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VENKATESAYA29-05-2026
Total pilgrims : 78,389
Tonsures : 45,283
Hundi kanaku : 415 CR
Laddu sale : 407 Lac
Annaprasadam : 2,94 Lac
Medical treatment : 3,556
Waiting Compartments : Outside line
at Srikalahasti.Approx. Darshan Time for Sarvadarshanam
(with out SSD Tokens) : 24 H**PM MODI EXTENDS GOA**
STATEHOOD DAY GREETINGS,
HAILS STATE'S CULTURE AND

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday extended greetings to the people of Goa on the occasion of Goa Statehood Day, praising the state's vibrant culture, rich heritage, natural beauty and the warmth of its people.

In a post on social media platform X, the Prime Minister said, "Greetings to the people of Goa on the special occasion of Goa Statehood Day. Goa's vibrant culture, rich heritage, natural beauty and warm-hearted people are widely known."

Modi also paid tribute to those who contributed to the state's development and distinct identity over the years. "This day is also an opportunity to remember with gratitude all those who worked tirelessly for its progress and identity," he said.

RED ALERT ISSUED AS
STRONG WINDS AND DUST
STORMS SWEEP RAJASTHAN

Jaipur, May 30 : A strong Western Disturbance triggered widespread sandstorms, rain and gusty winds across Rajasthan on Saturday, disrupting normal life in several districts. Sandstorms swept through Churu, Hanumangarh, Sri Ganganagar, Bikaner, Nagaur, Didwana-Kuchaman, Alwar and Sikar, while Jaipur witnessed rain accompanied by strong winds. Hailstones were also reported from some rural areas. The sudden weather change brought daytime darkness to several districts, forcing motorists to switch on headlights. Strong winds uprooted trees and disrupted electricity supply in many areas. The storm system first impacted Hanumangarh and Sri Ganganagar, where wind speeds reached up to 56 kilometres per hour. In Jaipur's Jhotwara area, intense winds and dust storms persisted for nearly 10 minutes during the evening. In Sri Ganganagar, a storm around 11 a.m. engulfed the city in dust, creating conditions resembling a massive sandstorm.

Shivakumar elected the new leader
of the Congress Legislative Party

BENGALURU (TSIT):

D K Shivakumar has been elected as the new leader of the Congress Legislative Party leader. In the Congress Legislative Party meeting held at the Conference Hall of Vidhana Soudha today, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah proposed D K Shivakumar's name as the new leader. Dr G Parameshwara seconded the proposal. All the legislators supported it unanimously.

AICC General Secretary K C Venugopal announced in a press conference that D K Shivakumar has been elected as the new leader of the Congress Legislative Party. Earlier, AICC General Secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala initiated the proceedings stating that the process of electing a new leader of the Congress Legislative Party would proceed with a proposal by Siddaramaiah.

CM Siddaramaiah moved a one-line resolution stating that the matter of electing the new legislative party leader was left to the discretion of the AICC. Parameshwara seconded it, and all legislators supported it by raising their hands.

**SHIVAKUMAR TO BE SWORN IN**
AS NEW CM ON JUNE 3

Bengaluru: D K Shivakumar, who has been elected as the new leader of the Congress Legislative Party, will be sworn in on June 3. Governor Thawar Chand Gehlot will administer the oath of office to D K Shivakumar and his team at a ceremony to be held at 4:05 pm at Lok Bhavan. After the election as the new leader at the Congress Legislature Party meeting at Vidhana Soudha, D K Shivakumar proceeded directly to Raj Bhavan and submitted a letter to the Governor seeking time for the swearing in. In response, the Governor issued a letter of permission for Shivakumar and his probable Cabinet members to be sworn in.

AICC General Secretary Surjewala then announced a 10-minute recess, during which CM Siddaramaiah, Venugopal, and Randeep Singh Surjewala held a discussion in the Chief Minister's chamber.

The election of the new leader was completed after a brief recess. Subsequently, the newly elected leader D K Shivakumar moved a resolution praising the service rendered by outgoing leader Siddaramaiah during his tenure as Chief Minister, and sought the support of the legislators. The meeting endorsed it unanimously.

Brahmos cruise missile deal with Vietnam
already signed: Defence Secretary

SINGAPORE (TSIT):

Highlighting India's expanding expertise in missile manufacturing and increasing outreach, Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh on Saturday announced that a BrahMos missile deal has already been signed with Vietnam with another similar agreement with Indonesia currently in the final stages.

"My understanding is that with both Indonesia and with Vietnam, the deal is in the final stages. In fact, for Vietnam, I understand that it has already been signed, probably not publicly announced, but it's already been signed. Obviously, you are in the category of friendly foreign countries with whom we would be happy to share this kind of

advanced technology," Singh said while responding to a question from a Vietnamese delegate during a media event held on the sidelines of the Shangri La Dialogue in Singapore.

With the Philippines being the first buyer of supersonic cruise missiles jointly produced by India and Russia, Defence Secretary Singh asserted that India has a strong commitment to the ASEAN nations. "We treat you all as friendly foreign countries with whom we can share advanced defence technology," he told the gathering in Singapore. The Philippines received the first batch of the BrahMos missiles in 2024, becoming India's first customer of the missile, while India delivered the second batch of the missiles in April 2025.

Chief Minister Vijay
to visit Trichy East on
Monday, thank voters
ahead of bypoll

CHENNAI (TSIT):

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Vijay is expected to visit the Tiruchy East Assembly constituency on Monday to thank voters and interact with the public following his victory in the recently concluded Assembly elections, sources said.



Vijay, whose Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam (TVK) emerged as the single largest party in the Tamil Nadu Assembly elections and subsequently formed the government with the support of its allies, had contested from two constituencies — Perambur and Tiruchy East. After securing victories in both seats, he chose to retain the Perambur constituency and resigned from Tiruchy East, paving the way for a by-election. According to party sources, Vijay will travel from Chennai to Tiruchy by a private aircraft and is expected to participate in a public event at a college ground within the constituency. The visit is being viewed as a significant political move, especially as the Election Commission is expected to announce a by-election for Tiruchy East in the coming months.

Amit Shah orders zero-tolerance action
on encroachment and infiltration

BHUJ (TSIT)

Union home minister Amit Shah on Saturday directed authorities in Gujarat's border districts to adopt a strict zero-tolerance policy against illegal encroachments, strengthen measures to curb infiltration and financial crimes, and closely monitor demographic changes in sensitive frontier regions.

The directions were issued during a high-level security review meeting held in Bhuj focused on border and coastal security along the India-Pakistan frontier. The meeting was attended by Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, Deputy Chief Minister Harsh Sanghavi, Chief Secretary Manoj Kumar Das, and Director General of Police K.L.N. Rao, along with senior officials from districts including Kutch, Vav-Tharad, and Patan.

Shah stated that enhanced border fencing, maritime surveillance, and coordinated enforcement efforts have significantly



improved security in Gujarat, asserting that infiltration and cross-border smuggling had been largely brought under control due to sustained political will and administrative action. He instructed officials to remove all unauthorised constructions within the 0-15 km belt along the international border and emphasised that any encroachment in these zones should be dealt with under a zero-tolerance framework.

The Home Minister also raised concerns over

demographic changes in border districts, describing them as one of the most serious emerging challenges in the region. He directed district administrations to maintain continuous surveillance and submit regular reports on population shifts and related developments.

At the same time, Shah acknowledged that reverse migration in certain border areas, driven by new industrial investments, was a positive development contributing to local economic growth.

Abhishek Banerjee called 'Bangladeshi,' attacked with stones, eggs; Mamata fumes

KOLKATA (TSIT):

All India Trinamool Congress (TMC) national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee was roughed up on Saturday, May 30, allegedly by locals, when he visited West Bengal's Sonarpur area to meet families of post-poll violence victims, police said. Stones, shoes, and eggs were hurled at the TMC MP by unidentified people who even attempted to rain blows and kicks on him. They shouted 'thief' slogans at Banerjee and called him "Bangladeshi."

Why did you not visit when
RG Kar rape incident
happened? Angry residents

The attack, led mostly by local women in the Kamrabad area falling under ward 9 of Rajpur-Sonarpur municipality, was, allegedly, an explosion

of the pent-up anger accrued on account of years of "torture perpetrated by TMC-run syndicates and extortion rackets" and abject lack of governance leading to broken roads, clogged drains and poor drinking water supply.

Holding broomsticks and bamboo sticks, they gathered outside the house of the TMC party worker Banerjee visited.

Questioning the purpose of his visit, they raised slogans against Banerjee. "Why has he come here? The person whose house he has come to visit is also a thief. It is like a thief visiting another thief," one of the protesting women alleged.

"Where was he (Abhishek) when the Abhaya incident (RG Kar rape and murder) happened? How many times had he gone to meet the parents of



Abhaya? We want an answer from him," another protesting woman said.

Another protester said that Banerjee "had it coming" since the day he issued "veiled threats" from pre-election rallies. "He had said from campaign stages that he would play DJ music from May 4 after

results were declared and no father-figure from Delhi would come to protect us. That's why we have gathered here today to pay him back in his own coin," he said.

Television footage from the scene captured the intensity of the confrontation, showing a visibly shaken Banerjee being

escorted through the area under heavy personal security and local TMC workers.

They wanted to kill me:
Banerjee

Wearing a police-issued helmet for protection, the TMC leader was seen with his shirt torn amid the melee, underscoring the volatile nature of the incident. Banerjee was seen being escorted out of the area with a police helmet on and his shirt tattered.

"Look what they have done to me. This was pre-planned. There is no police in the area. They want to kill me. I will not leave this place till the local police send their force and offer protection to the victims' families," Banerjee said while meeting the family of a deceased post-poll violence victim.

Later, after the attack, a visi-

bly upset Banerjee told reporters that he would "definitely move the High Court."

"They threw a brick, threw an egg, and pelted stones. Please tell me what this is. And all the people standing nearby, the people of the area they are still meeting us and still greeting us with love and respect. Go and ask those who are doing hooliganism here," he said.

"We have all the video evidence. There's a community hall nearby. From 11 am onwards, goons were kept in that community hall to pelt stones. Look at what's happened to my glasses. They hit my eye with a brick, and I can't open my eye. He's punched me in the back, chest, arm, and leg. I was wearing a helmet; otherwise, my head would have been split in two. You can make my

body fall, but my resolve is strong and strong, the passion and enthusiasm are still there, and this head won't bow down." Another video shows women gathered in large numbers, holding eggs and ready to throw them at Banerjee.

True face exposed:
TMC slams BJP

The TMC slammed the Bharatiya Janata Party, calling the attack on Banerjee a "reminder" of how swiftly the law and order has deteriorated under the "shameless regime." "If a sitting Opposition MP can be targeted in broad daylight, what hope is there for ordinary citizens? Is this BJP's idea of democracy? Is this the 'good governance' that PM Modi never stops boasting about?" the party wrote on X.

Centre suspends LPG supply to households with PNG connections

New Delhi, May 29: In a major policy shift amid mounting global fuel uncertainty, the central government has reportedly suspended LPG cylinder supply to households already connected to PNG (Piped Natural Gas) networks, citing the growing energy crisis triggered by disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz.

The new rule, which has come into immediate effect, bars consumers from holding both LPG and PNG connections simultaneously. Officials say the move is aimed at conserving limited LPG stocks and ensuring supply to households that do not have access to pipeline gas facilities. The decision follows escalating geopolitical tensions and continued disruption in fuel movement through the Strait of Hormuz, one of the world's



most crucial maritime oil transit routes. Though reports indicate a temporary ceasefire between the United States and Iran, tensions in the region remain unresolved.

Customers shifting to PNG must surrender their existing LPG connections within a fixed deadline. Customers who install PNG in their kitchens will get only 30 days to termi-

nage LPG connections. Once PNG becomes operational, households must complete the LPG surrender process within the prescribed timeline. Customers surrendering LPG connections will now receive transfer vouchers for future restoration which will help tenants, students, migrant families and transferable employees who later shift to areas

where PNG connections are unavailable. Customers in urban areas must now wait 25 days between refills while rural households will have to wait for 45 days before booking another LPG cylinder. Customers shifting to PNG may not LPG refills during the 30-day surrender period. If the cylinder finishes after PNG installation starts, households could face difficulties as refill bookings may not be allowed during this transition phase.

Iran had earlier restricted commercial shipping movement through the Strait of Hormuz during its conflict involving the United States and Israel, while additional security restrictions imposed in the region have further complicated global fuel transportation and supply chains.

Mangaluru, May 29: World Paediatric Surgery Week is celebrated globally to raise awareness about surgical conditions affecting children and to highlight the importance of timely paediatric surgical care. The Department of Paediatric Surgery at Justice K S Hegde Charitable Hospital, Deralakatte, is celebrating World Paediatric Surgery Week from the June 4 to 10. A series of events will take place during the week to commemorate this important occasion and emphasize the need for accessible, affordable, and high-quality surgical care for every child.

The theme of this year's celebration is 'Safe Surgery for Every Child', and the department faculty aim to spread awareness about paediatric surgery. The department consists of three super specialists, namely Dr



Sandeep B Rai (Professor and Dean, KSHEMA), Dr Aureen D'Cunha (Associate Professor and In-charge Head of Department) and Dr Keshava Pavan (Assistant Professor). Paediatric Surgery is a specialized branch that deals with the diagnosis, surgical treatment and post-operative care of children ranging from newborns to adolescents. Children are not small adults. Any surgery on a child is best performed by a doctor who

understands both their physiology and surgical needs. Hence, surgeries on children performed by Paediatric Surgeons provide the best outcomes.

To highlight this, various

competitions are being held, including a quiz for undergraduate and postgraduate students and a poster competition open to all Nitte University staff and students. On the final day, an entertainment and cultural programme is being organized for current and former patients with their families, followed by a formal function to mark the occasion.

The hospital management is offering a 50% concession on surgeries performed by the department for children who attend the Outpatient Department during the week.

Leaked caste census: Muslims top Karnataka demographics at 14%, OBC quota may rise to 42%

Bengaluru, May 30: Leaked details from Karnataka's long-awaited caste census have reportedly identified Muslims as the state's largest community, accounting for nearly 14% of the population, while also recommending a significant increase in reservation for Other Backward Classes (OBCs). The findings are contained in the Social and Educational Survey Report prepared by the Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes under the chairmanship of Madhusudan R Naik and submitted to caretaker chief minister Siddaramaiah at Vidhana Soudha on May 27. The report, popularly known as the caste census, runs to nearly 300 pages and is spread across 13 chapters. It is based on the Social and Educational Survey Report conducted in 2025 and is said to have covered around 5.9 crore people, accounting for roughly 89 to 94% of Karnataka's estimated population.

Although the government has not officially released the report, portions of it have reportedly been leaked to the media, revealing demographic data that could have far-reaching implications for reservation policies, welfare programmes and political representation in the state. According to the leaked figures, Muslims



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constitute nearly 14% of Karnataka's population, with their numbers estimated at around 75.25 lac. The report reportedly places the community's population in the range of 75 lac to 80 lac, making it the largest single community in the state.

The Veerashaiva-Lingayat community is estimated to account for around 11% of the population, with numbers ranging between 60 lac and 65 lac, making it the second-largest community. Vokkaligas constitute around 10% of the population, with an estimated strength of 55 lac to 60 lac, placing them third among the state's major communities.

The Kuruba community accounts for nearly 8% of the population, with an estimated population of between 40 lac and 45 lac, according to details that have emerged from the report.

LGT Global Hospitality Limited Reports Strong FY26 Performance; Accelerates Growth Through Strategic Collaborations, Acquisitions & Expansion Initiatives

The South India Times, Bengaluru : LGT Global Hospitality Limited formerly known as LGT Business Connexions Limited, announced its financial results for the year ended March 2026, reporting healthy business momentum supported by expanding travel demand, strategic business integrations, and increasing traction across corporate and leisure travel segments.

During the year, the Company continued strengthening its position as an integrated travel and hospitality solutions provider through strategic collaborations, expansion initiatives, and acquisitions aimed at enhancing customer reach, service capabilities, and market penetration across India and international markets. The Company's growth strategy during the period was supported by expansion across inbound, outbound, and domestic travel verticals, alongside increasing demand for organized travel solutions, MICE services, customized



holidays, destination weddings, exhibitions, trade fairs, and experiential tourism offerings. **BUSINESS PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS** • Revenue growth during the period was supported by improved traction across corporate travel management, MICE activities, hospitality solutions, inbound and outbound travel and tour services, destination management, exhibitions, trade fairs, and cus-

tomized travel experiences. Strategic collaborations and acquisitions including Yaja, Travflix, and Holiday One further strengthened the Company's business ecosystem, customer engagement capabilities, and market reach across multiple travel categories

• Increasing demand for integrated travel solutions, experiential tourism, and organized travel service providers contributed posi-

Commissioner Directs Intensification of Stray Dog Control Measures, Shelter Development and ABC Programme



Bengaluru : A meeting was held under the chairmanship of Commissioner Mr. Pommala Sunil Kumar regarding stray dog management, effective implementation of the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Programme, development of stray dog shelters, and public safety within the jurisdiction of Bengaluru North City Corporation.

During the meeting, the Commissioner reviewed the progress of Dog Shelter construction works and directed officials to complete the shelter development works at the earliest.

The availability of adequate manpower for controlling the stray dog population was discussed, particularly the shortage of dog-catching staff. In this regard, service providers were instructed to strengthen human resources and carry out operations more effectively. Discussion on Supreme Court Judgment:

The meeting held detailed discussions on the orders issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 19 May 2026. The Commissioner emphasized the need to take appropriate action, in accordance with regulations, regarding the management and sheltering of dangerous and aggressive dogs that pose a threat to the public.

Proposal for a New Shelter at Dasarahalli: To further strengthen stray dog management efforts, it was decided to establish an additional 500-capacity Dog Shelter at the Dasarahalli ABC Centre.

Directions to Intensify ABC and Vaccination Programmes:

The progress of the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Programme was reviewed during the meeting. Officials informed that approximately 7,000 stray dogs underwent sterilization surgeries during

2025-26, and ABC procedures have been carried out for nearly 60% of the estimated 65,041 stray dogs within the corporation limits.

At present, around 25 dogs are being sterilized per day, and the Commissioner stressed the need to increase this number. He directed officials to prioritize female dogs and work towards achieving a target of 40-42 ABC surgeries per day.

The Commissioner further instructed officials to set a target of providing ABC surgeries and vaccinations to 12,000 stray dogs during the current year. A detailed action plan should be prepared to work in close coordination with the concerned departments.

Officials were also directed to intensify the ABC programme and submit daily reports detailing the number of male and

female dogs undergoing ABC surgeries.

Discussion on Microchipping: The meeting also discussed the introduction of microchipping for dogs after ABC surgeries in the future. Officials were instructed to study the effectiveness of microchip technology and submit a report.

Directions for Recruitment of Required Staff:

Officials were instructed to examine and take necessary action for recruiting additional manpower on an outsourcing basis to ensure the effective implementation of the programmes.

Study of Modern Slaughterhouses:

The meeting also discussed the management and modernization of municipal slaughterhouses. Officials were directed to study model slaughterhouses functioning successfully in other parts of the country and submit a report on adopting best practices.

The Commissioner emphasized that public safety, animal welfare, and scientific management of stray dogs remain key priorities and directed all concerned departments to work in close coordination. The meeting was attended by Additional Commissioner (Revenue In-charge) Mrs. Pallavi, Joint Commissioner Mr. Mohammed Naeem Momin, officials from the Karnataka Animal Welfare Board, GBA Animal Husbandry Department, and officers and staff of the BNCC Animal Husbandry Department.

Quitting Is Medicine, Not Willpower, says Dr. Vinodh Sreeram

Bengaluru : This World No Tobacco Day, the World Health Organisation's theme, 'Unsmoking the Appeal: Countering Nicotine Addiction', lands with particular relevance in Bengaluru. Not because the city is failing its professionals, but because its doctors say they are finally seeing a smarter conversation take shape around quitting.

In a city where nearly 1 in 5 working professionals shows signs of nicotine dependence, doctors note that the trigger is rarely pleasure; it is pressure. Long hours and sustained cognitive load create a pattern where smoking feels like relief, even as it quietly worsens anxiety and reduces resilience over time.

Renowned doctor from



Bangalore, Dr. Vinodh Sreeram – Psychiatrist at Maarga Mind Care, Bangalore says, "The biggest misconception I encounter is that smoking is a choice people can simply reverse with enough motivation. What we're actually dealing with is a neurological cycle. When that's understood, quitting stops feeling like a moral test and starts feeling like a medical one with real, effective tools available."

Dr. Vinodh Sreeram

points to Nicotine Replacement Therapy as a clinically validated but consistently underused option." NRT addresses withdrawal at the physiological level; it removes the combustion, not just the habit. When paired with behavioural support, cessation rates improve significantly. We want people to know this exists, is accessible, and actually works." NRT was added to India's National List of Essential Medicines in September 2022, meaning it's policy-recognised, accessible, and affordable. Yet almost nobody knows or uses it. As India joins the global observance this May 31, the message from Bengaluru's medical community is clear: the path to quitting is no longer willpower; it is better information.

EARA GROUP FOUNDER AND CEO E LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDY RECEIVES AN AWARD AS 'EMERGING INNOVATOR IN SUSTAINABLE REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT' FROM KARNATAKA BUSINESS AWARDS 2026

Bengaluru: The Founder and CEO of EARA Group, Mr. E Lakshminarayana Reddy, received an award for being the 'Emerging Innovator in Sustainable Real Estate Development' at the Karnataka Business Awards 2026.

The Karnataka Business Awards 2026, the sixth edition of Karnataka's premier business recognition platform, celebrated excellence, innovation, leadership, and entrepreneurial success across diverse industries. Organized by the Karnataka Traders Chamber of Commerce, the awards brought together leading business owners, entrepreneurs, professionals, startups, and

industry leaders from across the state.

The recognition highlights EARA Group's growing contribution towards sustainable and future-focused real estate development in Bengaluru. In a market where buyers increasingly prioritize asset security, regulatory transparency, and rigorous land due diligence, EARA Group has formally entered the luxury development segment with the launch of its flagship project, "Amidst Nature." The project marks the company's transition from strategic land stewardship to full-scale residential development. Spread across 18 acres in Kaggalipura, just off



Kanakapura Main Road in Bengaluru, Amidst Nature is envisioned as a low-density, multi-phase community integrating residential plots, future apartments, and select commercial spaces. The project is being developed in three phases, with Phase 1 expected to be completed

within 18 months, followed by subsequent phases over the next three years.

Currently, the development offers 141 ready-to-build villa plots ranging from 2400 sq. ft. to 3500 sq. ft., with prices starting from Rs.1.92 crore. The project is backed by essential infrastructure and focuses on sustainable planning, verified land ownership, and long-term investment value for buyers.

Speaking on the occasion, E Lakshminarayana Reddy said, "This recognition is a reflection of our commitment towards building sustainable, transparent, and future-ready real estate developments.

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Auction 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 6(6) & 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s), Co-Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) indicated that the below described immovable properties/mortgage charged assets, owned by Altum Credo Home Finance Pvt. Ltd. hereinafter known as ACHFL, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of ACHFL, being the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is Where is," "As is What is," and "Whatever There is" basis on 02/07/2026 (Thursday) between 11:30 AM to 4:30 PM for recovery of the below-mentioned amount with future interest, cost and charges thereon due to ACHFL from the Borrower(s), Co-Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) as below mentioned.					
Sr. No.	Name of borrower(s) / Co-borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) loan A/c No.	Date of possession	Outstanding dues to be recovered (secured debt)	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date(s) of auction / opening tender(s)
1	Vellayamma(Borrower) MANJUNATH (Co-Borrower 1)(Co-Borrower 2) Loan A/c: 11920200099	18-Dec-2025	Rs.167499/- NPA Date: 29-Aug-2025	Rs. 2068200/- Rs. 206820/-	02-Jul-26 (Saturday) from 11:30 PM. To 4:30 P.M.
Description of Secured Asset: All that piece and parcel of the property including RCC Residential House property bearing Santhekadurga Grama Panchayathi Khattha No. 192 (as per Form No. 9 Rule 28(1) and 11A Rule 30), E Swathu Property No. 15240502400100938, measuring East to West 3.86 Meters and North to South: 12.192 Meters, in all total measuring 111.48 Sq. Meters, situated at Santhekadurga Village, Santhekadurga Grama Panchayathi, Shivamogga Taluk, Shivamogga District, and bounded on: East- House belongs to Kashiyyamma, West- House belongs to Subramani, South- Road, North- Remaining Property belongs to vellayamma					
2	A R Ganesh(Borrower) MOTHADE MOUNIKA SAI (Co-Borrower 1)(Co-Borrower 2) Loan A/c: 11920200200	16-Apr-2026	Rs.751773/- NPA Date: 29-Dec-2025	Rs. 2503558/- Rs. 250356/-	02-Jul-26 (Saturday) from 11:30 PM. To 4:30 P.M.
Description of Secured Asset: All that piece and parcel of immovable Property bearing No.64, as per Form-9 No. 11601278, GSC Code PR0880001619319, E-Swathu No. 15190100700220011, Situated at Yandagutappalli Village, Rayachoti Village Panchayathi limits, Srinivasapura Taluk, Kolar District, measuring East to West 27.7368 Meters and North to South: 19.2024 Meters, totally measuring 532.61 Square Meters, East - Property belongs to Naryanara Rao, West- Road, South - Panchayathi Property, North - B.R. Krishnappa's House					
3	Mariyamm(Borrower) NATARAJA (Co-Borrower 1) (Co-Borrower 2) Loan A/c: 1192020100203	4-May-2026	Rs.456249/- NPA Date: 29-Dec-2025	Rs. 1609749/- Rs. 160975/-	02-Jul-26 (Saturday) from 11:30 PM. To 4:30 P.M.
Description of Secured Asset: All that piece and parcel of Old Property No.208/D209/B, E Swathu No. 151200400100202584, measuring 3.86 x 12.19 Mts and North to South: 12.192 Meters, in all total measuring 111.48 Sq. Meters, situated at Gundagudi Village, Gundagudi Gram Panchayathi, Harpanahalli, East- Property of Pakkamma, West- Property of Kuchernamma, South- Road, North- Road					
4	Anusuya(Borrower) PRADEEP R (Co-Borrower 1) (Co-Borrower 2) Loan A/c: 1192020100225	18-Apr-2026	Rs.642331/- NPA Date: 29-Dec-2025	Rs. 1214231/- Rs. 121423/-	02-Jul-26 (Saturday) from 11:30 PM. To 4:30 P.M.
Description of Secured Asset: All that piece and parcel of Property No.49, E Swathu No. 1512000600000000049, measuring 3.8 x 18.28 Mts and North to South: 18.28 Sq. Mts, Situated at Gode Village, Pallaghatta Gram Panchayathi, Jagalur, East - House of Parasaddappa, West- House of Rudrayya, South- Kara of Rudrayya, North- Road					
5	Umesh Nageshwar (Borrower) ROOPA N ARADURU (Co-Borrower 1)(Co-Borrower 2) Loan A/c: 122201300001	18-Apr-2026	Rs.1014023/- NPA Date: 29-Dec-2025	Rs. 3907811/- Rs. 390781/-	02-Jul-26 (Saturday) from 11:30 PM. To 4:30 P.M.
Description of Secured Asset: Registered Property Plot No.103, R.S.No.2898, C. Block ST1 Main, Manali Nagar, Near Sangoli Rayanra Circle Randembur,581115, measuring 30 X 40 Fts is 1200 Sq.Fts, East - Plot No.123, West- Road, South - Plot No.104, North- Plot No.102					
6	Y Manjunatha(Borrower) RENUKA (Co-Borrower 1)(Co-Borrower 2) Loan A/c: 160202000004	25-Apr-2026	Rs.1440071/- NPA Date: 29-Dec-2025	Rs. 2286900/- Rs. 228690/-	02-Jul-26 (Saturday) from 11:30 PM. To 4:30 P.M.
Description of Secured Asset: All the piece and parcel of Property bearing Site No.6/1, As per TMC Form KM.F.24, (Rule 531(A)) Assessment(Katha) Property No.1104/486/61, Situated at Janatha Colony, Jigani Village, Hosur Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, Presently comes under the Limits of Jigani Gram Panchayathi, Hosur Taluk, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 30 feet, in all measuring 900 Square Feet, and along with building constructed thereon, East - Site No.6 belongs to Nagaraja, West - Property belongs to Chinamma, South - House belongs to Tailor Raja, North - Property belongs to Chinamma					
7	Manjogadga S(Borrower) Deepa S (Co-Borrower 1)(Co-Borrower 2) Loan A/c: S15220200014	22-Apr-2026	Rs.599214/- NPA Date: 29-Dec-2025	Rs. 2780154/- Rs. 278015/-	02-Jul-26 (Saturday) from 11:30 PM. To 4:30 P.M.
Description of Secured Asset: All that piece and parcel in the respect of building property situated at Kote Extension, Chamarayappa Town, Chamarayappa, Within the limits of Town Municipality, Chamarayappa, comes under the purview of Chamarayappa Sub Registrar, having a property ID No.47-5034-6, Ward No. 1, SAS No. 70, old property no. 60 measuring East to West : 1.4 x 87.23 Sq. Mtr and North to South : 1.5 x 48.23 Sq. Mtr in total 38.83 Sq. Mtr wherein residential building is constructed in 38.83 Sq. Mtr @ ground and first floor respectively, East - Property of Kumar Sri Manjappa, West - Property of Lakshminarayana, South - Private Property, North - Purasabba Road (conservancy)					
8	Madhukani R(Borrower) Jyothi Bai S (Co-Borrower 1)(Co-Borrower 2) Loan A/c: S11920200087	23-Apr-2026	Rs.400871/- NPA Date: 29-Dec-2025	Rs. 1359491/- Rs. 135949/-	02-Jul-26 (Saturday) from 11:30 PM. To 4:30 P.M.
Description of Secured Asset: All that piece and parcel of Property no.536/7A, E Swathu No. 15120024001001191 measuring 6.009 X 9.488 Mts i.e 60.47 Sq.Mts, Sanjaynagar Village, Sanjaynagar Gram Panchayathi, Davangere Taluk, Davangere District, East- House of Renuka nall, West - Property of Patil nalla, South - House of Rama nall, North- Road					
9	Chandrashekar Putta Biralath (Borrower), Shilpa A S (Co-Borrower 1)(Co-Borrower 2) Loan A/c: S16120200049	16-Apr-2026	Rs.217080/- NPA Date: 29-Dec-2025	Rs. 944042/- Rs. 94404/-	02-Jul-26 (Saturday) from 11:30 PM. To 4:30 P.M.
Description of Secured Asset: All that piece and parcel of immovable Property bearing Property No.25/25, E-Swathu No. 15250093060202051, Situated at Tharavarekuru Village, Nidavalu Gram Panchayathi, Hebbaru Hobli, Tumakuru Taluk, measuring East to West 27.578 Meters and North to South 11.8872 Meters, in all measuring 115.94 Square Meters, East - Site House belongs to Lokeshwari, West - Site belongs to Chikkamma, South - Vacant Site of Zaved, North- Road					
10	Nagendra A Y(Borrower) Bhagyanaga G S (Co-Borrower 1)(Co-Borrower 2) Loan A/c: S16620900004	25-Apr-2026	Rs.380641/- NPA Date: 29-Dec-2025	Rs. 1755433/- Rs. 175543/-	02-Jul-26 (Saturday) from 11:30 PM. To 4:30 P.M.
Description of Secured Asset: Property Bering Southern Portion Site No. 152, Khatra No. 58/1152 PID No. 1520201002010108, Bodrayappa Village, Atkibale, Anekal, Bangalore Dist 562125, East - Site No.207, West - Road, South - Site No.151, North - Site No.152 Remaining Portion					
11	Pavan H(Borrower) Venkataraj N Lakshmi Bai N (Co-Borrower 1)(Co-Borrower 2) Loan A/c: S11920200013	15-May-2026	Rs.1071743/- NPA Date: 29-Dec-2025	Rs. 1946231/- Rs. 194623/-	02-Jul-26 (Saturday) from 11:30 PM. To 4:30 P.M.
Description of Secured Asset: The property addressing an extent of 139.81 Sq. Mts, comprised in Property Number 23, bearing PID No. 151200601200600023, situated in Venkatesh Pura Village, Gurudodurga Gram Panchayathi, Jagalur Taluk, Davangere District, within the Sub-Registration Office of Jagalur, East - House of Lakshminabi, West - House of Hanumanthnaki, South - Lane Road, North - Lane Road					
12	Siddharaju N(Borrower) Jyothi C (Co-Borrower 1) (Co-Borrower 2) Loan A/c: S11920200264	24-Apr-2026	Rs.815285/- NPA Date: 29-Dec-2025	Rs. 1126987/- Rs. 112698/-	02-Jul-26 (Saturday) from 11:30 PM. To 4:30 P.M.
Description of Secured Asset: Property comprised in Property No(s) 123/102/106/1D, bearing PID No. 15220070261310998 of Kanarahalli village, T. Nanargur Taluk, Mysuru District, a Unique No - 15220070261310998 Property No - 123/102/106/1D, Kanarahalli Village, Kottigalla GP T Nanargur Taluk, Mysuru District - 571124, East - Road, West - Site of Nanjundashetty, South - Passage, North - House of Basavraj					
13	Madhesha K B(Borrower) Basanna Choudiah (Co-Borrower 1), Devamma Basayya (Co-Borrower 2) Loan A/c: S11720200119	11-May-2026	Rs.229481/- NPA Date: 29-Jan-2026	Rs. 1116899/- Rs. 111689/-	02-Jul-26 (Saturday) from 11:30 PM. To 4:30 P.M.
Description of Secured Asset: The property addressing an extent of 153.29 Sq.Mtr, comprised in Property No(s) 229/8, bearing PID No. 15200200100200231 situated in Kumbharahalli village, within the Sub-Registration District of Kanakapura, East- Property of Srikanthayya, West- Property of Mahadevayya, South- Road, North- Property of Venkatasayya					
14	Pudappa Y(Borrower) Venkataraj N (Co-Borrower 1)(Co-Borrower 2) Loan A/c: S16620900026	7-May-2026	Rs.472819/- NPA Date: 29-Jan-2026	Rs. 1801530/- Rs. 180153/-	02-Jul-26 (Saturday) from 11:30 PM. To 4:30 P.M.
Description of Secured Asset: All that piece and parcel of residential immovable Property bearing Site No.365, carved out of Survey No.587, 588, 589, Situated at Ashraya Layout, Anekal Town Ward No.23, Bangalore Urban District, measuring East to West 20 feet and North to South 30 feet, East- Site No.365, West- Road, South- Road, North- Site No.339					
15	Siddappa Inappa Upunisi (Borrower) SAIHSH IRAPPA UPUNISA (Co-Borrower 1)(Co-Borrower 2) Loan A/c: 12202000026	8-May-2026	Rs.530069/- NPA Date: 29-Jan-2026	Rs. 2378940/- Rs. 237894/-	02-Jul-26 (Saturday) from 11:30 PM. To 4:30 P.M.
Description of Secured Asset: Property no.35, E Swathu No. 151700100500320153, measuring 5.20 X 45 Mts i.e 234 Sq. Mts, situated at Mahur Village, Mahur Gram Panchayathi, Byadagi, East - Property of Hanumanthappa, West - Temple of Bherrappa South - Canal, North- Road					
16	Sunkadakkali Kotappa Basavalingappa (Borrower) Sunkadakkali Mudappa (Co-Borrower 1)(Co-Borrower 2) Loan A/c: 119202060138	6-May-2026	Rs.613000/- NPA Date: 29-Jan-2026	Rs. 2078358/- Rs. 207839/-	02-Jul-26 (Saturday) from 11:30 PM. To 4:30 P.M.
Description of Secured Asset: Site no 46, Door No 777, measuring 22.5 X 40 Fts i.e 900 Sq Fts, situated at Bharathi Nagar, Harpanahalli, East- Site No 47, West- Site No 45, South- Road, North- Site No 65					
17	S Rameshwarappa (Borrower) S MANJAPPA (Co-Borrower 1)(Co-Borrower 2) Loan A/c: 1192020100291	15-May-2026	Rs.725600/- NPA Date: 29-Jan-2026	Rs. 968800/- Rs. 96880/-	02-Jul-26 (Saturday) from 11:30 PM. To 4:30 P.M.
Description of Secured Asset: All that piece and parcel of Property No. 141, E Swathu No. 15120040010020564, measuring 7.30 X 4.80 Mts i.e 60.48 Sq. Mts, Situated at Huchangudi Village, Huchangudi Gram Panchayathi, Harpanahalli Taluk, Vijayanagar District, East- House of Nallayya, West- House of Chandappa, South- Conservancy Road, North- Road					
18	Divyagani G L(Borrower) Lakshminathi Munivarkappa (Co-Borrower 1) Chandra J (Co-Borrower 2) Loan A/c: S11720200090	30-Apr-2026	Rs.1104516/- NPA Date: 29-Jan-2026	Rs. 1827077/- Rs. 182454/-	02-Jul-26 (Saturday) from 11:30 PM. To 4:30 P.M.
Description of Secured Asset: All that piece and parcel of residential immovable Property bearing No.114/114, E-Swathu No. 1528030030000024, Situated at Gollahalli Village, Doddagurugere Gram Panchayathi limits, Chittarantham Bk, Kolar District, measuring East to West 36.68 Meters and North to South: 12.12 Meters, in all measuring 144.74 Square Meters, East- Property of Jayaram, West- Land bearing Survey No.65, South- Road, North- Chowdamma					
19	Madhesha Neelishetty (Borrower), Ghana Neel Shetty (Co-Borrower 1) (Co-Borrower 2) Loan A/c: 11920200113	13-May-2026	Rs.83169/- NPA Date: 29-Jan-2026	Rs. 131171/- Rs. 131171/-	02-Jul-26 (Saturday) from 11:30 PM. To 4:30 P.M.
Description of Secured Asset: All that piece and parcel of Property No.246A/15, E Swathu No. 150800300000300020, Situated at Uthanthalli Gram, Kunigalli Grampanchayathi and the property is coming under the limits of Kollegala Taluk, Chamarajanagera District, measuring East to West 6.06 Meters and North to South 13.17600000000000 mtr, East - Property of Subramanyam Vm Kamathayya & Vicant Site, West - Property of Madhesha So Sudarashetty, South - Property of Lakshminahalli Subramanyam					
20	Mohananda K B (Borrower) Z Eramma (Co-Borrower 1) (Co-Borrower 2) Loan A/c: 1192020100201	22-Apr-2026	Rs.1017072/- NPA Date: 29-Jan-2026	Rs. 543848/- Rs. 543848/-	02-Jul-26 (Saturday) from 11:30 PM. To 4:30 P.M.
Description of Secured Asset:All that piece and parcel of Site No 141, Current Door No 32/P141, measuring 30 X 40 Fts i.e 1200 Sq.Fts, Situated at Yandagutpinn, Davangere, East- Site 158, West - Site 158, South - Site No.140, North - Site No.142					
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EDITORIAL

Does the BJP Still Need Eknath Shinde?

It is a million-dollar question what fate awaits Shiv Sena leader Eknath Shinde, the brand the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) built up to demolish Uddhav Thackeray's party. The deputy chief minister of Maharashtra once said a 'Maha Shakti' – the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) – was standing behind him. But things are a little different now. The BJP has all but established one-party rule across India. And in politics, every such action breeds a reaction. That is why the talk in Mumbai's corridors of power is no longer grudgingly admiring of Shinde's tactics, which always seemed to strengthen his party. Now the discussion is about whether he will still get room to negotiate with Delhi, as the BJP is less likely to tolerate an ally, much less a competitor, in Maharashtra politics. The answer is written on the walls of Vidhan Bhavan in invisible ink. The recent buzz was that the BJP and Shiv Sena were bargaining over the sharing of 17 Maharashtra Legislative Council seats elected by urban local bodies and local authorities. It is said Union Home Minister Amit Shah ultimately accommodated Shinde's demands, but granted him an audience only after a long wait. Their meeting finally took place last week, but reportedly required the intervention of a former Maharashtra minister and education baron, who sat through the discussion. This is strange, as Shinde used to be the most frequent visitor to Delhi in the past. Reports also say that Shinde eventually secured a better deal than initially offered, which may fuel resentment within the BJP in the run-up to the elections on 18 June.

BJP on strong wicket
Freshly renewed after sweeping recent state assembly elections, conceding Shinde's demands is perhaps no longer a priority for the BJP. The question is, if the central leadership and Shah no longer back him as they once did, will Shinde still thrive? He will certainly do well in Thane, his pocket borough. Besides, Ajit Pawar's death has removed a major Mahayuti (comprising the BJP, Shiv Sena and Nationalist Congress Party) ally and Maratha leader, increasing Shinde's relative importance within the alliance. But at the same time, the BJP is still handling the infighting within Mahayuti – Shinde and Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis don't see eye-to-eye. Truth be told, Shinde may have had his moment of glory, but it was four years ago, when as Shiv Sena leader he led a rebellion to evict Thackeray from power by splitting the Sena sixty years after Bal Thackeray founded it. Even so, he had to concede the chief ministership to the BJP's own, Fadnavis, after two years in the seat following the 2022 Shiv Sena split. What is more, the BJP nearly achieved an independent majority in the Maharashtra polls at the time, while the opposition won fewer than 50 seats in the 288-member house. Shinde did make an impression as an action-oriented chief minister and went all out in terms of public engagement during his time in the top seat. He is a pugna-cious fighter whose rise is said to be the result of his 'rada'-aggression. So, when Fadnavis took over, he cancelled some of Shinde's policy decisions, cutting the persona around the man down to size. Still, Shinde and the BJP were on the same page when it came to trumpeting Hindutva. That was a natural outcome of the twelve years of dogged backing that the Shiv Sena leader got from the saffron party.

HOW INDIA IS FAILING ITS STUDENTS

The Modi government through its various ministries and departments, however, seems to have done the exact opposite over the last 13 years. It has failed to meaningfully reform systems and institutions in need of structural change, while repeatedly disrupting institutions and systems that require stability and careful stewardship. The resultant chaos is there for all to see, most recently in the state of education in our country. After cancelling and rescheduling the 2026 NEET examination – following a major question paper leak that affected over 22 lakh aspirants – the government is now faced with yet another national level fiasco, this time involving class 12 students who recently appeared for their Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) board examinations. This year, 18 lakh class 12 students submitted 98 lakh answer booklets – with the total number of pages running into crores. But instead of evaluators physically checking these answer sheets, the answer booklets were scanned, uploaded digitally and evaluated online. When the exam results came out on May 13, many students were dismayed to see they had received much lower marks than expected. In fact, the overall pass percentage of students dropped to 85.29% this year from 88.39% last year. There was also a notable decline in the number of students scoring above 90%. When these students requested scans of their answer sheets for re-evaluation, they were shocked to see blurred scans, barely legible handwriting, cropped pages and impossible-to-decipher diagrams and equations. Stuti, who has taught political science at a private school in central Delhi for the last 19 years, talked about the anxiety and anger this sparked amongst students, parents and educators. "One of my brightest students, who has already received provisional admission from an Ivy League college, was expecting to score at least 90% – the minimum required to secure her place – but ended up with only 82%. Is she now going to have to explain to the university that the reason for her unexpected-



ly low marks is that her own government is incapable of conducting and evaluating crucial examinations properly?" The CBSE's goals of "eliminating totaling errors," and doing away with "post-result verification of marks" seem to have come a cropper. Stuti said that schools were informed about the new OSM (On-Screen Marking) barely ten days before the first exam. "We were able to [do it] because our school has the computers, infrastructure, and technical know-how to manage it. But what about other schools who barely have even the basics in place? In fact, at one evaluation centre, an older government school teacher lamented, 'Humko toh mouse bhi pakadna nahi aataa' ('I don't even know how to use a computer mouse!')." It is a small but telling example of the Modi government's obsession with digital spectacles without first adequately reckoning with the infrastructural inequalities on the ground. Stuti also pointed out that many examiners were government school teachers, many of whom had also been put on census duty at the same time. Several of them held two circulars in their hands, one telling them to check

board exam papers (screens) and the other telling them to count people for the 2026 Census. "Many of our students received an arbitrary 6.5 out of 10 for answers that they should, by rights, have received at least 8 points or more for. One reason for this is probably the inordinate amount of pressure that was put on the evaluators by CBSE to quickly finish the checking. Normally, the checking of papers begins within ten to twelve days of the last exam. This time it didn't begin for a month. The entire process seems to have experienced huge delays. In fact, a teacher told me that she was asked to come in on the morning of May 13 to finish checking some papers — the same day the results were supposed to be declared," Stuti alleged. She added that her current batch of class 12 students have all but lost their motivation to study. It is sad that a prime minister – who has lectured school students every year in his elaborate Pariksha Pe Charcha programmes on how to handle examination stress – doesn't seem too bothered about the unprecedented anxiety, uncertainty and distress that millions of them are facing in the 13th year of his gov-

ernment. Kaaviya, a Class 12 humanities student, who has won many laurels for her school, cannot understand why she hasn't been given the marks she should have. "It took CBSE five days to send me four of my five answer sheets. I'm still waiting for the fifth and I don't know what to do about that because their helpline numbers aren't working. I have noticed odd things in the papers I have received. In my English paper, marks have been cut for no reason at all. In my Maths paper, there is no 'steps marking'. Previously, in Maths, even if your final answer was wrong, you would still get marks for doing the different steps correctly, but not this time," she alleged. "A friend of mine had written answers to two questions in her biology paper, yet the page was marked blank. As a result, she received no marks on those questions because the software seems to have identified the page as empty. Who should we hold accountable for that?" Kaaviya asked. I am tempted to say, "The Non-Biological One," but I refrain. Instead, I ask her how she is feeling about it. "It's very disheartening. The whole focus of Class 12, and

school for that matter, seems to be to do well in your board exams. I have taken the Common University Entrance Test too, which is evaluated by the National Testing Authority. The NTA is responsible for the NEET exam, so now I am concerned about that as well, considering what happened with the NEET paper leaks." Nidhi Anand, an educator, said, "As a parent, I feel both anxious and disappointed. Our children put in years of consistent effort, and at such a crucial stage, even small lapses can feel very big to them. What worries me most is not just the outcome, but the emotional impact. This uncertainty can really shake their confidence and sense of security." Mannat, a counsellor at a private school in South Delhi, is also concerned about the students' mental health. "Not only are double shocks like the NEET leaks and the CBSE scoring fiasco jeopardising the careers of young people, they are creating a huge amount of emotional turmoil in young minds. It is wrong for CBSE to expect people who are not well trained in technology to handle something as sensitive as the scoring of test papers. "

UP'S SUGARCANE FARMERS ARE FINALLY SMILING AGAIN

The true meaning of development in any state lies in the prosperity visible on the faces of its farmers, and this is possible only when villages, farms and farmers are placed at the centre of the development framework. When state policies are farmer-centric, they strengthen the very soul of the nation. This is because farming is not merely a process of production, but the foundation for the continuity of life, culture and civilization. Viewed from this perspective, the steps taken for farmers in Uttar Pradesh over the last nine years are not merely the resolve of a government, but the foundational vision for the holistic development of a state. Soon after assuming office, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath made his priorities clear by waiving farmers' loans, and the decisions subsequently taken specifically in the interest of sugarcane farmers have placed the state in the leading position across the country. Record payment of more than Rs 3.22 lakh crore Today, farmers in Uttar Pradesh are not merely a part of the economy, but symbols of self-reliance and self-respect, because the government's intent as well as policy remained clear. As a result, Uttar Pradesh has made payments of more than Rs 3.22 lakh crore to sugarcane farmers. This figure reflects the government's highest level of commitment. No other state in the country has made such a large payment to sugarcane farmers. This achievement reflects the self-confidence of the state. About a decade ago, the condition of sugarcane



farmers in the state was nothing less than tragic. Mills were shut, cane dues remained unpaid, farmers were drowning in debt, and governments merely offered assurances. From Purvanchal to western Uttar Pradesh, the suffering of sugarcane farmers had become a common reality. Sugarcane-laden trolleys standing outside sugar mills for months, rotting cane and disheartened farmers had begun to appear as the destiny of the state. However, change comes with determination, and the Yogi Government proved this. The payment of more than Rs 3.22 lakh crore to sugarcane farmers is the economic lifeline for lakhs of families who spent countless sleepless nights, waiting for these dues. Today, farmers in western Uttar Pradesh reach sugar mills with enthusiasm and pride. They openly say that earlier sugar mills used to delay their payments and did not care how farmers' families would

survive. Now that payments are received on time, they no longer worry about their children's education or marriages. Farming now feels like a matter of dignity. The stigma of helplessness has been removed from their lives. Not an election promise, but the government's priority This is not a single decision in favour of farmers, but merely a part of a continuous process. In the crushing season 2025-26, sugarcane prices were increased by Rs 30 per quintal. At a time when several states in the country hesitate to provide fair support prices for sugarcane, Uttar Pradesh has demonstrated that increasing farmers' income is not merely an election promise, but a government priority. Therefore, this increase is extraordinary. In a state like Uttar Pradesh, where crores of quintals of sugarcane are crushed, its overall economic impact runs into billions of rupees. Every rupee increase directly benefits the farmer who toils in the

scorching afternoon heat and harvests crops in freezing cold weather. This price increase should be viewed as an ideological declaration. It reflects that the government has understood the value of farmers' labour and respected their hard work. This is why there is now no hesitation in investing in agriculture. Farmers are also becoming technologically empowered. Farmers gained confidence, results followed Today, Uttar Pradesh is the highest sugarcane-producing state in the country. This is not merely the result of an expansion in agricultural land, but the outcome of policies that restored farmers' confidence in farming. When farmers are assured that they will receive fair prices for their crops and timely payments, they cultivate more land with greater dedication. The results are visible. Uttar Pradesh has now surpassed both Maharashtra and Karnataka in average sugar recovery rate.

From Kanthi, Not Kolkata: What Sets Suvendu Adhikari Apart

West Bengal's ninth chief minister, Suvendu Adhikari, is the state's first chief minister in 55 years who hails from outside Kolkata and hence has no house of his own in the city. Most of his predecessors, from the first chief minister Prafulla Chandra Ghosh, who was in the chair for barely six months before making way for Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy, to three-term chief minister Mamata Banerjee, were mostly residents of Kolkata and hence contested seats in and around the city and had their homes there. Most of the state's chief ministers have lived in neighbourhoods alongside commoners as neighbours. Since Kolkata has functioned without a designated chief ministerial quarter, Adhikari moved to a plush convention centre - c u m - g u e s t h o u s e , "Soujanya" - a high-tech complex built in 2014 by the Mamata Banerjee government in the Alipur area that is part of the Bhabanipur assembly seat. Soujanya was built to house VIP guests to the city. Adhikari lived in a private flat at Chinar Park in Rajar Haat, situated in the northern fringes of the city, a comparatively newly developed area, close to the airport, whenever he came to Kolkata from his home in Kanthi. When he became leader of the opposition in the Bengal assembly in 2021, his official residence was at the state's



guest house, Nizam Palace, in central Kolkata. Suvendu Adhikari hails from Kanthi, in East Midnapur, where he lived in his ancestral home, Shanti Kunja, along with his father Sisir Adhikari and the rest of his family. While he won from Nandigram for the 2016 and 2021 assembly polls, he represented the Kanthi Dakshin assembly seat in 2005 and the Tamluk parliamentary seat in 2009 and 2014. His growing-up years were spent in Midnapur, and hence he had never lived in the city before he joined the state's political class. As the first chief minister, from July 1947 to January 1948, Prafulla Chandra Ghosh lived in a north Kolkata neighbour-

hood. Bidhan Chandra Roy, who served at the top post from 1948 to 1962, a renowned doctor, lived and worked out of his ancestral house at Wellington Square (now Raja Subodh Mallick square), which he donated to be run as a charitable hospital after his death. Prafulla Chandra Sen, a Gandhian known as "Arambager Gandhi", represented the Arambagh seat in the Hooghly district. When he became chief minister, he lived in a private flat off Park Street in central Kolkata that belonged to Congress leader Ashok Krishna Dutta, according to an old timer from the party. Ajoy Mukherjee, the only other chief minister who hailed from Tamluk and represented the Tamluk

Assembly seat, lived in the government quarters in Belvedere Estate in Alipur, south Kolkata, when he became chief minister for three truncated terms. His first tenure lasted from February 1969 to March 1970, followed by second and third terms till June 1971. Siddhartha Shankar Ray, who was in office from 1972 to 1977, had his ancestral house at Beltala Road, Bhabanipur, where he lived. Ray represented the Chowrighee constituency in central Kolkata. Jyoti Basu, Bengal's longest-serving chief minister, who was in office from 1977 to 2000, represented the Satgachhia constituency on the outskirts of Kolkata. Most of the years he lived in his ancestral home on Hindustan Road in south Kolkata and in the later years moved to a government accommodation in the Salt Lake area - Indira Bhawan, an irrigation department bungalow. Before moving into Indira Bhawan, Basu had briefly stayed at the Raj Bhawan. Buddhadeb Bhattacharya, who was in office from 2000 to 2011, continued to live in his government flat on Palm Avenue in south Kolkata and represented the Jadavpur seat. Mamata Banerjee continues to live in her ancestral home - a small single stories house on Harish Chatterjee Street in the Kalighat neighbourhood that is part of the Bhabanipur constituency that she represented.

AMERICA’S PILE OF EMERGENCY OIL IS SHRINKING FAST

New York — When he launched his presidential campaign in late 2022, then-candidate Donald Trump blasted his successor for aggressively releasing oil from America’s emergency stockpile ahead of the midterm elections. “The strategic national reserves, which I filled up, have been virtually drained in order to keep gasoline prices lower, just prior to the election,” Trump said during his 2024 campaign launch at Mar-a-Lago, referring to President Joe Biden’s record-setting releases from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR). But now, as voter frustration over high gas prices mounts, President Trump is draining the nation’s pile of emergency oil at an even faster pace than Joe Biden ahead of this year’s midterms. Not only has the magnitude of SPR releases under Trump surpassed records, but the amount of crude left in the reserve is approaching the lowest levels since the early 1980s. Back then, the United States had a far smaller economy that consumed less energy. The emergency steps taken this spring underscore the scale of the oil crisis set off by the war with Iran and the scramble around the



world to replace crude trapped in the Persian Gulf. The shrinking pile of emergency oil also serves as a reminder of how US officials will need to refill the SPR afterwards, an endeavor that will keep both demand and prices high. “This isn’t like a cookie jar. Those barrels have got to be put back at some point and that will lead to higher prices,” said Matt Smith, lead oil analyst at energy intelligence firm Kpler. SPR is 50 million barrels smaller than pre-war. Of course, moments like this are exactly what the SPR is

designed for. Located in a series of underground salt caverns in Texas and Louisiana, the SPR is the world’s largest stockpile of emergency crude. It’s been used by Republican and Democratic presidents alike during wars, hurricanes and other supply disruptions. For example, Biden aggressively tapped the SPR after Russia invaded Ukraine in 2022, spiking gasoline prices above \$5 a gallon for the first time ever. The amount of oil in the SPR plunged from about 638 million barrels in January 2021 to a 40-year low

of 347 million barrels by July 2023, according to federal data. The effective shutdown in late February of the Strait of Hormuz, the most critical chokepoint for energy in the world, has derailed more than 1.2 billion barrels of crude, according to S&P Global Energy. To help fill the gap, the SPR released 9.1 million barrels of crude last week alone, according to federal data. That’s just shy of the all-time high set the prior week. Since the war with Iran started, the amount of oil in the SPR has dropped by about 50 million

barrels, or 12%, to 365 million barrels – the lowest since April 2024, according to the US Energy Information Administration. Notably, that emergency crude isn’t just supply for US refineries. About half of the crude released in April and May have been exported, according to Kpler estimates. “The US is basically the supplier of last resort. The rest of the world needs that crude,” Smith said. Countries in Asia and Europe have been hit particularly hard by the closure of the Strait of Hormuz, leading them to turn to US crude as a replacement. It’s a trend that will likely continue as the crisis drags on. “Even if a deal is done tomorrow, it will probably take six weeks to unblock the strait, only adding to pressure in inventories during peak summer demand season,” Helima Croft, global head of commodity strategy at RBC Capital Markets, told CNN in an email. “Europe could easily see rationing.” The market pays particular attention to the amount of crude stockpiled at Cushing, Oklahoma, because that’s where West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude oil futures are priced.

BITS PILANI TO SET UP STARTUP INCUBATORS IN TELANGANA IN PARTNERSHIP WITH T-HUB



Hyderabad: BITS Pilani will be setting up two startup incubators in Telangana, each at a cost of Rs 10.70 crore by partnering up with T-Hub, Minister for Women and Child Welfare Danasari Anasuya aka Seethakka said on Friday, May 29. Speaking at the Komaram Bheem Adivasi Bhavan in Banjara Hills, the minister said that the government’s goal is to have not just bank passbooks but also industries and businesses in the hands of women. These incubators will help provide financial, technical and business support to up to 300 women entrepreneurs so that women don’t just remain job seekers but can also become

job providers, the minister said. Speaking on Telangana government’s initiatives for women empowerment, Seethakka said that 67 lakh self-help group women currently form the backbone of the rural economy by running various businesses. Moreover, interest-free loans of up to Rs 10 lakh are being provided to women’s groups. She said that so far Rs. 60 thousand crore bank loans have been given to women’s groups who are setting an example by repaying 100 percent of them. Solar power plants have been set up for women in Madhira at a cost of Rs 3 crore, enabling them to earn an income of up to Rs 5 lakh per month. Also,

petrol stations run by women are earning a profit of up to Rs 4 lakh per month, the minister said. During the Medaram Sammakka-Saralamma Jatra, 554 women were provided with Rs 6 crore assistance, and they managed a business of Rs. 9.5 crore in just 15 days. On top of this, the government is making sure that products made by women in villages are not limited to the local market but also reach the international markets. Giving an example, she said that tamarind masks made by women in Cheryala are being exported to the Netherlands, providing a testament to the creativity of Telangana women.

NMDC Steel Turns Profitable in FY26; Records Best-Ever Production and Sales

Hyderabad, May 30, 2026: NMDC Steel Limited (NSL), one of India’s youngest integrated steel producers, has announced its financial results for FY26. NMDC Steel Limited (NSL) delivered a landmark performance in FY26, achieving profitability and registering best-ever production and sales during the year, while also recording its best-ever quarterly performance in Q4, FY26. NMDC Steel recorded its highest-ever annual production of 23.25 lakh metric tonnes and sales of 24.55 lakh metric tonnes during FY26, registering growth of 62% and 74% respectively over the previous year. The strong operational performance reflects improved capacity utilisation, enhanced efficiencies and growing market acceptance of NSL products across key sectors. NSL has now achieved average capacity utilisation of 80% of its rated production capacity within two years of commencing its operations, marking a significant milestone in the operational stabilisation of the Nagarnar Steel Plant.



This achievement places NSL among the fastest ramp-ups witnessed in the Global Steel Industry for a greenfield integrated steel project. NSL also delivered its best-ever quarterly performance during Q4 FY26, with production rising 45% year-on-year to 6.42 lakh metric tonnes and sales increasing 40% to 7.03 lakh metric tonnes, underscoring the growing operational strength and market presence of the company. The operational gains translated into a strong financial performance, with turnover increasing 60% year-on-year to Rs.13,642 crore. This robust growth reflects

improved capacity utilisation, stronger market penetration and the growing acceptance of NSL high-quality steel products across key sectors. Most significantly, FY26 marked a complete turnaround in NSL profitability. Profit After Tax (PAT) stood at Rs. 58.72 crore in FY26 against a loss of Rs. 2,373 crore in the previous year. Reflecting the strength of this turnaround, Q4 FY26 PAT improved to Rs. 391 crore from a loss of Rs. 473 crore in the corresponding quarter last year. NMDC Steel closed FY26 on a strong note, delivering its best-ever quarterly production and sales alongside a

significant improvement in operational performance. Turnover for Q4 FY26 increased 37% year-on-year to Rs. 3,879 crore, while EBITDA stood at Rs. 832.09 crore against a negative EBITDA of Rs. 271.51 crore in the corresponding quarter last year. Commenting on the results, Shri Amitava Mukherjee, Chairman and Managing Director, NMDC Steel Limited, said: “FY26 marks a defining year in NMDC Steel journey. Achieving profitability, recording our highest-ever production & sales and reaching nearly average capacity utilisation of 80% within two years of operations reflect the successful stabilisation of the Nagarnar Steel Plant. As we continue to improve efficiencies, expand our product portfolio and strengthen our market presence, we remain committed to progressing towards full capacity utilisation of NMDC Steel Plant, while supplying high-quality steel products that contribute to India infrastructure and industrial development.”

Geopolitical tensions biggest threat to India’s growth: RBI Annual Report

Mumbai: Robust macroeconomic fundamentals will support the growth trajectory of the Indian economy in the current fiscal year despite headwinds from elevated energy prices, supply chain disruptions and global markets, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said in its Annual Report on Friday, May 29. Healthy balance sheets of the corporate and banking sectors, along with the government’s continued thrust on capital expenditure, bode well for India’s strong growth trajectory, it said. Geopolitical risk has re-emerged as the dominant drag on global growth in 2026, the report said, adding that the adverse impact of the outbreak of the conflict in West Asia at the end of February 2026 is reflected in forecasts for global growth and inflation. “Against the backdrop of a moderate global growth, the outlook for the Indian economy in 2026-27 remains positive, supported by strong macroeconomic fundamentals, although a prolonged West Asia conflict may pose downside risk,” it said. Moreover, the implementation of various trade agreements with the key trading partners would provide further momentum to India’s growth, the RBI’s Annual Report for 2025-26 said. India remained the fastest-growing major economy, expanding at 7.6 per cent during 2025-26 (7.1 per cent a year ago), supported by strong domestic consumption, sustained investment, proactive policy initiatives and sound macro-



economic fundamentals. The report further said the outlook for the agriculture sector in 2026-27 remains contingent upon the progress and distribution of the South-West monsoon. “The likelihood of El Nino conditions poses downside risks to agricultural output,” it said. However, the rain-inducing positive Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) conditions are likely to emerge towards the latter part of the monsoon season, which may partly offset adverse impacts. “While the ongoing geopolitical tensions are likely to exert pressure on the availability and prices of key inputs, particularly fertilisers, the government’s continued efforts in ensuring adequate availability of fertiliser and other key inputs through diversified sources and buffer management are expected to mitigate these potential concerns,” it said. The report also said infla-

tion in 2026-27 is likely to remain aligned with the target on the back of adequate foodgrain stocks, sufficient reservoir levels and stable agricultural prospects despite possible El Nino conditions and above-normal summer temperature. The central government, in consultation with the Reserve Bank, retained the inflation target of 4 per cent with a tolerance band of +/- 2 per cent for the period beginning April 1, 2026, and ending on March 31, 2031. The report also said the RBI plans to expand the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) pilot to cover new use cases under DBT schemes and the domestic retail space, while exploring additional pilots on tokenisation of financial assets and widening participant coverage. Geopolitical risk has re-emerged as the dominant drag on global growth in 2026, the RBI report said.

WILL FRONTIER LEARN FROM SPIRIT’S MISTAKES? BUDGET AIRLINES FACE TOUGH ROAD AHEAD

No airline is more likely than Frontier Airlines to benefit from the demise of Spirit. But no airline is more at risk of suffering the same fate. Financial problems and higher fuel costs tipped long-struggling budget airline Spirit over the edge when it went out of business on May 2. Frontier, which sought to merge with its low-cost rival in 2022, is well-positioned to benefit from Spirit’s absence. Its routes have the most overlap with Spirit, and both cater to budget travelers through similar business models: low-base fares coupled with extra charges for everything else. As airlines start their critical summer travel season, Frontier may find itself in better financial shape with Spirit out of the picture — it has already raised fares on the routes it shared with Spirit. But Frontier is still vulnerable to the many problems plaguing the overall US air-



line industry, and especially the low-fare segment of the market. “(Frontier) has a much stronger cash position (than Spirit had),” said Shye Gilad, a business professor at Georgetown University and former airline executive. “But I don’t dismiss the pressure that the industry is under, especially for these ultra-low-cost carriers.” All airlines, from the upstart budget carriers to the four major US commercial airlines, are struggling with jet fuel costs. Fuel, the second largest expense for airlines after labor, is now up 30% from before the start of the

war in Iran. Most airlines are raising fares and fees to make up for higher costs. But even with fares up more than 20% from last year, airlines haven’t been able to cover all the new expenses. And Frontier, like Spirit, was in financial trouble even before the fuel spike. The Denver-based airline lost \$137 million last year when jet fuel was relatively inexpensive. In fact, the airline has bled money every year since the pandemic, aside from earning a narrow profit in 2024. Frontier’s executives, however, dismiss doubts about its long-term future.

US, UK AND AUSTRALIA TO DEVELOP UNDERWATER DRONE TECHNOLOGY

The US, UK and Australia say they will develop underwater drone technology to protect undersea cables and boost defence, under their military alliance known as Aukus. The uncrewed undersea vehicle (UUV) technology is expected to be ready by next year. While the project’s total cost was not stated, UK Defence Secretary John Healey said his nation would contribute £150m (\$201m). The announcement, made by the countries’ defence ministers at a security summit in Singapore, follows claims of slow progress in Aukus’s projects. Acknowledging the criticism, Healey said “for too long in Aukus, we talked too much and delivered too little”, adding “that has now changed under our three governments”. The Aukus defence pact, which began in 2021, affirmed the three countries would develop nuclear submarines and share military expertise. It is widely seen as a way to



counter China’s growing maritime presence in the Indo-Pacific and its role in rising tensions in disputed territories such as the South China Sea. The UUV technology is the first signature project under Aukus’s Pillar Two, in which the partner countries work together on “advanced capabilities” in areas such as long-range hypersonic missiles, undersea robotics and AI. A joint

statement said the new project would see “cutting edge payloads and enabling systems” developed for UUVs that could protect seabed infrastructure, conduct strikes, and conduct surveillance, reconnaissance and logistics operations. Healey also said that sensors and weapons systems would be developed for the UUVs, which would “rapidly give our forces advanced battle

technologies”. It would also help them deal with threats “including to our underwater cables and pipelines on which so much of our daily life depends”. Such efforts would strengthen deterrence in the Pacific, Atlantic and waters in the High North, he added. The announcement comes a month after Healey accused Russia of running a covert operation over cables and

pipelines in waters north of the UK. Moscow has denied the allegations. In December, the UK and Norway signed a pact to hunt Russian submarines in the North Atlantic to protect undersea cables. The UK is connected by about 60 undersea cables, which British officials say are increasingly under threat from Moscow, with a 30% rise in Russian vessels spotted in UK waters over the past few years. Elsewhere, Chinese ships are suspected to have damaged undersea cables in waters surrounding Taiwan and in Swedish territory. There have also been multiple reports of cables damaged in the Baltic Sea. On Saturday, the three defence ministers did not respond to a question from the BBC on whether the UUV technology project was aimed at countering Russian and Chinese undersea activities. They also did not answer a question on whether progress on Aukus projects was too slow.



No deal announced after Trump meeting to make 'final determination' on Iran

US President Donald Trump has held a meeting with top aides to make a "final determination" about a framework for extending the ceasefire with Iran, but it concluded without clarity on the next steps. Posting on Truth Social beforehand, Trump said Iran must agree to never have a nuclear weapon or bomb, that the Strait of Hormuz be reopened for "unrestricted shipping traffic, in both directions", and that any mines in the strait be "terminated". An adviser to Iran's supreme leader on Saturday accused Trump of "betraying diplomacy" by making what he described as excessive demands. Iran says it is not negotiating on its nuclear programme - insisting it is wholly for peaceful purposes. On Thursday, the two countries had agreed a framework of a deal - known as a memorandum of understanding - pending the approval of Trump and Iran's leadership, according to US officials. The

deal would reportedly extend the current ceasefire for 60 days and launch talks on the future of Iran's nuclear programme. "President Trump will only make a deal that is good for America and satisfies his red lines. Iran can never possess a nuclear weapon," a White House official told CBS, the BBC's US news partner. Since the ceasefire came into effect on 8 April, Trump has repeatedly suggested that the US and Iran were close to a deal and that negotiations were progressing, but so far there have been no substantive results. Trump wrote on social media before the meeting of aides on Friday that he was prepared to lift the US naval blockade of the Strait of Hormuz, allowing ships caught in the waterway to "start the process of heading home!" He also insisted that Iran allow the US to remove and destroy its enriched uranium. "No money will be exchanged, until further notice," he said.



"Other items, of far less importance, have been agreed to." A White House official confirmed to the BBC that the meeting - which was held in the White House's Situation Room, used for dealing with major crises - had concluded late on Friday. The official provided no further details. Iran's semi-official Tasnim news agency reported on Saturday that the blockade on Iranian shipping remained in place. It said Iranian vessels were still being prevented from crossing the blockade line and continued to receive warnings

from US forces. Reacting to Trump's latest remarks, Mohsen Rezaei, an adviser to Iran's Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei, wrote on X: "As predicted, the President of the United States is betraying diplomacy for the third time. "By continuing the naval blockade and making excessive demands in negotiations, he has once again proven that he is not inclined toward negotiation and is pursuing other objectives." Iran's Pars news agency earlier cited informed sources as saying that Trump's latest comments

were a "mixture of truth and lies". There was no provision to destroy nuclear materials in the memorandum of understanding, the agency reported. Meanwhile, Iran's foreign ministry spokesman Esmail Baghaei told state TV it was "focused on ending the war, and there are no negotiations on the nuclear issue". The US has long demanded that Iran stop producing highly enriched uranium and dispose of its existing stockpile, which in theory could be used to create nuclear weapons. Iran says its nuclear programme is entirely peaceful and denies it is seeking to develop nuclear weapons. The possibility of the US being able to "recommence" strikes in Iran was floated by US Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth. Speaking at a security summit in Singapore, he said: "Our stockpiles are more than suited for that, both there and around the globe, because of how we balance exquisite and more plen-

tiful munitions." "So we're in a very good place," he added. The US and Israel launched strikes against Iran on 28 February. Iran responded by attacking Israel and US-allied states in the Gulf, and effectively closed the strait, which has sent global oil prices soaring. Normally, about 20% of the world's energy supplies are shipped through the strait. On Thursday, US Vice-President JD Vance said negotiators were "going back and forth on a couple of language points", including the "question of enrichment". "We're not there yet, but we're very close and we're going to keep on working at it," he said. Iran's chief negotiator Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf said earlier on Friday that it had "no trust in guarantees or words", only actions. "No action will be taken before the other side acts," he said in a social media post. "The winner of any agreement is the one who is better prepared for war the day after."

Ex-US attorney general defends Epstein files handling in congressional probe



Former US Attorney General Pam Bondi has defended her handling of the release of documents related to the convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein. Bondi, who was removed from her post as America's top law enforcement officer by US President Donald Trump in April, testified behind closed doors on Friday in Washington DC. "We demonstrated an unprecedented commitment to transparency in the Department's search for, collection and review of the Epstein files, producing nearly three million pages of material," she said in opening remarks to the US House

Oversight Committee. Bondi was formally summoned by the panel in March, just before Trump announced her ouster as his administration's top prosecutor. As attorney general, Bondi was tasked with implementing the Epstein Files Transparency Act, legislation signed into law by Trump that mandated the US Department of Justice publicly release unclassified records. But Bondi and the US Justice Department have been widely criticised, with accusations that documents were withheld and files were published that made victims of Epstein's crimes publicly identifiable.

Israel put on UN sexual violence in warzones blacklist for first time



Israel has been added to a UN blacklist of countries that commit sexual violence in warzones for the first time. A report by the office of Secretary General António Guterres said the UN had last year verified 31 cases of sexual violence perpetrated by Israeli forces against Palestinians from Gaza and the West Bank. It said 13 of the cases had occurred in 2025, and 18 in the two years prior. The UN said its report should be seen as "indicative of incidents and patterns" rather than comprehensive. Israel said it rejected allegations of sexual abuse and intended to break off relations with the secretary general's office. Israel's ambassador to the UN, Danny Danon, accused Guterres on Thursday of spreading anti-semitic lies. The Israeli UN mission said it will refuse contact with his office as long as he serves as head of the international body. The report said the cases the UN had verified were carried out against 14 men, seven women, nine boys and one girl. The violations included rape, gang rape, forced nudity, and violence to genitals committed by officers from

the Israeli military, police and prison service. The UN said its attempts to fully investigate the issue had been obstructed by the Israeli government and threats made against detainees to prevent abuse being reported. Last year, Hamas was added to the previous "Conflict-related Sexual Violence" report. The UN said 12 former hostages released from Gaza had made allegations of sexual violence against Hamas captors, adding it had been unable to verify the reports as the Israeli government had denied access to UN bodies to carry out investigations. Guterres said at the time that he was placing Israel on "notice", urging it to take steps to investigate numerous allegations and improve detention conditions for Palestinians. Since then, a series of high-profile cases have suggested a pattern of sexual abuse being used against Palestinian detainees. In one now-infamous case, five Israeli guards were caught on leaked CCTV footage appearing to sexually abuse a detainee from Gaza at the Sde Teiman detention facility.

'Poison seller' who sold toxic chemicals online to people across world admits aiding suicides

A man has pleaded guilty to 14 counts of aiding suicides in Canada after he sold toxic chemicals online. Kenneth Law, 60, entered the guilty pleas in an Ontario court on Friday, as part of a deal with prosecutors, who withdrew more serious murder charges. Authorities said the former chef also sold about 1,200 packages of the toxic substances to recipients - who he met in online suicide forums - in 40 countries, roughly a quarter of which were sent to the UK. The charges all relate to Canadian victims - but families of British victims have said they were angry UK prosecutors would not charge Law over the deaths of 79



Britons, which authorities say are linked to products he supplied. The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) said it had agreed to the Canadian plea bargain on the basis Law's sentence take the British deaths into account. A letter from the CPS, seen by the BBC, said Law would not face charges in the UK because he could challenge the extradition after being convicted of similar offences in Canada.

US not 'turning back' on Asia allies, but expects them to boost defence, says Hegseth

The US military is not "turning our backs" on Asia while fulfilling "global obligations" such as the Iran war, US Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth has told a top regional defence forum in Singapore. Hegseth sought to reassure Asia-Pacific allies about US commitment to the region, including fulfilling arms deals in the wake of a suspended Taiwan weapons package - even as he reiterated calls for Asian partners to spend more on defence. While noting the threat of China's military build-up in the region, Hegseth also said the US wanted to avoid "needless confrontation". Hegseth was speaking weeks after US President Donald Trump held positive talks with China's President Xi Jinping in Beijing. Hegseth



was asked by Japan's defence minister to address concerns about US commitment at the Shangri-La Dialogue on Saturday. Shinjiro Koizumi said "some countries might underestimate" that level of commitment and may want to "drive a wedge" between the US and its allies. Hegseth replied that part of the US national defence strategy was aimed at "power projection" in the

Pacific and working with allies. "People want to conflate that we have global obligations with the turning of our backs to this region," he said, denying that was the case. "We can do two things at one time," he insisted, saying the US was "quietly but very strongly" working with allies with a "substantive, serious approach" to the Pacific, while maintaining "global obligations to ensure

that, say, Iran doesn't get a nuclear weapon". Separately, a dialogue participant raised the question of the US's ability to fulfil arms deals with its partners after suspending a \$14bn (£10bn) package to Taiwan in order to conserve munitions for the war in Iran. Hegseth said he would "very much decouple the two" issues, insisting the US was in a "very good place... very strong position" in terms of its overall munitions stockpile and ability to produce more if needed. In his speech, Hegseth emphasised the US's "strong, quiet and clear" approach to the region - its capacity to wield a "big stick" but "speak softly". Central to this approach was more weapons, he insisted, instead of "empty globalist rhetoric about the rules-based international order".

Nato and EU condemn Russia after drone hits Romanian residential block

A Russian drone hit a block of flats in Romania, causing a fire and injuring two people, Romanian officials say. Friday's incident in the eastern town of Galați, near the border with Ukraine, was condemned by Romania's fellow members of Nato and the EU. Ukraine said it proved again that Russia posed "a real threat" to Europe. Romanian President Nicușor Dan said the drone was likely hit by Ukrainian air defences over Kyiv's territory, altering its trajectory. Russian President Vladimir Putin later questioned whether the drone was Russian. Drones fired by Russia have strayed into Romania a number of times during the four-year war with



Ukraine, but it is the first time Romanians have been hurt. Romania's emergency situations authority said the drone's entire explosive payload detonated and caused a fire on the 10th floor of the residential building. Two people with abrasions required medical treatment and were taken

to the Galați County Emergency Clinical Hospital. About 70 people were evacuated as the fire was put out. Romania's defence ministry said two F-16 fighter jets were scrambled after the drones were detected. Brig Gen Gheorghe Maxim said the army had only four minutes

from when the drone was detected to the moment of impact. The ministry added in a later update that it appeared the "entire load" of the Geran 2 drone - also known as a Shahed 136 - had exploded on impact. Gen Maxim said Romanian forces were under significant constraints, as they could not fire munitions that violated Ukrainian airspace. "Ukraine is at war, but Romania is at peace. We cannot launch a projectile into Ukrainian airspace," he said. Romania's military has sought to reassure the public that it was not an attack on the country but rather "a conflict at our border, with consequences for the local population".

GHANA'S PARLIAMENT PASSES ANTI-LGBTQ+ BILL



The parliament in Ghana has approved a new bill criminalising homosexuality and the promotion of LGBTQ+ activities. It proposes that identifying as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer be punished by up to three years' imprisonment. The bill also introduces a "duty to report" prohibited acts to police. Religious leaders have pressured President John Dramani Mahama, who still needs to ratify the legislation, to strengthen anti-gay laws since he came to power last year. The ban has been sharply criticised by international organisations, including Human Rights Watch, which said it placed LGBTQ+ peoples' lives at risk while also "encouraging citizens to surveil and denounce one another". Same-sex relationships have been banned in Ghana under laws dating from the British colonial era. In an address to parliament, the bill's sponsor Reverend John Ntim Fordjour said it would protect Ghanaian family and cultural values. He said the new bans would make exist-

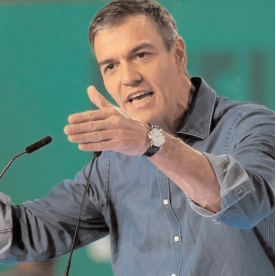
ing laws "more robust, more encompassing and more stringent in dealing with the practices of LGBTQI". Anyone who identifies as an "ally", a general term for a supporter of LGBTQ+ people, could also face a prison sentence. Exemptions were included for legal, media and healthcare professionals who report on LGBTQ+ issues or provide medical treatment or other services for gay people. Human Rights Watch recommended the bill be abandoned in a formal submission to the constitutional and legal affairs committee scrutinising the legislation in the capital, Accra. Ghana passed a similar bill in 2024 but it did not become law after former President Akufo-Addo failed to sign it amid legal challenges. The current President Mahama has indicated he would support the bill's passage, saying shortly after he took office that "I believe in the principles and values that only two genders exist - man and woman - and that marriage is between a man and a woman."



Four more men freed from flooded Laos cave after 10 days

Spain's Sánchez digs in after eight years as PM as wave of scandals threatens survival

1 June marks exactly eight years since Pedro Sánchez became prime minister of Spain, but with his government and Socialist Party besieged by corruption investigations he is more likely to be plotting his political survival than celebrating. His musician brother, David, has just gone on trial accused of influence peddling. Former Socialist prime minister and close Sánchez ally José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero has been named in an investigation into alleged money laundering. And police have raided the Socialist headquarters in Madrid as part of a probe into allegations of a dirty tricks campaign that the opposition has dubbed "the Socialists' Watergate". These probes and others have generated a



growing clamour by the opposition for Sánchez's resignation and speculation that his government might soon collapse. "The accumulation of cases makes clear that these are not isolated episodes or the fruit of dark conspiracies," warned centre-left newspaper El País, traditionally sympathetic to the Socialist Party. "The investigations are linked to the nucleus of power which has governed for the past eight years."

Toronto Stands To Gain Billions From 2026 FIFA World Cup But Transportation Could Undo It All

The numbers are hard to argue with. FIFA's own economic analysis suggests the 2026 World Cup could generate roughly CAD 3.8 billion in economic output for Canada, with approximately CAD 2 billion adding directly to Canadian GDP and more than 24,000 jobs created or preserved. For Toronto specifically, a Deloitte Canada assessment estimates up to \$940 million in positive economic output for the Greater Toronto Area, including \$520 million in GDP growth, \$340 million in labour income and \$25 million in government revenue. The tournament is also expected to create more than 6,600 jobs between now and August. The money is coming. Whether Toronto can actually handle it is the question nobody in the city is answering confidently.

- **The Transportation Problem Is Real**
Toronto already faces seri-



ous congestion challenges in normal conditions, and the influx of World Cup visitors will intensify pressure on roads and public transit well beyond anything the city typically manages. The TTC is expected to experience crowding significantly above peak levels throughout the tournament, with residents likely facing longer commute times and reduced everyday conven-

ience. On match days, more than 45,000 spectators are expected at Toronto Stadium per match. On top of that, up to 20,000 people could attend the FIFA Fan Festival at Fort York National Historic Site and The Bentway across up to 22 operational days. Those two venues alone place enormous simultaneous pressure on the same transit corridors. Transportation analysts

have pointed to public transit performance, crowd management, communication systems and regional connectivity as the four variables that will collectively shape how visitors experience the city. For international fans navigating an unfamiliar place, real-time information may matter just as much as additional bus routes. If systems struggle, the consequences reach

into every corner of the economy. Restaurant reservations get missed. Hotels fill with frustrated guests who cannot get where they need to go.

- **What the City Has Put in Place**
The City of Toronto released its official Mobility Plan in March, built around encouraging fans to use transit, walk or cycle, plan ahead and allow extra time. Ontario has extended restaurant and bar service hours across match days. The FIFA Fan Festival at Fort York is designed to spread foot traffic more evenly, keeping visitors engaged outside stadium hours. The plans are solid on paper. The venues are ready. But whether Toronto's transport network holds up when 45,000 people pour out of a stadium at the same time is a question that will only be answered in real time, starting June 11.

RCB Captain Rajat Patidar's Blunt Response On Being Asked About Potential India Selection

Royal Challengers Bengaluru captain Rajat Patidar has made a strong case for his India selection with impressive performances in the Indian Premier League. He was appointed as RCB captain ahead of IPL 2025 and led the side to its maiden title, which came after 18 years. This season, Patidar not only took the team to its second consecutive IPL final, but also improved his performance with the bat. The player has scored 486 runs in 14 games at an average of 44.18 and a strike rate of 196.76. His performances include a sensational 33-ball 93 that came against Gujarat Titans in Qualifier 1. When asked regarding a potential selection for India's T20I team, Patidar came up with a blunt response. "The answer to your first question is I'm not looking forward to any selection regarding India. So, I'm not looking forward to it," he said on the eve of the IPL 2026 final. In a fascinating



battle of ideologies, the well-balanced and bold RCB will have to subdue a phlegmatic GT to lift their second consecutive IPL title in Ahmedabad on Sunday. On paper, the reigning champions are the overwhelming favourites against the 2022 winners because of the fearless, high-risk game that they have been playing in this tournament so far. It has landed them in trouble occasionally, but Virat Kohli, Devdutt Padikkal, Tim David, skipper Rajat Patidar, Phil Salt, when

available, and Venkatesh Iyer have relentlessly pounded the opposition with single-gear batting. The nature of pitches or opposition bowling strategies have had little effect on their battering ram approach, and no other team has managed to go past 200 as often as they have in this edition of the IPL. Patidar's calm approach to captaincy too has added to Royal Challengers' stability as a team across the last two seasons.

"I Challenge Travis Kelce, Patrick Mahomes":

EX-NFL STAR'S STRONG MESSAGE TO KANSAS CITY CHIEFS AMID RASHEE RICE JAIL TIME

The Kansas City Chiefs are no strangers to difficult off-field headlines, but the latest conversation around Rashee Rice has placed the spotlight on the team's leadership group. With the wide receiver currently serving a jail sentence and his NFL future under scrutiny, former NFL star Jarvis Landry believes this is the moment for veterans inside the organisation to step forward. Rather than focusing only on punishment, Landry wants the Chiefs' biggest names to help Rice avoid making more mistakes and find a better path forward. Jarvis Landry Wants Patrick Mahomes, Travis Kelce To Step Up For Rashee Rice Speaking on the



4th And South Podcast, Landry said that he believes players such as Patrick Mahomes and Travis Kelce have a responsibility to support younger teammates during difficult moments. "I challenge Travis Kelce, I challenge Patrick Mahomes, I challenge any leader that's

in the Kansas City organization to put their arms around this young man, give him guidance, put him in a better room and better position," Landry said. "Show him how to move in the off-season and how to establish a circle that can lead to generational wealth because

they say you are the sum of who you hang with. If you hang around bad s, bad s gonna happen to you. If you're hanging with bad people, bad things are gonna happen to you."

A simpler version: Rice's legal troubles remain a talking point around the league. Some Chiefs players backed him publicly, but the move also drew criticism from victims' representatives and former Chiefs players. What Rashee Rice's Probation Violation Means For The Kansas City Chiefs Rice remains one of the most talented receivers on Kansas City's roster, which makes the situation complicated for the Chiefs.

WWE CLASH IN ITALY 2026 PREDICTIONS:

WILL ROMAN REIGNS AND CODY RHODES SURVIVE THEIR TITLE MATCHES?

WWE is heading to Turin, Italy, for Clash in Italy 2026, and honestly, this card feels a little different from the usual premium live events. A lot of the matches are rematches, which means fans already know what these superstars are capable of doing against each other. But that's exactly why the pressure is much higher this time. Nobody wants to see the same results play out all over again. Some of WWE's biggest names are walking into the event with targets on their backs. Cody Rhodes and Roman Reigns are still champions, but both of them are facing opponents who have every reason to believe they can finally get the job



done. Add in title matches featuring Rhea Ripley, Becky Lynch, and rising stars looking for career-defining moments, and Clash in Italy could end up changing more than a few championship pictures. Could Jacob Fatu finally take down Roman Reigns?

Out of all the matches on the card, this one feels like the hardest to predict. Roman Reigns and Jacob Fatu have already gone to war recently, but the addition of Tribal Combat changes everything. These matches are usually chaotic, and outside involvement is almost expected at

this point. A lot of fans think help could arrive for Reigns when things get tough. But what if things go the other way? If the Bloodline story takes another major twist, Reigns could suddenly find himself standing alone. That's why Jacob Fatu feels like the safer prediction here. WWE may be ready to push him even further and completely shake up the family power structure. Prediction: Jacob Fatu wins the World Heavyweight Championship. Cody Rhodes might survive, but Gunther won't make it easy. It feels like WWE has been slowly building Gunther toward a world title moment for a long time.

ARYNA SABALENKA QUELLS DARIA KASATKINA TO MARCH ON AT FRENCH OPEN

World No.1 Aryna Sabalenka continued her pursuit of a first French Open title by easing past Daria Kasatkina 6-0, 7-5 in the French Open third round on Saturday. The Belarusian top seed ripped through the first set in 29 minutes. Sabalenka let her momentum drift at the start of the second set as two unforced errors and a double fault allowed Kasatkina to break in the



opening game. The Australian then held to love as Sabalenka continued to miss. The Belarusian took the next three games but faced greater resistance from Kasatkina.



Vinesh Phogat was knocked out of the Asian Games

Shubman Gill's Father Puts On Dancing Shoes, GT Captain Somehow Dodges Spotlight

Shubman Gill shared a heartfelt moment with his parents after guiding Gujarat Titans to the IPL 2026 final on Friday in Chandigarh. Playing against Rajasthan Royals, Gill delivered a magnificent knock of 104 off 53 balls as GT chased down a target of 214 with eight balls to spare and seven wickets in hand. GT will now take on Royal Challengers Bengaluru in the summit clash in Ahmedabad on Sunday, a team they had earlier lost to in Qualifier 1. After the match, Gill was seen celebrating the victory with his parents in the stadium. In a video that is now going viral on social media, Gill's father, Lakhwinder Singh, was seen making both his son and wife dance. However, appearing shy,



Gill quickly asked his father to stop, creating a hilarious yet adorable moment for fans. Gill smacked 104 off 53 balls with 15 fours and three sixes to eclipse the first-innings heroics of Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, who made a calculated 96, to power Gujarat Titans' victory in

the Qualifier 2. "(The) feeling is really good. But (a) quick turnaround so tomorrow (Saturday) we'll just rest and recover and then go there and assess conditions," Gill told the broadcaster after the match. "If you don't play the occasion it brings the best out of us and that's what we spoke

about. Let's take the occasion out and play some good cricket. Whether we win or lose, we should play good cricket," he said while revealing GT's mantra. The IPL final this year will be a repeat of the Qualifier 1 in which defending champions Royal Challengers Bengaluru had beaten Gujarat Titans by 92 runs. GT's win on Friday was built on a 167-run opening stand between Gill and Sai Sudharsan (58), who was dismissed hit-wicket for a second game in a row. "We complement each other and each other's game very well. When we are batting out there our communication is very good. One of us has to take down one of the bowlers and we are very good in deciding which bowler to take on," Gill said

Vinesh Phogat Out Of Asian Games 2026 Race After Losing In 53kg Wrestling Trials

selection trials in New Delhi on Saturday after losing to Meenakshi Goyat 4-6 in a tense semifinal bout of the women's 53kg event. The loss will dash Vinesh's hopes of a comeback and her chances of securing a berth at the Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan later this year. Earlier, Vinesh had summoned her years of experience to prevail in a fiercely fought bout against a super aggressive Nishu to reach the semifinals. After a rather easy 7-1 win against

Jyoti, Vinesh had to contend with a technically sound Nishu, who opened up a massive 5-0 lead and almost pinned the star grappler in the first period after a sensational four-point throw, but she survived. The bout was emotionally charged but was littered with challenges and technical failures of the screens. The resultant long breaks gave Vinesh much needed breather. She remains technically skilled, but time away from the mat has certainly taken a toll on her endurance. Nishu used the half head locks effective-

ly to keep Vinesh under check for a large part but Vinesh needed that one move to turn the tables and she found that in the second period -- a powerful four-point as she threw Nishu on mat. Vinesh had Nishu in her grip as she went for a pin. Sitting in her coach corner, her husband Sombir Rath and supporters charged on the net, demanding a pin. Eventually, a challenge was sought. It was ruled that the referee gave 'wrong whistle' but Vinesh was not given the 'pin' result. Nishu was put on the ground

position, though she could not take advantage. Another two-pointer put Vinesh ahead 6-5. It soon became 6-6, putting Vinesh ahead on criteria. Nishu attempted a take down but was not given points. Nishu's coach challenged the decision but lost as Vinesh left the mat relieved. Stunned, Nishu refused to share hands with the referee and Vinesh and stood on mat for a long time, crying. She will now fight it out with Meenakshi Goyat, who had shocked Antim Pangal in the Asian Championship trials.

Who Is JollyRancherZoo? Streamer Breaks Down While Accusing Boyfriend Shoovy Of Taking Her OnlyFans Money



JollyRancherZoo is all over social media right now, and honestly, it's because of a pretty messy situation. The Kick streamer broke down during a livestream and made some serious claims about her boyfriend, Shoovy. Clips from the stream started spreading everywhere almost instantly, with viewers trying to figure out what exactly happened between the two creators. During the stream, Jolly didn't hold back. She claimed Shoovy changed the banking information connected to her OnlyFans account and redirected money to himself. According to her, she only found out later and felt completely blindsided by it. The whole thing quickly turned into one of the biggest streamer dramas people were talking about online. What did JollyRancherZoo accuse Shoovy of? The viral clip mainly revolves around money. JollyRancherZoo claimed that Shoovy changed the payout details on her OnlyFans account without her knowing. She

suggested that a huge amount of money was involved, with different clips and posts online mentioning figures that go as high as \$100,000. At one point, she said she felt like she got "played" by someone she trusted. You could tell she was really emotional while talking about it. The stream wasn't some calm explanation of events. It was more like everything hitting her at once and coming out live in front of thousands of viewers. Another part of the stream that immediately went viral was when she mentioned a private request Shoovy allegedly made during their relationship. Social media grabbed onto that detail almost instantly, and within hours it became one of the most shared parts of the entire situation. The internet had reactions almost immediately. As soon as clips started making rounds online, everybody suddenly had an opinion. Some people felt bad for Jolly and said she should get lawyers involved if her claims are true.

DRINKER SAI’ TRENDS AT NO. 1 ON ZEE5; VIEWERS LAUD DHARMA MAHESH’S PERFORMANCE

Drinker Sai, starring Dharma Mahesh and directed by Kiran Tirumalasetti, is produced by Basavaraju Srinivas, Ismail Shaik, and Basavaraju Laharidhar under the Everest Cinemas and Smart Screen Entertainments banners. Carrying the tagline 'Brand of Bad Boys', the film was released in theaters and received a positive response, particularly from youth and mass audiences. The movie is now continuing its successful run on OTT as well. Streaming on ZEE5, Drinker Sai is currently the No. 1 trending movie in the platform's Free on ZEE5 section, winning widespread audience appreciation.

In particular, Dharma Mahesh's outstanding performance in the film has been earning well-deserved praise from viewers and on social media. Audiences have noted that he portrayed a wide range of emotions, including love, anger, pain, rebellion, and emotional depth, with remarkable naturalness. Carrying the film on his shoulders and fully immersing himself in the role, Dharma Mahesh's performance has emerged as one of the movie's biggest highlights. In this film, Dharma Mahesh delivers a natural and convincing performance portraying the life of an ordinary young man, along with his experiences



of love, self-respect, and emotional struggles. In several key scenes, his expressions, dialogue delivery, and body language have impressed audiences. As a result, after earning a good reputation during its theatrical run, the film is now receiving even greater appreciation on OTT platforms. He also won the Debut Actor – Jury Award

at GAMA Awards in Dubai for his mature act. Actress Aishwarya Sharma has impressed viewers with her beauty and performance, while her chemistry with Dharma Mahesh has become another major attraction of the film. Supporting actors including Ritu Choudhary, Posani Krishna Murali, Srikanth Iyengar, Sameer, Bhadram,

Kirrak Seetha, Fun Bucket Rajesh, and Raja Prajwal have also done full justice to their roles, adding strength to the story. Technically as well, Drinker Sai has received positive feedback. Director Kiran Tirumalasetti succeeded in presenting the story in a way that connects with today's youth. In particular, he effectively balanced emotions, romance, and entertainment throughout the film. The producers ensured high production values without compromising on quality. Music director Sri Vasanth's songs and background score have been a major asset to the movie. Since its release, the film's songs have continued to attract music lovers. The music has played a crucial role in enhancing the emotional impact of the story and connecting it more strongly with the audience. The response to Drinker Sai, which is currently holding the top trending position on ZEE5, shows that audiences are highly appreciative of Dharma Mahesh's performance. The praise he is receiving is making this film a milestone in his career. With OTT viewers watching the film in large numbers, its popularity continues to grow day by day. The team is encouraging those who have not yet watched the movie to check it out, as it is currently available to stream for free on ZEE5.

I Request Everyone to Watch and Support Mana Doctor Baabe: V. N. Aditya at the Teaser Launch Event

Lana Doctor Baabe is a unique entertainer being produced by Kritakshi under the Skanda Films banner, with Sharanya and Sudheeksha presenting the film. The movie marks the debut of Sri Skanda as a hero. Directed by Chalapathi Kumar Puvvala, who has also provided the story and screenplay, the film unveiled its teaser on Saturday. Renowned filmmaker V. N. Aditya attended the teaser launch event as the chief guest. V. N. Aditya said: "The teaser of Mana Doctor Baabe is entertaining from start to finish. We need more good comedy films like this. Interestingly, films with words like 'Doctor' and 'Mana' in their titles often turn out to be successful. Many thanks to Ali garu and Rajeev Kanakala garu for supporting such projects. I am also delighted to see Shanthi, daughter of the late AVS garu, making a comeback. I request everyone to watch and support this film." Sri Skanda said: "Thank you to everyone who attended the teaser launch event. Every member of this team treated the film as their own and supported it wholeheartedly. Chalapathi garu shouldered every responsibility and handled everything himself. This is a wonderful story, and we have presented a sensitive subject with great care. Please don't assume it is just a youth-oriented film



after watching the teaser. It is a complete family entertainer. Audiences will keep laughing until the climax. It has the flavor of classic films by EVV Satyanarayana garu and Jandhyala garu. The true hero of this film is the story; I am only an artist portraying a character. Every family will connect with this film. I have already watched it, and I genuinely feel proud of the film we have made. In my very first film, I had the opportunity to work with stalwarts like Ali garu, Rajeev Kanakala garu, Shanti garu, and Koteswara Rao garu. Cinematographer Kishore garu has done a fantastic job, writer RK has provided an excellent story and dialogues, and Manoj's music will touch everyone's hearts." Actor Ali said: "Sri Skanda has performed won-

derfully in Mana Doctor Baabe. Chalapathi has brought out the best performances from everyone. I hope the film becomes a grand success. New filmmakers need encouragement and hits so they can continue making more films. A single film supports many families. I urge audiences to support small films." Director Chalapathi Kumar said: "Thank you to everyone who attended the teaser launch event. I have shared a long association with V. N. Aditya garu. Prabhu garu and Suresh garu have always supported me. This film began because of Sri Skanda garu. The day I met him, I felt he had the potential to become a successful hero. As producers, Sri Skanda garu and Kritakshi garu never com-

promised on quality. Writer RK developed the story exceptionally well. Audiences will laugh at every scene. Though the film deals with a concept that has a delicate layer to it, we have handled it responsibly without crossing any boundaries. It is a pure family entertainer. By the end, audiences will walk out of the theatre with tears in their eyes. I request the media to support our film. Viewers will leave with the satisfaction of having watched a good movie. My heartfelt thanks to Ali garu, Rajeev Kanakala garu, and all the artists who supported me throughout this journey." Producer Kritakshi said: "Thank you to everyone who attended the teaser launch event. I request everyone to support our film."

Chennai Love Story songs are emerging as chartbusters, while the film is gearing up for a grand theatrical release in July

Starring Kiran Abbavaram and Sri Gouri Priya in the lead roles, Chennai Love Story is being produced by SKN and Sai Rajesh, the makers behind cult classics such as Colour Photo and Baby. The film is being produced under the Amrutha Productions and Mass Movie Makers banners. While Sai Rajesh has provided the story, the film is directed by Ravi Namburii. Renowned music composer Mani Sharma has composed the soundtrack for the film. The songs released from the movie have been receiving an overwhelming response from music lovers and are quickly turning into chartbusters. The first single, "Guruthundha," garnered a huge response from audiences. More recently, the



second single, "Vadhalane," was unveiled by Oscar-winning music director M. M. Keeravani and became an instant success. With every song winning audience appreciation, Chennai Love Story is

enjoying a blockbuster musical journey even before its release. Meanwhile, post-production work is progressing at a brisk pace. The makers are planning to bring the film to theatres with a grand release in July.

“Nenevaru?” Receives Excellent Response with Housefull Shows; Theatres Increasing Across Regions!

The message-oriented family entertainer "Nenevaru?", starring veteran actor Dr. Rajendra Prasad in the lead role, along with Sai Kiran and Jogini Shyamala in pivotal roles, and directed by talented filmmaker Chiranjeevi Thanneeru, is receiving an overwhelming response from audiences after its worldwide release on May 29, according to producers Andekar Jagadeesh Babu and Sakinana Bhoolakshmi. The producers stated that the film is running successfully with housefull shows in several centres and has been receiving positive feedback from audiences across all age groups. Due to the strong word-of-mouth and encouraging public response, the number of theatres screening the film is steadily increas-



ing in many regions. On this occasion, Dr. Rajendra Prasad expressed his happiness and congratulated the entire team. He said that he is delighted to see audiences appreciating a film with a meaningful story and strong emotional content. He further stated that the love and encouragement shown by family audiences have given him immense satisfaction.

Rajendra Prasad congratulated director Chiranjeevi Thanneeru, producers Andekar Jagadeesh Babu and Sakinana Bhoolakshmi, and every technician and artist associated with the film for their efforts. The film's emotional narrative, courtroom sequences, and thought-provoking message have been particularly appreciated by viewers. The performances of Sai Kiran and Jogini Shyamala have also been receiving praise from audiences. The producers credited the film's success to director Chiranjeevi Thanneeru's engaging storytelling, Chinnikrishna's music, Naidu Prasad Kolli's cinematography, the editing by Nandamuri Hari and Tarakaramarao, dialogues by Srinivas, and lyrics by S.S. Veeru.

ANIMAL GIRL STUNS IN PINK BLAZER LOOK



Bollywood actress Tripti Dimri is back with some gorgeous new photos and fans are absolutely loving it! In the pictures, she is wearing a bright pink blazer over a white top with light blue jeans. She

is also wearing cool sunglasses and a gold necklace. The background shows palm trees and open sky, giving total beach holiday vibes. She is looking stylish, fresh and full of confidence. Simply stunning!

TFCC Short Film Festival Awards – 2026 Announced to Encourage Young Talent: TFCC Chairman Dr. Prathani Ramakrishna Goud

The Telangana Film Chamber of Commerce (TFCC) has come forward to encourage emerging talent in the film industry. Marking the 12th Telangana Formation Day celebrations, TFCC Chairman Dr. Prathani Ramakrishna Goud officially announced the "TFCC Short Film Festival Awards - 2026." There is no entry fee for participation in the festival. Aspiring filmmakers, actors, and technicians can submit their short films with a duration ranging from 5 to 25 minutes. Entries will be accepted until June 13, and the winners selected by the jury will be honored at a grand awards ceremony on

June 21 at Prasad Labs, Hyderabad. Speaking at the press meet, Dr. Prathani Ramakrishna Goud said that the festival is being launched as part of the Telangana Formation Day celebrations and will be organized every year hereafter. He noted that many successful actors and filmmakers in the industry began their careers through short films. The festival will present awards in nearly 20 categories, including Best Story, Best Director, Best Hero, Best Heroine, Best Actor, Best Co-Artist, Best Screenplay, Best Cinematographer, Best Background Music, Best Supporting Actress, Jury



Award, Best Producer, Best Journalist (Print & Electronic Media), Best Photo Journalist, and Best Cameraman, among others.

He urged talented newcomers to make use of this opportunity and showcase their creativity. TFCC Vice Chairman

Gururaj praised Dr. Ramakrishna Goud's efforts in promoting new talent and stated that conducting the festival without any entry fee is a commendable initiative. TFCC Organizing Secretary Aksa Khan said that the festival provides an excellent platform for aspiring artists and filmmakers to prove their talent. He added that entries have already started coming in and encouraged participants to submit their films before June 13. TFCC Vice Chairman Alla Bhakshu remarked that while many film festivals charge hefty entry fees, TFCC is offering this opportunity completely free of cost. He pointed out that sev-

eral successful actors and directors have risen through short films and expressed confidence that this festival would help identify fresh talent. TFCC Coordination Committee Secretary Prakash Goud appreciated the initiative and said that the festival would serve as a valuable platform for directors, actors, and technicians to showcase their skills. He encouraged all eligible participants to take advantage of this opportunity. The speakers expressed hope that the TFCC Short Film Festival Awards - 2026 would emerge as a significant platform for discovering, recognizing, and encouraging new talent in the film industry.