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**6 including five tourists from Gujarat dead in Chamba after car falls into gorge; 4 injured**

SHIMLA (TSIT):

Six people including five tourists from Gujarat were killed while four others sustained serious injuries as the car they were travelling in plunged into a deep gorge at Chamba district's Kakira in the wee hours of Monday, police said. Expressing grief over the incident, Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu directed the district administration to provide all possible



assistance to the affected families and ensure the best possible treatment to the injured, a statement issued here said.

The impact of the fall was so intense that parts of the vehicles were scattered all around, police said, adding that they and the rescue teams had difficulty in evacuating the injured persons - who were referred to the zonal hospital. The deceased individuals have been identified as Lalit Bhai Phatnani, his wife Mamta, Priyank Kanhaiya Lal, his wife Kajal and son Diyanish, all residents of Gujarat, and driver Jaswant, a resident of Jogindernagar subdivision in Mandi. The cause of the accident is yet to be ascertained, but the injured persons said the driver lost control over the vehicle while negotiating a sharp curve, according to officials.

## Allocating 15% budget to education will happen gradually : CM Revanth

Hyderabad (TSIT):

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Monday said that increasing the state's education budget to 15 per cent cannot happen overnight, adding that the rise from this year's 8.22 per cent will be phased in gradually. Citing the Telangana Education Commission report, he noted that immediate allocation is constrained by the state's financial burden.

The Chief Minister inaugurated 'Education Week' at LB Stadium and laid foundation stones for school infrastructure projects worth Rs 1,751 crore in the Core Urban Region Economy (CURE) areas. As part of the 99-day "Praja Palana-Pragathi Pranalika" action



plan, the education hubs being developed will provide learning from nursery to intermediate level. He also announced the expansion of the breakfast scheme to all government schools and junior colleges from the next academic year.

Highlighting teacher development, Revanth said 500 best-performing teachers will be sent abroad for study tours, following a model visit to Finland.

## TN CM Vijay meets Stalin after taking oath as MLA



Chennai (TSIT):

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) President C. Joseph Vijay on Monday met his predecessor and DMK President M.K. Stalin at his Alwarpet residence here, in a politically significant development following the dramatic post-election realignment in the state.

Vijay, who recently led his TVK to a historic electoral

debut, called on Stalin after attending the oath-taking ceremony of newly elected MLAs in the Assembly. The meeting has drawn considerable political attention as the allies of DMK played a crucial role in enabling the TVK government to assume office. In the recently concluded Tamil Nadu Assembly elections, the TVK emerged as the single largest party by winning 108 seats in the 234-member Assembly.

## India has 60 days of crude oil and natural gas, 45 days of LPG rolling stock: Centre

New Delhi (TSIT)

The government on Monday said that there is no shortage of any petroleum product amid the West Asia crisis, as the country has 60 days stock of crude oil, 60 days of natural gas, and 45 days of LPG rolling stock. India is the world's

third-largest oil refiner and fourth-largest exporter of petroleum products, exporting to over 150 countries and is meeting domestic demand in full, according to the outcomes of the 5th meeting of the Informal Group of Ministers (IGoM) on West Asia, chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

For kharif 2026, the fertiliser requirement has been assessed at 390.54 LMT, and against this, stock as on today is around 199.65 LMT (more than 51 per cent), significantly higher than the usual level of about 33 per cent, the meeting was informed. The meeting took stock of the latest developments in the conflict and discussed ways to bolster India's readiness to ensure its minimum effect on the people.

The IGoM was informed that the country is secure, and there is no shortage of any petroleum product, even as most other nations have taken emergency measures to dramatically reduce domestic consumption. "But there is a huge cost being borne by the nation as international crude prices contin-

ue at very high levels. Fuel conservation can ease this burden," an official statement said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's appeal to the people for collective participation to help the country deal with global economic disruptions, supply chain challenges and rising prices caused by



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international conflicts has, thus, emphasised prudence in the usage of petroleum products and reducing wasteful consumption, so that the fiscal burden on the nation is reduced in the present and into the future, it added. India is among the few countries where petroleum prices have held steady through this period of global volatility, even after more than 70 days since the conflict started.

In many nations, prices have increased by 30 to 70 per cent. However, India's oil marketing companies have absorbed losses of close to Rs 1,000 crore a day, with under-recoveries running to nearly Rs 2 lakh crore in Q1 2026, so that the burden of global astronomical prices is not passed to the Indian citizens. There is no reason for anxiety, and no reason for any citizens to rush to retail outlets, said the IGoM. The ministers were informed that there is a surplus amount of essential commodities for the people, and the present conservation is intended towards long-run capacity building if the crisis prolongs.

## CM Naidu Unveils Vision for India's Future, Projects Andhra Pradesh as \$2.4 Trillion Economy by 2047

New Delhi: (TSIT)

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Monday addressed the CII Business Summit at Taj Palace, presenting a roadmap for India's economic growth and positioning Andhra Pradesh as a \$2.4 trillion economy by 2047. He emphasized technological innovation, green energy, and large-scale employment generation as drivers of India's global rise.

Naidu highlighted emerging sectors such as Quantum Technology, Artificial Intelligence, advanced manu-



facturing, and intelligent logistics, while praising Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership in driving transformational reforms. Recalling

the landmark economic reforms of the 1990s, he noted their lasting impact on India's growth trajectory. On sustainability, the Chief Minister

advocated decentralized energy systems, biogas, ethanol, electric vehicles, and rooftop solar solutions. He also highlighted natural farming on nearly 20 lakh acres in Andhra Pradesh, aimed at improving soil fertility and reducing fertilizer imports.

Naidu stressed collaboration between educational institutions, industries, and government to build a skilled workforce, declaring employability a "national mission." In the past 22 months, the state has attracted Rs.23 lakh crore in investments, created 24 lakh jobs, and set a renewable energy target of 160 gigawatts.

## Bengal govt okays land transfer to BSF for fencing border with B'desh: CM after 1st cabinet meeting

KOLKATA (TSIT)

West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari on Monday said his government, in its first cabinet meeting, has granted transfer of land to the BSF for erecting a fence along the Bangladesh border. The process of transferring land will start from Monday and will be completed within 45 days, he said.

He also announced the implementation of the Centre's flagship Ayushman Bharat health scheme and several other schemes of the Union government in the state.

"The West Bengal government gave a nod to the transfer of land to the BSF for fencing the border with Bangladesh. The process starts from today



and will be completed within 45 days," Adhikari told reporters. The cabinet also approved a proposal for a five-year extension in the age limit of school applicants, as promised by Union Home Minister Amit

Shah during the poll campaign, he said. "The Bengal cabinet empowers the chief secretary to take steps to initiate central government training for officers under the national and state cadres," Adhikari said.

## Priyanka Gandhi attacks Centre over failure to check 'corruption' in NEET UG exam

New Delhi (TSIT):

Priyanka Gandhi, Congress General Secretary and Wayanad MP, on Monday raised the issue of alleged "corruption" in the NEET UG exam for admission to medical colleges, accusing the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government of failing to check malpractices that endanger the youth's future.

"Children toil with all their might for exams like NEET. Parents stake their stake in everything they have so that their children's future can be secured. But every exam falls prey to corruption. What's the use of the so-called stringent law brought in Parliament against paper leaks if the same corruption continues on the ground?" she said.



"The Prime Minister is accountable to the country's youth. How long will this cycle of ruining the youth's future go on?" said the Congress MP.

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra's criticism of alleged corruption in the medical entrance exam came a day after the National Testing Agency (NTA) on Sunday said it is cooperating with investigating agencies after reports emerged of alleged irregularities linked to the

"The rampant corruption in exams over the past several years under the BJP rule is robbing the country's youth of their future. This time too, the future of nearly 23 lakh students has been tampered with," **PRİYANKA GANDHI**

Rajasthan Special Operations Group probe into the conduct of NEET (UG) 2026. In an official statement, the NTA said the medical entrance examination held on May 3 was conducted "as scheduled and under a full security protocol", with several layers of monitoring and verification in place.

## AI, semiconductors, railways to power India's next phase of transformation: Ashwini Vaishnaw

New Delhi (TSIT):

Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Monday said despite global turbulence, India has managed the situation effectively through well-thought-through policies and decisive execution under the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership.

Speaking at the inaugural session of the CII Annual Business Summit 2026 here, he outlined three major pillars driving India's transformation - railways, electronics & semiconductors and artificial intelligence. Highlighting the unprecedented scale of transformation in the Railways sector, Vaishnaw said railway capital expenditure has



increased from approximately Rs 66,000 crore a few years ago to nearly Rs 2,72,000 crore in the last financial year. "The execution capability of the entire railway ecosystem has expanded simultaneously, reflecting a major cultural

transformation in project implementation and delivery," Vaishnaw stated.

"Nearly 49,000 kilometres of railway tracks have been electrified, equivalent to the entire railway network of Germany. Production of wagons and locomotives has also increased significantly," he added.

The minister further outlined India's transformative infrastructure, manufacturing, and technology journey, by calling upon citizens and industry alike to contribute towards building a resilient and self-reliant India. "India's focus remains firmly on quality, cost competitiveness, and process efficiency - all critical pillars in the journey towards a Viksit Bharat," he added.

## SIR row: Deletion of voters materially affected results in 31 seats, TMC alleges before Supreme Court

New Delhi (TSIT)

A week after tasting defeat in the West Bengal Assembly elections, the TMC on Monday alleged before the Supreme Court that deletions of voters during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls materially affected results in several assembly constituencies in the state.

Having secured 207 seats in the 294-member West Bengal Assembly, which registered a record voter turnout of above 92 per cent, the BJP decisively defeated the Mamata Banerjee-led party, which could barely manage to get 80 seats and lost power after 15 years.

Senior counsel and TMC MP Kalyan Banerjee alleged that



there were 31 seats in which the winning margin of BJP candidates over TMC rivals was less than the number of voters deleted in the SIR process. The vote gap between the TMC and the BJP was nearly 32 lakhs, and nearly 35 lakh appeals were pending before the appellate tribunals, he submitted. "One of my candidates lost by 862 votes and, interestingly, 5,550 votes

Bench of CJI Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi asks Mamata Banerjee, others to file fresh pleas on victory margin being less than deletion of votes

were deleted during the SIR from that constituency... There are 31 such seats where victory margins are less than the deleted votes," Banerjee told a Bench of Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi.

He referred to an earlier observation made by the top court that it could look into the grievances if victory margins were less than

the number of voters deleted during the SIR. "Whatever you (TMC) want to say about results, about deletions, etc., this requires an independent IA (interim application)," Justice Bagchi told Kalyan Banerjee during a hearing on petitions filed by Mamata Banerjee and others against alleged wrongful deletions during SIR of electoral rolls in the state.

On behalf of the Election Commission, senior counsel DS Naidu objected to Banerjee's submission, saying the only remedy was an election petition. He said the commission can be held accountable only for issues related to the SIR and the consequential appeals against the addition or deletion of votes.

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### CM REVANTH MEETS GOVERNOR SHIV PRATAP SHUKLA, INVITES HIM FOR STATEWIDE ANTI-DRUG PLEDGE PROGRAMME IN SCHOOLS

Hyderabad TSIT BUREAU:

Chief Minister A.Revanth Reddy met Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla on Monday and briefed him about the State Government's plans to conduct a massive anti-drug awareness initiative in schools and colleges across Telangana.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister informed the Governor that on June 12, the reopening day of schools, students across the State would be administered a collective pledge against tobacco, alcohol, drugs and other harmful addictions.

Chief Minister also informed the Governor that student kits would be distributed on the very first day of school reopening. He invited Governor



Shiv Pratap Shukla to participate in the pledge-taking and kit distribution programme.

According to the Chief Minister, the student kits will include uniforms, textbooks, notebooks, school bags, sportswear

and other essential educational materials required for students.

CM Revanth Reddy further explained that educational institutions and managements would also make declarations ensuring that students in

schools and colleges are protected from drugs and other forms of addiction.

The programme will be jointly organised by the School Education Department, Police Department and EAGLE wing through mass pledge ceremonies and awareness activities across the State. The Chief Minister informed the Governor that the primary objective of the initiative is to create awareness among students, teachers, parents and educational institution managements about their collective responsibility in building safe and drug-free educational campuses. He also assured the Governor that complete details of the programme would be sent in advance for his review and guidance.

### Telangana Government Appoints New Women's Commission Chairperson and Members

Hyderabad, TSIT: The Government of Telangana has issued orders appointing the Chairperson and Members to the Telangana Women's Commission under the provisions of the Telangana Women's Commission Act, 1998.

According to G.O.Rt. No.637 issued by the General Administration (General, L&C) Department on May 11, 2026, the government appointed the following members to the Commission:



Smt. Gadwal Vijay Laxmi - CHAIRPERSON  
Smt. Kasoju Sankaramma

- MEMBER  
Smt. Chityala Swetha - MEMBER  
Smt. Shashikala Yadava Reddy - MEMBER  
Smt. Sada Laxmi - MEMBER  
Smt. N. Radha Bai - MEMBER  
Smt. Ujma Ashai Shakira - MEMBER

The orders were issued in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 5 of the Telangana Women's Commission Act, 1998, adopted for the State of Telangana.

The government stated that the tenure of the Chairperson and Members will be for a period of five years from the date they assume office. The detailed terms and conditions of their appointment will be issued separately by the Department for Women, Children, Disabled and Senior Citizens. The orders were issued by Chief Secretary to Government K. Ramakrishna Rao in the name of the Governor of Telangana.

### Newly Appointed Chairperson Saritha Thirupathi Yadav Meets Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka

Hyderabad TSIT: Newly appointed Chairperson Saritha Thirupathi Yadav paid a courtesy visit to Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Monday. During the meeting, Saritha Thirupathi Yadav expressed her gratitude to the State Government and the Deputy Chief Minister for entrusting her with the new responsibility. She assured that she would work with dedication towards the welfare and empowerment of the community and strive for the effective implementation of government welfare programmes. Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka congratulated Saritha Thirupathi Yadav on her appointment and advised her to work sincerely for the development of all sections of society and strengthen public outreach through welfare initiatives.



Saritha Thirupathi Yadav (left) receiving a memento from Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka (right).

### International Workshop on Big Cat Conservation Held at Hyderabad Zoo



Hyderabad TSIT: An international workshop on big cat conservation themed "Shared Stripes Shared Future" was held at the Nehru Zoological Park under the joint aegis of the Telangana Forest Department and the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. The event focused on strengthening global cooperation for the conservation of big cats under the framework of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA).

A round-table conference conducted as part of the programme witnessed participation from delegates representing Malaysia, Russia, Sri Lanka and Thailand. The international representatives included Malaysian Consul General in Chennai Saravanan Kumar Kumaravaram, Russian Consul General in Chennai Valerii Khodzhaev, Sri Lanka Deputy High Commissioner Geetheshwaran and Royal Thai Consul Deputy Consul General Pornpun Pupiangan.

Addressing the gathering as the chief guest, Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla highlighted

India's leadership in global wildlife conservation. He appreciated Prime Minister Narendra Modi for launching the International Big Cat Alliance and said wildlife conservation holds a special place in Indian culture and traditions.

The Governor recalled India's achievements in the conservation of tigers, leopards, lions and cheetahs and stated that initiatives such as Project Tiger and Project Cheeta have gained worldwide recognition.

Speaking on the occasion, Telangana Forest, Environment and Endowments Minister Konda Surekha welcomed the international delegates and said the Telangana Government under the leadership of Chief Minister A.Revanth Reddy remains committed to the protection of forests, wildlife and biodiversity.

Minister elaborated on the significance of the Amrabad and Kawal Tiger Reserves and praised the contribution of tribal communities in wildlife conservation. She said habitat development, anti-poaching measures and scientific wildlife management were yielding positive results in the State.

Senior forest officials including PCCF (CWLW) Vinay Kumar, PCCF & HOFF Dr. C.Suvarna and Zoo Parks Director Dr. S. Sunil Hiremath participated in the event along with senior officials of the Forest Department.

Delegates from participating countries shared conservation strategies adopted in their respective nations. The Thailand representative explained how continuous habitat protection, scientific monitoring and anti-poaching measures helped increase tiger numbers in the country from nearly 100 to 200.

The Russian representative spoke about the challenges involved in conserving the Amur Tiger in snow-bound regions, while the Sri Lankan representative discussed leopard conservation efforts and emphasized the importance of scientific collaboration and ex-situ conservation partnerships.

The Malaysian delegate appreciated the objectives of the International Big Cat Alliance and expressed confidence that the platform would strengthen technology sharing, exchange of expertise and international cooperation in wildlife conservation.

### CHANGE OF NAME

I, DIGAJARI LAXMI, D/o. Enuganti Kondaiah, R/o. 18-143/1, Shanthi Nagar, Miryalaguda, Nalgonda Dist, Telangana-508207, declare that my correct name is ENUGANTI LAKSHMI, For All Future Purposes.

### SUMMONS BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

Form No.3 (See Regulation-15(1)(a)(16)(3) Summons under sub-section (4) of Section 19 of the Act, R/W Sub-Rule (2A) of Rule 5 of the DRT (Procedure) Rules 1993 BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, 1<sup>st</sup> FLOOR, TRIVENI COMPLEX, ABIDS, HYDERABAD-500001. O.A.No.1059 of 2025.

- Between: Union Bank of India, Serilingampally Branch, #Plot 12-C, Ground Floor, HUDA Trade Centre, Hyderabad-500019. ....Applicant
- And 1. M/s. Infowin Soft Solutions, A Partnership firm, Reg by Partners Vishal Kondana and Ravi Theja Chakravarthy, R/o. Flat No.18, H.No.1-58/1 T 58/11, S.D Road, Kalgasuda, Circles-16, Secunderabad-500003 (OR) Plot No.127 and 132, Plot No.201, Harivillu Apartments, Road No.5, Ameerpet, Patancheru Mandal, Sangareddy District-502032 (OR) Office at H.No.7-1-621/48, Flat No.101, Achyut Mason, S.R. Nagar, Hyderabad-500038.
- 2. Vishal Kondana, S/o: Lakshminarayana Kondana, R/o: Plot No.11, Siddharth Nagar, Vengal Rao Nagar, Ameerpet, S.R. Nagar, Hyderabad-500038.
- 3. Ravi Theja Chakravarthy, K.A. S/o: Srinivasan Kota, R/o: H.No.8-3-949/1/1A, Flat No.205, Sanali Heavens, Nagarjuna Nagar, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-500073. ....Defendant.. 1 to 3

Whereas O.A. No. 1059/2025 was listed before Hon'ble Registrar on 20-04-2025. Whereas this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/notice on the said Application under Section 19(4) of the Act, (O.A) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs.26,21,435/-Rupees (application along with copies of documents etc., annexed).

In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under: (i) You are to appear in person or by your authorized agent in the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted. (ii) You are to disclose particulars of properties or asset other than those specified or disclosed in the application, pending hearing and disposal of the application along with copies of documents etc., annexed. (iii) You are to file a written statement with the court in support of your defence before the date of the hearing of the application. (iv) You shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal. (v) You shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and disposal of such assets in the account maintained with the bank or financial institution holding security over such assets. (vi) You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and appear before Hon'ble Registrar on 11-06-2026 at 10.30 A.M. failing which an application shall be heard decided in your absence. Given under my hand and seal of the tribunal on this date of 20th April, 2025. Signature of the Authorised Officer to issue Summons

### CanFin Homes Ltd

SI No.12-12-14 (New), Old H.No. 6-2-14, Ground Floor, Plot No.10 And 11, Sy.No.284 And 285, Sri Krishna Nagar, Khanapuram Haveli, Beside Mithai Polam Street, Khammam-507002. Ph: 08742-298955, Call No. 7625079213. e-mail:khammam@canfinhomes.com, web.www.canfinhomes.com CIN No. L8510KA1987PLC008699

### SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

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

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Limited, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers under the said Act and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 03-03-2026 calling upon the Borrowers: Mr. ARENDELA RAMESH, S/O. BRAHMACHARI) OCCUPATION: BUSINESS, Co-Borrower: (Mr. ARENDELA RAJU, S/O. BRAHMACHARI, OCCUPATION: BUSINESS AND Mrs. ARENDELA SAUNDARYA, W/o. BRAHMACHARI) repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 30,39,644/- (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Thirty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Forty Four Only) with further interest at contractual rates, till date of realization within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the under signed has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002) on this 11th day of May of the year 2026.

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

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Can Fin Homes Limited for an amount of Rs.30,39,644/- (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Thirty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Forty Four Only) and interest thereon.

**DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**  
All that piece and parcel of Semi finished house Sy.No.335U and 336A/1 of Plot No. 61 part, with an extent of 116-66 Sq.yds, equals to 97-54 Sq.meters, situated at Maha Laxmi Town Ship, Gudimalla Revenue, Venkatagiri GP, Khammam Rural Mandal, Khammam Dist and Bounded by: EAST: Others Vacate Place, WEST: 30 Ft. Wide Road, NORTH: Plot No. 60 and 61, SOUTH: Plot No.62.

Date: 11-05-2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer  
Place : Khammam Can Fin Homes Limited

### UMFB WARANGAL BRANCH

Door No: 11-26-57, 1st Floor, Sri Sai Arcade, MG Road, Near Gopalswamy Temple, Warangal District, Telangana-506002. Email: ubin0534684@unionbankofindia.bank, Phone: 8369434680

### [RULE - 8 (1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Union Bank of India, UMFB Warangal, Door No. 11-26-57, 1st Floor, Sri Sai Arcade, MG Road, Nr Gopalswamy Temple, Warangal, Telangana-506002, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act No. 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 02.02.2026 calling upon the borrower(s): 1. Borrower: M/s. Kasam Shrivani Fashions, Represented by Its Prop: Mr. KasamSharan Kumar, Having its Shop Address: H.No.: 12-1-24/1, SVN Road, Warangal, Telangana State - 506002. 2. Guarantor: Late Mr. Kasam Kasi Viswanadhram S/o. Kasam Bhumaiah, Address: H.No. 12-6-120, Ramannapet, Battla Bazar, Warangal. PIN 506002 (As Mr. Kasam Kasi Viswanadhram has died, he is represented by her Legal heirs mentioned below).

- 3. Estate of the deceased Mr. Late Kasam Kasi Viswanadhram s/o Kasam Bhumaiah, represented by: a. Mrs. Vijaya Laxmi W/o. Kasam Kasi Viswanadhram (Wife) b. Mr. KasamSharan Kumar S/o. Kasam Kasi Viswanadhram (Son) c. Mr. Kasam Vinod Kumar S/o. Kasam Kasi Viswanadhram (Son) d. Mr. Kasam Ajay Kumar S/o. Kasam Kasi Viswanadhram (Son) e. Mrs. Kamalakshi D/o. Kasam Kasi Viswanadhram (Daughter) f. Mrs. Thirupa Anuradha D/o. Kasam Kasi Viswanadhram (Daughter) g. Mrs. Singirikonda Kalyani D/o. Kasam Kasi Viswanadhram (Daughter) h. Others

to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 29,34,049.37 + interest (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Thirty Four Thousand Forty Nine & Thirty Seven Paise Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules on this 07th day of May of the year 2026.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Union Bank of India for an amount Rs. 29,34,049.37 and interest thereon.

**DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**  
All that 80% undivided share of right in Part House property bearing Municipal No. 12/25 & 12/26 (old) corresponding corporation No. 12-1-24 admeasuring 59.49 sq. yards or 49.73 sq.mtrs. consisting of Ground, First, Second and Third Floors situated at S.V.N. Road, Battala Bazar, Warangal which is within the Municipal Corporation limits and within the limits of Registration District & Sub District Warangal (FORT) bounded by: East: House of Rajasekaram, West: S.V.N. Road, North: Remaining property of Releasees and Releasee, South: House of P. Thirunavukkarasu. Date: 07.05.2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer  
Place: UMFB Warangal UNION BANK OF INDIA

### Komatireddy Venkat Reddy Reviews Progress of HAM Road Projects

TELANGANA GOVERNMENT FOCUSED ON QUALITY ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE AND FASTER CONNECTIVITY

Hyderabad TSIT: Komatireddy Venkat Reddy on Monday held a detailed three-hour review meeting with senior officials at the Dr. B.R.Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat to assess the progress of Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM) road projects being implemented across the State.

During the review Minister examined the progress of works, quality standards, implementation speed and public benefits of the projects. He also sought detailed information from officials regarding the tender process and expenditure involved in HAM projects.

Officials informed the Minister that the HAM model introduced by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and implemented successfully by the National Highways Authority of India since 2016 is currently being adopted by several states including Maharashtra,



Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar.

They explained that more than 374 HAM projects worth around 4-5 lakh crore are being executed across the country. Officials further clarified that compared to other states, Telangana recorded comparatively lower excess bids in HAM tenders. They pointed out that Gujarat recorded excess bids of nearly 66 percent while Maharashtra witnessed around 47 percent excess bids. The Minister was informed that under HAM Phase-I, the Roads &

### JAGGAREDDY DISTRIBUTES 50 BICYCLES TO POOR CHILDREN



Sangareddy, May 11 (TSIT): Congress leader Jaggareddy continued his service-oriented initiatives by distributing 50 bicycles to children from underprivileged families in Sangareddy, using his personal funds. The effort, aimed at supporting students' education and daily needs, drew praise from the local community, with many saying, "None can match you, Jagganna." During the event, Jaggareddy advised children to stay safe and avoid riding bicycles during peak summer heat, emphasizing their health and well-being. He confirmed that bicycle distribution would continue in phases for registered children.

### Utkarsh Small Finance Bank

Zonal Office: 2nd Floor, 134 A Pallitpura Colony, Opp. Polytechnic Gate Patna-800013 Registered Office: Utkarsh Tower, NH - 31 (Airport Road), Sehmalgur, Kazi Sarai, Harhua, Varanasi, UP - 221 105.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principle and interest of the Loan facility obtained by them from the bank and the loan has been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). The Notices were issued to them under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement (Security) Interest Act, 2002 in their last known address as provided to the bank by them, that in addition there to for the purposes of information of the said borrowers enumerated below, the said borrowers are being informed by way of this public notice

Sr. No.	Name of the Branch	Name of the Account	Name of the Borrower/Guarantor (Owner of the Property)	N.P.A Date	Amount outstanding as on the date of Demand Notice
1	Hyderabad	154214000006924	Mr. Kattela Sathish S/o. Kattela Dashaaratha (Borrower & Mortgagee) & Mr. Kattela Mamatha W/o. Kattela Sathish (Co-Borrower)	05/04/2026	₹ 2,42,424.17/-

**Description of Property/ies:** Together with all building and structures thereon and all plant and machinery attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to the earth and bounded as under: Property an extent of 192 Sq.Yards H.No 4-2-215, Vangamthi Revenue Village & Grampanchayat, Shaigouram Mandal, Nalgonda District, Telangana 508210, Vangamthi Revenue within the limits of Nakrekal Municipality, Sub Registration office of Nakrekal with the following particulars: East: House of Belli Lingaiah and Bazar, West: House of Ambati Sunitha, North: House of Sayini Padma, South: House of Beenaboina Veeraiiah.

The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (where ever applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of issuance of notice under Section 13(2), failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of issuance of notice under Section 13(2) as per the provisions of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and enforcement (Security) Interest Act, 2002. Date: 12/05/2026 Place: Hyderabad Sd/- (Authorized Officer) Utkarsh Small Finance Bank Ltd.

### NIWAS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

(Formerly, Niwas Housing Finance Private Limited) Regd. Office: Unit No. 305, 3rd Floor, Wing 2/E, Corporate Avenue, Andheri- Ghatkopar Link Road, Chakala, Andheri (E), Mumbai - 400093

### POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8 (1) and (2)]

Whereas, The Authorized Officer of the Secured Creditor mentioned herein, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Act), 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with (Rule 3) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice calling upon the borrower(s) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/s having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s) and the public in general that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of NHFL has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on the date mentioned against each property.

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

Loan Account Number	Borrower(s) & Property Details	Amount & Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Possession Status
LNKURLAP-07240046160	1.RAMAKRISHNA HARIJANA (BORROWER) 2.SUVARNA BANDAR (CO-BORROWER)	Rs.6,28,197/- (Rupees Six Lakh TwentyEight Thousand One Hundred Ninety Seven Only) DATE: 13-Feb-2026	08-May-2026	SYMBOLIC POSSESSION

**PROPERTY BEARING :** ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE PROPERTY BEARING H.No: 1-9/1/1, UTKURU VILLAGE, ALAMPUR MANDAL, JOGULAMBA GADWAL, MAHABUBNAGAR DIST-509152 ADMEASURING SQUARE YARDS 156.22 OR 1406 SFT. THE FOLLOWING BOUNDARIES ARE NORTH: C.C ROAD, SOUTH: HOUSE OF NARASIMHULU, EAST: ROAD, WEST: HOUSE OF RAMESH

Date: 12-05-2026 Sd/- Authorized Officer  
Place: Telangana NIWAS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

### SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Registered Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400051

Corporate Office: ICICI HFC Tower, JB Nagar, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri East, Mumbai- 400059 Branch Office: 3rd Floor, 3-903/10, Nagarjuna Nagar colony, Yello Reddy Guda, Ameerpet, Punjagutta, Hyderabad, Telangana- 500073

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited. The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of property/ Date of Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Velaga Anil (Borrower), Velaga Latha Sri (Co-Borrower), H NO 3 2 26 2 3rd Floor B S Big Bazaar Baghameer Kukatpally Medchal Hydernagar Medchal Malkajigiri Dist, Telangana- 500072. Bounded By- North By : House No. 5-6-2/2, South By : Highway Road, East By : 25 Wide Road, West By : House No. 5-6-1/1-1/ Date of Possession- 06-May-2026	All That The House Bearing No. 5-6-1/2/NR, Ptin No. 1140501443, Admeasuring 63.07 Sq.yds or 52.73 Sq.mts With A Built Up Area 560 Sq.ft.s of RCC Situated At Doyarguda, Moosapat Village, G.H.MC Kukatpally Circle, Bala Nagar Mandal, Medchal Malkajigiri Dist, Telangana- 500072.	16-02-2026 Rs. 50,07,791/-	Ameerpet NDMA

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

Date: May 12, 2026 Place: Hyderabad Sd/- Authorized Officer ICICI Home Finance Company Limited

**RED CROSS SERVICES VITAL DURING EMERGENCIES**



Khammam (TSIT): Stressing that Red Cross services play a crucial role during emergencies, District Collector Diwakara directed all government departments to achieve their Indian Red Cross Society membership targets and encourage employees to enrol as members. The Collector held a review meeting with district officials at the Collectorate conference hall on Monday along with Additional Collectors Dr P. Srija and P. Srinivas Reddy after the grievance redressal programme. He instructed departments to appoint nodal officers to monitor the membership drive and ensure targets are achieved.

**TRSY, TRSV STAGE DHARNAS DEMANDING IMMEDIATE ARREST OF BANDI BHAGIRATH**



Jagityala, May 11 (TSIT): TRSY and TRSV activists staged a dharna at Tehsil Square in Jagityala, demanding the immediate arrest of Bandi Bhagirath in connection with the POCSCO case. Speaking at the protest, leader Dava Suresh called for swift action and criticized the state government for delaying the arrest beyond three days, saying justice must be served to the minor victim. The protesters also demanded the removal of Union Minister Bandi Sanjay, raising concerns over law and order in the state. Suresh sharply

criticized Home Minister Revanth Reddy, alleging negligence in handling sensitive cases, including the recent murder of an ex-IPS officer's wife. He warned that if Bhagirath is not arrested promptly, a large-scale movement under BRS leadership would be launched. The protest saw participation from several local leaders and councilors, including Devender Naik, Samalla Rajasekhar, Harish Seelam Praveen, Venkateswara Rao, and others.

**YOUNG ACHIEVERS HONORED AT WARANGAL PROGRAMME**

Warangal, May 11 (TSIT): The Education Department organized the Young Achiever Award programme at Aakutota Function Hall in Ursugutta to honor top-performing students of the SSC and Intermediate 2025-26 academic year. A special felicitation was also held for rising chess champion and two-time world record holder, Konda Sriyansh Murali Krishna Patel. Minister of Forestry and Environment Konda Surekha, MP Dr. Kadiyam Kavya, District Collector Dr. Satya Sharada, and KUDA Chairman Inugala Venkataramreddy attended the event. The minister honored 103 class 10 top



pers who scored over 550 marks and 14 intermediate toppers with over 980 marks, presenting them with medals, mementos, and shawls. Chess champion Sriyansh was awarded a trophy, chessboard, and Yuvraj's crown. Speaking at the event, Konda Surekha emphasized the importance of girls' education, quality government schooling, and nutritious mid-day meals. MP Kadiyam Kavya encouraged students to dream big, work hard, stay disciplined, and avoid social media distractions. She also highlighted the value of giving back to society, following Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's principles.

**FOR ADVERTISEMENT PLEASE CONTACT: 9948480279, 7330778889**

**BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II HYDERABAD, TRIVENI COMPLEX, 1st FLOOR, ABIDS, HYDERABAD**  
O. A. No. 1067 OF 2025

Between  
M/s Bank of Baroda, Gandhinagar, Hyderabad Rep. by its Chief Manager ...APPLICANT/BANK  
And  
M/s Sharada Industries, Represented by its partners Sri K. Venu Gopal and Sri T. Sai Dheeraj Reddy And others ...DEFENDANTS

**SUMMONS BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION TO.**

1. M/s Sharada Industries Represented by its partners Situated at Plot No 6-3-1, Road No 15, IDA Nacharam Hyderabad, Telangana-500076. ...Defendant No.1  
Aged: 39 years Occ: Business, Rio 8-12-2023 Brundavan Colony, Street No 8, Habisguda, Hyderabad, Telangana-500077 ...Defendant No.2  
2. K Venu Gopal S/o Sri K Ramchandra Reddy Aged: 39 years Occ: Business, Rio 8-12-2023 Brundavan Colony, Street No 8, Habisguda, Hyderabad, Telangana-500077 ...Defendant No.3  
3. T Sai Dheeraj Reddy S/o Sri T Sukhender Reddy, Aged: 28 years Occ: Business, Rio 8-12-2023 Brundavan Colony, Street No 8, Habisguda, Hyderabad, Telangana-500076. ...Defendant No.4  
4. Smt T Radhika W/o Sri T Mahender Reddy Aged 52 years, Occ: Business, Rio H. No 1-4-114/A/B, Sai Chitra Nagar Lane No.3, Ramnagar, Hyderabad, Telangana-500004. ...Defendant No.5

Please take summons that the above O.A No.1067 Of 2025 was filed by M/s Bank of Baroda Gandhinagar Branch before the Hon'ble DRT-II, Hyderabad for recovery of Rs. 1,13,77,354/- (Rupees One Crore Thirteen Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Four) against the Defendants. The Hon'ble Tribunal ordered summons to the Defendants by way of paper publication and the same is posted on 12-06-2026.

In accordance with Sub-Section 4 of Section 19 of the Act, you the Defendants are directed as under:-

- To show cause within 30 days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted.
- To disclose particulars of assets other than properties and assets specified by Applicant under serial number 3A of the Original Application.
- You are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the Original Application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties.
- You shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in ordinary course of his business, any other assets over which security interest is created and/or other assets and properties specified by applicant under serial number 3A of the Original Application without the prior approval of the Tribunal.
- You shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with Bank or Financial Institutions holding security interest over such assets.

You are hereby required to show cause on 12-06-2026 at 10:30 Am at Debts Recovery Tribunal-II Hyderabad, 1st Floor, Triveni Complex, Abids, Hyderabad in person or by an Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

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

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this day of the 27th day of April, 2026.

// By Order of the Tribunal //  
REGISTRAR  
Debt Recovery Tribunal-II, Hyderabad.

**COLLECTOR PRIYANKA ALA URGES YOUTH TO UTILISE MEGA JOB MELA OPPORTUNITY**



Hyderabad TSIT: Hyderabad District Collector Dr. Priyanka Ala has appealed to unemployed youth to make full use of the Mega Job Mela being organised in the city. On Monday Collector, along with Additional Collector Jitender Reddy and other officials, unveiled the Job Mela poster at her chamber. Addressing the officials, Dr. Priyanka Ala said that the Mega Job Mela will be held on May 12 at Babu Jagjivan Ram Bhavan in Banjara Hills under the aegis of the District

Youth and Sports Department in association with the Industries Department. She stated that unemployed youth from across the district should utilise the opportunity to secure suitable employment. The Collector informed that nearly 10,000 candidates have already registered for the Job Mela. She further said that around 120 companies would participate in the event and urged job seekers to take maximum advantage of the large-scale recruitment drive.

**CanFin Homes Ltd**  
H.No.15-12-14 (New), Old H.No. 6-2-14, Ground Floor, Plot No.10 And 11, Sy.No.24 And 255, Sri Krishna Nagar, Khanapuram Haveli, Beside Mithai Potam Street, Khammam-507002. Ph: 0742-286955, Cell No: 762507213. e-mail: khammam@canfinhomes.com, www.canfinhomes.com  
CIN No. L85190KA1987PLC008699

**SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE**

**[Rule 8 (1)] [For Immovable Property]**  
The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Limited, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers under the said Act and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

**(1) Demand Notice dated 04-02-2026** calling upon the borrowers **Mr. BHUKYA VINOD, S/o. BHUKYA JETHU, Mrs. BHUKYA SONIYA, W/o. BHUKYA VINOD** repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.28,50,394/- (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakhs Fifty Thousand Three Hundred Ninty Four Only)** with further interest at contractual rates, till date of realization within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 (of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002) on this the 05<sup>th</sup> day of May of the year 2026.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Can Fin Homes Limited for an amount of **Rs.27,26,554/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakhs Twenty Six Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Four Only)** and interest thereon.

**DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**  
All that piece and parcel of RCC Roof Building H.No.1-7-207/2/1E/4/D situated at Tirumala Nagar of Sy.No.68 and Plot No.14 northern part of with an extent of 165-00 Sq.yds equals to 137-96 sq.meters, bechirag Madharam Revenue Village, Suryapet Municipality, Suryapet District Bounded by: East: Plot No.15, West: 30 Ft. Wide Road, North: 30 Ft. Wide Road, South: Plot No.14 Southern part of V.Srinivasa Reddy.

**(2) Demand Notice dated 03-03-2025** calling upon the Borrowers: **Mr. DHARAVATHU RAJU, S/o. DHARAVATHU HATHI RAMAND, Mrs. DHARAVATHU ROJA, W/o. DHARAVATHU RAJU** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.22,50,718/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Fifty Thousand Seven Hundred Eighteen Only)** with further interest at contractual rates, till date of realization within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 (of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002) on this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May of the year 2026.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Can Fin Homes Limited for an amount of **Rs.21,27,577/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Seven Only)** and interest thereon.

**DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**  
All that piece and parcel of bearing House Number 7-99/1, Sy.No.130/Am/3/2/1 & 130/Am/3/2/2 with an extent of 242-00 Sq.yds, equals to 202-33 Sq.meters, situated at Bibigudem Revenue Village, Bebegudem, Suryapet City, Chivemla Mandal, Suryapet Dist and Bounded by: East: Land of Dharavath Raju, West: House of Dharavath Ramu, North: 12 Ft. Wide Road, South: Land of Nagendra Babu.

**(3) Demand Notice dated 31-05-2025** calling upon the Borrowers: **Mr. MOHD ABDUL RAHEEM, S/o. MD ABDUL NABI and Mrs. SALEHA BEGUM, W/o. MOHD ABDUL RAHEEM** repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 30,95,709/- (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Ninty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Nine Only)** with further interest at contractual rates, till date of realization within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 (of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002) on this the 05<sup>th</sup> day of May of the year 2026.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Can Fin Homes Limited for an amount of **Rs.29,82,595/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Eight Two Thousand Five Hundred Ninty Five Only)** and interest thereon.

**DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**  
All that piece and parcel of house number 3-4-59, admeasuring with an extent of 138 Sq.yds equals to 115-52 Sq.meters, situated at Kothagudem Bazar, Suryapet, Suryapet Dist and Bounded by: East: house of Md. Khaja Gousuddin, West: House of Navab Saheb, North: house of Sd. Fhasimoddin, South: 15 ft, wide Road.

Date: 05-05-2026  
Place : Khammam  
Sd/- Authorised Officer  
Can Fin Homes Limited

**NAGESH MUDHIRAJ DEMANDS ARREST OF UNION MINISTER BANDI SANJAY'S SON IN POCSCO CASE**



Hyderabad TSIT: Alleging negligence in the investigation of a POCSCO case registered against Bandi Sai Bhageerath, son of Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar, Nagesh Mudhiraj on Monday accused the police of showing bias in the case. He alleged that despite a serious case being registered under the POCSCO Act over the alleged sexual assault of a minor girl after intoxication, the police have failed to arrest the accused. He questioned whether there was "one law for common people and another for the son of a Union Minister." Nagesh Mudhiraj further

alleged that attempts were being made to divert the case by portraying it as a "honey trap" incident instead of pursuing the POCSCO charges seriously. He demanded that Pet Basheerabad police immediately arrest Bandi Sai Bhageerath for allegedly behaving indecently with the minor girl. He also demanded that Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar take moral responsibility for the actions of his son and resign from his ministerial post unconditionally. Failing that, he said, the Central Government should remove him from the position.

**AJARA HOSPITALS SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCTED A CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME) PROGRAMME**

WARANGAL, May 11, TSIT : Ajara Hospitals successfully conducted a Continuing Medical Education (CME) programme titled "The Diagnostic Edge - From Lab to Lifesaving" with the objective of enhancing medical knowledge and promoting evidence-based clinical practices among healthcare professionals. The programme brought together experts from various specialties to discuss the evolving role of precision diagnostics in improving patient care and clinical outcomes. The CME covered important topics including rapid diagnostics, sepsis management, laboratory quality, antimicrobial stewardship, and the impact of diagnostics on clinical decision-making. 9 eminent speakers shared practical insights, recent advancements, and real-time clinical experiences, helping participants strengthen their understanding of modern diagnostic approaches and their application in day-to-day medical practice.



**TSUJ PRESIDENT URGES STATE TO GRANT MEDIA ACCREDITATION TO FREELANCE VIDEO JOURNALISTS**



Hyderabad: K. Virahath Ali, President of the Telangana State Union of Working Journalists (TSUJ), on Monday urged the state government to extend media accreditation eligibility to freelance video journalists, putting them on par with other journalist categories. Ali, along with Telangana State Video Journalists Union President Nanduri Harish, met Additional Director Jagan of the State Information Department to highlight the challenges freelancers face in obtaining accreditation despite their active role in news coverage. Responding positively, Jagan assured the delegation that a special option for freelance video journalists to apply for media accreditation would be added to the department's website within one to two days. Applicants would need to submit their video clips via pen drive as part of the process.

**INVENT ASSETS SECURITISATION & RECONSTRUCTION PRIVATE LIMITED**  
Regd Office: Bakhtawar, Suite 'B', Ground Floor, Backbay Reclamation, Scheme Block III, 229, Nariman Point, Mumbai - 400021.

**POSESSION NOTICE [RULE 8(1)] (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)**

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Invent Assets Securitisation & Reconstruction Private Limited (hereinafter referred to as "INVENT") by ALTMU vide registered Assignment Agreement dated 29.12.2025 under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, had issued a Demand Notice to the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s) as mentioned in the table below, calling upon them to repay the amount within the stipulated period. The Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s) having failed to repay the dues within the prescribed time, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **Symbolic Possession** of the secured asset(s) under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the said Rules, on the date mentioned in the table below.

The Borrower(s)/Secured Debtor(s) and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the secured asset(s), and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of INVENT for the amount mentioned in the Demand Notice.

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

Sl. No.	Borrower Details	NPA Date & Outstanding Amount	13(2) Date & Possession Date
1.	Nara Srinivas (Borrower), Nara Dharam (Co-Applciant) A/C No. S15820200002	29/12/2025 ₹ 10,41,927 as on 08-May-26	31-Dec-25 08-May-26

Property Description:- All that the House No. 1-19/1, with a built up area 594 Sq. Ft., RCC Roof, and open land total admeasuring 165 Sq. Yds with assessment No. 320657300454 situated at Singannaguda Village, Mulugu Mandal, District Siddipet, Regd. Sub-District Gaywel, Registration District Medak - Sangareddy, Grampanchayat, Singannaguda, MPP Mulugu, Z.P. Medak-Sangareddy, East: House belongs to N. Narsing Rao, West: House belongs to N. Shekhar, South: Road, North: Road.

Date: 12-05-2026  
Place: Telangana  
Sd/- Authorised Officer  
Invent Assets Securitisation & Reconstruction Private Limited

**Indian Overseas Bank**  
HYDERABAD-ADARSH NAGAR BRANCH  
Address: 5-9-305A Paigah Plaza Complex, Basheer Bagh, Hyderabad Telangana-500029,  
Phone No: 040-23421559 & Email id: iob1301@iob.bank.in

**SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property) [Rule 8(1)]**

Whereas  
The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Indian Overseas Bank, Hyderabad-Adarsh Nagar, 5-9-305A Paigah Plaza Complex, Basheer Bagh, Telangana-500063, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 29/11/2025 calling upon the borrowers / mortgagors / guarantors **MOHD MOIN UDDIN & SHABANA BEGUM**, Permanent Address: FLAT NO: 103, FIRST FLOOR, KRISHNA TEJA'S AISHWARYA ICON, PLOT NO: 1026, 1027, 1028, 1029, 1030, NEAR WATER TANK, MUTHANGI, VILLAGE PATANCHERUVU MANDAL SANGAREDDY DIST- 502307, (hereinafter referred as "borrowers") to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs 60,23,731.40/- (Rupees Sixty Lakhs Twenty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty One and Paise Forty Only)** as on 24/02/2026 with further interest at contractual rates and rests, charges etc. till date of realization within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

(1) The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May of the year 2026

(2) The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Indian Overseas Bank for an amount of **Rs 61,50,146.40 (Rupees Sixty One Lakh Fifty Thousand One Hundred Forty Six and Paise Forty Only)** as on 10.05.2026 with interest thereon at contractual rates & rests as agreed, charges etc., from the aforesaid date mentioned in the demand notice till date of payment less repayments, if any, made after issuance of Demand Notice. The dues payable as on the date of taking possession is **Rs 61,50,146.40 (Rupees Sixty One Lakh Fifty Thousand One Hundred Forty Six and Paise Forty Only)** payable with further interest at contractual rates & rests, charges etc., till date of payment.

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

**Description of the Immovable Property**  
ALL THAT the Land in Survey No. 34, 37/A1, 37/A2, 37/A3, 37/A4, 37/A4/Part, Open land and Plot Nos. 1026, 1027, 1028, 1029, 1030, total extent 5173.25 Sq. Yards, Situated at MUTHANGI Village, PATANCHERU Mandal, Sangareddy District, Telangana State, Registration Sub-District Sangareddy, Registration District Medak at Sangareddy and bounded by:- North: Village Boundary of Chitkul, South: Agr. Land belongs Satyamma, East: Agr. Land belongs Veera Reddy, West: 50 Feet Road, Agr. Land belongs Pochaiha.

**Schedule B Property (For Flat)**  
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### AP: OPPOSITION YSRCP ALLEGES MASSIVE CORRUPTION IN CAPITAL CITY CONSTRUCTION

Vijayawada, May 11 (UNI) Alleging that massive corruption is rampant in the name of Capital city Amaravati's construction, the Opposition YSRCP in Andhra Pradesh has reinter-

ated that the project is going to be a huge burden on the people of the State.

Speaking to the media here on Monday, former Minister Perni Venkataramiah (Nani)

asserted the Machilipatnam-Vijayawada-Guntur, (MAVIGUN) concept floated by former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy is more viable, economical, and places no burden on the people.

### Solve the Problems of Freelance Video Journalists

Tuwj President K.Virahath Ali

Hyderabad (TSIT) K. Virahath Ali President Telangana State Union of Working Journalists, has urged the State Government to extend media accreditation eligibility to freelance video journalists on par with other categories of journalists. On Monday, K. Virahath Ali, along with Telangana State Video Journalists Union President Nanduri Harish,



brought the issue of freelance video journalists to the notice of State Information Department Additional Director Jagan. During the meeting, they explained the difficulties being faced by free-

lance video journalists in obtaining accreditation cards despite actively contributing to media coverage and news dissemination. Responding positively to the request, Additional Director Jagan reportedly assured the delegation that a special option for freelance video journalists to apply for media accreditation would be added to the department's website within one or two days.

### Polavaram Project to Be Completed by June 2027, PM Modi to Dedicate It: Andhra Minister

New Delhi, May 11: Andhra Pradesh Water Resources Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu announced that the ambitious Polavaram Project, aimed at making Andhra Pradesh drought-free, will be completed by June 2027. The project is slated to be formally dedicated to the nation by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



A delegation led by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu met Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil in New Delhi on Monday, discussing irrigation and water resource initiatives. Minister Ramanaidu said the Centre assured full support for the project's speedy completion and timely release of funds for land acquisition, rehabilitation, and compensation for displaced families.

Criticizing the previous government, Ramanaidu remarked that the project's future had become uncertain under the prior administration but is now progressing confidently. The state is implementing innovative pipeline-based water distribution systems in Vizianagaram District and pursuing river interlinking initia-

tives, including the Polavaram-Nallamala Sagar and Godavari-Cauvery projects, to better utilize surplus water flowing into the Bay of Bengal.

The minister also highlighted ongoing work on replacing 33 gates at the Tungabhadra Dam and resolving potential issues with Telangana through dialogue and cooperation.

### NETAKANI COMMUNITY APPEALS FOR UNIFORM RECORDING OF CASTE NAME IN TELANGANA GAZETTE



Mancherial, May 11 (TSIT): Representatives of the Netakani (Mahar) Seva Sangham on Sunday appealed to Telangana Labour, Employment and Mines Minister G. Vivek Venkataswamy to ensure the community name "Netakani" is consistently recorded in government gazette notifications and official documents.

The delegation highlighted that in several records, the community name is incorrectly entered as "Malasale/Netkani," causing difficulties in obtaining caste certificates and other benefits. State president Durgam Swamy and Durgam Siddharth Rammurthy said the Netakani community is spread across nearly 35 Assembly constituencies, including Khammam, Mancherial, Warangal, Karimnagar, Adilabad, and Nizamabad districts.

They urged the government to direct officials of the Scheduled Castes Welfare Department to ensure uniform documentation for the community. Minister Vivek Venkataswamy responded positively, assuring the delegation that the matter would be reviewed with the concerned officials and corrective measures would be implemented to prevent discrepancies in official records.

### Andhra Pradesh to Buy Handloom Fabrics Directly from Weavers: Minister Savitha



Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh Handlooms and Textiles Minister S. Savitha announced on Monday that the government will directly procure handloom products from cooperative societies, aiming to boost weavers' income and provide year-round employment. Addressing representatives from across the state at Tadepalli, the minister emphasized that the initiative seeks to double the income of traditional weavers while ensuring high-quality fabrics are supplied to APCO.

Minister Savitha urged weavers to align production with current fashion trends and assured skill-development training for ready-made handloom garments. She highlighted government welfare measures, including free electricity for weavers' families and

the upcoming "Nethanna Bharosa" scheme, offering Rs.25,000 financial assistance to eligible workers. APCO has recorded sales worth Rs.190 crore over the last 23 months, with loom equipment provided at 90% subsidy and a 15% subsidy on yarn purchases. To expand market reach, handloom products are being promoted online and through exhibitions. Special stalls are planned at the upcoming Mahanadu in Nellore on May 27-29. In a historic first, Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams has placed a Rs.20 crore order with APCO for fabrics featuring sacred symbols, creating significant employment opportunities. Senior officials underscored the importance of quality and marketing, while weavers praised government initiatives supporting the sector.

### Speed Up Construction of Connectivity Roads to Bhogapuram Airport: M.V. Pranav Gopal, N. Tej Bharat

The South India Times, Visakhapatnam : VMRDA Chairman M.V. Pranav Gopal and Metropolitan Commissioner N. Tej Bharat directed the concerned officials to expedite the construction works of the major plan roads being undertaken by VMRDA in connection with the Bhogapuram Airport project. On Monday morning, they personally inspected the BT road construction works being carried out from Nerellavalasa to Tallavalasa.



Speaking to the engineering officials on the occasion, they instructed that the works should be completed within the stipulated time frame. They emphasized

that there should be no compromise in the quality of construction while executing the works. They stated that the development of road infrastructure is highly cru-

cial in line with the development of Bhogapuram Airport. They informed that out of the seven major roads being taken up under the aegis of VMRDA, construction of three roads has already been completed. Efforts are being made to complete the remaining road works by the month of June. Superintending Engineer Madhusudana Rao, Executive Engineer Durgaprasad, Deputy Executive Engineer Ravishankar, along with engineering staff, participated in the inspection programme.

### Ex-Minister Srinivas Goud Blames Police Negligence for Five Deaths in Palakonda Bypass Accident

Mahbubnagar, May 11 (TSIT): Former Minister Srinivas Goud on Monday expressed grief over the fatal accident on Palakonda Bypass Road that claimed five lives, criticizing police and municipal officials for failing to prevent the tragedy. Speaking at Mahbubnagar District Hospital, he questioned, "What are the police doing when bike riders travel at high speed on the road?" Goud accused some Telangana police officers



of corruption and said the system's reputation has suffered, contrasting it with the efficiency during the previous BRS government. He highlighted that the accident could have

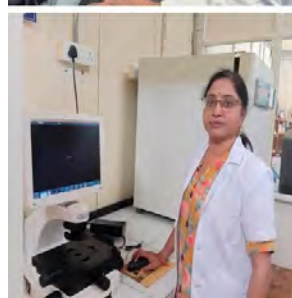
been avoided if traffic signals, CC cameras, speed control systems, and proper road dividers were installed. He urged the authorities to implement previously allocated

funds for traffic safety and road improvements immediately.

The former minister also demanded a comprehensive investigation, accountability for responsible officials, and financial assistance for the victims' families. He emphasized that safety should take priority over revenue collection from contractors and called for a fully equipped super-specialty hospital to manage road accident emergencies, stating that relocating the district hospital is insufficient.

### GITAM University Researchers Gain National Recognition for Innovative Research Projects

The South India Times, Visakhapatnam : GITAM Deemed to be University researchers are earning national recognition for carrying out several prestigious and innovative research projects across diverse fields. From aluminium recycling and early heart attack detection devices to cancer screening technologies and Artificial Intelligence-based underwater drones, the university is emerging as a hub of cutting-edge research and innovation.



Dr. A. Kameswari Prasada Rao from the GITAM School of Technology is leading a 1.57 crore project on recycling aluminium alloys with support from the Ministry of Mines, Government of India. The research focuses on producing high-quality aluminium for the automotive and marine sectors while consuming only five percent of the energy used in conventional methods. The project also aims to eliminate the need for removing iron impurities during the recycling process, thereby making aluminium production more energy-efficient and cost-effective.

In another major development, Associate Professor Dr. Shantilata Pandurangi has been selected for the prestigious Prime Minister's Fellowship for Doctoral Research. He is developing an advanced portable device named "MyoTrack" designed to identify the risk of heart attacks at an early stage. The compact device is being designed for easy use in ambulances, rural health centres and primary healthcare facilities, helping doctors save valuable lives during emergencies.

Meanwhile, Dr. P. Bharani Chandra Kumar of the GITAM Autonomous Systems Centre is leading the development of an Artificial Intelligence-based underwater vehicle

in collaboration with IIT Tirupati and Oceanatics Private Limited. The underwater drone is expected to play a key role in identifying marine biodiversity, underwater infrastructure and plastic waste in oceans. Developed using indigenous technology, the project is expected to strengthen India's marine research and environmental monitoring capabilities.

Apart from technological innovations, Dr. I. Sarath Babu of GITAM University is empowering tribal youth through the establishment of four Science, Technology and Innovation Hubs in tribal regions. These centres include oilseed processing units, honey purification centres, solar-powered cold storage facilities, vegetable processing units, quality testing laboratories and training centres aimed at promoting entrepreneurship and improving livelihood opportunities in rural and tribal communities. Through these pioneering research initiatives, GITAM University is steadily building a strong national reputation while contributing significantly towards the goals of "Viksit Bharat" by strengthening India's healthcare, industrial and marine sectors.

### Farmers Urge Urgent Repair, Modernization of Rajolibanda Canal in Jogulamba Gadwal

Jogulamba Gadwal, TSIT: Farmers from the Alampur constituency have appealed to the district administration to prioritize repair and modernization of the Rajolibanda Diversion Scheme (RDS) Left Canal to ensure irrigation reaches tail-end villages. A delegation submitted a memorandum to the District Collector, highlighting persistent water shortages despite Telangana receiving its share under the Bachawat Tribunal award.

The farmers cited breaches, leakages, heavy silt accumulation, and poor maintenance as key reasons for inadequate water flow. Thousands of acres meant for irrigation now

rely solely on rainfall, causing repeated crop failures and financial distress. While head-reach areas receive some water, tail-end villages continue to suffer, worsening farmers' debts. Welcoming the government's approval of a link canal from RDS to Chinnopalli Reservoir, the delegation emphasized that repairing and modernizing the main and distributary canals is essential to ensure full benefits reach all ayacut farmers. The memorandum urged immediate action on breaches and leakages, silt and weed removal, formation of a monitoring committee, regular review meetings with farmers, and swift completion of canal strengthening works.



### Port Chairperson Launches Key Infrastructure Development Projects



The South India Times, Visakhapatnam : Visakhapatnam Port Authority Chairperson Dr. M. Angamuthu on Monday inaugurated several key infrastructure development projects and laid foundation stones for a number of new works aimed at modernization, security enhancement, green energy utilization, and operational efficiency improvement at the port. According to a statement released to the media by Port Secretary M. Shankar Babu, the projects have been taken up with a focus on strengthening port infrastructure and preparing the port to meet future operational requirements. The projects inaugurated include development of a public promenade, modernization of the port management system, electrification of 38 TKM railway tracks, establishment of a display corridor in the administrative building, and installation of a 170-kilowatt rooftop solar power system at the STP facility. In addition, works related to the upgrade of the MCHV railway track, repair of potholes near the SL Canal Jetty, correction of railway track curves, and construction of the Customs boundary wall were also launched. As part of efforts to strengthen security standards, foundation stones were laid for installation of Under Vehicle Scanning Systems at all gates and Radiological Detection Equipment at cargo gates. Development works including BT road regrading from Convent Junction Arch to H-7 Junction and improvement of internal roads in the OHC area were also initiated. Speaking on the occasion, Port Chairperson Dr. M. Angamuthu stated that the Visakhapatnam Port Authority is giving special emphasis to infrastructure development, modernization of security systems, and adoption of eco-friendly energy solutions. He said the projects would significantly enhance the port's operational capacity and strengthen infrastructure to meet future demands. Heads of departments, senior officials, and employees participated in the programme in large numbers.

# 'Under Atal's leadership, India refused to bow': PM Modi recalls Pokhran tests at Somnath event

Gir Somnath (Gujarat), May 11 : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday linked India's Pokhran nuclear tests in 1998 with the country's spiritual traditions during his address at the 'Somnath Amrut Mahotsav' celebrations in Gujarat.

Speaking at a public meeting after participating in ceremonies at the Somnath Temple, PM Modi said the anniversary of the Pokhran nuclear tests coinciding with the Somnath celebrations carried special significance.

"Today is special for another reason as well. On this very day, May 11 in 1998, the country conducted nuclear tests in Pokhran," the Prime Minister said.

India carried out a series of nuclear tests under Pokhran-II during the government led by former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

"Our scientists demonstrated India's strength and capability before the world. There was turmoil across the world. Global powers began strategising. Many restrictions were imposed, and all possible avenues leading to economic opportunities were blocked," he said.

The Prime Minister said India faced intense international pressure after the tests



but proceeded with additional detonations two days later. "Scientists had done their work on May 11, but on May 13, two more nuclear tests were conducted. The world then realised how firm India's political will was," he said.

He further stated, "At that

time, the entire world was pressuring India, but under Atal Ji's leadership, the BJP government showed that for us, the nation comes first. No force in the world can make India bow or force it under pressure."

PM Modi said the nuclear

tests were named "Operation Shakti" because of the worship of Shakti along with Shiva has always been our tradition. "Ardhanarishwar Shiva himself is complete only with Shakti," he said.

The Prime Minister also connected the theme to India's

lunar mission. "You may recall that when the Chandrayaan mission succeeded, the place on the Moon where India's rover landed was named 'Shiv Shakti Point'," he said.

He added, "Because in our faith, the Moon is associated with Shiva, and Shiva is associated with Shakti. And how pleasant it is that this Jyotirlinga itself is called Somnath, derived from Soma, i.e. the Moon."

PM Modi said the philosophy of "Shiva and Shakti" should continue inspiring India's scientific and technological advancement.

"May this philosophy of worshipping Shiva and Shakti continue to inspire the scientific progress of the nation," he said.

The Prime Minister congratulated citizens on the anniversary of Operation Shakti and described the tests as a demonstration of India's determination and strategic autonomy.

Earlier in the day, PM Modi participated in the Kumbhabhishek ceremony at Somnath Temple and attended an aerial display by the Indian Air Force's Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team as part of the Somnath Amrut Mahotsav celebrations marking 75 years since the inauguration of the reconstructed temple in 1951.

## HCA Announces Senior and Junior Selection Committees for 2026-27 Season



Hyderabad TSIT :

The Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA) on Monday announced the constitution of its Senior and Junior Selection Committees for the 2026-27 cricket season. The announcement was made in the presence of HCA Secretary Manney Jeevan Reddy and former India cricketer Ambati Rayudu. The newly appointed committees will oversee player selections for all HCA-represented tournaments and age-group events during the upcoming season.

Senior Selection Committee (2026-27) T.P.Akshath Reddy Chairman T.Suman Mehdi Hasan T.Pavan Kumar Inder Shekar Reddy Junior Selection Committee (2026-27) Akash Bhandari-Chairman P. Ramesh Kumar Shoaib Sarvesh Kumar Timothy Kumar.

Speaking on the occasion, HCA Secretary Manney Jeevan Reddy expressed confidence in the newly appointed members and said the association remains committed to ensuring a fair, transpar-

ent, and merit-based selection process.

"We are confident that the experience and integrity of the appointed members will ensure a fair, transparent, and merit-based selection process. The HCA remains committed to nurturing talent and strengthening cricket across all levels in the region," he said. Former India cricketer Ambati Rayudu welcomed the appointments and said the committees comprise a strong blend of experienced former cricketers capable of identifying and supporting emerging talent in Hyderabad cricket.

"It's heartening to see a strong mix of experienced former cricketers on these committees. Their understanding of the game will be key in identifying and backing the right talent for Hyderabad cricket. I wish both panels the very best for the season ahead," Rayudu said. The HCA congratulated all committee members and wished them success for the upcoming season.

## Collector Urges Quick Completion of Electoral Roll Revision in Gadwal



Jogulamba Gadwal, May 11 (TSIT): District Collector Rizwan Basha Shaik has directed officials to expedite the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, aiming for 100 percent completion in the district. The process currently

stands at 74.82 percent. The Collector participated in a video conference from Hyderabad with State Chief Electoral Officer Sudarshan Reddy, who reviewed SIR progress across all districts. The CEO noted that only a few constituencies had

surpassed 90 percent completion and urged intensive efforts over the next 15 days. He praised the GHMC limits for registering over two lakh mappings in the past fortnight and asked other districts to achieve similar results. Officials were instruct-

ed to ensure accurate electoral mapping, rectify errors where voters are misplaced, and prevent unauthorized political interference. Daily reports on mapping progress, form distribution, and collection were mandated. Additional staff may be deployed, and the contact details of VRVs and BLOs are to be widely publicized to assist citizens.

Collector Rizwan Basha highlighted that Gadwal mandal is behind schedule and emphasized coordinated efforts by all departments to make the district a front-runner in completing the electoral roll revision. Election officials Manjula, Suresh, and others attended the meeting.

## Nagulapally Residents Seek Immediate Action Against Canal Pollution

RANGAREDDY : Residents of Nagulapally village in Farooqnagar mandal of Ranga Reddy district have urged the Shadnagar Municipal Commissioner to intervene and prevent municipal wastewater from being discharged into a local canal, stating that the pollution is severely affecting public health and the environment. Villagers alleged that the contaminated water has caused the death of cattle and other mute animals, while the stench emanating from the canal is leading to health-related issues among the local population. They also expressed concern that devotees visiting ancient temples located near the canal are facing hardship due to the deteriorating surroundings. Submitting a formal



representation, the village representatives demanded immediate measures to stop the sewage flow and restore cleanliness in the area. The complainants further alleged that a small industrial unit

named "Arham Enterprises" had been established near the canal without official permissions and called upon the authorities to take appropriate action. The representation programme was attended

by Nagulapally Sarpanch Radhika Ashok Reddy, Vice-Sarpanch Suman Goud, ward members Swami, Kumar, Boraiah, Avula Narasimha Reddy, Karyavar Narsimha and several villagers.

## Bhim Army Urges Strict Action Against Fake Certificate Racket in Jogulamba Gadwal

Jogulamba Gadwal TSIT. Leaders of Bhim Army submitted a representation to Jogulamba Gadwal District Collector Rizwan Basha Shaik demanding immediate identification and strict legal action against individuals allegedly involved in the preparation of fake certificates and counterfeit government stamps in the district.

The representation was submitted by Bhim Army United Mahabubnagar District In-Charge Macharla Prakash and District President Mellacheruvu Varshith. The organization alleged that several anti-social elements were operating illegal networks that were cheating innocent and unemployed youth by producing forged educational and government-related documents.

The Bhim Army leaders urged the district administration to register serious criminal cases against all those involved in the racket, irrespective of their



influence or status. They also demanded the invocation of the Preventive Detention (PD) Act against the accused, stating that such activities were weakening public trust in government institutions and destroying the future of unemployed youth seeking jobs and educational opportunities.

Speaking to the media, the leaders said that strict punishment should be imposed on the gangs involved in the illegal operations and requested the authorities to conduct a comprehensive investigation to expose the entire

network behind the scam. District Collector Rizwan Basha Shaik reportedly assured the delegation that the matter was already under detailed investigation and that appropriate action would be taken based on the findings of the inquiry.

Investigation into Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Printers Intensifies. Meanwhile, the investigation into the alleged fake certificate racket linked to Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Printers in Ieeja town has reportedly widened, with authorities identifying the possible involvement of

several middlemen and facilitators from Ieeja and Gattu mandals.

According to official sources, the issue came to light after a complaint was submitted during the Collector's Prajavani grievance programme regarding illegal activities at the printing establishment. Acting on the directions of the Mandal Revenue Officer (MRO), a joint inspection was conducted by Revenue Inspectors, GPO officials, and police personnel at the premises of Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Printers.

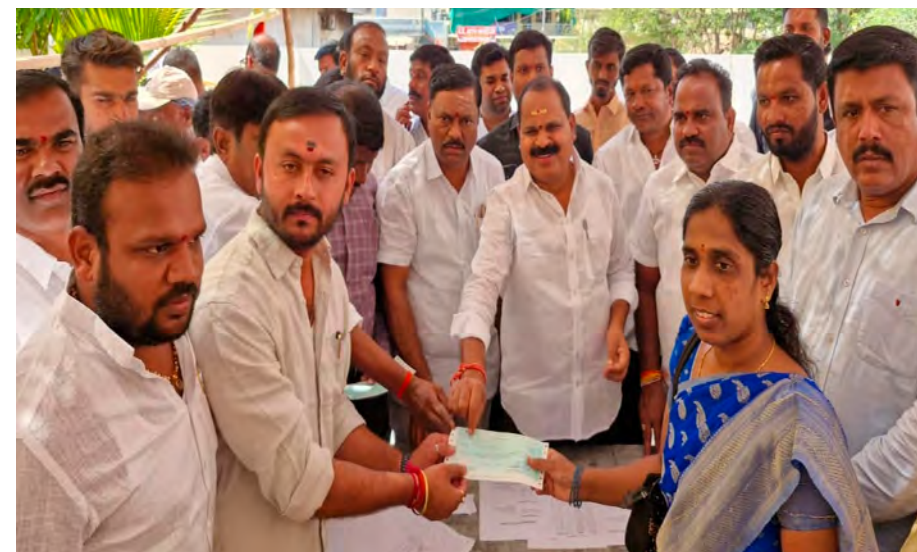
During the inspection, officials reportedly discovered fake certificates, counterfeit government stamps, and other suspicious materials. Subsequently, a complaint was lodged at the Ieeja Police Station against the operator of the press, following which police launched an intensive investigation that has continued over the past four days. Sources stated that the

probe has expanded beyond Ieeja mandal and now covers several villages in Gattu mandal. Police are reportedly questioning a number of alleged intermediaries and facilitators suspected to have links with the illegal activities.

The names that reportedly surfaced during the course of the investigation include Mitta Doddi Shadrack, Chagadona Veeresh, Veera Shekhar Goud, Anthampalli Anjaneyulu, "Shiva" Chinnonipalli Auto Narasimhulu Goud, Induvasi Chandrashekar Goud, Gorlakhandoddi Siddappa, Gorlakhandoddi Suresh, MD Saddam, Baligera MeeSeva operator Boylagudem Venu, Macharla Ali, Rajeev Jagirdar of Sankapuram village in Ieeja mandal, and Bade Saab of Eedigonipalli.

Officials indicated that additional names from other villages in Ieeja mandal may also emerge during the ongoing investigation.

## MLA Veerlapalli Shankar Hands Over Welfare Scheme Cheques to 64 Beneficiaries



RANGAREDDY Shadnagar MLA Veerlapalli Shankar distributed Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak assistance cheques to 64 beneficiaries from Shadnagar at the MLA camp office in Ranga Reddy district. Shadnagar Municipal Chairman Agganoor Basaveshwar, Vice-

Chairman Ande Mohan Mudiraj and councillors participated in the programme and joined in presenting the cheques to the beneficiaries.

Speaking on the occasion, Veerlapalli Shankar stated that the State government is extending continuous support to underprivileged families

through welfare initiatives aimed at assisting girls' marriages. He said efforts are being made to ensure that all deserving beneficiaries receive the scheme benefits efficiently and transparently.

Tahsildar Nagaiah, government officials, local leaders and others attended the programme.

## EDITORIAL

### When Vajpayee Broke Silence: Inside The Day India Went Nuclear

It was a hot afternoon on May 11, 1998. At that point in time, I was working as a correspondent covering the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) and parliament with the news agency ANI.

I received a call from Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's office that he would address a news conference in the next two hours or so. I was asked to rush to the prime minister's house at "7 RCR", as it was then known, along with my camera team. I was taken aback; wondered why this sudden news conference by the prime minister.

I immediately rushed to my editor's cabin and informed him that Vajpayee was going to address a news conference at 5 pm or so, if I remember correctly.

The first question he asked was: "Is J Jayalalitha withdrawing support to the Vajpayee government?"

This speculation had been doing the rounds in the corridors of power. It remained a hot topic of discussions among politicians and the media. The sudden announcement of a news conference to be addressed by the prime minister himself made journalists curious. Vajpayee was not known for holding sudden news conferences. We rushed to the prime minister's house. After going through many security checks, we finally entered the lawns. The setting is still engraved in my mind. We were early; the officials were still placing a podium for Vajpayee to stand and address the media. We saw Pramod Mahajan, who was Vajpayee's adviser then, telling some officials to bring the national flag.

"Pramod ji, what's the big news?" I went up to him and asked.

"Just wait. You will hear from the man himself," he said.

Mahajan was usually accessible to journalists and was known for sharing timely information with the press. His response left me wondering why he did not share what the conference was about. The preparations went for a while and many journalists started arriving. I saw some officials close to Vajpayee walking in.

"What is all this about?" I asked them. They, too, didn't say a word, just smiled.

# The Alarming Surge of Crime and the Challenge of a Safe Society



LALIT GARGG

The latest figures released by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) are not merely statistical records; they expose the dark and disturbing reality of our society that is often concealed beneath the glitter of development, modernization, and political achievements. The crime data for 2024 clearly indicate that while India may be progressing economically, technologically, and globally, it continues to face grave social and moral challenges. When a country witnesses a murder every 17 minutes, a kidnapping every five minutes, a rape every 18 minutes, and an economic offence or fraud almost every two minutes, the issue ceases to remain merely one of law and order. It becomes a serious indictment of the entire social structure, moral values, and administrative system. Today, we dream of a "Developed India," an "Atmanirbhar Bharat," and a "Vishwaguru Bharat" by 2047. Yet these dreams can only be realized when society becomes free from fear, violence, and crime. A society plagued by crime can never evolve into a healthy, balanced, and ideal civilization. If the social atmosphere is filled with insecurity, fear, distrust, and violence, all developmental plans ultimately become hollow. The NCRB statistics are warning us that unless the roots of crime are identified and



decisively addressed in time, the situation may become even more explosive in the future. One of the gravest concerns is the increasing crimes against women. The fact that Rajasthan has remained at the top for the sixth consecutive year in crimes against women is deeply alarming. The state ranks first in rape cases, second in forced abortions, and third in female foeticide. Rajasthan also stands fourth in cases of kidnapping women for marriage. In this category, Bihar ranks first, followed by Uttar Pradesh and Punjab. Bihar is also infamous for the practice of "Pakadwa Vivah," where men are abducted and forced into marriage. If murder rates are analyzed in proportion to population, smaller states such as Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh emerge at the top, while Uttar Pradesh—often associated with crime debates—stands at the twelfth position. Madhya Pradesh ranks sixth and Rajasthan seventh in this regard. Crimes such as rape, female foeticide, forced abortions, and kidnapping for mar-

riage reveal a dangerous decline in social consciousness and moral values. Respect, sensitivity, and security for women are steadily weakening. It is indeed ironic that while campaigns such as Beti Bachao Beti Padhao and slogans celebrating "women empowerment" are widely promoted, crimes against women continue to assume horrifying proportions. This is not merely the failure of law enforcement, but also the result of a distorted social mindset. The nature of crime itself is rapidly changing. Earlier, crimes were largely confined to streets and neighborhoods, but the rise of the internet and digital technology has given crime an entirely new dimension. Cybercrime, digital fraud, online scams, and data theft are increasing at an alarming pace. We are now entering the era of "software crime," where criminals can swindle millions without weapons and often without physical risk. This makes it evident that conventional policing alone is no longer sufficient. Police and investigative agencies must now be equipped

with modern tools such as digital forensics, cybersecurity systems, and data analytics. Combating the new world of crime requires new thinking and advanced technological preparedness. Although some serious crimes have shown marginal decline, it would be self-deception to consider this a major achievement. Experts believe that after the implementation of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), several offences were removed from the category of cognizable crimes, resulting in statistical reductions. Therefore, a superficial reading of crime figures is inadequate; what is needed is deeper review and analysis. Crime is not merely a legal issue—it is a complex challenge rooted in social, economic, psychological, and cultural causes. One of the biggest factors behind rising crime is substance abuse. Particularly worrying is the increasing trend of addiction among women. Equally alarming are the growing cases of suicide among students and unemployed youth. These developments reveal a

deepening atmosphere of despair, insecurity, and uncertainty about the future. Unemployment, intense competition, academic pressure, family expectations, and social comparisons are pushing young people toward severe mental stress. When the youth begin to perceive life as meaningless, it is not merely a personal tragedy but a warning bell for the future of the nation itself. Therefore, issues such as crime and suicide cannot be left solely to the police and courts. Education systems, families, society, and governments must work collectively to address them. Another major reason behind increasing crime is the erosion of moral values. Consumerism, materialism, and the blind race for instant success have made individuals increasingly insensitive and self-centered. Today, wealth and power have become the sole measures of success. When honesty, restraint, compassion, and ethics are replaced by deceit, greed, and ruthless competition, crime naturally proliferates. Communication within families has weakened, moral upbringing has declined, and the sense of social responsibility is fading. Social media and many entertainment platforms have further encouraged violence, obscenity, and the culture of instant gratification. In such an environment, it is hardly surprising that the younger generation loses direction. It is also true that many criminals no longer fear the law. Prolonged delays in court cases, political patronage, corruption, and weak investigation mechanisms embolden offenders. When criminals begin to believe they can easily escape punishment, controlling crime becomes extremely difficult. Therefore, the justice system must become faster, more transparent, and more effective. A policy of zero tolerance toward crime is the need of the hour.

## Crimes against women in India: What concerns America?



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Why did the U.S. Embassy & Consulates in India have to issue advisory to warn the U.S. women travelling to India? What fears do they have in their minds?

On 18 June, 2025, it issued a Travel Advisory to India - highlighting the increased caution in India due to crime and terrorism mentioning that some areas have increased the risk. Summarising - "Violent crime and terrorism occur in India. Rape is one of the fastest growing crimes in India. Violent crimes, including sexual assault, happen at tourist sites and other locations. Terrorists may attack with little or no warning. They target: tourist locations, transportation hubs, markets/shopping malls, government facilities."

Showing the country's limitations, the advisory states, "The U.S. government has limited ability to provide emergency services to U.S. citizens in rural areas. These areas stretch from eastern Maharashtra and northern Telangana through western West Bengal.

Due to the risks, U.S. government employees working in India must obtain special authorization to travel to these areas."

The advisory further states, "If you decide to travel to India: Do not bring a satellite phone or GPS device. Possessing a satellite phone or GPS device is illegal in India and may result in a penalty of \$200,000 or jail time of up to three years. Do not travel alone, especially if you are a woman. Read travel tips at Women Travelers. Review your personal security plans and stay alert to your surroundings. Enrol in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) to get alerts and make it easier for us to find you in an emergency."

### What is the ground reality?

Has the U.S. warning some solid and reasonable base or it is just "fulfilling a formality"? Let us examine.

Just an example we are quoting here. Media reports reveal - "The ground reality was unfolded when Malkajgiri Commissioner of Police (CP) Sumati, a senior IPS officer, faced harassment by several men during a special midnight operation, while she was conducting a plainclothes operation to assess the safety situation for women on the Hyderabad streets on the intervening night of May 6, 2026 between 12 midnight and 3:30 am. Within these three hours, nearly 40 men, unaware that they were confronting a senior police official, approached her with inappropriate offers and vulgar remarks, many appearing intoxicated." This incident exposed the safety of women that when even a bold and fearless lady police officer has to face such a situation, then what shall be the intensity of harassment and lewd remarks when an ordinary woman has to visit during the nights?

A tragic incident, which reveals the horrific face of Indian society, occurred on the first day of May 2026 in Nasrapur, in Pune district of Maharashtra, where a three-and-a-half-year-old girl was reportedly sexually assaulted and murdered by a 65-year-old man. Hindustan Times, quoting the Police, states that the Police suspect that after the sexual assault, the accused allegedly killed her by hitting her face with a stone, and to conceal the evidence, hid the body under a heap of dung.

Taking serious note of Nasarpur incident, on May 8, 2026, The National Commission for Women (NCW) has expressed serious concern over the existing parole framework governing convicts involved in heinous crimes against women and children. Hon'ble NCW Chairperson Smt. Vijaya Rahatkar stated that the Commission will soon submit recommendations to the Central Government seeking a complete prohibition on parole for individuals convicted in cases of rape, aggravated sexual assault, and other serious offences against women and children.

The Hon'ble Chairperson observed that the Nasrapur, Bhor incident has raised serious concerns regarding public safety and the confidence of women in society. She emphasized that in such cases, the protection, dignity, and security of women and children must remain paramount. The Commission will also recommend comprehensive systemic reforms to strengthen the justice delivery mechanism in cases involving crimes against women

and children. The proposed recommendations include the expedited establishment of Special Fast Track Trial Courts to ensure swift disposal of such cases, enhanced coordination during investigation and trial proceedings through dedicated legal and subject experts, and the creation of an independent and time-bound mechanism for prompt evidence examination, witness statement recording, and completion of investigations.

### What does the NCRB report reveal?

The latest National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) report for 2024, released on 6th May, 2026, shows that India saw 4,41,534 cases related to crimes against women in 2024, in comparison to 4,48,211 cases in 2023 and 4,44,256 in 2022. However, there was a decrease of 1.5% in crimes against women in 2024 compared to 2023, but still the horror is hovering over women safety.

Under other Major Crimes: India recorded 29,536 cases of rape, 48,303 cases of assault with intent to outrage modesty, and 15,609 cases of sexual harassment. Commenting over the crimes against women with special mention of Haryana state, in a press statement on May 8, 2026, the former Union Minister, CWC member and General Secretary of All Indian Congress Committee, Kumari Selja, an MP from Haryana, has expressed deep concern over the latest NCRB report, stating that the rise in crimes against women in Haryana under BJP rule is a matter of serious concern. She said the NCRB data clearly indicates a weakening law and order situation in the state. Kumari Selja said that according to the NCRB report, Haryana ranks highest in the country in cases related to trafficking of minor girls, while crimes against women continue to rise steadily. She termed the situation unfortunate for a progressive state like Haryana. Kumari Selja said Haryana should have emerged as a model state in development, education, employment and social security, but instead it is increasingly making headlines for crime, fear and insecurity. She added that concerns regarding the safety of women and girls are growing among families across the state. She further stated that rising drug abuse and unemployment are major contributors to the increase in crime. With employment opportunities shrinking for youth, incidents of crime and gang violence are continuously increasing, posing a dangerous signal for society.

## SWELTERING CLASSROOMS AND INSENSITIVE SYSTEMS

### DON'T THE CHILDREN AND TEACHERS FEEL HOT?



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India is currently experiencing a severe heatwave. Temperatures are setting new records every year. The Meteorological Department regularly issues heatwave warnings. People are avoiding leaving their homes. Coolers and air conditioners have become commonplace in government offices, private companies, banks, malls, and large institutions. An air-conditioned environment is considered essential for the comfort and efficiency of employees. But when it comes to schools, the picture suddenly changes. Millions of children and teachers across the country are still forced to spend their days sitting in sweltering classrooms. It seems as if the system has assumed that it's not just school children and teachers who suffer from the heat. This isn't just a sarcastic remark, but the sad truth of our education system. In a country where children are called the "future of the nation," these same children are deprived of basic amenities. Grand claims are made about education, with talk of smart classes, Digital India, and a new education policy, but when one sees the actual state of government schools, all claims appear hollow. During the summer, the condition of many government schools is no less than a furnace. In some places, tin roofs are scorching hot in the sun,

and in others, dozens of children are crammed into tiny rooms. In many schools, fans are broken, while in others, there is no electricity at all. Windows are either broken or so small that air cannot enter. In such an environment, children sit for hours trying to study. Imagine, when the temperature outside is over 45 degrees and a child sitting inside is drenched in sweat, how can they concentrate on their books? Young children wake up frequently to drink water, some feel dizzy, and many become tired and restless. Sometimes, cases of heat stroke and dehydration even occur. Despite this, those in the education system seem to underestimate the seriousness of this problem. The situation of teachers is no different. They have to conduct multiple periods in the same hot environment. Writing on the board, handling children, and teaching are all difficult tasks. But the irony is that the working conditions of teachers, who are responsible for shaping the future, receive the least attention.

If the air conditioner in a government office breaks down, a complaint is filed immediately, and repairs are arranged quickly. Employee comfort is often linked to "work efficiency." However, when discussions arise about coolers or air conditioners for school children and teachers, the response is often, "Such facilities are not feasible" or "This is an unnecessary expense." The question is, are children's health and education less important? If a comfortable environment can increase an employee's efficiency, why wouldn't the same environment enhance children's learning and

mental concentration? Today, air-conditioned classrooms are becoming common in private schools in major cities. Children studying there enjoy modern amenities. Meanwhile, children in government schools struggle for basic facilities. This isn't just a gap in amenities, but a vivid example of social inequality. While wealthy children enjoy cool, smart classrooms, children from poor families are forced to sit in hot, sweaty rooms. A society that promotes equality in education often remains silent on this inequality. Education isn't just about books, exams, and curriculum. A healthy and positive environment is equally essential for learning. Psychologists and education experts have long noted that extreme heat affects children's concentration, memory, and mental alertness. In hot environments, children tire quickly, and their learning capacity decreases. How can a child concentrate on their lessons if they are constantly exposed to the heat? The purpose of education isn't just to send children to school, but to provide them with an environment where they can learn while remaining physically and mentally healthy. Ironically, governments spend crores of rupees on digital projects to improve the quality of education, but the temperature of classrooms is rarely discussed. The truth is that children battling the heat need a cool breeze more than a smart board. The situation in schools in rural areas is even more worrisome. In many villages, electricity supply is not regular. Some schools still lack adequate classrooms. Children study under trees or in open

verandas. In such places, coolers or air conditioners are difficult to imagine. Drinking water is also a serious problem in many schools. In summer, water tanks dry up or the water becomes so hot that it becomes unusable. Children often have to fetch water from far away. This situation is not only an inconvenience but also a threat to children's health. Every year, on Teachers' Day, Children's Day, and Independence Day, leaders' speeches tout education as a top priority. Lines like "Children are the future of the nation" are repeated repeatedly. But the true priorities can be discerned by observing the state of schools. If children are truly the future of the nation, shouldn't they at least have the right to receive an education in a respectable environment? Is it fair that office facilities take priority, while children's basic needs are neglected? This problem isn't just about resources, but also about mindsets. In our society, the problems of children and teachers are often overlooked. It's assumed that some discomfort in schools is "normal." This mindset is the biggest problem. Climate change is driving heat in India. Temperatures in many cities have reached 47-48 degrees Celsius. Experts predict that heat waves will increase in the coming years. In such a situation, traditional school systems are no longer sufficient. Today, it's essential to construct school buildings according to the weather. Features like adequate ventilation, green trees, cool roof designs, clean drinking water, and temperature control should be essential. This is not a luxury, but a necessity.

# Shivakumar Questions PM on Rising Gold, Fuel Prices; Calls for Leaders to Lead by Example

LET CENTRAL MINISTERS AND OFFICIALS BE DIRECTED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Bengaluru : Taking a dig at the Prime Minister's appeal to the people of India not buy gold and reduce fuel consumption in view of global uncertainties, Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar today demanded that the PM must tell the public who was responsible for the price rise in fuel and gold. Speaking to reporters at his official residence at Kumara Park, he said, "The Prime Minister, who is advising people not to buy gold and to reduce fuel consumption, should explain why these prices have risen and who is responsible for the price hike."



When asked about the advice the PM gave to the nation on Sunday, he said: "Can you tell people who are celebrating weddings and thread ceremonies not to buy gold?"

He gives advice. Earlier, during Covid, he made people light lamps and clap — did that solve the problem? Can you tell a married woman not to wear a gold chain or mangalsutra? Whether

in hardship or happiness, people take loans to buy gold. If everyone is being told to use public transport, let the Prime Minister first direct Central government officials to travel by

public transport. Let him instruct his own Cabinet ministers. We must first practice what we preach before sending a message to the common people." Let the sacrifice begin

with BJP MLAs, leaders, and workers

When it was pointed out that the PM sought sacrifice from the people in view of global uncertainties, he shot back: "Let the sacrifice first begin with the Central government ministers, officials, officials in BJP-governed states, their party MLAs, leaders, and workers. Then let them advise others to sacrifice." Guarantee scheme for Bengaluru to be announced on May 13

When asked about yesterday's GBA meeting held with AICC General Secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala, he said: "We held a political meeting with Surjewala. We called officials and gave some instructions. We are going to announce major guarantees for the city of Bengaluru, and details will be shared on May 13."

## Prepare a List of Dilapidated Walls and Buildings and Remove Them: Rajendra Cholan

Bengaluru: While chairing a progress review meeting with officials from the Engineering and Revenue Departments, Bengaluru Central City Corporation Commissioner Rajendra Cholan directed officials to identify and prepare a list of dilapidated and dangerous government and private compound walls and buildings within the corporation limits and to urgently remove them in the interest of public safety. Identify Flood-Prone and Waterlogging Areas and Take Permanent Measures



He instructed officials to identify low-lying, flood-prone, and waterlogging areas during the monsoon season and take steps to ensure smooth flow of rainwater in such locations. He also directed officials to implement permanent solutions to prevent water stagnation in these areas. Complete Drain Desilting Along Roads at the Earliest

As the pre-monsoon sea-

son has already begun, officials were instructed to complete the ongoing desilting works in roadside drains across the corporation limits as quickly as possible before the monsoon rains intensify, ensuring smooth flow of rainwater through the drains.

Officials were directed to urgently complete ongoing asphaltting and CC road works to provide

quality roads for public movement. They were also instructed to resolve all issues delaying asphaltting works, prevent the formation of potholes, and immediately repair existing potholes. Chief Engineer Vijay Kumar Haridas, Superintendent Engineers, Executive Engineers, and Revenue Officers were present at the meeting.

## Modi will destroy the government increasing his lust for power: S Manohar

Bengaluru: It has already been proven that Narendra Modi is a fool in calculating the strategy of destroying the government through the left path through the governor by increasing his lust for power, said MEI President and KPCC General Secretary S Manohar.

He said in a press release, Narendra Modi has continued his old habit by coming to Bengaluru and making statements regarding the development of the state and stating that the government is secure.

The people of the state already know that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah are the frontline leaders in the strategy of securing the government, and both the current Chief Minister and Congress party president are also strong. You have not only copied the pro-people government and pro-people schemes in the state, but you are criticizing this. He alleged that you are copying the Congress party's schemes and promoting

them in other states, but you have no sense of reality. The BJP is abusing power by leveling the ruling parties and regional parties. All the Chief Ministers who have joined the BJP are now losing their positions, he said, adding that the reason for this is the dictatorial attitude of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah.

First, remember that there were three Chief Ministers in the state of Karnataka in the past under the corrupt rule of the BJP. It has been proven that due to their dictatorial attitude and mismanagement, they are gaining power through the Election Commission through the revision of the voter list in the entire country. First, remember that you and your party do not have the strength to directly contest the elections and win. If there is any Prime Minister who does not have time to meet and meet the MPs elected from the state of Karnataka, it is Narendra Modi.

## "Don't buy gold, reduce oil consumption, Modi's advice: Opposed to Manmohan Singh's policies – Criticism by Dr. Anand Kumar, National Coordinator of AICC SC Department"

Bengaluru : Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call to "not buy gold, reduce oil consumption" is extremely childish. It goes against people's freedom to purchase, market-based price determination, and long-term investments, said Dr. Anand Kumar, National Coordinator of the AICC SC Department and Maharashtra in-charge.

In a statement, he said Modi's call ignores the realities of people's lives and appears only as political showmanship. Without providing alternative systems, telling people to "consume less" is a sign of irresponsibility. It is contrary to the economic principles formulated by Dr. Manmohan Singh, which prevented global recession. In 1991, when the country faced an economic crisis, Singh's policies saved India from disaster. During the 2008 global economic downturn, he protected the country from serious harm. Modi's call, however, goes against people's fundamental rights, he



alleged.

This is an attempt to control people's private spending. There are enough ways to manage rising global oil prices and foreign exchange pressures. Manmohan Singh encouraged people's purchasing freedom and ensured money flowed in the market.

Calling for a year-long halt to gold purchases will only increase India's foreign exchange burden due to gold imports. But in Singh's view, buying gold is part of people's investment freedom. Instead of controlling private investments, the government should strengthen

the economy to ease foreign exchange pressure, Dr. Anand Kumar advised.

Modi's call is against people's private lives. Gold in Indian culture is not just jewelry but a symbol of security and investment. Telling people not to buy gold disregards their economic freedom. It looks like the government is pushing the failures of its financial policies onto the people. While reducing oil consumption may be good for the environment, giving such advice without providing alternatives is unreasonable. With weak public transport systems, questions arise about how people should manage their daily lives, he said. The government is trying to cover up its economic mismanagement by imposing controls on people's purchasing and consumption. This deprives people of their rights. Stopping gold purchases will hit the rural economy hard. Cutting oil consumption will make middle-class life even more difficult, Dr. Anand Kumar criticized.

## Coordination vital in resolving public issues

Bhadradri Kothagudem (TSIT): Officials were directed to work in coordination for speedy resolution of public grievances received during the Prajavani programme held at the IDOC office on Monday, District Collector Ankit said. Along with Additional Collector Venugopal and Housing PD Ravindranath, the Collector received petitions from people across the district and instructed officials to examine each application responsibly and resolve issues within the stipulated time. He said immediate attention should be given to complaints that can be resolved quickly and stressed the need for regular monitoring without delay. Officials were also asked to identify root causes of problems and ensure transparent public service. Among the petitions received, farmers from Mylaram village sought permission for electricity connections to oil palm plantations in ROFR lands, while Sheikh Parveen from Chunchupally requested sanction of a house under the Indiramma scheme.



## Appointment of New Agencies for Streetlight Maintenance

Bengaluru : A project to replace conventional streetlights with energy-efficient LED streetlights and implement power-saving measures is being carried out across the Greater Bengaluru Authority limits. The works are being executed under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model with government approval. In this regard, the existing streetlight maintenance contracts in all wards under Bengaluru North City Corporation limits (except Ward Nos. 34, 35, and 36 of Rajarajeshwari Nagar Assembly Constituency) have been cancelled with effect from 30-04-2026, and responsibility has been assigned to new maintenance agencies. The agencies that installed the energy-efficient LED streetlights will also carry out maintenance works. Citizens may directly contact the respective agencies and complaint managers regarding streetlight-related grievances.

## Commissioner directs re-verification of locked and vacant houses during Census operations



Bengaluru : BNCC Commissioner Pommala Sunil Kumar has instructed all Census officials to carry out re-verification of locked and vacant houses to ensure comprehensive completion of the first phase of House Listing and Household Census for Census 2027 before the stipulated date of 15-05-2026.

In this regard, special "Mop-Up Round" opera-

tions are being conducted every evening and during holidays to revisit locked and vacant houses and ensure that no household is left out of the Census process.

As part of this activity, all Charge Officers, Assistant Charge Officers, Supervisors, and Enumerators are actively participating in verifying Enumeration Block (EB) boundaries, locked houses, and vacant houses. This special re-verification drive has significantly improved the overall Census coverage, and efforts are being taken to ensure 100% successful completion of the first phase of House Listing and Household Census operations.

## Supreme Court stays Sringeri vote recount results, major relief for Cong MLA T D Rajegowda

Bengaluru, May 11: In a major political development, the Supreme Court of India on Monday, May 11, issued an interim order staying the recent recount of postal ballots in the Sringeri assembly constituency. The decision comes as a massive relief to Congress leader T D Rajegowda, who will now continue as the legitimate MLA of the constituency.

Hearing an urgent appeal filed by Rajegowda challenging the Karnataka High Court's recount order, a Supreme Court bench comprising Justices Sanjay Kumar and K Vinod Chandran ordered the maintenance of the status quo. This effectively quashes the recent recount process that had favored BJP candidate D N Jeevaraj. During the hearing, the bench reportedly made a strong oral observation, stating, "We will not allow democracy to be hijacked like this."

The legal battle stems from the 2023 assembly elections, where Rajegowda defeated BJP's Jeevaraj by a narrow margin of 201 votes.



Alleging electoral malpractice, Jeevaraj approached the High Court seeking a recount of the postal ballots. The High Court subsequently ruled in his favor and ordered the recount.

During the recount held on May 2, officials invalidated 255 of Rajegowda's postal votes, overturning the original result and declaring D N Jeevaraj as the winning candidate. Following the Election Commission's declaration of Jeevaraj as the new MLA, an aggrieved Rajegowda immediately approached the apex court.

Rajegowda, the legal counsel argued that while the High Court had only directed the re-verification of 279 'rejected' postal ballots, the returning officers unlawfully reverified and invalidated 562 valid postal ballots that were originally cast in Rajegowda's favor. The counsel also pointed out that despite dismissing Jeevaraj's allegations of corrupt practices, the High Court had still ordered a recount, a move they termed legally questionable. Following his sudden loss of the MLA seat after the May 2 recount, Rajegowda, accompanied by

Congress workers, had visited various religious shrines in his constituency to seek justice. He offered special prayers at the Sri Kopada Veerabhadraswamy Temple in Koppa, the Jamia Masjid, and the Nithyadhara Mathe Church. Meanwhile, BJP leaders had visited Sri Kshetra Dharmasthala.

Speaking after offering prayers at the Veerabhadraswamy Temple last Saturday, Rajegowda had stated, "I am praying with the firm belief that Lord Veerabhadraswamy punishes wrongdoers. I won the 2023 elections legitimately, but during the recount, 257 of my valid votes were invalidated to ensure my defeat. I have complete faith in the religious shrines, the Election Commission, and the judiciary. If I have committed any wrong, let the Lord punish me. If not, the wrongdoers must be punished so severely that they never dare to ask for votes again. If I am found to be at fault, I swear before God that I will retire from politics."

## MIT Kundapur selected for NAIN 2.0 scheme, secures Rs 1.86 crore grant

Kundapur, May 11: Moodlakatte Institute of Technology (MITK) has been selected under the prestigious New Age Innovation Network 2.0 (NAIN 2.0) initiative of the Karnataka government and has secured a significant grant of Rs 1.86 crore for a period of three years.

The recognition marks a major milestone in the institution's journey towards fostering a strong ecosystem for research, innovation, and startup incubation among students.

NAIN 2.0 is implemented by the Karnataka Innovation and Technology Society (KITS) under the department of electronics, information technology, biotechnology, and science

& technology, government of Karnataka. As part of the initiative, MITK will work jointly with the Project Monitoring Unit (PMU) of Indian Institute of Information Technology, Dharwad.

The programme aims to support innovative student projects by providing mentorship, industry exposure, and implementation assistance, thereby enabling students to transform their creative ideas into practical innovations within the campus itself.

Only a limited number of engineering colleges across Karnataka have been selected for this prestigious scheme, and MIT Kundapur being among them is considered a matter of pride for the institution.



## Nine of 10 poorest legislators belong to Vijay's TVK, says ADR report



CHENNAI: As new members are set to occupy the State Assembly, an Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) analysis revealed that DMK has the highest number of the richest legislators. Of the 59 MLAs elected from DMK, 57 have declared assets worth over Rs 1 crore, taking the total to 97 per cent. In its rival Dravidian party, AIADMK, 44 of the 47 elected representatives (94 per cent) have assets worth over Rs 1 crore and in the TVK 77 of 107 MLAs (72 per cent) fall in the same category.

Party-wise, average assets declared by AIADMK winning candidates stand at Rs 152.89 crore. TVK's average assets are of Rs 27.09 crore, while DMK winners are Rs 14.34 crore. AIADMK's Lalgudi MLA Leemarose Martin declared assets exceeding Rs 5,863 crore, the highest

among all. Her declaration alone accounts for around 52 per cent of the total declared assets of all 233 MLAs, which collectively stand at around Rs 11,265 crore. Excluding her declaration, the average assets of the remaining 46 AIADMK winners would reduce from around Rs 152 crore to approximately Rs 28.7 crore. Other AIADMK legislators with high-value declarations include Ambasamudram MLA Dr Esakki Subaya with assets exceeding Rs 419 crore, Kangayam MLA NSN Nataraj with over Rs 99 crore, Hosur MLA Balakrishna Reddy P with over Rs 96 crore, Palani MLA Ravimanoharan K with more than Rs 96 crore, and Cheyyur MLA Rajasekar E with assets exceeding Rs 68 crore. Among the state's wealthiest winning candidates, TVK president C Joseph Vijay declared assets

exceeding Rs 648 crore, while TVK's Aadhav Arjuna declared more than Rs 534 crore. The DMK's highest asset declaration came from Pollachi MLA K Nithyanandhan, whose affidavit lists assets exceeding Rs 170 crore. SC refuses to interfere with Madras HC order on CBI probe in purchase of transformers in TN

the other end of the list, Ranipet MLA Thahira of the TVK declared assets worth Rs 33,000, the lowest among all analysed winners. Perambalur (SC) MLA Sivakumar K of the TVK declared Rs 1,96,106 in assets. CPI's Marimuthu K from Thiruthuraiipoondi (SC), who declared assets worth Rs 7,16,326, is the only non-TVK MLA in the poorest 10 list. The lowest declared asset values within the DMK and AIADMK are substantially higher. Among DMK winners, only two legislators declared assets below Rs 1 crore. Kulithalai MLA Suriyanur A Chandran with Rs 80,80,356 and Valparai (SC) MLA Kutty alias Sudhakar A with Rs 87,34,911. Tenkasi MLA Dr Kalai Kathiravan of the DMK, with assets worth Rs 1,25,49,465.

## Rain likely in 7 Tamil Nadu districts till 1 pm

CHENNAI: The Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC) has said that seven districts in Tamil Nadu are likely to receive rainfall till 1 pm today (May 11), according to a Daily Thanthi report.

KR Periakaruppan's postal ballot plea not maintainable: ECI to Madras HC Districts likely to receive rain till 1 pm include Coimbatore, Dindigul, Tenkasi, Theni, Thoothukudi, Tirupur and Virudhunagar.

The weather department said light to moderate rain accompanied by thunder and lightning is likely in a few Tamil Nadu districts, including Pudukcherry and Karaikal regions.



Meanwhile, the RMC has forecast heavy rain in Delta and coastal districts on May 12, while rainfall activity is expected to intensify over north coastal districts, including Chennai, from May 13. Heavy to very heavy

rainfall is likely in parts of north and western Tamil Nadu on May 14 and 15, including Tiruvannamalai, Villupuram, Cuddalore, Erode, Salem and Nilgiris, Namakkal, Madurai, Theni, Tiruchy.

## Churn in AIADMK: EPS, SP Velumani lead separate groups to take oath

CHENNAI: The newly elected members of the AIADMK came to the oath-taking event for the 17th Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on Monday as two groups, apparently indicating a rift in the party, post the April Assembly election. KR Periakaruppan's postal ballot plea not maintainable: ECI to Madras HC A group of MLA-designate including



former state ministers KP Munusamy and Thalavai N Sundaram, accompanied party general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami to the Assembly to officially

take oath as MLA. Another group under former state minister SP Velumani and accompanied by former minister Dr C Vijayabaskar arrived shortly thereafter. Former minister C Ve Shanmugam could not make it on time. Normally, the AIADMK members assemble at the entrance of the Assembly House and enter as a single entity.

## KR Periakaruppan's postal ballot plea not maintainable: ECI to Madras HC

CHENNAI: The Election Commission of India on Monday told the Madras High Court that once election results are declared, its hands are tied and any dispute thereafter can only be decided through an election petition, while opposing DMK candidate KR Periakaruppan's plea over an alleged postal ballot issue.



The vacation bench of Justice Victoria Gowri and Justice N Senthilkumar reserved orders on a plea filed by DMK Candidate K.R. Periakaruppan alleging that a postal ballot belonging to the Sivaganga Tiruppattur constituency was mistakenly sent to the Tiruppattur constituency in near vellore district.

When the matter came up for hearing before the vacation bench, a counter affidavit was filed on behalf of the Election Commission of India by Archana Patnaik, Chief Electoral Officer, Tamil Nadu. In the affidavit, she stated that the issue regarding the postal ballot was not raised during the counting process and had been brought up only after

the election results were declared. She further submitted that Periakaruppan had not produced any material or supporting document to substantiate such contention, except for a supporting affidavit.

The Returning Officer's powers to decide anything extend only until the stage of declaration of results and no decision can be taken on any representation regarding re-counting once the results have been declared. Senior Counsel G Rajagopalan argued before the court that once the election results are declared, the ECI has no powers thereafter and any question arising subsequently will have to be decided only by way of an election petition. The moment results are declared, our hands are tied," he submitted.

## VCK leader Ravikumar flags concerns over weakening anti-BJP politics in Tamil Nadu

CHENNAI: Although the BJP may have suffered defeat in the electoral arena, the broader political resistance against it may nonetheless begin to diminish, VCK general secretary and Villupuram MP D Ravikumar said on Monday, expressing concern over the future trajectory of anti-BJP politics in Tamil Nadu.

In a post on X, he asked whether such a development would serve the interests of Tamil Nadu and what course democratic forces should adopt in the present political situation. Referring to the recently concluded Assembly elections, Ravikumar said the BJP had secured only one seat, while the AIADMK, which had aligned with the BJP during the elections, was now reportedly facing the possibility of a split. In such a scenario, he said, it had become increasingly clear



that the NDA could no longer continue in the same form in which it contested the elections. He said the Congress party had withdrawn from the DMK alliance and aligned with the TVK without prior consultation or indication. The VCK, the Indian Union Muslim League and the Left parties had extended support for the formation of a TVK-led government, while continuing to maintain that they

remained within the DMK alliance, he noted, adding that questions had arisen over the practical sustainability of such a position.

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Ravikumar said the playing of "Vande Mataram" during the swearing-in ceremony might have been inadvertent. However, he said it also car-

ried a symbolic indication that the present government might not continue the uncompromising anti-BJP stance maintained by the previous DMK regime.

He further said the political course adopted by the Congress party, particularly by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, had caused resentment among DMK cadres and could lead to a gradual softening of the DMK's opposition to the BJP. A government functioning with a fragile majority might also prefer to avoid direct confrontation with the Union government, he said, adding that such circumstances could weaken anti-BJP sentiment within the DMK camp itself. Stating that opposition to the BJP could diminish despite the party's electoral setback, Ravikumar said the implications of such a political shift required serious reflection.

## SC refuses to interfere with Madras HC order on CBI probe in purchase of transformers in TN

NEW DELHI: In a setback to former Tamil Nadu minister V Senthil Balaji, the Supreme Court on Monday refused to interfere with a Madras High Court order directing a CBI probe into an alleged Rs 397-crore scam in the procurement of transformers during his tenure as the state's electricity minister between 2021 and 2023.

A bench of justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta refused to entertain the plea challenging the high court's direction for a CBI probe into the alleged irregularities.

Senior advocate Siddharth Dave, appearing for an official of the Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation (TANGEDCO), said there was no specific prayer before the high court seeking a CBI investigation and contended that the proceedings were politically motivated.

"There was no prayer for a CBI enquiry before the high court. It's a politically motivated case," Dave submitted.



Justice Nath said the court was empowered to direct such a probe if the circumstances warranted. "We don't need a prayer. It depends upon how the court feels," the Bench observed.

Declining to entertain the special leave petition against the high court order, the court ordered that it was not inclined to entertain the appeal and said investigation in the matter should proceed independently without being influenced by any observations made by the high court.

On April 29, the high court ordered a CBI inquiry into the alleged irregularities surrounding the procurement of 45,000 distribution transformers by the Tamil

Nadu government. Following the high court order, Balaji had maintained that all procedures were duly followed in the tender process and that no irregularities were committed in the procurement of transformers. The DMK leader also said the procedures of procurement had been in place since 1987 and that the "same procedures were followed till now". The high court order came on allegations that the state exchequer suffered a loss of Rs 397 crore between 2021 and 2023.

The court passed the order on a petition filed by NGO Arappor Iyakkam seeking an inquiry by a Special Investigation Team, while AIADMK legal wing functionaries E Saravanan and Rajkumar sought a CBI probe into the alleged irregularities. The petitioners alleged that irregularities amounting to Rs 397 crore took place in the procurement of 45,000 transformers during Balaji's tenure as electricity minister in the then DMK government.

## New study raises concern over spread of P. vivax malaria

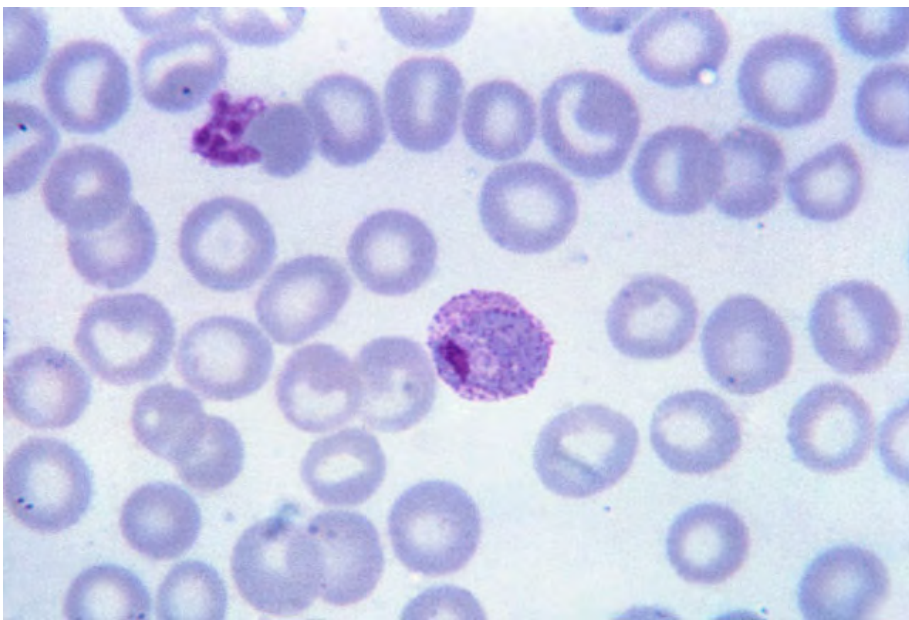
Khartoum, May 11: New research has challenged long-held assumptions about resistance to Malaria caused by Plasmodium vivax, with evidence showing infections among people previously believed to be naturally protected against the parasite.

The findings come from studies conducted in Sudan, where rising cases of Plasmodium vivax malaria have been reported despite a large section of the population carrying the Duffy-negative blood group, historically considered resistant to the infection.

Plasmodium vivax is a mosquito-borne parasite known for causing recurring fever episodes due to dormant liver-stage forms called hypnozoites, which can reactivate weeks or even months after the initial infection.

According to researchers, a systematic review of 16 studies conducted between 2005 and 2025 involving 5,753 individuals across Sudan found infections among both Duffy-positive and Duffy-negative populations.

A meta-analysis of five studies showed a pooled infection prevalence of



11.7 per cent among Duffy-negative individuals, indicating that the previously accepted protective barrier may not be absolute.

The research also identified significant genetic diversity in the parasite's Duffy Binding Protein, including multiple haplotypes and gene duplications. Scientists believe these adaptations may help the parasite infect Duffy-negative individuals by bypassing earlier biological barriers.

Experts said the para-

site's relapse biology further complicates efforts to eliminate the disease.

Dormant hypnozoites in the liver can reactivate without a fresh mosquito bite, leading to repeated malaria episodes. Studies suggest such relapses may account for between 40 and 77 per cent of infections in some endemic regions, while several infected individuals may remain asymptomatic.

Researchers warned that these hidden reservoirs of infection could make malaria control

and elimination more difficult. The findings underline the need for improved diagnostic systems, molecular surveillance and deeper study of host-parasite genetics to better track transmission and support long-term malaria elimination strategies. Scientists also stressed that the study highlights the evolving nature of the parasite and the need to reassess existing assumptions regarding immunity and protection against Plasmodium vivax malaria.

## Walking 8,500 steps daily may help prevent weight regain after dieting

New Delhi, May 11: A new international study has found that walking around 8,500 steps every day may significantly help people maintain weight loss and reduce the chances of regaining weight after dieting.

The findings, which will be presented at the European Congress on Obesity 2026 scheduled from May 12 to 15 in Istanbul, highlighted a strong connection between increased daily physical activity and long-term weight management.

According to the research, individuals who increased their daily step count during their weight-loss journey and continued maintaining that activity level afterward were more successful at keeping the weight off compared to those who remained less active.

The study, published in the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, emphasized that preventing weight regain remains one of the biggest challenges in obesity treatment. Lead researcher Marwan El Ghoch from the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia



explained that nearly 80 per cent of people who lose weight tend to regain some or all of it within three to five years, making long-term maintenance strategies extremely important.

To better understand the role of physical activity in sustaining weight loss, researchers from Italy and Lebanon carried out a systematic review and meta-analysis of existing studies focused on lifestyle modification and daily movement patterns.

The researchers tracked participants' average daily step counts at the beginning of the studies, after the weight-loss phase, and again during the weight-maintenance phase. The weight-loss period lasted

an average of nearly eight months, while the maintenance phase extended for around ten months.

At the start of the trials, both the lifestyle-modification group and the control group had similar activity levels, averaging around 7,200 steps per day.

However, major differences emerged over time. Participants in the lifestyle-modification group gradually increased their average daily steps to approximately 8,454 by the end of the weight-loss phase. This increase was associated with an average body weight reduction of about 4.39 per cent, or roughly four kilograms.

Importantly, these participants continued maintain-

ing a high level of daily activity during the maintenance stage, averaging more than 8,200 steps per day. As a result, they successfully retained most of their weight loss, with an average sustained reduction of about 3.28 per cent, equivalent to nearly three kilograms. In contrast, individuals in the control group did not significantly increase their daily movement levels and showed little to no meaningful weight reduction during the study period. Professor El Ghoch noted that lifestyle modification programmes combining consistent physical activity with healthy habits can produce lasting benefits and support long-term weight management outcomes.

# India's growth to slow to 6.7 pc on waning momentum, oil price shock: BMI

**AGENCY**  
**New Delhi:** India's economic growth is likely to decelerate to 6.7 per cent in the current fiscal, from 7.7 per cent in 2025-26, with the GDP expansion expected to slow significantly due to waning momentum and oil price shock from Iran war, BMI said on Monday, May 11.

BMI, a Fitch Group firm, also said that the prospect of the Iran-US conflict escalating in scope presents downside risk to its growth outlook and India must balance spending needs on defence and fuel price stabilisation against fiscal consolidation agenda.

The tax reforms in GST and income tax carried out in 2025 will partly offset effects of cost-push inflation, BMI said, adding looser monetary policy will support capital spending, as increased uncertainty amid the war and higher input prices hurt investment. BMI estimates that India's economy grew 8 per cent y-o-y in the January-March quarter of 2026, faster than its original 7.8 per cent projection. It has revised its growth forecast for 2025-26 upwards by 0.1 percentage points to 7.7 per cent.

"We maintain our forecast of 6.7 per cent GDP growth



during FY2026-27 due to our belief that the effects of last year's tax reforms will fade as input costs increase in the new fiscal year," BMI said, adding GDP growth could "slow significantly" due to waning momentum and oil price shock from Iran war. It said one factor behind the unchanged FY27 forecast is its assessment that the effects of last year's tax reforms will dissipate by April-June quarter of 2026. Such waning is already apparent in the vehicle registrations data, showing new registrations grew 9 per cent y-o-y in April after rising 23

per cent in January-March. Likewise, while electricity generation grew 2.7 per cent y-o-y last quarter, the growth was driven by power demand in January-February. During March, electricity consumption rose by a mere 0.9 per cent y-o-y. "We also anticipate restricted supply of energy and food in FY2026-27 to slow consumption growth while raising price inflation," BMI said. It said that conflict in Iran has already curtailed supplies and that has already been factored in the 6.7 per cent growth estimate for

FY27. However, India's weather department is also predicting 'below normal' rainfall during this year's monsoon (June-September) due to El Nino. The International Monetary Fund estimates a typical El Nino weather shock hurting India's GDP by 0.1 per cent. "We think this impact could further offset economic momentum inherited from FY2025-26," BMI said. BMI said its models indicate that GDP growth will fall by up to 0.4-0.7 percentage points if the price of Brent Crude rises to around USD 90/bbl.

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The size of this impact makes India's economy amongst the most sensitive to changes in energy prices within Asia, BMI said. Crude prices have jumped to USD 105/barrel on Monday after the United States rejected Iran's peace proposal, rekindling fears that the blockade of the Strait of Hormuz will continue for a longer time. The prices have jumped from about USD 73/ barrel level prevailing before the war started on February 28. Crude prices touched a 4-year high of USD 126/barrel on April 30.

# RAILWAYS UTILISED 98 PC OF ITS BUDGET FOR FY26: ASHWINI VAISHNAW

**AGENCY**  
**New Delhi:** Indian Railways utilised 98 per cent of its budget for FY26, reflecting the pace of execution of projects, and in the days to come, trains will dominate flights on several upcoming corridors across the country, Union minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Monday, May 11.

"In the last financial year, the entire capex was spent practically by the 1st week of March itself. Practically by the last week of February, it was like 98 points some percentage. Then we had to, in a sense stop that because we have to complete the entire year," Vaishnaw said. He said 49,000 kilometres of railway tracks across the country has been electrified, which is more than the entire network of Germany and 36,000 kilometres of new tracks have been added, which is about six Switzerlands to Indian railway network. The minister said in many of these routes the travel time will be significantly reduced and people will prefer trains over airlines on those routes. Vaishnaw said the government is working on new



corridors from Mumbai to Pune where travel time will come down to just 28 minutes, Pune to Hyderabad will be one hour and 55 minutes, Hyderabad to Bengaluru will be around 2 hours. "So nobody will fly. These sectors will be out for airlines. I'm reminding right away for those who want to invest in airlines. These sectors will be 99 per cent dominated by railways," Vaishnaw said. He said Bengaluru to

Chennai will become two cities combined into one city with travel time between them reduced to 78 minutes. "Delhi to Varanasi will be 3 hours and 50 minutes. Delhi to Lucknow will be significantly lesser, just about 2 hours," Vaishnaw added. The minister said in many of these routes the travel time will be significantly reduced and people will prefer trains over airlines on those routes.

# ICICI Prudential Life BSE Enhanced Value 30 Index Fund launched for customers seeking disciplined exposure to value opportunities

**TSIT DESK**  
**Mumbai, May 11, 2026:** ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has launched the ICICI Prudential Life BSE Enhanced Value 30 Index Fund for its Unit Linked Insurance Plans (ULIPs). The fund is designed to provide customers with exposure to attractively valued companies from the large and mid-cap universe and build wealth over the long-term. Commenting on the launch, Mr. Manish Kumar, Chief Investment Officer, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company Limited, said, "The ICICI Prudential Life BSE Enhanced Value 30 Index Fund offers a structured and transparent way for customers to participate in equity markets by focusing on companies that are attractively valued relative to their fundamentals. The fund's strategy is built on key pillars including value-based stock selection using multiple financial parameters, diversification across sectors, market capi-



talisation segments, and a disciplined, rule-based investment process with periodic review and rebalancing. Importantly, this approach enables customers to stay invested with confidence, even during volatile phases, while participating in opportunities that may be relatively under-represented." As of March 30, 2026, the ICICI PRU BSE Enhanced Value Index has delivered annualised returns of 32% over three years, 28.9% over five years and 19.4% over ten years, reflecting the strength of a disciplined, value-oriented investment approach over market cycles. The fund adopts a passive, index-mirroring strategy, aiming to track

the underlying index and provide consistent exposure to value opportunities. The fund tracks the ICICI PRU BSE Enhanced Value Index, which comprises 30 companies selected from the BSE Large & Mid-cap universe based on valuation parameters such as book value-to-price, earnings-to-price and sales-to-price ratios. This is a customized index aligned to BSE Enhanced Value Index, subject to IRDAI regulatory requirements. The customized index is designed to measure the performance of the 30 companies in the BSE LargeMidCap with the highest valuations based on three fundamental measures - book value-to-price, earnings-to-price and sales-to-price. In case a stock can-

not be selected due to regulatory guidelines, the subsequent eligible stock(s) will be selected to maintain a cohort of 30 stocks. The index follows a transparent, rules-based methodology to identify companies with strong underlying fundamentals relative to their market valuations. The index is reviewed and rebalanced twice a year, ensuring that the portfolio remains aligned with evolving opportunities across sectors. It also incorporates limits on stock and sector exposure to maintain diversification and portfolio balance. The ICICI Prudential Life BSE Enhanced Value 30 Index Fund will be available through ICICI Prudential Life's ULIP offerings such as ICICI Pru Signature Assure, SmartKid Assure with ICICI Pru Signature Assure, ICICI Pru Smart Insurance Plan Plus (SIP+) amongst other ULIP products along with Life Cover, available on www.icicprulife.com.

# Vodafone Idea Says 'No Communication' From Parent On Treasury Stock Transfer

**AGENCY**  
**New Delhi:** Vodafone Idea Ltd. has issued a clarification on Monday regarding the possible transfer of a portion of Vodafone Group's shareholding to the Company as treasury stock. The company clarified that it has received no such communication from shareholder Vodafone Plc "in relation to the above reported matter," in an exchange filing on Monday. On Friday, reports had suggested that Vodafone Plc may transfer part of its stake in the Indian telecom operator to the company itself as treasury shares. Vodafone Plc was reportedly considering transferring a portion of its nearly 19% stake in Vodafone Idea to the telecom company instead of infusing fresh capital directly into the business. The company further said that media reports may be referring to a disclosure made by the



company on Dec. 31, 2025 Contingent Liability Adjustment Mechanism (CLAM) arrangement. "Further, we also wish to state that the news article may possibly be referring to disclosure made by the Company on 31 December 2025 about Contingent Liability Adjustment Mechanism (CLAM) arrangement, copy of which is again enclosed for ready reference," VI stated

in its filing. The fresh filing also had a copy of the December filing which broke down the CLAM arrangement. "We wish to inform you that the company has reached an agreement with the Vodafone group and entered into an amendment agreement dated 31 December 2025," the old filing outlined. It highlighted that the Company had recorded a

sum of Rs.8,369 crore as receivable from Vodafone Plc, being the maximum cap for CLAM payments under the Implementation Agreement. Of this, VGP has already paid 1,975 crore, and under the revised structure is supposed to release a defined amount of Rs. 2,307 crore over the course of the successive 12 months. Lastly, the filing explained that a portion of the CLAM amount is secured through the earmarking of 3,280 crore equity shares of the Company by certain Vodafone Group Shareholders for a period of five years. "Proceeds from the sale of these shares, at the instructions of a person authorised/ appointed by the Company's, will accrue to the Company. As on the date of the Amendment Agreement, the market value of the earmarked shares stands at Rs. 3,529 Crore," the filing underscored.

# ARAMCO SEES 25 PC MORE PROFIT AFTER SHIFTING EXPORTS FROM HORMUZ

**AGENCY**  
**Saudi:** Aramco, the world's largest oil company, said on Sunday, May 10, its first quarter profit jumped 25 per cent as the Iran war disrupted oil supplies and raised prices. Dhahran, Saudi Arabia-based Aramco said it successfully shifted some oil exports to a pipeline to avoid the Strait of Hormuz, which has been disrupted by the war. On Sunday, the price of Brent crude, the international standard, rose 2.58 per cent to USD 103.91 per barrel. That's below its heights above USD 119 during the war, but it's still much more expensive than its roughly USD 70 level from late February before the fighting began. Aramco President and CEO Amin Nasser said the company's East-West Pipeline, which runs across Saudi Arabia from its Eastern oil fields to the Red Sea, is now operating at its maximum capacity of 7 million barrels of oil per day. Nasser said the pipeline is



"helping to mitigate the impact of a global energy shock and providing relief to customers." Still, that's only a fraction of Aramco's typical production. Aramco produced 11.1 million barrels of oil per day in the fourth quarter of 2025, for example. Aramco reported a profit of USD 32.5 billion for the quarter ending March 31, up 25 per cent from the same period a year ago. The state-owned company reported a 12 per cent decline in annual profits in 2025. Before the war, 20 per cent of the world's traded oil

typically flowed through the strait every day, as well as large supplies of natural gas, fertilizer and other petroleum products. Iran effectively seized control of the critical waterway after the US and Israel attacked it on Feb. 28. A US naval blockade imposed last month also complicates its use. "Recent events have clearly demonstrated the vital contribution of oil and gas to energy security and the global economy, and are a stark reminder that reliable energy supply is critical," Nasser said in a statement.

# TOING, THE AFFORDABLE FOOD APP, NOW AVAILABLE IN TIRUPATI

**TSIT DESK**  
**Tirupati, May 11 2026:** Toing, the affordable food delivery app, today announced its launch in Tirupati. Over the last 7+ months, Toing has expanded its network to 35 cities across India and promises the lowest item prices across food/ beverages on its app, guaranteeing to match or beat restaurant table menu prices. In addition to this, there are no packaging charges or platform fees on any order placed on Toing. This makes Toing the most affordable food delivery app available in the market. Users can order a range of dishes including biryanis, burgers and bowls for under Rs. 99. Toing, which was launched in the second half of 2025 with Pune as the first city, is also live in and is live in Agra, Vadodara, Guwahati, Nashik, Nagpur, Patna, Aurangabad, Bhopal, Delhi, Meerut, Gurugram, Noida, Faridabad, Ghaziabad, Chandigarh, Ahmedabad, Mumbai, Kolkata, Jaipur, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Chennai, Indore, Bhubaneswar, Kanpur, Lucknow, Varanasi, Ludhiana, Coimbatore, Vizag, Surat, Mangaluru, Rajkot, Dehradun and Madurai. In Tirupati,



Toing has gone live with the city's famous restaurants already listed on the platform. Toing's affordable and accessible pricing model has strongly resonated with first-time jobbers and college students, accelerating its expansion to newer cities. By focus-

ing on everyday affordability, Toing ensures unmatched value and reliability for its users. The app features Tirupati's popular restaurants such as The Paradise, Mayura Garden Family Restaurant, Kwalities Spicy Family Restaurant, Pulse, Spicy

Paradise, Subbaya Gari Hotel, Burger King, McDonald's, Pizza Hut, Subway, Dum Safar Biryani, Cream Stone Ice Cream, and Kouzina Kafe - The Food Court, offering a wide range of food options across cuisines including North Indian dishes, South Indian food, Chinese, Biryani, Desserts and fast-food options like Pizzas, Burgers, Tacos and Momos. Speaking on the expansion, Mr. Sidharth Bhakoo, Chief Business Officer, Toing said, "Toing is creating a new category of customers in food delivery and is targeting the Gen Z, college goers and the value conscious customers. Over the last few months, we launched Toing, the affordable food delivery app, which guarantees lowest prices to its customers, in key cities and educational hubs across India, including Guwahati, Nashik, Nagpur, Ahmedabad, Mumbai and Delhi NCR. Toing's launch in Tirupati reflects both the strength of the value proposition and our commitment to serve the evolving needs of young consumers. The city has a large base of Gen Z and college goers and hence, offers the perfect landscape for Toing."

# US AND FRENCH NATIONALS TEST POSITIVE FOR HANTAVIRUS AFTER LEAVING SHIP

**AGENCY**  
**DC:** An American and a French national who have returned to their home countries having left a cruise ship hit by a deadly outbreak of hantavirus have tested positive, authorities say. In total seven cases of hantavirus linked to the MV Hondius have been confirmed, with two other cases suspected, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Monday. The US health department said a second American national on the repatriation flight had also shown mild symptoms, adding that both passengers had travelled back in "biocontainment units out of an abundance of caution". French Health Minister Stéphanie Rist said a woman was isolating in Paris and her health was deteriorating, with 22 contacts traced. Three passengers have died after travelling on the ship, two of whom were confirmed to have had the virus. The WHO said the person who is believed to have been the first to be infected in the outbreak



died before he could be tested. Two other British nationals with confirmed cases are currently being treated in the Netherlands and South Africa. Hantaviruses are usually carried by rodents, but human transmission of the Andes strain - which the World Health Organization (WHO) believes was contracted by some of the Dutch ship's passengers while in South America - is possible.

Symptoms can include fever, extreme fatigue, muscle aches, stomach pain, vomiting, diarrhoea and shortness of breath. Officials say the risk of a major outbreak is very low. More than 90 passengers of the MV Hondius ship, currently docked in Spain's Canary Islands, are being repatriated. In its latest update from Tenerife on Monday, Spanish officials said 54 passengers and crew

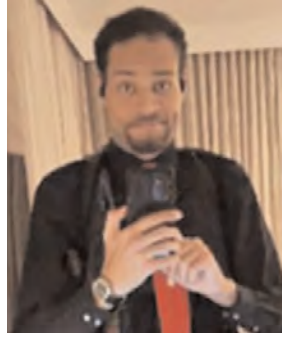
were still on board the ship. Spanish Health Minister Mónica García said six of those were passengers: four Australians, one Briton and one New Zealander. Some 22 people would disembark the ship to fly to the Netherlands on Monday, she said - including the Australians who had been expected to be flown home directly but whose plane could not be guaranteed to arrive on time. The

MV Hondius was then expected to leave for the Netherlands later on Monday, she said. Four Canadian passengers, meanwhile, have landed in Victoria, British Columbia, on Sunday evening after taking a chartered flight from Tenerife to Bagotville, Quebec. Authorities said they would be self-isolating and monitored for at least three weeks. In its statement early on Monday, the US Department of Health and Human Services said all 17 US citizens on Sunday's flight would undergo "clinical assessment" at a medical facility in Nebraska. A British national living in the US was also repatriated alongside them. Seven other US passengers had already returned home and were being monitored in their home states. Before the American case was confirmed, WHO head Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus warned that the decision by the US not to follow his organization's guidelines over the

hantavirus outbreak "may have risks". The WHO has recommended 42 days of isolation for those leaving the MV Hondius. But Dr Jay Bhattacharya, the acting head of the US Centers for Disease Control (CDC) said he did not want to cause public panic, insisting that human-to-human transmission was rare and it should not be treated like the Covid virus. Cruise ship passengers were pictured wearing blue gowns, bouffant caps, and medical face masks as they disembarked on Sunday at the port of Grandilla de Abona in Tenerife. On Sunday, a plane carrying 20 British nationals arrived in the UK. The passengers flew into Manchester Airport on a chartered flight from Tenerife and were taken to Arrowe Park Hospital in Wirral, Merseyside, to isolate for 72 hours. None of them have reported symptoms. In Spain, 14 Spaniards flown to Madrid now face mandatory quarantine at a military hospital.

# WASHINGTON DINNER SHOOTING SUSPECT PLEADS NOT GUILTY

**AGENCY**  
**Washington:** A man charged with attacking the White House Correspondents' Association dinner in Washington DC last month has pleaded not guilty. Cole Tomas Allen, 31, was charged with federal gun crimes and attempting to assassinate US President Donald Trump. The gun charges include using a firearm during a crime of violence and interstate transportation of a firearm with intent to commit a felony. Allen appeared in court on Monday in an orange jumpsuit and was shackled at the wrists and feet, according to CBS News, the BBC's US partner. Prosecutors allege that Allen attempted to storm past a security checkpoint and fired a shot at a US Secret Service agent at the event at a Washington Hilton hotel. The federal agent was hit in an exchange of gunfire but was saved by his bullet-proof vest. Agents tackled Allen



just short of a staircase that leads down to a ballroom where the annual White House Correspondents' dinner - attended by journalists, Trump and many top US officials - was getting under way. The US president, Vice-President JD Vance, cabinet members, and a number of White House officials were rushed from the Washington Hilton hotel ballroom after the gunshots rang out. Allen's appearance in court on Monday was his first time standing before US District Judge Trevor McFadden, who will preside over the remainder of the case.

# Ailing Iranian Nobel laureate given bail and hospital transfer



**AGENCY**  
**Tehran:** Iranian Nobel Peace Prize winner Narges Mohammadi has been transferred from jail to a Tehran hospital amid concern over her deteriorating health. Iranian authorities granted the human rights activist "a sentence suspension on heavy bail", a foundation run by her family said on Sunday. Her brother, Hamidreza, told the BBC that he was relieved she would now receive adequate treatment from her own medical team. But he cautioned that the seriousness of her condition was not yet clear. Last week, Mohammadi's family and supporters warned she could die in prison after suffering two suspected heart attacks earlier this year. The 54-year-old, who is vice-president of the Defenders of Human Rights Center in Iran, was awarded the 2023 Nobel Peace Prize for her activism against female oppression in Iran and promoting human rights. After pleas from her family for her to be transferred from prison, Mohammadi was "now at Tehran Pars

Hospital to be treated by her own medical team", the Narges Mohammadi Foundation said in a statement on Sunday evening. She had spent 10 days at a hospital in Zanjan, about 265km (165 miles) north-west of the capital, where she was serving her sentence. "Narges Mohammadi's life hangs in the balance," her Paris-based husband, Taghi Rahmani, said in a statement. "While she is currently hospitalised following a catastrophic health failure, a temporary transfer is not enough. Narges must never be returned to the conditions that broke her health," he added. Hamidreza Mohammadi, her Oslo-based brother, told the BBC that the bail provided "temporary relief from the certain death that Narges faced in the prison". "It's very early stages, so we don't have any precise news about what's going on. But we trust the doctors that have treated her before. The only worry that I have is the permanent damage that has been caused during these days in the prison," he said.

# PHILIPPINE VP SARA DUTERTE IMPEACHED FOR A SECOND TIME



**AGENCY**  
**Philippines:** The Philippine House of Representatives has voted to impeach Vice-President Sara Duterte for a second time, threatening her plan to run for president in 2028. Monday's vote moves the impeachment process to the Senate for trial, where if convicted, the daughter of former President Rodrigo Duterte

will be disqualified from holding public office. The 47-year-old is leading early surveys to replace her ally-turned-bitter foe, President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. The case against the vice-president stemmed from her alleged misuse of public funds and public threats against Marcos, his wife and his cousin, the former House speaker. Duterte was impeached on the same grounds in 2025, but the Supreme Court blocked it on a technicality before the Senate trial could start. The case was revived this year. Last week, a House committee that looked into the evidence against the vice-president ruled that there was sufficient grounds to impeach her.

# Trump calls Iran response to US proposal to end war 'totally unacceptable'

**AGENCY**  
**Washington:** President Donald Trump has dismissed Iran's response to US proposals to end the war as "totally unacceptable". Iran's semi-official Tasnim news agency said Tehran's proposal, sent via Pakistan, which has served as a mediator, included an immediate end to the war on all fronts, a halt to the US naval blockade of Iranian ports and guarantees of no further attacks on Iran. A ceasefire meant to facilitate talks to end the war launched by the US and Israel in February has been largely observed, despite occasional exchanges of fire. Earlier this week, Trump repeated that the war in Iran will be "over quickly". But Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that Iran's stockpile of



enriched uranium must be "taken out" before the war against Iran can be considered over. "There's still enrichment sites that have to be dismantled," Netanyahu said in an interview on CBS's 60 Minutes show. According to Iranian state media, Tehran's proposal includes a demand for compensation for war damage and an emphasis on Iranian

sovereignty over the Strait of Hormuz. On Sunday, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian did not directly reference Tehran's proposal but said: "We will never bow our heads before the enemy, and if talk of dialogue or negotiation arises, it does not mean surrender or retreat." Trump posted on Truth Social: "I have just read the response from Iran's so-called 'Representatives.' I

don't like it - TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE." US news outlet Axios reported that the one-page, 14-point US memorandum includes provisions such as a suspension on Iranian nuclear enrichment, the lifting of sanctions, and restoring free transit through the Strait of Hormuz. It cited two US officials and two other sources - all unnamed - whom it described as briefed on the issues. These sources were reported as saying that many of the terms laid out in the memo would be contingent on a final agreement being reached. Iran has continued to block the strategic strait, prompting a rise in world oil prices. Normally about 20% of the world's oil and liquefied natural gas passes through the strait.

# Portrait looted by Nazis found in home of Dutch SS leader's descendants



A portrait looted by Nazis is found in the home of Dutch SS leader's descendants.

# Whales could be harmed by diverted ships avoiding Middle East, scientists warn

**AGENCY**  
**UAE:** Scientists are warning of an increased risk of collisions between whales and ships off South Africa's south-western coast, caused by changing shipping routes due to conflicts in the Middle East. The rerouting of ships around South Africa since 2023, when Houthi rebels hijacked a British-owned vessel near Yemen, has substantially increased the chances of vessels striking the mammals in the region, they say. The US and Israel's ongoing war with Iran has worsened the situation. This has led to more ships transporting goods between Asia and Europe sailing around Africa to avoid the Middle East. Around 89 commercial vessels sailed around the



Cape of Good Hope between March and April this year, almost double the figure of 44 over the same period in 2023, according to AFP, quoting the International Monetary Fund's PortWatch report. Chief scientist at the University of Pretoria's Whale Unit Professor Els Vermeulen and her team presented their findings to the International Whaling

Commission recently. She told the BBC her team had "looked at distribution models of different whale species around the Western Cape and overlaid these models with shipping routes to see where there's a risk of collisions" to make their findings. Vermeulen added that it was hard to quantify the number of whales struck due to a lack of current data. She

noted that most collisions tended to happen deep offshore, leading to the animals sinking to the bottom of the ocean rather than washing up on the coast. This is referred to as "cryptic mortality", which makes it difficult to estimate the scale of the problem. Vermeulen offered suggestions to deal with the issue, including tweaking shipping routes and reducing the speed at which vessels travel at certain times of the year. But until more data is collected, solutions are hard to recommend, she said. Vermeulen and her team plan to do a systematic survey of whale populations offshore by plane or boat but they "need support for this work", she told the agency.

# BOSNIA'S POWERFUL PEACE ENVOY QUILTS, WITH QUESTIONS OVER ROLE'S FUTURE

**AGENCY**  
**France:** The most powerful figure in Bosnia and Herzegovina has confirmed that he is stepping down. Christian Schmidt has served as international high representative since 2021, the second-longest tenure of any high representative. His time in the post was filled with conflict and controversy. His office said that Schmidt "has taken the personal decision to conclude his service to the implementation of peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina". His appointment was never approved by Russia and now it seems he has also lost the support of the US, making his position untenable. A broader conundrum is whether the Office of the High Representative itself



has a future and, if not, where that would leave Bosnia. The role dates back to the 1995 Dayton Peace Agreement which ended the country's ruinous ethnic conflict. The UN-appointed high representative is supposed to ensure that the agreement is followed and has wide-ranging powers to keep the country's ever-fractious ethno-political leaders in line.

# Dozens of Nigerian fishermen feared dead after Chad air strikes on Boko Haram



**AGENCY**  
**Nigeria:** Dozens of Nigerian fishermen are feared dead after Chad's military launched air strikes on Boko Haram militants in the Lake Chad region, a local fishermen's leader has told the BBC. Abubakar Gamandi Usman, chairman of Lake Chad Basin Fisheries Association of Nigeria, said several of the union's members were missing and estimated more than 40 had died. No bodies have yet been recovered but Usman believes some fishermen were hit by the strikes, while others drowned after attempting to flee in overloaded boats. Authorities in Chad and Nigeria have not commented, but on Sunday Chad's presidency said it had carried out retaliatory "intensive air strikes" on Boko Haram strongholds. In a statement on Facebook, the presidency said it had responded to "unjustified attacks" by Boko Haram, which took place last Monday and Wednesday and targeted Chadian military bases near Lake Chad, reportedly killing at least 24 soldiers and two generals. The Lake Chad basin is a huge region of waterways and swampland shared by

Nigeria, Chad, Niger and Cameroon. It has long been a stronghold for Boko Haram and its rival faction, Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP). After Chad's air force began circling overhead on Friday, panic broke out, with both Boko Haram fighters and fishermen attempting to flee. The search for the missing fishermen has been slow, Usman said, as some parts of Lake Chad are very deep. The local community also has limited access to canoes, as many are controlled by Boko Haram, Usman added. "Boko Haram controls access to the fishing grounds, transporting fishermen to and from the fish market to the fishing site. Boko Haram collects taxes from these fishermen," he said. Recently, the region has seen a rise in attacks on security forces, as well as kidnappings and raids on communities. Chadian military operations have been accused of causing civilian deaths before - in October 2024, the air force was said to have killed dozens of Nigerian fishermen during air strikes targeting Boko Haram fighters on Tilma Island in Lake Chad.



## IPL 2026: PUNJAB KINGS SETS A TARGET OF 210/5 FOR DELHI CAPITALS



## Australian Tennis 'True Legend' Mal Anderson Dies Aged 91

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**Cranberra:** Mal Anderson, the first unseeded player to win the US Open men's singles title, has died aged 91, Tennis Australia said on Monday. Anderson's career started on a dirt court on a farm and he went on to become an Australian tennis great, winning the US crown in 1957 and three major doubles titles. Although unseeded at what was then the United States Championships, Anderson beat three seeds and dropped only two sets on his way to the title. He also won the Davis Cup twice. After retirement Anderson mentored young Australian players including Pat Rafter, who went on to become world number one. "I was really sad to hear of Mal's passing. He was one of those people who helped shape my tennis from very early on," said Rafter, who twice won the US Open. "He was a true legend of the game, but more important-



ly he was a terrific bloke — humble, generous with his time and always happy to help younger players along. "Tennis in Australia has lost one of its greats, and a lot of us have lost a mate and mentor. I feel very lucky to have known him." Anderson appeared in another major final in 1972, when at age 36, he was a finalist at the Australian Open, defeating Newcombe in a long five set quarterfinal, and Metreveli in the semifinal, before losing the final to Ken Rosewall. In that same season, he won the Hong Kong Hardcourt

title defeating Geoff Masters in the semifinal and Pancho Gonzales in the final. In 1973, he captured the Australian Open doubles title along with John Newcombe. Anderson's last important tournament win was the 1973 New South Wales Championships at Sydney White City (billed as Sydney International), where he defeated in succession Hans Plotz, Phil Dent in five long sets, Colin Dibley in five sets, Newcombe in a close four set semifinal, and Rosewall in the final in three close sets.

## NBA Icon Dwyane Wade Reveals How Supporting Transgender Daughter Zaya Wade Became "One Of The Greatest Strengths" Of His Life

**AGENCY**

**Texas:** For many professional athletes, life after basketball often becomes centred around family, legacy and personal growth away from the NBA spotlight. For Dwyane Wade, some of the most important lessons of his life have come not from championship runs or play-off pressure, but from learning how to support his daughter Zaya Wade after she came out as transgender. Over the past few years, Wade has repeatedly spoken publicly about the experience and how it reshaped both his parenting approach and his understanding of identity. The former Miami Heat superstar first shared



Zaya's story publicly in 2020 when she was 12 years old. Since then, Wade and his wife Gabrielle Union have become vocal supporters of LGBTQ+ youth, often discussing the importance of listening to children, creating safe spaces and learning

as parents rather than pretending to already have all the answers. Long before Zaya publicly came out, Wade said he had already noticed signs that his child was expressing herself differently. Looking back, he admitted that adjusting his

mindset took time because of the environment in which he grew up. Raised in inner-city Chicago, Wade previously explained that traditional expectations around masculinity shaped much of his early thinking as a parent. Over time, however, those views changed as he focused more on understanding what his child actually needed. Speaking about his role as a father during a past interview with Business Insider, Wade said supporting Zaya became one of the most important responsibilities of his life. "that's one of my greatest strengths as a parent," he said while discussing how he approaches parenting.

## Pittsburgh Steelers May Shockingly Trade Roman Wilson Over His Early Career Being Plagued By Injuries

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**Rome:** After just two seasons with the Pittsburgh Steelers, wide receiver Roman Wilson may already be contemplating his next step, as reports continue to link him to a trade. At one time, Roman Wilson was seen as a budding playmaker who would become an important slot receiver for the Pittsburgh Steelers in the years ahead; however, due to injuries, he could be moved. A key contributor for Michigan in his college career, Roman Wilson showed plenty of talent as a rookie and became known for his potential during the draft process. Unfortunately, the young man's NFL career got off to a rough start thanks to a series of injuries suffered in



his first two seasons, and now it looks like he may get traded. Roman Wilson's NFL Career Has Taken An Unexpected Turn So Far When the Pittsburgh Steelers selected Roman Wilson in the third round of the 2024 NFL Draft, they thought they had a slot weapon that could stretch opposing secondaries and create big plays for the team.

This was after he turned out a productive final college season for Michigan, where he managed to amass 789 yards and score 12 touchdowns. Unfortunately, the former Wolverine's transition to pro football proved difficult from the very beginning. Wilson sustained an ankle injury during the first practice session in pads during the Steelers' training

camp, meaning he was not able to make his debut until week six of the season. Just as he was finding some playing time, a new injury forced him onto injured reserve. For a team that desperately needed depth at wide receiver, it was expected that 2025 would be a better year for Wilson. However, he continued to struggle to make his presence felt in the offense. Even though he was starting in four games, Wilson recorded only 12 receptions. Pittsburgh Steelers' Wide Receiver Upgrades Leave Roman Wilson Fighting For Roster Spot With all the moves made in Pittsburgh's offseason, it might only serve to complicate matters even more when it comes to Wilson's career with the team.

## Why Aronimink Has Potential To Be The Next Big Storyline At 2026 PGA Championship

**AGENCY**

**Mumbai:** Even though the main attention will certainly be on some of the best golfers out there during the 2026 PGA Championship, this tournament may have one more thing going on this week at Aronimink Golf Club. Located just outside of Philadelphia in Newtown Square, Aronimink Golf Club can definitely become a very important part of this tournament's action this week. Aronimink was built way back in 1928 and, since then, has been used for many major tournaments. Designed by Donald Ross, who is known as the greatest golf designer in history. This golf course is 7,400 yards long and is made up of 174 sand traps to help players feel uncomfortable throughout the entire golf



and tricky greens, will definitely have a very important role in this week's tournament. Aronimink's Tough Design May Determine Who Wins PGA Championship The Aronimink Golf Club is designed by Donald Ross, who is known as the greatest golf designer in history. This golf course is 7,400 yards long and is made up of 174 sand traps to help players feel uncomfortable throughout the entire golf

course. Some golf holes have already begun gaining attention even before the 2017 PGA Championship. The Aronimink's finishing holes will likely be the key component for the event's winner. Importance of Aronimink Lends Added Intrinsic To 2026 PGA Championship Aside from its design, the Aronimink Golf Club carries great historical significance for golfing in America.

## Jayden Daniels' 2026 NFL Season In Spotlight Amid Washington Commanders' WR Problems

**AGENCY**

**Washington:** The Washington Commanders entered their offseason knowing that they needed to address the issues that held back the team in the past season, but there remains one major question that will loom large as the Commanders head into training camp: Do they have enough support around Jayden Daniels to allow him to be successful? Even though the Commanders made an aggressive push to bolster their defense, which was one of the worst in the NFL, the Commanders' wide receiver situation remains questionable, other than Terry McLaurin, leading to speculation over whether the Commanders have done enough to aid Jayden



Daniels in his third NFL season. Leaders Count On Improvement From Jayden Daniels Amid Uncertainty At Wide Receiver Positions Adam Peters, the team's general manager, worked to bolster the defense by drafting Odafe Oweh and K'Lavon Chaisson, pass rushers who can help alleviate the issues Washington had last year when they led the league in

allowing the most total yards. In addition, Sonny Styles was selected in the 2026 NFL Draft with the seventh overall pick. These changes should improve the performance of the defense quickly; however, they may soon shift their focus to Daniels and his offense. Terry McLaurin will certainly remain the team's top wide receiver. However, right behind him is an uncertain situation since no one else in the team stands out. Williams was picked up in the third round, but it will surely take some time for the rookie receiver to make an impact. In addition, rumors persist of the Commanders attempting to trade for San Francisco's Brandon Aiyuk, and if they succeed.

## Mumbai Indians Break Silence On Hardik Pandya's Continued Absence



**AGENCY**

**Mumbai:** Mumbai Indians head coach Mahela Jayawardene provided an important update on skipper Hardik Pandya's injury following MI's IPL 2026 match against Royal Challengers Bengaluru on Sunday in Raipur. Mumbai were without their regular captain for the second consecutive game, with Suryakumar Yadav leading the side in Hardik's absence. MI went on to lose the match by two wickets, a defeat that also confirmed their elimination from the playoff race, making them the second team after Lucknow Super Giants to be knocked out of the tournament. Speaking after the match, Jayawardene revealed that Hardik has been dealing with a back issue and has been undergoing treatment under the supervision of the medical team. As a result, he was unable to participate in practice sessions. The head

coach added that the team management did not want to take any risks with the all-rounder's fitness, which is why he was rested for the clash against RCB. "Yeah, Hardik had a back issue which we were trying to rectify, but it hasn't settled in yet. So the medical guys were working on him. He couldn't train the last few days, so we didn't want to take a risk without knowing exactly. So we'll see. It's on a day-to-day basis. See how he feels. And then we'll make a decision on that," said Jayawardene. MI did well to post a challenging total of 166/7 on a tricky wicket, but RCB were able to chase down the target on the final ball of the match. As the result confirmed Mumbai's exit from the tournament, Jayawardene had to face some tough questions, including the 'politics' of benching some of the struggling senior stars. "The season is disappointing.

## India Bow Out Of AFC U17 Women's Asian Cup After 0-3 Quarter-final Loss To China

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**Mumbai:** India's creditable run in the AFC Women's U17 Asian Cup came to an end after a 0-3 defeat against hosts China in the quarter-finals in Suzhou, China, on Monday. The defeat dashed the Young Tigresses' hopes of securing a historic qualification for the 2026 FIFA U17 Women's World Cup, though the campaign still marked the country's best-ever performance in the competition, with a first appearance in the knockout stage. Head coach Pamela Conti made one change from the side that defeated Lebanon in the

final group-stage match, with Joya replacing Anushka Kumari in the starting line-up. Backed by a vocal home crowd, China started aggressively and immediately looked to impose themselves through quick passing combinations and movement in the final third. India, however, defended resolutely in the opening stages, with Abhista Basnett producing an important block in the fourth minute to deny Li Yaqi from close range. China continued to dominate possession and nearly found the breakthrough in the 15th minute. Liu Yuxi

split the Indian defence with a perfectly weighted pass to Wang Chenxi, who cut inside from the left before curling an effort against the crossbar. Despite spending long spells without the ball, India remained disciplined and almost caught China against the run of play near the half-hour mark. Pritika Barman delivered a dangerous cross into the penalty area for Joya, but the forward's effort was blocked before it could trouble the goalkeeper. China's pressure eventually paid off in the 38th minute with a well-worked team move. After building

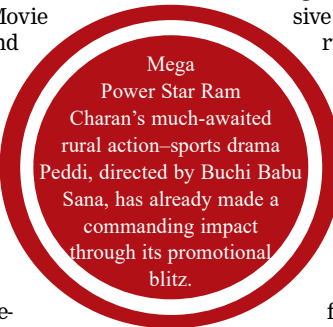
patiently through midfield, Liu Yuxi received the ball inside the box before cutting it back intelligently for Huang Qinyi, who calmly finished from close range to hand the hosts the lead. The goal shifted momentum firmly in China's favour, and India found themselves pinned deeper inside their own half during the closing stages of the first half. Just when the Young Tigresses were hoping to regroup at half-time, China struck again in stoppage time. Ritu Badaik brought down Liu inside the area and the referee immediately pointed to the spot.



## MEGA POWER STAR RAM CHARAN'S MUCH-AWAITED PEDDI TRAILER LAUNCH ON MAY 18TH



**M**ega Power Star Ram Charan's much-awaited rural action-sports drama Peddi, directed by Buchi Babu Sana, has already made a commanding impact through its promotional blitz. From the striking first-look posters to the soulful first two songs and the two contrasting character glimpses, every update has received an overwhelming response. Produced by Venkata Satish Kilaru of Vriddhi Cinemas in association with Mythri Movie Makers and Sukumar Writings, Peddi is set for a massive Pan-India release on June 4, with overseas premieres scheduled for June 3. With the release countdown underway, the makers have now dropped a major announcement- the highly-awaited theatrical trailer will be unveiled on May 18th. Until now, the team has showcased only two distinct shades of Ram Charan's character, leaving fans eager for the trailer, which is expected to reveal the film's central plot and principal cast. The buzz around this trailer is already sky-high. Adding to the excitement, the new poster showcases Ram Charan in true 1960s rural person style going on train tracks. The poster amplifies how genuine and creative the team has been to the time period from sets to detailing in visuals. Ram Charan looks absolutely stunning in this outfit and get-up. Meanwhile, Peddi is creating a storm in overseas markets. Pre-sales are surging at an extraordinary pace, placing the film on the brink of new records. Prathyangira Cinemas is handling international distribution. Ram Charan has undergone an impressive physical and rugged transformation for the role, which spans multiple timelines. The glimpses released so far have already highlighted his remarkable dual look. There's also immense curiosity surrounding the performances of the ensemble cast, including Janhvi Kapoor, Shiva Rajkumar, Jagapathi Babu, Divyendu Sharma, and Boman Irani, each adding significant weight to the narrative. On the technical front, the film boasts a stellar crew- Academy Award winner A.R. Rahman composing the music, R. Rathnavelu handling cinematography, Navin Nooli on editing, and Avinash Kolla leading production design.



**A new film under the banner HanShiv Entertainments, directed by T.D. Prasad Varma and produced by N. Maheshwari and P. Jyothi, was officially launched on Monday with traditional pooja ceremonies**



**T**he film features Anurag in the lead role, along with Santosh, Sai Vikranth, Ali, Chammak Chandra, Auto Ramprasad, Phani, and Vinita Reddy in prominent roles. Several noted personalities from the Telugu film industry attended the launch event, including director S. V. Krishna Reddy, producer K. Achchi Reddy, actor Ali, and director Srinivasa Reddy. K. Achchi Reddy gave the ceremonial clap for the

muhurtham shot, while Ali switched on the camera. S. V. Krishna Reddy directed the inaugural shot. **Speaking on the occasion, director T.D. Prasad Varma said:** "This film, starring Anurag and produced by N. Maheshwari and P. Jyothi under the Hun Shiv Entertainments banner, will entertain audiences with a different storyline. Special thanks to S. V. Krishna Reddy garu, and Achchi Reddy garu, and Achchi Reddy garu." **Senior actor Ali said:** "This is the first film under the Hun Shiv Entertainments banner. I too will be appearing in a good role in the movie. I wholeheartedly wish the film great success." Producers N. Maheshwari and P. Jyothi said: "We are producing this film with a unique storyline narrated by director Prasad Varma garu. This is the first film under our banner."

### Varun Sandesh's Psychological Thriller Love Story "Naa Wife Missing" Launched Grandly with Pooja Ceremony



**H**ero Varun Sandesh is all set to entertain audiences with an intriguing psychological thriller titled "Naa Wife Missing". Produced under the banner of Komara Media Works? by Shiva Kanthaneni and R. Venkateswara Rao, the film is being presented by Aha?. Directed by Swathi Prakash Mantripragada, who recently impressed audiences with the web series Nayanam, the film is said to be a gripping psy-



chological thriller blended with an emotional love story. Actors Praveen, Mohith, and Jabardasth Sathya Sri will be seen playing important roles in the film. The movie boasts a talented technical team. Satish Kumar NS is handling the cinematography, while Sai Babu Talari is taking care of editing. Music is being composed by acclaimed music director Sai Kartheek, known for delivering chartbuster albums.

### Happy Birthday wishes to Hero Raj Tarun from the team of the movie Tortoise

**R**aj Tarun and Amrutha Chowdary play the lead roles in the film Tortoise, produced under the banners of SK Golden Arts, Prashvitha Entertainment, NVL Creations, and Madhupala Maha Movies. Directed by Rithvik Kumar, the movie features Srinivas Avasaraala and Dhanya Balakrishna in key roles. Producers Vijay Chowdary, Sasidhar Nalla, Ramiseti Rambabu, and Madhupala Suresh have jointly bankrolled this project. On the occasion of Raj Tarun's birthday today, the film team conveyed their wishes and released the first look poster. Speaking on this occasion, the unit members said that they

### PRIYANKA CHOPRA TAKES OVER INSTAGRAM



**P**riyanka Chopra Jonas once again proved why she is a global fashion icon as she attended the GOLD HOUSE Gala 2026 in Los Angeles. The actress looked breathtaking in a stunning white couture outfit designed by Amit Aggarwal. Her sculptural gown was created using a 20-year-old Lucknowi chikankari saree, giving the look a beautiful mix of tradition and modern style. With soft makeup, open hair, and elegant diamond jewellery, Priyanka carried the out-

### Hania Aamir deletes Instagram posts, changes DP: A new chapter?

**P**akistani actress Hania Aamir is once again making headlines, and this time it is not because of a drama or public appearance. The actress has left fans surprised after making a major change to her Instagram account, sparking curiosity across social media. Hania Aamir on Sunday deleted almost all posts from her official Instagram handle, leaving only around 11 posts visible on her profile. The sudden social media activity, which reportedly took place around May 10 and 11, quickly grabbed the attention of her millions of followers. The actress also changed her display picture to a simple, unfiltered CNIC-style photo. The new profile picture has now gone viral online, with fans flooding social media platforms with reactions and theories. Interestingly, this move came shortly after Hania became the first Pakistani

celebrity to cross the 20 million followers milestone on Instagram. Many followers believe the move could be a soft launch for a new phase in her life, a promotional strategy for an upcoming project, or simply a break from social media negativity. Notably, Hania had earlier spoken about online hate and the constant judgment women face on social media. The actress had also taken short breaks from Instagram in the past for similar reasons. A year ago, her account, along with several Pakistani celebrities, was restricted for Indian users amid political tensions. During that phase, she briefly interacted with fans through an alternate account named "naamtousunahogaa." On the professional front, Hania Aamir was last seen in the globally popular drama Meri Zindagi Hai Tu alongside Bilal Abbas Khan. Fans are now eagerly waiting for her next project. Reports suggest that the actress has signed a new drama serial for Geo Entertainment under director Badar Mehmood, although an official confirmation is still awaited. The actress has left fans surprised after making a major change to her Instagram account, sparking curiosity across social media. Her presence at the New York concert was seen as an indication by many fans that their romance had also been rekindled. The last project that Hania Aamir was in was the globally popular drama Meri Zindagi Hai Tu. She starred alongside Bilal Abbas Khan in that drama. No official confirmation for her next project has been given yet, but some

