, including paid previews. This would place it alongside recent Hollywood



releases that have seen a strong box office response in India. If the current pace continues, the film is likely to take a steady opening and could emerge as one of the stronger Hollywood performers of the year in India. Reason Behind The Buzz A big reason behind the growing buzz is the return of Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway and Emily Blunt, who reprise their iconic roles. The film brings back the high-stakes fashion world that made the original so memorable, while also introducing fresh challenges within that space. The pres-

ence of Miranda Priestly once again remains a key highlight, with the character continuing to hold strong recall among audiences. Adding to the buzz, filmmaker Karan Johar's recent Instagram post about meeting the cast in Japan also made headlines, and now he is set to host an exclusive watch party for the sequel in Mumbai, which further fuelled conversations around the film. Right Timing The film is releasing at a time when Hollywood titles are performing well in India. With a positive trend already in place.

Gokula Education Foundation (Medical) Launches RISM, a Globally Aligned STEM and Management University Focused on AI, Aerospace and Future-Ready Skills

Bengaluru, 29th April 2026: In a decisive move to bridge academia with real-world relevance and future skills, the Gokula Education Foundation (Medical), which manages the Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences, Ramaiah Medical College, and the Ramaiah Memorial Hospital has now partnered with University at Albany, State University of New York, a premier public research university, to launch Ramaiah Institute of Science and Management (RISM), a deemed-to-be university in Bangalore. Envisioned as a next-generation STEM and Management institution, RISM will deliver globally benchmarked, industry-aligned education with a strong emphasis on research and real-world application preparing students for a rapidly evolving global landscape. The university will commence its first academic session in August 2026. Building on over six decades of excellence in education, research, and healthcare, the Gokula Education Foundation (Medical) is extending its experience through RISM, reimagining higher education with a global-first, industry-aligned approach. The university will offer



undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programmes across the engineering, business, and science disciplines, with the initial programmes including B. Tech in Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence, Aerospace Engineering, and Electrical Sciences, alongside BBA and MBA programmes. Its academic model is anchored in a co-created curriculum developed with industry and academic partners, integrating interdisciplinary learn-

ing, industry-sponsored Centres of Excellence, and hands-on exposure through internships, live projects, and capstone assignments to build real-world capabilities. At RISM, "Relevance" will be designed into the foundation through an integrated business and management-led approach across programs. Each course will embed real industry exposure from the outset, ensuring learning stays applied and outcome driven. Students will also engage

with 'Mentor Professors,' 'Professors of Practice from amongst senior industry leaders embedded within each department in formal faculty roles, a first-of-its-kind model. Complementing this, translational research anchors the university's academic framework, shaping both curriculum design and tangible impact. With this integrated approach, RISM aims to build a learning ecosystem where industry context, academic rigor, and translational research converge seamlessly. Speaking on the launch, Mr. Gurucharan Gollerkeri, Executive Director and Chief Strategy Officer, Gokula Education Foundation (Medical) said, "We are operating in a fast-changing, deeply interconnected global environment where the boundaries between disciplines, industries, and geographies are rapidly dissolving. Traditional education models are no longer sufficient to prepare students for this new reality. With RISM, we are addressing this shift by building an ecosystem that integrates technology, business, and applied learning in a way that mirrors how the real-world functions and is evolving."

Israeli 'double-tap' strike kills three rescue workers in Lebanon, officials say

Two successive Israeli air strikes on a building in southern Lebanon have killed five people, including three emergency workers, Lebanese officials say, in what the country's prime minister has described as a "war crime". The Lebanese health ministry said the three members of the Lebanese Civil Defense, a state-run emergency service, had been sent to rescue those wounded in the first strike in the town of Majdal Zoun on Tuesday. They were trapped under rubble caused by the second strike and later confirmed dead. The ministry did not identify the two other fatalities. Two Lebanese army soldiers were also wounded in the attack. The Israeli military has been approached for comment. It has previously failed to explain attacks on health professionals while they were on rescue missions. The tactic, known as "double tap", sees an initial



attack followed by a second or more - often hitting civilians and rescuers. It has been used by Israel in Lebanon and Gaza. Human rights groups say deliberate attacks on health workers could constitute a war crime. The latest conflict between Israel and Hezbollah - the Lebanese militia and political party

that is funded and armed by Iran - started on 2 March after the group fired rockets into Israel, which responded with widespread air strikes and a ground invasion of southern Lebanon. Since then, more than 2,500 people have been killed in Lebanon, including 103 health professionals, according to the Lebanese health

ministry. It does not distinguish between combatants and civilians but says the number includes at least 270 women and more than 170 children. Two civilians have been killed by Hezbollah attacks in Israel, while 16 Israeli soldiers and one civilian have been killed in Lebanon, Israeli authorities say. Last month, the BBC

spent several days with the Tyre-based Lebanese Civil Defense team that was attacked on Tuesday to report on the risks emergency teams in Lebanon face amid constant Israeli attacks. The three rescue workers killed on Tuesday were Hussein Ghadbouni, Hussein Sati and Hadi Daher. The strike happened amid a US-brokered ceasefire between Israel and Lebanon that has led to a reduction in the hostilities but has failed to completely stop the war, particularly in southern Lebanon. Israel says its actions in Lebanon are in response to what it describes as violations of the deal by Hezbollah, which was not involved in the agreement but had indicated it would abide by its terms if the ceasefire was respected by Israel. The text of the deal gives the Israeli military the "right to take all necessary measures in self-defence, at any time, against

planned, imminent, or ongoing attacks" - phrasing that is broad enough to justify any action it takes. Lebanon's Prime Minister Nawaf Salam said the "targeting" of the rescuers was a "war crime perpetrated by Israel", condemning Israel's "ongoing violations of the ceasefire". A 5 to 10km-deep strip along the border, amounting to about 5% of Lebanon's territory, remains under Israeli occupation, with Israeli officials saying they aim to create a security buffer zone to protect the country's northern communities. The Israeli military has also continued its air strikes and said it had hit Hezbollah infrastructure sites in southern Lebanon on Tuesday, killing "three Hezbollah terrorists" who had attacked its soldiers. A day earlier, it also hit the eastern Bekaa Valley, where Hezbollah has a strong presence and part of its arsenal is located.

Irish government announces further fuel supports after protests



The Irish government has announced further fuel supports for some workers and businesses, after nationwide protests in recent weeks. Irish government ministers are insisting the package of supports was being worked on by the government before the protests, which saw many major motorways, as well as the main street in the nation's capital, brought to effective standstill. Before nationwide protests kicked off, excise duty had already been cut on petrol and diesel. But since the protests there have been further cuts to diesel and petrol and a package of sup-

ports for farmers, hauliers and coach drivers has been promised. The details of this package were laid out by Irish government ministers on Wednesday at Government buildings in Dublin. The Road Transporters Supports Scheme is worth 120m (€104m) and is for hauliers and bus and coach operators. This scheme will be backdated to March and will apply from when average national diesel prices exceeded 1.90 per litre (€1.65) which is being benchmarked at the point at which fuel costs become unsustainable for commercial transport operators.

TAKEAWAYS FROM THE KING'S HISTORIC ADDRESS TO CONGRESS



King Charles III's visit to the US was meant to be a celebration - of America's 250th anniversary, of enduring Anglo-American ties and of the "special relationship". But it has also been billed as a rescue mission. The current state of US-UK relations is strained - a reflection of British reluctance to fully back the joint US-Israeli war against Iran. So the King's goal has been to ease those tensions with a royal charm offensive, most notably with his joint address to Congress on Tuesday afternoon. The King spoke of the "reconciliation and renewal" that he said characterised the centuries of interactions between the two nations, a theme he returned to later at the White House state banquet. But there were also some lines in his speech, the first royal address to Congress since Queen Elizabeth II spoke at the Capitol in 1991, that may have buoyed Democrats - and raised eyebrows in the White House. Admitting you have a problem is the first step of recovery, as the saying goes. And so King Charles started his speech by diving right into the "times of great uncertainty" that confront both the US and the UK.

He ticked through conflicts in the Middle East and Europe - sources of recent contention between the US and the UK - while also noting the threat to democracy presented by the kind of political violence that upended Saturday night's White House Correspondents' Dinner. From there, the King pivoted to talking about the fact that the US and the UK haven't always seen eye to eye. "With the spirit of 1776 in our minds," he said, "we can perhaps agree that we do not always agree". That was all a set-up, however, for his conclusion that the two nations, when in alignment, can do great things "not just for the benefit of our peoples, but of all peoples". When King Charles noted that executive power "subject to checks and balances" was a British legal tradition, enshrined in the Magna Carta, which became a bedrock principle in the US Constitution, he received another standing ovation - with a twist. The cheers started on the Democratic side of the chamber, before spreading across the entire room. Donald Trump's critics on the left have frequently denounced the president for what they see as his abuse of power.

TWO DEAD AFTER SMALL PLANE CRASHES INTO AUSTRALIA AIRPORT HANGAR



Two people have died after a small plane crashed into a hangar at an airport in South Australia, authorities say. The aircraft burst into flames at Parafield Airport in Adelaide after it crashed on Wednesday afternoon local time. South Australian premier Peter Malinauskas wrote on social media that a "number of others" have been injured. The plane involved was a twin-engine

Diamond DA42, according to the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB), which has launched an investigation into the accident. According to the manufacturer's website, each Diamond DA42 aircraft can seat up to four people. The South Australian police said in a statement that "the immediate area has been evacuated as emergency services deal with the incident".

Former US officials criticise Pentagon silence on deadly Iran school attack

Five former US officials, including a former top military lawyer, have criticised the Pentagon for not acknowledging potential American involvement in a deadly strike on an Iranian school earlier this year. Some of those officials said it was highly unusual not to release even basic details of the strike after such a length of time. A missile hit a primary school in Minab during the opening salvos of the US-Israeli war on February 28, killing 168 people including around 110 children according to Iranian officials. In the two months since then the Pentagon has said only that the incident is under investigation. US media reported in early March that US military investigators believed American forces were likely responsible



for hitting the school unintentionally but had not reached a final conclusion. Asked a series of questions by the BBC about the strike and the accusations of a lack of transparency, a Pentagon official said "this incident is currently under investigation," adding that more details would be provided when they became available. The BBC has reviewed three historical

cases in which civilians were killed during US military operations and in each case significantly more information had been released by the Pentagon within less than a month. The current US position "strikingly departs from the standard response," said Lt Col Rachel E VanLandingham, a retired Judge Advocate General in the US Air Force and former

senior legal adviser at US Central Command during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. "Administrations in the past at least demonstrated fidelity, a commitment to the law of war," said VanLandingham, who argued what was "missing" from the administration's statements was a commitment to accountability and "importantly to ensure this doesn't happen again". President Trump said on 7 March that in his "opinion" Iran was to blame for the Minab strike, without providing evidence. Days later, when asked about video showing a US Tomahawk hitting the military base next to the school, he said: "I haven't seen it" and claimed without evidence that Iran had Tomahawk missiles.

COMEY CHARGED WITH THREATENING TRUMP'S LIFE IN INSTAGRAM POST

Former FBI Director James Comey has been charged with threatening the life of US President Donald Trump, a formal accusation that stems from an image he briefly shared on social media. The image posted on Instagram last year showed seashells forming the numbers "86 47". "Eighty-six" is a slang term used to mean "eject" or "remove". Comey has insisted he did not know what the numbers on the image meant, but Trump and other administration officials have said the post was a threat against the 47th president. Responding to the charges on Tuesday, Comey said: "I'm still innocent, I'm still not afraid, and I still

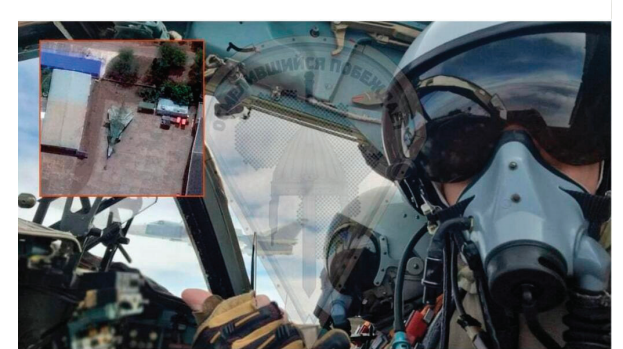


believe in the independent federal judiciary." At a press conference to announce the indictment, FBI Director Kash Patel said that as the former director of the agency, Comey "knew full well the attention and consequences of making such a post". "James Comey disgracefully

encouraged a threat on President Trump's life and posted it on Instagram for the world to see," Kash Patel said on Tuesday. Comey was fired by Trump during his first term, after the former FBI director opened an investigation into Russian interference in the US 2016 presiden-

tial election. Since then, Trump has repeatedly called for his prosecution - Tuesday's charges are the administration's second attempt to do so. "Well, they're back. This time about a picture of sea shells on a North Carolina beach a year ago. And this won't be the end of it, but nothing has changed with me," Comey said in a statement. Comey faces charges of making a threat against the president and transmitting a threat in interstate commerce, according to court documents. Each charge carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison. The criminal charges were filed in the Eastern District of North Carolina.

RUSSIAN PARAMILITARY CARRIED OUT AIR STRIKES IN MALI AS REBELS ADVANCED, FOOTAGE SHOWS



A Russian paramilitary launched air strikes against rebel forces near Mali's capital Bamako, video footage shows, following a shock offensive against the ruling military government. Jihadist and Tuareg separatist forces on Saturday carried out attacks across Mali and killed the country's Defence Minister Sadio Camara. Russian forces claimed up to 12,000 fighters took part in the offensive. The Kremlin-controlled Africa Corps, which supports Malian military operations, has posted several videos since Saturday showing air strikes and attack helicopters engaging with rebel troops. BBC Verify located the clips to the town of Kati, around 20km (12 miles) from Bamako. Despite the show of force, the mercenaries confirmed that they have pulled out of Kidal in northern Mali, which housed significant numbers of troops and was at the core of the military's operations in the region. Verified footage now shows rebels roaming the base. Mali has

fought a long-running conflict against a broad array of rebel groups for more than a decade. Military leaders seized power in 2020 after accusing the civilian administration of failing to properly manage the security situation. Since then the military has had limited success targeting the al-Qaeda linked Jama'at Nusrat al-Islam wal-Muslimin (JNIM) group and the separatist Azawad Liberation Front (FLA), with Bamako coming under a blockade late last year. But the latest attacks mark a "major escalation in the conflict" between the military government and the rebels, said Jean-Hervé Jezequel, Sahel director with the International Crisis Group. Fighting has been recorded across the country, with BBC Verify confirming 22 videos showing rebel movements in seven locations since Saturday. "Whereas JNIM's strategy initially relied primarily on conquering rural or peripheral areas, it now also targets major cities," Jezequel said.

FRANCE URGES CITIZENS TO LEAVE MALI AFTER REBEL ATTACKS

France has urged its citizens to leave Mali "as soon as possible", after a weekend of coordinated attacks by separatist fighters and Islamist militants. In an update on Wednesday, the advice also warned French citizens not to travel to the West African nation, describing the situation as "extremely volatile". Explosions and sustained gunfire were reported across the country, including the capital, Bamako on Saturday. In Kati, the defence leader Sadio Camara was killed in an apparent suicide bombing by militants, while in the north, separatist forces have taken control of the city of Kidal. Mali's military leader Gen Assimi Goïta said the security situation in the country was under control. Speaking in public for

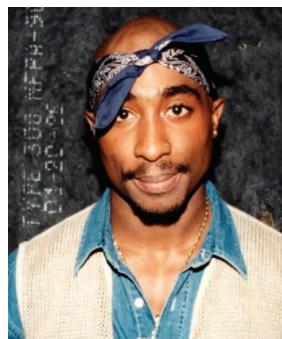


the first time on Tuesday evening, he said the army had dealt a "violent blow" to the attackers, and signalled operations were still ongoing. The foreign ministry of France, Mali's former colonial power, said: "French nationals are advised to make arrangements to leave Mali temporarily as soon as possible on the commercial flights that are still avail-

able." Pending their departure, they should stay at home, limit their movements and follow instructions from local authorities, it said, adding that they should also keep their relatives informed. "Travel to Mali is still strongly discouraged, regardless of the reason." The UK has also advised "against all travel to Mali due to the unpredictable security

conditions", and asked its citizens to leave. The travel guidelines - which have been in place since the weekend - told British citizens in Mali to "leave immediately by commercial flight if you judge it safe to do so". It also warned them not to travel by land to neighbouring countries, deeming it "too dangerous" due to what it called "terrorist attacks along national highways". "If you choose to remain in Mali, you do so at your own risk. You should have a personal emergency plan that does not rely on the UK government," the foreign office added. Bamako International Airport is currently open, but travellers have been warned to check the latest information in case of delays or cancellations.

TUPAC'S FAMILY FILES WRONGFUL DEATH LAWSUIT IN LA



The family of the late rapper Tupac Shakur has filed a wrongful death lawsuit in Los Angeles, seeking unspecified damages tied to the artist's murder in 1996. The suit names former gang leader Duane "Keefe D" Davis, who is currently awaiting trial for his alleged role in the shooting, as the main defendant, alongside additional unnamed co-conspirators.

Davis is the only person ever charged in connection with Tupac's death, after years of investigations. He has pleaded not guilty. The new lawsuit, reported by several US media outlets, alleges there was a "complex conspiracy" to murder the star, and says its aim is to uncover the identity of the "individuals who were involved" through discovery. Shakur was one of the most prominent rappers of the early 1990s, selling more than 75 million records, including hit singles Hit Em Up and California Love. He also had a burgeoning acting career, with roles in Juice, Above the Rim and Poetic Justice. But his career came to an abrupt halt when he was shot four times in a drive-by attack in Las Vegas in September 1996.



IPL 2026: Mumbai Indians Set 343/5 Target for Sunrisers Hyderabad

Ryan Rickelton slammed his maiden IPL century as Mumbai Indians posted a massive total of 243 for 5 in 20 overs against Sunrisers Hyderabad in their IPL 2026 game at the Wankhede Stadium tonight. Rickelton brought up his ton in 44 balls, becoming the fastest MI batter to reach the mark. He and Will Jacks added 93 runs off 43 balls for the opening wicket. Jacks was dismissed for 46 off 22, while Rickelton carried his bat on 123 off 55, the highest score by an MI batter. Earlier, MI captain Hardik Pandya won the toss and opted to bat first. Rohit Sharma was not part of the Mumbai Indians' playing XI during their IPL 2026 encounter against Sunrisers Hyderabad in Mumbai on Wednesday. Rohit, who missed the last three matches for MI due to a hamstring injury, was not fully cleared to play against SRH. Rohit picked up the injury during the game against Royal



Challengers Bengaluru on April 12, where he showed signs of hamstring discomfort and had to receive treatment on the field. At the toss on Wednesday, MI captain Hardik Pandya said that Rohit will need a couple more games to come back, adding that he has been trying to get match-fit. "Ro is going to take a couple more games. He has been trying,

but he is not exactly where he would want to be. So, he is not available for this game. I just want to come out and play my best cricket. That will definitely help the group and the team." Mumbai Indians won the toss and elected to bat against Sunrisers Hyderabad. Mumbai Indians made multiple changes to their lineup, bringing in Ryan Rickelton,

Will Jacks, Robin Minz, and Trent Boult, while Quinton de Kock, Sherfane Rutherford, Shardul Thakur, and Krish Bhagat missed out. Meanwhile, Sunrisers Hyderabad drafted in Travis Head and Harsh Dube in place of Aniket Verma and Shivang Kumar as they tweaked their combination for the clash. Playing XIs: Sunrisers Hyderabad:

Abhishek Sharma, Travis Head, Ishan Kishan (wk), Heinrich Klaasen, Salil Arora, Nitish Kumar Reddy, Pat Cummins (c), Harsh Dube, Sakib Hussain, Praful Hinge, Eshan Malinga. Impact substitutes: Smaran Ravichandran, Aniket Verma, Harshal Patel, Shivang Kumar, Liam Livingstone. Mumbai Indians: Ryan Rickelton (wk), Will Jacks, Naman Dhir, Suryakumar Yadav, Tilak Varma, Hardik Pandya (c), Robin Minz, Trent Boult, Jasprit Bumrah, Allah Mohammad Ghazanfar, Ashwani Kumar. Impact substitutes: Raj Anag Bawa, Shardul Thakur, Raghu Sharma, Mayank Rawat, Krish Bhagat. 6, 4 - Ryan Rickelton finishes the Mumbai Indians innings on a high. The side has posted 243 on the board, with the southpaw carrying his bat on 123 not out off 55 balls. His innings was laced with 10 fours and eight sixes.

'Joshua warm-up defeat would scupper Fury fight'



Tyson Fury could take an interim fight before facing Anthony Joshua, but the long-awaited heavyweight showdown will not happen if Joshua loses his warm-up bout in July, says promoter Frank Warren. Britons Fury and Joshua - both two-time world champions - have signed a deal to fight this year. But Joshua, 36, must first get past little-known Albanian Kristian Prenga on 25 July in Saudi Arabia. "If he loses to this guy, it kills the fight," Warren told. The head of Queensberry Promotions, which represents 37-year-old Fury, said the 'Gypsy King' will earn a career-high payday against Joshua, surpassing the reported £80m he earned against Oleksandr Usyk in 2024.

Question Of Privacy Was Raised By IPL Captains Before Riyan Parag Was Caught On Video Vaping In Dressing Room

After Riyan Parag's vaping row, in which the Rajasthan Royals captain was video-graphed indulging in the act in the dressing room during a match against Punjab Kings, a report by news agency PTI said that IPL and BCCI officials involved in the conduct of the tournament termed it a careless act in the age of social media and intrusive television cameras. A "well-placed IPL source" added: "A lot of players consume e-cigarettes, but they don't do it in the dressing room. It is too risky and careless to be doing that with so many cameras around. With Parag caught vaping so openly, the BCCI might be forced to act," said the source. Another IPL source told PTI that the issue of players' privacy in the



dressing room was raised at the captains' meeting in Mumbai ahead of IPL 2026. Some of the captains had objected to cameras panning to the dressing room during live broadcasts. "It was not specifically related to the use of e-cigarettes in the dressing room. It was broadly about players' privacy. There are times when play-

ers are not fully dressed in the dressing room or may want to avoid cameras. "They were told that it is up to the broadcaster, and not the BCCI, to decide whether cameras show feeds from the dressing room. After this incident, it may perhaps be reviewed." Having said that, it was careless of Parag, and it is difficult to defend some-

thing like this. An elite athlete being caught smoking like this does not set a good example for the public," said the source. As per the Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes Act (PECA), 2019, "no person shall, directly or indirectly, (i) produce or manufacture or import or export or transport or sell or distribute electronic cigarettes, whether as a complete product or any part thereof; and (ii) advertise electronic cigarettes or take part in any advertisement that directly or indirectly promotes the use of electronic cigarettes. "...no person, being the owner, occupier, or having control or use of any place, shall knowingly permit it to be used for storage of any stock of electronic cigarettes."

Vaibhav Sooryavanshi "Might Just Leave For Mumbai Indians"? England Great Throws 'Player Retention' Possibility

When Vaibhav Sooryavanshi was picked by Rajasthan Royals at the IPL 2025 auction for Rs 1.1 crore, many said it was a wild bet. RR's Director of Cricket, Zubin Bharucha, however, recently revealed that he had told the franchise to keep up to Rs 10 crore aside just for Sooryavanshi. Bharucha added that his first impression of the youngster had left him in awe. The 15-year-old has repaid that faith this season. His scores so far in IPL 2026 are 52, 31, 39, 78, 0, 46, 8, 103 and 43. He currently sits atop the run-getters' list with 400 runs in nine innings at an average of 44.44 and a strike rate of 238.09. He is the first player in IPL 2026 to reach the 400-run mark. Stuart Broad, the



former England fast bowler, presented an interesting perspective while lauding Rajasthan Royals' scouting system. "Fair play to Rajasthan Royals' scouting system or academy system whatever they have done. I remember when they signed him at the auction - he was 14, maybe even 13 - and I thought it was a bit

odd for top-flight domestic cricket to bring in someone so young. That's a lot of pressure, just having him around the squad for three years. What's the point of that? It's not as if you can sign him on a 10-year contract; he might just leave for the Mumbai Indians or something if given an opportunity," Broad told

former England teammate Jos Buttler on the For the Love of Cricket podcast. "I mean, to be fair, when he walks into his next player retention, he can go into the auction, if he wants, 'you have to give me some sort of numbers.'" Former RR batter Buttler, who is currently playing for Gujarat Titans, was full of praise for Sooryavanshi, particularly for hitting bowlers like Jasprit Bumrah, Josh Hazlewood and Pat Cummins for first-ball sixes. "He is only 15, and he is playing with the fearlessness of peak Chris Gayle or Virender Sehwag-except those guys were 30 or 35 when they were doing it. He is just consistently knocking bowlers around the park. It's outrageous.

Zinc Football Academy Finishes As Runners-Up In AIFF U-18 Elite League 2025/26

Zinc Football Academy's historic campaign in the AIFF U-18 Elite League 2025-26 concluded with a 0-3 loss in the final against defending champions Punjab FC in Mahilpur, Punjab. Making their debut in the final, ZFA knew the challenge ahead would be immense... facing an experienced Punjab FC side in their home state. But true to their journey so far, the young boys stepped up and showed their mettle once again. The first half was a closely contested affair. ZFA matched the defending champions stride for stride, going neck-to-neck in an intense battle. Both teams played positive football, and the crowd witnessed a high-quality contest with chances at both ends. However, the turning point came midway



through the second half. Punjab FC struck twice in quick succession, scoring two goals in the span of just two minutes to take control of the match. The sudden shift in momentum proved decisive, and despite ZFA's efforts to respond, Punjab FC added a third goal later to seal the result. The final whistle confirmed a 3-0 victory

for Punjab FC. ZFA finish as runners-up. Deservedly, the second best Under-18 team in India. While the result didn't go their way, this campaign will be remembered as a landmark in the ZFA's journey. From reaching their first-ever semi-final to making it all the way to the final.

Hailey Baptiste Ends Aryna Sabalenka's Madrid Open Title Defence

Hailey Baptiste ended Aryna Sabalenka's title defence in Madrid on Tuesday and halted the world number one's 15-match winning streak with a 2-6, 6-2, 7-6 (8/6) quarter-final victory to deliver the biggest shock of the tournament so far. The American saved five match points at 4-5 in the decider and a sixth in the tiebreak before she handed Sabalenka just her second defeat of the year, and her first since the Australian Open final three months ago. Sabalenka is a three-time champion in Madrid and reached the final in the Spanish capital in each of the last three editions of the event but was unable to shake off the 30th-seeded Baptiste, who peppered her with huge serves



and ultra-aggressive groundstrokes to reach a maiden WTA 1000 semi-final. Baptiste came up with huge serves in several crucial moments - finishing the duel with a total of 12 aces and 10 double faults - and even saved a match point with a bold serve-and-volley approach on her way to a memorable two-hour

30-minute triumph. "I feel incredible... It was a super tight match, 7-6 in the third, I had to fight off some match points," Baptiste said. "It just shows me where my game lies, and I've always believed it. And I feel like now I'm starting to put it into action, and the world is seeing it as well. So I'm very confident right now." Next up for the 24-year-old Baptiste is ninth-seeded Mirra Andreeva, who gave herself an early birthday gift by defeating Canadian Leylah Fernandez 7-6(7/1), 6-3 to reach her first Madrid semi-final. The Russian teenager, who turns 19 on Wednesday, was a recent champion in Linz and improved her clay-court record to 11-1 this season.

Babar Azam Equals Virat Kohli, Abhishek Sharma's Big T20 Feat With Blistering Ton In PSL



Babar Azam smashed yet another century as Peshawar Zalmi defeated Islamabad United in the Qualifier of the Pakistan Super League (PSL) 2026 on Tuesday. Batting first, Peshawar posted an imposing total of 221/7, with Babar leading the charge by scoring a brilliant 103 off just 59 balls. In reply, Islamabad United were bowled out for 151, suffering a heavy 70-run defeat. With this comprehensive win, Peshawar Zalmi sealed their place in the final of PSL 2026, scheduled to be played on May 3. Apart from guiding his team into the final, it was a memorable night for Babar, who also etched his name into the record books. The knock marked Babar's ninth T20 century as captain, the most by any skipper in the format. He went past South Africa's Faf du Plessis, who previously held the record with eight hundreds. The elite list also includes India's Virat Kohli, who is fourth with five centuries as captain. Babar also drew level with Kohli and Abhishek Sharma for the most T20 centuries in a single country. While Kohli and

Abhishek have eight T20 hundreds in India, Babar now has eight T20 centuries in Pakistan. In PSL history, this was Babar's fourth century, joint-most in the tournament alongside Usman Khan. He has now amassed 588 runs in PSL 2026, equalling Fakhar Zaman's record for the most runs in a single PSL season, set in 2022. "I'm starting to feel like I'm getting back to my best. I'm trying to keep things simple, trust my skills, and play according to the situation - what the pitch demands, how to handle different bowlers, and when to attack. The hard work I put in before the PSL is helping now. Things weren't the same earlier, but they're starting to come back, and I want to keep this consistency going," Babar said after the match. "When you get a good start in the first six overs, it gives you a cushion to play your natural game and maintain the run rate. The way Haris plays and puts pressure on the opposition helps, and then I just try to play my role and carry that momentum forward," he added.

A record-breaking semi-final - the antidote to modern football?

Every once in a while a match comes along that reminds us all why football is referred to as the beautiful game. Paris St-Germain's record-breaking 5-4 Champions League semi-final first-leg victory over Bayern Munich was one such occasion. It was the highest scoring semi-final since Eintracht Frankfurt beat Rangers 6-3 in the 1959-60 European Cup - and will live long in the memory. Not for its tactical genius or calculated gameplans, but for two sides with remarkable attacking quality throwing everything at it in the hope of securing a place in next month's final in Budapest. In a campaign where set-pieces



have become king, defensive interventions are celebrated like goals and the long throw-in has made a comeback, this was a refreshing reminder that simply scoring more goals than your opponent

can be the key to success. Bayern opened the scoring in a breathless first half, but defending European champions PSG came back in thrilling style to gain a three-goal advantage at 5-2 and

surely put one foot in the showpiece. But the German champions showed their tenacity and talent to reduce the deficit to one and ensure they remain in the tie for next week's return leg in

Munich. As pundits and fans celebrated an extraordinary advert for the game, PSG boss Luis Enrique enjoyed it too. "It was amazing. I think it was the best match I have ever managed as a coach," he said. "It had amazing rhythm, trying to play offensive football, trying to show their quality. I think everybody had fun watching the match. I'm happy because we won." This is the way to play football! The tone was set for a dazzling European encounter when both sets of fans unfurled giant tifos before kick-off - PSG's was emblazoned with the words 'the conquest of Europe', while the visitors' banner urged their side to 'give everything'. In a chaotic

opening 45 minutes at the Parc des Princes, both sides did just that. It was fitting the two top-scoring sides in the Champions League this season put five goals on the scoreboard in a mesmerising, end-to-end opening period. Harry Kane's penalty was cancelled out by Khvicha Kvaratskhelia's clinical finish, before Joao Neves' glancing header and Michael Olise's moment of individual brilliance left the sides level. Many will suggest the PSG penalty, awarded after Bayern defender Alphonso Davies was deemed to have handled an Ousmane Dembele cross in the box, was harsh. Dembele calmly converted to give PSG a 3-2 lead at the break.

Kara Is a Solid Family Drama with Strong Emotional and Thrilling Elements” – CH Satish Kumar

With Kara gearing up for its theatrical release on April 30, 2026, the film is steadily building momentum in the Telugu market. Starring Dhanush and directed by Vignesh Raja, the film is being presented in Telugu by CH Satish Kumar under Vigneshwara Entertainments, marking a focused push into the region. Vigneshwara Entertainments has built a steady presence in Telugu distribution over the years, backing films such as Kabali, Singham 3, Arjun Reddy, Khakee and Salaar. With a mix of large-scale commercial releases and content-driven films, the banner now brings Kara to Telugu audiences. In a recent interaction, CH Satish Kumar spoke about acquiring the film, its content strength, and expectations for the Telugu release.

Q: What's your background?

Satish: I hail from Visakhapatnam. I started slowly with small film distribution. Over the years I became capable of handling big films too. For Uttarandhra, I distributed Arjun Reddy, Kabali, and Singham 3. I also handled Dharmayogi (Dhanush's Kodi in Telugu), which did good business and received a good reception. I also distributed Khakee in Telugu. Since then, I've wanted to get into production.

Q: Going solo? Or do you have partners?

Satish: Solo.

Q: Since no one is purchasing the movie after seeing it, did you make the choice based on Dhanush's market?

Satish: No entirely. More than stars, content is driving the market. So based on the content and Dhanush sir's following, I made the choice.

Q: Kubera is a straight film, while Idli Kottu and Tere Ishq Mein are dubbed ones. Based on their performances in Telugu, don't you think this film is a bit risky?

Satish: Raayan was a success in Telugu too, while Idli Kottu had great content, somehow they couldn't take the film to the audience's doorstep. So, I took proper measures not to



repeat it with my film.

Q: The producer mentioned that you chased him for quite some time?

Satish: See, for any good content film, even big producers try to acquire it quite early. But I was more persistent with the producer to bag the film, and he saw that and gave me confidence that he would sell the film to me only.

Q: Where do you stand on the business aspect?

Satish: We've already covered 80% of the film.

Q: The trailer shows many things, including a bank robbery. What would you say about the movie?

Satish: Well, I can't reveal much about the film, but I'd say it's the story of a man who is caught up in some dire situations and pulls himself up from them. Bank robbery is also a part of it, but this is not a heist film. The film has many strong elements of family.

Jetlee is a comedy thriller that will entertain everyone. Along with comedy, it also has a good story. It will definitely be a workout: Producer Cherry

Tollywood's favorite cv duo Satya and director Ritesh Rana are going to entertain with 'Jetlee'. Produced by Chiranjeevi (Cherry) Hemalatha Peddammallu under the banner of Clap Entertainment, this film is being presented by Mythri Movie Makers. Miss Universe India Rhea Singha is making her debut in Telugu cinema as the heroine. Vennela Kishore and Ajay are playing key roles. The teaser trailer of this film has created a good buzz with a wonderful response. 'Jetlee' is going to be released in theaters on May 1st as a world wide grand. On this occasion, producer Cherry shared the features of the film in a press conference.

• What elements did you like when director Ritesh told this story?

This is a completely different subject. Almost 80 percent of the film takes place in a flight. That is a very interesting point. So far, no film in the Telugu film industry has taken place entirely in a flight. Ritesh always comes up with different stories. I really liked it when he told the story. We have a good relationship. I treat him like my son. I am grateful to him. I like most of the stories he tells. Working with him is very comfortable.

• Mythri Movie Makers makes big movies. You are



making concept-based movies, right? What is your plan?

-Mythri Movie Makers is the biggest banner in India. It is a source of pride for the Telugu film industry. I am proud to see production under that banner. Movies are coming out with big combinations under Mythri. I am interested in making short films and experimental films. We chose stories that were less risky from a production point of view and made films like 'Mathu Vadalara', 'Happy Birthday', 'Meter' and 'Jetli'. Although 'Happy Birthday' and 'Meter' did not perform as well as expected in theatres, they gave good results commercially.

EPIC - FIRST SEMESTER TEASER SCORES FULL MARKS

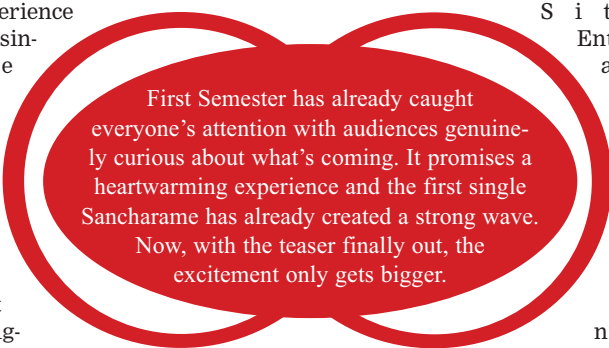


EPIC - First Semester has already caught everyone's attention with audiences genuinely curious about what's coming. It promises a heartwarming experience and the first single

feels like a winner. Music is composed by Hesham Abdul Wahab, first single of EPIC, Sancharame has struck a chord with audiences trending

character and Vaishnavi bringing alive an extroverted, expressive role.

Produced by Suryadevara Naga Vamsi and Sai Soujanya under



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And it delivers nothing short of a beautiful experience with Anand Deverakonda and Vaishnavi Chaitanya at its heart. After Baby, this pair already holds a cult following and here they return with a completely fresh and evolved dynamic. Directed by debutant Aditya Haasan, known for the 90's web series, the film marks his entry onto the big screen and it already

across platforms and further amplifying the film's growing anticipation.

With a vibrant London backdrop, this one comes across as a relatable and engaging love story.

The film appears to explore contemporary relationships and the evolving dynamics of love, presenting a contrast in personalities. With Anand portraying an introverted

with cinematography by Azeem

Mohammad, production design by Avinash Kolla and editing by Navin Nooli.

With the teaser now out and Sancharame already emerging as a musical hit, EPIC - FIRST SEMESTER is gearing up for a grand release with more exciting updates expected soon.

'Doordarshini', Inspired by a True Incident, Will Touch Every Heart: Hero Suvikshit

A feel-good romantic entertainer titled 'Doordarshini', starring Suvikshit and Geethika Ratan in the lead roles, is being ed based on a real-life incident. Carrying the tagline "Kalipindi Iddarini" (It United Two Hearts), the film is directed by Karthikeya Kommi and produced by Jaya Shankar Reddy M and Patimeedi Santosh under the Varaha Movie Makers banner. Having completed all formalities, the film is set for release on May 15. Ahead of the release, the team organized a promotional meet in Hyderabad on Wednesday. Speaking at the event, Gemini Suresh said, "After overcoming several hurdles, the film has finally locked its release date. On May 15, tune



your 'heart's antenna' towards 'Doordarshini'. This is a film that will deeply move audiences and bring a good name to everyone involved. I was given a

unique role, and I'm confident that my character, along with others, will be appreciated. This film feels like homemade comfort food—it gives you the experience of

revisiting village life and brings back fond memories." Director Karthikeya Kommi shared, "Many think this is just a love story, but it has elements that will appeal to parents, youth, and society at large. It brings back memories of the 1990s, especially the days when people eagerly waited for programs like 'Chitralahari'. The film is rich in emotion and will touch every heart. It will take audiences back to their golden days. This film will earn Suvikshit a good name as a hero. We are delighted that notable personalities are supporting our film. I request everyone to watch and support 'Doordarshini' on May 15. The climax will leave audiences thinking, and the emotional impact will linger long after the film ends.

"First Time" movie Trailer launched grandly by actress Payal Rajput - Releasing on 22nd May



Though it is a low-budget film, First Time is being made as one of the biggest VFX-based movies in India. The film is written, directed, and produced by Hemant Ippalapati. The trailer was launched on the 28th in a grand manner with the hands of Payal Rajput as the chief guest. The movie introduces Saurabh Dhingra as the hero.

Akhil Sarthak plays the second lead, and Anicka Vikraman is the heroine. Other actors include Mime Gopi, Shiva, Bhooopal Raju, Gayatri Gupta, Annapurnamma, Ajay Rathnam, and Dhee Pandu. Music is composed by Sri Venkat and Sooraj S. Kurup, while cinematography is handled by Venu Muralidhar and Ram. Even it is a small budget.

the director has not compromised on quality. The movie is being made with high-quality visuals and graphics using human intelligence (HI), without using AI. Many guests attended the event, including senior producer-director Bellam Ramakrishna Reddy, BJP spokesperson Prabha Goud, Zee Chief Editor Bharath Kumar, and actor Abhinav Shaurva. Actor

'Abhinav Shaurva' says: He is a big fan of Payal Rajput and praised the trailer, calling it was shot as Hollywood-level. He wished the movie to be a great success. BJP spokesperson 'Prabha Goud' says: The trailer reminded her of Indian culture, roots, and values. He believes the film will connect well with today's youth. ZEE Chief Editor 'Bharath Kumar' says: he had heard the story earlier and appreciated the director's talent. He mentioned that making such a film with limited resources is very difficult and wished the team success. Actress 'Gayatri Gupta' says: she was selected without an audition and appreciated the director's vision. She felt connected to the film because of its theme related to Sanatana Dharma. Hero 'Saurabh Dhingra' says: That he worked hard for many years to reach this stage and thanked Payal Rajput for being there for him in all ways and thanked the team for their support.

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