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**OM NAMO**
VENKATESAYA20-05-2026
Total pilgrims: 96,315
Tonsures: 44,107
Hundi kanakulu: 3.94 CR
Waiting Compartments: Outside
line at Octopus building (Near
Gogabam Dam Circle)
Approx. Darshan Time for Saravardashnam
(with out 550 Tonsures): 24 - 30 H**Gold, silver trade**
lower as investors
track global tensions

Mumbai, May 21 : Gold and silver prices traded lower on Thursday, while investors closely monitored safe-haven demand and ongoing geopolitical uncertainties. On the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX), gold futures (June 5) fell as much as 0.42 per cent or Rs 687 to hit an intraday low of Rs 1,59,319 at around 12 pm. The yellow metal was trading at Rs 1,59,400, down 0.38 per cent or Rs 606. It touched an intraday high of Rs 1,59,992. Silver futures (July 3) declined 1.4 per cent or Rs 3,864 to Rs 2,70,401, its intraday low so far. The white metal was trading at Rs 2,70,810, down 1.26 per cent or Rs 3,455. During the session, it touched an intraday high of Rs 2,73,196. Earlier in the day, gold and silver opened on the commodity exchange at Rs 1,59,900 and Rs 2,72,275, respectively. In the international market, precious metals were also trading lower.

IPL ticket racket sparks fan outrage; Hyderabad cricket association faces severe criticism

SPORTS CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD (TSIT)

The excitement surrounding the high-voltage SRH vs RCB clash at Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium, Uppal, turned into frustration for

inflated prices, while ordinary fans struggle to gain entry. Social media posts and online resale listings have intensified concerns about profiteering. Particularly alarming is the alleged sale of VIP passes—meant only for invited guests—reportedly

amounts to watch matches. Fans express disappointment that cricket, traditionally an affordable sport for the masses, is increasingly becoming inaccessible.

The Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA) faces severe backlash for its failure to ensure transparent ticketing. Rapid online sell-outs and the subsequent appearance of the same tickets on black-market platforms have raised suspicions of negligence.

Senior Journalist Dr. Jithender Rao Thanugula condemned the situation, stating, "It is the responsibility of the HCA to protect the trust of cricket fans. But the ongoing ticket racket and black-market sale of VIP passes during the SRH vs RCB match at Uppal Stadium are damaging the reputation of Hyderabad cricket. This is truly very shameful." Fans and sports enthusiasts are demanding an immediate investigation, stricter enforcement against black-market sales, and measures to make tickets affordable and accessible for genuine spectators.

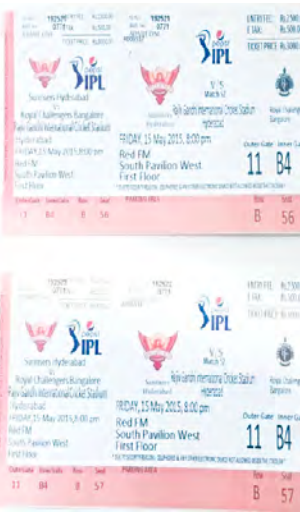


cricket fans, as allegations of a massive ticket racket and black-market sales came to light.

Reports suggest that middlemen and influential individuals have been illegally selling tickets at

fetching Rs.30,000 to Rs.40,000 each in black markets.

The spike in regular ticket prices has also drawn criticism, as middle-class families are forced to pay exorbitant



Telangana Govt raises minimum wages for workers CM Revanth

HYDERABAD
TSIT BUREAU:

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy announced a landmark revision of minimum wages for workers across the state, benefiting nearly 1.11 crore labourers. The revised wages will take effect from June 1, 2026, marking the first major welfare-oriented increase since the formation of Telangana.

The government categorized workers into four skill groups and divided the state into three wage zones covering municipal corporations, municipalities, and rural areas. A Cabinet Sub-Committee led by Deputy CM Mallu Bhathi Vikramarka studied and recommended the revised wage structure.

CM Revanth Reddy highlighted the government's commitment to labour rights and

Under the new structure:			
Worker Category	Previous Minimum Wage (Old Structure)	New Minimum Wage (New Structure)	Increase
Unskilled workers	Rs.12,750	Rs.16,000	↑ Rs.3,250 (up from Rs.12,750)
Semi-skilled workers	Rs.13,152	Rs.17,000	↑ Rs.3,848 (up from Rs.13,152)
Skilled workers	Rs.13,772	Rs.18,500	↑ Rs.4,728 (up from Rs.13,772)
Highly skilled workers	Rs.14,607	Rs.20,000	↑ Rs.5,393 (up from Rs.14,607)

worker dignity, praised Labour Minister Dr. G. Vivek Venkatswamy, and encouraged youth to explore global opportunities in technical fields, citing countries like Germany, Japan, and Singapore. He also touched on ongoing state initia-

tives, including paddy procurement progress, caste census implementation, and emphasized transparent governance while criticizing political obstruction from opposition parties and the Central Government.

PM Modi's five-nation visit secures nearly \$40 billion investment

NEW DELHI (TSIT):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent five-nation visit has helped India to secure an investment pipeline worth nearly \$40 billion, with several global companies committing fresh investments and outlining expansion plans across key sectors, officials said. During the visit, PM Modi held meetings with chief executives and senior representatives of more than 50 multinational companies spanning sectors such as semiconductors, logistics, infrastructure and technology.

The combined market valuation of these firms is estimated at around \$2.7 trillion to \$3 trillion, reflecting the scale of global corporate participation during the visit.

Many of these companies already have a significant presence in India, with their cumulative investments and business exposure in the country estimated at nearly \$180 billion. According to officials, several firms are now looking to expand their India operations to tap into the country's strong economic growth trajectory and rising domestic consump-



tion demand. Among the major announcements during the tour, the United Arab Emirates committed fresh investments worth about \$5 billion in India. The total estimated value of fresh investment commitments and proposed business expansion plans discussed during the visit stands at nearly \$40 billion, officials said, describing the outcome as a strong endorsement of India's long-term economic prospects and investment potential.

PM Modi's five-nation visit covered the UAE, the Netherlands, Sweden, Norway and Italy, during which India signed multiple agreements and elevated ties with several countries.

TN cabinet expansion reshapes Vijay govt; portfolios distributed as 23 new ministers take over

CHENNAI (TSIT)

In a major political and administrative exercise aimed at strengthening governance and broadening representation, Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay on Thursday carried out the first major expansion of the Tamil Nadu Cabinet, inducting 23 new ministers and simultaneously restructuring key portfolios. The move significantly expands the administrative structure of the Tamilaga Vettir Kazhagam (TVK)-led government that assumed office earlier this month.

The cabinet expansion comes less than two weeks after the formation of the Vijay-led government and is being viewed as an effort to accommodate regional, social and alliance considerations while filling several important departments that had remained unassigned during the initial phase of government formation. Among the politically significant developments was the inclusion of Congress representatives in the ministry.

S. Rajesh Kumar of Killiyoor and P. Viswanathan of Melur were inducted into the cabinet, marking Congress' entry into the Tamil Nadu government after nearly six decades.

Rajesh Kumar was assigned



the Tourism portfolio while Viswanathan was given charge of Higher Education, including Technical Education, Electronics, Science and Technology. Apart from the induction of new faces, the government also revised responsibilities among senior ministers. Chief Minister Vijay retained core departments including Home, Police and General Administration, while adding Special Initiatives and Poverty Alleviation-related subjects under his direct control. Minister N. Anand relinquished poverty alleviation responsibilities, while R. Nirmalkumar's Law and Energy portfolios underwent modifications.

A major reshuffle involved K.A. Sengottaiyan, who was shifted from Finance to Revenue and Disaster Management. The

crucial Finance, Planning and Development portfolio has now been assigned to the newly inducted minister N. Marie Wilson. Several long-pending sectors also received dedicated ministers. Agriculture was assigned to Vinoth, Housing to B. Rajkumar, Artificial Intelligence and Digital Services to Kumar R., Labour Welfare and Skill Development to Mohamed Farvas, and Social Welfare and Women Empowerment to Jegadeshwari. The government also created dedicated responsibilities for Non-Resident Tamils Welfare and AI-driven digital governance initiatives. Officials said the expansion is expected to improve administrative efficiency while helping the government address sector-specific priorities as it moves into its first full phase of governance.

No shortage of petrol, diesel or LPG at retail outlets: Govt officials

NEW DELHI (TSIT):

There is no shortage of petrol, diesel or LPG in the country and petrol pumps that are not giving fuel or giving fuel in reduced quantities are being pulled up, according to senior government officials on Thursday. The government is receiving feedback about petrol pumps across India and full supply of fuels is being maintained to all retail outlets. There has also been no reduction in oil imports coming from Russia in order to ensure ade-

quate crude supplies to the refineries of oil marketing companies, the officials pointed out. There has been an increase in sales at some pumps because of the higher demand for diesel due to the harvesting season. There has also been a shift in customers from private oil marketing companies, who have started charging higher prices, to retail filling stations belonging to public sector oil companies.



Besides, institutional or commercial sales, which are priced around Rs 20 higher as per actual international price, have also shifted to petrol pumps, they added. The officials also pointed out that India's increase of Rs 3.91 per litre in the prices of petrol and diesel announced this week, works out to 4.4 per cent,

from 10 to 90 per cent in the retail prices of the two fuels. The pass-through has been steepest in liberalised emerging markets directly exposed to West Asian supply and freight, where governments do not absorb volatility. The Pakistani consumer is paying about 55 per cent more for petrol today than three months ago, the Malaysian about 56 per cent more, and the Emirati consumers about 52 per cent higher prices, the figures show.

In the advanced economies, the increases are smaller in percentage terms but still substantial. American petrol prices, which respond quickly to crude because federal and state excise loadings are modest, have risen by close to 45 per cent and diesel by 48 per cent.

Bengal's mandatory 'Vande Mataram' order for madrasas sparks political row

BENGAL (TSIT)

The West Bengal Government's decision to make the singing of 'Vande Mataram' mandatory in all madrasas triggered both administrative action and fierce political backlash on Thursday, sharpening the debate over nationalism and identity in the state's educational landscape within a fortnight of the new BJP dispensation assuming power. The state administration pitched the move as an effort to ensure uniformity in assembly prac-



tices in education institutions, while opposition parties have accused the ruling dispensation of pushing an "arbitrary" agenda that risks unsettling the state's pluralistic fabric.

The Suvendu Adhikari-led government has made the singing of 'Vande Mataram' during assembly prayers compulsory in all madrasas with immediate effect, according to an official notification issued by Directorate of Madrasa Education. The directive will apply, the notification stated, to government model madrasas, government-aided

madrasas, approved Shishu Shiksha Kendras and Madhyamik Shiksha Kendras, as well as recognised unaided madrasas functioning under the Minority Affairs and Madrasah Education Department. "Singing of 'Vande Mataram' during assembly prayers, prior to the commencement of classes, is hereby made mandatory," it said. A senior official of the department said the decision was aimed at bringing "uniformity in assembly practices" across institutions functioning under the department.

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Rajiv Gandhi Was the Visionary Who Introduced Technology to India CM Revanth Reddy

Hyderabad, May 21: CM REVANTH Reddy paid rich tributes to former Prime Minister on his death anniversary and described him as a visionary leader who introduced technology to India and gave the country global recognition in the modern era.

Participating in Rajiv Gandhi's death anniversary programme, the Chief Minister said Rajiv Gandhi played a historic



role in bringing technological reforms and modernization to the country through simplified policies and progressive governance.

He stated that Rajiv Gandhi was also a great statesman who worked for women's empowerment and introduced the concept of women's reservations in the country.

Revanth Reddy urged the Centre to immediately convene a special session of Parliament and introduce the Women's Reservation Bill in the Lok Sabha.

Chief Minister asserted that the INDIA alliance would extend complete support to the 33 percent reservation bill for women in legislatures.

should not be used as a mask for political games. We will not tolerate attempts to politicize such an important issue," he remarked.

Revanth Reddy also said the dream of Telangana became a reality because of the courageous decision taken by . He noted that Telangana shares an inseparable bond with the Gandhi family that goes beyond politics.

Advisor Harkara Venugopal Rao Felicitates Women's Commission Chairperson Gadwal Vijayalakshmi



Hyderabad, May 21: Gadwal Vijayalakshmi, recently appointed as Chairperson of the Telangana State Women's Commission, was felicitated by Harkara Venugopal Rao Advisor to Government for Protocol and Public Relations Programme was attended by Gundelli Nagabhushanam, TPCC General Secretary and former Vice-Chairman of the Labour Advisory Board, along with Suraj Tiwari, Srikanth and Khairatabad DCC General Secretary Krishna Goud.

The leaders extended their congratulations to Gadwal Vijayalakshmi on her appointment and wished her success in strengthening women's welfare and empowerment initiatives in the state.

Minister Komatireddy Ensures Swift Repatriation of Navya's Mortal Remains from US

Hyderabad, May 21, 2026: Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy took special steps to ensure the quick return of Gadus Navya's mortal remains from the United States following a tragic road accident. Navya, from Cheruvugattu village, Narketpally mandal, Nalgonda district, had traveled to the US for higher studies after completing her MS. The Minister coordinated with senior officials, the Ministry of External Affairs, TANA, and the Indian Consulate in San Francisco, ensuring the body reaches Shamshabad International Airport by Friday morning, with all expenses borne by the government. Navya's family, who had invested heavily in her education, received assurances of support from the Minister and the State Government. TANA members contributed nearly 70 lakh to assist the bereaved family. Komatireddy appreciated the Telugu community abroad and officials involved for their efforts in expediting the repatriation during this difficult time.

Fake Seeds Sale Will Invite Legal Action: Mancherial ACP Prakash.



Mancherial, May 21, TSIT: Mancherial ACP R. Prakash warned that strict legal action would be taken against dealers and companies involved in the sale of fake seeds, fertilizers and pesticides to farmers. An awareness programme on the prevention of fake seeds was conducted on Thursday at the Rythu Vedita in Gudipet village for seed and fertilizer dealers under the limits of Mancherial Division. The programme was jointly organized by the Police and Agriculture Departments to educate dealers on their responsibilities and the legal consequences of violating rules and regulations. Addressing the gathering, ACP R. Prakash stated that all dealers must possess valid licenses for their shops and maintain proper records of daily stock. He instructed dealers to compulsorily maintain stock registers and bill books related to seeds, fertilizers and pesticides. He further directed that farmers' signatures should be obtained on every bill issued and warned dealers not to sell products above the Maximum Retail Price (MRP).

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA REVENUE (LA) DEPARTMENT							
FORM - VII							
(See sub-rule (1) of rule - 25 and section - 19(1) of the Act, 30/2013)							
The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation & Resettlement Act, 2013							
COLLECTOR/ADDITIONAL COLLECTOR/ LAND ACQUISITION OFFICER & SUB-COLLECTOR							
DECLARATION							
G1/535/2025				Date : 01-05-2026			
No. G/463/1/2025				Date : 20-04-2026			
Whereas it appears to the Government of Telangana / Collector, Nalgonda that a total of Ac.10.32 1/2 gts of land is required in the Nellikall Village of Thirumalagiri Sagar Mandal in Nalgonda District for Public purpose, namely, acquisition of land for Construction of pumping station on foreshore of Nagarjuna Sagar Reservoir near Nellikall village with vertical turbine pumps with motors, including supply, erection, testing and commissioning of electro - mechanical works and allied civil works viz., approach channel, pressure main, delivery cistern and gravity canals etc., including O&M works in Thirumalagiri Sagar Mandal of Nalgonda District.							
Therefore declaration is made that a piece of land measuring, more or less Ac.10.32 1/2 gts of standard measurement, under acquisition for the above said project in the Nellikall Village of Thirumalagiri Sagar Mandal in Nalgonda District whose detailed description is as following under acquisition.							
SCHEDULE							
Village: Nellikall , Mandal: Thirumalagiri Sagar, District: Nalgonda							
S.No.	Survey No.	Sub-Division No.	Type of Land	Area under Acquisition (Ac.gts.yards)	Name of the Pattadar/ Enjoyer and S/o or W/o	Details of Structures, Trees, etc., on the field	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	29	U	Patta	0.01 3/4	Daravath Bujji W/o. Ranga		
2				0.00 1/4	Dharavath Sunitha W/o. Govindu		
				Total:- 0.02			
3				0.01 3/4	Islavath Shankar S/o. Bicha		
4				0.02	Islavath Lachu S/o. Bicha		
5	30	U	2	0.00 1/2	Islavath Bicha S/o. Bhikya		
6				0.00 1/2	Ramavath Laxma S/o. Mangla		
7				0.03 3/4	Ramavath Deevuji S/o. Surja		
8				0.01 1/2	Daravath Bujji W/o. Ranga		
				Total:- 0.10			
9				0.03 1/2	Jatavath Bodya S/o. Bansri		
10	85	2	Patta	0.00 1/4	CANAL		
11				0.02 3/4	Jatavath Panthu S/o. Chandu		
				Total:- 0.06 1/2			
12				0.00 1/2	Jatavath Panthu S/o. Chandu		
13	86	2	Patta	0.00 1/2	CANAL		
14				0.02	Jatavath Nanda S/o. Biksham		
					Jatavath Ramulu S/o. Biksham		
				Total:- 0.03			
15				0.00 1/2	Jatavath Balu S/o. Bicha		
16				0.02	Jatavath Cheena S/o. Bicha		
17	88	2	Patta	0.03 1/4	Jatavath Naga W/o. Bicha		
18				0.00 3/4	Jatavath Nandu S/o. Deepa		
				Total:- 0.06 1/2			
19	91	2	Patta	0.02 3/4	Jatavath Hanuma S/o. Redya		
20				0.02 1/2	Jatavath Bichu S/o. Redya		
				Total:- 0.05 1/4			
21				0.02 3/4	Sabvath Srinu S/o. Hamja		
22				0.02 1/4	Sabvath Srinu S/o. Hamja		
23				0.00 3/4	Road		
24				0.03 1/4	Jatavath Bagna S/o. Redya		
25				0.01 3/4	Jatavath Bicha S/o. Redya		
				Total:- 0.10 3/4			
26				0.01	Jatavath Nandu S/o. Deepa		
27				0.00 3/4	Jatavath Srinu S/o. Mangla		
28	93	2	Patta	0.03 1/2	Jatavath Sukya S/o.		
29				0.00 1/2	Sabvath Srinu S/o. Hamja		
				Total:- 0.05 3/4			
30	98	2		0.01 1/4	Jatavath Lalu S/o. Badya		
31				0.03 1/4	Jatavath Lalu S/o. Badya		
32				0.02 1/4	Jatavath Bhangi S/o. Deepa		
33	100	2	Patta	0.03 1/2	Jatavath Parshya S/o. Redya		
34				0.00 1/2	Road		
35				0.01 1/4	Jatavath Swainy S/o. Badya		
				Total:- 0.10 3/4			
36	102	2	Patta	0.03	Jatavath Bhangi S/o. Deepa		
37				0.00 1/2	Jatavath Bhangi S/o. Deepa		
38				0.01 1/2	Jatavath Bhangi S/o. Deepa		
39	103	2	Patta	0.01 1/4	Jatavath Muni S/o. Lalu		
40				0.00 1/2	Jatavath Nandu S/o. Pandya		
				Total:- 0.03 3/4			
41				0.02	Jatavath Nandu S/o. Pandya		
42	106	2	Patta	0.02 3/4	Jatavath Hari S/o. Pandya		
43				0.00 1/4	Ramavath Chandar S/o. Kashi		
				Total:- 0.05			
44				0.01	Ramavath Chandar S/o. Kashi		
45	107	2	Patta	0.01 1/2	Sapavat Bhasha S/o. Seeva		
46				0.00 1/2	Donka		
				Total:- 0.03			
47				0.00 3/4	Jatavath Swami S/o. Badya		
48				0.05	Jatavath Bagna S/o. Badya		
49	108	2	Govt Land	0.00 3/4	Road		
50				0.04 1/2	Jatavath Bhangi S/o. Deepa		
51	108	2	Govt Land	0.02	Jatavath Nandu S/o. Pandya		
52	108	2	Govt Land	0.03 1/4	Sapavat Amar Singh S/o. Thavurya		
				Total:- 0.16 1/4			
53				0.04 1/2	Sapavat Pakeera S/o. Bhura		
54	115	2	Patta	0.02 3/4	Sapavat Sharmam S/o. Hamja		
				Total:- 0.07 1/4			
55				0.02	Sapavat Lakka S/o. Hamja		
56				0.03	Sapavat Bakshi S/o. Harja		
57	116	2	Patta	0.00 1/2	Donka		
58				0.01 1/2	Jatavath Pandu S/o. Gona		
59				0.00 3/4	Jatavath Hasha S/o. Mangya		
				Total:- 0.07 3/4			
60				0.01 3/4	Jatavath Hasha S/o. Mangya		
61				0.01 3/4	Jatavath Sukka S/o. Panthulu		
62	118	2	Patta	0.02	Jatavath Cheena S/o. Bichya		
63				0.02 3/4	Sapavat Ram Singh S/o. Kasna		
64				0.01 3/4	Sapavath Cheena S/o. Sakru		
65				0.05 1/2	Sapavath Cheena S/o. Sakru		
				Total:- 0.15 1/2			
66				0.01	Jatavath Hathiram S/o. Bicha		
67				0.01 1/2	Jatavath Beeku S/o. Cheena		
68				0.00 3/4	Jatavath Narsimha S/o. Bicha		
69	164	2	Patta	0.01 1/4	Jatavath Sakru S/o. Babima		
70				0.00 3/4	Vadthya Bhagya S/o. Deevuja		
71				0.00 3/4	Vadthya Raina S/o. Deevuja		
				Total:- 0.06			
72	165	2	Patta	0.02	Jatavath Mangya S/o. Keshya		

				0.01	Jatavath Bicha S/o Keshya		
				Total:- 0.03			
74	166	2	Patta	0.01	Jatavath Balu S/o Keshya		
75				0.02	Jatavath Bali W/o Naga		
				Total:- 0.03			
76	167	2	Patta	0.02 1/4	Jatavath Mangya S/o Keshya		
77				0.00 1/4	Godumadaka Road		
78				0.01 1/2	Jatavath Hema S/o Bicha		
79				0.01 1/2	Jatavath Deepa S/o Bicha		
80				0.01 1/2	Jatavath Swamy S/o Bicha		
81				0.01 1/2	Jatavath Hema S/o Bicha		
82	172	2	Govt Land	0.02 1/4	Jatavath Deepa S/o Bicha		
83				0.01 3/4	Jatavath Swami S/o Bicha		
84				0.03 3/4	Jatavath Dwali S/o Bicha		
85		2		0.11 1/4	Govt Land		
86		3		0.02	Ravula Srinivasarao S/o Venkaiah		
87		4		0.04	Jatavath Rakki W/o Mangtha		
				Total:- 0.31 1/4			
88	175	2	Patta	0.01 1/2	Jatavath Naji S/o Swami		
89				0.01	Jatavath Ranga S/o Swami		
				Total:- 0.02 1/2			
90	176	2	Patta	0.02 3/4	Jatavath Rakki w/o Mangtha		
91	181	2	Patta	0.05 1/2	Ravula Srinivasarao s/o Venkaiah		
92	182	2	Patta	0.03	Ravula Lakshamma w/o Srinivasarao		
93				0.01 1/2	Jatavath Hanuma s/o Ranga		
94	239	2	Patta	0.01 1/2	Jatavath Dathu s/o Vasram		
95				0.01 1/2	Jatavath Hanuma s/o Ranga		
				Total:- 0.04 1/2			
96		2	Patta	0.01 3/4	Jatavath Naji s/o Swami		
97				0.01 3/4	Jatavath Sukya s/o Bavingish		
98				0.02	Jatavath Ranga s/o Swami		
99		3	Patta	0.04	Jatavath Chinna Swami s/o Sakru		
100				0.04	Jatavath Pedda Swami s/o Sakru		
101	240			0.01 1/2	Jatavath Ramkoti s/o Seva		
102				0.01	Jatavath Hanuma s/o Ranga		
103				0.01	Jatavath Dathu s/o Vasram		
104		4	Patta		Jatavath Dasru s/o Daniya		
105				0.02 1/4	Jatavath Kerya Jagram		
106					Jatavath Nehru s/o Daniya		
				Total:- 0.19 1/4			
107				0.12 1/2	Govt Land		
108		2		0.02 1/4	Jatavath Mangya S/o Keshya		
109				0.02	Jatavath Dasru s/o Daniya		
110					Jatavath Kerya Jagram		
111					Jatavath Nehru s/o Daniya		
112				0.04	Jatavath Shankar s/o Lakpathi		
113				0.03 3/4	Megavath Lalsingh s/o Tulisa		
114				0.05	Megavath Balu s/o Tulisa		
115				0.11 3/4	Govt Land		
116	241	3	Govt Land	0.04 3/4	Jatavath Sureshar s/o Nehru		
117				0.02 1/2	Jatavath Buiji s/o Devlal		
118				0.02	Jatavath Sundar s/o Seva		
119				0.01 3/4	Jatavath Tulasiram s/o Sundar		
120				0.04 1/4	Jatavath Rarnulu s/o Bansri		
121					Jatavath Krishna s/o Bansri		
				Total:- 0.16 1/2			
122				0.05 1/2	Kampati Venkatamma W/o. Muthaiah		
123	325	2	Patta	0.06	Kampati Venkatamma W/o. Muthaiah		
				Total:- 0.11 1/2			
124				0.03 3/4	Ramavath Kaika W/o. Shiva		
125	326	2	Patta	0.01 1/4	Ramavath Naga S/o. Pandu		
				Total:- 0.05			
126				0.02 3/4	Ramavath Keeru S/o. Lakka		
127				0.01 1/2	Ramavath Shankar S/o. Chandya		
128	376	2	Patta	0.01 1/2	Ramavath Bali S/o. Chandya		
129				0.00 1/4	Ramavath Deevu S/o. Chandya		
130				0.04	Ramavath Shankar S/o. Bhashya		
				Total:- 0.10			
131				0.01	Ramavath Shankar S/o. Mangtha Naik		
132				0.01	Dhanavath Shiva S/o. Bicha		
133	379	2	Patta	0.01	Dhanavath Swamy S/o. Balu		
134				0.01 1/4	Ramavath Keeru S/o. Lakka		
				Total:- 0.04 1/4			
135	382	2	Patta	0.02	Ramavath Mothiram S/o. Raju		
136				0.00 1/4	Ramavath Mothiram S/o. Raju		
137				0.01 1/2	Ramavath Kheemma S/o. Chandya		
138				0.01 1/2	Ramavath Keeru S/o. Chandya		
139	383	2	Patta	0.01 1/2	Ramavath Harisingh S/o. Chandya		
140				0.00 1/2	Dharavath Ranga S/o. Bicha		
141				0.00 1/2	Ramavath Shankar S/o. Mangtha Naik		
				Total:- 0.05 3/4			
142	384	2	Patta	0.02 1/4	Ramavath Bicha S/o. Bhailu		
143				0.01 1/4	Ramavath Shiva S/o. Bala		
144				0.02 1/4	Ramavath Ramadasu S/o. Lachiram		
145				0.03 1/4	Ramavath Saida S/o. Lachiram		
146	391	2	Patta	0.03 1/2	Ramavath Dhasru S/o. Sriramulu		
147				0.00 3/4	Ramavath Phakeera S/o. Sriramulu		
148				0.00 1/2	Ramavath Bicha S/o. Bhailu		
				Total:- 0.11 1/2			
149				0.00 1/4	Ramavath Laxmi W/o. Bala		
150				0.02 1/4	Ramavath Muni S/o. Biksha		
151				0.01 1/2	Ramavath Nehru S/o. Ramulu		
152	392	2	Patta	0.00 3/4	Ramavath Dhasru S/o. Bhadya		
153				0.00 3/4	Ramavath Swamy S/o. Bhadya		
154				0.01 1/4	Ramavath Shiva S/o. Bala		
				Total:- 0.06 3/4			
155				0.00 1/4	Ramavath Maji S/o. Chinya		
					Ramavath Joga S/o. Chinya		
					Ramavath Pandu S/o. Chinya		
156	393	2	Patta	0.02	Ramavath Muni S/o. Biksha		
157				0.02 3/4	Ramavath Laxmi W/o. Bala		
				Total:- 0.05			
158					Ramavath Maji S/o. Chinya		
					Ramavath Joga S/o. Chinya		
	394	2	Patta	0.00 3/4			

RAJIV GANDHI LAID STRONG FOUNDATION FOR INDIA'S TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENT DR. KOTA NEELIMA



Hyderabad TSIT: Dr. Kota Neelima, TPCC Vice President and Congress Party In-charge for Sanath Nagar Constituency, said former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was a visionary leader who laid a strong foundation for India's technological advancement and modern transformation.

On the occasion of Rajiv Gandhi's death anniversary, Dr. Kota Neelima, along with Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and several ministers, paid floral tributes to Rajiv Gandhi's statue located opposite the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat in Hyderabad. Later, Dr. Neelima toured Padmarao Nagar, Sanath Nagar and SR Nagar divisions, where she garlanded

statues and portraits of Rajiv Gandhi and paid homage to the late leader. As part of the commemorative programmes, annadanam, health camps and distribution of buttermilk packets were organised across various divisions in the constituency.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Kota Neelima said Rajiv Gandhi assumed office as Prime Minister at a young age and introduced visionary reforms whose benefits continue to shape modern India. She stated that his leadership played a key role in strengthening science and technology, promoting economic liberalisation, encouraging industrial growth and empowering local self-governance through Panchayati Raj

institutions.

She noted that Rajiv Gandhi provided a progressive roadmap for taking India into the 21st century and believed strongly in the power of youth to transform the nation. According to Dr. Neelima, Rajiv Gandhi ushered India into the computer era and laid the foundation for the country's information technology revolution, creating vast opportunities for young people.

Dr. Neelima described Rajiv Gandhi's contribution to modern India as historic and unforgettable, highlighting his initiatives in expanding telecommunications, strengthening democratic decentralisation and modernising governance systems. She also recalled that Rajiv Gandhi's decision to reduce the voting age to 18 years significantly strengthened youth participation in democracy.

She further stated that Rajiv Gandhi worked tirelessly for poverty eradication and the upliftment of weaker sections of society. His reforms and welfare-oriented policies, she said, contributed towards building a more equitable and socially just nation.

Libraries Play Vital Role in Shaping Youth: Veerlapalli Shankar



RANGAREDDY (TSIT): Shadnagar MLA and Chairman of State Government Corporations Veerlapalli Shankar said libraries continue to serve as centres of knowledge and awareness that guide students and youth towards a better future. He participated in the unveiling of Goddess Saraswati's idol at the Grade-I Branch Library in Shadnagar. Addressing a meeting held under the leadership of Library Development Committee Chairman Madanmohan Reddy, the MLA said libraries have been creating awareness and spreading knowledge from the freedom struggle era to the present generation.

MAHBUBNAGAR POLICE STEP UP VIGILANCE AGAINST COW SMUGGLING AHEAD OF BAKRID

Mahbubnagar, May 21, TSIT: District SP Darawat Janaki conducted surprise inspections at special check posts in the district to prevent cow smuggling during the Bakrid festival. The checks focused on vehicles in the Midzil police station area, with officers instructed to inspect thoroughly and take strict action against offenders. The SP emphasized heightened vigilance, especially at night, and assured continuous monitoring on inter-district routes. Following the check post inspections, SP Janaki visited the Middle Police Station to review records management, staff performance, and law-and-order preparedness.



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(Formerly, Niwas Housing Finance Private Limited)

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

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

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

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

The borrower(s) 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 the NHFL for the amount mentioned below and interest and other charges thereon.

Loan Account Number	Borrower(s) & Property Details	Amount & Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Possession Status
LNNKODLAP-12220027943	1.DHOMAKONDA SULOCHANA (BORROWER) 2. SURESH DHOMAKONDA (CO-BORROWER)	Rs. 6,21,234/- (Rupees Six Lakh Twenty One Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Four Only) DATE: 23-Sep-2024	20-May-2026	PHYSICAL POSSESSION

PROPERTY BEARING :- ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF PROPERTY BEARING, RESIDENTIAL HOUSE ON DOOR NO. 4-78, BLOCK NO.4, ASST NO.754, HUZURNAGAR SUB-D, SITUATED AT DIRSENCHERLA REVENUE VILLAGE & GRAM PANCHAYAT, NEREDUCHERLA MANDAL, SURYAAPET DISTRICT. T.S.- PINCOAD – 508218. WHICH IS BOUNDED AS UNDER, NORTH : HOUSE OF R.NAGAMMA, SOUTH : CC ROAD, EAST: HOUSE OF R.RAMANNA, WEST: NEREDUCHERLATO JANAPAHAD R & B ROAD.

Date: 22-05-2026
Place: Telangana

Sd/- Authorized Officer
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Andhra Pradesh accelerates implementation of clean energy policy

Amaravati, May 21 : Andhra Pradesh has accelerated implementation of its Integrated Clean Energy Policy, under which the state aims to attract investments worth Rs.10 lakh crore across renewable energy, storage, green hydrogen, transmission, and manufacturing ecosystems by 2029.

Marking a major milestone in this journey, 600 MW solar power projects are set to be commissioned in YSR Kadapa district

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu posted on 'X' that it is a matter of pride for Andhra Pradesh that the first project under the forward-looking Integrated Clean Energy Policy 2024 is now being commissioned.

He stated that the gov-



ernment is committed to positioning Andhra Pradesh as India's clean energy capital.

State Minister for HRD, IT & Electronics and RTG, Nara Lokesh, will formally inaugurate SAEEL Solar MHP1 and SAEEL Solar MHP2 on Friday.

SAEEL Limited has successfully commissioned its 600 MW solar power projects in the state in a record 11 months, underscoring Andhra Pradesh's growing reputation as one of India's fastest-executing clean energy destinations, an official release said on

Thursday.

Developed with an investment of nearly Rs.3,000 crore, the integrated solar facility spans more than 2,400 acres and represents one of the most strategically-significant renewable energy investments in Andhra Pradesh in recent years.

The two 300 MW projects achieved commercial operations earlier this year, with MHP1 commissioned on January 30, 2026, and MHP2 on March 13, 2026.

The facility deploys more than 12 lakh advanced TOPCon bifacial solar modules, a majority of which were assembled at SAEEL's manufacturing facilities in Punjab and Rajasthan.

The clean energy generated from the projects will

feed directly into the national grid under a 25-year Power Purchase Agreement with Solar Energy Corporation of India.

The projects are expected to avoid nearly 11 lakh tonnes of CO2 emissions annually while also generating significant local economic impact. During construction, more than 1,000 workers were engaged directly and indirectly, with nearly 80 per cent drawn from local communities. The development has also created long-term economic opportunities for farmers in the region through structured land lease arrangements spanning nearly 25 years, providing stable and predictable income streams for rural families.

Jagan says Amaravati 'will never be reality', pushes 'Mavigun' as Andhra capital

Amaravati, May 21: Former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy on Thursday claimed that Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's vision of Amaravati as the state capital will "never become a reality", and instead pitched the 'Mavigun' region as a viable alternative. Stating that Amaravati as the state capital is not practical, he remarked that one, two or even three decades later, Andhra Pradesh will be without a state capital.

"What Chandrababu is conceiving will never be a reality. You know that. I know that. Anybody with reasonable common sense would agree to that," the YSR Congress Party president told a press conference at the party office at Tadepalli.

Jagan Mohan Reddy reit-



erated that 'Mavigun' (Machilipatnam, Vijayawada and Guntur) will be an ideal region as the state capital. "Mavigun is something which is already in existence. Day one itself, you will have a certain level of city in place with all infrastructure, be it a port in Machilipatnam, be it an international airport in Vijayawada, be it four

national highways, three railway stations, nine medical colleges and educational institutions," he said. The former Chief Minister stated that in Mavigun, there is nothing that the government requires to spend, except for improving connectivity. "At the best, in a period of five to seven years, you can spend 10 per cent of whatever you are talking about in Amaravati," he said, adding that Rs 15,000 crore to Rs 20,000 crore will suffice over a period of 5-7 years. "Accept Mavigun rather than constructing buildings there. Shift them over here. The moment you declare Mavigun as a capital, it comes into existence. There, even after one, two or three decades, you would find yourself in a situation where Andhra Pradesh has no capital."

TTD MAKES EXTENSIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEVOTEES

Continuous supply of drinking water and Annaprashadam through Srivari Sevaks Darshan updates being announced in 5 languages through Radio & Broadcasting

Tirumala: In view of the summer vacation rush, the number of devotees arriving at Tirumala for the darshan of Sri Venkateswara has been increasing day by day. In the last five days, a sea of humanity witnessed in Tirumala and is expected to continue for the next few weeks. TTD has made



extensive arrangements for the convenience of devotees. Special sheds have been erected around the Srivari Temple surroundings, Laddu counters, and other high-footfall areas. Further, synthetic enamel cool paint has been applied on the four Mada Streets to protect devotees from ground heat. Temporary toilets have also been arranged along the queue lines from Batagangamma Temple Circle to Outer Ring Road. Hundreds of Srivari Sevaks are continuously distributing drinking water and

Annaprasadams to devotees waiting in outside serpentine queue lines in round the clock shifts. Similarly, under the supervision of the TTD Health Department, mobile water drums are being used in crowded areas to provide drinking water to devotees waiting in outside lines through Srivari Sevaks. In accordance with the crowd situation, a mobile first-aid center has also been kept available along the queue lines on the Outer Ring Road. As accommodation facilities in Tirumala are limited, TTD can

allot accommodation only to around 60,000 devotees at a time. 9,000 lockers are available in PAC-1, PAC-2, PAC-3, PAC (Padmanabha Nilayam), and PAC-5. All these facilities are presently fully occupied with over crowd. TTD has also made elaborate arrangements for devotees offering tonsure to the Sri Venkateshwara.

Along with the main Kalyanakatta, 11 mini Kalyanakattas are functioning for devotees 24x7.

In the last five days alone, 4,32,213 devotees had darshan of Lord Venkateswara. More than 90,000 devotees visited the temple on May 16 and 17. Likewise, the number of devotees offering tonsure also increased significantly. More than 43,000 devotees offered hair on May 18, 19, and 20. During the last five days, nearly 19 lakh devotees were served Annaprasadams, tea, coffee, milk, and buttermilk at various locations in Tirumala.

Needle-Based Cryoablation Relieves Chronic Testicular Pain without Surgery

Hyderabad, May 21, 2026: Doctors at KIMS Hospitals, Secunderabad, successfully treated a patient suffering from chronic testicular pain without performing surgery. Using advanced Cryoablation technology, doctors provided long-term relief through a minimally invasive needle-based procedure. Details of the treatment were shared by Consultant (Interventional Pain Physician) Dr. Anusha Karumuri.

A 51-year-old patient from Hyderabad, had been suffering from severe scrotal pain for the past eight months. The pain persisted while sitting, standing, or even lying down, significantly affecting his quality of life. He also experienced severe discomfort during intimate moments with his wife. Despite consulting multiple hospitals and undergoing various treatments, he found no relief.

After approaching KIMS Hospitals, led by Dr. Anusha Karumuri first identified the exact pain-generating area using ultrasound guidance. heading the pain medicine department performed the procedure Cryoablation therapy. In this procedure, a thin needle is inserted into the affected area and extremely cold gas is delivered through it. This creates a small "ice ball" around the targeted nerve tissue, temporarily disabling the pain-transmitting nerve cells. As a result, the patient experiences immediate and significant pain relief.

CARE Hospitals, Banjara Hills Saves Critically Ill 48-Year-Old with Near-Fatal Cardiac Emergency

Hyderabad, 21st May 2026: In a powerful example of how every minute counts in emergency care, doctors at CARE Hospitals, Banjara Hills, saved the life of Mr. Panthangi Dhanunjayudu, a 48-year-old man from Vijayawada, morbidly obese above 100 Kgs. He arrived in critical condition from outstation with severe breathlessness, dangerously low oxygen levels, rapidly failing heart function, along with multiple comorbidities. Mr. Dhanunjayudu, a morbidly obese patient with diabetes-related kidney disease, was diagnosed with a massive pericardial effusion—a large collection of fluid around the heart that was compressing the cardiac chambers and severely affecting blood circulation.

Family members said the patient's condition had deteriorated rapidly during transit, and by the time he reached Hyderabad, he was struggling to breathe and slipping into a critical cardiac emergency.



Given his unstable condition and the technical difficulty of conventional drainage, the Emergency team quickly stabilized him while the multidisciplinary Heart Team, led by cardiology and cardiothoracic surgery specialists, made the swift decision to perform an emergency pericardial window procedure. During the high-risk emergency surgery, doctors successfully removed 750 ml of fluid from around the heart, immediately relieving pressure and restoring cardiac function.

Doctors stated that delayed treatment in such cases can rapidly lead to cardiac tamponade, multi-organ failure, and sudden cardiac death, making immediate emergency intervention absolutely critical.

Following the procedure, the patient was shifted to intensive care for close monitoring and advanced supportive management. After 72 hours of intensive care, the patient was extubated, recovered steadily, and was discharged home walking in stable condition.

Comprehensive Neuro Care and DBS Offering Hope for Advanced Parkinson's Patients



Secunderabad, May 21, 2026: Parkinson's Disease, a progressive neurological disorder that commonly affects the elderly population, is increasingly becoming a major health concern in India due to rising life expectancy and ageing-related conditions. Experts estimate that nearly 1% of individuals above the age of 60 are affected by Parkinson's Disease, with symptoms gradually impacting mobility, independence, and overall quality of life.

Addressing the media, the Neuro Sciences team at Medicovert Hospitals stated that Parkinson's Disease occurs due to the gradual degeneration of dopamine-producing neurons in the brain. Dopamine plays a crucial role in controlling smooth body movements and coordination. Patients suffering from Parkinson's Disease commonly experience tremors of the hands at rest, stiffness of limbs, slowness of movement, imbalance while walking, frequent falls, sleep disturbances, and in some advanced cases, memory impairment and cognitive decline.

The specialists explained that Parkinson's Disease progresses through different stages. In the early

phase, patients may experience mild unilateral tremors, slowing of daily activities, and difficulty initiating movements. As the disease advances, rigidity, imbalance, and reduced movement become more prominent, significantly affecting day-to-day functioning. In advanced stages, patients may become severely dependent on caregivers due to stiffness, impaired mobility, and cognitive decline.

The Neuro team highlighted that while medications remain the primary treatment in the initial stages by helping improve dopamine levels in the brain, advanced Parkinson's Disease may require additional interventions for better symptom control. One such well-established treatment modality is Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS), which is increasingly being used globally in carefully selected patients to improve symptom management and quality of life.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Srinivas Dussa said, "Deep Brain Stimulation is not a cure for Parkinson's Disease, but it can significantly help selected patients by reducing tremors, rigidity, and movement fluctuations. The procedure can improve mobility, enhance

functional independence, and help patients maintain a better quality of life."

The doctors shared the case of Mr. Rakesh, a 60-year-old patient diagnosed with advanced Parkinson's Disease, who recently underwent DBS surgery and has shown encouraging improvement in movement control and overall stability following the procedure.

The multidisciplinary Neuro Sciences team involved in the patient's care included Dr. Srinivas Dussa, Dr. Ramesh Shighakolli, Dr. Rohit Ramesh, Dr. Vikas Agarwal, and Dr. Sudheer, along with neuro-anesthesia, rehabilitation, physiotherapy, critical care, and nursing teams. The team emphasized that successful Parkinson's management requires a strong multidisciplinary approach involving neurologists, neurosurgeons, rehabilitation specialists, physiotherapists, and caregivers working together to provide long-term comprehensive care. They also stressed the importance of early diagnosis, regular medical follow-up, physiotherapy, and lifestyle support in helping patients maintain better mobility and independence for longer periods.

Railways to Run Summer Special Trains Between Tambaram and Santragachi

To manage the increased passenger rush during the summer season, the Railways will operate special trains between Tambaram and Santragachi.

Train Schedule:
Sl. No Train No.Route Day
DepartureArrival (Next Day) Dates
Trips
1 06075 Tambaram – Tue 10:15
Santragachi 18:30 hrs 26.05.2026 to
02.06.2026 2
2 06076 Santragachi – Wed 21:30
Tambaram 10:30 hrs 27.05.2026 to
03.06.2026 2



The Tambaram-Santragachi-Tambaram special trains (04 trips in total) will halt at major stations including Chennai Egmore, Gudur, Nellore, Ongole, Vijayawada, Rajahmundry, Duvvada, Vizianagaram, Palasa, Khurda Road, Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Bhadrak, Baleswar, and Kharagpur in both directions. The special trains will feature AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper, and General Second Class coaches to accommodate passengers during the peak summer travel period. Passengers are advised to plan their journeys accordingly and book tickets in advance.

LIC Reports Record Performance for FY26: PAT Rs.57,419 Crore, VNB Up 41.63%

Mumbai, May 21: Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) announced its financial results for the year ended March 31, 2026, reporting strong growth across key metrics.

Profit After Tax (PAT): Rs.57,419 crore, up 19.25% from Rs.48,151 crore in FY 25. Total Premium Income: Rs.5,35,984 crore, a 9.8% increase year-on-year. Individual New Business Premium: Rs.67,676 crore, up 8.29%; total individual business premium Rs.3,39,375 crore, up 6.37%. Group Business Premium: Rs.1,96,609 crore, a 16.26% increase. Value of New Business (VNB): Rs.14,179 crore, up 41.63% with VNB margin rising to 21.2% from 17.6%.

Individual Non-Par APE: Rs.15,214 crore, up 43.78%; Non-Par share in individual business grew to 35.11% from 27.69%.

Assets Under Management (AUM): Rs.57,29,396 crore, up 5.08%. Solvency Ratio: Improved to 2.35 from 2.11. Expense Ratio: Reduced to 11.91% from 12.42%.

Bonus to Policyholders: Rs.59,726 crore. LIC maintained its market leadership with a 56.66% overall share in Indian life insurance for FY26, including 36.6% in individual business and 70.11% in group business. A total of 1.84 crore individual policies were sold, up 3.7% from the previous year.

Shri R. Doraiswamy, CEO & MD, LIC, highlighted,

"FY26 has been a satisfying year with record growth across all business verticals. Our strategy of channel diversification, especially through Bancassurance and Alternate Channels, has exceeded Rs.5,000 crore in premium. The Indian insurance market continues to trust LIC, reflected in our Non-Par growth, VNB margins, and shareholder bonus issue."

The Board has recommended a final dividend of Rs.10 per equity share (equivalent to Rs.20 pre-bonus issue), subject to shareholder approval.

For full details, LIC's standalone financial results and notes are available on the Corporation's website www.licindia.in and stock exchanges.

Union Minister Dr. Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar to Lay Foundation Stone for Road Over Bridge at Chinapalakaluru, Guntur

Guntur, May 22, 2026: Dr. Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Rural Development and Communications, Government of India, will lay the foundation stone for the construction of a Road Over Bridge (ROB) in place of Level Crossing No. 6 at Chinapalakaluru, Guntur, under the Guntur Railway Division. The event will be attended by several dignitaries including Shri Kandula

Durgesh, Minister for Tourism, Culture & Cinematography and Guntur District In-charge Minister; Shri Nara Lokesh, Minister for Human Resources Development, IT & Electronics, RTG; Shri Nadendla Manohar, Minister for Food and Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs, along with senior railway officials and other government representatives. The ROB at Chinna Palakaluru, located on the main Guntur-Nadikude line, lies on a busy

route connecting Guntur to Pericherla Road. Designed to ease congestion and improve commuter safety, the project is estimated at Rs. 41.32 crore, fully funded by the Railways.

Upon completion, the ROB will ensure smooth movement of both road and rail traffic, facilitate hassle-free connectivity to the State Capital Amaravati, and significantly reduce travel distance between Pericherla and Guntur City. This project is expected to

Manipur CM calls for statewide disarmament, urges peace amid ongoing tensions

Imphal, May 20: Manipur chief minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh on Wednesday said that removing all firearms from circulation is an urgent step needed to restore peace and normalcy in the violence-affected state.

During a meeting with a delegation from the Tangkhul Naga community of Sinakeithei village in Ukhrul district, the chief minister stressed that peace remains the only viable path forward to resolve the ongoing crisis in Manipur.

"There are no other options except peace," he told the delegation, urging all communities to work together to end violence and rebuild harmony across the state.

The chief minister also highlighted the government's focus on employment generation through skill development programmes aimed at youth, saying such initiatives are intended to steer young people away from conflict and toward sustainable livelihoods. He called upon community leaders and public



representatives to play an active role in persuading youth to abandon violence and participate in peace-building efforts. Singh also cited global examples of reconciliation, referring to South African leader Nelson Mandela as an inspiration for conflict resolution and unity.

The Tangkhul Naga delegation, accompanied by Ukhrul MLA Ram Muivah of the Naga People's Front,

raised concerns over security conditions in Sinakeithei village and requested deployment of Manipur Rifles and Indian Reserve Battalion personnel in the area.

They also sought adequate staffing at the local police station and urged the government to ensure smooth functioning of administrative offices in the region. The villagers said repeated attacks in

recent months had created fear and insecurity, and appealed for stronger security arrangements, better healthcare facilities, and improved infrastructure, including safe road connectivity between Mahadev and Sinakeithei.

They also expressed gratitude for the deployment of Border Security Force personnel in the area and for government-supported infrastructure projects such as the inter-village road and a Bailey bridge over the Ilang river.

Meanwhile, tensions between Kuki and Naga groups have continued in parts of Ukhrul, Kangpokpi and Senapati districts since February. Recent clashes have resulted in multiple hostage situations following the killing of three church leaders in Kangpokpi district earlier this month. Officials said several individuals were later released through coordinated efforts by authorities, community leaders and civil society organisations, though the situation in the region remains sensitive.

Air India Delhi-Bengaluru flight suffers tail strike while landing, grounded

New Delhi, May 21: An Air India flight from Delhi to Bengaluru suffered a tail strike while landing at Bengaluru International Airport, the airline said on Thursday.

The Air India flight AI2651, with 179 people on board, was grounded after it experienced a tail strike during landing at the Bengaluru airport.

The airline said the aircraft landed safely and all passengers and crew members disembarked normally.

Following the incident, the aircraft has been grounded for a detailed inspection. Air India added that the matter will be investigated in line with established procedures.

Due to the grounding of the aircraft, the return flight AI2652 from Bengaluru to Delhi was cancelled.

The airline said alternative arrangements are being made to accommodate affected passengers at the earliest. Meanwhile, Civil



Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu said recently that the investigation into the crash of Air India Flight AI 171, which claimed 260 lives in Ahmedabad, is in its final stages and is likely to be completed within a month.

"The crash investigation is in the final stage and could even be completed in a month. However, the investigation is being done by the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AIB) and we don't

interfere in it. We are giving them all the resources they need," the minister said.

Emphasising the need for transparency in the probe, Naidu said the final report would be subject to international scrutiny as the ill-fated flight had foreign nationals onboard.

The AIB had submitted its preliminary investigation findings to the Union Ministry of Civil Aviation on July 12, 2025.

Responding to concerns raised by some

families of the victims regarding a lack of communication and delays in compensation from the airline, Naidu said the ministry was closely monitoring the situation and remained in touch with Air India.

The tragic crash took place on June 12, 2025, when a Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner operating as Air India flight AI 171 took off from Runway 23 of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport for London Gatwick.

Tourism Sector Gets Digital Booster in Telangana Minister Jupally Krishna Rao

Hyderabad TSIT: Telangana Tourism, Culture and Archaeology Minister said tourism is not limited to leisure travel alone, but has emerged as a powerful driver of economic growth, employment generation and Telangana's global brand image.

Addressing the "Telangana Tourism Creators Meet" organised at Tourism Plaza, Begumpet, as part of the Tourism Week celebrations under the State Government's 'Praja Palana - Pragathi Pranaliika' 99-day action plan, the Minister called upon digital creators and influencers to

showcase Telangana's natural beauty, historical heritage and cultural richness to the world through social media platforms. Jupally Krishna Rao stated that the government is implementing a special action plan to give a major boost to the tourism sector and accelerate tourism-driven economic activity across the State. He said suggestions from influencers and digital creators from various districts would be considered to further strengthen tourism promotion strategies.

The Minister emphasised that tourism development creates large-scale employment



and self-employment opportunities for local youth. Revenue generated through tourism, he said, would be utilised for

strengthening healthcare, education and infrastructure facilities in tourist destinations. He encouraged citizens to

explore tourist destinations within Telangana, stating that tourism should not be seen as a luxury dependent on financial status. Spending quality time with family at tourist destinations, he noted, provides mental peace and happiness while also supporting local economies. Jupally Krishna Rao said the government is focusing on cleanliness, basic amenities and modern tent accommodation facilities at tourist spots to attract both domestic and international tourists. He also revealed that unused Haritha hotels and tourism lands are being transformed into produc-

tive revenue-generating assets.

Calling for greater social responsibility among influencers, the Minister urged content creators not to limit themselves only to tourism promotion but also contribute towards creating awareness among youth on social issues. Expressing concern over increasing addiction to drugs, ganja, betting and online gaming among youngsters, he said many youths are ruining their lives and mental health by falling into such habits. He appealed to influencers to use their digital platforms and creative content to spread social awareness and inspire positive change.

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I, NOOKA RAMESH, S/o. NOOKA JENNAIAH, MY MOTHER NAME Nooka Anasurya My Wife Name NOOKA SUJATHA (Old Name) R/o. H.No: 1-179, Shivunipally, Station Ghanpur Mandal, Jangaon Dist-506143. Have Changed My Name as NUKA RAMESH, S/o. NUKA JANARDHAN, MY MOTHER NAME NUKAANASURYA, MY WIFE NAME NUKA SUJATHA (New Name) for all purpose.

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KARIMNAGAR CP CALLS FOR SPEEDY RESOLUTION OF PENDING CASES

Karimnagar, May 21, TSIT: Commissioner of Police Goush Alam has directed officers in the Karimnagar Police Commissionerate to ensure prompt resolution of pending cases while maintaining law and order.

During a monthly crime review meeting, officials presented the status of old cases,

issues. The CP also stressed visible policing and effective patrolling day and night, immediate response to complaints via Dial 100, and vigilance over rowdy and suspect individuals. Hotels and lodges were directed to verify proper ID and contact details before renting rooms. Authorities were



including serious crimes and property-related offenses. CP Alam instructed accelerated investigations into atrocities against women, POCSO cases, and property crimes. He emphasized coordination with revenue officials at paddy and maize purchase centers to avoid farmer-related

instructed to register details of over 1,000 Nepali workers in the Commissionerate, conduct security audits in banks and jewelry showrooms, and initiate drives against drunk driving and vehicles without number plates. Awareness programs on cyber crimes were also recommended.

BHU BHARATI RESURVEY TO RESOLVE LAND ISSUES



Khammam: The State government is conducting a resurvey under the "Bhu Bharati" initiative to provide a permanent solution to land disputes arising out of the Dharani portal, said Revenue, Housing and Information & Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy. Addressing a revenue conference on housing, revenue and forest land issues at Sathupalli on Thursday, he said the government led by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy was implementing welfare and development programmes with equal priority. The minister said the government was implementing schemes such as Indiramma houses, free bus travel for women, new ration cards, fine rice distribution and 200 units of free electricity. He said 4.5 lakh Indiramma houses were sanctioned with an outlay of Rs 22,500 crore and 1.25 lakh houses had already been completed. The second phase of the housing scheme would be launched from June 2, he added. He also said the government had provided 72,000 jobs during its first year in office and more recruitment notifications would be issued soon. Ponguleti said special measures were being taken to resolve forest-revenue boundary disputes and other land-related issues. Officials were directed to conduct surveys in Bethupalli and Narayanapuram villages and issue pattadar passbooks to eligible.

Telangana Media Academy Sanctions Financial Aid to 21 Journalists



Hyderabad, May 21: K.Srinivas Reddy, Chairman of the Telangana Media Academy, announced that financial assistance has been sanctioned to 21 beneficiaries from the Journalists' Welfare Fund. The decision was taken during the 5th meeting of the Journalists' Welfare Fund Committee held on Thursday at the conference hall of the Telangana Media Academy office in Nampally under the chairmanship of K. Srinivas Reddy.

committee examined 29 applications seeking financial assistance and approved aid for the families of 17 deceased journalists, besides extending support to four working journalists who suffered severe accidents or have been battling chronic illnesses.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chairman said that the families of the 17 deceased journalists would be provided financial assistance of 1 lakh each. In addition, a monthly pension of 3,000 would be provided to the respective families for a period of five years.

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - III
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD (DRT 1)
3rd Floor, Triveni Complex, Abids, Hyderabad - 500001.

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE Under Sections 25 to 28 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 and Rule 2 of Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961.

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State Bank of India
Versus
ABBAMANDLA SHAILAJA ABBAMANDLA

To
(Cd1) ABBAMANDLA SHAILAJA ABBAMANDLA SRI S. SATYANARAYANA D/O. S. SATYANARAYANA, MAJOR, H. NO. 20-150, ISLAMPURA, CHOUTUPPALA, NALGONDA, TELANGANA - 508207. Nalgonda, TELANGANA - 508207. This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL Hyderabad (DRT 1) in OA/387/2025 an amount of Rs. 2467639 (Rupees Twenty Four Lakhs Sixty Seven Thousands Six Hundred Thirty Nine only) along with pendente lite and future different rates of interest as mentioned in the recovery Certificate Simple interest yearly w.e.f. 13/08/2023 till realization and costs of Rs.66750 (Rupees Sixty Six Thousands Seven Hundred Fifty only) has been made due against you (Jointly and severally/ Fully/Limited).

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.

3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of your assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 01/07/2026 at 10:30 a.m. for further proceedings.

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:

(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.

(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 06/05/2026.

Recovery Officer
Debts Recovery Tribunal Hyderabad (DRT-1)

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE THAT we, Tigaksha Metallics Pvt Ltd. (TMPL) having our address at Plot No. 16 Ram Nagar Industrial Area, Gagnet, Una, Himachal Pradesh, represented by our Director Mr. Manish Jain, have to inform the general public at large as under:

That, subject to outcome of the pending litigations, TMPL had undergone management transformation. Further, according to website of the Registrar of Companies, Himachal Pradesh, until recent management transformation, since the year 2018, no person was holding the post of the director of TMPL. Subsequently, in March 2024, the undersigned was appointed as one of the directors of TMPL.

In view of the aforesaid development, till date, various earlier transactions, affairs, business, writings, documents, decisions, actions etc. done or caused to be done on behalf of or in the name of TMPL, are not binding upon TMPL and/or not the liability or responsibility of TMPL and/or not legal debt or claim exist against TMPL and/or disputed by TMPL, as the case may be, either directly or indirectly and in any manner whatsoever. Therefore, any person or entity or association or authority etc. including distributors, suppliers, service providers, transporters, workmen, staff, contractor etc. or of related to TMPL have any claim or demand or right or interest or grievance or dispute etc. in respect of any services, goods, materials, borrowings, loans or otherwise etc. of whatsoever nature against TMPL, or any case or complaint or litigation or otherwise etc. are filed against the TMPL, then you shall kindly contact Mr. Manish Jain (Mob No. +91 93263 78223) (manish26577@gmail.com), within a period of 15 (fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice of his/her/their such claim or demand or right or interest or grievance or dispute, case or complaint or litigation or otherwise etc. if any, with all supporting documents and the same shall be analysed and appropriate actions shall be initiated including but not limited to the investigation by concerned persons/agencies (including the concerned Police Stations, Enforcement Directorate, Statutory and Regulatory Authorities etc.) failing which, it will be presumed that no claim or demand or right or interest or grievance or dispute or case or complaint or litigation or otherwise etc. of whatsoever nature subsist or valid qua TMPL of whatsoever nature and the same shall be deemed to be cancelled or terminated or dismissed or withdrawn, without any further action or remedy or course of action in any manner whatsoever and also waived his/her/their right or remedy to challenge the same.

Without prejudice to above, it is also to inform that the Hon'ble Bombay High Court, in IA No. (U) 648 of 2025, vide order dated 24th March 2025, had already restrained the parties to the said Application including Super Max Mauritius, Arvee Family Foundation, Rakesh Malhotra, Shubhash Chaudhari, Chanchal Sharma, Sameer Khan, Surendra Hurrah and RKR International Limited, from entering into any transaction, business, affairs, representing and/or dealing with any third party on behalf of or in the name of TMPL. Hence, all the transactions, businesses, affairs etc., done on behalf of or in the name of TMPL or TMPL was represented and/or dealt with any third party by abovenamed persons, the same are not only void and illegal but also not binding upon TMPL in any manner whatsoever and shall be in Contempt of the said Order passed by the Hon'ble Bombay High Court and appropriate actions shall be initiated.

It is also informed that from the date of the present notice all the electronic communications and correspondences to be sent, are to be done only on the above mentioned email id and contact details in the name of Manish Kumar Jain (Director of TMPL) only and any electronic communication sent contrary to above the same shall not be deemed to be sent or received by TMPL.

MANISH JAIN
DIRECTOR OF TIGAKSHA METALLICS PVT. LTD.
Place: Gagnet Date: 22.05.2026

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APPENDIX- IV-A (See proviso to rule 8 (6))
Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

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

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical (mention whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., Tarana Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 15-06-2026, for recovery of Rs. 24,83,000/- (Rupees Twenty four Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand only) (mention amount as per present liability) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from Mr.B.KIRAN KUMAR S/O BATHULA SAILU (APPLICANT), Mrs. MEKALA SAI LAKSHMI W/O B KIRAN KUMAR (CO APPLICANT) and Mr.KATIKOORI SANDEEP KUMAR GOUD S/O NARASIMHA (Guarantor), as on 21-05-2026 together with further interest and other charges thereon. The reserve price will be Rs. 40,10,0,000/- (Rupees Forty Lakhs Ten Thousand Only) and the earnest money deposit will be Rs. 4,01,000/- (Rupees Four Lakh One Thousand Only)

SCHEDULE OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY

All That Residential Plot No.19 East Part, Admeasuring 185 Sq Yards Or 154.67 Sq.mtrs, In Sy No.309 & 320, Situated at Pedda Amberpet Revenue Village, abdulapurmet Revenue Mandal, under Pedda Amberpet Municipality, ranga Reddy District, with The Registration Sub-district, pedda Amberpet, Telangana State And Bounded On Bounded By: North: 25 Wide Road, South: Plot No.20, East: Plot No.13-A, West: plot No.19 West Part (Give short description of the immovable property with known encumbrances, if any)

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd., (<https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx>). Link for participating in e-auction: www.bankeauctionwizard.com

Date :21-05-2026
Place: Tarnaka

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
Can Fin Homes Ltd

Encore Asset Reconstruction Company Private Limited (Encore ARC)
Acting in its capacity as the Trustee of EARC-Bank-029-Trust
Encore ARC Corporate Office Address: 5th Floor, Plot No. 137, Sector 44, Gurugram 122002, Haryana

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas,
Encore Asset Reconstruction Company Private Limited ("Encore ARC"), acting in its capacity of being Trustee of EARC - BANK - 029 - Trust, has acquired all rights, title and interests of Manupuram Home Finance Limited ("Bank"), in the financial assets of CHUNCHU RADHA originated by the Bank under section 5 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFESI Act, 2002) vide Registered Assignment Agreement dated 14-12-2023.

And whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Encore ARC under SARFESI Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the SARFESI Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("Rules"), issued a demand notice dated 12-12-2024 calling upon the CHUNCHU RADHA (Borrower), CHUNCHU RAVI (Co-borrower 1), to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.41309/- (Rupees Four Lakh Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Nine Only) as on 12-12-2024 together with further interest at contractual rate, incidental expenses, and costs w.e.f. 13-12-2024, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/guarantor/mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Encore ARC, to the borrower/guarantor/mortgagor and the public in general that the Authorised Officer has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of SARFESI Act, 2002 read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on 13-05-2026.

The borrower/guarantor/mortgagor 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 Encore Asset Reconstruction Company Private Limited for an amount of 604793/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-Three Only) as on 12-12-2024, together with further interest at contractual rate, incidental expenses and costs w.e.f. 13-12-2024.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the SARFESI Act, 2002, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SCHEDULE
Description of Immovable Property
H No. 5/235, Having A Built-Up Area of 285.00 Sq Ft of ACC Roof Adm Area of 242.00 Sq Yards or 293.64 Sq Meters, Situated At Bandarpully Village & Gram Panchayat, Mutugu Mandal Mutugu District, Mutug, PD. Bandarpully, Warangal, Telangana, Pin: 506343

Boundary Description:
East- House of J. Sookiah, West- R & B Road, South- House of S. Mogili, North- Open Place of M Sadanandam

Sd/-
K. Lokesh Kumar
Authorised Officer
Encore Asset Reconstruction Company Pvt Ltd

Date: 22.05.2026
Place: WARANGAL

CONSUMER GROUPS' VIEWS MUST BE CONSIDERED IN LEGAL METROLOGY AMENDMENTS: DR. DAMODAR

Hanumakonda, May 21, TSIT: Dr. Pallepadu Damodar, President of the Southern States Coordinating Committee, emphasized that consumer associations' opinions should be taken into account before amending the Legal Metrology Act. He highlighted that regular inspections of weights, measures, and electronic meters play a crucial role in protecting consumer rights, and urged the central government to reduce the inspection interval from one year to six months. A poster on "Priority of Legal Metrology in Protection of Consumer Rights" was released at the Hanumakonda District



Collector Office in the presence of Legal Metrology Officer K. Visveswaraiah, Consumer Council National General Secretary Sambaraju Chakrapani, and state committee representatives. Chakrapani stressed the need for continuous monitoring of businesses without relying solely on punitive

measures. Dr. Damodar called for stricter penalties for those running illegal businesses and announced that surveys and awareness programs will be conducted across southern states to collect feedback from consumer associations. He said such initiatives will benefit both business growth and consumer welfare.

EDITORIAL

Twisha Sharma And The
Case Of The Ever-Innocent
Indian Husband

On the morning her family found her, Twisha's death had already been scripted by everyone except the investigators. The initial post-mortem report noted ligature marks. The nylon rope that her in-laws' neighbours distinctly recalled seeing on the terrace that morning was never recovered, never tagged, never produced before the magistrate. Within 72 hours of her death, a media narrative had overtaken the forensic one: anonymous sources whispered to local reporters about "erratic behaviour", a "history of depression", and alleged drug use. None of it was ever substantiated in a chargesheet. But it did not need to be. The media trial had served its purpose - it muddled the waters just enough to give investigators an excuse to look the other way. This procedural failure is not an anomaly. It is a symptom of a deeper institutional problem - one in which the machinery of investigation, prosecution, and public discourse collectively conspires to ensure that the crime of dowry death remains simultaneously rampant and unpunished. And critically, Twisha's case makes an argument that no poverty statistic can: her husband held a postgraduate degree, her in-laws were prosperous, English-speaking professionals. If entitlement were a disease of the uneducated or the economically desperate, her story could not exist. That it does reveals that dowry death is not a relic of a feudal past, but a thoroughly modern pathology. The Entitlement Framework Dowry is the proof of a deeply entrenched sense of entitlement in our society. The word 'dowry' may make an urban Indian think of a village scene, wherein a frightened bride in a rural household is being married off to a family while her father gathers his life earnings and property to give to the groom's family as a gift to accept their daughter. This image, however, is not only highly inaccurate but also dangerous, because it allows the educated, affluent, and the aspirational to exempt themselves from accountability. The logic of dowry in urban areas is, however, different from rural areas. Here, dowry demand is based on the qualifications and achievements of the groom or his family members. This status makes his family feel "entitled" to dowry in the form of gifts or payments for the wedding functions. The Supreme Court addressed this issue in Rajinder Singh v. State of Punjab (2015), ruling that the word "dowry" must be understood broadly. The Court held that any demand for property or valuable items tied to the marriage - whether asked for before, during, or any time after the wedding - is considered a dowry demand. Because of this, failing to give into these demands, no matter the area, results in cruel behaviour toward the bride and her family by the groom's side. The Law On Paper The Indian Parliament identified this deeply entrenched societal ill and responded to it with considerable force, or so they thought, with the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961. It was the first ever legislative attempt to criminalise this practice. The failure of this Act could be seen in its light enforcement and poor prosecution, as nothing in the practice has changed apart from the word itself, by calling these transactions "gifts". The 1986 amendment to the IPC added Section 304B (now Section 80 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023) to make "Dowry Deaths" a specific crime. To use this law, certain facts must be proven: an unnatural death within seven years of marriage, and proof that the woman faced cruelty or harassment for dowry "soon before" her death.

Teachers should teach and also fill the portal – how can we do it without a mobile?



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(Mobile crime in the classroom, but department orders on WhatsApp!)

The debate over teachers' mobile phone use in schools has once again intensified. New orders are being issued, teachers are being warned during inspections, and comments like, "Mobile phones in the classroom are a sign of teacher negligence." At first glance, this seems reasonable in the interests of discipline and education. Indeed, when teachers are seen busy with mobile phone screens instead of teaching, it's natural for students and parents to question them. But when we look beyond the surface, a different truth emerges. The question arises: is the mobile phone really the problem, or is it the system that has so deeply digitally entrenched education that it's nearly impossible to remove the mobile phone from the teacher's hand? Today, almost every function of the education system is based online. Student attendance is recorded on a portal, departmental letters are received on mobile phones, exam results are uploaded online, scholarship data is digitized, the U-DISE portal is updated, various surveys are completed, meeting information is sent to WhatsApp groups, and on top of that, every few days, teachers are presented with a new link or app. Ironically, while the government and the department promote "Digital India" and "Smart Education," a teacher implementing the same digital processes is immediately suspect if they pick up a mobile phone. Departmental orders are sent via WhatsApp, prompting responses, and accountability for delays.



However, if a teacher uses a mobile phone, they are labeled a symbol of indiscipline. This situation exposes the dual nature of the education system. Of course, it cannot be said that mobile phones are not misused. In many places, there are instances where some teachers engage in personal calls, social media, or unnecessary chatting during teaching hours. This not only violates the dignity of education but also harms the future of students. The classroom is a temple of knowledge, not a platform for personal entertainment. But is it fair to impose harsh restrictions on the entire teaching community because of the mistakes of a few? If a driver causes an accident, should the entire community be banned from using vehicles? If some students misuse mobile phones, should all technology be blamed? Misuse of a tool does not eliminate its necessity and utility. The real problem is not the mobile, but the culture of its use. Today, teachers are no longer just teachers. They also perform the roles of data entry operator, portal manager, survey staff, and administrative assistant. Sometimes the portal doesn't open, sometimes the link fails, sometimes reports are requested

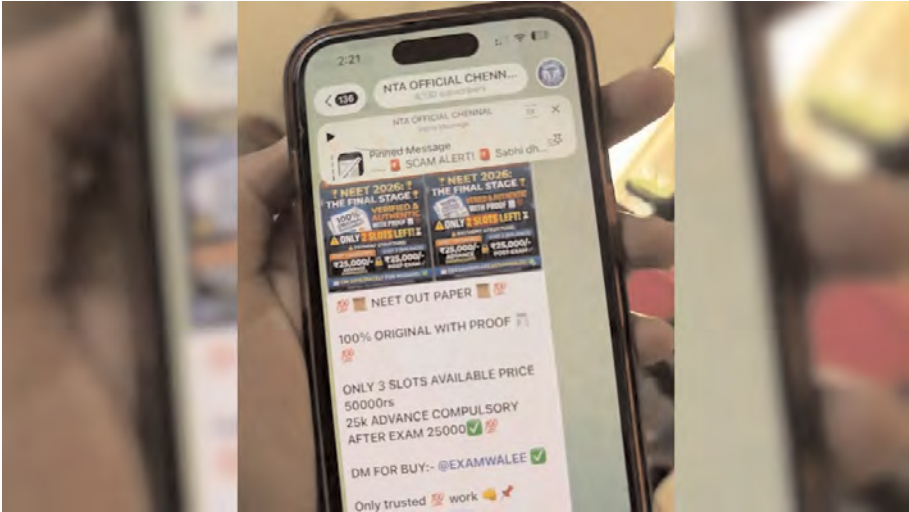
late at night, and sometimes even on holidays, messages about online meetings arrive. A large segment of teachers is realizing that more time is spent on paperwork and digital processes than on teaching. The situation has become so bizarre that teachers often spend half their day teaching students and the other half completing official work on their mobile phones or laptops. On top of that, they expect excellent results, up-to-date records, timely submission of all portals, and a mobile phone to be kept out of sight. It's like telling someone not to get wet while wading into water. The most serious question is: if there's so much opposition to mobile phones, is the Education Department willing to issue all its orders offline? Are there adequate computers, fast internet, and technical staff in every school? Are each teacher assigned separate digital resources? Are there separate institutional tools for government work? The truth is that most schools lack even basic digital infrastructure. Many teachers use their personal mobile phones, their own internet data, and their own resources to perform government work. They also comply with departmental orders at their own expense, but

when those same mobile phones are seen in the classroom, it creates an atmosphere of suspicion. This contradiction has become a part of not only the education system but also our social outlook. Today, society desires the benefits of technology, but it doesn't want to acknowledge the complexities of its use. We want teachers to be modern, digital, and up-to-date on all information, yet the moment they pick up a mobile phone, they are put on trial. During the COVID-19 pandemic, mobile phones became the biggest support for education. When schools were closed, teachers used their mobile phones to conduct online classes, send notes, record videos, and make every effort to deliver education to students. At that time, society called teachers "digital warriors." But after the pandemic, those same mobile phones were suddenly declared the enemy of discipline. The problem isn't technology, but rather a lack of balance. If a teacher uses a mobile phone to display educational materials, search for information, answer student questions, or complete departmental assignments, that technology can make education modern and effective. However, if it's used for personal entertainment and time-wasting, it's

wrong. Therefore, what's needed is not a blanket ban, but a clear and balanced policy. Schools could establish guidelines that limit mobile phone use during class to academic and administrative purposes. There should be a clear prohibition on personal calls, social media, and unnecessary chats. If a teacher consistently misuses the phone, individual action should be taken, but the entire teaching system should not be viewed with suspicion. Along with this, the education department must also understand its responsibility. If education is to be digitalized, adequate resources must be made available in schools. Uploading every government task to a teacher's personal mobile phone and then questioning the use of that mobile phone reflects the inconsistency of the system. Today's students live in a digital age. They are part of a world of internet, smartphones, and artificial intelligence. In such a time, if teachers are completely isolated from technology, the education system will fall behind the times. The need is not to take away mobile phones, but to ensure they are used responsibly and with dignity. Teachers are the guides of society. If they don't use technology in a balanced way, who will teach students digital discipline? The goal of schools is not just to complete the curriculum, but also to prepare responsible citizens. Digital discipline is part of that education. Today, the need is to change the mindset of blaming teachers. We must understand that the system has placed not only chalk in their hands, but also a mobile phone. When every order is online, every report is digital, and every information is available on WhatsApp, then the mobile will be visible not in the teacher's pocket, but in their responsibilities. Therefore, the solution isn't restriction, but balance. The education system can't progress by treating mobile phones as the enemy. Wisely embracing technology and setting limits on its use is the most pressing need of the hour. Otherwise, the situation will remain the same—teachers teach, fill out portals, and then be asked why they're using their mobile phones.

UNMARKED VANS, 'OMR' TRICKS, 'SOLVER-FOR-HIRES': THE DARK UNDERBELLY OF MULTI-CRORE NEET SCAMS

Every year, 24 lakh young Indians wake up believing the same dream: that hard work, not wealth, will earn them a white coat and a stethoscope. They believe that one exam - NEET, the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test - will judge them fairly, measure their merit purely, and open the doors to becoming a doctor. But here's what they don't see: beneath the answer sheets and OMR bubbles, beneath the invigilators and sealed envelopes, lies a system so fragile, so vulnerable, and so compromised that it has stopped being a test of knowledge. It has become an auction. And the price? Lakhs of rupees that only some families can afford to pay. This is not a story about a few isolated cheating incidents. This is the anatomy of a national betrayal - where outdated infrastructure meets billion-dollar desperation, and merit quietly dies in the gap between them. Here's Part I of this operation. When Your Future Travels In An Unmarked Van Imagine this: your entire future-12 years of schooling, sleepless nights, sacrificed friendships, your parents' hopes-all of it compressed into a single set of question papers. Now imagine those papers moving through the country like ordinary cargo. They start at a high-security printing press. Good so far. But then they're loaded into transit vehicles - ordinary trucks driven by contract workers



paid a pittance. They're stored in state bank vaults overnight. Fine. Then moved again to district strongrooms. Still manageable. But then comes the final, fatal step: distribution to thousands of local exam centres - often small-town schools, managed by underpaid staff, guarded by temporary security, located in neighbourhoods where everyone knows everyone. This is where the system breaks. The sophisticated vaults at the top of the chain? Nearly impossible to breach. But that suburban school on the outskirts of town, where the physics teacher doubles as the exam coordinator and the security guard is someone's cousin? That's where organised criminals don't break in - they just knock politely and negotiate. The Single-Day Gamble Now here's what makes it worse. NEET happens on a single

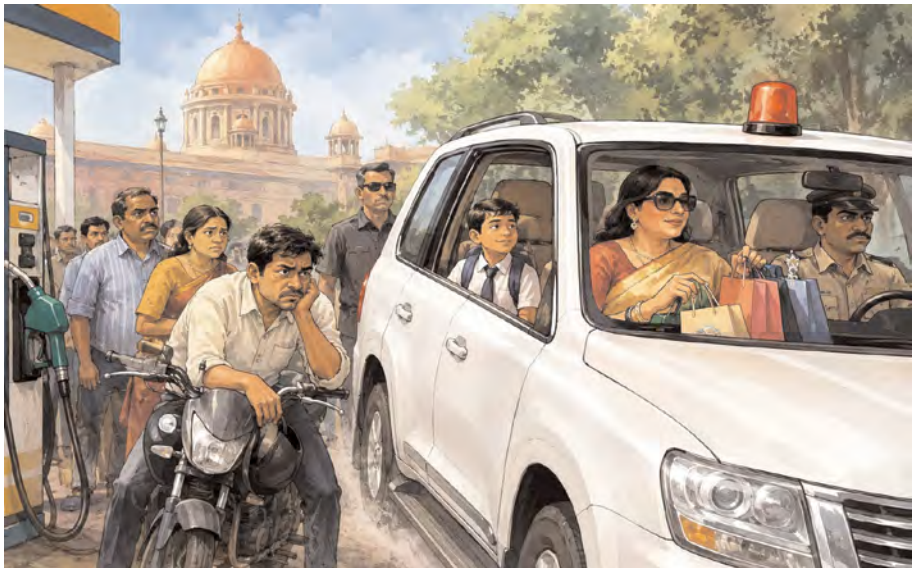
day, in a single shift, across the entire country. Every candidate, from Kashmir to Kanyakumari, answers the same paper at the same time. Compare this to the engineering entrance exam, JEE. It's computer-based, runs across multiple days, with different question sets for different shifts. If there's a leak at one centre or one shift, only a small group is affected. The damage is contained. A localised re-exam can fix it. But NEET? If even one question paper leaks in one small town in Bihar or Rajasthan or Tamil Nadu, the entire national exam is compromised. Because everyone, everywhere, is answering the same questions at the same time. It's a ticking time bomb. And when it goes off? The National Testing Agency has only two choices, both terrible: cancel the entire exam nationwide and face

public fury, or deny the leak happened and let the cheaters win. Either way, 24 lakh honest students pay the price. The OMR Trick: Changing Answers After Time's Up Here's a detail most students never think about: while the question papers are physical, the evaluation is digital. You fill in bubbles on an OMR sheet-those optical mark recognition forms-and later, those sheets are scanned by machines that read your answers. Sounds secure, right? Except there's a gap. A window of time between when you hand in your sheet and when it actually gets scanned at a central facility. Hours. Sometimes days. And in that gap, things can happen. Allegations have surfaced - not proven in every case, but persistent enough to worry - of blank OMR sheets being filled out after the exam.

KNOWLEDGE OF SAVING PETROL, FAMILY IN GOVERNMENT VEHICLES

- Dr. Priyanka Saurabh

Whenever petrol and diesel prices rise in the country, governments, officials, and politicians suddenly become concerned about "fuel savings." Messages begin to air on TV channels, advertisements appear in newspapers, and public platforms urge the public to stop unnecessary vehicle use, adopt carpooling, travel shorter distances on foot, and conserve fuel in the national interest. This all sounds idealistic and responsible, but as soon as the average person takes to the streets, they begin to see the other side of this idealism. On one hand, ordinary citizens calculate every extra rupee spent at the petrol pump, while on the other, convoys of government vehicles ply the roads like symbols of power. The very people who preach saving to the public are often seen using government vehicles for even the smallest of their family's personal needs. Whether dropping children to school, taking their wives to the market, picking up relatives, or attending a private event—government vehicles are always at their disposal. The natural question then arises: why does the burden of saving fuel fall solely on the common man? In reality, this isn't just a problem of petrol or diesel, but of mindset. In our country, power and position are often mistaken for privileges, not service. As soon as someone reaches a high position, a circle of privileges develops around them, where government resources are considered a part of their personal lives. Government



vehicles then cease to be merely a means of administrative work, but instead become a symbol of prestige and influence. This is why government vehicles are often seen serving family needs more than the office. Ironically, in a country where millions of people are limiting their daily travel due to high petrol prices, personal use of vehicles funded by public taxes is considered normal. The average person balances paying their child's fees with refueling, while in the corridors of power, families continue to enjoy comfort on government fuel. This very scenario breeds public discontent, as those preaching sacrifice are those who themselves seem unwilling to sacrifice. History shows that society doesn't change through speeches alone, but through examples. If leaders and officials are truly serious about saving fuel, they should start

at home. If government vehicles are restricted to official purposes, and are not used for personal activities like transporting children to school or shopping, this will send a more powerful message than any major campaign. The public embodies what they see in their leadership. The biggest problem today is the growing moral distance between power and the public. When the public sees that those who preach simplicity and frugality themselves live in luxury and privilege, their trust weakens. Democracy is not just governed by laws, but also by moral credibility. If those in power don't follow the rules themselves, expecting discipline from the public becomes a mere formality. It's also true that not every official and leader does this. Many perform their duties with honesty and simplicity. Many officials do not misuse government facilities in their

personal lives and follow the rules. But the problem is that the habits of some individuals tarnish the image of the entire system. The public only sees what is visible on the road—the ostentation of red-light vehicles, long convoys, and the blatant use of government resources for personal purposes. The saddest thing is that society often considers the misuse of government resources a status symbol. If an official's wife is seen going to the market in a government vehicle, some people consider it a symbol of status. This mentality gradually erodes the system from within. Government facilities should be a means of service, not a display of prestige. Today, we face both an environmental and an energy crisis. The world is grappling with climate change. In a vast country like India, fuel efficiency is not just an economic issue but also an environmental necessity.

No intention whatsoever of raising electricity charges: TN Minister Nirmalkumar

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CHENNAI: Tamil Nadu Minister R Nirmalkumar on Thursday dismissed the possibility of any increase in electricity charges in the State. On his first day in office, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay signed three files, one of which approved a scheme granting 200 units of free electricity to domestic consumers with a bi-monthly consumption of up to 500 units.

When asked whether the state government plans to increase power tariffs, the Energy Resources Minister told reporters, “The government has no intention whatsoever of raising them. False information is being circulated in this regard. Neither the government nor the CM has any intention at this time of increasing electricity charges.” After



conducting a detailed review of the functioning of the State electricity distribution corporation, he said it is currently burdened with a debt of nearly 2.5 lakh crore rupees. “Moreover, there is a severe staff shortage in the corporation. Against the required 1.4 lakh employees, only 70,000 are currently working. This manpower deficit persists,” he said.

The minister added, “As the CM has pledged, this department will be

dedicated entirely to public service, free from irregularities, malpractices, and corruption. We have been working tirelessly over the past few days, sitting together to carry out the necessary tasks continuously. Two senior officials from Tamil Nadu Power Distribution Corporation Limited were suspended following allegations of irregularities in approvals of TNGECL. The irregularities were detected during a series of review meetings

chaired by Nirmalkumar.

He said that whether the wrongdoing involves a former minister or their predecessor, appropriate action will be taken irrespective of who is responsible, adding that all necessary legal measures will be implemented.

The minister further stated that there would be no leniency or favouritism in this regard, regardless of who is responsible, especially in cases involving public funds or government assets. Regarding solar panel investments, Nirmalkumar said, “For anyone wishing to invest in solar panels from outside, a transparent system with a clear framework will be established. No one will be able to secure approvals through informal means, such as submitting requests on slips of paper.”



STATE GENERAL SECRETARY AND NATIONAL SECRETARY OF INDIAN UNION MUSLIM LEAGUE CALLED ON THE HONBLE CHIEF MINISTER

27 LAKH GUNNY BAGS ARRIVE FROM WEST BENGAL TO TACKLE PADDY PROCUREMENT CRISIS IN CHENGALPATTU

CHENNAI: In a major relief for farmers and procurement agencies, a freight train from West Bengal has arrived in Chengalpattu district carrying 27 lakh gunny bags. The bags are intended to address a severe shortage that had disrupted paddy procurement across several parts of Tamil Nadu, including Chengalpattu.

Chengalpattu, a district bordering Chennai, ranks second only to the Delta districts in paddy cultivation. With the ongoing Samba crop season in full swing, farmers have been harvesting and bringing their produce to government procurement centers. However, a lack of gunny bags had led to large piles of paddy being left uncovered near these centers. The situation worsened due to unseasonal summer rains, causing the exposed paddy



grains to sprout and go to waste. Farmers had repeatedly urged the government to ensure timely procurement to prevent such losses, but the bag shortage remained a critical hurdle.

In response, the Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation initiated efforts to source gunny bags from West Bengal. The consignment of 27 lakh bags arrived by goods train at Chengalpattu

railway station on Tuesday. Heavy lorries were used to unload the parcels from the train compartments.

According to officials, the bags will be distributed to 122 state-run paddy procurement centers and 42 centers operated under the central government's Civil Supplies Corporation. Priority will be given to areas in Tamil Nadu where procurement has been most severely affected due to the lack of gunny bags.

Until the bags are dispatched, they will be temporarily stored in a secure godown at the Pattalam sugar mill in Chengalpattu district.

Farmers have expressed relief and happiness over the development, stating that with the arrival of these bags, procurement at government centers is expected to proceed without further delays.

Blue pottery, Kundan jewellery, Madhubani art: PM Modi's gifts to Dutch leaders showcase India's cultural heritage

New Delhi/Amsterdam, May 21 : During his State Visit to the Netherlands, Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented specially curated gifts to Dutch leaders, reflecting India's rich cultural heritage, traditional craftsmanship and folk-art traditions.

The gifts included Blue Pottery from Jaipur, Meenakari and Kundan jewellery, and a Madhubani painting, each symbolising distinct aspects of India's artistic legacy and cultural depth.

Prime Minister Modi gifted King Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands a piece of Blue Pottery, a GI-tagged craft from Jaipur, Rajasthan, known for its vibrant cobalt-blue, white and yellow designs.

Blue pottery is widely recognised for its unique production technique, made from a special mixture of quartz powder, powdered glass and Fuller's earth, which gives it a glass-like finish. Unlike conventional pottery, it does not use clay and is fired using specialised methods to achieve its translucent texture and distinctive cobalt-blue sheen, often decorated with intricate floral and bird motifs. The art form is regarded as a



hallmark of Indian craftsmanship, combining traditional aesthetics with contemporary appeal. It also resonates with Dutch cultural heritage, particularly the globally renowned Delft Blue pottery tradition, symbolising a shared appreciation for fine ceramic artistry between India and the Netherlands.

For Queen Maxima of the Netherlands, the Prime Minister gifted Meenakari and Kundan earrings, representing two of India's most celebrated jewellery-making traditions originating from Rajasthan.

Meenakari involves intricate enamel work where vibrant co-

lours are fused onto metal surfaces, while Kundan is a traditional technique of setting uncut gemstones in gold foil. Together, the craftsmanship reflects royal Indian artistry, blending detailed enamel work with elegant gemstone settings.

The colour composition of the jewellery - orange and blue - was also chosen for its symbolic relevance to the Netherlands. Orange represents the Dutch Royal House of Orange-Nassau and is associated with unity and national pride, while blue signifies openness, calmness and the country's deep connection with water. To Dutch Prime Minis-

ter Rob Jetten, PM Modi presented a Madhubani painting featuring a fish motif, a traditional folk-art from the Mithila region of India and Nepal, known for its intricate patterns and vibrant use of colour. Madhubani art, traditionally practised by women, is deeply rooted in Indian mythology and cultural rituals, often depicting themes from nature, deities and daily life through motifs such as fish, birds, flowers and trees. The fish motif featured in the artwork holds special significance, symbolising fertility, prosperity, harmony and positive energy. It is widely regarded as a representation of ecological balance and continuity of life.

The symbolism of the painting was also linked to environmental themes, drawing parallels with the Fish Migration River at the Afsluitdijk in the Netherlands, which helps restore natural aquatic pathways and supports biodiversity.

The curated gifts highlighted not only India's rich artistic traditions but also the cultural bridges and shared values between India and the Netherlands, emphasising sustainability, creativity and cross-cultural appreciation.

ICMR study finds Ayurvedic treatment effective for moderate anaemia in women



New Delhi, May 21: A large multicentric Phase III clinical trial conducted by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has found that certain Ayurvedic formulations are therapeutically comparable to conventional iron-folic acid supplements in treating moderate iron deficiency anaemia among women.

The findings were announced during the “1st ICMR Annual Clinical Trial Meet 2026,” organised to strengthen India's clinical trial ecosystem and promote evidence-based integrative medicine research, according to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

The clinical study was carried out jointly by ICMR and the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS). It involved nearly 4,000 non-pregnant women aged between 18 and 49 years who were diagnosed with moderate anaemia.

Researchers evaluated the effectiveness of Ayurvedic formulations such as Punarnavadi Mandura, both independently and in combination with Drakshavaleha, and compared the outcomes with standard iron-folic acid supplementation over a 90-day treatment period.

The study assessed changes in haemoglobin levels as well as broader clinical outcomes and found the Ayurvedic treatments to be similarly effective in managing the condition.

During the event, officials also launched a new report focused on strengthening First-in-Human Phase 1 clinical trials in India.

report highlighted several challenges slowing the progress of early-stage clinical trials in the country, including regulatory hurdles, lengthy approval procedures and limited coordination among agencies involved in clinical research.

To address these issues, the report recommended measures such as improving regulatory capacity, simplifying approval systems and encouraging stronger collaboration between research institutions, regulators and industry stakeholders to support innovation-driven medical research.

The recommendations were prepared following a two-round consultation process involving 37 experts from the pharmaceutical sector, Contract Research Organisations (CROs), academia and national regulatory authorities.

The conference also featured panel discussions centred on converting scientific evidence into effective public health policy and improving healthcare delivery through validated research.

The event brought together policymakers, scientists, clinicians, researchers and regulatory experts from across the country to deliberate on ethical standards, regulatory pathways and emerging innovations in clinical research. Participants stressed the importance of building strong and transparent clinical research systems, maintaining ethical governance and scientifically validating integrative healthcare approaches to tackle evolving public health challenges in India.

Cloudnine to acquire Apollo Cradle and Apollo Fertility in major healthcare deal

Mumbai, May 21: Cloudnine Hospitals, one of India's leading maternity and paediatric healthcare chains, is set to acquire Apollo Cradle and Apollo Fertility, strengthening its position in the country's rapidly growing mother-and-child healthcare sector.

Apollo Health and Lifestyle Limited (AHLL) announced on Wednesday that it will hold a 9.9 per cent stake in the combined entity following the transaction, making it the largest non-financial shareholder. AHLL will also have

board representation through a nominee director. According to the company, the deal values AHLL's standalone mother-and-child and fertility businesses at around ₹1,550 crore through a combination of cash and equity in the merged platform. Cloudnine has already signed an exclusivity agreement to acquire Apollo Cradle. Reports indicate that the proposed transaction values the business at nearly Rs 1,500 crore.

Under the Apollo Cradle brand, AHLL currently oper-

ates 12 maternity centres across Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi NCR and Punjab. Apollo Fertility manages a network of 20 fertility centres across India. Following the merger, the combined platform will operate more than 55 centres across key Indian cities under a unified management structure.

The companies said the merger aims to improve access to specialised maternity, fertility, neonatal and women's healthcare services across dif-

ferent income groups and regions while leveraging a large network of senior medical professionals and global clinical governance standards.

AHLL Chairperson Dr Sangita Reddy said the combined platform could become one of the world's largest dedicated networks for women and children's healthcare. “Together, we are India's largest maternity network and potentially one of the world's largest platforms dedicated to women and children's health,” she said.

SpaceX files for stock market debut that could make Elon Musk a trillionaire

Elon Musk's SpaceX has revealed its plans to go public in the US, allowing people to trade shares in the firm on the stock market. SpaceX makes rockets, offers a satellite internet service called Starlink, and also owns Musk's controversial artificial intelligence (AI) firm xAI. The initial public offering (IPO) on the US stock market is set to be the largest in Wall Street history and could start next month under the ticker symbol SPCX. Because of the shares he will own in SpaceX, the IPO could make billionaire Musk, who is already the world's richest person, a trillionaire. SpaceX values itself at \$1.25tn, and Musk's majority ownership of the company means his share could be worth more than \$600bn. Last year, Musk, who is also the boss of electric vehicle maker Tesla, became the first person to achieve a net worth that topped \$500bn. This means the SpaceX listing could take his total net worth to over \$1tn. The filing offers a long-anticipated look at the financial state of SpaceX. Last year, Space Exploration Technologies - as it's officially known - brought in \$18.6bn (£13.8bn) in revenue but had a net loss \$4.9bn. In the first three



months of this year, it achieved \$4.7bn in sales but made a net loss of \$4.3bn. Meanwhile, its balance sheet shows it has \$102bn in assets, such as rockets and other equipment, but also carries \$60.5bn of debt. Ruth Foxe-Blader, managing partner at US venture capital firm Citrine Venture Partners, told the BBC "it's not shocking for a project like this to be loss making, even at the point of IPO". She said the planned flotation had been expected but was "extremely exciting". "SpaceX is just an absolutely sprawling, enormous proj-

ect with so many different selling points, and so many points that really point to the future." SpaceX flagged more than half a billion dollars in expected legal costs stemming from a long list of claims. Some of these come from "multiple lawsuits" alleging that Grok, the chatbot made by xAI, is being used to create sexualized deepfakes of real women and girls. Musk has said he intends to dissolve xAI and pursue his AI ambitions under SpaceX. SpaceX also owns X, the social media app previously known as Twitter which Musk pur-

chased in 2022. Other ongoing cases against SpaceX listed in the IPO include patent infringement claims, claims of noncompliance with EU content moderation, music copyright infringement claims, and data breach claims. AI rivals Also revealed in the filing on Wednesday were the financial terms of the deal that SpaceX recently struck with an AI competitor, Anthropic, the developer of Claude. Anthropic will pay \$15bn a year to access data centres in the American South for Musk's xAI which was recently

acquired by SpaceX. While Musk's AI ambitions have struggled amid a spate of controversies, SpaceX's rocket business and Starlink are considered leaders in the industry - both possess a comfortable lead over the competition. The IPO filing comes just days after Musk lost a high-profile legal battle against rival AI company OpenAI and its boss, Sam Altman. Musk had accused Altman of breaching a non-profit contract by shifting the ChatGPT-maker to a for-profit after Musk had donated millions of dollars. The jury voted unanimously to throw out the case, finding that the timeframe to bring his claims expired because Musk had waited too long to file his 2024 lawsuit. At trial, Musk told jurors that his AI start up xAI was small relative to OpenAI which is also expected to sell shares to the public imminently. SpaceX's Starship megarocket is set to launch this week but the company has also come under scrutiny for endangering workers at its facilities. Musk himself has also been criticised for his right-wing politics and alignment with US President Donald Trump, with whom he travelled to China last week.

Japan logs higher April exports, imports despite oil concerns

Tokyo: Japan's exports soared 14.8 per cent in April from the same month a year earlier, according to Finance Ministry data released on Thursday, May 21, showing that its trade remained robust despite worries over supplies of oil and gas due to the war in Iran. Exports were stronger than expected, rising for the eighth straight month as shipments of semiconductors surged nearly 42 per cent by value from the previous year. The booming demand for computer chips and other infrastructure needed to power artificial intelligence has yielded a windfall for many high-tech Asian manufacturers. Imports rose 9.7 per cent from a year earlier. The trade balance shifted to a surplus of 301.9 billion yen (USD 1.9 billion) from a deficit in the same month the year before. Japan recorded a surplus of nearly 643 billion yen in March. Higher exports of medical products, paper goods and electrical machinery also contributed to the stronger export performance in April. Exports to China rose 15.5 per cent, and exports to the US rose 9.5 per cent. Imports from



China climbed 15 per cent while those from the US jumped 23 per cent, the data show. While overall imports rose, Japan's oil imports fell nearly 50 per cent by value from a year earlier, while imports of liquefied natural gas, or LNG, dropped 20 per cent. Supplies have been crimped by the effective closure of the Strait of Hormuz, the main transport route for exports from the Persian Gulf, due to the war in Iran. Japan imports almost all of its oil, and Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi has sought to offset lower supplies by ordering the

release of some national oil reserves. However, shortfalls have pushed prices higher and also impacted the production of oil-related products such as naphtha. The price of Brent crude, trading at USD 70 a barrel before the war in Iran, has shot above USD 100, and a weakening yen has made imports of oil denominated in dollars still more costly for Japan. Exports were stronger than expected, rising for the eighth straight month as shipments of semiconductors surged nearly 42 per cent by value from the previous year.

ZEPTO PLANS TO FLOAT RS 11,000-CR IPO IN JULY

New Delhi: Quick commerce platform Zepto plans to launch its Rs 11,000-crore initial public offering (IPO) in July, people familiar with the matter said on Thursday, May 21. If the listing goes through, Zepto will join rivals Zomato and Swiggy, which are already listed on stock exchanges. The Bengaluru-based startup, which secured approval from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) earlier this month for its maiden public issue, is now expected to submit its Updated Draft Red Herring Prospectus (UDRHP) to the regulator. The delivery app filed its IPO papers using the confidential route in December 2025. People familiar with the matter told PTI that Zepto, founded by Stanford University dropouts Aadit Palicha and Kaivalya Vohra, is aiming to list on the bourses before July 31. According to a recent report by brokerage Bernstein, Zepto is pursuing a markedly different



growth strategy from its rivals by focusing on market density and operational intensity rather than rapid geographic expansion. A present, Zepto has the highest dark-store concentration in the quick commerce segment, with nearly 21 stores per city, compared to around nine stores per city for peers, it added. Zepto operates 1,255 dark stores across 61 cities, compared to rival Blinkit, which has 2,222 stores spread across 243 cities. Bernstein also noted that the company has the highest store-to-

pincode ratio in the category, indicating a strategy centred on saturating existing markets instead of aggressively expanding into newer cities. According to the analysis, Zepto's network remains heavily concentrated in metro markets, reflecting a deliberate focus on dense urban clusters where faster deliveries, higher order frequency and stronger customer engagement can improve over time. Instead of chasing GMV through expansion, Zepto appears to be building usage intensity and

operational leverage with in fewer markets, the report said. The brokerage said the approach stands out in a sector where scale is often measured by the number of cities served. Bernstein suggested that Zepto may be betting that deeper penetration in high-density markets could create stronger unit economics than broader but thinner national coverage. This public-market push comes following strong private funding support. In October 2025, the company raised USD 450 million (about Rs 3,757.5 crore) in a funding round led by the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) at a valuation of USD 7 billion. It achieved unicorn status in August 2023, after raising USD 200 million in its Series E funding round, which valued the startup at USD 1.4 billion. The delivery app filed its IPO papers using the confidential route in December 2025.

Airtel postpaid customers to get benefit of 'Priority Postpaid' service: MD

New Delhi: Airtel postpaid customers will be automatically moved to the company's recently launched "Priority Postpaid" plans, which promise consistent speed even in crowded markets, a senior company official said on Thursday, May 21. Airtel India, MD and CEO, Shashwat Sharma, in a letter to customers, said prepaid customers will need to upgrade to postpaid plans to avail similar services. "Airtel Priority Postpaid is available on all our Postpaid plans. If you are already on postpaid, you will start enjoying the benefit automatically. If you are currently prepaid, you can upgrade your existing plan to postpaid by visiting the Airtel App," he said. On May 19, Bharti Airtel introduced Priority Postpaid 5G plans to offer its subscribers faster and more reliable telecom services, even during peak traffic times, by allocating a dedicated portion of the network for these users and separating them from other service categories. The company has



leveraged network slicing technology for rolling out "Priority Postpaid" plans. "Many of you have told us how you sometimes struggle to make that video call or download an email or upload a photo in a crowded market, a traffic jam or an event. "This is a problem that we have been keen to solve. That's why we have launched Airtel Priority Postpaid. Airtel Priority Postpaid is specially designed to give you a consistent experience even in congested areas," Sharma said. The slicing technology will separate subscribers of postpaid customers from the rest of the services, and

in a way, provide a dedicated fast lane separated from the large bulk of prepaid subscribers. Global telecom vendors Ericsson and Nokia have called the use of network slicing technology for "Priority Postpaid" a new milestone in India's mobile services landscape. Nokia claimed to be the vendor behind enabling network slicing technology. "We are proud that Nokia technology is helping to power this capability. Our 5G core and slicing capabilities are already powering differentiated connectivity for operators across North America, Europe and Asia, and now India. It builds on more

than 20 years of partnership with Airtel across mobile, fixed and transport networks," Nokia, President and CEO, Justin Hotard said in a social media post. He said India continues to lead with innovation, scale and speed. Ericsson President and CEO Borje Ekholm, in a social media post, said that India continues to be a digital frontrunner, and the very successful implementation of "Digital India" over the last decade has been on top of a strong mobile infrastructure. "Following one of the world's fastest 5G deployments, India continues to strengthen its position among the most digitally advanced nations with Bharti Airtel's pioneering launch of differentiated connectivity services for its postpaid customers. Bharti Airtel joins frontrunner service providers across the USA, Singapore, Australia, and New Zealand that are offering differentiated go-to-market experiences, enabled by advanced 5G solutions," he said.

Owaisi urges Finance Minister to step in as SBI staff head for two-day strike

Hyderabad: All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) MP Asaduddin Owaisi on Wednesday, May 20, urged Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to intervene and resolve the long-pending demands of State Bank of India (SBI) employees, days before a proposed two-day nationwide strike by the All India State Bank of India Staff Federation on May 25 and 26. Sharing a representation he received from the SBI Staff Union Hyderabad Circle, Owaisi said it was "disheartening" to see employees of the country's largest bank being forced to go on strike. "This requires your immediate attention," he said, tagging the Finance Minister on X. The letter, addressed to Members of Parliament, lists five unresolved grievances that the union says have compelled employees to resort to agitational action despite 67 years of cordial industrial relations with the management. Messenger recruitment, safety concerns Chief

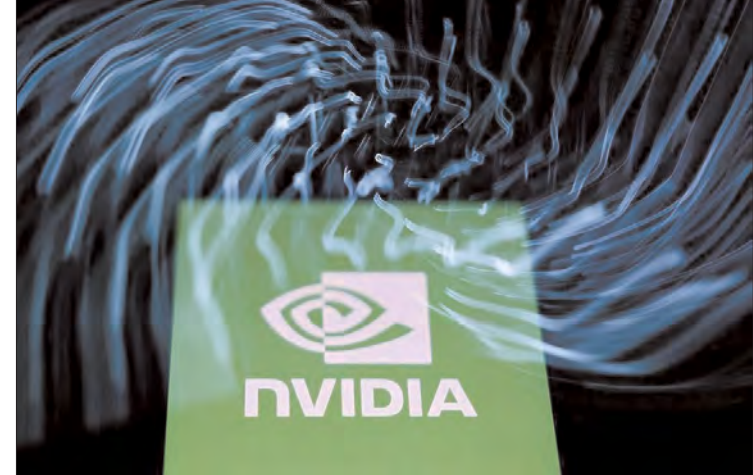


among them is the stoppage of messenger recruitment for 29 years, which the union says has shut the doors of dignified employment on the poor, Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), Other Backward Classes (OBC) and other underprivileged communities who have traditionally depended on such positions for social mobility. The union also flagged the absence of fresh armed guard recruitment since 2022, saying the declining strength of guards due to retirements, and their replacement with out-sourced contractual person-

nel, had exposed bank premises, customers and assets to heightened security risks at a time when ATM thefts and robbery attempts were on the rise. On pension, the letter said over 55,000 award staff and 55,000 officers were suffering erosion of retirement savings due to poor returns from pension fund managers, and that SBI continued to deny employees the right to change their Pension Fund Manager under the National Pension System - a right explicitly directed by the Ministry of Finance in September 2025 and implemented by all other public sector banks.

NVIDIA'S LATEST RECORD EARNINGS FAIL TO IMPRESS INVESTORS

US chip giant Nvidia reported yet another record quarter with sales and profits beating expectations, seemingly suggesting there's no slowdown in sight for the artificial intelligence (AI) boom. Nvidia is a central player in AI infrastructure, providing chips to leading AI model developers including OpenAI and Meta, meaning its results are closely watched. The company said first-quarter revenue was up 85% on the year to \$81.6bn (£60.7bn), while net income more than tripled to \$58.3bn. However, shares in the firm fell 1.6% in after-hours trading with analysts saying investors have got used to Nvidia delivering stellar results and amid some concerns that it will face growing competition. Nvidia is the world's most valuable company, with a stock market value of around \$5.3 trillion. In its latest results, it said sales were driven by strong growth in its data centre division. It forecasts spending on AI infrastructure to be between \$3tn and \$4tn a year by the end of this decade. "Demand has gone parabolic," chief executive Jensen Huang told analysts on a conference call. "The reason is simple: the era of agentic AI is here."



The company also said it was returning cash to shareholders by raising its quarterly dividend from one cent per share to 25 cents, and announcing an \$80bn share buy-back programme. It predicts overall revenues to continue growing and to reach \$91bn in the second quarter. "The bar is very high" But its shares fell in extended trading, which Ruth Foxe-Blader, managing partner at US venture capital firm Citrine Venture Partners, put down to "a law of large numbers". "Nvidia represents 8% of the S&P 500.

Unless there's a belief in this continued parabolic growth it's difficult for investors to get super excited, although Nvidia posted outstanding numbers," she told the BBC. "But it's just investors seeking that hypergrowth, which is indicating an early sell-off." Victoria Scholar, head of investment at interactive investor, agreed that while it was a strong quarter for the company, "the bar is very high for the artificial intelligence bellwether which has made a habit out of delivering incredibly impressive results. "Plus

investors 'bought the rumour, sold the fact' as shares had already rallied ahead of earnings," she added. "There are some concerns among Nvidia investors about the growing threat of competition as the data centre landscape shifts and hyperscalers develop their own chips." "Largely conceded" China Nvidia's AI chips have been a major focus of the rivalry between the US and China. In January, the Trump administration began allowing the company to sell its H200 chips to Chinese customers under certain conditions. The H200, Nvidia's second most advanced semiconductor, had previously been restricted by Washington over concerns that it would give China's technology industry and military an edge over the US. However, to date the company has not been given approval to sell the chips by the Chinese authorities who want to boost their own domestic suppliers. Last week, Huang was a last-minute addition to a host of top US CEOs accompanying President Donald Trump on his official trip to Beijing, though it is unclear whether semiconductors were discussed and if so, to what degree.

IRAN STEPS UP CLAIM TO CONTROL STRAIT OF HORMUZ

Iran has said it is significantly expanding the area around the Strait of Hormuz over which it claims military control in an effort to assert its sovereignty of the key trade route. A map published by Iran's newly-created "Persian Gulf Strait Authority" claims "Iranian armed forces oversight" across more than 22,000 sq km (8,800 sq miles). It extends into the territorial waters of Oman and the UAE. The UAE described Iran's claims of control as "nothing but fragments of dreams". Iran's new authority added that all transit through the strait "requires coordination with and authorization from the Persian Gulf Strait Authority". The US and Gulf allies have repeatedly rejected Iranian attempts to assert control over the strait. The US has told ships not to comply with Iran's rules. The diplomatic adviser to the UAE president, Anwar



Gargash, said Iran is "trying to consecrate a new reality born from a clear military defeat, but attempts to control the Strait of Hormuz or encroach on the UAE's maritime sovereignty are nothing but fragments of dreams". Under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea ships are guaranteed safe passage through another country's waters - but Iran has not rati-

fied this convention. Media linked to Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) this week published footage showing what it claimed was a "punishment" strike on a tanker in the strait. BBC Verify analysis shows key characteristics of the vessel in the footage match with Barakah, a Liberian-flagged tanker which reported being struck by unknown projectiles in

early May, according to the ship's operators. Iran's push for greater control over the area around the Strait of Hormuz comes as US forces boarded an Iran-bound oil tanker on Wednesday. The US military's Central Command (Centcom) said it was "suspected of violating the American blockade of Iranian ports. Footage published by Centcom shows US marines rappelling from a

helicopter on to the deck of a ship, said to be the oil tanker Celestial Sea, in the Gulf of Oman. In a post on social media Centcom said the ship was "suspected of attempting to violate the US blockade by transiting toward an Iranian port". "US forces subsequently released the vessel after conducting a search and directing the crew to alter course," according to maritime risk management company Vanguard. Celestial Sea has previously been sanctioned under a previous name by the US for its links with Iran. Tracking data from MarineTraffic shows the ship is now reporting its destination as the port of Duqm in Oman. Centcom said on Thursday it had redirected 94 commercial ships and disabled four vessels since the US blockade of Iranian ports came into effect on 13 April. Donald Trump said on Monday he was holding off a

military attack on Iran planned for the following day at the request of Gulf states because "serious negotiations are now taking place". In a post on Truth Social, the US president said he had been asked to do so by the leaders of Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. Pakistan's military chief is reported to be visiting Tehran on Thursday in an attempt to mediate peace efforts between Iran and the US. Iranian state media reported Asim Munir will be continuing talks with senior Iranian officials. The Iranian foreign ministry said it was reviewing the latest proposals from the US on ending the war. Trump suggested he could wait a few days for Tehran to agree to the new deal but was also willing to resume attacks on the country. "Believe me, if we don't get the right answers, it goes very quickly. We're all ready to go," the president said.

Dozens of vehicles burnt as Mali jihadists enforce blockade ahead of Eid holiday



Dozens of vehicles, including fuel tankers, minibuses and trucks, have been set on fire near Mali's capital, Bamako, as jihadists step up a blockade of the city, the BBC has confirmed. Videos filmed from passing vehicles and verified by the BBC show the charred remains of the vehicles on a road about 45km (28 miles) west of Bamako. There are no reports of casualties - those on board were said to have been asked to get out before the vehicles were burnt. Jama'at Nusrat al-Islam wal-Muslimin (JNIM), a jihadist group affiliated to al-Qaeda, imposed a fuel blockade on Bamako last year, which it

tightened after attacking the city last month. The BBC has contacted Mali's government for comment. Mali is a landlocked country and depends heavily on fuel transported from neighbouring coastal countries like Senegal and Ivory Coast. The militants have kidnapped drivers and burnt more than 100 fuel trucks on major highways in the country since last year, but some have made it to Bamako under military escort. The blockade is leading to shortages and sharp increases in the price of many goods ahead of the Islamic holiday of Eid al-Adha, which falls next week.

Gaza flotilla activists set for deportation from Israel as backlash over treatment grows



Hundreds of pro-Palestinian activists who were detained in Israel after their flotilla bringing symbolic aid to Gaza was intercepted are set to be deported from the country. It follows international backlash in response to a video posted by far-right National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir showing himself taunting activists kneeling with their hands tied behind their backs. On Thursday, the UK confirmed it had summoned Israel's top diplomat in Britain, charge d'affaires Daniela Grudsky Ekstein, over the incident. In a statement, the UK Foreign Office said the move reflected the UK's "strong condemnation of [Ben Gvir's] conduct in taunting those involved in the Global Sumud Flotilla". "We are also deeply concerned by the detention conditions depicted and have demanded an explanation from the Israeli authorities. We made clear their obligations to protect the rights of all those involved," the statement said. There has also been condemnation from the US, France, Italy and Canada, and Ireland. On Thursday, Italian politician

Dario Carotenuto and journalist Alessandro Mantovani, who were part of the flotilla, were pictured arriving at Rome Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci International Airport, after first being flown to Athens. Speaking to reporters, Carotenuto said they had been beaten after arriving in Israel. Adalah, an Israel-based rights group representing the detainees, earlier said there had been "severe, widespread injuries", with at least three people taken to hospital for treatment. Israeli authorities have not commented on the allegations. Turkey's Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan said his country was conducting special flights that would bring Turkish citizens as well as third country participants to Turkey. Spain's foreign minister said its diplomats in Israel had been informed that some 44 Spanish flotilla members would depart from Israel at 15:00 local time (12:00 BST). Ireland's Minister for Foreign Affairs, Helen McEntee, said 15 Irish citizens who had been detained were expected to be flown to Turkey.

GONORRHOEA AND SYPHILIS HIT RECORD LEVELS IN EUROPE

Sexually transmitted infections (STIs) including gonorrhoea and syphilis have hit record levels in Europe, according to new data. The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said both diseases had reached their highest levels in over 10 years in 2024. Gonorrhoea hit 106,331 cases - a 303% increase since 2015 - while syphilis more than doubled in the same period to 45,557. The health agency said "widening gaps in testing and prevention" were partly behind the surge in transmission, and called for urgent action. "These infections can cause severe complications, such as chronic pain and infertility and, in

the case of syphilis, problems with the heart or nervous system," said Bruno Ciancio, the head of the agency's Directly Transmitted and Vaccine-Preventable Diseases unit. He said congenital syphilis cases - "where infections pass directly to newborns, leading to potentially lifelong complications" - had nearly doubled from 2023 to 2024. "Protecting your sexual health remains straightforward. Use condoms with new or multiple partners, and get tested if you have symptoms." Spain had the highest number of confirmed gonorrhoea and syphilis cases of the participating European countries in 2024, at 37,169 and 11,556.

China says US should stop 'threats' against Cuba after ex-leader charged

China has called on the US to stop using "coercion" and "threats" against its ally Cuba, after Washington indicted former leader Raúl Castro on murder charges. An American court has accused the 94-year-old former president of conspiracy to kill US nationals over the 1996 downing of two planes, an incident which killed four people and fuelled diplomatic tensions between Washington and the Caribbean island. US President Donald Trump has repeatedly sought to exert pressure on Cuba and has openly discussed toppling its communist regime. On Thursday, Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Guo Jiakun said the US should "stop threatening force at every turn", and that Beijing "firmly supports Cuba". On



Wednesday, Castro was charged alongside five others of involvement in the shooting down of two planes travelling between Cuba and Florida three decades ago, and was indicted with offences which carry penalties of life in prison or death. The aircraft, which were operated by the Cuban-American dissident group Brothers to the Rescue, were carrying three US citizens

when they were downed, all of whom were killed. At the time, Castro - who stepped down as president in 2018 - was head of the country's armed forces. The incident caused outcry among Cuban exiles living in the US and has long been a source of contention between Washington and Havana. Cuba's president Miguel Diaz-Canel has described the charges as "a political manoeuvre, devoid

of any legal foundation". The foreign minister of China, a long-standing supporter of Cuba, said Beijing opposed "any attempt by external forces to exert pressure on Cuba under any pretext". Guo continued: "The United States should cease using sanctions and judicial apparatus as tools of coercion against Cuba and refrain from making threats of force at every turn. "China resolutely supports Cuba in safeguarding its national sovereignty and dignity and opposes external interference." It comes as the White House continues to ratchet up pressure on Cuba. The US has imposed new sanctions on the country and imposed a blockade on oil to Cuba, a move which has resulted in blackouts and food shortages. Earlier this month.

Air France and Airbus found guilty of manslaughter over 2009 plane crash

Air France and Airbus have been found guilty of manslaughter over a 2009 plane crash which killed 228 people. The Paris Appeals Court found the airline and aircraft manufacturer guilty of corporate manslaughter over the incident, in which flight AF447 between Rio de Janeiro and Paris crashed into the Atlantic Ocean. The passenger jet stalled during a storm and plunged into the water, killing all on board. A court had previously cleared the companies in April 2023 but they were found guilty after this appeal. The Airbus A330 vanished from radars during a storm on 1 June 2009,



with its wreckage found after a long search of 10,000 sq km (3,860 sq miles) of sea floor. The black box was found after months of deep-sea searches in 2011. All 12 crew members and 216 passengers on board the flight were killed when the plane crashed into the sea from a

height of 38,000ft (11,580m), making it the deadliest incident in French aviation history. Relatives of some of the passengers, which included mainly French, Brazilian and German nationals, gathered to hear the verdict on Thursday. The companies have been asked to pay the

maximum fine, 225,000 (\$261,720; £194,500) each - but some of the victims' families have criticised the amount as a token penalty. However, the ruling may be seen as causing damage to the companies' reputations. During their closing arguments in November, the deputy prosecutors said the companies' behaviour had been "unacceptable", accusing them of "spouting nonsense and pulling arguments out of thin air". Both Airbus and Air France had repeatedly denied the charges, and French lawyers believe they are likely to launch further appeals. The BBC has contacted Airbus and Air France for comment.

Trump says he will speak to Taiwan's president in break from protocol



US President Donald Trump says he will talk to Taiwanese leader Lai Ching-te about a possible arms sale, in what would be a sharp departure from diplomatic tradition. US and Taiwanese leaders have not spoken directly since 1979 - when Washington severed formal ties with Taiwan to recognise the Chinese government in Beijing. China claims Taiwan as its territory and has not ruled out taking it by force. The US has long supported the self-ruled island and is bound by law to provide it with a means of self-defence, but has balanced this with maintaining diplomatic relations with China. As president-elect in 2016, Trump took a phone call from Taiwan's then leader Tsai Ing-wen, angering Beijing. President Lai, who took office in 2024, is behind one of the strongest pushes in years to strengthen the island's defence. When asked on Wednesday if he planned to speak to Lai ahead of making a decision on US arms sales, Trump said: "I'll speak to him. I speak to everybody.. We'll work on that, the Taiwan problem." He also hailed his relationship with China's

President Xi as "amazing", on the back of a two-day summit in Beijing last week. When asked about the potential conversation between Trump and Lai, a Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson said on Thursday that China "firmly opposes official exchanges between the United States and Taiwan", as well as US arms sales to Taiwan. China urges the US to "stop sending wrong signals to the separatist forces in Taiwan," the spokesperson said. In 1979, the US passed the Taiwan Relations Act which states that the US can "provide Taiwan with arms of a defensive character" - which is why it continues to sell weapons to Taiwan. Trump has said he has yet to decide if the sale of a \$14bn (£10.4bn) arms package to Taiwan, reportedly including anti-drone equipment and air-defence missile systems, will go ahead. According to a report by the Financial Times, Beijing is currently holding up a proposed visit by the Pentagon's top policy official, Elbridge Colby - saying it cannot approve a visit until Trump decides how he will proceed with the arms deal.



Samsung strike on hold as workers push for AI bonus

Sierra Leone becomes latest African country to receive deportees from US



Sierra Leone has become the latest African country to receive migrants deported from the United States amid Donald Trump's crackdown on illegal immigration. A plane carrying nine West African migrants landed at Sierra Leone's international airport, just outside the capital, Freetown, on Wednesday morning. Last week, Foreign Minister Timothy Musa Kabba told the Reuters news

agency his country had agreed to accept up to 300 people a year expelled by the United States. However, he added that the new arrivals must originally come from member states of Ecowas, west Africa's economic bloc. The US has already sent deportees to several other African countries, including the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana and South Sudan.

ZEE5’s Memu Coplam Team Hosts Grand Preview Event Ahead Of Premiere

Ahead of its premiere on May 22, ZEE5 Telugu hosted a grand preview event for its upcoming original series Memu Coplam in Hyderabad. The event witnessed the presence of celebrated guests including director Ajay Bhupathi, writer Kona Venkat, music director S.S. Thaman, and producer Bandla Ganesh. The evening was also attended by producer B.V.S. Ravi, producer Kaumudi, director Pradeep Maddali, actors Nagababu, Getup Srinu, Raviteja Nannimala, Reethu Chowdary, Kireeti Damaraju, cinematographer Kishore Boyidapu, music director Saket Komanduri, lyricist RR Dhruvan, writers Shoban Chittuprolu and Chanakya Varma, along with the cast, crew, media, and ZEE5 Telugu team.

Music director S.S. Thaman spoke warmly and humorously about composer Saket Komanduri’s journey, the effort that goes into scoring for OTT content, and the close bond shared within the Telugu music fraternity. “Saket, I was happy when he became a singer.” He said he is getting married, I was very happy. And when he said he is becoming a music director, I asked him why are you marrying twice. A feature film is just two and a half hours, but a series is different. Along with the duration, we need to be more concentrated



and it is very heavy work. We all also know his legendary father and his contributions. His students worked with us, they became great singers, and he is the reason we have a healthy Telugu music fraternity. RR Dhruvan has come very far and is a close student of Bheems. We all are one family, one WhatsApp group guys. Very happy for this and congratulations to BVS Ravi garu, Kaumudi garu. I’m also working with them for their next project, a feature film. Ravi garu is doing a movie on Kanaka Durga Goddess and I’m extremely happy to be part of it.” Director Ajay Bhupathi appreciated the rooted humor, entertaining treat-

ment, and refreshing comedy-driven approach of Memu Coplam, while also praising the team’s execution quality and performances. “After seeing the title, I thought it might be a bit controversial. But no, this is so much fun really. And rooster fights are not small quarrels and I’m very much familiar with every aspect of it. I can even say what breed it is just by seeing it. And Ravi is involved with this project. If there is anyone who is very, very busy in the industry, it is Ravi garu. I love Getup Srinu’s comedy timing. Even the music is good. These days, the series being released are heavily focused on serious crime and mystery. Comedy web series are

very less and I’d recommend everyone to watch it. Because, even if it is long, it is comedy. And the director said he completed it in 17 days, but the quality is amazing. It is releasing on 22nd, please watch it. Thank you.” Producer Bandla Ganesh spoke emotionally and humorously about his bond with B.V.S. Ravi, while also appreciating director Pradeep Maddali and the team’s impressive execution quality. “Pradeep, I liked Pradeep. You brought your parents here, right? That gave me a kick. BVS Ravi is one of the people I call every day in my circle. From now on, I will not call him. He didn’t tell me he was making this until now and I’m hurt by

it. I share everything with Ravi, including family matters. And good luck everyone. I’m actually shocked they achieved that quality in only 17 days. I really hope this series gets a wider reach and I hope Anuradha garu will do more such series. Thank you.” Writer Kona Venkat praised the freshness of Memu Coplam, appreciating its rooted Telugu cultural elements, the team’s clarity of vision, and ZEE5 Telugu’s continued support for distinctive regional storytelling. “First, Anuradha garu, I know you pick excellent content. And like Ajay said, among all the existing series, this is fresh. Ravi excels at marketing technique.

Megastar Chiranjeevi, Bobby Kolli’s #ChiruBobby2 Launched Grandly In Presence Of Pawan Kalyan & Nagababu

A Mega Launch In The Mega Presence Of Power Star Pawan Kalyan & Nagababu For Megastar Chiranjeevi, Most Successful Director Bobby Kolli, Leading Production House KVN Productions’ #ChiruBobby2 / #Chiru158, Regular Shoot Commences Tomorrow Some collaborations create instant excitement, and the reunion of Megastar Chiranjeevi with successful filmmaker Bobby Kolli is undoubtedly one of them. Their first outing, Waltair Veerayya, was a sensational blockbuster that showcased Chiranjeevi in peak mass form. Now, the duo is back with another massive project- #ChiruBobby2 / #Chiru158, to be mounted on a prestigious manner by producer Venkat K Narayana under the KVN Productions banner. The film also marks KVN Productions’ maiden Telugu venture after delivering several big-scale projects in Kannada, Tamil, and Hindi. After back-to-back announcements that fuelled tremendous buzz, the film has been officially launched today with a grand pooja ceremony. The event turned truly mega with the presence of Power Star Pawan Kalyan and Nagababu, who graced the occasion as chief guests. It was a visual delight for fans to witness the mega trio sharing the stage. Pawan Kalyan sounded the clapboard, while Sushmita



Konidela switched on the camera. VV Vinayak has done the honours of directing the first shot. B Gopal, Kodandarami Reddy, and Nagababu handed over the script to the makers. The event also saw the presence of several prominent directors and producers. Lohith from KVN Productions, along with the team, also attended the event. Director Bobby Kolli, who understands the pulse of the masses like few others, crafted an even bigger story this time, promising scale, intensity, and spectacle. Chiranjeevi, known for countless iconic characters over decades, will be seen in one of his most intense roles yet. His recent gym session video, showcasing his remarkable fitness

transformation, already hints at the dedication he is pouring into the film. Malayalam actress Anaswara Rajan has been finalized for a crucial role in the film. #ChiruBobby2 boasts a powerhouse technical lineup. The in-form composer S Thaman is scoring the music, while acclaimed cinematographer Vijay Karthik Kannan is crafting the film’s rich visual palette. Production design is helmed by Avinash Kolla, with editing by Antony Ruben. The screenplay is penned by Kona Venkat and K Chakravarthy Reddy, supported by additional screenplay writers Hari Mohana Krishna and Vineeth Potluri.

Transfer Trimurthulu’ to Hit Screens on June 19 with Strong Content: Hero and Producer Vadde Naveen at the Teaser Launch Event

Under the Vadde Creations banner, presented by Vadde Jishnu, the film ‘Transfer Trimurthulu’ is being produced by and stars Vadde Naveen in the lead role. Kamal Teja Narla is making his directorial debut with this movie. The film features Vadde Naveen, Rashi Singh, Shilpa Tulaskar, Vivek Raghuvanshi, Raghu Babu, Shivannarayana, Vadlamani Srinivas, Jwala Koti, Devi Prasad, Surya, Baba Bhaskar, Pramodini, Sathwik Raju, Anjali Priya, Gayatri Chaganti, and others in important roles. The movie is slated for release on June 19. The teaser was launched on Thursday, and during the teaser launch event, the team shared their thoughts.

Hero and Producer Vadde Naveen said, “This is the first film I am acting in and producing after my father



passed away. I have always been in Hyderabad with my family. I may not appear in public often, but the media and audiences have always remembered me, and I thank

them for that. I took a break, but many stories that came to me didn’t appeal to me, and the stories I liked never reached me. I listened to many scripts. Kamal first

narrated only the character of Trimurthulu and mentioned the title ‘Transfer Trimurthulu.’ We worked together on the story and screenplay for almost a year before going on floors. The film has been made with high technical standards and fresh content. Everyone worked together like a family for this movie. Raashi is a wonderful actress. ‘Transfer Trimurthulu’ is coming before audiences on June 19 with strong content. I hope everyone likes the film. Even though I was away from films and public appearances for the last ten years, audiences still remembered me, and I sincerely thank them.” Heroine Rashi Singh said, “I thank the director and producer for giving me such a good role as Lakshmi in ‘Transfer Trimurthulu.’ Among all the production houses I have worked with, this is the best.

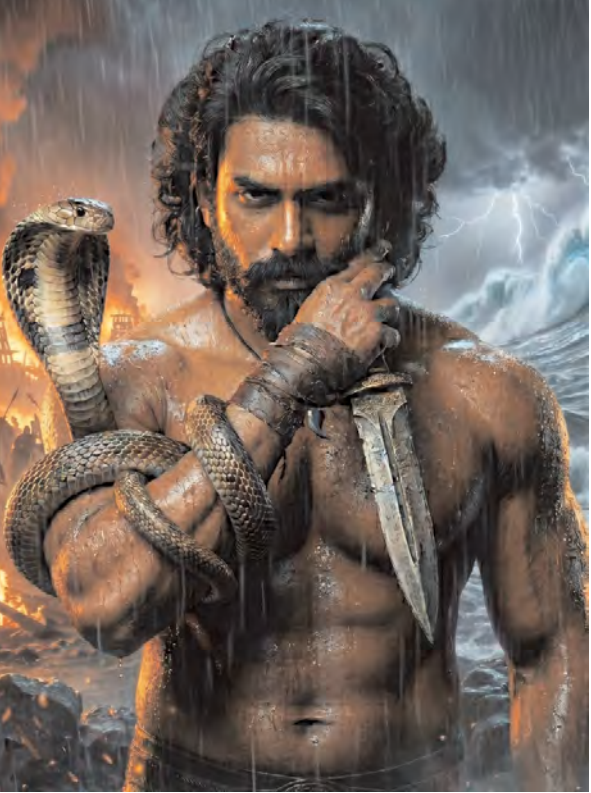
Remembering Legendary PRO and Film Journalist BA Raju on His 5th Death Anniversary, 21st May

Today (May 21), the film world and countless fans fondly recall the remarkable path of BA Raju, a respected name in media and entertainment. As we mark his fifth death anniversary on May 21st, we look back at the lasting impact he created in the Telugu film industry. BA Raju was a true stalwart whose diverse career ran for over forty years. He made valuable contributions as a film journalist, Public Relations Officer, magazine and website editor, and noted producer. He began his journey as a PRO and carefully managed publicity for the legendary Superstar Krishna. Later he became a respected film journalist and led popular publications like Super Hit Weekly and Crazy World. BA Raju’s life showed deep commitment and



love for cinema. His work went beyond journalism when he entered film production with Friends and then RJ Cinemas. He delivered memorable films such as ‘Premalo Pavan Kalyan,’ ‘Chantigadu,’ ‘Lovely,’ and ‘Vaisakham.’ Working closely with his wife, the late B. Jaya, BA Raju’s films connected strongly with viewers and reflected his clear grasp of storytelling and craft.

Virat Karrna’s Nagabandham Creates Buzz With Action-Packed Poster, Zee Studios Bags Hindi Rights



Abhishek Nama’s Nagabandham In Post-Production, Leading Studios Working Round The Clock On VFX, Virat Karanna’s Action-Packed Poster With Cobra Takes Social Media By Storm, Zee Studios Acquired Hindi Rights Nagabandham: The Secret Treasure, one of Indian cinema’s most awaited mythological action-adventure spectacles from director Abhishek Nama and lead actor Virat Karanna, continues to build solid momentum. Every promotional drop is widening the film’s appeal. The countdown has officially begun for the film which is already creating massive buzz across the industry and among audiences nationwide. The movie promises a never-before-seen cinematic experience that blends mythology, adventure, ancient secrets, divine power, and

high-octane action on a grand visual scale. Produced by Kishore Annapureddy and Nishitha Nagi Reddy under the banner of NIK Studios in association with Abhishek Pictures, the film is being mounted as a true pan-Indian spectacle with a massive production scale and world-class technical standards. The recently unveiled poster, featuring a massive tribal sea battle and intense adventure-action sequences, has taken social media by storm. Drenched in rain and shadow, Virat Karanna wears a cold, unyielding expression, highlighted by the faint firelight behind him. A venomous cobra coils around his arm, its hood raised as if guarding him, while his other hand grips an ancient, weathered dagger. Flames, chaos, and lightning erupt in the background, heightening the sense of impending doom.

“AATHMA KATHA” TITLE & TRAILER LAUNCHED GRANDLY IN THE PRESENCE OF FILM CELEBRITIES

The title and trailer launch event of “Aathma Katha – An Untold Story”, produced under the banner of Varahi Entertainment Private Limited by Somesh and directed by Srinivas Gundreddy, was held in a grand manner amidst film personalities and dignitaries. Former MLA Rasamayi Balakishan officially unveiled the title and trailer of the film. The movie stars Gemini Suresh as the lead hero and Roopa as the heroine, while prominent actors including 30 Years Industry Prithvi, Sammetha Gandhi, Shakalaka Shankar, Thagubothu Ramesh, Dhanraj, Naga Mahesh, Balagam Vijayalakshmi,



and Srinivas Naidu play important roles. The event was attended by Telugu Film Producers Council Secretary Tummala Prasanna Kumar, actor K.V. Pradeep, actress Karate

Kalyani, and several other guests from the film industry. The film’s music is composed by Shreyansh, cinematography is handled by Gopi, and editing is done by Raghavendra Reddy.

“Aathma Katha” is slated for release in Telugu, Hindi, Tamil, Malayalam, and Kannada languages. Speaking at the event, director Srinivas Gundreddy expressed his gratitude

towards everyone who supported him throughout his filmmaking journey. He revealed that he has worked in multiple languages and credited his brother Prasanna for standing by him and supporting him in every project. He mentioned that he personally handles writing, dialogues, post-production work, and several technical aspects to reduce the production budget. He also shared that his children are skilled technicians who contributed to the film. Srinivas thanked the cast and crew for their dedication and requested audiences to bless the movie. Telugu Film Producers Council Secretary Tummala Prasanna Kumar stated that

“Aathma Katha” is the story of a common man and appreciated director Srinivas for completing the film efficiently without burdening the producer financially. He praised the team spirit behind the project and wished the film great success. Actor K.V. Pradeep said he was happy to attend the event and appreciated producer Somesh and his son Shreyansh for contributing to the film. He wished the young music director a bright future and hoped Gemini Suresh would earn a good name with the movie. Former MLA Rasamayi Balakishan praised the film’s title and appreciated the team for bringing such a story to audiences.