

SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY... Details of the Tender Notices...

Senior Divisional Engineer/Coordination/Guntakal acting for and on behalf of the President of India...

Closing date & Time: 08/06/2026 at 15:00 hrs

1. Tender No.: Engg-GTL-Central-2100 Description of work: Jakkalacheruvu(JKO): Crossovers for Common loop facilities to UP loop line...

2. Tender No.: Engg-GTL-North-2101 Description of work: Proposed construction of 03m wide FOB in HAGARI, VIRAPUR & BANTANAHAL stations in DEN/North/GTL jurisdiction...

3. Tender No.: Engg-GTL-North-2102 Description of work: Proposed construction of 03m-wide FOB at GULAPALYAM, VENKATAMPALLE & KHADERPET stations in DEN/North/GTL jurisdiction...

4. Tender No.: Engg-GTL-North-2103 Description of work: Proposed construction of 03m-wide FOB at HANUMAN CIRCLE, NAKKANADODDI & BEVINAHAL stations in DEN/North/GTL jurisdiction...

Tender Notice Inviting e-Tender Nos. DY-CE-GS-BZA-01, 02 & 03-2026-27 Dt. 11.05.2026 (Through ireps.gov.in)

1. Tender No. and date: Dy. CE-GS-BZA-01-2026-27, dt: 07.05.2026 Description of the work: BZA Division -BZA-VSKP section - Proposed construction of two storey S&T station building in SSE/west/TUNI section under ADEN/TUNI Sub-division...

2. Tender No. and date: Dy. CE-GS-BZA-02-2026-27, dt: 11.05.2026 Description of the work: SW-1-BZA Division-Gudur (GDR)-Vijayawada (BZA) Section-Proposed construction of Road under bridge (RUB) in Lieu of LC No.112 at Rly.Km.168/16-18 between Vedayapalem and Nellore Stations, RUB with RCC Box size of 1x6.0mx4.80m (Box Air Pushing Method) and retaining wall (on Grand trunk Road side & Mini Bypass).IRPSPM ID.11.00.30.13.1.47.021 year 2013-14. Tender value : (₹) 98057316.05 E.M.D. : (₹) 1961200/- Completion Period : 9 Months Cost of Tender form: Nil Date of Closing & time : 02.06.2026 @ 15.00Hrs

3. Tender No. and date: Dy. CE-GS-BZA-03-2026-27, dt: 11.05.2026 Description of the work: Vijayawada Division-Vijayawada (BZA) - Gudur (GDR)- Section - Proposed construction of Road under bridge (RUB) in Lieu of LC No.113 at Rly.Km.169/24-26 between Vedayapalem and Nellore Stations and RUB with RCC Box size of 1x6.0mx4.80m (Box Air Pushing Method) and retaining wall (on Grand trunk & Mini Bypass Road side). IRPSPM ID.11.00.30.13.1.47.022 year 2013-14. Tender value : (₹) 101714446.55 E.M.D. : (₹) 2034300/- Completion Period : 9 Months Cost of Tender form: Nil Date of Closing & time : 02.06.2026 @ 15.00Hrs

1. For bid document and other details, please login to website https://ireps.gov.in

2. Payment of Earnest Money Deposit and Cost of Tender Document should be only through Net Banking/ Payment Gateway facilities made available online in IREPS (OR) Bank Guarantee towards Bid Security may be submitted in favour of FA & CAO/S&C.

3. Tenderers can submit their offers online during tender Submission/ Bidding period which is fifteen days period prior to closing of Tender.

4. Tenderers should watch for any corrigenda (issued online only) up to the date of Commencement of the Tender Submission/Bidding period.

Dy. Chief Engineer, Gati Shakti, Vijayawada

FOR ADVERTISEMENT PLEASE CONTACT: 9948480279, 7330778889

e-TENDER NOTICE No: 04/2026-27

Divisional Electrical Engineer (Maintenance), Guntur acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites the following E-Tenders through IREPS portal www.ireps.gov.in.

1. Tender Ref No: GNT -E04-26-27 Dt. 09.05.2026 Tender Title : (1) Improvements to Railway Colonies & Staff Quarters at Guntur, (2) Provision of Watering arrangements on all PFs at Guntur Station - Electrical arrangements. Approx. value : (₹) 42,42,091-10 Earnest money deposit : (₹) 84,900-00 Cost of tender form (non-refundable): (₹) 0/-

Last Date and time for online submission of E-bids: 01.06.2026 up to 15.30 hours

Any further Communication/Corrigendum will be published in E-portal www.ireps.gov.in only.

Divisional Electrical Engineer/ Guntur

No.WN/148/WIII/Tender notice/2026-27 Date : 12.05.2026

Senior Divisional Engineer, coordination, Nanded, South Central Railway invites E-Tenders on behalf of The President of India for the following works.

1. Tender No : T-202627-3-016 Authority : Co-ord Description of the work : (SW-1) Extension of bridge No-86/1, 87/0/2 and 87/0/3 to accommodate Goods siding at Hingoli station (SW-1)NED: MMR-MUE: Proposal for construction of left over works at RUB constructed in lieu of LC No.86 @ km.195/9-0 between Kodiranjani stns. Tender value in : (₹) 53911582.49 Earnest money in : (₹) 1078300.00 Completion Period : Six Months Cost of Tender form: in : (₹) 0/-

2. Tender No : T-202627-3-017 Authority : Co-ord Description of the work : Purna Replacement of Old dilapidated quarter (5-Type-III and 5-Type-II) in DEN west section. Tender value in : (₹) 23799460.97 Earnest money in : (₹) 476000.00 Completion Period : Nine Months Cost of Tender form: in : (₹) 0/-

3. Tender No : T-202627-3-018 Authority : Co-ord Description of the work : Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar (CSPN) - Construction of 32 Bedded New Running Room at CPSN. Tender value in : (₹) 29804695.51 Earnest money in : (₹) 596100.00 Completion Period : Nine Months Cost of Tender form in : (₹) 0/-

1. Tender No : T-202627-3-016 Similar nature of work (for costing above 50 lakhs) : Any Civil Engineering work consisting of construction of bridge/ROB/RUB work along with open/well/pile foundation

2. Tender No : T-202627-3-017 Similar nature of work (for costing above 50 lakhs) : Any Civil Engineering works (excluding Track works/Zonal works).

3. Tender No : T-202627-3-018 Similar nature of work (for costing above 50 lakhs) : Any Civil Engineering works (excluding Track works/Zonal works).

For Bid Document and other details, please login to the website http://www.ireps.gov.in

Sr.DEN/Co-ord/Nanded

TENDER NOTICE No. 56 to 58 DR.M_W_HYB_26 dt. 12/05/2026

On behalf of the President of India, Divisional Railway Manager/Works, Hyderabad Division, South Central Railway, Secunderabad invites Open Tenders for the following works through e-procurement up to 15.00 hours of 05/06/2026.

1. Tender No. : 56_DRM_W_HYB_26 Name of the work: Hyderabad Division: 1) Proposed improvements to corrosion shop Bay-7 (C-11& C-12 lines) at CWS LGD. 2) Corrosion shop line 1 & 2 sheds (for Electrical department) at carriage work shop/LGD. 3) Proposed shed for accommodating Goele washing plant adjacent to shot blasting plant 15X20 M at carriage work shop/LGD. 4) D3 line to be made into a pit line at CWS/LGD. Approx Value : (₹) 4,88,76,897 EMD : (₹) 9,77,500

2. Tender No. : 57_DRM_W_HYB_26 Name of the work: Hyderabad Division: Proposed Construction of Sewage Treatment Plant (150 KLD) at Diesel Loco Shed/MLY/Approx Value : (₹) 83,98,108 EMD : (₹) 1,68,000

3. Tender No. : 58_DRM_W_HYB_26 Name of the work: A) HYB DIVISION - Proposed Side drains in cutting locations under ADEN/MED section (Total Length - 1800 RM) (11.03.31.25.4.52.003) (LOCATION DETAILS GIVEN) B) HYB DIVISION - Proposed Side drains in cutting locations under ADEN/NZB section (Total Length - 1800 RM) (11.03.31.25.4.52.004) (LOCATION DETAILS GIVEN) C) HYB DIVISION - Standardization of cutting in Sr.DEN/North/HYB section (11.03.31.25.4.52.005) (LOCATION DETAILS GIVEN). Approx Value : (₹) 7,39,60,093 EMD : (₹) 1,47,20,000

For further details visit the website www.ireps.gov.in

Divisional Railway Manager/Works, Hyderabad

For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at https://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

Strict Action Against Those Disturbing Peace During BakridTelangana DGP C.V. Anand

Hyderabad TSIT : Telangana Director General of Police C.V. Anand on Wednesday warned that strict action would be taken against anyone attempting to disturb peace or communal harmony during the forthcoming Bakrid festival in the State.

The DGP, along with senior officials from various departments, held a video conference with Police Commissioners and Superintendents of Police across Telangana to review security and law-and-order arrangements for the festival. The meeting was attended by Special Chief Secretary, Municipal Administration and Urban Development, Jayesh Ranjan, Animal Husbandry Secretary K. Ilambarthi and other senior officials.

During the review, the DGP said the police department is taking stringent measures to ensure peace, public order and communal harmony across the State during Bakrid celebrations. He stated that, based on directions issued during review meetings chaired by the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister, police officers have been instructed to strictly prevent illegal transportation



and trafficking of cattle. Describing Bakrid as a sensitive festival from a law-and-order perspective, the DGP stressed the need for heightened vigilance to prevent communal tensions or clashes. Referring to recent incidents of illegal cattle transportation, he said the review meeting was conducted to ensure effective implementation of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).

The DGP directed officers to strictly enforce the Cow Slaughter Act, 1977, the Transport of Animals Rules, 1978, and the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960. He warned that stringent legal action would be taken against those violating cattle transportation norms. He informed that 52 interstate check posts have been established along the borders with Chhattisgarh,

Karnataka, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh, in addition to 203 check posts across Telangana to curb illegal cattle smuggling. Police officials were instructed to intensify vehicle checks in suspicious areas and maintain special surveillance on cattle fairs likely to be held during the next 15 days.

The DGP also directed officers to thoroughly verify "Fit for Transport" and "Fit for Slaughter" certificates at all check posts and continue inspections until completion of the festival.

Emphasising the importance of maintaining law and order, the DGP warned that no individual or organisation should take the law into their own hands. He advised members of Qureshi associations and cow protection groups not to resort to road blockades or confrontations based on

mere suspicion regarding cattle transportation. He stated that criminal cases would be registered against violators and rowdy or suspect sheets would be opened wherever necessary.

Police Commissioners and District SPs were instructed to hold separate coordination meetings with representatives of various groups at the field level to prevent misunderstandings and maintain communal harmony.

The DGP also stressed coordination among Police, Municipal Administration, Animal Husbandry and Revenue Departments and directed officials to create special WhatsApp groups for effective communication and information sharing.

He further instructed officials to ensure proper cattle shelters, fodder and water arrangements for seized animals. The DGP also warned that strict vigil would be maintained on social media and action would be taken against those posting provocative or misleading content online. Special Chief Secretary Jayesh Ranjan said municipal officials are on high alert in view of the festival and emphasised strict enforcement of all relevant laws.

Collector Urges Support for Govt Schools



Mulugu, May 13, TSIT : Borkhade Hemant Sahadeva Rao urged local public representatives to support the development of government schools in Mulugu during a training programme held under the Special Education Week celebrations. He said awareness should be created to increase student enrolment and appreciated Mulugu district for securing first place in the state in SSC results.

Telangana Strengthens Tiger Conservation Efforts

Minister Konda Surekha KEY DECISIONS TAKEN AT TIGER CONSERVATION FOUNDATION GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING



Hyderabad TSIT: The Telangana government has decided to further strengthen wildlife and tiger conservation efforts in the State with the approval of the Annual Plan of Operations (APO) for 2026-27 for the Amrabad and Kawal Tiger Reserves during the Tiger Conservation Foundation (TCF) Governing Council meeting chaired by Forest Minister Konda Surekha at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Secretariat on Tuesday. During the meeting, the Minister directed officials to prepare a comprehensive action plan focusing on forest development, protection of tiger habitats, biodiversity conservation and the use of modern technology for monitoring tiger populations. She stated that special funds have been allocated for strengthening forest security, including salaries for forest watchers and maintenance of infrastructure in tiger reserve areas. Emphasising transparency and efficiency in the functioning of the Tiger Conservation Foundation, the Minister said eco-tourism and livelihood programmes involving tribal communities living in forest areas would be taken up through a nomination-based system.

MLA MADHUSUDAN REDDY VISITS ACCIDENT VICTIMS

Mahabubnagar, May 13 (TSIT) G. Madhusudan Reddy visited the victims of the Damajapur road accident at the Government Hospital in Mahabubnagar on Tuesday. The accident reportedly occurred when a vehicle returning from a wedding ceremony lost control during heavy rain and strong winds. A child died in the incident, while several others sustained injuries. The MLA, accompanied by former municipal chairman Anand Kumar Goud, reviewed the condition of the injured and



instructed doctors to provide the best possible treatment and advanced medical care to those in critical condition. Madhusudan Reddy expressed condolences over the child's death and assured support to the affected families while wishing the injured a speedy recovery.

MP Konda Vishweshwar Reddy Seeks Immediate Action on NH-163 Issues

RANGAREDDY (TSIT) Konda Vishweshwar Reddy, along with former MLA Ratnam, local farmers and BJP leaders, submitted a memorandum to the NHAI Project Director over problems arising from the ongoing NH-163 expansion works in Chevella mandal.



The delegation highlighted the difficulties faced by residents of Khanapur, Nancheri, Alur, Regadi Ghanapur, Devarampalli, Yetla Yerravelli, Kishapur, Parved and nearby villages due to the absence of proper underpasses, service roads and safe crossing points. Farmers said the lack of adequate facilities was affecting access to agricultural lands and creating risks for tractors, farming vehicles and bullock carts crossing the highway. Concerns were also raised over the safety of women, senior citizens and

students crossing the road to reach bus stops. Special focus was placed on the Kanapur Gate and Alur Gate stretches, which serve as major access points for surrounding villages. Speaking on the occasion, MP Konda Vishweshwar Reddy urged NHAI officials to prioritise public safety and farmers' interests by conducting an immediate field inspection and providing necessary infrastructure, including underpasses, service roads and protected crossing facilities. Several farmers.

Dr. Charan Kaushik Yadav Sworn In as Chairman of Telangana Livestock Development Agency

Hyderabad TSIT: Dr. Charan Kaushik Yadav on Wednesday formally took oath as the Chairman of the Telangana Livestock Development Agency at a grand ceremony held at Masab Tank, Vijay Nagar Colony in Hyderabad.



Speaking on the occasion, expressed gratitude to Chief Minister TPCC president and Minister for reposing confidence in him and entrusting him with the responsibility. He assured that he would work towards the development of the

Corporation Chairpersons Mettu Sai Kumar and Gunj Renuka, Guduru Srinivas, Lokesh Yadav, Kishore Reddy, Perike Shyam, Rekha Goud, Corporator C.N. Reddy, Vice Chairman Nagesh, Nagaraju, senior Congress leaders Koonna Srisailem Goud and Harivaradhan Reddy, along with public representatives, government officials, Congress leaders, supporters and party workers participated in the programme and extended their congratulations to Dr. Charan Kaushik Yadav.

SUNITHA MUDHIRAJ DEMANDS STRICT ACTION IN ALLEGED POCOS CASE INVOLVING UNION MINISTER'S SON

Hyderabad, May 13: AICC member and former Telangana State Mahila Congress president M. Sunitha Mudhiraj on Wednesday demanded strict legal action in the alleged POCOS case involving Bandi Sai Bhageerath, son of Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar. In a statement, Sunitha Mudhiraj said crimes against women and children must be dealt with seriously and strictly according to law, irrespective of political affiliation or background. She urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to take a firm stand against leaders or individuals accused in crimes against women and ensure that no political protection is extended to such persons.

She stated that several incidents across the country involving leaders accused in crimes against women had raised concerns among the public and weakened women's confidence in the justice system. Referring to the Telangana case, Sunitha Mudhiraj said the Congress government was treating the matter with utmost seriousness.



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Notice for sale of immovable assets through Private Treaty

Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets through Private Treaty under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 8(B) r/w Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Table with columns: Sr. No., Name of Borrower(s)/Co-Borrowers/Guarantors/Legal Heirs, Loan Account No., Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any, Amount outstanding, Reserve Price, Date and Time of Property Inspection, Date and Time of Auction, One Day Before Auction Date, Sarfaesi Stage.

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link: https://BidDeal.in) of our auction agency ValueTrust Capital Services Private Limited. The Prospective Bidders(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) RTGS/ Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before May 29, 2026 before 04:00 PM. The Prospective Bidder(s) must also submit a signed copy of the Registration Form & Bid Terms and Conditions form at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before May 29, 2026 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit Demand Draft (DD) should be from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favor of "ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd. - Auction" payable at the branch office address mentioned on top of the article.

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA WANAPARTHY DISTRICT GAZETTE

EXTRAORDINARY PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY

No. 17/2026 Date : 04-05-2026 No. G/102/2026

The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 As per Section -19 (1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (Central Act No. 30 of 2013) and sub-Rule (1) of Rule -25

FORM - VII PUBLICATION OF DECLARATION

Whereas it appears to the Government / District Collector that a total of Ac. 00-17 Gts Patta / Govt. Land is required for public purpose of formation of "Distributory-18 & 19, 7RM-4RSM- Package No.27 Canal" within limits of Thatipamula village of Srirangapur Mandal, Wanaparthy District, as per Section -19 (1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013.

Now, therefore, a Declaration is made here by that a piece of land measuring Ac. 00-17 Gts in under acquisition for the above said project within the limits of Thatipamula village of Srirangapur Mandal, Wanaparthy District, whose detail description is as follows is proposed for acquisition.

SCHEDULE Village : Thatipamula, Mandal: Srirangapur District: Wanaparthy

Table with columns: S.No., S.No., Nature of Land, Type of Land, Extent to be acquired, Name of the Patta/Occupant and Name of the Father / Husband Smt./Kum, Boundaries, N, S, E, W, Width of trees / Bunk / Cops / Others.

This declaration is made after considering the objections from interested persons as provided under section 15 (Central Act No. 30/ 2013)

Mines of coal, iron, stone or other minerals lying under the said land or any particular portion of the said land, extent such parts of the mines and minerals which may be required to be dug or removed or used during the construction phase of the project for the public purpose of which the land being acquired are not need.

A plan of the proposed project may be inspected in the office of the land acquisition officer/ Special Deputy Collector, (Land Acquisition), Bheema Project, R.L.I.S.P -II, Pebbair Hq. at Wanaparthy on any working day during the working hours.

Sd/- Sd/- Sd/- Special Deputy Collector Additional Collector, District Collector, (LA), Wanaparthy Wanaparthy RLISP-II, Pebbair DIPR R.O. No. : 193/LA-PP-Adv/2025-26

DOUBLE BEDROOM HOUSES ALLOTTED THROUGH LOTTERY SYSTEM IN BELLAMPALLI.

Bellampalli : The long-awaited distribution process of Double Bedroom Houses for the poor was initiated in Bellampalli town on Wednesday under the supervision of Sub-Collector Manoj. Beneficiaries were selected through a lottery system conducted by the officials. Out of the total 168 houses, a draw was conducted for 108 houses that are currently ready for allotment.



CAN FIN HOMES LTD
Tarnaka Branch, 12-13-416/1, III Floor, Mani Mansion Tarnaka, Street No.01, Hyderabad-500017 Mail id:taranaka@canfinhomes.com, CIN No. L8510KA1987PLC008699 Call:7625079156 and Land line: 040-27005553

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

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd. 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. KOTURI SATISH KUMAR S/O KOTURI SATYANARAYANA (APPLICANT) AND MR. KOTURI SURESH W/O KOTURI SATYANARAYANA (GUARANTOR) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.36,38,044/- (Thirty Six Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Fourty 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 is proceeding to take 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 13-05-2026. 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 LTD for an amount of Rs.36,38,044/- (Thirty Six Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Fourty Four Only) and interest thereon.

Description of immovable property
SCHEDULE OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY
All that the House Bearing No.18-7-La0009,(Assessment No.1177030503) on Plot No.17 West Part,admeasuring 122 Square Yards & Plot No.18 North Part(West Side), admeasuring 5 Square Yards, total admeasuring 127 Square Yards or equivalent to 106.18 Square Meters, having plinth area 962 Square Feet, with R.C.C. Roof, In Survey No.112/P/113/P & 116/P, Situated at Balapur Village, Balapur Revenue Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Under Balapur Municipal Corporation, Telangana State and Bounded by:- NORTH : 25' Wide Road, SOUTH: Plot No.18 South Part, EAST: Plot No.17 East Part & 18 North Part (East Side), WEST: 30' Wide Road.

Date: 13-05-2026, Place: Hyderabad Sd/-, Authorised Officer, Can Fin Homes Ltd

Protium
(Formerly known as Growth Source Financial Technologies Ltd.)

Registered & Corporate Office Address: 7th Floor, Block B2, Phase - I Niliran Knowledge Park, Pahadi Village, Off. Western Express Highway, Near Industrial Estate, Goregaon(E), Mumbai- 400063, Maharashtra.

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

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

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Protium Finance Ltd., the same shall be referred herein after as Protium Finance Ltd. The Secured Assets will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis through E-Auction.

It is hereby informed to General public that we are going to conduct public E-Auction through the website <https://bankauctions.in/>

1	Account Number	GS045EEL276500
2	Name of borrower, co-borrower, mortgagors	(a) Nareesh Dairy Farm Through it's Proprietor Nareesh Yadala (b) Nareesh Yadala (c) Yadala Giramma All having address at H No. 12 15 305 Manikeshwar Nagar, OU Campus, Circlina Hyderabad Telangana-500007 Also at, RCC Roofed Ground Floor Residential House With Open Space bearing part of Municipal No. 4 - 54 in Sy. No. 254/A, Situated at Bargaon (P) Village, Muggal Mandal, Within the limits of Grampanchayat Limit of Bargaon (P) Village, Merged in Municipal Corporation Limits of Nizamabad Dist - Nizamabad - 503230 Telangana Also at, D No 4 54, Bargaon P, Nizamabad, 503230 Telangana
3	Date of Demand Notice	Date: 15th July 2024
4	Amount as per Demand Notice U/s 13(2)	Rs. 23,37,616.77/- (Rupees twenty-three lakh thirty-seven thousand six hundred sixteen Rupees and seventy paise only) as on Jul 15, 2024 with further interest @ 18% from Jul 15, 2024 until payment in full amount along with other charges as demanded in our notice, within the statutory period of 60 days from the date of this notice.
5	Date of Symbolic Possession	08th Oct 2024
6	Amount as on	Rs. 27,94,289.04/- (Twenty-Seven Lakh Ninety-Four Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Nine and Four Paise) as on date 09th May 2025
7	Descriptions of the property/properties	All the piece of land bearing institutional property being Existing RCC Roofed Ground Floor Only residential House with Open place, bearing part of Municipal No. 4-54 in Sy. No. 254/A situated at Bargaon (P) Village, Muggal Mandal, Dist Nizamabad admeasuring undivided share of land 175.66 sq. yards or 145.65 sq. mtrs out of total area 351.33 sq. yards. G.R.CC roofed plinth area 880.87 sq. ft. within the grampanchayat limits of Bargaon (P) Village recently merged in municipal corporation limits of Nizamabad Regn Sub Dist and Regn Nizamabad and bounded as follows: North: 24'0" wide road South: Remaining part of GP No. 4- 54 East: 9'0" wide common passage West: House of Bendra Lingah and others together with all other rights, buildings, improvements, and easements appurtenant thereto.
8	Reserve Price	Rs. 23,00,000/- (Twenty Three Lakh Only)
9	Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 2,30,000/- (Two Lakh Thirty Thousand Only)
10	Bid Increment Amount (In Rs.)	(Bid Incremental Value: Rs. 5,000/-)
11	E-Auction Date and Time	02-Jun-26 at 11:00 am to 2:00 PM (with unlimited extension of 5 min each)
12	EMD Submission Last Date	01-Jun-26 up to 5:00 PM.
13	Inspection Date	22-May-2026 BETWEEN 11:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

1. All interested participants / bidders are requested to visit the website <https://bankauctions.in> & <https://protium.co.in/> For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may Contact Mr. Nitesh D Pawar Contact number: 8142000725/ 8142000666 email id: nitesh@bankauctions.in / info@bankauctions.in

For further details on terms and conditions please visit <https://bankauctions.in> & <https://protium.co.in/> to take part in e-auction

THIS IS ALSO A STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) OF Rule 9 (1) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

Date: 14.05.2026 Sd/-, For Protium Finance Limited
Place: HYDERABAD, TELANGANA Authorised Officer

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT : HYDERABAD

O.A. No. 339 OF 2026
Form No. IV
[See Sub-rule (2-A) of Rule 5]
SUMMONS UNDER SUB-SECTION (4) OF SECTION 19 OF THE ACT, R/W SUB-RULE (2A) OF RULE 5 OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993

Between:
STATE BANK OF INDIA,
Vanasthalipuram Branch, Phase I, Sy. No. 201, Vanasthalipuram Commercial Complex, Ranga Reddy, Telangana - 500661, Rep. by its Asst. Manager, Vejenidra Anvesh ... Applicant Bank

AND

... Defendant
Mr. Maloth Venkatram

To
Mr. Maloth Venkatram, S/o. Ramjiya, Aged about 40 years, Male, Occ: Government Employee, R/o H. No. 11-47, Chinna Kistapuram, Maddi Vancha, Garla mandal, Mahabubabad District, Telangana - 507210. Mobile No.6303353942.

Whereas, OA No. 339 of 2026 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar on 07-05-2026.

Whereas, this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/notice on the said Application under Section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs.21,26,961/- (Rupees Twenty-One Lakhs Twenty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-One only)

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

(i) to show-cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;

(ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;

(iii) 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;

(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 realised by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.

You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before the Debts Recovery Tribunal -II, Hyderabad on 22-06-2026 at 10:30 A.M., failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this day of 07th May, 2026.

By order of the Tribunal Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Hyderabad

CM Revanth reviews mega growth corridor plans

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A.Revathi Reddy reviewed the proposed Mega Growth Corridor development plans at the Bodhi Pavilion in MCR HRD Institute and directed officials to prepare future-ready urban development models for Telangana's major cities and municipalities.



CMO Secretary Manik Raj, Telangana Municipal Administration Commissioner and Director Dr.T.K. Sreedevi, Director of Town and Country Planning Devender Reddy and senior officials attended the review meeting. Chief Minister instructed officials to plan Outer Ring Roads for Khammam, Warangal and Karimnagar Corporations and design radial roads connecting major municipalities. He said the Warangal-Karimnagar-Khammam corridor would be crucial for the future of Telangana, especially with upcoming

airports expected to transform the region. Revanth Reddy directed officials to design roads keeping future airports in mind and ensure that all infrastructure planning meets the needs of the next 25 years. He said urban-centric development planning should include underground drainage, sewage treatment plants, wastewater treatment plants, solid waste management units, smart poles, multi-utility towers, renewable energy systems and EV-based mobility. Chief Minister also instructed that treated water from sewerage and wastewater management

boards should be mandatorily used for construction activities. He asked officials to use modern technology in underground drainage works and seek expert advice on the use of Artificial Intelligence for traffic management. To reduce expenditure and pollution, the Chief Minister directed municipalities to introduce electric vehicles and ensure that even leased vehicles are EVs. He also called for solar energy plants in municipalities and renewable power generation at every level. Revanth Reddy suggested developing a Temple

Corridor between Nalgonda and Yadagirigutta, and a Tourism Corridor connecting Adilabad, Nagoba, Basara and Kadem Project. He also directed officials to develop Alampur Jogulamba temple keeping the upcoming Krishna Pushkaralu in view.

Chief Minister asked officials to create corridors by integrating Mahabubnagar, Bhoothpur and Jachherla; Kothagudem, Palvancha and Sujathanagar; and to treat all municipalities under Singareni limits as one unit. He said Singareni CSR funds should be spent locally for the development of those areas. He further said water requirements for the proposed Warangal Airport should be assessed in advance and added that Adilabad Airport is expected to be developed under the Defence authorities.

"Every Stage from FIR to Chargesheet Must Be Transparent": SP Dr. Sangram Singh G. Patil

Nagar kurnool (TSIT) Nagarkurnool District Superintendent of Police Dr. Sangram Singh G. Patil conducted the monthly crime review meeting with DSPs, Circle Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors at the District Police Office conference hall on Wednesday.

es, refund of money to victims in cybercrime cases, detection of theft cases, and investigation progress in murder and suspicious death cases. The SP directed officers to ensure transparency at every stage from FIR registration to filing of chargesheets and emphasized that providing timely justice to victims is the primary responsibility of



including registration of criminal cases, pending investigations, court monitoring, Dial-100 calls, installation of CCTV cameras, response to public grievanc-

the police department. He instructed officials to conduct investigations swiftly and transparently without allowing cases to remain pending.

CONGRESS DEMANDS BANDI SANJAY'S RESIGNATION



Hyderabad TSIT: Sama Ram Mohan Reddy on Wednesday demanded the resignation of Bandi Sanjay Kumar until allegations against his son are cleared. Addressing the media at Gandhi Bhavan in Hyderabad, he said Bandi Sanjay should allow a fair investigation and alleged that remaining in office could influence the probe. He said the Telangana Government under A. Revanth Reddy would take strict action against anyone found guilty, irrespective of political background.

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR HYDERABAD PUBLIC SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Mancherial, May 13, TSIT: Ramadevi said applications are being invited for Class I admissions for the 2026-27 academic year at Hyderabad Public School campuses in Begumpet and Ramanthapur. She said six seats have been allotted for eligible tribal students from the district, including three seats each for boys and girls. Applications must be submitted by May 18 at the District Tribal Development Office in Naspur, while selection will be conducted through a draw of lots on May 22.

ENDOWMENTS COMMISSIONER, PRIESTS INVITE MINISTER KOMATIREDDY VENKAT REDDY TO SARASWATI ANTHYA PUSHKARALU



Hyderabad TSIT: State Roads & Buildings and Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy was formally invited to attend the upcoming Saraswati Anthya Pushkaralu, scheduled to commence from May 21, during a meeting held at the Minister's camp office in the Ministers' Residential Complex on Tuesday. State Endowments Commissioner Hanumantha Rao and temple priests extended the invitation to the Minister amid Vedic chants and traditional honours. The priests presented

the official invitation card and felicitated the Minister with a ceremonial shawl. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy stated that in view of the large turnout witnessed during the previous Saraswati Pushkaralu, the Roads & Buildings Department has taken all necessary measures to ensure smooth arrangements and convenience for devotees attending the Saraswati Anthya Pushkaralu this year. Minister directed Endowments Department officials to work in close coordination with Roads & Buildings Department authorities to ensure the successful conduct of the Pushkaralu, which the State Government is organizing in a prestigious manner.

DGP C.V. ANAND FELICITATES HEAD CONSTABLE'S DAUGHTER ON SELECTION TO INDIAN FOREST SERVICE



Hyderabad TSIT: C.V. Anand felicitated Challa Yamini, who secured selection to the prestigious Indian Forest Service (IFS), at his office on Wednesday. Yamini is the daughter of Head Constable Challa Yadagiri, who is presently serving in Suryapet district. She is currently working as an Auditor at MCEME, Secunderabad. In the recently announced Indian Forest Service examination results Yamini secured an

impressive 119th rank at the national level. During the interaction, the DGP appreciated her hard work, dedication, and perseverance in achieving success in one of the country's most competitive examinations. He also congratulated Head Constable Challa Yadagiri and his family on the achievement. DGP (Law & Order) Mahesh M.Bhagwat, who acted as her mentor, was also present on the occasion.

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/ charged to the Bank of Maharashtra, the Physical/Symbolic possession of which have been taken by the Authorized Officer of Bank of Maharashtra, will be sold on As is where is, As is What is and Whatever there is basis in e-auction as on 22.06.2026 between 11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. for recovery of the amount due to the Bank of Maharashtra from the Borrowers and Guarantors, as mentioned in the table. Details of Borrowers & Guarantors, amount due, Short Description of the immovable property/ies, encumbrances known therein, possession type, reserve price and earnest money deposit & increment are also given as:

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AP to soon move towards fully data-driven governance

Amaravati, May 13 : Andhra Pradesh would soon move towards fully data-driven governance, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu said on Wednesday.

During a review meeting of the Planning department held at the Secretariat, he said that the state would soon move towards fully data-driven governance, with an emphasis on real-time monitoring instead of relying solely on traditional methods for estimating the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP).

He directed officials to strengthen institutional capacity to build a more robust state economy, stating that achieving 15 per cent growth is essential to realise the goals of Swarna Andhra-2047.

The Chief Minister emphasised the need for faster and more accurate data collection and instructed officials to



provide three months of structured training to staff from the state level down to the mandal level.

The review focused on several key areas, including GSDP capacity building, AI-based economic analysis, major surveys to be conducted across the state, training for district and mandal-level officials, and integration of KPI auditing mechanisms and AI-based economic analysis.

The Chief Minister observed that current

GSDP estimates are prepared quarterly and annually, which limits the government's ability to gain timely insights into economic conditions. He noted that excessive dependence on historical data often delays policy decisions and stressed the need for a system capable of tracking economic growth every month, across every district and mandal in the state.

To support this transformation, the Chief Minister instructed officials to train government staff in understanding GSDP methodologies and generating faster, data-backed estimates. He proposed a three-month capacity-building programme covering all the districts.

The Chief Minister also directed that three officials from each Assembly constituency receive specialised training.

Aqua feed price hike affecting AP farmers badly: YSRCP

Nellore, May 13 (UNI) The Opposition YSRCP today slammed the Naidu-headed state government for allegedly colluding with aqua feed companies and pushing the farmers to further distress by drastically increasing the prices.

Speaking to media here, former Minister Kakani Govardhan Reddy said most of the aqua feed companies are associated with TDP and prices have increased manifold by which farmers are badly affected.

The price of aqua feed has risen from Rs 8,000 to Rs 10,000 per tonne as the farmers are pushed into further hardships with the anti-farmer decisions of Chandrababu Naidu.

"The contrast is that while the aqua feed price is rising on hand the prices of shrimp are falling down and farmers are bearing the brunt on



both counts. The 100-count shrimp price fell from Rs 270 to Rs 255 in one month adding up to the woes of farmers," he lamented.

The former Minister slammed the feed companies over hiking the prices unilaterally, claiming that they are confident that the government will not intervene and the kickback system is in

place which is the reason why they hiked the prices in February and again now up to Rs 10 per kg. "Import duty on raw materials have been reduced and the benefit is not being passed on to the farmers," he said, adding that instead of reducing the hiked prices, the companies are having the support of the TDP leaders and aqua kickbacks are routed directly to TDP leaders. The alleged nexus is exploiting the farmers to the hilt.

Ever since the Naidu-headed coalition government assumed office, farmers have been neglected as CM Chandrababu Naidu has always pursued anti-farmer policies. The hike in aqua feed price is hitting the farmers hard and the coalition is answerable to this ill-conceived decision, he stated.

AP Govt Focuses on Tourism Growth in Tirupati



Tirupati, May 13: The NDA Government is taking robust measures to elevate the tourism sector in the state to greater heights, said State Tourism Minister Kandula Durgesh. On Wednesday, the Minister inaugurated the newly established 'Regenta by Devraya' Four-Star Hotel in Tirupati along with Tirupati MLA Arani Srinivasulu and TTD Board Member Bhanu Prakash Reddy. Speaking on the occasion, Tourism Minister Kandula Durgesh stated that the State Government is giving top priority to the development of the tourism sector. He noted that Temple Tourism plays a major role in Andhra Pradesh. The government is creating facilities so that pilgrims who visit here do not limit themselves only to darshan but stay for two to three days and enjoy the natural beauty of the region. He revealed that in the last 24 months, MoUs have been signed for investments worth approximately Rs.20,000 crore in the tourism sector. The government has granted industry status to tourism, through which new investors will receive benefits such as SGTST reimbursement and power tariff at par with industries. In collaboration with the Central Government, Tirupati and Visakhapatnam will be developed as 'Iconic Tourist Destinations', with Rs.500 crore allocated for each centre, totalling Rs.1,000 crore, the Minister announced. Under the guidance of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, the government has set a target of making 50,000 hotel keys (rooms) available across the state by 2029. Plans are being prepared to ensure at least two new hotels open every month. The Minister expressed confidence that hotels like this coming up in the private sector will not only meet the needs of tourists but will also transform the image of tour-

Online Cricket Betting Racket Busted

• EIGHT PERSONS ARRESTED • ASSETS WORTH RS. 2 CRORE SEIZED

The South India Times, Visakhapatnam Cyber Crime Police busted a gang that was operating cricket betting through illegal online cricket betting apps. In this case, eight persons were arrested and assets worth around Rs. 2 crore were seized. Speaking at a media conference held at the Police Commissionerate office on Wednesday afternoon, Police Commissioner Shankhabrata Bagchi disclosed the details of the case. He said that the government is taking strict action against online and offline cricket betting activities across the country with the objective of curbing cricket betting gangs. He stated that such activities are spreading through social media and misleading innocent



youth, and therefore the city police department is taking effective measures to eradicate them.

In this context, it came to light that the gang members had procured various apps from foreign countries and, using Goa as their base, were extensively operating illegal online cricket betting activities in Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Jamshedpur, and

other states. Based on information collected through the mobile data of the accused, Cyber Crime Police went to Kolkata in West Bengal and, with the assistance of local police, conducted a raid on a residential house in the Regent Park area.

During the raid, the main accused Pakharani Karan, along with his associates Sarasa Agarwal, Aravind Viridi, Karan

Singh, Syed Amanat Hussain, Ambuj Gopi, and Paras Agarwal, were taken into custody, he said. When they were produced before the court, the judge remanded them to 15 days of judicial custody.

The CP stated that the prime accused Pakharani Karan, along with persons from various states, had established a large online betting network and was sending betting links through Telegram and other social media platforms, attracting people and conducting huge money transactions. He further explained that the accused were collecting bank accounts from various individuals and using them for betting transactions, besides expanding betting operations through a franchise model.

CHEMISTS KEY TO CURBING DRUG ABUSE: DCA OFFICIAL

Hyderabad, May 12: Emphasising the crucial role of chemists in achieving a "drug-free Telangana", Drugs Control Administration (DCA) Assistant Director Bindu on Monday called upon pharmacy operators to strictly adhere to regulations and act responsibly in preventing misuse of medicines.

Speaking at an awareness programme organised by the Nagole Chemists and Druggists Association under the directions of the DCA, Bindu highlighted that the state government is taking stringent measures to control the spread of narcotic and habit-forming substances. He stressed that medical shop owners play a vital role in safeguarding youth from falling prey to drug abuse. Warning of strict action against violations, Bindu said that medicines requiring prescriptions must not be sold without a valid doctor's advice under any circumstances. Drug Inspector



Saritha underscored the need for transparency in the storage and sale of pharmaceuticals and urged chemists to report any suspicious transactions to authorities without delay. Medchal Chemists and Druggists Association president Venugopal Sharma said such awareness programmes are being conducted to educate chemists on government guidelines. He called upon all pharmacy operators to extend full cooperation to the government in protecting public health and curbing drug abuse.

Comprehensive Measures to Ensure Queue Lines do not extend beyond Narayana Giri Sheds

Tirumala: Despite the heavy influx of devotees to Tirumala during the summer holidays, TTD is effectively utilizing modern technology to provide devotees with faster and more comfortable darshan facilities. The Integrated Command Control Center is playing a crucial role. Officials are continuously monitoring the situation at Vaikuntham Queue Complexes, Narayanagiri Sheds, Annarasadam Centers, major roads, parking areas, and temple surroundings through the Integrated Command Control Center. Hundreds of CCTV cameras installed across Tirumala are being used to constantly analyze devotee movement, crowd intensity, and queue flow, enabling authorities to take immediate decisions whenever required.

Coordinated measures are being implemented to ensure that devotees do not have to wait for long periods at any location. Queue lines are being balanced efficiently, additional staff are being deployed wherever necessary, and drinking water, milk, Annarasadam, and medical services are being provided promptly. As a result, there has been significant improvement in managing darshan timings.

Particularly at Narayanagiri Sheds and Vaikuntham Queue Complexes, crowd levels are being digitally monitored and devotees are allowed forward in batches accordingly. This system is helping devotees reach darshan smoothly without inconvenience. Due to the modern crowd-management systems implemented by TTD, queue lines appear less congested despite the heavy pilgrim turnout. Unlike earlier times when devotees had to remain in queues for several hours, the coordinated technological approach adopted by TTD is enabling faster movement of devotees towards darshan.

Under the directions of superior authorities, officials are utilizing the Integrated Command Control Center system more effectively with the objective of providing devotees a hassle free and quicker darshan experience. TTD officials are working round-the-clock to ensure efficient crowd management.

At present, during the summer rush, more than 85,000 devotees are being provided darshan on Saturdays and Sundays. TTD is making special efforts to facilitate darshan for more than 75,000 devotees daily. Significantly, on May 2, a record 91,005 devotees had darshan of the Sri Venkateshwara

Centre Gives Green Signal to Urban Challenge Fund Projects Worth ₹1,501 Crore for Visakhapatnam

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Giving a major boost to the infrastructure development of Visakhapatnam city, the National Apex Committee under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has granted in-principle approval to three Urban Challenge Fund projects proposed by the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) and the Greater Visakhapatnam Smart City Corporation Limited. GVMC Commissioner Ketan Garg announced on Wednesday that approval for these projects, worth a total of 1,501.03 crore, was



received during the NAC meeting held in New Delhi on May 11.

The approval has been granted for three projects related to the underground drainage system in Madhurawada, 24x7 smart

drinking water supply, and automation of the city-wide bulk and semi-bulk water supply system. A central grant of 375.26 crore, constituting 25 per cent of the total project cost, will be provided.

'The India Edits by Vaibhav' Exclusive Jewellery Exhibition Inaugurated by Vaibhav Jewellers

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Showcasing the diversity of traditional jewellery from various regions of India on a single platform, the special jewellery exhibition "The India Edits by Vaibhav," organized by Vaibhav Jewellers, was grandly inaugurated on Wednesday at Welcomhotel Deves Grand Bay in Visakhapatnam. The exhibition was inaugurated by chief guests IFS officer Dr. Suyansh Chavan, Kancharla Ramprasad, Bharata Mallika Ratna Kumari and others. Four signature



collections reflecting the specialties of the eastern, western, northern, and southern regions of the country were unveiled during the event.

Speaking on the occasion, Vaibhav Chairperson Grandhi Mallika Manoj

said that rare collections reflecting the diversity and tradition of Indian jewellery craftsmanship have been made available at the exhibition. She stated that the "Jewellery Map of India," showcasing the skills

of artisans from across the country, would be a special attraction. The organizers said that the exhibition will continue on May 14 and 15 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and appealed to the citizens to make use of this opportunity.

RS. 12.80 CRORE WORKS LAUNCHED IN SADASHIVPET

Sangareddy, May 13 (TSIT) T Nirmala Jaggareddy laid foundation stones for development works worth Rs.12.80 crore in Sadashivpet on Wednesday and said the town would be developed into a smart city. The projects are being taken up under TUFIDC funds and include construction of a stormwater drain from the Government Degree College to the meat market, BT road works from Mominpet Road to Siddapur village with median and central lighting, and an indoor stadium. Speaking on the occasion, Nirmala Jaggareddy said the Congress government under the leadership of A. Revanth Reddy has been giving priority to urban development. She said the projects, proposed in 2018, were neglected during the previous BRS government but are now being implemented on a priority basis.



JWALA VEERABHADRA SWAMY POOJA IN SRISAILAM

REVIEW THE PROGRESS OF AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT WORKS

WARANGAL, May 13, TSIT : A review meeting was held with officials of the Airport Authority and concerned departments in the conference hall of the District Collector's office. District Collector Dr. Satya Sharada participated in this meeting and reviewed the progress of airport development works. Discussed with the officials about the infrastructure, road facilities, electricity, etc. required for the airport. It is suggested to



complete the works expeditiously with coordination between various departments.

CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP ON CLEAN AIR PROGRAMME AND HEAT STRESS HELD IN VISAKHAPATNAM: D.V. RAMANAMURTHY



INFORMATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS AND HOUSING MINISTER KOLUSU PARTHASARATHI AND ANDHRA PRADESH STATE TRANSPORT, YOUTH & SPORTS MINISTER MANDIPALLI RAMPRASAD REDDY ARRIVED AT RENIGUNTA AIRPORT ON THEIR WAY TO NELLORE FOR AN OFFICIAL VISIT.

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) A capacity building workshop on the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) and Heat Stress was organized on Wednesday at Novotel in Visakhapatnam. The programme was jointly conducted by the Bengaluru-based Centre for Study of Science, Technology and Policy (C-STEP), Artha Global, and GVMC. Extensive discussions were



held on scientific, technological, and sustainable solutions for controlling urban air pollution and addressing heat stress

issues. Government officials, policy makers, representatives of regulatory bodies, industries, researchers, and experts participated in the workshop and discussed measures required for effective air quality management in Visakhapatnam city. The organizers stated that the main objective of the programme was to achieve sustainable urban development

through data-driven decision making, technical capacity building, and coordination among multiple stakeholders. GVMC Additional Commissioner D.V. Ramanamurthy attended the programme as the chief guest and addressed the gathering. He stated that controlling emissions from industries and vehicles is extremely essential.

NDA govt assumes office in Pondy for 2nd term in succession, AINRC Founder N Rangasamy sworn-in as CM

Puducherry : AINRC Founder-President N Rangasamy, heading the NDA in Puducherry, was on Wednesday sworn in as the Chief Minister for the fifth time. Along with Mr Rangasamy, heading the NDA government for a second successive term, two other MLAs, one each from AINRC and BJP, were sworn in as Cabinet Ministers.

Puducherry Lt Governor N Kailashanathan administered the office and secrecy to Mr Rangasamy and the two Ministers at a simple swearing in ceremony held at the Raj Nivas here. The two Ministers are BJP Legislature Party leader and former Home Minister A Namasivayam, elected from the Mannadipet constituency and AINRC MLA Malladi Krishna Rao, elected from Yanam Region of the union Territory.

BJP National President Nitin Nabin,



union Minister and BJP Puducherry Observer Mansukh Mandaviya, BJP election in-charge Nirmal Kumar Surana, leaders of the NDA partners, including the AIADMK and the Lakshya Jananaayaga Katchi (LJK), and senior officials of the territorial administration were among those present in the swear-

ing in ceremony. The new cabinet, which assumed office today, would be expanded in the coming days with the induction of more Ministers.

Of the total 30 seats, the AINRC-led NDA won 18 seats, AINRC alone won 12 seats, the BJP four seats and the AIADMK and LJK one each, while the Opposition Congress-DMK INDIA bloc won six seats, with the DMK bagging five and Congress (one). Of the remaining six seats were won by TVK and its allies and Independents.

In the April 9 elections, Mr Rangasamy won from two seats—his stronghold of Thattanchavady, defeating PCC President and his bete noire V Vaithilingam, also a Lok Sabha MP, who finished a distant fourth, and also from Mangalam constituency. Now having assumed office as the Chief Minister, he

would be resigning one of them, soon.

Mr Rangasamy had served as Chief Minister during his stint with his parent party Congress in the past. In 2008, when he was heading another Congress regime, differences cropped up between him and Vaithilingam leading to his resignation.

The rivalry between the two dated back to their days together in the Congress when Vaithilingam led a rebellion against Rangasamy and succeeded him as Chief Minister in September 2008 for a second time.

However, Rangasamy formed his own party AINRC and became the Chief Minister in 2011, before losing power to the Congress in 2016 only to return back as CM again in 2021 and retained power for second successive term and was sworn-in today.

TRP RAISES CONCERNS OVER AADHAAR ATTENDANCE SYSTEM

Jogulamba Gadwal TSIT Leaders of the Telangana Rajyadhikara Party expressed serious concern over the implementation of the Face Aadhaar Authentication system under the MGNREGS after a labourer reportedly collapsed and died during attendance authentication in Induvasi Village. A TRP delegation led by District Labour Wing President G. Narsimulu visited several villages in Gattu Mandal and interacted with MGNREGS workers regarding difficulties faced at worksites. According to workers and party leaders, the deceased labourer, identified as Tholu Thimmappa, collapsed while the Face Aadhaar Authentication process was being conducted at the Gangambai Kunta worksite. The incident reportedly occurred under extreme heat conditions.

TRP leaders alleged that the mandatory authentica-

tion system has become a burden on workers and field staff, who are forced to stand in open areas under temperatures exceeding 46 degrees Celsius, often facing network issues while completing attendance procedures twice daily. The leaders also claimed that basic facilities such as drinking water, shade, and first aid were inadequate at worksites, increasing hardships for labourers during the ongoing heatwave. Demanding immediate government intervention, the party called for withdrawal of the Face Aadhaar Authentication system under MGNREGS and sought 5 lakh compensation for the deceased worker's family under the labour accident insurance scheme.

Officials, including MPDO Chennayya, APO Swamy, Gram Panchayat staff, technical assistants, and local representatives, were present during the visit and discussions.



AIADMK chief Palaniswami removes key leaders in major organisational reshuffle

Chennai, May 13 : AIADMK General Secretary Edappadi K. Palaniswami on Wednesday announced a major organisational reshuffle within the party, removing several senior leaders and sitting MLAs from their posts as district secretaries and appointing a new set of office-bearers across Tamil Nadu. The sweeping changes come amid internal turbulence within the party following the recent political developments in Tamil Nadu and are being viewed as an attempt by the AIADMK leadership to strengthen the organisation at the grassroots level and consolidate



control over district units. Among the prominent leaders relieved of their district responsibilities are former Ministers Natham R. Viswanathan from Dindigul East, S.P. Velumani from

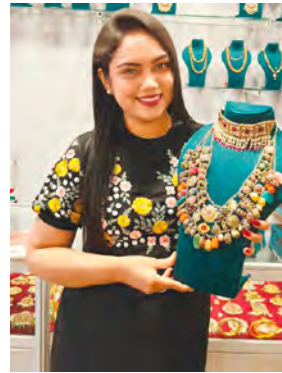
Coimbatore Suburban South, C.Ve. Shanmugam from Villupuram, R. Kamaraj from Thiruvarur and C. Vijayabaskar from Pudukkottai North. Other senior functionaries

removed from district secretary posts include P. Thangamani in Namakkal, K.P. Anbalagan in Dharmapuri, B. Benjamin in Tiruvallur Central, Udumalai K. Radhakrishnan in Tiruppur Suburban West and S.T.K. Jakkaiyan in Theni West.

The reshuffle also affected several other district leaders, including Isakki Subbaiah, M.C. Sampath, K.C. Veeramani, M.R. Vijayabaskar, K.V. Ramalingam, P. Balakrishna Reddy and A. Arunmozhiadevan, along with a number of other office-bearers across the state.

HI LIFE EXHIBITION TO SHOWCASE DESIGNER FASHION AND LUXURY COLLECTIONS IN HYDERABAD

Hyderabad (TSIT) Hi Life Exhibition is set to bring a grand showcase of designer fashion, couture collections, jewellery, and luxury accessories to Hyderabad from May 15 to 17 at Hyderabad International Convention Centre. The exhibition will feature exclusive collections from leading designers across India, offering visitors an opportunity to explore the latest trends in fashion, bridal wear, statement jewellery, and premium lifestyle products. Fashion enthusiasts can expect a wide range of elegant couture, contemporary designer wear, handcrafted accessories, and luxury collections under one roof. The event aims to provide a premium shopping and fashion experience for visitors in the



city. Organisers said the exhibition would bring together top fashion labels and emerging designers, making it a major destination for style, glamour, and contemporary fashion trends in Hyderabad.

Farmers Allege Delays, Irregularities in Procurement



Hyderabad (TSIT) Farmers Allege Delays, Irregularities in Procurement Leaders of the Telangana Rajyadhikara Party visited the agricultural market yard in Jogulamba Gadwal and interacted with farmers facing difficulties in maize and paddy procurement. Farmers complained of severe delays in procurement,

shortage of transport lorries and hamalis, and alleged negligence by officials, forcing them to remain in the market yard for nearly 15 to 20 days.

They said that after spending months cultivating crops amid irrigation shortages, rising input costs, fake seed issues, and debts, they were still not receiving proper prices for their

produce. Party leaders alleged irregularities in maize procurement, claiming that traders and officials were deducting up to 2.6 kilograms per quintal instead of the permitted 1.3 kilograms, causing financial losses to farmers. Similar complaints were raised in paddy procurement over excessive deductions in the name of moisture content.

The leaders warned that unseasonal rains could damage the crops lying in the open market yard and demanded immediate completion of procurement and shifting of produce to warehouses. The delegation included district president Morugu Veeresh, working president Uppari Gangadhar Sagar Sindanur, farmers' wing district president R. Tipa Reddy, and other party leaders.

Kamineni Hospitals launches Bone Marrow Transplant Unit

Hyderabad, May 13, 2026: In a significant step towards strengthening advanced healthcare services for patients suffering from blood-related disorders, Kamineni Hospitals on Wednesday inaugurated a state-of-the-art Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT) Unit aimed at providing specialised treatment for children and patients battling conditions such as thalassemia, leukemia and aplastic anaemia. The facility was inaugurated by Sri Tridandi Srimannarayana Ramanuja Chinna Jeeyar Swamy, who attended the programme as the chief guest and offered his blessings. The newly established unit is expected to provide advanced treatment options for children suffering from thalassemia, who currently depend on frequent blood transfusions for survival. Hospital authorities stated that bone marrow transplantation offers a long-term and potentially curative solution, particularly for underprivileged families who often find the treatment financially inaccessible. Speaking on the occasion, Sri



Tridandi Srimannarayana Ramanuja Chinna Jeeyar Swamy said supporting children suffering from serious illnesses was a collective social responsibility. He described the treatment and care being extended to thalassemia children as a noble humanitarian service and appreciated the management of Kamineni Hospitals

for taking forward the spirit of "Manava Seva Madhava Seva" (service to humanity is service to God). He expressed hope that the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit would bring renewed hope and a new lease of life to several families. The Swamy also called upon the youth to actively participate in blood donation initiatives and

emphasised that healthcare services should go beyond treatment and uphold compassion and humanity. Later, Kamineni Hospitals Managing Director Dr. Kamineni Shashidhar said the BMT unit was established with the objective of delivering the highest standards of medical care to children suffering from thalassemia and other blood-related disorders. He stated that the management was committed to providing 100 per cent free treatment for children affected by thalassemia and appreciated the efforts of thalassemia coordinators and voluntary blood donors supporting affected children through blood donation drives and awareness activities. Doctors, hospital staff, parents of thalassemia children, devotees and representatives of various service organisations participated in the programme in large numbers. Doctors, hospital staff, parents of thalassemia children, devotees and representatives of various service organisations participated in the programme in large numbers

Law Must Remain Supreme: Immediate and Impartial Action Needed in Bhageerath Case



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The recent allegations and criminal case registered against Bandi Sai Bhageerath under serious provisions of the POCSO Act have triggered widespread public concern across Telangana and beyond. Whenever allegations involving crimes against women or minors emerge, society expects one thing above all else — swift, impartial, and transparent justice without political influence or selective treatment.

In a democratic nation governed by the Constitution and the rule of law, no individual can be considered above legal scrutiny, regardless of political background, fam-

ily status, or influence. The law must function equally for all citizens. If the police have found sufficient grounds to register a serious case under the POCSO Act, then the investigation must proceed fearlessly, professionally, and without delay.

The demand from civil society, journalists, women's organizations, and legal observers is not based on political rivalry but on the principle that justice must not only be done, but must also be seen to be done. In cases involving sensitive allegations,

any delay in investigation or action naturally raises public suspicion and damages confidence in the system. At the same time, it is equally important to remember that every accused person has the constitutional right to defend themselves before the court of law. The final verdict belongs only to the judiciary. However, legal accountability and proper investigation cannot be weakened or avoided due to political stature or pressure. As a journalist who has consistently spoken for democratic account-

ability and ethical governance, I strongly believe that the authorities must ensure complete transparency in this matter. If evidence and investigation justify custodial action, then law enforcement agencies should proceed strictly according to legal procedure without hesitation.

India's democracy derives its strength from public trust in institutions. That trust survives only when justice is applied uniformly — whether the accused is ordinary or influential. Selective silence or selective action weakens democracy and encourages public cynicism. This case must therefore become an example of constitutional fairness, institutional courage, and equality before law. The people of Telangana are closely watching how the system responds. Justice, accountability, and truth must prevail above politics.

CARE Hospitals Restores Breathing of 60-Year-Old Patient

Hyderabad, 13th May, 2026: A 60-year-old patient who had been struggling to breathe and unable to speak comfortably for several months following spinal surgery regained his voice and normal breathing after undergoing a highly specialised minimally invasive airway intervention at CARE Hospitals, Hitech City.

The patient, a Hyderabad resident, had earlier undergone spinal surgery following an accident, after which a tracheostomy procedure was performed to support breathing during recovery. The trachea, commonly known as the windpipe, is the main airway that carries air to the lungs. However, repeated attempts to remove the tracheostomy tube over the following weeks were unsuccessful, leaving the patient dependent on assisted airway support and significantly affecting his ability to speak and breathe normally.

Following repeated unsuccessful attempts to remove the tracheostomy tube and



persistent breathing difficulty, the patient was referred to the Pulmonology team at CARE Hospitals, Hitech City for further evaluation. A detailed bronchoscopy examination revealed severe tracheal stenosis, a critical narrowing of the windpipe, with nearly 90% airway blockage, a potentially life-threatening condition that can occasionally develop in patients requiring prolonged airway support or ventilation.

Following stabilisation, the multidisciplinary team comprising Dr. Sathish C Reddy, Senior Consultant -

Clinical & Interventional Pulmonologist, and Dr. M Abdul Amjad Khan, Consultant ENT, Head & Neck Surgery, performed a complex rigid bronchoscopy procedure using advanced electro-cautery knife techniques and CRE balloon dilatation to carefully reopen the critically narrowed airway. To prevent recurrence and maintain long-term airway patency, a silicone stent was subsequently deployed.

The advanced minimally invasive procedure helped avoid major open airway surgery and resulted in immediate improvement in

the patient's breathing. Soon after the intervention, the patient was able to speak comfortably again and breathe normally without distress, significantly improving his overall quality of life.

Speaking about the case, Dr. Sathish C Reddy, Senior Consultant - Clinical & Interventional Pulmonologist, said, "Tracheal stenosis is a serious but often under-recognised complication in patients requiring prolonged airway support. In this patient, the airway had narrowed almost completely, severely affecting both breathing and speech. In severe tracheal stenosis, even a small delay can turn into a breathing emergency. Using advanced interventional pulmonology techniques, we were able to restore the airway through a minimally invasive approach without the need for major open surgery. Early diagnosis and timely bronchoscopic intervention can make a life-changing difference for such patients."

EDITORIAL

The Beijing Visit: Why Does Trump Suddenly Need Xi Jinping?

The results of US President Donald Trump's visit to China will be carefully watched and analysed in many capitals. It is unlikely that it will produce major or durable results, although both sides would have done advance work to ensure that some positive outcomes can be announced. With his impetuosity and erratic policies, and his disruption of the global system, Trump has seriously eroded trust in the US and damaged its standing in the world. The US is no longer seen as a reliable partner by allies and friends.

Who Trump Is

A transactional approach to foreign relations does not build mutual confidence, as deal-making is based on a short-term perspective, not longer term strategic investment. Trump has shown that the deals he has made can be disavowed by him. Besides, in deal-making, he wants to emerge as the unqualified winner, which means he wants one-sided deals. Trump transgresses US constitutional checks and balances and defies domestic laws to get his way. It is this mindset that is behind his disregard of international law. His kidnapping of the serving head of state of Venezuela, his war on Iran, his blockade of Cuba and open threats to change the regime there show that his foreign policy is based on raw power, discarding even a diplomatic veneer of values or principles.

What Trump Can Do

While, as his wont, Trump is rhetorical about his personal ties with President Xi, lavishes praise on the Chinese leader - which is part of his patronising style and is intended to boost his own persona - the hard-nosed, un sentimental, coldly calculating, self-focused Chinese will hardly be duped by such talk. More to the point, the US is explicit in viewing China as a technology rival, with focus now on the AI domain. It intends to develop over time domestic production in the area of critical technologies and raw materials that China today virtually monopolises, and progressively reduce its dependence on China. The US has accused China of many sins, including supporting Russia and Iran militarily. It has threatened China with sanctions, to which the Chinese react sharply. If the US has denied advanced technology to China, especially its most advanced chips, the Chinese have retaliated with limiting US access to dual-use critical minerals, such as graphite items used in EV batteries, and, in principle, not permitting the export of gallium, germanium, antimony and super hard materials that have widespread military applications and are used in semiconductors.

SNAKES AND LADDERS:

How NEET Has Now Become A Trauma Machine For 22 Lakh Students

The journey of a NEET (National Eligibility cum Entrance Test) aspirant in the post-2024 era is no longer a conventional academic challenge. It has evolved into a prolonged psychological endurance test where uncertainty, institutional mistrust, and emotional exhaustion have become inseparable from preparation itself. For the student who began preparing in mid-2024 for the 2026 examination cycle, the experience did not begin with ambition alone. It began under the dark shadow of investigations, paper leak allegations, grace-mark controversies, and a national debate over the credibility of the examination system itself. For nearly 22 lakh students and their families, the NEET ecosystem transformed from a merit-based competition into an emotionally volatile environment where the rules themselves appeared unstable. From a psychological perspective, this is not merely academic stress. It is systemic trauma generated by repeated exposure to uncertainty, perceived injustice, and the fear that effort may no longer guarantee outcome.

I. Psychological Arc: The Snakes and Ladders of Despair

To truly understand the mental landscape of a NEET aspirant, one must imagine the preparation process as a giant board of Snakes and Ladders. In earlier years, students believed that discipline, consistency, and intelligence would eventually help them climb the ladders toward success. In the post-2024 atmosphere, however, the board itself appears distorted. The ladders are fragile, while the snakes are institutional and unpredictable.



1. The Starting Point (June 2024)

Unlike previous batches, the 2024-2026 cohort entered preparation carrying the psychological baggage of the previous controversy. The widely discussed issue of 67 toppers securing a perfect 720 score, followed by allegations involving grace marks and paper leaks, deeply altered the emotional starting point of aspirants.

This created what psychologists describe as Moral Injury, a condition in which individuals feel betrayed by systems that are expected to uphold fairness and ethics. Instead of studying with optimism, many students developed a defensive mindset. Their motivation subtly shifted from "I will succeed through hard work" to "I must outperform corruption itself". This distinction is critical. One mindset builds confidence; the other builds anxiety.

The first major "snake" in the game emerged here: the frightening real-

isation that effort and outcome may no longer have a reliable relationship.

2. The Monastic Grind (2025)

The next 18 months resembled a form of controlled social isolation. Students entered what can only be described as a monastic existence. Social outings disappeared. Friendships weakened. Festivals became distractions.

Hobbies were abandoned. Entire households reorganised themselves around study schedules, coaching classes, mock tests, and rank predictors. This phase generated a condition similar to Sensory Deprivation, where life narrows into a single repetitive objective.

Mock tests became the ladders that offered temporary emotional relief. Yet even these ladders became unstable because of score inflation trends following the 2024 controversy. A score of 600/720 - once cel-

ebrated as exceptional - began to feel inadequate. Students increasingly perceived anything below 680 as dangerous territory.

The emotional damage extended beyond students.

Parents became what trauma psychology calls 'Secondary Victims'. Their emotional states became directly tied to the child's performance. Every test score influenced household mood, financial planning, and even family relationships. This phenomenon is known as Vicarious Anxiety, where the parent psychologically experiences the child's stress as their own. For many middle-class families investing lakhs into coaching, hostel fees, transportation, and study materials, NEET preparation became the emotional and financial centre of life itself.

3. The Crescendo (May 3, 2026)

Exam day represented the climax

of two years of accumulated pressure. However, unlike earlier generations, the 2026 aspirant entered the examination hall carrying not only academic fear but also historical distrust. This produced a state of Acute Performance Pressure amplified by Historical Trauma. The internal dialogue of many students became painfully paradoxical: "If the paper is easy, cut-offs will become impossible. If it is difficult, I may fail. If another leak occurs, none of this effort will matter anyway." This is psychologically devastating because it creates a no-win cognitive environment. Physiologically, students experienced chronic activation of the sympathetic nervous system. Elevated cortisol levels, shallow breathing, nausea, tremors, headaches, digestive disturbances, and "tunnel vision" became common. The brain, instead of functioning as an adaptive learning organ, entered survival mode.

4. The 10-Day Purgatory (May 3 - May 12)

Traditionally, the post-exam period serves as psychological decompression. Students reconnect with life, sleep normally, and slowly regain emotional balance. For the 2026 cohort, the opposite occurred. The days after the examination became a phase of Hyper-Vigilance. Every news update involving the NTA, the CBI, alleged leaks, or discussions of cancellations triggered anxiety spikes. Students remained trapped in a suspended emotional state where the finish line constantly shifted. Instead of entering the restorative "Rest and Digest" phase, aspirants remained locked in "Fight or Flight" mode, resulting in emotional exhaustion without closure.

THE GREAT GULF DIVORCE:

The UAE Has Broken From The Arab Order - But For What, Really?

Between May 4 and 10, the UAE was struck by drones and missiles, with vital installations, including the Fujairah Oil Industry Zone, being hit. Even though Iran's Revolutionary Guards formally denied these strikes on May 4, they occurred after the US made a fresh naval attempt to open the Strait of Hormuz (Project Freedom). But while the US suspended the operation by May 6 (after the strikes on Fujairah), skirmishes between US naval forces and the IRGC Navy led to the United States bombing Iran's Qeshm Island and Bandar Abbas port on May 7. Iran's retaliation has specifically targeted the UAE along with US naval forces; the Emirati Defense Ministry issued announcements on May 8 that it was "dealing with missile and drone attacks originating from Iran". Iran's special focus on hitting the UAE has long been clear across this war. According to the Wall Street Journal's May 11 report, this had also led to unprecedented Emirati (unacknowledged) strikes on Iran's Lavan refinery on April 8 as the ceasefire began to take shape (which Iran had responded to with reciprocal strikes). Overall, the UAE has faced more drone/missile strikes than Israel - more than, in fact, what other GCC states have suffered combined. Among other aspects, these Iranian strikes represent a major challenge to the UAE's attempt at "strategic breakout" - a categorical break to decades of geopolitical alignment with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. This attempt was crystallized on May 1,



when the UAE quit the OPEC after spending 59 years as the second most powerful member of the world's largest oil cartel.

The Saudi Shadow

Since its formation in 1971, the UAE has had to contend between two foreign policy objectives - leveraging its economic might to project power and avoiding misalignment with Saudi Arabia on regional geopolitical choices. This equation was established firmly by Riyadh early, when it made the recognition of the UAE contingent upon the concession of the Buraimi Corridor - which otherwise made the UAE a border state to Qatar - through the 1974 Treaty of Jeddah. For the UAE, this concession was necessary to pre-empt a dangerous rivalry, if not to gain an uneasy and considerably larger ally. Functionally, this meant that the UAE's geopolitical choices would necessarily have to align with Saudi Arabia or keep Riyadh in confidence. This meant that in the decades since, while Iran

has been the UAE's most potent threat, the Emirates has consistently sought to build its bargaining power vis-à-vis both Tehran and Riyadh. Indeed, by 2009, US officials assessed that "while publicly expressing close ties with Riyadh, the UAE privately regarded the Kingdom as its second greatest security threat after Iran". In the subsequent decade, the UAE kept Iran diplomatically and economically engaged, especially at times when Riyadh maintained distance (such as in 2013-14 during negotiations for the US-Iran nuclear deal), and has consistently ranked among Iran's top regional trading partners; the annual UAE-Iran trade reached roughly \$29.2 billion (despite US sanctions) by early 2025. However, ultimately, the Emirati objective was not to seek ideological reconciliation with Tehran but to craft an independent approach to enhancing deterrence against the Islamic Republic, without being held down by Saudi sensitivities. To offset its

lack of geographic and military-industrial depth necessary to achieve this, the UAE's preference has long been to build a robust security relationship with both the United States and Israel. This has led to the UAE categorically aligning itself with Washington militarily, unlike the more partnership-of-equals strategy prioritised by Saudi Arabia, America's oldest Arab ally and a state that prides itself on its civilisational status and strategic depth. For Iran itself, this Emirati strategy has often caused discomfort, but Tehran has historically reciprocated the UAE's modus vivendi by keeping diplomatic and economic channels open.

MBZ Arrives

It is by 2017 that the UAE found fresh space to draw Saudi Arabia closer to the Emirati position vis-à-vis the US and Israel. Becoming de facto ruler of the UAE himself in 2014, Mohammad bin Zayed had already come to share a mentor-mentee relationship with Riyadh's Mohammad bin Salman (MBS), who became Crown Prince in 2017 and is primed to become the first Saudi king from a new generation. MBS's disregard for strict ideological rigor, unlike past Saudi kings, and preference for ruthless modernisation and economic diversification was a natural fit for MBZ, who leveraged his relationship with Washington to help sideline former Saudi Crown Prince Mohammad bin Nayef and personally lobbied for MBS with the incoming first Trump administration in 2016.

POPULIST POLITICS AND RISING DEBT BURDEN ON STATES



Priyanka Saurabh

The ever-rising debt-to-GDP ratio of Indian states is no longer just an economic indicator, but a serious warning for the country's financial stability and cooperative federalism. Public debt in most states has risen sharply over the past few years. Revenue deficits, populist schemes, weak tax collection systems, and off-budget borrowings have weakened state finances. The Reserve Bank of India and Finance Commissions have also periodically expressed concern about this rising debt trend. If corrective measures are not taken in time, this crisis could impact both the state's growth potential and federal balance in the future. The biggest reason for the rising debt of states is the ever-growing revenue deficit. Many states are unable to meet expenses such as salaries, pensions, interest payments, and subsidies from their regular income. As a result, they are forced to borrow even for normal administrative activities. This situation is considered highly unsustainable from an economic perspective because borrowing is being used for daily expenses rather than productive investment. In states like Punjab, Kerala, and West Bengal, interest payments and pension expenses are continuously increasing, which is limiting resources for developmental projects. Populist politics has also

exacerbated this fiscal crisis. Electoral competition has led to the expansion of free electricity, farm loan waivers, free transportation, cash assistance, and various subsidy schemes. While social welfare schemes are essential to democratic governance, when they exceed fiscal capacity, they undermine fiscal discipline. Most freebies do not enhance long-term economic productivity, reducing future revenue generation potential and increasing the debt burden. The implementation of the Goods and Services Tax regime has also limited the financial autonomy of states. Previously, states had independent revenue sources through value-added tax and other indirect taxes, but now they are largely dependent on central transfers and goods and services tax compensation. Delays in goods and services tax compensation during the COVID-19 pandemic further exacerbated states' financial problems. This increased fiscal differences between the center and states, undermining the spirit of cooperative federalism. A weak tax base is also a significant factor contributing to the economic weakness of states. In many states, property taxes, user fees, and local body taxes are not effectively collected. Weak financial positions of municipalities and panchayats place additional pressure on states. The lack of digital tax administration and data-based monitoring contributes to the problem of tax evasion and revenue loss. Furthermore, off-budget borrowings and hidden liabilities further complicate the true financial situation of states. Many states borrow through public sector

undertakings, power distribution companies, and special purpose vehicles, which are not fully reflected in the official budget. This makes it difficult to accurately assess the actual debt situation. The Reserve Bank of India has repeatedly warned that such hidden liabilities could lead to a major financial crisis in the future. Low productivity of capital expenditures is also a major reason for debt growth. If borrowed projects are not completed on time or do not yield the expected economic benefits, they become a financial burden rather than a source of development. In many states, administrative delays, corruption, and poor project management prevent the full benefits of investments from being realized. The growing debt dependence of states is also affecting Indian federalism. When states are financially weak, they demand greater central assistance, special packages, and additional borrowing limits. This reduces their financial autonomy and increases their dependence on the central government. On the other hand, the central government's imposition of borrowing limits and financial conditions creates political controversy. The growing differences between the central government and states on issues such as goods and services tax compensation and central tax transfers are examples of this tension. Regional inequalities are also growing due to this crisis. Economically stronger states are able to mobilize resources relatively well, while weaker states are increasingly trapped in debt. This upsets the balance of development and reinforces inequality with-

in the federal structure. To address this growing debt crisis, states must practice fiscal discipline. Strict adherence to the goals of the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act is essential. Borrowing should be used primarily for capital expenditures and productive investments, not for daily expenses. States must strengthen their tax base. Increasing Goods and Services Tax compliance, implementing property tax reforms, and promoting digital tax administration can increase states' own revenues. Rationalization of unnecessary subsidies and populist schemes is also essential. Governments should increase investment in sectors such as education, health, infrastructure, and skill development, as these promote long-term economic growth and revenue growth. Furthermore, off-budget borrowings and government guarantees should be included in the budget with complete transparency to clarify the true fiscal situation. Structural reforms in loss-making public sector undertakings and power distribution companies are also the need of the hour. Financially empowering local bodies can reduce the burden on states. Decentralization will also be strengthened by providing municipalities and panchayats with greater financial powers and resources. In a vast and diverse country like India, the financial strength of states is the cornerstone of national development. Therefore, striking a balance between fiscal discipline and social welfare is the need of the hour. Simply borrowing and running free schemes is not a long-term solution.

DK Shivakumar Announces 'Bhoo Guarantee' for Bengaluru

Bengaluru: D. K. Shivakumar on Wednesday announced the 'Bhoo Guarantee' scheme for Bengaluru citizens, introducing a series of property-related reforms and citizen-friendly initiatives.



Addressing a press conference at the Greater Bengaluru Authority headquarters, the Deputy Chief Minister said the new package includes a 60 percent discount on B Khata to A Khata conversion fees if paid within 100 days, an increase in the building violation exemption limit from 5 percent to 15 percent, allotment of 18,000 sites to landowners of Shivarama Karanth Layout, and the launch of the 'Nanna Khata, Nanna Hakku' campaign from

May 16. Shivakumar said the e-Khata initiative has created over 23 lakh digital property records, making Bengaluru's urban property documentation transparent and accessible online. He stated that around 7 lakh B Khata property owners would benefit from the discounted conversion scheme.

The minister also announced that appli-

cations under the One-Time Settlement scheme for building violations would open from June 15 for three months. He warned that those failing to utilise the scheme would face legal action.

Highlighting Bengaluru's development plans, Shivakumar said 15 lakh saplings would be planted under the 'Green Bengaluru' initiative on June 27. He also announced new infrastructure projects, including tunnel roads, elevated corridors, and housing projects in Whitefield.

Responding to criticism from the opposition, Shivakumar said the government is focused on development and transparent governance for Bengaluru citizens.

K. J. George Calls Youth Key to India's Progress



Bengaluru : Karnataka Energy Minister K. J. George said today that India's progress is possible only through an educated and enlightened youth population. Speaking after distributing scholarships at the 13th annual scholarship distribution ceremony organized on Wednesday by the Indian Academy Degree College (Autonomous), under the Indian Academy Group of Institutions, the minister said, "Youth power is the driving force behind the nation's development." "Students must dream. Education gives life to those dreams. If there is discipline and purpose during student life, even the impossible can be achieved. Earlier, people

used to say that our population was a burden. But leaders like Rajiv Gandhi viewed population as human resources, developed skills, and helped build the nation," Energy Minister K J George said. "If the youth of our country decide firmly, corruption can end within the next 5-10 years. Politics is at the center of everything. Young people must rise above caste and religious divisions and enter politics with the intention of ensuring a dignified life for every citizen. I too came from Kodagu without any political background and chose politics out of personal interest, eventually reaching where I am today," Energy Minister KJ George added.

S.E. Sudheendra, discussed the bioenergy resources with President of the Commonwealth Union of the United Kingdom

Bengaluru: S.E. Sudheendra, Chairman of Karnataka State Bioenergy Development Board and Vice President of Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee, and Chevalier Nirj Deva DL President of the Commonwealth Union of the United Kingdom discussed the utilization of bioenergy resources in the State, production of bioenergy and partnership opportunities in the bioenergy sector.

On this occasion, S.E. Sudheendra explained with statistics that 1.5 crore metric tons of biomass is available in the State and there is a conducive environment for the production of bio briquettes, bio-pellets, biodiesel, compressed biogas, green hydrogen, etc. from this biomass.

The board is looking forward for investments in the bioenergy sector. The board is already working in this direction and is engaged in the creation of new biofuels to attract investors. The



State government will take a decision soon, he said, mentioning that the necessary infrastructure, concessions and incentives have been adopted to invest in the bioenergy sector. He also brought to the attention of the Commonwealth Union President that the Chief Minister of the Karnataka State Government Siddaramaiah is very interested in new and renewable energy and the State has already shown commitment to the development of this sector. Priyanka Kharge, Minister for Rural Development and Panchayat Raj and ITBT, also brought to his atten-

tion that the State is formulating work plans with emphasis on the production of bioenergy from agricultural residue and municipal solid waste in rural areas.

The Commonwealth Union President showed interest in the State's bioenergy projects and responded positively, praising the performance of the Board Chairman and assuring that he would convince investors to make good use of the opportunities available for investment in the energy sector in the coming days. The Commonwealth Union and Board officials participated in this discussion.

Congress Government Cheated Dalits by Reducing ST Reservation: Opposition Leader R. Ashoka's Outrage

Bengaluru : The Congress government under Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has cheated the Scheduled Tribes community by reducing their reservation back to 3%. A people's movement will be launched against this, and the BJP will also fight it, warned Opposition Leader R. Ashoka.



Speaking at a press conference, he said that during the BJP government led by Basavaraj Bommai, SC reservation was increased from 15% to 17% and ST reservation from 3% to 7%, based on population. This ensured fair reservation. However, the Congress government, under the guise of internal reservation, hatched a conspiracy, applied "ghee on the nose" (deceived) the Dalits, and reduced the reservation quantum. Congress has betrayed the entire Dalit community. The ST community in particular has suffered the greatest injustice, with their reservation brought back down to 3%. Is this Siddaramaiah's pro-Dalit policy? he questioned.

Why didn't the reservation quantum increase during Dr. Manmohan Singh's government? This new order is unjust to the ST community, and the government must answer for it. The Scheduled Tribes will have to struggle for many more years to get this quan-

tum increased again. The government should correct this immediately. Otherwise, the people of this community will overthrow the government. The BJP will support this struggle, he said.

Discussions have already taken place within the party on this issue. We will turn it into a mass movement and fight. We will hold discussions with leaders of communities such as Madiga and Alemari. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah claims to be the champion of Dalits. When BJP was in power, it increased the minimum reservation. This has now become a "thief-police" game. They had pre-planned to implement internal reservation and then demand that everyone applaud them. They implemented it accordingly and gained publici-

ty. ST community ministers should have raised their voice against this and resigned, he said.

Congress Government = Gold Government (Kanchana Sarkar) The Congress government is a "Kanchana" (gold/loot) government. It is now moving to loot 9,600 acres of land in Bidadi and Kanchagana Halli. This region, built by Nadaprabhu Kempegowda, grows coconut, areca nut, and silk. There are already about 7 lakh private and government flats lying vacant. Out of this, 3,000 acres are government land, and a plan has been made to loot that money through this project. Former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy had stalled this project earlier. Now the same project is being implemented. Using agricultural land for housing will

lead to food shortage, he warned.

This will burden the BBMP (Greater Bengaluru) with an annual Rs.700 crore garbage mafia cost. The increase in tender amounts will burden the public. Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar should first give a guarantee to remove the garbage, Ashoka said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has appealed to reduce expenses without imposing any restrictions. Even for this, Congress leaders are making a big noise. When Congress was in power, Jawaharlal Nehru asked people to donate gold. P. Chidambaram also urged people not to buy gold. Prime Minister Modi has not asked people to bring gold like Congress did. Central ministers have appealed to people by using cycles. I too am reducing the use of escort vehicles. The entire family will also practice austerity. Since there is no sign of the war ending, it is appropriate to take precautionary measures, he said. Earlier, I used to travel by bus. Similarly, officials can now travel by bus. CM Siddaramaiah should take steps in this regard. In times of war, they should stop this petty politics of listening to Rahul Gandhi's words. In Tamil Nadu, no one on the stage even cared about Rahul Gandhi. In such a situation, he should not do politics, Ashoka said.

India is not just participating in the future of finance, it is helping shape it

Bengaluru: AICPA Mark Koziel CEO said, The rise of Global Capability Centres (GCCs) has positioned India as a global decision-support hub, not just a back-office.

Speaking at a press conference he said that,

The Association of International Certified Professional Accountants is focused on future-proofing India's finance profession through skills, standards, and global alignment. The profession is being reimagined for the next generation, moving from reporting the past to driving real-time decision-making. AI will reshape roles, not replace the profession but lack of upskilling risks irrelevance.

India is emerging as a global command centre for finance and analytics, the next step is building leadership capability and AI fluency. Stronger collaboration between finance, technology, and policy will be critical to sustain this momentum he said. There is a growing need to integrate finance and accounting fundamentals into education from an early stage. Early conversations around personal finance and wealth creation can signifi-

cantly improve long-term economic participation. Reskilling is no longer optional, it is a core requirement in an AI-driven finance environment. India hosts over 53% of the world's GCCs and nearly 2.4 million finance professionals, shifting the focus from talent availability to leadership capability, he said.

Nearly 70% of GCCs are investing in AI, making transformation inevitable across finance functions. GCCs are evolving into owners of end-to-end finance value chains, including FP&A, ESG, and treasury. This represents a \$100 billion+ (Rs.800,000 crore) opportunity for India by 2030.

Bengaluru reflects the convergence of finance, technology, and talent, making it central to global finance conversations. India's next challenge is to convert its scale into global influence in finance and decision-making. India is emerging as a global command centre for finance and analytics. What more can be done to navigate this. As technology transforms finance, AI, automation, data analytics, the human element of trust becomes even

more critical. Why trust matters more in finance than anywhere else AI is also introducing new risks like cybersecurity, model bias, and governance challenges, prompting financial institutions to significantly increase investment in risk management and oversight.

AI-driven automation could significantly reshape employment structures, making reskilling a national priority to sustain economic growth and consumption.

India's growing role as a global hub for finance and accounting talent & how AICPA & CIMA are contributing to that How the CFO Summit & RISE2040 are redefining the future of finance and accounting How India can lead the global finance transformation by 2040 The rise of AI in finance will be critical to achieving Viksit Bharat, enabling better forecasting, risk management, and real-time policy and business decisions, he said.

AAM AADMI PARTY DEMANDS 50% REDUCTION IN USER CHARGES FOR CAUVERY STAGE-V PROJECT

Bengaluru: The Cauvery Stage-V drinking water project, which was launched to supply drinking water to 2.5 lakh households across 110 villages in the outskirts of the city, has completely failed in delivering water effectively to citizens. The Aam Aadmi Party has demanded that the Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) immediately provide a 50% concession in the highly expensive user charges being imposed on the public.



Speaking on the issue, the party's State Organising Secretary Dr. Satish Kumar said:

"An amount of Rs.5,500 crore has already been spent on this project. It has been nearly two years since the project was completed. However, the public is unable to afford the extremely high user charges imposed by the Water Board, and therefore people are not opting for water connections. On one hand, the government has taken foreign loans for the drinking water project. On the other hand, under the pre-

text of repaying those loans, it is attempting to extract crores of rupees from citizens."

He further stated: The government must immediately complete the last-mile pipeline works to ensure water reaches every household. It should also allow the discounted user charges to be paid in 8 to 10 instalments. If such measures are taken, the public too will come forward and make proper use of this project. The Chief Minister must immediately convene a special meeting and take necessary decisions."

GBA ELECTIONS AS PER COURT DIRECTIONS: SHIVAKUMAR



Bengaluru : Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar today stated that elections to the five corporations under the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) will be held as per court directions. He was replying to reporters' questions at the GBA office when the elections would at the GBA office. When asked about revenue expectations from GBA this year, he said: "Let us see when the revenue numbers come in. We are not looking at revenue figures right now. We must protect the lives of people who are reeling under price rise. In these difficult times — when people are being told not to buy gold, reduce fuel consumption and avoid foreign travel — things should get better for the people." A Great Insult to the Nation When asked about the cancellation of the NEET examination due to the question paper leak, he said, "The NEET question paper leak is a great insult to the nation, and the Union Ministers and Members of Parliament must answer. If similar incident had happened in our state, we would have faced severe attacks by now. Students and parents, who had built many dreams and worked hard for the exam, are outraged."

"RENEWABLE ENERGY SECTOR IS AN EMERGING SECTOR AND IT WILL OPEN UP A LOT OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES" – K.P. RUDRAPPAIAH, MD, KREDL

Bengaluru : The renewable energy sector is an emerging sector and it will open up a lot of new job opportunities, said K.P. Rudrapaiah, Managing Director of Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Limited (KREDL), during the distribution of certificates to students under the 'Greening Young Minds' internship programme at KREDL's Nagarabhavi office in Bengaluru. Under the leadership and guidance of Energy Minister K.J. George, the internship programme was organised for students of the College of Agricultural Engineering, UAS Raichur, in collaboration with the Indian Wind Power Association (IWPA).

Greening Young Minds' A total of 43 students from the College of Agricultural Engineering, UAS Raichur underwent a comprehensive month-long internship training programme on renewable energy at the KREDL Nagarabhavi campus from April 13 to May 11, 2026. M/s. Enerfra Projects Pvt. Ltd., in coordination with KREDL, organised and facilitated the day-wise technical sessions as part of the programme.

The Month-long internship programme conducted in collaboration with IWPA focused on renewable energy technologies and career opportunities. It aimed to provide students with practical exposure to various renewable energy technologies,



bridge the gap between academic learning and real-world applications, enhance their understanding of the design, implementation, and maintenance of renewable energy systems, and career development in the sustainable energy sector.

Addressing the students, K.P. Rudrapaiah said, "The renewable energy sector is an emerging sector and it will open up a lot of opportunities for the younger generation. Thirty years ago, in 1986, when I was advised to study Agricultural Engineering, the scope was largely limited to areas such as micro-irrigation projects. Today, the sector has evolved significantly, creating opportunities not only in renewable energy but also in civil services and several interdisciplinary fields. Students of Agricultural

Engineering have the added advantage of being proficient in both agriculture and engineering, which opens up multiple career opportunities."

Sharing his personal connection with the institution, he added, "I am happy to provide opportunities to students from my own alma mater, where I studied. Staying connected with one's alma mater is always special, and I am fortunate to have received this opportunity."

Speaking at the event, U.B. Reddy, President of the Indian Wind Power Association, stressed the importance of discipline during academics and encouraged students to take up challenges with confidence rather than hesitating to attempt them. During the programme, students were also sensitised to

the growing global focus on sustainability and renewable energy, including India's commitments towards climate action and net-zero targets under international platforms such as the Conference of Parties (COP). Discussions also highlighted India's rapid progress in the renewable energy sector, where the country currently ranks among the global leaders in installed renewable energy capacity. Mr. Rudrapaiah also encouraged students to actively engage with KREDL and the renewable energy sector to shape their future careers in the growing green energy ecosystem.

As part of the training program field visit to Pavagada Solar Park was arranged to provide practical insights of Solar technology. The event was attended by *Mr. U.B. Reddy, President, IWPA*, senior officers of Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Limited (KREDL), and faculty representatives associated with the internship programme. "Initiatives such as the 'Greening Young Minds' internship programme are crucial in bridging the gap between industry and academia by providing students with practical exposure to emerging renewable energy technologies and industry practices. Through such collaborative efforts, we are not only nurturing future-ready talent but also building a skilled workforce to support Karnataka's clean energy transition."*

CM Vijay announces Rs 30 lakh solatium to family of constable killed in road accident



CHENNAI: Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay has announced a financial assistance of Rs 30 lakh to the family of a police constable who died in a road accident in Tirupur district.

Ooty shines with colours as Rose Show begins on May 14 According to a Daily Thanthi report, police constable P Ravichandran (36), attached to Vellakovil

Police Station, died after being hit by a vehicle near Kurukkathi checkpoint on the Karur-Coimbatore National Highway.

The accident occurred when a lorry crashed into a road barrier. While Ravichandran was engaged in repair work at the spot, the driver of a speeding Xylo car lost control of the vehicle and rammed it into him, resulting in his

death on the spot.

In a statement, the Chief Minister expressed shock over the incident and conveyed his condolences to the bereaved family, relatives and colleagues of the constable. Stating that the loss was irreparable for both the family and the police department, he ordered that a relief amount of Rs 30 lakh be provided to the family of the deceased.

Some AIADMK MLAs cross-voted due to 'lure' of minister posts, claims EPS

CHENNAI: A section of AIADMK MLAs had cross-voted in favour of the TVK government in its floor test on Wednesday falling to the "lure" of cabinet posts and what they did was "unfair and illegal," party general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami alleged. A total of 25 AIADMK MLAs led by senior leaders SP Velumani and C Ve Shanmugam had supported the C Joseph Vijay-led government during its confidence vote.

"We have won 47 assembly seats by highlighting AIADMK's achievement and people's welfare measures from 2011 and the people have voted for the party's

Two Leaves symbol", Palaniswami, addressed as EPS, told reporters after the assembly session.

"All the party cadre including at the grassroots level have campaigned to secure the victory for the party to show its identity", he said and alleged that the Velumani faction has "betrayed" the functionaries by supporting TVK in the assembly.

"Some have been lured by the promise of cabinet minister posts and they took the others also down the wrong path. This is illegal, against justice," Palaniswami added.

Stating that "victory" or "defeat" is common to any

political party, Palaniswami said "this did not happen only for AIADMK. Even DMK faced a similar situation".

He claimed that even though TVK has formed the government, the AIADMK secured a "big victory" with its 47 MLAs, besides the six from allies PMK, BJP and AMMK. He claimed that as general secretary of the party, he had the "right" to appoint the whip. The whip, Agri SS Krishnamurthy, had informed all the MLAs through SMS, e-mail and registered post that the party will vote against the government in the floor test, he claimed.

TVK indulging in 'dirty politics', alleges DMK president MK Stalin



CHENNAI: DMK president MK Stalin on Wednesday accused the ruling Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) of indulging in "dirty politics" by allegedly engineering defections from the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK).

Ooty shines with colours as Rose Show begins on May 14 In a strongly worded statement posted on X, Stalin said the TVK, which promised "clean politics" during the Assembly election campaign, had now resorted to practices it once criticised.

"Even those who voted for TVK are asking what kind of change this is. People are closely watching the government and waiting to see what political return gift will be offered to the AIADMK faction supporting it," he said. TNCC president Selvaperunthagai condemns centre for slapping 15% customs duty on gold, silver The former Chief Minister further accused the ruling party of disappointing the very allies who helped it form the government after the fractured verdict in the Assembly election.

Referring to recent political developments, the DMK chief claimed the ruling party's actions over the last few days had shaken the confidence of supporting parties. He also reiterated that the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) would continue to function as a principled Opposition party without compromising its ideology.

"Is this the politics of purity that was promised to the people, or politics based on pulling MLAs from rival parties?" Stalin asked.

Alleging that the ruling party was attempting to weaken the AIADMK by attracting its legislators, Stalin said people who voted for TVK were now questioning the party's conduct.

Heavy rain alert prompts ban on Velliangiri Hills trekking

COIMBATORE: Devotees have been temporarily barred from trekking the famous Velliangiri Hills from Wednesday (May 13) following heavy rain warnings issued for the Western Ghats region, forest officials announced.

Thiruvananthapuram-Nagercoil third line moves ahead as SR floats final survey tender According to a Daily Thanthi report, the renowned



Velliangiri Andavar Temple is located at Poondi on the foothills of the Western Ghats near Coimbatore. Devotees traditionally trek up to the

seventh hill, where Lord Velliangiri appears as a self-manifested lingam. The hill shrine is popularly known as "Then Kailayam" (Southern Kailash). As the weather in the hill region is known to change unexpectedly, devotees are usually permitted to undertake the trek only between February and May every year. Thousands of pilgrims visit the shrine during this period.

TVK doesn't have the support of majority voters, says Udhayanidhi

CHENNAI: Tamil Nadu Leader of Opposition Udhayanidhi Stalin on Wednesday said the TVK government did not enjoy the support of majority voters and criticised it for going ahead with the backing of a section of legislators of the AIADMK, which the ruling party had slammed for corruption earlier.

In his speech during the proceedings of the TVK government's floor test, he also urged the government to continue the welfare schemes that were launched by the previous DMK dispensation.

The DMK walked out and abstained from voting during the confidence vote, which the C Joseph Vijay-led government won by a comfortable margin of 144.

With regard to the TVK government formation, Udhayanidhi said "first, the



majority of people did not vote for TVK." He said that in the recently concluded Assembly elections, around 4.93 crore people cast their votes "Do you know how many voted for the ruling party. Just 1.72 crore", he said, adding, "the remaining approximately 3.21 crore people voted against your party and you must understand this". He claimed nearly 65 per cent of the voters had

"rejected" the Vijay-led TVK.

Further, he slammed the TVK for taking the support of an AMMK MLA, with his party fighting the April 23 polls as a constituent of the AIADMK-led NDA in Tamil Nadu. "After saying they were your ideological enemy, you have secured support for this government from an MLA who contested in the BJP-led NDA alliance," Udhayanidhi said. He also

recalled AMMK chief TTV Dhinakaran's remarks that TVK earlier engaged in "horse-trading even before coming to power".

Dhinakaran has sacked AMMK MLA S Kamaraj, after the latter extended support to the TVK government.

Udhayanidhi said the major party in the same BJP-led NDA alliance AIADMK has split almost into two groups. "New sofa was delivered to the home of a leader from that splinter group, followed by the visit of the chief minister there. During elections, you called them (AIADMK) a corrupt force", he said. "What are people asking... (why) the ruling party has now aligned with that corrupt force. You promised a clean government Is this the hallmark of your clean governance? People have begun questioning", he charged.

Air India suspends Chennai-Singapore direct flights till August 31

CHENNAI: Air India has announced the temporary suspension of its daily direct Chennai-Singapore flight service in both directions from June 1 to August 31, citing rising aviation fuel prices and continued airspace restrictions in several regions.

Thiruvananthapuram-Nagercoil third line moves ahead as SR floats final survey tender

The airline said passengers who have already booked tickets for the affected period can either reschedule their travel to alternative dates without additional charges or opt for a full refund.

The move has come as a shock to passengers, especially as Air India had already suspended direct services from Chennai to destinations such as Dubai and Sri Lanka a few months ago. For several years, Air India has operated two daily direct passenger flights between Chennai and Singapore. The Chennai-Singapore flight departs Chennai



International Airport at 1:40 am, while the return service from Singapore reaches Chennai at 11:40 am. The route is widely used by tourists, business travellers, students and passengers flying onward to destinations such as Australia via Singapore. The flights are usually reported to operate at near-full capacity. Air India has also reduced the frequency of several other international services. Flights between Delhi and Singapore have been cut from 24 weekly services to 14, while

Mumbai-Singapore services have been reduced from 14 flights a week to seven. Similarly, services from India to destinations including Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, Sri Lanka and Dhaka have also been curtailed. The airline said the temporary cancellations and reduction in services were necessitated by increased jet fuel costs and operational challenges arising from ongoing airspace restrictions. Why is Air India cutting, suspending international flight services?

The loss-making airline, which has already reduced flights on certain routes, said the latest announced rationalisation of services will be in place during the June-August period. A combination of factors, including continued airspace restrictions over certain regions and record high jet fuel prices for international operations, are significantly impacting the commercial viability of certain planned services, Air India said in a statement.

Vitamin B12: Essential nutrient, but studies explore possible link between excess levels and cancer

Mumbai, May 13: Vitamin B12, also known as cobalamin, is an essential nutrient that plays a key role in maintaining overall health. It is widely recommended as part of a balanced diet, but recent research has highlighted that both deficiency and excess levels may have complex health implications. B12 is vital for the production of red blood cells, proper functioning of the nervous system, and DNA synthesis and repair. It is naturally found in animal-based foods such as meat, fish, eggs, milk and dairy products, and is also added to fortified cereals and bakery products.

While most individuals obtain sufficient vitamin B12 through a regular diet, deficiency is commonly seen among vegans, elderly people, and those with digestive or absorption disorders, often requiring supplementation.

Researchers say vitamin B12 is essential for proper DNA replication in cells. Inadequate levels can lead to errors in DNA copying, which over time may increase the risk of certain diseases, including some cancers such as colon



cancer. However, emerging studies have also raised questions about whether unusually high levels of vitamin B12 in the body may be associated with increased cancer risk.

A 2025 study from Vietnam indicated a "U-shaped" relationship between B12 intake and cancer risk, suggesting that both low and high levels could be linked to health concerns. However, experts caution that such findings show only association and do not establish direct causation.

Research on high-dose vitamin B supplements has not shown strong evidence that they reduce overall cancer risk or mortality. Some studies have suggested limited, cancer-specific effects, but results

remain inconsistent.

In certain observational studies, long-term high-dose use of vitamins B6 and B12 has been loosely associated with a slightly higher risk of lung cancer in specific groups, though no direct cause-and-effect relationship has been confirmed.

Medical experts also note that elevated vitamin B12 levels in some cancer patients are often not the cause of the disease, but rather a consequence of underlying health conditions.

Studies published in recent years suggest that liver dysfunction and tumour-related changes in protein levels may lead to higher readings in blood tests, even when the body is not actually receiving excess usable vitamin B12.

Because of this, unusually high B12 levels in blood tests may sometimes act as a marker for underlying illness rather than a risk factor itself.

For most individuals, vitamin B12 obtained through food sources or standard supplementation is safe and essential. Excess intake from natural diets is rare, and deficiency remains a more common health concern worldwide.

Experts, however, advise against unnecessary long-term high-dose supplementation without medical supervision, especially when blood tests show persistently elevated levels without clear explanation.

Health experts emphasize that no single vitamin can prevent or cause cancer on its own. Maintaining overall health depends more on balanced nutrition, regular exercise, avoidance of smoking, and routine medical check-ups. Researchers conclude that vitamin B12 intake should be adequate but balanced — ensuring enough to meet the body's needs, without resorting to excessive supplementation unless medically advised.

GenomeIndia study reveals Western medical models may not suit Indians fully

New Delhi, May 13: A major Indian genomic research project has revealed that Indians possess highly distinct genetic patterns compared to Western populations, raising concerns that medical treatments and disease risk models developed in Europe and the United States may not always work effectively for Indian patients.

The findings emerged from the GenomeIndia initiative, a large-scale study involving DNA analysis of over 9,700 individuals from across the country. Researchers said the study highlights the urgent need for India to develop its own healthcare, diagnostic, and treatment frameworks tailored to local genetic diversity.

The research, published as a preprint on medRxiv and yet to undergo peer review, involved participants from multiple linguistic, cultural, tribal, and non-tribal communities across India.

Scientists associated with the project said the study uncovered a vast number of previously undocumented genetic variations unique to Indian populations, many of which could significantly influence disease risk, inherited disorders, and



drug response. Mohammed Faruq, scientist at the CSIR-Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology and one of the researchers involved in the project, described the initiative as a major milestone in India's healthcare research.

"This initiative has brought forward a huge set of novel findings from different Indian populations. Tribal communities especially possess unique genomic structures, and understanding them is important for better healthcare and treatment strategies," he said.

One of the study's key findings was that several Indian tribal populations carry inherited disease risks at rates much higher than many globally studied populations, including

Ashkenazi Jews and Finnish communities, which are historically known for concentrated genetic disorders.

Researchers found that certain tribal groups showed significantly higher risks for conditions such as sickle cell disease, metabolic disorders, and endocrine-related illnesses. The study also warned that genetic markers commonly used in European medical research may not accurately predict disease risks among Indian patients. According to the researchers, relying solely on Western genetic studies for disease prediction and treatment could result in inaccurate medical assessments for Indians.

The project identified nearly 1.5 million protein-coding genetic variants in

Indian populations, many of which are absent from existing global medical databases. Experts said the findings underline the need for India-specific genetic counselling, newborn screening programmes, rare disease diagnostics, and precision medicine frameworks.

The GenomeIndia initiative involved collaboration between 13 leading institutions, including AIIMS Jodhpur, IISER Pune, NIMHANS Bengaluru, IIT Jodhpur, and Gujarat Biotechnology Research Centre. Researchers said the study marks an important step toward building an independent healthcare model based on India's own genomic realities rather than depending entirely on Western medical standards.

PM MODI'S UAE VISIT TO PUSH ENERGY SECURITY

Pacts Likely On LPG, Petroleum Reserves: Sources

AGENCY
UAE: Prime Minister Narendra Modi's upcoming visit to the United Arab Emirates on May 15 will focus heavily on strengthening India's energy security amid escalating tensions in West Asia, government sources said. The stopover in Abu Dhabi was added to the Prime Minister's wider Europe tour at a later stage as concerns grow over disruptions to global oil and gas supply routes. According to the sources, Modi's talks with UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan are expected to centre on securing long-term crude oil, LNG and LPG supplies for India, while also exploring alternative export routes that bypass the strategically sensitive Strait of Hormuz. A key area of discussion is likely to be deeper cooperation around the Fujairah Petroleum Industries Zone on the Gulf of Oman. India is exploring the possibility of increasing oil and LPG shipments from Fujairah, which offers a safer route outside



the Strait of Hormuz. The sources also said that both countries may also discuss expanding the Fujairah oil terminal and enhancing pipeline connectivity from Abu Dhabi's Habshan fields. The visit comes days after the UAE accused Iran-backed forces of targeting Fujairah's oil infrastructure with drones and missiles. PM Modi had strongly condemned the attack and stressed the importance of safe navigation through the Strait of Hormuz for global

energy stability. Energy cooperation remains central to India-UAE ties. The UAE currently supplies nearly 40 per cent of India's LPG requirements and is among India's top crude oil and LNG suppliers. Both countries are also expected to review cooperation on India's strategic petroleum reserves, where ADNOC already stores crude oil at the Mangaluru facility. Besides energy, discussions are expected to cover trade, investment and the welfare

of nearly 4.5 million Indians living in the UAE, sources added. The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi shared an article by Union Minister Shri Ravneet Singh Bittu, on how modern railway stations and an improved network are opening new paths to progress in Punjab. Shri Modi remarked that this transformation is bringing a wealth of opportunities for the people.

Shri Modi posted on X: "In Punjab, modern railway

stations and an improved network are opening new paths to progress. This transformation is bringing a wealth of opportunities for the people here. This article by Union Minister @RavneetBittu Ji illustrates how Punjab is changing. The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi today recalled the historic Nuclear tests conducted by India in Pokhran in May 1998, describing them as a defining moment in our nation's resolve. "After the May 11 tests, the entire world brought pressure to bear on India, but we demonstrated that no power can bend India", Shri Modi remarked.

Energy security is expected to emerge as one of the key focus areas during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's upcoming visit to the United Arab Emirates, with two important agreements in the areas of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) and Strategic Petroleum Reserves likely to be concluded, according to sources.

"Lalla Don't Buy" by Bandhan Mutual Fund Highlights Every Mother's Late-Night Concern

TSIT DESK
Hyderabad, May 2026: This Mother's Day, Bandhan Mutual Fund launched a quirky and relatable campaign film titled 'Lalla Don't Buy', a humorous twist on the traditional lullaby, where mothers lovingly urge their adult children to put the phone away, stop doom-scrolling shopping apps, sleep on time, and invest in their tomorrow. Speaking about the campaign, Vishal Kapoor, CEO, Bandhan AMC said, "Mothers have always encouraged us to think about tomorrow - whether it was asking us to sleep on time, save wisely, or avoid unnecessary spending. 'Lalla Don't Buy' takes that timeless emotion and places it in today's world of endless scrolling and impulsive shopping. The campaign uses humour and nostalgia to remind people to make more mindful choices, enjoy the present while also choosing to invest for the future." Set against the all-too-familiar backdrop of late-night scrolling, flash sales, and instant purchases, the film captures a uniquely modern parenting truth,



mothers never stop worrying about their children, even when the children are fully grown adults with salaries, credit cards, and questionable mid-night shopping habits. The lullaby humorously nudges viewers toward smarter habits and long-term financial thinking. The campaign is conceptualised by Bandhan Mutual Fund and All In. The campaign brings back a moment many people have grown up with - nights that seemed to stretch on, until a mother's lullaby gently brought everything to a pause. Jane Sequeira, Creative Head at All In added, "As kids, lullabies helped us

sleep. As adults, we stay up scrolling, shopping and spending. 'Lalla Don't Buy' came from reimaging the lullaby for a generation that needs help sleeping and spending a little better. It felt only natural for that reminder to come from Moms" The campaign strikes a balance between entertainment and insight, tapping into a growing cultural reality where online shopping, algorithm-driven recommendations, and late-night browsing have become everyday habits. By turning a mother's concern into a catchy lullaby, the film aims to create both smiles and self-reflection among audiences.

Danone India and Government of Uttar Pradesh introduce Iron-Anthem to drive anemia awareness

Highlights
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Hyderabad: The film is developed in association with the Directorate of Family Welfare, Government of Uttar Pradesh. The TVC was conceptualized and brought to life by Womb. A simple tiffin box can often reveal the reality of a child's daily nutrition. Building on this everyday insight, Danone India, in partnership with the Government of Uttar Pradesh, has introduced a campaign anthem, "India ka Iron UP karengi, Abh nahi toh kab karengi..." By using children as messengers, the film shifts the conversation from

more relatable, memorable, and actionable. Developed in association with the Directorate of Family Welfare, Government of Uttar Pradesh, the 40-second film brings children to the forefront of the narrative. It opens with a familiar visual of school tiffins, ranging from balanced meals to packaged snacks. The film later transitions into a lively, child-led rally anchored by a simple, catchy anthem: "India ka Iron UP karengi, Abh nahi toh kab karengi..." By using children as messengers, the film shifts the conversation from

instruction to participation, encouraging families to reflect on everyday nutritional habits. The anthem reinforces a clear and actionable message, ensuring regular iron intake can play a crucial role in supporting children's growth, health, and development. The TVC was conceptualized and brought to life by The Womb. By anchoring the message in a relatable, everyday setting, the film makes the issue of iron deficiency both visible and immediate. It closes with a clear call to action for parents to rethink what goes into their children's lunch-

boxes, reinforcing that small, consistent choices today can help build a healthier, stronger generation of tomorrow. Bachon ko roz iron khilayein. India ka bhavishya banayein! This initiative builds on IRON UP, Danone India's broader national movement to address iron deficiency and anemia through early screening, awareness, and community engagement. Through these efforts, the company continues to work alongside healthcare professionals, government bodies, and partners to drive sustained impact at scale.

Shailesh Chaturvedi Raises 90 Cr for Neopolis Brands, to Drive the Next Growth Phase of Global Fashion in India

TSIT DESK
May 13, 2026: — Fashion retail industry veteran Shailesh Chaturvedi today announced launch of his new venture Neopolis Brands Private Limited, supported by a fund raise of 90 Cr from a curated set of marquee investors. Neopolis is targeting tie up with global brands which are market leaders in their home turf and exhibit strong propensity for similar market leadership position in the Indian market. Initial funding of 90 Cr is arranged from strategic wealth creators, including prominent investor Ashish Kacholia and Lashit Sanghvi of Alchemy Capital and strategic partners like Brandix Sri Lanka and Manix Technologies. The Neopolis team brings together seasoned domain experts who have worked closely with Shailesh earlier, including CFO Ankush Tibrewal, and trusted teams from his previous tenures to drive high quality execution. Speaking on the launch, Shailesh Chaturvedi, Founder, Neopolis brands



said "Scaling is important for profitability, and I am enthused about building few large brands each with min 100 stores in India, each with a large-scale e-commerce share in tune with current consumer trends, alongside distribution in min 40 to 50 cities. Also, I am truly happy to see very strategic investors coming on Board to support this new journey of Neopolis."

Lucky Investments Managers said "Women fashion and accessories continue to present a large, untapped opportunity in India, with strong consumer demand but limited organized scale. Neopolis' focussed approach and industry expertise positions it strongly for building large scale category leading brands." Lashit Sanghvi of Alchemy Capital added "We closely observed how a large public listed company was turned

around rapidly under Shailesh's leadership and his track record of more than 3 decades in scaling up global brands profitably gives us strong confidence in potential of Neopolis brands." India's premium fashion and lifestyle segments continue to experience strong structural tailwinds driven by rising disposable incomes, premiumisation and growing fashion adoption. Categories such as accessories, handbags remain significantly underorganised. The total market is estimated at ₹20,000 Cr with the organised segment at ~ ₹7000 Cr, indicating substantial headroom for brand-led growth. With its deep local insights, high domain expertise and strong focus on product excitement, Neopolis Brands aims for market leadership in this expanding landscape. The capital raised will be deployed towards organizational set up, growth working capital, investments into brands, supply chain and stores, and building digital capabilities.

LINKEDIN LAYOFFS:

Job Search Platform To Axe 5% Of Workforce, Says Report

AGENCY
Mumbai: Job search platform LinkedIn is planning to announce cut 5% of its workforce news agency Reuters reported as saying on Wednesday. The announcement will likely be made later in the day, the report said, adding that the layoffs come as the microsoft-owned company reorganises teams and concentrates staff on areas where its business is growing. The potential layoffs come in the backdrop of a rising year-on-year revenue. According to Microsoft's securities filings, the revenue has risen 12% in the latest ended quarter. The report underscored that an AI takeover of jobs is not the rationale for the job cuts. Currently, LinkedIn has over 17,500 full-time employees globally, according to its website. With over 1.3 billion members, it is the world's largest professional networking



platform. Before its acquisition by Microsoft, the company publicly listed on the New York Stock exchange, following an initial public offer (IPO) in 2011. Later, in 2026, Microsoft acquired the LinkedIn for \$26.2 billion. As of 10:30 a.m. EST, microsoft's stock ticked 1.15% lower to trade at \$403.02. 2026: The Year Of Layoffs? The tech industry saw the highest layoffs in two years in March 2026. Over 46,500 employees were let go, according to data compiled by Layoffs.fyi. Up to 1,03,571

tech employees were dismissed from 131 tech companies so far in 2026, as per the website on May 13. April and May saw comparatively lesser job axing, with the total number of dismissals standing at over 11,000 and over 9,000 (so far), respectively. Oracle had a considerable lead in the volume of employees that it laid off across the globe in March, with up to 30,000 employees fired. The official reason it gave was that they were part of a "broader organizational change".

UWA INDIA ANNOUNCES LANDMARK ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITMENT

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Hyderabad, 13 May, 2026: The University of Western Australia (UWA) has announced a landmark scholarship program through UWA India, which is among the most significant standalone commitments in the Indian market. The initiative reinforces UWA's long-term commitment to making globally recognised education more accessible to high-potential students across diverse academic, socioeconomic and regional backgrounds. Professor Amit Chakma, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Western Australia, said: "This landmark scholarship commitment reflects UWA's deep and enduring commitment to India. We are expanding access to a globally recognised UWA education and ensuring that financial constraints do not limit ambition. Our goal is to empower talented students across India to realise their full potential and prepare for global careers." Applications for UWA India are now open. With campuses in Mumbai and Chennai, UWA India will offer a portfolio of undergraduate and postgraduate programs



across STEM, business and technology disciplines, aligned with global industry demands and India's evolving workforce needs. Students can explore programs and apply via the official website: <https://www.uwa.edu.au/india>. Delivered primarily through

tuition fee reductions, the multi-stream scholarship framework recognises academic merit, financial need, leadership potential and regional inclusion, while aligning with Indian regulatory requirements and UWA's global standards. The program includes merit schol-

arships, global excellence scholarships, equity and CSR-supported funding, State Government co-funded opportunities (initially in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu), and alumni-backed scholarships. Designed to balance scale with academic rigour, the program allows eligible students to combine multiple forms of support—significantly reducing financial barriers while maintaining strong academic outcomes. All scholarships will be governed under UWA's established policies, with transparent eligibility criteria published ahead of each admissions cycle. The scholarship program will be rolled out alongside UWA India admissions, with scholarships incorporated into offers from the first intake. The framework will be formally reviewed after its first year to assess demand, outcomes, and opportunities for expansion. By placing scholarships at the core of its India strategy, UWA is reinforcing its commitment to access, affordability, and academic excellence—while strengthening long-term education and skills partnerships between India and Australia.

TRUMP ARRIVES IN CHINA FOR HIGH-STAKES MEETING WITH XI JINPING

AGENCY
Washington: US President Donald Trump descended the steps of Air Force One in Beijing on Wednesday evening, greeted with pomp and pageantry ahead of a high-stakes meeting with his Chinese counterpart, Xi Jinping. During his two-day visit, the global superpowers are expected to discuss tariffs, competition over tech, the Iran war and the US's relationship with Taiwan. Trump returns to a more assertive China since his last visit in 2017, as he faces growing scrutiny of his military campaign in the Middle East. Trump was originally scheduled to make the trip in March, but it was delayed because of the US and Israel's war in Iran, which continues to roil the global economy. When Trump exited the plane on Wednesday evening, he was greeted by Chinese Vice-President Han Zheng, one of China's top



leaders. The move is being read as a show of respect for the US president from Beijing, after a lower-level leader received Trump on his last visit. Also spotted at the welcome - as a red carpet

was unravelled across the tarmac - was Trump's son Eric Trump, and a slew of US tech industry titans, with Tesla's Elon Musk and Nvidia's Jensen Huang among them. "I will be asking

President Xi, a Leader of extraordinary distinction, to 'open up' China so that these brilliant people can work their magic, and help bring the People's Republic to an even higher level,"

Trump said in a post on social media ahead of his landing. Trump said that will be his "very first request" when he meets the Chinese leader. The war in Iran is expected to dominate

the agenda as Trump meets Xi Jinping. China relies a considerable amount on Iran for oil exports, which have effectively been cut off as ships are unable to navigate the Strait of Hormuz. The country also faces growing pressure from the US to use its economic and political influence over Iran. China and Iran have an alliance dating back decades, and Beijing is Tehran's biggest trading partner. The meeting will also be marked by tensions over Taiwan in the backdrop. The Trump administration has taken a mixed approach with Taipei, approving a massive arms deal while downplaying its willingness to defend the island from Chinese aggression. As for trade, Trump is expected to push to increase Chinese purchase of US agricultural products, while Beijing looks to pressure the US to reduce its tariffs on Chinese goods.

Woman isolating on British island in South Pacific after hantavirus contact



AGENCY
London: A woman is isolating on the Pitcairn Islands, a remote British Overseas Territory in the South Pacific, after travelling on a hantavirus-hit cruise ship. A local government spokesperson told the BBC the person "had contact with a hantavirus-exposed individual" but was "showing no signs of illness". The UK foreign office said it was "aware of an individual from the MV Hondius who has travelled on to the Pitcairn Islands". Officials said she was not a suspected case and the risk to the public was low. The woman had flown from San Francisco on 7 May and travelled through

the island of Tahiti and then Mangareva in French Polynesia, the French Polynesian government said. No details have been released about when and where she left the cruise and travelled to the US. Three people have died after travelling on the Dutch-flagged MV Hondius ship. Two of them were confirmed virus cases. The third had earlier developed symptoms and is believed to have been the first infected in the outbreak, but died before he could be tested. The World Health Organization (WHO), the UN global health agency, has since confirmed nine cases, with two others suspected.

More than 1,000 passengers held on cruise after gastrointestinal illness outbreak



AGENCY
Washington: More than 1,000 passengers are being held on a UK-operated cruise ship in France after 49 people fell ill from gastrointestinal sickness. Local health authorities in Bordeaux said three passengers had been isolated in their cabins on the Ambition, while other passengers will not be able to disembark in the port. They added that there was "no reason" to link the outbreak to the hantavirus outbreak on a separate cruise ship. The Essex-based Ambassador Cruise Line told the BBC a 92-year-old man had passed away on board on Sunday, but he did not report any related symptoms and his cause of death is yet to be established by a coroner. The cruise operator added: "We are providing every support to the deceased's friends and family and extend our most sincere condolences to them at this difficult time." Ambassador Cruise Line said in a separate statement that as of 11:00 BST on Wednesday, 48 passengers were displaying symptoms consistent with gastrointestinal illness, as well as one crew member. The cruise ship set sail from Belfast on 8 May, before heading to

Liverpool the next day. There are currently 1,187 guests and 514 crew members onboard the ship, according to its operator. In its statement, Ambassador said there was a reported increase in cases after guests boarded in Liverpool. It said "a number of guests and crew onboard Ambition have displayed or are displaying symptoms consistent with gastrointestinal illness". Gastrointestinal illness is a common condition that causes diarrhoea and vomiting. Cases in adults are usually caused by norovirus or food poisoning. David Munster from Dundonald in County Down is on the cruise with his wife. He said that after departing Liverpool they were informed that a number of passengers had "become ill". Munster said: "At this stage we don't know if we will be kept on the ship and just have to sit here until this is dealt with, or whether we'll be allowed to get off and see Bordeaux, which is obviously what we'd love to do." He said passengers were free to use the facilities that were open, but the people who were ill were isolating in their cabins.

PHILIPPINE SENATE IN LOCKDOWN AFTER GUNSHOTS FIRED



AGENCY
Philippines: The Philippine Senate was locked down with military personnel seen entering the building where a senator wanted by the International Criminal Court (ICC) had sought refuge. Rounds of gunfire were heard but officials have not revealed who fired the shots. They said there were no casualties. Senator Ronald Dela Rosa said earlier

he believed his arrest was imminent and urged Filipinos to prevent it. He is safe and with security personnel, officials said. He is accused by the ICC of killing dozens of people when he was police chief during former president Rodrigo Duterte's war on drugs, in which thousands of alleged dealers were shot and killed. Duterte has been held at The Hague since March 2025.

Court overturns Alex Murdaugh's murder convictions and orders new trial

AGENCY
Washington: A South Carolina court has overturned the 2023 murder convictions of Alex Murdaugh, a disgraced lawyer who was convicted of killing his wife and son. The state's supreme court on Wednesday ordered a new trial for Murdaugh over the June 2021 killings. Murdaugh has been in prison serving two life sentences for the murders of Maggie and Paul Murdaugh. He is also serving two additional 27- and 40-year sentences for state and federal financial crimes. Once a powerful lawyer, the 56-year-old and his legal troubles captivated a global audience and inspired documentaries, podcasts and book deals. The trial itself was also televised. In a 5-0 ruling, the South Carolina Supreme Court said Murdaugh deserved a new



trial because the local county clerk had unfairly biased a jury against him. "Both the State and Murdaugh's defense skillfully presented their cases to the jury as the trial court deftly presided over this complicated and high-profile matter," the justices wrote. "However, their efforts were in vain because Colleton County Clerk of Court Rebecca Hill placed her fingers on the scales of justice,

thereby denying Murdaugh his right to a fair trial by an impartial jury." Last December, Hill pleaded guilty to charges of misconduct in office, obstruction of justice and perjury over accusations that she misused public funds as a clerk and shared sealed court information with a reporter, among other claims. Wednesday's ruling cites a number of comments that Hill allegedly made to jurors dur-

ing the trial. One juror wrote in an affidavit that Hill made comments telling jurors to "watch [Murdaugh] closely", which she said influenced her decision to find Murdaugh guilty because she thought the clerk was implying he was. A jury found Murdaugh guilty of the murder of his wife and son - who were shot at close range near the family's dog kennels - after an extensive six-week long trial. Murdaugh was sentenced to life in prison. In their bid to overturn his conviction, Murdaugh's lawyers had argued that Hill tampered with the jury, telling them not to trust his testimony and to speed up the verdict. In the ruling, the justices cite testimony from jurors who say Hill told them "not to be fooled" by the evidence presented by the defence team.

Israeli strikes on cars in southern Lebanon kill 12, health ministry says

AGENCY
Tehran: At least 12 people have been killed in seven separate Israeli air strikes on cars south of Beirut, Lebanon's health ministry says, as the war between Israel and the Lebanese armed group Hezbollah continues despite a ceasefire. Eight people, including two children, died when drones targeted three vehicles on the coastal highway in the Barja, Jiyeh and Saadiyat areas, around 20km (12 miles) from the capital, according to the ministry. The others were killed in strikes on four cars further south, in the city of Sidon and the towns of Maaliyeh, Chaaitiyeh and Naqoura. The Israeli military has not yet commented. But it



did say Israeli forces struck Hezbollah infrastructure in several southern areas. Hezbollah fighters also launched a number of drones that exploded near an area where Israeli troops were operating in southern Lebanon, it added, without reporting any casualties. On Tuesday, two

paramedics from the state-run Civil Defence emergency service were among 13 people killed in strikes in southern Lebanon, according to the Lebanese health ministry. It says more than 400 people have been killed across the country since the ceasefire was announced by US President

Donald Trump almost a month ago. Israel has intensified its air and artillery strikes in recent days, particularly in southern Lebanon, saying it is targeting Hezbollah fighters and infrastructure. Hezbollah has carried out drone, rocket and mortar attacks on Israeli troops occupying parts of southern Lebanon and on communities in northern Israel. On Thursday, Israeli and Lebanese officials are expected to hold a third round of direct talks in Washington to try to find a way to stop the fighting. In a letter released on Tuesday, Hezbollah's leader Naim Qassem dismissed those efforts and said his group would "not abandon the battlefield".

Russian drone attacks kill 13 in Ukraine after ceasefire expires



AGENCY
Moscow: Thirteen people have been killed and at least 41 injured in a slew of Russian drone and bomb attacks across Ukraine between Tuesday and Wednesday, officials have said. The worst-hit was the central Dnipropetrovsk region, where eight people were killed and 11 injured throughout Tuesday. One casualty was reported in the eastern Donetsk region the same day. Russian attacks continued on Wednesday, with three people reported killed in the western Rivne region and one person in Zaporizhzhia, in the south. President Volodymyr Zelensky said 800 drones had been launched by Russia throughout the day and warned that missile launches could follow. In Russia, officials said Ukrainian drones hit three industrial facilities overnight. No casualties were reported. The latest attacks come shortly after a three-day US-brokered ceasefire expired late on Monday. Both Russia and Ukraine reported multiple violations - mostly along the vast frontline - during the truce, but no major aerial attacks. Russian President Vladimir Putin launched a

full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. In a post on Telegram on Wednesday morning, Dnipropetrovsk regional head Oleksandr Hanzha reported more than 30 Russian attacks on three districts throughout Tuesday. He said two people were killed in Zelensky's hometown of Kryvyi Rih, and another six in the Synelnykove district - just south-east of the regional capital Dnipro. "More than two dozen houses were damaged," Hanzha added. In the north-eastern Kharkiv region, five people were reported injured and a number of residential houses damaged. Russian drone strikes were also reported in the southern Odesa, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions, as well as in Poltava - Ukraine's central region. Writing on Telegram on Wednesday morning, Zelensky said 14 Ukrainian regions were attacked throughout Tuesday, and there were more attacks overnight. He accused Russia of "purposefully" targeting Ukraine's railway infrastructure and other civilian facilities. Ukraine's air force said Russia launched 139 drones in the past 24 hours.

Epstein abused me while under house arrest, survivor tells US lawmakers

AGENCY
Washington: A survivor of Jeffrey Epstein's abuse has told how the late sex offender sexually abused her while he was under house arrest for soliciting prostitution from a minor. Roza, who was recruited from Uzbekistan as a teenager by Epstein's associate and modelling agent Jean-Luc Brunel, spoke publicly for the first time alongside a number of victims in a field hearing that was organised by House Democrats. She told the session that she was introduced to Epstein by Brunel in July 2009, was offered work by Epstein "to help me with my financial troubles", and he later subjected her to rape over a period of three years.



Democratic lawmaker Robert Garcia said the unofficial hearing was held in West Palm Beach, Florida, because it was where Epstein's "crimes first came to light". The hearing, which Garcia pointed out was also held in close proximity to US President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence, was held by Democrats from the US House Oversight

Committee and local Democratic members. The committee, which has a Republican majority, is currently investigating the financier's crimes. Democratic members of the committee have focused on scrutinising the Trump administration's handling of the Epstein files. The hearing carries no legal authority, but was planned with the

intention of keeping the Epstein case in the spotlight. Democratic lawmakers heard how Epstein and his accomplices evaded accountability for years, and how victims were repeatedly failed by the justice system. Roza, whose first name was only given in the hearing, said she was 18 when she met the late Brunel in 2008 and "promised a modelling career beyond my dreams". "Coming from a financially unstable background I was a perfect target for coercion," she added, during the tearful testimony. By May 2009, she was in New York City on a visa, and in July she met Epstein at his house in West Palm Beach while he was under house arrest, Roza said.

Gaza sisters win prize for turning rubble into reusable bricks



AGENCY
Gaza: Two teenage sisters from Gaza have won an environmental award for turning rubble into reusable bricks, saying they wanted to "turn destruction into something useful". Farah and Tala Mousa, who live in a tent and have been repeatedly displaced since their home was bombed, have been named the Middle East regional winners of the youth-focused Earth Prize. "After our entire city turned

into rubble, everything around us pushed us to think about a solution," 17-year-old Tala told the BBC. The sisters plan to use their \$12,500 (£9,245) prize to teach others to produce the bricks and "participate in reconstruction themselves, instead of waiting only for outside help." 15-year-old Farah said. The UN estimates 1.9 million people in Gaza - nearly 90% of the population - have been displaced since war began in 2023.



IPL 2026: KKR SETS A TARGET OF 153/3 FOR RCB



Cody Rhodes Receives Scary 4-Word Warning From Former Two-Time WWE World Heavyweight Champion

AGENCY Texas: Cody Rhodes might still be carrying the Undisputed WWE Championship, but things on SmackDown are already getting very uncomfortable for The American Nightmare. Ever since Gunther moved to the blue brand after WrestleMania 42, the former WWE World Heavyweight Champion has made one thing pretty clear; he's coming for Cody's title. And honestly, he's not even trying to be subtle about it anymore. The tension between the two stars got even bigger after Gunther once again attacked Rhodes on SmackDown before posting a cold four-word warning on Instagram. "One's gonna run through," wrote The Ring General, sending WWE fans into full speculation mode online. With Gunther looking more dangerous than ever and Cody already having a target on his back, many fans think this feud could quickly become the



biggest storyline on SmackDown heading into Clash in Italy. Gunther sends Cody Rhodes a warning after another SmackDown ambush. Gunther has been absolutely unstoppable lately, and Cody Rhodes is now the latest superstar standing in his path. After WrestleMania 42, the former World Heavyweight Champion officially shifted to SmackDown and immediately started going after Rhodes and the Undisputed WWE Championship. Last week on SmackDown, Gunther once again blind-sided Cody Rhodes, continuing the rivalry between the two top stars. Soon after the show, The Ring General took to Instagram and posted a short but intense four-word message: "One's gonna run through." That line instantly started making rounds among WWE fans online, especially because of how dominant Gunther has looked over the last year. The Austrian powerhouse has already defeated major names like Goldberg, John Cena, and AJ Styles in what were promoted as their final career matches.

BRANDON CLARKE CAUSE OF DEATH:

What Reports And Investigators Revealed About Grizzlies Star's Tragic Passing

AGENCY Berlin: Brandon Clarke is a basketball player with the Memphis Grizzlies in the NBA. Clarke, who was born in Vancouver, Canada, and grew up in Phoenix, Arizona, was drafted 21st overall in the 2019 NBA Draft and quickly established himself with his athleticism, defense, and energy off the bench. He was also selected to the NBA All-Rookie First Team in 2020. However, Clarke died tragically at the age of 29 in May of 2026. The authorities believe he may have died from an overdose, but no cause has been confirmed because a death certificate or a toxicology report is not



yet available. Everyone is in shock at the unexpected death, and many NBA fans, teammates, and professional players have sent condolences to the Athletic department. What do reports and investigators say about Brandon Clarke's death? Memphis Grizzlies forward Brandon Clarke died on May 11, 2026. No official cause of death has been determined, but the incident is being investigated as a possible drug overdose after drug substances were reportedly found at the scene, according to multiple sources. In another report, Clarke's death is being probed as a possible overdose. The outlet cited authorities, reporting that the Los Angeles Fire Department responded to a 911 call of a medical emergency shortly after 5 p.m. local time Monday at a residence in the San Fernando Valley. Paramedics found Clarke deceased, and reports say drug paraphernalia was found in the home. By Tuesday, May 12, the medical examiner's website showed Clarke's body was ready to be released, but not the explanation his family, team, and the wider basketball world are still waiting for.

RCB vs KKR Washout Will Deal Big Blow To Playoff Hopes Of This Team In IPL 2026

AGENCY Mumbai: Rain threat looms large over the Royal Challengers Bengaluru vs Kolkata Knight Riders IPL 2026 match in Raipur on Wednesday. In fact, the match has seen a delayed start due to a wet outfield. While the toss was supposed to happen at 7 pm, wet outfield at the Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh International Stadium meant that there will be an inspection not before 8:15 pm. If the match is washed out, it will be a massive blow to KKR. Here's a look at how things stand now. Gujarat Titans lead the table with 16 points from 12 matches. Following them are RCB (14 from 11 matches) and Sunrisers Hyderabad (14 from 12 matches). Punjab



Kings are the fourth-placed team with 13 points from 11 matches. KKR are at the eighth spot with nine points from 10 matches. What Happens If RCB vs KKR Is Washed Out Now, if the RCB vs KKR match is washed out, RCB will reach 15 from 12 matches while KKR will have 10 points from 11 matches. If

rain persists, this will be KKR's second match that will be washed out. They shared a point with PBKS earlier in the season due to a washed out match. 16 points is generally considered the magic number to qualify for the playoffs. A washed-out result will effectively mean RCB need one more win from their remaining two matches to have a great chance to enter the playoffs. But for KKR, a washed-out match will make things very tricky. The maximum they can reach, in case Wednesday's match is washed out, is 16. They will not only have to win their remaining matches but will also have to look forward to results of other matches. They will also play their final three group-stage matches at home at Eden Gardens. What About The Other Teams If RCB vs KKR match is washed out? GT will have an advantage. RCB are GT's nearest team currently. A washed out match will mean the defending champions stay on one point less than GT having played equal number of games.

Insider Look Into NFL's Complex Scheduling Strategy That Predicts Viewer Behavior

AGENCY Washington: The NFL schedule release has become one of the biggest offseason news stories in the league. But for every primetime game or international battle, there is now a highly advanced and complex scheduling strategy that involves data from well beyond football. As the league prepares to announce the schedule for the regular season of 2026, the NFL will make heavy use of predictive analytics, looking at everything, including weather and streaming behavior. Given the NFL's increased use of streaming services, its holiday games, and even its games abroad, maximizing TV audiences has been difficult in recent years. This problem, in turn, has driven



the league further into advanced scheduling algorithms in conjunction with its analytics partner Recentive Analytics. How NFL Uses Advanced Analytics To Predict Fan Behaviors Beyond Football. Recentive Analytics founder Andy Tabrizi stated that their algorithms are purposefully more centered on what's happening outside football rather than the sport itself. "Where we really try to focus all of our efforts is everything that has nothing to do with the NFL," said Tabrizi. "That may sound really strange to say when we're talking about forecasting NFL viewership, but the reason why our model is so accurate is that we've really been able to figure out the NFL as a function of everything else."

Travis Hunter's Wife Leanna Lenee Drops Honest Comment About Their Past

AGENCY Texas: Long before Travis Hunter became one of football's most talked-about young stars, life was far from glamorous for him and his family. The Jacksonville Jaguars rookie reportedly spent part of his childhood living in a cramped room with his parents and siblings while chasing his football dream. Now enjoying the rewards of NFL success, Hunter and his wife, Leanna Lenee, are back in the spotlight after her recent social media comment revealed how she once financially supported him during the early stages of their relationship. Leanna Lenee's honest message about Travis Hunter's past quickly sparks reactions online



bread winner. Miss me with that, respectfully," she wrote. The comment surprised many fans because it painted a picture of their relationship before Hunter became a nationally recognized football player. It also shifted attention toward the couple's early struggles and how their relationship developed before fame and financial success arrived. Leanna Lenee recently caught attention after responding to social media criticism surrounding her relationship with Hunter. While replying to a TikTok comment suggesting Hunter now provides everything for her, Lenee shared a different side of their story. "When I met Travis, he didn't have a dollar to his name. I was the

Who Is Maya Higa? Twitch Streamer Gets Standing Ovation After Becoming First-Ever Creator To Give A TED Talk



AGENCY Berlin: Maya Higa just did something no Twitch streamer has ever done before, and the internet cannot stop talking about it. The popular streamer and wildlife conservation advocate officially became the first Twitch creator to give a TED Talk, and the moment quickly turned emotional after she received a full standing ovation from the audience. What started years ago as regular livestreams has now turned into one of the biggest crossover success stories between internet culture and real-world impact. The event happened in Vancouver, Canada, where Maya stepped onto the TED stage to talk about how livestreaming helped her create a global community around animal conservation and wildlife education. By the end of the speech, the audience stood up and applauded while

Maya looked visibly overwhelmed before quietly saying, "Thank you." Clips from the moment immediately spread across social media, with fans and fellow creators calling it a huge moment not just for Maya, but for Twitch as a whole. Maya Higa becomes the first Twitch streamer to deliver an official TED Talk. During the TED Talk, Maya explained how her content slowly evolved from gaming and variety streams into something much bigger. She shared that she originally wanted to teach people about animals through traditional classroom outreach, but livestreaming allowed her to reach way more people at once. According to Maya, instead of speaking to a few students in one room, she was suddenly connecting with thousands of viewers around the world every single stream.

RADUCANU TO MAKE RETURN WITH WILDCARD IN STRASBOURG



AGENCY London: British number one Emma Raducanu will make her return to action in Strasbourg after being granted a wildcard, as she seeks match practice before the French Open. Raducanu, 23, withdrew from the Italian Open on health grounds earlier this month and has not competed since a third-round loss to American Amanda Anisimova at Indian Wells on 8 March. The clay-court event in Strasbourg begins on Sunday, one week before the start of the French Open on 24 May. Raducanu is set to miss out on a seeded position

at the second Grand Slam of the year following the post-viral infection which has kept her away from the tour. The 2021 US Open winner is currently ranked 30th in the world but will drop several places following the conclusion of this week's tournaments in Rome and Paris. Raducanu was granted a wildcard for last year's WTA 500 event in Strasbourg, where she beat top-20 player Daria Kasatkina before losing to American Danielle Collins. The Briton has won seven of her 14 matches this year, with four of those victories coming during her run to

the final of the Transylvania Open in February after her second-round exit at the Australian Open. Raducanu gave no clear indication that she would pull out of the Italian Open in March despite speaking to the media just 30 minutes before that decision was announced, but said she only wanted to return to competition when "100% ready". Taking a wildcard into Strasbourg means the 23-year-old will gain valuable time on the clay ahead of the French Open, which begins on May 24. Raducanu also received a wild card into the tourna-

ment 12 months ago, reaching the second round, and an announcement from the tournament on social media reading: "Welcome back, Emma! The 2021 US Open champion will be back on the clay courts in Strasbourg." It has been another difficult start to a season health-wise for Raducanu, who began 2026 battling to recover from a foot problem. Speaking to reporters in Rome about her illness, the former US Open champion said: "Post-viral, it's quite hard. You feel drained, you feel tired, no energy. It's difficult, and it lingered for quite a while."

Distributors and Producers Also Have Their Own Challenges... The Industry Survives Only When Cinema Survives: Telugu Film Producers



Telugu film producers stated that not only exhibitors, but distributors and producers are also facing serious challenges in the current theatrical ecosystem. It is known that exhibitors recently held a press meet demanding the implementation of the percentage system, claiming they are under severe financial pressure.

Responding to this issue, Telugu film producers held a press meet on Wednesday evening.

Producers Yalamanchili Ravi Shankar said: "The main purpose of this press meet is to present the producers' perspective after yesterday's exhibitors' press meet, where they claimed injustice was being done to them. We want to clarify the facts and present the reality from our side."

exhibitors to conduct a one-sided press meet and speak in a threatening manner. They emphasized that all stakeholders should sit together and resolve the issue through discussions. While they are ready to address exhibitors' concerns, they also insisted that the problems faced by distributors and producers must be equally considered.

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We agree that exhibitors are facing difficulties. But distributors and producers are also suffering. Please understand that this is not a problem of one section alone. For many years, producers, distributors, and exhibitors have worked together as one system.

Today, none of the three sectors are truly comfortable. We cannot simply think only about our own benefit and move forward. All three sectors must sit together and discuss. These are not issues that can be solved overnight. This issue surfaced during the release of 'Hari Hara Veera Mallu,' and many films have been released since then. Why is this problem suddenly being pushed again now? Why the

urgency only at this moment? This is not the right approach.

For the last four to five months, everyone has been struggling due to the lack of strong theatrical content. At a time when a big film is arriving, creating such situations is not appropriate. We are not denying the issue exists, but all concerns must be discussed together and a solution acceptable to everyone should be reached.

Theatres must be graded because not all theatres offer the same facilities. Single-screen theatres especially need better infrastructure. These issues can only be solved through collective discussions. Let us all move forward together."

Producer Suryadevara Naga Vamsi said:

"If one part of the ecosystem suffers, all three suffer. Exhibitors, distributors, and producers are all going through difficulties.

Exhibitors themselves admitted that theatres had to be shut down due to lack of content in recent months. If such conditions and restrictions are imposed now, it will only reduce content further from producers, and that helps no one.

Please do not make unilateral decisions and issue deadlines in a threatening tone. Among the producers present here, there are at least 25 films that have already crossed 50% of shooting completion, with 70-80% of the budgets already spent.

Star Heroine Samantha's Action-Comedy Family Drama Maa Inti Bangaram Set for Release on June 19



film will hit theatres on June 19th, 2026. Along with the release date announcement, they unveiled a striking new poster featuring Samantha in a traditional saree while holding a gun. Her intense expression and fierce look resemble a huntress heading into action, adding even more excitement around the film.

Since Maa Inti Bangaram marks the reunion of Samantha and Nandini Reddy after the success of Oh! Baby, the project has naturally created strong anticipation among audiences. The hype has grown further as Raj Nidimoru is providing the story and screenplay for the film.

The movie also stars Diganth and Gulshan Devaiah in prominent roles.

Sreemukhi, Gautami, Anand, Lakshmi, Srinivas Gavireddy, Manjusha, and several others will also be seen in key roles.

Maa Inti Bangaram is being promoted as a wholesome entertainer that can be enjoyed by the entire family, irrespective of age. The film is set for a grand theatrical release on June 19.

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Maa Inti Bangaram, produced jointly by Samantha Ruth Prabhu, Raj Nidimoru, and Himank Duvuru under the banner of Tralala Moving Pictures, has already generated huge expectations among audiences. Directed by Nandini Reddy with Samantha playing the lead role, the film has created strong buzz ever since the release of its teaser. The

song

"Thassadiyya" is also making waves on YouTube and gaining tremendous response from viewers.

The makers have now officially announced that the

"MUSALODIKI DASARA PANDUGA" RELEASING ON MAY 15

A full-length comedy entertainer is gearing up to entertain Tollywood audiences with nonstop laughter. Produced by young producer Raman Valle under the banner of Ramana Films, with the blessings of Raji Naidu and Seethamma Valle, the bilingual film "Musalodiki Dasara Panduga" is all set for a grand theatrical release this Friday, May 15. Veteran actor Nassar plays the lead role in the movie. The film has already generated strong buzz in the industry with its trailer and promotional content receiving a highly positive response from audiences. Speaking on the occasion, producer Raman Valle said, "We have crafted this film in such a way that audiences can forget all their worries and enjoy two hours of pure laughter and entertainment in theatres. We are

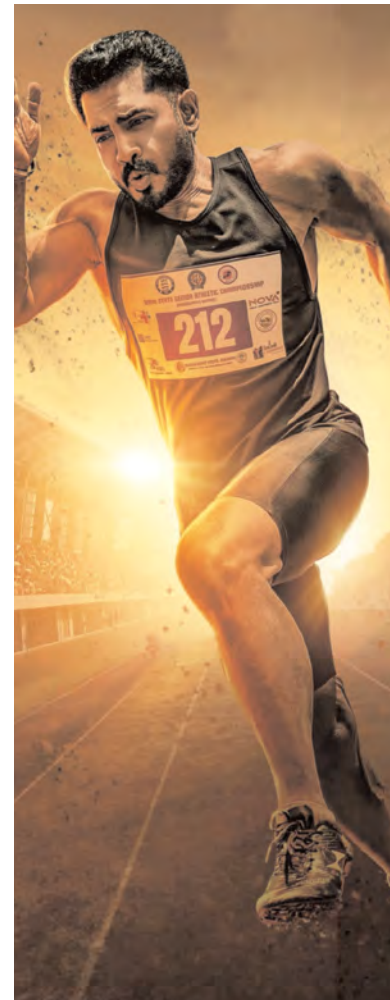


extremely confident about the film's output. The promotional content released so far has received a wonderful response, and we strongly believe the movie will entertain everyone. We are dedicating this film to our father figure, the late legendary director E. V. V. Satyanarayana."

Trailer Released for 'Gurtimpu' — Starring KJR and Jointly Produced by Ganga Entertainments and Swastik Visions

'Gurtimpu' is a sports and court drama film starring KJR as the lead, jointly produced by Ganga Entertainments and Swastik Visions, with SK Prashanth, Ajith Bhaskar, and Arun Murugan serving as producers. The film was directed by J.P. Thenpathiyam. 'Gurtimpu' was crafted around themes exploring the country's sports ecosystem, political landscape, government functioning, and the extent to which the underprivileged remain distanced from the world of sports. The trailer for the film was recently released. "Cricket is our national game"... "Hockey is our national game"... "Our country doesn't actually have a national game at all." "My life isn't just the ten seconds you all watch, Sir... Behind that lies 29 years of my life and hard work. If we could just make it to the meet, we would win... but we aren't even able to get that far." "For people like us, sports isn't just a casual pastime... it is our very liberation." "If you search for 'sports' online, the news that pops up is exclusively about cricket." "The

nation owes a great debt not only to those who fight on the battlefield but also to its athletes." "People like that will always find something to complain about—some perceived shortcoming—no matter how much the government does for them." "When it comes to athletics—the very field you boast about, puffing out your chest and chanting 'Gold! Gold!'—three-quarters of the medals have been won by those very people you dismissed as 'distitute!'" "I have only one hope: that your life changes for the better within your own lifetime." With dialogues such as these, the trailer delivers a powerful punch. A close look at the trailer sparks curiosity about the journey of a poor young man rising as an athlete: What circumstances did he have to overcome? Why did he end up taking the Sports Minister to court during this journey? What specific obstacles did he face from the government? And ultimately, did he receive the justice he sought in the courts, or not? The trailer has been cut in a way that keeps the audience guessing.



Alia Bhatt Gets Trolled For Her 'Male Centric' Comments



Alia Bhatt is facing heavy trolling on social media after her recent comments at the Cannes Film Festival about male-centric Indian cinema. During an interaction, Alia questioned why Indian filmmakers still focus heavily on films targeted toward male audiences despite the global success of women-led movies. Her remarks quickly triggered a wave of backlash online, with many netizens accusing her of hypocrisy. Several moviegoers argued that in Indian cinema, especially in commercial Bollywood and South Indian films, a movie's theatrical success largely depends on the male superstar.

According to many users, audiences primarily visit theatres for the hero, while actresses receive equal praise during success but rarely face the same level of criticism when films fail at the box office. Social media users pointed out that actors often carry the burden of box office pressure, fan expectations, and negativity after flops. The criticism intensified because Alia had earlier praised Animal, starring her husband Ranbir Kapoor, a film often criticized for its aggressive male-centric narrative. Many users also questioned her silence on films like Dhurandhar while speaking about gender imbalance in cinema.

"Audiences who watch 'Doordarshini' will feel like they've gone back to their hometowns": Hero Suvikshit

A feel-good love entertainer based on a real-life incident, Doordarshini, stars Suvikshit and Geethika Ratan in the lead roles. The film carries the tagline "Kalipindi Iddarini." Directed by Karthikeya Kommi, the movie is produced by Jaya Shankar Reddy M and Patimeedi Santosh under the Varaha Movie Makers banner. Having completed all formalities, the film is set for release on May 15. On this occasion, hero Suvikshit shared several details about the film. Here are the highlights.

What is your background? I am from Rayachoti in Kadapa district and I run a business. Since childhood, I've been passionate about cinema and inspired by films. Unexpectedly, I am now making my debut as a hero through this movie.

How did you get the opportunity to play the hero in this film?

Writer Narayana garu developed this story based on the life story of a beggar he met in Arunachalam. Initially, we planned to make this film with another hero. But since the story required a fresh face, and because of my interest, we felt I would suit the role well, so I ended up playing the protagonist. The teaser, songs, and trailer released recently have received a very positive response. We are confident the audience will support the film.

How did you prepare yourself for this role?

I too had experienced the kind of emotions portrayed in this story. Since the film is set in the 1990s, the lead character had to reflect the emotions people experienced during that



era. I was one among those who lived through those moments, so I felt I could portray it naturally. I didn't particularly "act" in this film — I simply behaved the way people did during that time.

Are you planning a grand release?

Initially, we thought of releasing the film in a limited number of theatres. But now, the film is gearing up for release in more than 250 theatres.

People say the hero and heroine die in the film. Why reveal that point?

The story is about how we still delivered a happy ending even after the hero and heroine die. It also explores how the old man reached Arunachalam and what happened in his life. That elderly character appears as the hero's father in the film. Audiences will feel like they've revisited their own villages from the 1990s.

Why did you choose to act in the hero's role yourself?

Almost everyone in this film is new. We wanted natural performances, so

we cast fresh faces. If well-known artists had acted in it, audiences would see their popularity rather than the characters. That's why we chose newcomers to preserve the film's natural feel.

How was the working experience on this film?

Like every film, we too faced several challenges. But all the artists and technicians supported us immensely. Bringing the movie to the release stage itself feels like a big achievement for us. We strongly believe audiences will definitely support a good film. We took our time to ensure the best quality output without compromising. We shot the film in natural locations around Yanam and Kakinada, recreating the atmosphere of the 1990s through detailed sets. We never compromised on quality.