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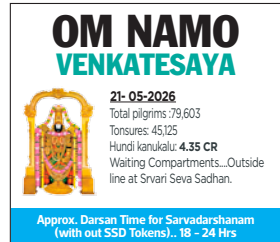


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PM MODI TO DISTRIBUTE OVER 51,000 APPOINTMENT LETTERS AT 19TH ROZGAR MELA ON MAY 23

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will distribute more than 51,000 appointment letters to newly recruited candidates in various government departments and organisations on Saturday, May 23, under the 19th edition of the Rozgar Mela, the government said on Friday. According to an official statement, the Prime Minister will distribute the appointment letters via video conferencing at 11 AM and will also address the newly inducted recruits during the event. The Rozgar Mela, launched as part of the Centre's employment generation drive, is aimed at providing job opportunities to youth across the country and expediting recruitment in government departments.

NIMS achieves major milestone in kidney transplants

CM Revanth congratulates doctors

HYDERABAD TSIT BUREAU:

Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS), Hyderabad, has achieved a major milestone in the field of organ transplantation by successfully completing 2,000 kidney transplant surgeries, emerging as one of the leading institutions in the country for renal transplant procedures.

Honourable Chief Minister A.Revanth Reddy congratulated the doctors, medical staff and the entire NIMS team for the remarkable achievement and their dedicated service towards patients suffering from kidney-related ailments. According to officials, the Department of Urology at NIMS has now been ranked as the number one institution in South India for kidney transplantation. Nationally, the Institute of Kidney Diseases and Research Centre (IKDRC), Gujarat, holds the top position, followed by Christian



Medical College, Ludhiana, while NIMS has secured the third position in the country. Chief Minister praised the institution for providing affordable and accessible healthcare to thousands of economically weaker patients. Of the 2,000 kidney transplant surgeries performed, nearly 1,900 patients — around 95 percent — underwent the procedure free of cost under the Rajiv Aarogyasri Health Care Trust scheme and the Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

NIMS has also created another significant record by performing 500 kidney transplant surgeries within just three years and four months since January 2023, reflecting the institution's growing expertise, infrastructure and commitment in advanced healthcare services.

The achievement is being hailed as a landmark moment in Telangana's public healthcare sector and a major boost to organ transplant services in the state.

India successfully test-launches 'Agni-1' Short Range Ballistic Missile

NEW DELHI (TSIT)

Short Range Ballistic Missile 'Agni-1' was successfully test-launched from the Integrated Test Range at Chandipur, Odisha, on Friday, said the Ministry of Defence.

The launch validated all operational and technical parameters. The test was carried out under the aegis of the Strategic Forces Command, said an official statement.

On September 24, 2025, the Defence Research and Development Organisation, in collaboration with the Strategic Forces Command (SFC), carried out the successful launch of the Intermediate Range Agni-Prime Missile from a rail-based mobile launcher system, under a full operational scenario.

This next-generation missile is designed to cover a range of up to 2,000 km and is equipped with various advanced features. The first-of-its-kind launch was carried out from a specially designed rail-based mobile



launcher having the capability to move on the rail network without any pre-conditions, said an official

statement. It provides for cross-country mobility and has the capability to launch within a short reaction

time with reduced visibility. It is self-sustained and is equipped with all independent launch capability features, including the state-of-the-art communication systems and protection mechanisms.

The Missile trajectory was tracked by various ground stations, and it was a textbook launch meeting all mission objectives. This successful launch would enable futuristic rail-based systems induction into services. The launch was witnessed by senior scientists of DRDO and Officers of the Strategic Forces Command.

The Road Mobile Agni-P has already been inducted into service after a series of successful flight trials. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh congratulated DRDO, SFC and the Armed Forces on the successful test of the Intermediate Range Agni-Prime missile and stated that this flight test has put India in the group of select nations which have developed a canisterised launch system from the rail network.

Conspiracy to remove votes of poor through SIR: Shivakumar

Nothing wrong in withdrawing cases against activists

BENGALURU (TSIT):

Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar said that a conspiracy was being hatched to remove votes of the poor through SIR (Special Intensive Revision).

Speaking to reporters at his Sadashivanagar residence, the DCM, who is also the KPCC President, said, "I have told our party workers that we must be very vigilant. We are working to create awareness among MLAs and BLAs (Booth Level Agents) about SIR. Meetings are being called and the dates have already been announced. That is why we have come forward to raise awareness. Everyone needs to submit an application. Otherwise, citizens will lose their votes."

"We have seen this happen in other states. If the right to vote is lost, citizens will be deprived of many benefits including pension and the Gruha Lakshmi scheme. That is why we are working to spread awareness," he said. When asked about the decision to withdraw cases against Muslims, he said, "Politically motivated cases



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have been withdrawn. Along with that, cases against farmers and Kannada movement activists have also been withdrawn — there is nothing wrong in this."

Revanth, Bandi conspired to shield POCSO case accused: KTR

HYDERABAD (TSIT):

Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) working president K. T. Rama Rao on Friday alleged that Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy conspired with Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay to save the latter's son Bandi Bhageerath in the POCSO case.

Addressing a press conference, he said that the crime of shielding a POCSO accused for nine days squarely lies with Revanth Reddy, who is also the home minister. Rama Rao hit back at the Chief Minister for the remarks made by him at a press conference on Thursday over the case involving Bandi Bhageerath.

KTR, as the BRS leader is popularly known, also blamed the Chief Minister for intimidating the victim's family, filing a counter-case against them, and shielding the accused for nine days.

ECI announces RS polls for 24 seats across 10 states on June 18

NEW DELHI (TSIT):

The Election Commission of India on Friday announced the schedule for biennial elections to the Rajya Sabha, to fill 24 seats falling vacant across 10 states following the retirement of members in June and July 2026. According to a press note issued by the Commission, polling for all 24 seats will be held on June 18, 2026, with counting of votes scheduled later the same day at 5 pm. The election process will conclude before June 20. "The term of office of 24 members of the Council of States elected from 10 States is due to expire in June-July 2026," the Commission said in the statement while releasing the detailed poll schedule. As per the notification, the election process will begin with the issuance of notifications on June 1, while the last date for filing nominations has been fixed for June 8. Scrutiny of nominations will take place on June 9, and candidates will be allowed to withdraw their nominations till June 11.

Polling, where required,



will take place between 9 am and 4 pm on June 18. The Commission also issued specific instructions regarding the voting procedure. "Only integrated violet colour sketch pen(s) of pre-fixed specification, provided by the Returning Officer, shall be used for the purpose of marking preference(s) on the ballot paper. No other pen shall be used," the press note said.

It added that adequate arrangements would be made to ensure free and fair elections through close monitoring by appointed observers. The vacancies arise due to the retirement of sitting Rajya Sabha members from Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Rajasthan, Arunachal Pradesh, Karnataka and Mizoram.

EBOLA ALERT:

Surveillance, health screening measures intensified at Kochi airport

NEW DELHI (TSIT):

Health authorities have intensified surveillance and precautionary measures against the Ebola virus at Cochin International Airport, in Kerala's Kochi, following an emergency preparedness meeting jointly convened by Cochin International Airport Limited



(CIAL) and the Airport Health Organisation (APHO).

The move comes amid heightened global concern over Ebola outbreaks in parts of Africa and aims to strengthen early detection and public health response systems at the airport. According to the official media release issued on Friday, "Health surveillance and precautionary protocols against the Ebola virus have been intensified at Kochi

airport."The release further stated that the meeting decided to strengthen passenger monitoring systems and reinforce coordinated public health response measures to prevent the possible spread of infection.

As part of the enhanced surveillance mechanism, airport authorities have activated a 24x7 monitoring system for international passengers. Thermal screening, verification of 21-day travel history and mandatory submission of self-declaration forms have also been introduced for passengers arriving from abroad.

Officials said special monitoring would be carried out for travellers arriving from countries such as the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Uganda and South Sudan, where concerns related to Ebola outbreaks remain significant. The preparedness meeting was attended by CIAL Airport Director Manu G, Airport Health Officer Dr Raphael Teddy, Senior Medical Officer Dr Aysha Manika K.A., along with representatives from CISF, immigration authorities,

NDA set for clean sweep in elections to four RS seats from AP

AMARAVATI (TSIT):

The TDP-led ruling NDA in Andhra Pradesh is sure to win all four Rajya Sabha seats going to polls on June 18, going by its overwhelming majority in the state legislative Assembly. The Telugu Desam Party (TDP) is likely to keep two seats and give one seat each to its allies — Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Jana Sena Party (JSP).

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The vacancies from Andhra



Pradesh are arising as the term of four members is set to end on June 21. The members who are retiring are Alla Ayodhya Rami Reddy, Nathwani Parimal, Pilli Subhaschandra Bose (all belonging to YSR Congress Party) and Sana Satish Babu

of TDP.

The NDA is likely to secure a unanimous victory due to its strength in the 175-member Assembly. The TDP holds 135 seats, while its allies, Jana Sena and BJP, have 21 and 8 seats respectively, compared to the YSRCP's 11 seats.

Businessman-turned-politician Satish Babu was one of the three candidates of the NDA who was elected unanimously in December 2024 to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of Mopidevi Venkataramana Rao, B. Masthan Rao, and Krishnaiah, all belonging to the YSRCP.

While Mopidevi and Masthan Rao joined the TDP, Krishnaiah announced his intention to focus on strengthening the backward class movement. This followed the landslide victory of the NDA in the May 2024 elections.

In the bye-elections, TDP had fielded Satish Babu and Masthan Rao while BJP fielded Krishnaiah. All the three were elected unopposed.

While the BJP had opened

its account in Rajya Sabha from Andhra Pradesh, the TDP had also returned to the Upper House of Parliament after a brief absence. The TDP had participated in the Rajya Sabha elections held in February 2024 due to insufficient numbers in the Assembly, resulting in no TDP representation in the Rajya Sabha for the first time in its four-decade history.

This time, the TDP is likely to retain Satish Babu, who is considered close to party Working President Nara Lokesh. There are many aspirants in the TDP for the second seat. Chief Minister and TDP President, N. Chandrababu Naidu, is understood to have already taken a decision to leave one seat each for his allies.

Two Indian climbers die descending Mount Everest

KATHMANDU:

Two Indian mountaineers, Arun Kumar Tiwari and Sandeep Are, died while descending from Mount Everest, a senior official at Nepal's Department of Tourism said on Friday.

Himal Gautam, Director of the Department of Tourism, told IANS that the climbers died as they were descending after conquering the peak of the world's tallest mountain as per the reports received from the Everest Base Camp.

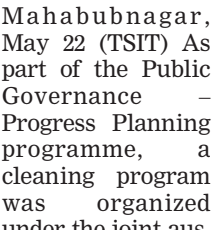
"The exact cause of their deaths is not yet known," Gautam said. Both climbers summited Everest on May 21 and fell ill during their descent, according to the local media



reports. Tiwari died near the Hillary Step, just below the summit, while being assisted by four Sherpa climbers during the descent. Nivesh Karki, Director of Pioneer Adventures, which organised their expedition, told local news portal The Himalayan Times. Are suffered snow blindness immediately after reaching the summit and was rescued from the South Summit.

- CONDUCTING CLEANLINESS PROGRAM IN CHILDREN'S HOMES

She further noted that the Academy has established collaborations with prestigious institutions including UNICEF, IIIT-Hyderabad, JNTU-Hyderabad, Telangana State Forest Academy and Kautilya School of Public Policy (GITAM University) to create future-ready policing models. Former Academy Director C. Anjaneya Reddy, recalled the challenges faced during the institution's formative years and stressed the importance of adapting to technology-enabled policing and evolving criminal methodologies.



Speaking on the occasion, officials stated that it is everyone's responsibility to maintain the cleanliness of the heritage sites. People's cooperation is essential to keep tourist areas clean.Said. All the participants of the program were called to give priority to cleanliness.

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1	Lakhinna Malleshwara Rao (Applicant) , H No. 2-3-603/491, Patel Nagar, Amberpet, Opp Nalla Pochamma Temple, Hyderabad, 500013. Lakhinna Malleshwara Rao , Govt Of Telangana, Police Department, Head Constable, Amberpet, Hyderabad, 500013. Lakhinna Malleshwara Rao Plot No. 75, Anjaiah Enclave, Boduppal Village, Medipally Mandal, Medchal Malkajiri Dist, 500084. Lakhinna Eshwari H No. 2-3-603/491, Patel Nagar, Amberpet, Opp Nalla Pochamma Temple, Hyderabad, 500013. Lakhinna Eshwari , Plot No. 75, Anjaiah Enclave, Boduppal Village, Medipally Mandal, Medchal Malkajiri Dist, 500084. A/c No: 710500020407 DN Date: 08/05/2026	All that the House on Plot No.75, admeasuring 72 Sq.Yds., Plot No.92 South Part, admeasuring 47 Sq. Yds, & Plot No.93 North Part, admeasuring 36.11 Sq.Yds., total admeasuring 155.11 Sq.Yds., or 129.67 Sq.Mtrs., consisting Ground Floor plinth area 838.98 Sft., & First Floor plinth area 838.98 Sft., in Survey No.52, Situated at "Boduppal Village" and Municipal Corporation, Medipally Mandal, Medchal-Malkajiri District. And bounded by: North: Plot No.92 North Part & Plot No.74; South: Plot No.93 South Part & Plot No.76; East:Plot No.64, West: 25' Wide Road.	₹ 59,19,139.61 as detailed below as on 08/05/2026 + Interest + All other charges payable till the receipt of payment.
2	Dasari Kavitha (Applicant) Plot No 5 and 6.Sri Sai Enclave, Panvathur Nr SFS School, Hyderabad, Telangana – 500098. Dasari Kavitha , Indian Railways Moulali Railway Station, Hyderabad– 500017. Dasari Kavitha , Plot No 92 South Part, RNS Homes, Sy No 47 & 48, Boduppal, Medchal-Malkajiri– 500098. Vangapally Ravinder (Co-Applciant) , Plot No 15 And 6.Sri Sai Enclave, Panvathur Nr SFS School, Hyderabad, Telangana – 500098. Vangapally Ravinder Narayana Junior College Tamaka, Hyderabad – 500017. Vangapally Ravinder , Plot No 92 South Part, RNS Homes, Sy No 47 & 48, Boduppal, Medchal-Malkajiri– 500098 A/c No: 710500009669 DN Date: 14/05/2026	All that the House on Plot Bearing No 92 South Part in Survey Nos. 47 & 48, admeasuring 150 Sq.Yds, or 125.4 Sq.Mtrs., having plinth area 1214 SFT. Situated at Boduppal Village and Municipality, Medipally Mandal, Medchal-Malkajiri District and bounded as follows: North: Plot No.92 North Part; South : Plot No.91; East : 25' Feet Wide Road; West: Plot No.112.	₹ 32,68,228.88 as detailed below as on 13/05/2026 + Interest + All other charges payable till the receipt of payment.
3	P KONDAIAH (Applicant) H No. 19/C, Block 4, Phase I, Janapriya Apts, Miyapur, Opp.Sai Baba Temple, Hyderabad, Telangana – 500049. P KONDAIAH Huhtumki PPR , Plot No.139 148, IDA Bollarum, Medak, Telangana, 502235. P KONDAIAH Flat No 111-B, 1 Flr,Block C, 502235. P KONDAIAH , 9-C/111/B, Janapriya Apartments, Phase - V, Hafeezpet Village, Miyapur, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh- 500049 A/c No: 710400010921 DN Date: 13.05.2026	All that the Flat bearing No.111-B (Municipal House bearing No.9-C/111/B) in First Floor, Block No.C of "JANAPRIYA APARTMENTS, Phase-V", having a built-up area of 550 Square Feet (including common area), along with an undivided share of land admeasuring 10.19 Square Yards or 8.53 Sq. Meters, in Survey Nos.47, 48 and 49 of MIYAPUR VILLAGE, Serilingampally Mandal, GHMC Serilingampally, Ranga Reddy District, and bounded by; Flat Boundaries: North: Flat No.111A; South: Lift And Open To Sky; East: Corridor; West: Open To Sky.	₹ 6,83,136.20 as detailed below as on 12 /05/2026 + Interest + All other charges payable till the receipt of payment.
4	Muhammed Afroz Uddin (Applicant)H.No. 5-11-796, Yellamma Gutta, Nizambad – 503003. Mob: 8919623279. Muhammed Afroz Uddin , TCS, Plot No 1, Deccan Park, Software Layout Unit, Madhapur, Hyderabad – 500082. Muhammed Afroz Uddin , Plot No 93, Gandhamguda, Bandlaguda Jagir, Gandipet, Ranga Reddy – 500086 A/c No: 712300002233 DN Date: 14.05.2026	All that The House Bearing Municipal No 10-87/93, Plot No 93, in Survey Nos. 87P, 87/LU and LUU admeasuring 150 Sq Yds., equivalent to 125.4 Sq Mtrs., with a builtup area of 1210 Sq Feet, Situated at GANDHAMGUDA Village, Under Bandlaguda Jagir Municipal Corporation, Gandipet Mandal and Ranga Reddy District, Telangana and Bounded as follows North: Plot No 92; South: Plot No 94; East: Plot No 88; West: 30' 0 Feet Wide Road.	₹ 25,72,760.08 as detailed below as on 12/05/2026 + Interest + All other charges payable till the receipt of payment

Date : 21-05-2026
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health-promoting sport. He stated that badminton is a highly motivating and enthusiastic game with simple and easy-to-follow rules, making it accessible to students and youth alike. He has further remarked that games and sports, when strategically integrated into academics, significantly benefit students during their educational journey. They enhance learning abilities, develop problem-solving skills, improve concentration, foster teamwork, and build a strong spirit of achievement, ultimately contributing to better academic performance. On this occasion, Vice president BAT, WDBA, General Secretary and Administrative Officer, KITS Warangal Prof. P. Ramesh Reddy congratulated the Tournament-2026 participants.

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Tender No. C/E-29/TRD/SC/04/ 2026-27 Dt. 18.05.2026
Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer, Traction Distribution, Secunderabad invites e-tender on behalf of the President of India for the following works in Single packet system of tendering.

S.No.: 1. NIT No.: C/E-29/TRD/SC/04/2026-27. Name of the work : SC Division: TRD arrangements in connection with proposed provision of "TSMO/MLY: Electrical arrangements for Tandem Pit Wheel Lathe Shed and enhancing facilities of the shed" **Estimate Cost:** Rs. 31.32,006.35, **Completion period:** 180 Days, **Date of Closing:** 11.06.2026 at 15:00 Hrs.

1) For bid document and other details, please login to website <http://ireps.gov.in>
2) Tenderers should participate through e-tendering only and no manual offers may be considered.
3) Tender conditions/other particulars are available in the Tender documents on IREPS website at ireps.gov.in which can be downloaded, can be participated and can view any modifications if any.
4) All the prospective tenderers are requested to remit Cost of tender form & EMD through online payments only.
5) The tender notice is also displayed in the Notice Board located in the office of Sr. DEE/TRD, Secunderabad Division, South Central Railway, Secunderabad which can be seen on all working days.
6) The Railway reserves the right to cancel the tender without assigning any reason thereto.
7) All the prospective tenderers are advised to get GSTIN Identification Nos. and submit along with their offers.
8) Tenderer should watch for any Corrigenda (issued online only) upto the date of commencement of the Tender submission period.
Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD/ Secunderabad
e-TENDER NOTICE No.02/Dy./CST/E/ C-I/SC/2026, Dated 22.05.2026

For and on behalf of the President of India, Deputy Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer (Construction-II), South Central Railway, Secunderabad invites the approval of the competent authority invites e-Tender (Open) for the following work up to 15.00 hours on 15.06.2026.

S.No.: 1. Tender No.: C-SG-C-36-5-233-2026. Name of the work : (i) MACLS Indoor and Outdoor works along with provision of Electronic Interlocking at Tadikalpudi & Bethampudi Stations, (ii) MACLS Indoor and Outdoor works along with provision of Distributed Electronic Interlocking at Betlam through e-telecommunication related works between 35.42km/TPY to 47.00/ BTDP in connection with doubling between Dornakal - BDCR of SC Division of S.C.Railway. (iii) Utility Shifting and Stage working also part of this work. (iv) OFC 2 x 48F to be laid on both side of the track in complete section given and to be matched and Inbuilt block in EI to be used, Fire aspiration, CCTV, 24F to be laid for patching the Sravaram Stations and to be matched at BTDP Bypass Cabin. **Approx. value in Rs.: 19,90,94,275.68ps, Bid Security in Rs.: 39,11,900/-, Completion period:** 12 Months.

1) For bid document and other details, please login to Website <https://ireps.gov.in>
2) Payment of Bid Security shall be deposited either in cash through e-payment gateway or submitted as Bank Guarantee bond from a scheduled commercial bank of India.
3) Tenderers can submit their offers online during tender submission period which is fifteen days period prior to closing of Tender.
4) Tenderers should watch for any corrigenda (issued online only) upto the date of commencement of the Tender submission period.
Dy. Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, (Construction-II) Secunderabad

Open Tender Notice No: B-E29-TRD-TNDR-08-2026-27 dt. 19.05.2026

For and on behalf of The President of India the undersigned invites E-Tender for the following works:

Tender No.: B-E29-TRD-TNDR-08-2026-27. **Name of the Work :** Provision of Anti money climbing device in monkey prone area to stop climbing monkeys on OHE mast/ structures in BZA division. **Approx. Value (Rs.):** Rs. 59,28,144.00 **Completion period :** 12 Months, **Bid Security (EMD) Rs.:** Rs. 1,18,600/- **Date of closing:** 12.06.2026, **Cost of Tender form:** Nil

For full details and conditions visit our site at "www.ireps.gov.in"

N.B: If date of opening happens to be a holiday, the tender will be opened on next working day.

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Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD/ Vijayawada

TELANGANA POLICE WIN 12 MEDALS AT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



Hyderabad TSIT: Telangana Police sportspersons won 12 medals, including one gold, four silver and seven bronze medals, at the “2nd All India Police Badminton and Table Tennis Cluster Championship 2025-26” held in Lucknow.

C. V. Anand felicitated the medal winners at his office and praised them for bringing recognition to Telangana Police.

Trainee DSPs Neha Purohit and P. Latifa Asha won gold in the

women's doubles badminton event. Latifa Asha also secured two silver medals, while several Telangana Police officers won medals in badminton and table tennis categories across different age groups.

The DGP also congratulated Inspector B. James Babu for winning a bronze medal in the India Open Shooting Competition held in Bhopal. Senior police officials, coaches and sports personnel attended the felicitation programme.

Akunuri Murali Resigns as Telangana Education Commission Chief

Hyderabad: Akunuri Murali resigned as Chairman of the Telangana Education Commission and submitted his resignation to the state Chief Secretary on Friday. The retired IAS officer stated that the Commission had completed the responsibilities assigned to it and submitted a comprehensive report to the Telangana government on education



reforms and strengthening the education system. The Telangana government had constituted the Telangana Education Commission in September 2024 to prepare a long-term policy framework for reforms in school, higher and technical education. Murali was appointed chairman with a two-year tenure.

Open e-Tender Notice No. DRM/ Works/BZA/21/2026, dt. 22.05.2026

For and on behalf of the President of India, the undersigned invites E-Tenders for the following works up to 15.00 hours and the date mentioned against each.

S.No.: 1. **Tender No.:** E-15-EAST-BZA-2026. **Name of Work :** BZA - Daily maintenance of Lawns and gardens of various officers Bungalows, Railway officers club, Railway function hall, Railway hospital, Loco colony park, Green park colony and RE colony park for a period of 24 months under SSE/W/G. Pet/BZA and SSE/W/Est/BZA section. **Period of completion :** 24 (Twenty four Months), **Tender value :** Rs. 69,58,630/-, **E.M.D.:** Rs. 1,39,200/-, **Date of closing:** 09.06.2026

S.No.: 2. **Tender No.:** E-08-SOUTH-BZA-2026. **Name of Work :** GDR-BZA Section repairs/Widening of cess at various locations in ADEM/NLR and ADEM/OGL Sub-Divisions of Sr.DEN South BZA Jurisdiction. **Period of completion :** 12 (Twelve Months), **Tender value :** Rs. 3,08,61,180/-, **E.M.D.:** Rs.6,17,200/-, **Date of closing:** 11.06.2026

S.No.: 3. **Tender No.:** E-07-CENTRAL-BZA-2026. **Name of Work :** SW-I: Vijayawada Division : GDR-BZA & BZA-VSKP Section: TRR (P) of Exg.60 Kg / 90 UTS Rails on PSC Sleepers 1660/Nos/km density for a length of 5.570 KM. SW-II: Vijayawada Division : TSR(P) - 31.107 Kms on Vijayawada - Visakhapatnam section: TSR(P) - 12.562 Km & on Vijayawada - Gudur section: TSR(P) - 18.545 Km with TRT of Exg. 60Kg/90UTS rails on PSC sleepers 1660/Nos/km density with new lighter PSC sleepers 1660 Nos./Km including recoupmnet and increasing of ballast cushion to 35 cm and deep screening of ballast. (sanctioned locations enclosed). SW-II: Vijayawada Division: Gudur - Vijayawada-Visakhapatnam section (U.P.ADN): - (i) TFR(A/F) : Through fittings renewal on PSC sleeper track for a length of 24.181 Km (ii) Glued Joints-117 Nos, (iii) TWSEJ - 14 Nos & (iv) TBR -29.586 Km & TBR (T/O) - 27 Nos. at various locations in DEN/ Central/BZA Jurisdiction. (sanctioned locations enclosed). **Period of completion :** 24 (Twenty Four Months), **Tender value :** Rs. 6,31,45,998/-, **E.M.D.:** Rs. 12,62,900/-, **Date of closing:** 16.06.2026

1) Tender conditions/other particulars such as the details of Name of work in full, the similar nature of the above works, eligibility criteria etc., are available in the Tender documents published in website at "www.ireps.gov.in"
2) The prospective tenderers are advised to visit website "www.ireps.gov.in", before the date of tender closing to note any changes/corrigenda for any tender.
3) The Tender Notice is also displayed in the Notice Board located in the office of Divisional Railway Manager (Works), S.C. Railway, Vijayawada and ADEM sub-divisional offices of Vijayawada Division which can be seen.
4) The Railway reserves the right to cancel the tender without assigning any reason thereto.

Visit our site at "www.ireps.gov.in"
Divisional Railway Manager (Works)/ Vijayawada
No. NW/148/W-III/Tender Notice/ GS/2022-23 Dated., 21.05.2026

Dy. Chief Engineer, Gati Shakti, Nanded, South Central Railway invites E-Tenders on behalf of President of India for the following works:

S.No.: 1. **Tender No.:** T-2026-27-GS-01. **Authority:** Dy. CE/GS/NED. **Description of the Work :** NED Div :- Gati Shakti Unit :- Extension of Cover over platform so as to cover the entire length of all platform under Amrit Bharat station scheme (Gati Shakti station). **Advertised Value in Rs.:** 15,43,88,521.93. **Earnest Money in Rs.:** 30,87,800.00, **Completion on period:** Nine (09) month, **Cost of tender form in Rs.:** 0

1. The above tender will be closed on 25.06.2026 at 15:00 Hrs.
2. For bid Document and other details Please login to website to www.ireps.gov.in
3. Tenderers should watch for any corrigenda (issued online only) upto the date of commencement of the tender submission/bidding period.
Dy. Chief Engineer/Gati Shakti/ Nanded

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

Congress Conducting Record Paddy Procurement: Uttam

Hyderabad TSIT: Telangana Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy accused BRS Working President K. T. Rama Rao of spreading false propaganda over the ongoing Rabi paddy procurement operations in the state.

Uttam Kumar Reddy said the Congress government is conducting the largest-ever paddy procurement drive in Telangana despite logistical and manpower challenges. He stated that as of May 21, around 54.29 lakh metric tonnes of paddy had arrived at procurement centres, of which 46.21 lakh metric tonnes had already been procured.

The Minister informed that over 6.32 lakh farmers



had received direct payments amounting to 7,841 crore. He said the current procurement figures had already surpassed several records set during the previous BRS government.

Rejecting allegations of gunny bag shortages, Uttam said nearly 20 crore gunny bags had been supplied and more than 13,000 trucks were being

deployed daily for transportation and lifting operations.

Criticising the opposition for politicising farmers' issues, the Minister said the Congress government remains committed to ensuring fair procurement, faster MSP payments and better support systems for farmers across Telangana.

Lambada Leaders Seek Sant Sevalal Corporation

Hyderabad TSIT: A delegation of Lambada public representatives met Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy at his Jubilee Hills residence and submitted demands related to tribal welfare and empowerment.



Govt Focused on Welfare and Women Empowerment

Hyderabad TSIT: Telangana Health Minister Damodar Rajanarasimha said the State Government is committed to welfare, development, women empowerment and social security while implementing long-term policies for Telangana's progress.



Speaking at a district-level programme under the 99-day Praja Palana Pragathi Pranalika initiative near Kandi, the Minister said the government is prioritising support for farmers, quality education and improved healthcare services. He stated that skill-based education and women empowerment pro-

grammes are being promoted to ensure dignity and financial independence.

The Minister said nearly 1,000 pre-primary schools were established across Telangana last year and Young India Schools are being developed in every constituency. He added that Aarogyasri coverage has been increased to Rs.10 lakh and new trauma care and dialysis centres are being planned across the state. Nirmala Jaggareddy said the Congress government is effectively implementing welfare schemes and fulfilling its election promises. During the programme, bank linkage cheques, appointment letters and incentive awards for inter-caste couples were distributed. Officials and public representatives also visited departmental exhibition stalls showcasing innovations in agriculture and technology.

Harkara Venugopal Rao Emerging as Key Force in Strengthening Telangana's Public Outreach

ADVISOR TO GOVERNMENT FOR PROTOCOL AND PUBLIC RELATIONS PLAYING PIVOTAL ROLE IN ENHANCING GOVERNANCE COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC CONNECT

Hyderabad TSIT: At a time when effective governance increasingly depends on strong public communication and coordinated outreach, Harkara Venugopal Rao is emerging as an important force in strengthening Telangana government's communication systems, public engagement and institutional coordination.

Serving as Advisor to the Government for Protocol and Public Relations with Cabinet rank, Venugopal Rao has been playing a significant role in enhancing the government's interaction with people, media, dignitaries and various social sectors through structured coordination and efficient communication management. Political and administrative circles view his appointment as a reflection of the confidence reposed in experienced and committed leadership by A. Revanth Reddy and senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi.



Known for his calm yet result-oriented functioning style, Venugopal Rao has been effectively coordinating major government programmes, official events, public interactions and institutional communication initiatives with professionalism and precision. Observers say his ability to maintain positive working relationships across administrative, political and media circles has emerged as one of his major strengths.

Sources familiar with government functioning note that under Rahul Gandhi's broader vision of people-centric politics and Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's governance-focused leadership approach, Venugopal Rao

has contributed significantly towards building a responsive and accessible public communication framework in Telangana.

His long experience in organisational activities and public engagement has helped him understand grassroots concerns while ensuring discipline and dignity in official protocol management.

From coordinating high-profile state events to strengthening communication channels between the government and citizens, his contribution is increasingly being acknowledged across multiple sectors. Officials point out that Venugopal Rao's approach extends beyond conventional publicity management and focuses more on institutional coordination, relationship-building and strengthening public trust. His role has gained greater relevance at a time when Telangana is positioning itself as a progressive, investment-driven

and globally visible state with expanding national and international engagements.

Within Congress circles, Venugopal Rao is regarded as a dedicated and loyal leader who has consistently worked for the party and public causes over the years and is now contributing actively towards governance initiatives under the leadership of Revanth Reddy. Political analysts believe leaders like Harkara Venugopal Rao represent a new model of governance support systems that combine administrative coordination, public relations, accessibility and political sensitivity. As Telangana advances with ambitious governance reforms and large-scale public outreach initiatives, Venugopal Rao continues to strengthen the bridge between the government and the people through coordination, commitment and service-oriented leadership.

HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD
Regd. Office: Radhika, 2nd Floor, Law Garden Road, Navranapura, Ahamedabad-380009.
Branch: Shree Balaji PSR Tower, 1st Floor H.No:1-8-616, 1, Prakash Nagar, Begumpet, Hyderabad, Telangana-500016.

APPENDIX -IV (See Rule -8(1))
POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **M/s.HDB Financial Services Ltd.**, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) (3) & R/w Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 calling upon the Applicant/Co-Applicants/Gurantor in **Loan A/c No 2786328. 1.)KUNDAN DAIRY FARM**, sy no 107 opp. Laxmi Garden Hyderabad Road Nalgonda – 508001 Telangana 2.) **PALREDDY SUREN BABU** , H No 6-9-102 Raghavendra Colony Hyderabad Road Nalgonda 508001 Telangana 3.) **P SEETARAMA REDDY** H No 6-9-102 Raghavendra Colony Hyderabad Road Nalgonda -508001 Telangana 4.) **METTA ANASUYA**, Sy No 107 Opp. Laxmi Garden Hyderabad Road Nalgonda – 508001 Telangana 5.) **PALREDDY MRUDULA** , H No 6-9-102 Raghavendra Colony Hyderabad Road Nalgonda 508001 Telangana To repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs:10,14,150.71/- (RUPEES TEN LAKHS FOURTEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED and FIFTY - PAISE SEVENTY ONE ONLY)** as on 23 .02. 2025 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Applicant /Co-Applicants/Gurantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Applicant /Co-Applicants/Gurantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act R/w Rule 8 And 9, on this **20th May of the year 2026.**

The Applicant /Co-Applicants/Gurantor 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 M/s. HDB Financials Ltd., for an amount of **Rs.10,14,150.71/- (RUPEES TEN LAKHS FOURTEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED & FIFTY - PAISE SEVENTY ONE ONLY)** and interest and charges thereon. The Applicant /Co-applicants/Gurantor attention is invited to provisions of Sub- Sec.8 of the Sec 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets..

SCHEDULE OF THE SECURITIES - I
All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing Municipal Door No 6-9-102, Comprising Total Area 250.00 Sq. Yards = 2-9.0 Mtrs, Plinth Area 1650.00 Sq Feet Ground Floor Roof Rcc Age Of Building 20 Years, Situated At Padma Nagar, PanagalArea, Nalgondita Town And District Ts And With The Local Limits Of Town Municipality Nalgonda And Within Registration District And Sub District Nalgonda. **Bounded by:**North: Plot No 89 South: Vendors Open Plot, East: 33' 0" Wide Proposed Road, West Plot No 86
Date : 20.05.2026 **Sd/-Authorized Officer**
Place: Hyderabad **HDB Financial Services Ltd**

FORM B

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
(Under Regulation 12 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Liquidation Process) Regulations, 2016)

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE STAKEHOLDERS OF M/S. BHEEMA CEMENTS LIMITED.

S.N.	PARTICULARS	DETAILS
1	Name of Corporate Debtor	M/S. BHEEMA CEMENTS LIMITED
2	Date of Incorporation of Corporate Debtor	21-06-1978
3	Authority under which Corporate Debtor is incorporated / registered	Registrar of Companies, Hyderabad
4	Corporate Identity Number (CIN) of Corporate Debtor	L26942TG1978PLC002315
5	Address of the Registered Office and Principal Office (if any) of Corporate Debtor	6-3-652/C/A, Flat No. 5A, Kautliya Amrutha Estates, Somajiguda, Hyderabad, Telangana – 500082
6	Date of Closure of Insolvency Resolution Process	21-05-2026
7	Liquidation Commencement Date of Corporate Debtor	21-05-2026
8	Name and Registration Number of the Insolvency Professional acting as Liquidator	Kalvakolanu Murali Krishna Prasad (IBBI/IPA-001/IP-P00967/2017-2018/1588)
9	Address and e-mail of the Liquidator, as registered with the Board	H. No. 8-27, Plot No. 106, Road No. 10, Mythripuram Colony, Yashai Nagar (P), Jilelguda, Hyderabad 500079 E-mail: kmk123ip@gmail.com
10	Address and e-mail to be used for correspondence with the Liquidator	H. No. 8-27, Plot No. 106, Road No. 10, Mythripuram Colony, Yashai Nagar (P), Jilelguda, Hyderabad 500079 E-mail: bheemacement@gmail.com
11	Last Date for Submission of Claims	20-06-2026

Notice is hereby given that the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Hyderabad Bench-I, has ordered the commencement of liquidation of **M/s. Bheema Cements Limited** on 21-05-2026. The stakeholders of M/s. Bheema Cements Limited are hereby called upon to submit their claims with proof on or before 20-06-2026 to the Liquidator at the address mentioned against Item No. 10. The financial creditors shall submit their claims with proof by electronic means only. All other stakeholders may submit their claims with proof in form, by post, or by electronic means. Submission of false or misleading claims or proof of claims shall attract penalties under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016.

Sd/-
KALVAKOLANU MURALI KRISHNA PRASAD
Liquidator
M/s. Bheema Cements Limited (In Liquidation)
IBBI/IPA-001/IP-P00967/2017-2018/1588
Date: 23-05-2026
Place: Hyderabad
AFA Valid Up to 30-06-2027

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, MINISTRY OF FINANCE, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
1st Floor At Triveni Complex, Abids, Hyderabad

O.A.NO.365 OF 2026

SUMMONS UNDER SUB-SECTION (4) OF SECTION 19 OF THE ACT, READ WITH SUB RULE (2A) OF RULE 5 OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULE, 1993
Karur Vysya Bank
Verses

M/s ePower Energy (India) Private Limited. And others

To
2. Sri Pagadala Sumanth Naidu, S/o. Sri Late Sudarshan Naidu, **M/s ePower Energy (India) Private Limited**, Ankireddypally Village, Keesara Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri, Telangana - 501301 Also at: H.No.30-265/21/56, Plot No.56, RKH Colony, Dr. AS Rao Nagar, ECIL Post, Medchal-Malkajgiri -500 082.
3. Sri Sahukara Ravi Kiran S/o. Sri Gopala Rao **M/s ePower Energy (India) Private Limited**, Ankireddypally Village, Keesara Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri, Telangana - 501 301 Also at: Plot No. 504, Shikha Sai Srinivasa Officers Colony, Sainikpuri, Medchal-Malkajgiri -500 082.
4. Sri Yerneni Venugopala Rao S/o. Sri Kutumba Rao, **M/s ePower Energy (India) Private Limited**, Ankireddypally Village, Keesara Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri, Telangana - 501 301 Also at: Plot No. 13, Shank Colony, ECIL Post, Kapra, Medchal-Malkajgiri -500 082
5. Sri Balaji Venkatappa, S/o. Sri Venkatappa **M/s ePower Energy (India) Private Limited**, Ankireddypally Village, Keesara Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri, Telangana - 501 301 Also at: New No 9/2, Old No.4, Thiagar Nagar. 4 th Street, Kaladipet, Chennai-600 019 Tamilnadu.
6. Sri Vittal Ashok Kumar , S/o Sri Vittal Damodaran **M/s ePower Energy (India) Private Limited**, Ankireddypally Village, Keesara Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri, Telangana - 501 301. Also at: New No 8/10, Thilakarnagar, 3rd Street. Kalsidipet, Chennai- 600 019 Tamilnadu.
8.Sri Surabhi Krishna Rao S/o Sri S Venkata Ramana Murthy. H. No 1-4-180/117, Sai Baba Officers Colony, Ht Lane Sainikpuri, Medchal-Malkajgiri -500 094
9. Smt. Pagadala Sashikala W/o Late Sri P. Sudershan Naidu, H.No.30/B, RKH Society, G.K. Towers, 3rd Floor, Dr. A.S. Rao Nagar, Medchal-Malkajgiri - 500 082.

SUMMONS/SUBSTITUTED SERVICE BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas the O.A.NO.365 OF 2026 was listed before the Registrar on 15-05-2026, Whereas, this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue Summons / Notice on the said Application under Section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of **Rs.11,34,91,476.32 Ps.**

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

(i) to show cause within 30 days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;
(ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;
(iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;
(iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of your business any of the assets over which security interest is created and / or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;

(v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the Bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets. You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before the Registrar, on 24-06-2026 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence. (BY ORDER OF HON'BLE REGISTRAR, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, HYDERABAD)

THE REGISTRAR, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II

Andhra Pradesh launches 600 MW solar projects in Rayalaseema

Kurnool : Andhra Pradesh marked a major milestone in its clean energy journey with the commissioning of SAEL Industries’ 600 MW AC solar power projects in Rayalaseema, one of the first large-scale renewable energy projects to be completed under the state’s Integrated Clean Energy Policy 2024.

The projects were inaugurated by Minister for IT and Electronics Nara Lokesh in the presence of Minister for Energy Gottipati Ravi Kumar. Built with an investment of approximately Rs 3,000 crore, the projects comprise two 300 MW AC solar facilities developed by SAEL subsidiaries SAEL Solar MHP1 Private Limited and SAEL Solar MHP2 Private Limited across nearly 2,400 acres in Kurnool district.

The projects were completed in a record 11 months,



reinforcing Andhra Pradesh’s emerging reputation for speed-driven industrial execution and investor-friendly governance.

The facilities will supply renewable power directly to the national grid under 25-year Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) with the

Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI), supporting India’s long-term clean energy transition while strengthening the country’s renewable power capacity.

The projects are expected to offset nearly 11 lakh tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions annually and deploy more

than 12 lakh advanced TOPCon bifacial solar modules, the majority of which were assembled at SAEL’s manufacturing facilities in Punjab and Rajasthan.

Speaking at the inauguration, IT Minister Nara Lokesh said AP is rapidly emerging as a national hub for renewable energy, green manufacturing, storage technologies, and future-ready industrial ecosystems. “We are not just laying foundation stones — we are ensuring projects are commissioned at speed and scale. AP is building a globally competitive clean energy ecosystem that will power industries, data centers, manufacturing clusters, and India’s broader energy transition,” he asserted.

Energy Minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar said the State Government is committed to creating reliable and afford-

able energy infrastructure capable of supporting Andhra Pradesh’s expanding industrial base and future energy requirements.

Sukhbir Awla, Co-Founder and Director, SAEL Industries, observed that Andhra Pradesh has become a key growth engine in India’s renewable energy transition and continues to inspire long-term investor confidence in clean energy infrastructure.

Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, in a message, said, “It is a matter of pride for Andhra Pradesh that the first project under our forward-looking Integrated Clean Energy Policy 2024 is now being commissioned. SAEL’s 600 MW solar project in Rayalaseema, built with an investment of Rs 3,000 crore in a record 11 months, reflects the speed, confidence.

Varudu Kalyani Slams Government Failure Over Payakaraopeta Incident

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Varudu Kalyani strongly condemned the incident involving an 11-year-old Dalit minor girl in Payakaraopeta and launched sharp criticism against the state government. She alleged that the government has completely failed in ensuring the safety of women. Speaking to the media, she faulted State Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha for not responding to the incident. “There is time for musical nights and sports events... but not to visit or console the victim girl!” she questioned the Home Minister.

She expressed concern that under the coalition government, women and girls no longer have safety, whether they are at home or going to school. Describing the government of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu as a “failure CM government,” she criticized Home



Minister Anitha as having earned the reputation of being an “inefficient Home Minister.” Varudu Kalyani stated that even the government’s own surveys have revealed an increase in crimes against women. She alleged that the government has completely failed in eradicating ganja. Referring to incidents in Madanapalle, Srikakulam, and Visakhapatnam, she criticized the government for failing to maintain law

and order. She said that the murder of a woman in Visakhapatnam and the activities of ganja gangs in Vijayawada and Vizianagaram are examples of the deteriorating safety situation for women. She accused TDP, ITDP, and the yellow media of spreading fake news. She further alleged that attacks on women are increasing due to liquor and ganja.

PEDDISHETTY USHASRI TAKES OATH AS SIMHACHALAM DEVASTHANAM TRUST BOARD MEMBER

Donates Rs.50,000 to School for Deaf and Mute Children

The South India Times, Visakhapatnam : The oath-taking ceremony of the newly appointed Trust Board members of Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple was held in a grand manner on Wednesday. On the occasion, newly inducted board member Peddishetty Ushasri expressed happiness over getting an opportunity to serve the temple. Speaking on the occasion, Ushasri said that she has been committed to public service for the past five years with the belief that “Service to Humanity is Service to God.” She stated that she received this opportunity with the blessings of Lord Appanna Swamy and thanked the coalition leadership and Jana Sena chief and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan for reposing faith in her.

She said that just as she excelled as an international sportsperson with discipline and dedication, she would work with the same commitment for the development and prestige of the

temple. Describing the post as a great responsibility, Ushasri assured that all board members would work collectively under

development of the school for deaf and mute children functioning under the Devasthanam limits. She handed over the cheque



the leadership of chairman Ashok Gajapathi Raju for the progress of the temple. Marking the occasion, Ushasri announced a donation of Rs.50,000 for the

on the dais to Executive Officer Venkata Rao. She also expressed gratitude to Lord Appanna Swamy and elders for giving her the opportunity to serve.

Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme Launched for Visakhapatnam Home Guards

DIVI’S CSR DONATES EMERGENCY VEHICLES TO CITY POLICE

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Andhra Pradesh Home and Disaster Management Minister Vangalapudi Anitha on Friday launched a comprehensive health insurance scheme for Home Guards serving in the Visakhapatnam City Police Commissionerate. The scheme was introduced under the leadership of Visakhapatnam City Police Commissioner Dr. Shankhabrata Bagchi as a first-of-its-kind welfare initiative aimed at ensuring healthcare security for Home Guards and their family members. Officials said Home Guards work under stressful and risky conditions while ensuring public safety round the clock. Keeping in view the financial burden faced by their families during serious medical emergencies, the City Police designed the insurance scheme to provide better healthcare protection. Under the scheme, each Home Guard family will receive a Rs.3 lakh base insurance policy along with a Rs.30 lakh top-up



cover and an additional Rs.3 lakh complimentary coverage, taking the total insurance coverage to Rs.33 lakh. The scheme covers the Home Guard, spouse and two children. The annual premium per family is Rs.10,264, and the first-year premium has been paid through the Police Welfare Fund. A total of 975 families, covering around 3,144 beneficiaries, will benefit from the scheme. The Police Welfare Fund has spent Rs.87.97 lakh towards

another development. Divi’s Laboratories, under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative, donated two LMV Bolero Neo vehicles worth Rs.19.92 lakh to the Visakhapatnam City Police Department for emergency response services. The vehicles were formally handed over by the minister during the programme. Senior police officials, Home Guards and their family members attended the event.

22 Percent Roster for SC Community Must Be Implemented in GVMC

AP State SC Commission Member Ravada Seetharam Directs Officials



The South India Times, Visakhapatnam : The 22 percent roster constitutionally provided to the SC community in the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation must be implemented strictly, directed Andhra Pradesh State SC Commission member Ravada Seetharam. On Friday, he conducted a review meeting at the GVMC head office along with Additional Commissioners D.V. Ramanamurthy, S.S. Varma and other senior officials. On this occasion, a review was conducted regarding reservations being implemented for the SC community in GVMC, employee promotions, and allocation of contract works. Along with several issues concerning the SC community, GVMC SC Employees Union president Baburao and union representatives submitted a memorandum to the Commission member requesting a separate room for SC employees. Speaking during the

review, Ravada Seetharam said that Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, and IT Minister Nara Lokesh are committed to the development of the SC community. He stated that the coalition government has allocated budgetary funds for the economic progress of the SC community and instructed officials to inform lower-level officers and employees about this and provide suitable contract work opportunities to members of the SC community.

He stated that the coalition government is implementing several welfare schemes and development programs with the objective of ensuring that every household in the SC community has an entrepreneur. He advised that backlog recruitments and promotions should be carried out transparently and that the rights granted to the SC community by the government must be implemented without fail. He speci-

cally mentioned that complaints regarding injustice to the SC community in the allocation of engineering works had come to the notice of the State SC Commission. He warned that the issue of some officials speaking insultingly towards the SC community was being taken seriously. He questioned the officials as to how it was justified that out of works worth Rs.9 crore, only Rs.20 lakh worth of works were allocated to the SC community. He made it clear that funds and works should be allocated according to the constitutionally mandated 22 percent reservation for SCs. Secretariat employees also brought several issues to the notice of the Commission member, to which he responded that the matters would be brought to the attention of the State SC Commission Chairman and steps would be taken for resolution. He also stated that discussions would be held with the GVMC Commissioner and Chairman regarding the establishment of a separate room for SC community employees in GVMC.

Later, the State SC Commission member met GVMC Commissioner Ketan Garg in his chamber and stated that jobs, promotions, contract works, allocation of funds and other benefits for the SC community should be implemented transparently in accordance with the 22 percent roster system provided by the Constitution. GVMC Chief Engineer P.V.V. Satyanarayana Raju, Joint Director (AMRUT) Vijayabharati, Chief Medical Officer Dr. ENV Naresh Kumar, PD (UCD) B.V. Ramana, Examiner of Accounts Vasudeva Reddy, supervising engineers, City Planner Dhanunjaya Reddy, and officials from all departments participated in the programme.

Anakapalli MP Brings District Issues to Chief Minister’s Notice



The South India Times, Visakhapatnam : C. M. Ramesh, Chairman of the Railway Standing Committee and Member of Parliament from Anakapalli, met Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu at the State Secretariat in Amaravati on Friday and brought to his notice several long-pending issues concerning Anakapalli district. During the meeting, the MP held detailed discussions with the Chief Minister on issues related to irrigation, drinking water supply, roads, and basic infrastructure facilities in the district. He also explained the ongoing development works and industrial progress in the region while highlighting the difficulties being faced by local residents. Dr. C.M. Ramesh stressed the need for speedy completion of several pending issues that people have been waiting to see resolved for many years. Responding positively, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu reportedly assured that the government would coordinate with the concerned officials and take necessary steps to address the issues at the earliest.

Several MEMU Trains Cancelled in Vijayawada Division



The South India Times, Visakhapatnam : Railway authorities have announced the temporary cancellation of several MEMU trains operating under the Vijayawada

Division due to operational reasons. According to officials, Train No. 17267 Kakinada–Visakhapatnam MEMU Express will remain cancelled from May 23 to May 25, 2026 and

again from May 30 to June 1, 2026. In the return direction, Train No. 17268 Visakhapatnam – Kakinada MEMU Express will also remain cancelled on the same dates. Similarly, Train No. 67285 Rajahmundry – Visakhapatnam MEMU Passenger has been cancelled from May 23 to May 25 and from May 30 to June 1, 2026, while Train No. 67286 Visakhapatnam – Rajahmundry MEMU Passenger in the return direction will also remain cancelled during the same period. Railway authorities advised passengers to take note of the changes and plan their journeys accordingly. Officials expressed regret over the inconvenience caused to passengers due to the cancellations.

GITAM Launches “Talk Time” Mentorship Initiative for Students

Visakhapatnam, May 21, 2026: GITAM Deemed to be University has launched an innovative student mentorship initiative titled “Talk Time” to provide meaningful guidance on academics, careers, and personal development.

The programme was introduced by Dr. Rojeena Mathew, Director - Training, Mentoring & Career Guidance (TMCG), under the university’s Career Guidance Centre. As part of the initiative, Dr. Mathew will conduct daily one-on-one mentoring



sessions from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM on working days between May 11 and December 31, 2026. Each interaction slot will last 15 minutes. The ses-

sions aim to help students with skill development, industry readiness, career planning, professional growth, and personal concerns. The initiative encourages students to openly discuss ideas, clarify doubts, and seek guidance in a supportive environment. Dr. Mathew said the programme is designed to create meaningful conversations that help students gain clarity and confidence in their academic and professional journeys. Students can book appointments through the QR code or online link pro-

Kavitha detained during protest at Telangana Secretariat over farmers’ problems

Hyderabad, May 22 : Police detained Telangana Rakshana Sena (TRS) leader Kalvakuntla Kavitha and several party workers at Telangana Secretariat here on Friday when they were staging a protest over the problems faced by farmers. Alleging that the state government is acting with negligence in procurement of paddy from farmers, Kavitha and her supporters sat in front of the Secretariat.

Holding placards and raising slogans, they demanded that the government expedite paddy procurement and pay bonus to farmers.

Police personnel forcibly removed Kavitha and other protestors including several women to the waiting police vehicles and whisked them away.

Kavitha was taken to Falaknuma Police Station.

She told media persons that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is not bothered by the severe distress faced by farmers in the state.

Kavitha said that farmers are in agony as paddy, jowar, and red gram crops are not being procured. “It is heartbreaking to see farmers dying at procurement centres,” she alleged.

“We staged a dharna at the secretariat demanding that this government come to its senses and do good for the farmers,” she claimed.

The TRS leader



demanding that the government procure the farmers’ paddy immediately. She alleged that during the last two-and-a-half-years the Chief Minister did not hold a single review meeting on agriculture.

She said the government should purchase the crops painstakingly grown by the farmers over six months and come to their rescue. Scorched by the blazing heat and battered by rains, they are breathing their last in the fields, she said.

Kavitha said that farmers are waiting for the

procurement process, drying out rain-soaked paddy, maize, cotton flowers, and jowar affected by untimely rains.

She alleged that authorities were deducting weight on flimsy grounds. Purchases are being delayed under the pretext of moisture. Even as millers deceive farmers by labeling A-grade grains as B-grade, there is no one to take notice, she said.

“Even now, the Chief Minister should come to his senses, visit the procurement centres in person, and provide reassurance to the farmers. The Telangana Rakshana Sena is demanding that every ripened grain be purchased,” she said.

Malaysian PM dials CM Vijay, promises to visit Tamil Nadu in September



Kuala Lumpur, May 22 : Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim on Friday spoke with Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay, congratulating him on assuming office.

During the phone-call, Ibrahim stated that he will be visiting India in September to attend the BRICS Summit and hold a meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

“Had a conversation and caught up with my friend, CM Vijay, today and once again extended my congratulations on the great responsibility he is shouldering for the people of Tamil Nadu,” Anwar Ibrahim posted on X.

“I also informed him that I will be traveling to India in September to attend the BRICS Summit and hold a meeting with PM Modi, and if the opportunity arises, I will make a brief visit to Tamil Nadu. May CM Vijay continue to be granted strength and wisdom to lead and govern well for the well-being of the people and a perfect future for Tamil Nadu,” he added.

This is the second time in less than two weeks that Ibrahim has congratulated Vijay on his win in Tamil Nadu elections. Earlier on May 12, Ibrahim congratulated Vijay for his win in Tamil Nadu polls and highlighted the “deep historical, cultural and people-to-people ties” between Malaysia and Tamil Nadu.

“I warmly congratulate my friend Vijay on being elected Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. For many years, his adoring fans watched him defeat corrupt politicians and assorted villains within three hours, usually after a short interval. The people of Tamil Nadu have now entrusted Vijay with a responsibility far greater than any role performed on screen. Oru Viral Puratchi — the ‘one-finger revolution’ — is now on the cusp of creating history,” Ibrahim posted on X.

“Malaysia and Tamil Nadu share deep historical, cultural and people-to-people ties across generations. I look forward to working closely with Chief Minister Vijay in the years ahead,” he added. India holds the BRICS chair in 2026 guided by the theme of ‘Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability’, reflecting a people-centric and humanity-first approach articulated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the 17th BRICS Summit held in Rio de Janeiro in 2025.

Bengal lists ID documents for women to avail free bus rides

Kolkata, May 22 : The West Bengal Transport Department has issued a notification listing identity documents that women must carry to avail free rides on state-run buses, a scheme announced earlier this month by the state’s new Suwendu Adhikari-led government.

The notification, issued on Thursday, states that carrying a valid ID is mandatory to ensure that women residents of the state benefit from the scheme. The list of the identity documents specified by the state transport department includes Aadhaar, EPIC card, Grameen Rozgar Guarantee Card, Ayushman



Bharat Health Card, driving license, PAN Card, passport, pension document with photograph, service identity cards with photograph issued to employees by central or state governments, public sector undertakings and public limited companies, official identity card issued by schools/colleges/universities and

any other ID card issued by Government of West Bengal along with recent photograph of the beneficiary. The woman concerned will have to show any one of the above identity documents to avail the free-ride benefit. As per the notification, it has also been decided that one smart card (digital with QR code) with the photo and name of the beneficiary will be issued to each woman beneficiary on application, to be submitted to the BDO/SDO having jurisdiction. Till the smart card is issued, the documents from the mentioned list can be used to avail the facility.

SBI ADVISES CUSTOMERS TO USE DIGITAL BANKING CHANNELS AHEAD OF 2-DAY STAFF STRIKE

New Delhi, May 22 : India’s largest public sector lender State Bank of India on Friday issued an advisory asking customers to use digital banking services and alternative channels ahead of a proposed two-day strike by the All India State Bank of India Staff Federation scheduled for May 25 and 26. In a post on social media platform X, the bank informed customers that while efforts are being made to maintain essential banking services at branches during the strike period, some branch-level operations may face disruptions due to the industrial action. “Please be advised that the All India State Bank of India Staff Federation (AISBIF) has given a notice for a two-day strike on 25th and 26th May 2026,” SBI said in its advisory.

The bank urged customers to use ATMs and Automated Deposit and Withdrawal Machines (ADWMs) for cash-related requirements during the two-day protest. It also encouraged customers to rely on Customer Service Points (CSPs), internet banking, YONO, mobile banking, UPI and other digital channels for daily banking transactions.

“While we are making efforts to provide essential services in the Branches, customers are requested to: Use ATMs/ADWMs for their cash requirements, use Customer Service Points (CSPs), prefer Internet Banking, YONO, Mobile Banking, UPI & other digital channels,” it added.

Rising Telangana.. Welfare as the Goal... The Developmental Imprint of the Revanth Government in a Telangana

If determination is strong, nothing is impossible—this proverb is proven true when we look at many life stories across history.



Decades of struggle, backwardness, a powerful movement for a separate Telangana, hundreds of sacrifices, numerous political agitations, strikes, and the self-sacrifice of many youth—finally led to the realization of the Telangana statehood dream. In 2013, the then Central Government constituted a Congress Working Committee on Telangana and passed a resolution. On October 3, 2013, the Union Cabinet approved it. On February 18, 2014, the Telangana Bill was passed in the Lok Sabha with the support of the Bharatiya Janata Party, and on February 20, it was approved by the Rajya Sabha. On March 1, 2014, the President gave assent to the Bill, and on June 2, 2014, Telangana emerged as the 29th state of India. Thus, Telangana completes 12 years of formation this June 2. On the occasion of Telangana Formation day Just have a look at the Progress Of Raising Revanth. However, the development and welfare that were expected during the initial governance after state formation did not fully materialize. Over a decade, the anticipated progress remained unachieved, leading people to seek change. As a result, the Congress Party was voted into power, and Revanth Reddy was entrusted with the responsibility of governance. The Congress Government, which came to power in December 2023 under the leadership of Revanth Reddy as Chief Minister has been administering the state under the slogan “People’s Governance – A Government for the People.”

Revanth Reddy is a young leader, a grassroots fighter, and a leader with strong political understanding and administrative acumen. He is widely regarded as someone who understands the aspirations of the people of Telangana and what is required to fulfill the vision of the Telangana movement. During the election campaign, the Congress announced six key guarantees and has been steadily implementing them after coming to power.

Welfare Initiatives and Social Security

In the past two and a half years, the government introduced the Mahalakshmi Scheme, providing free bus travel for women. Under this scheme, around 40 to 45 lakh women travel daily in RTC buses. The government has released thousands of crores in subsidy support to TSRTC. This initiative has significantly benefited women in employment, small businesses, and students, while also reducing the financial burden on rural women. The government has also implemented subsidized LPG cylinders and is rolling out the Gruha Jyothi scheme in phases.

Farmer Welfare as a Priority

Emphasizing that “farmer is the backbone of the nation,” the government has prioritized agriculture through loan waiver and Rythu Bharosa schemes. The government has reportedly implemented farm loan waivers amounting to approximately Rs.20,600 crore in four phases, benefiting over 25 lakh farmer families. The Rythu Bharosa scheme has been initiated to provide direct financial assistance to farmers. Additional initiatives include bonuses for fine rice cultivation, 90% subsidy on drip and sprinkler irrigation systems, timely procurement of crops, and direct payment to farmers’ bank accounts.

Housing for the Poor

The government launched the Indiramma Housing Scheme to support housing for



the poor. Eligible beneficiaries with land are being provided Rs.5 lakh financial assistance. The first phase aims at 3,500 houses per constituency. Implementation is expected to be completed by June, with preparations underway for housewarming ceremonies. Urban areas have been permitted G+1 housing construction to further expand the scheme.

Support for Handloom and BC Communities

Under the “Netanna Ku Bharosa” initiative, handloom workers are provided Rs.18,000 financial assistance. Special corporations and loan schemes have been introduced for the economic development of various Backward Class communities.

Rural Development and Infrastructure

The government has taken steps to address rural drinking water issues and has delegated responsibility for water management to Gram Panchayats. Roads are being developed in thousands of habitations, including areas previously lacking connectivity, with BT road construction underway across the state.

Investment and Economic Growth

Under the banner of “Telangana Rising,” the government claims to have attracted large-scale foreign investments. Reports suggest investment commitments of approximately Rs.2.44 lakh crore through agreements with various international companies. Hyderabad is being developed as a global hub for IT, Artificial Intelligence, and Pharma industries.

Employment Generation

The government has filled approximately 70,011 government posts so far and aims to fill nearly 2 lakh vacant positions across departments.

Major recruitment includes:

- 16,067 posts in the Police Department (SI, Constable, etc.)
- 11,062 teachers through Mega DSC
- 8,400 posts in Gurukuls
- 8,666 posts in the Medical & Health Department

departments. Telangana’s per capita income continues to remain above the national average. The services and IT sectors remain key pillars of the state economy.

Industrial Development and Central Coordination The government continues to engage with the Central Government on issues such as ITIR revival, coal block allocation for Singareni, infrastructure projects, railways, and industrial development.

Vision for a Global Hyderabad

The Revanth Reddy government aims to transform Hyderabad into a global city through the “Telangana Rising 2047” vision. Key initiatives include expansion of the metro rail, Musi river rejuvenation, Regional Ring Road development, and the Future City mega project. Data centre parks are also being established. The long-term goal is to achieve a \$1 trillion GSDP by 2034. The economic strategy is structured around three regional development models—CURE, PURE, and RARE—aimed at balanced regional growth.

Conclusion

Over the past two and a half years, the Revanth Reddy government has introduced a new style of governance in Telangana politics. While welfare expansion, large-scale farm loan waivers, free travel for women, and investment attraction remain key strengths, challenges such as fiscal burden, implementation delays, and public expectations in employment continue.

However, one thing is clear—Telangana is moving towards a new development model that combines welfare, investment, infrastructure, and a global identity. This is the developmental imprint being created by the Revanth government in the Telangana.

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Why reservation again for children of IAS officers, asks SC

New Delhi, May 22 : The Supreme Court of India on Friday questioned whether children from families that have already attained educational and economic advancement through reservation should continue receiving its benefits, observing that such upward mobility should place them within the creamy layer category and exclude them from further reservation benefits.

The remarks came from a Bench of Justices B.V. Nagarathna and Ujjal Bhuyan while hearing a special leave petition (SLP) challenging a Karnataka High Court judgment upholding the exclusion of a candidate from OBC reservation on the ground of falling within the “creamy layer”. During the hearing, the Justice Nagarathna-led Bench orally observed that reservation cannot continue indefinitely once a family has attained social and economic advancement. “If both parents are IAS officers, why should they have reservations? With education and economic empowerment, there is social mobility. So then again, to seek reservation for the children, we will never get out of it,” it remarked.

The apex court further said that once families have progressed due to reservation and are well placed in society, the rationale for continuing such benefits to the next generation requires reconsideration. “There has to be some balance. Socially and educationally backward, yes, but once the parents have attained a level because of taking advantage of reservation, if they are both in government service and very well placed, social mobility is there. Now they are questioning the exclusion. This also has to be kept in mind,” it observed. The Supreme Court was hearing an SLP filed against a judgment of the Karnataka High Court.

EDITORIAL

On Memes, Wars, And Meme-Wars

Professor Albert Einstein once famously said in a 1949 interview, "I know not with what weapons World War III will be fought, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones" I know what World War III will be fought with - Memes. The answer sounds ridiculous until you spend five minutes online during any major political event. Before any context develops, or any facts emerge, the memes arrive, and once they do, they begin shaping perception almost immediately. Today, wars are not just fought through military strength, they are also fought through narratives. And right now, no tool spreads narrative faster than the meme. For the longest time, memes were dismissed as harmless internet humour, labelled as unserious, juvenile even. Something that was culturally disposable. But somewhere along the way, they evolved into something much bigger, they became political weapons.

However, the strange thing about memes is that they rarely feel like propaganda even when they are functioning as propaganda. Unlike traditional propaganda, which announces itself, memes slip past people because they arrive as 'entertainment'. Traditional messaging comes through official statements, speeches, advertisements, newspaper campaigns. But memes come as a joke, a viral clip that you have to share with your friends because it is just too damn funny. It becomes something meant to be shared without too much thought. Perhaps that is exactly what makes them powerful. Memes have increasingly emerged as effective tools for ideological messaging. Through its emotional content, memes become highly shareable, and they spread faster than most other political tools could. People engage with memes almost instinctively in today's day and age. Critical thinking comes later, if it comes at all.

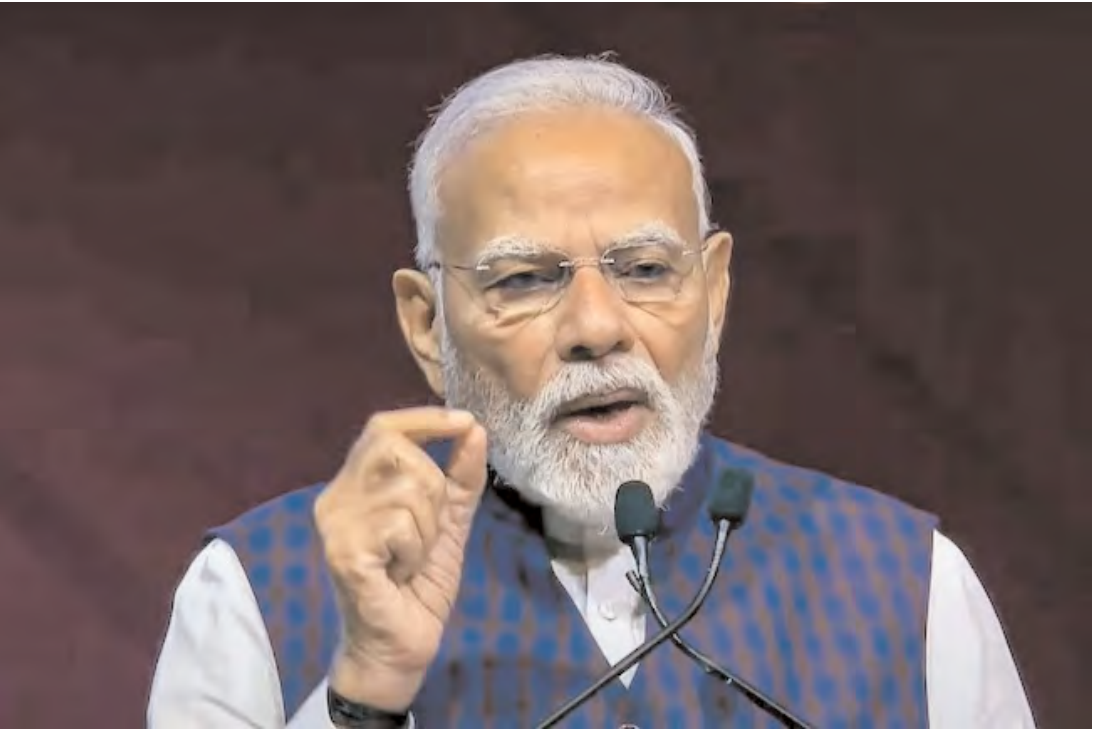
A meme can reduce an extremely complicated political situation into one emotionally satisfying frame: hero versus villain, patriot versus traitor, victim versus oppressor. It allows people the feeling of understanding something without requiring them to sit with it, and decode its complexity. The reasoning is often "who has the time?"

The average person today is overwhelmed with information. It is also not realistically possible for most people to read lengthy reports or policy papers. It is much easier for them to consume politics through Instagram reels, WhatsApp forwards, tweets and memes. The most viral content satiates one's need for 'instant' understanding, making politics more of an emotional reaction, than informed engagement.

Political parties across the world have built massive digital ecosystems focused entirely on controlling the online narrative. Elections today are not just fought on the ground, but increasingly on our phone screens as well. They are no longer just determined by speeches, manifestos, campaign promises, but also through hashtags, meme accounts, influencer networks and troll campaigns targeting the Opposition to shape public perception, often in real time. In India, especially, it seems meme culture has become almost inseparable from politics. Every event, big or small, becomes content, and every controversy becomes a meme war within minutes, if not seconds. And, unsurprisingly, this culture rewards engagement through participation. Supporters and critics alike participate in this ecosystem, perhaps not even realising how they amplify political messaging and help make parties and their paid influencers a quick buck.

THREE SHIELDS AGAINST THE GLOBAL STORM:

How PM Modi Strengthened India's Energy, Economy And Defence



The headlines last week read like dispatches from a war room. Oil tankers rerouting around the Strait of Hormuz. Brent crude climbing by the hour. Fertiliser and diesel prices twitching in sympathy across continents. The war in Europe digging in for another summer with no armistice in sight. Into the middle of this frightened, churning world walked an Indian Prime Minister, boarding a flight to Abu Dhabi with the calm of a man who knew exactly what he had gone to fetch. Six days later, after Abu Dhabi, The Hague, Gothenburg, Oslo and Rome, PM Modi flew home. He brought back no souvenirs. He brought back three shields, raised around a billion and a half people. Energy. Economy. Defence. The three things no nation can improvise once the world is already ablaze.

The storm, and the strategy
Understand first what kind of crisis this is. Not a single shock but a convergence of them. A war in West Asia threatening the arteries of global oil. A war in Europe that has scrambled the continent's energy and its grain, sending frightened capital racing back to whatever it imagines safe. In such a moment, lesser governments freeze, issue statements and wait for the weather to change. PM Modi did the opposite. He read the map of India's vulnerabilities, picked five countries that each held a piece of the answer, and went to collect.

The First Shield: Energy
Roughly a fifth of the world's oil passes through the Strait of Hormuz, and a large share of India's crude comes from precisely that neighbourhood. When PM Modi recently urged citizens to go easy on petrol and to think twice before buying gold, the Prime Minister was not preaching austerity, he was getting the nation a little time while he went out to secure its fuel supplies.

Abu Dhabi as the first stop was no accident. The Emirates, even

while absorbing attacks on their own soil, committed 5 billion dollars in fresh investment to India and reaffirmed to keep our refineries humming. Then in Oslo, where no Indian PM had set foot in more than four decades, PM Modi went looking not for yesterday's oil but for tomorrow's fuel. Norway is among Europe's largest gas suppliers and a serious force in green hydrogen and offshore wind. The two nations sealed a Green Strategic Partnership, and the wider India-Nordic summit produced a Green Tech and Strategic Partnership across all Nordic states. The message is simple. India will neither be held hostage by a single strait nor left behind in the energy transition.

The Second Shield: Economy
If energy keeps the lights on, the economy decides whether a country grows in the dark or shrinks in it. In The Hague, before PM Modi, Tata Electronics signed with ASML, the one Dutch firm on earth holding a monopoly on the extreme ultraviolet lithography machines without which no

advanced chip can be made. This move provides Rs 91,000 crore semiconductor Fab at Dholera and quietly admits India into the most exclusive industrial club in the world. Sweden holds some of Europe's richest deposits of critical minerals, the raw material of tomorrow's batteries and chips, and a new corridor will weave 6G, artificial intelligence and quantum computing into the partnership. Rome supplied the grand connective tissue. India and Italy elevated their ties to a Special Strategic Partnership and set a trade target of Euro 20 billion by 2029, while pushing forward the India Middle East Europe Economic Corridor, a route that will one day carry Indian goods to Europe in days rather than weeks, sidestepping the very chokepoints now under threat

The Third Shield: Defence
A nation that cannot defend itself is finished. This third shield was the quietest of the three, and the most far-reaching. In Abu Dhabi, India and the UAE advanced a framework defence cooperation

agreement of a breadth that would have seemed fanciful a decade ago. In Sweden, the defence major Saab is now building its first military equipment plant anywhere outside its home country, at Jhajjar, India's first 100 per cent foreign-funded defence manufacturing project. The Netherlands committed to a defence industrial roadmap linking manufacturers and research centres on both sides. The thread is unmistakable. India no longer wishes to remain the world's largest importer of arms. It means to make them at home, with the finest partners, on its own soil. Aatmanirbharta has stopped being a slogan. It has become a supply chain.

And the world rose to honour
There was a quieter dimension too. In Sweden, PM Modi was conferred the Royal Order of the Polar Star, that nation's highest honour. In Oslo, King Harald V invested him with the Grand Cross of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit. And in a fitting coda, the UN Food and

Agriculture Organisation handed him the Agricola Medal, for a food security net feeding some 800 million Indians and supporting over 110 million farmers. PM Modi accepted each in the name of the people of India. A generation ago this country went out into the world asking to be understood. Today, the oldest monarchies of Europe rise to honour her. That shift, even more than any joint statement, is the truest measure of New India's strength.

The Opposition's hypocrisy
The Opposition Congress sees none of this. Not the chip. Not the Saab line at Jhajjar. Not a Norwegian king's Grand Cross. It sees only an occasion to carp and rant. The hypocrisy is breathtaking. In November 1948, with Independence barely 15 months old, Bapu's assassination nine months past and Partition's refugees still sleeping on railway platforms, the then PM Jawaharlal Nehru took a full month to tour Europe. He returned and wrote, that what wearied him at home was the "pettiness and narrow-mindedness" of his own countrymen. Nehru went to Europe for a full month and came home complaining about Indians. PM Modi goes to the world for Indians and comes home with what India needs, which is called statecraft.

The thread that binds them
Step away from the itinerary and the design stands clear. Energy from the Gulf and the Arctic. Economic muscle from chips, minerals and trade corridors. Defence built at home alongside the world's best. Three shields, raised in six days, against a storm that has paralysed several nations. The leaders of five capitals did not host PM Modi out of mere protocol. They hosted him because, in a world running scared, India has become the rare safe harbour where the prudent still place their longest bets. That standing was not gifted to us. It was earned, capital by capital.

FROM COCKROACHES TO REVOLUTION

A NEW VOICE OF DEMOCRATIC DISSENT IN THE DIGITAL AGE



Priyanka Saurabh

In Indian democracy, the methods of expressing dissent have evolved over time. During the freedom movement, satyagraha and sit-ins were the primary means of political resistance, while at other times, literature, theatre, and journalism served to question power. As we enter the third decade of the twenty-first century, this landscape appears to be changing once again. Today, social media, memes, satire, and digital campaigns have created new platforms for political expression. The younger generation is no longer limited to meetings, rallies, and memorandums; they are expressing their views through new symbols and new language on the internet. The "Cockroach Janata Party," which suddenly came into the limelight in May 2026, is a significant example of this changing political and social reality. At first glance, it seems like a ridiculous name. Naming a political party or movement "Cockroach" wouldn't be considered normal. But symbols have always been important in politics. Often, words used to insult become symbols of

resistance and identity. History offers numerous examples of a segment of society turning negative epithets into strength. The rise of the Cockroach Janata Party reflects this trend. It's not just a name, but a sarcastic response to a mindset that young people perceive as dismissive of them. This entire incident began with a controversy surrounding a judicial comment. The notion quickly spread on social media that unemployed youth were being compared to cockroaches. Although clarifications regarding the context of the comment were later made, the situation had changed. A large segment of youth took the term as a symbol of humiliation and then transformed it into a symbol of resistance. This process is what modern political theory calls "reclaiming the narrative"—that is, turning a word or identity used to weaken you into a strength. In the age of social media, it no longer takes months or years for an idea to become a mass movement. A few hours and a few viral posts are all it takes. The rise of the Cockroach Janata Party is a product of this digital age. After its announcement by former political activist Abhijeet Dipke, millions of people joined it in no time. A large number of posts, memes, and videos in support of it were shared on Instagram, X, and other platforms. This was a clear indication that this was not just a joke, but an expression of a

deep-seated restlessness and discontent within the youth. India today has one of the youngest populations in the world. This demographic situation presents both an opportunity and a challenge for the country. An opportunity because youthful energy can accelerate the pace of development, and a challenge because, if not channeled properly, it can lead to increased dissatisfaction and frustration. Over the past few years, the issue of employment has emerged as one of the biggest challenges facing Indian youth. Millions of students spend years preparing for competitive exams, but their future remains uncertain due to recruitment delays, paper leaks, limited positions, and administrative complexities. Even in the private sector, there are many questions about the quality and stability of employment. Consequently, it is natural for dissatisfaction among youth towards the system to grow. The popularity of the Cockroach Janata Party must be understood in this context. This movement isn't simply a reaction to a single comment. It's the result of a broader sentiment that has been building for a long time. Unemployment, inflation, rising competition, mental stress, social expectations, and uncertainty about the future—all these factors have created a disquiet among the youth that traditional politics has failed to adequately address. So when they found

a platform where they could express themselves through satire and humor, they readily embraced it. The most interesting feature of this movement is its satirical tone. Its tagline, "Voice of the Lazy and Unemployed," may sound humorous, but it carries a profound political message. It directly attacks the mindset that often considers unemployment a result of individual failure or laziness. The reality is that the issue of employment is not just a matter of individual effort, but also of economic policies, the education system, industrial development, and administrative efficiency. When millions of qualified youth are struggling to find jobs, it is unfair to blame them for the entire problem. The manifesto released by the Cockroach Janata Party also underscores the seriousness of this movement. The first demand relates to employment and unemployment, indicating that this issue is a primary concern for the youth. The second demand questions the competitive culture of modern life through the sarcastic expression "right to laziness." Today's youth lives under constant pressure to perform, succeed, and achieve. Social media has further exacerbated this pressure, where everyone constantly compares themselves to others. In such an environment, this demand truly raises questions about mental health, quality of life, and human dignity.

DEGREES, SUVs, GOLD:

Why India's Most 'Qualified' Men Often Demand The Steepest Dowries

A high-end SUV. A Royal Enfield motorcycle. Nearly 500 grams of gold. Cash. None of it was enough. The list of "gifts" handed over to the family of Nikki Bhat's husband after her marriage read less like a customary exchange and more like a negotiated transaction. Yet, after all that, her husband's family allegedly wanted another Rs 36 lakh. When they didn't get it, their persistent demands turned to torture, detailed in videos and her sister's accounts. Ultimately, she died in front of her young child, allegedly set on fire. Vipin Bhati, who described himself as an advocate on his Instagram page but was unemployed, showed no remorse. The country remained hooked to updates on the case, seethed with anger, and finally saw Vipin go to jail. That is how the story of a woman, who was married in a traditional arranged set-up into an abusive family but ran a beauty salon and made content to have a sliver of independence, saw the light, and then faded out. A year has gone by, and four alleged dowry deaths within a week have again brought a prehistoric practice, criminalised 65 years ago, to our attention. Greater Noida's Deepika Nagar allegedly fell from her matrimonial home's terrace, 17 months after her marriage. In Bhopal, Noida's Twisha Sharma was found dead in her husband's home, and Palak Rajak died an hour after she made a distress call to her father. In Karnataka's



Ballari district, Aishwarya allegedly died by suicide. These are not isolated tragedies. They are part of a national emergency disguised as "family matters". The numbers alone should have shattered any complacency long ago. According to the National Crime Records Bureau, India recorded 5,737 dowry deaths in 2024, averaging to about 16 deaths a day. The same report also pegged "cruelty by husband or his relatives" as the single largest category of crimes against women across the country. What's common between Nikki, Twisha, and Deepika is that their husbands were in the legal profession and they resided in - or at least belonged to - metropolitan cities. This should shatter any misconceptions that urban India is beyond such societal evils. In fact, the

NCRB data for 2024 stated that among metro cities, Delhi was at the top in this infamous list, recording 109 such deaths. Education, ironically, is more of an enabler of the practice than a hindrance, per a 2023 study quoted by the BBC. Higher dowries are demanded by "higher quality grooms", who are better-educated or have high-quality jobs. "Strong economic factors perpetuate dowry. On the bride's side, families who refuse to pay dowry for their daughters are left with 'lower quality' grooms. Grooms have a strong economic incentive to accept dowry, particularly if their family has to pay dowry for its own female children or wants to recoup investments in the groom's education," BBC quoted the study as saying. That normalisation is what makes the violence so dangerous. Another would be

that most of the aforementioned women or their families never reported the harassment to the police. Nikki took the panchayat route. Before the panchayat, Vipin would apologise and vow to never hit her again, but would soon revert to his abusive habits. What is more enraging is the panchayat's direction to Nikki to stop making social media content, as if reinforcing the Bhati family's ask, ultimately robbing the woman of her fair shot at financial independence, and more importantly, of her autonomy. Deepika was taken home by her parents, but later returned after assurances that the torture would stop. And Twisha's chats with her mother showed her clearly communicating feeling unhappy and lonely, adding, "Mujhe bhaut zaada ghutan ho rahi hai, maa (I feel terribly suffocated, Mother)."



Centre brings Pregabalin drug under Schedule H1 to prevent misuse, boost regulation

New Delhi, May 22 : Health Ministry on Friday said it has notified the inclusion of the drug 'Pregabalin' under Schedule H1 of the Drugs Rules, 1945. The decision has been taken in view of reports received from certain states regarding the misuse and abuse of Pregabalin, particularly among youth.

Violations and non-compliance will attract penal action under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules thereunder.

The drug, which is prescribed for the treatment of chronic pain, neuropathies, fibromyalgia, and certain neurological conditions, has reportedly been misused for its sedative, euphoric, and dissociative effects, informed the ministry.

All stakeholders, including manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers, retailers, and pharmacists, are advised to ensure strict compliance with the provisions of the notification, the ministry said.



Recent seizures of illegally stocked and unauthorisedly sold Pregabalin have also been reported from some parts of the country.

With the notification, published

in the Gazette of India Extraordinary, Pregabalin will now be regulated under the stricter provisions of Schedule H1, instead of the existing Schedule H, under the Drugs and

Cosmetics Rules, 1945.

The Schedule H1 prescription 'Drug-CAUTION' says that it is dangerous to take this preparation except in accordance with the medical advice — not to be sold by retail without the prescription of a Registered Medical Practitioner.

The revised classification mandates that Pregabalin can be sold only against a valid prescription issued by a Registered Medical Practitioner (RMP); retailers must maintain a separate register recording details of prescriptions and sales; manufacturers shall prominently display the prescribed 'Schedule H1 Drug Warning' label on product packaging.

"The measure is aimed at strengthening accountability across the supply chain, preventing unauthorised access, enhancing prescription monitoring, curbing illegal trafficking, and safeguarding public health from drug misuse and abuse," said the ministry.

Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan elected as new Kerala Assembly Speaker in triangular contest



Thiruvananthapuram, May 21 : In a moment that blended parliamentary tradition with rare political theatre, seven-time Congress legislator Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan was on Friday elected Speaker of the 16th Kerala Legislative Assembly after a historic three-cornered contest that underscored the new political equations in the state. For the first time in the history of the Kerala Assembly, the election to the Speaker's post witnessed candidates from all three political formations represented in the House.

While the ruling UDF fielded the seasoned Radhakrishnan, the Left nominated former minister A.C. Moideen and the BJP-led NDA put up B.B. Gopakumar, one among the

BJP's three-member legislative team.

With Pro-tem Speaker G. Sudhakaran acting as the returning officer and abstaining from voting, 139 legislators cast their ballots. Announcing the results, Sudhakaran declared that Radhakrishnan had secured 101 votes, while Moideen got 35 and Gopakumar bagged three votes. The announcement was greeted with loud desk-thumping as members, cut-

ting across political lines, walked up to congratulate the 76-year-old veteran.

In a symbolic gesture reflecting the Assembly's democratic traditions, Chief Minister V.D. Satheesan and Leader of Opposition Pinarayi Vijayan jointly escorted the newly elected Speaker to his chair.

Satheesan, in a warm and nostalgic speech, described Radhakrishnan as a role model known for his polite and mature behaviour and recalled his days as a student activist raising slogans for the now veteran Congress leader.

"He has handled around 17 portfolios and is known for nurturing his constituency. His experience and vision will guide the House well," the Chief Minister said.

New CEO has 'hands full' of challenges, says Air India's Campbell

Mumbai, May 22 : Air India Chief Executive Campbell Wilson has said his successor will have "hands full" as the carrier struggles with a ban on using Pakistan's airspace, fallout from the Iran war and higher operating costs due to strong US dollar.

Speaking at an event in New York, Wilson said he would depart the company within two months and the next four years would be "just as challenging as the past, albeit in a different way."

He pledged to help ensure a smooth transition,

and said he wants "to make sure the right person is in place to carry forward" a handful of challenges.

Air India has reported heavy losses, faced a series of safety lapses, and saw its 787 Dreamliner crash in June 2025, killing hundreds. The carrier has also been forced to cancel thousands of flights due to the Iran war and the Pakistan airspace ban. Flights in profitable international routes to North America have been scaled back, and existing flights face longer journeys, adding costs amid high fuel prices.

Karnataka doctor suffering from lung cancer shoots himself dead at residence

Belagavi (Karnataka), May 22 : In a shocking incident, a renowned doctor suffering from lung cancer allegedly shot himself dead at his residence in Belagavi city on Friday. The deceased has been identified as Dr Dinesh Bhatkal. He had worked with the KLE Institute for 40 years. According to the police, Dinesh was serving as an administrator at the hospital run by the KLE Institute.

Dinesh hailed from Ankola town in Karwar district and had recently shifted to Belagavi. He was undergoing treatment for lung cancer at the KLE hospital. Police said the doctor went to the gallery area of his residence in the morning and allegedly shot himself in the head. The police suspect that, unable to bear the

suffering caused by the illness, he took the extreme step. Police further stated that the doctor had sent WhatsApp messages to KLE honorary executive president Prabhakar Kore and to Dr Kerur, who was treating him. In his message to Prabhakar Kore, he reportedly stated: "You have helped me all these years. However, I am suffering from severe pain and have taken this difficult decision under these circumstances." "This is my personal decision. Kindly help my family and also inform the City Police Commissioner." He was diagnosed with lung cancer four months ago. He often shared details of his suffering with his friends. The police have recovered the messages and are investigating the mat-

ter. It may be recalled that Dr M.U. Nikitha, 23, an Ayurvedic doctor from Basava Layout, allegedly died by suicide on April 26 at Holakere in Chitradurga district after she was distressed by rumours linking her with a professor at an Ayurvedic medical college.

She had claimed that her friends and the professor's wife harassed her over rumours regarding her alleged relationship with the professor. In another shocking incident, a doctor from Karwar district allegedly died by suicide after shooting himself with a double-barrelled gun at his residence in January 2026. He was reportedly under severe mental distress after facing online criticism over an unverified viral video.

HMT Expands Global Footprint as Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy Flags Off Export Machine to South Africa

Kerala : Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy undertook an extensive visit to HMT Machine Tools Limited (HMT), Kalamassery, where he reviewed the plant's manufacturing capabilities, inaugurated an export dispatch to South Africa, conducted review meetings with senior officials of HMT, FCRI and Instrumentation Limited (IL), and interacted with labour union representatives and employees.

The highlight of the visit was the flagging off of an NH Series machine manufactured at HMT



Kalamassery for export to South Africa, reflecting the growing global confidence in India's indigenous engineering and manufacturing capabilities. Officials informed the Minister that HMT has been steadily securing international export orders for precision-engineered machine tools and

industrial systems. Speaking on the occasion, H.D. Kumaraswamy said, "The export of indigenous machine tools manufactured at HMT to international markets is a proud moment for India's manufacturing sector. It reflects the growing global acceptance of Indian engineering excellence and technological capability." During the plant visit, the Minister reviewed the operations and infrastructure across the Machine Tool Division, Foundry Division and strategic manufacturing sections of the facility.

Mysore Electrical Industries Company hands over safety cabins to the Forest Department under CSR Fund

Bengaluru : Environmental protection is everyone's responsibility and we should all work hard to save the environment, said Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre. Speaking at hand over safety cabins to the Forest Department for the forest personnel working in the dense forest areas of Bandipur and Malemahadeshwar hills under CSR Fund from Mysore Electrical Industries Company in Yeshwantpur. Climate change and drought, sun and rain should happen on time, but due to weather anomalies, floods, temperature will increase and the temperature is reaching 40 to 48 degrees, he said.

Forests are abundant in various districts of Karwar, Shivamogga, Dakshina Kannada, diverse animals and birds



are living there. There is a conflict between humans and animals. It is a sad fact that a woman died due to an elephant attack at the Dubare Elephant Training Center.

The tiger population in Bandipur has increased, ranking second in the country and our state has the highest elephant population in the country. Every year, 30 to 40 deaths occur in human-animal conflicts. Forest officials

and staff are busy taking action on the issue and are working to prevent animal attacks by returning elephants, tigers and leopards to the forest, preventing human-wildlife conflicts and our officials are doing their job without paying their lives, he said. The minister said that the department has taken over encroached forest land worth Rs 10,000 crore in the state at a cost of Rs 50,000 crore.

'Dodmansa' Movie Duet Song Release

Bengaluru: Under the banner of Vedic Cosmos, directed by Sharath Krishna, the romantic song of the movie "Dodmansa" starring Sharath Krishna and Reshma, Shilpa in the lead roles has been released. Walking in a place with salt that looks like a beach, in the sound of that water, the song of the two lovers is mind-blowing. Sharath and Reshma's chemistry is amazing. It was shot in Gujarat.

Speaking in this regard, director Sharath Krishna said, "I am happy to see the title Dodmansa. We were very happy that we got the title that Vishnu sir had. Narayan himself had appreciated us. We knew it when he said it. This is a story that tells that the Guru has a big mind, not a rich man. When all of them come together, it will be a Dodmansa movie. We are giving special shows to auto drivers in eight districts. We have prepared an app for that. In addition, we are giving an auto to a driver who wins a lucky drip.



Actress Reshma said, we made this movie with great love and confidence. Life is about overcoming all obstacles to realize our dreams. I have played the role of Sneha. A middle-class girl. What happens when an auto driver likes her? Shilpa Shivakumar said, I have a small role in this movie. But it is very important. I had asked our director that I don't have a song, he said.

Public Alert Regarding Dilapidated Buildings and Dangerous Compound Walls in Hebbal Division



Bengaluru : As per the directions of BNCC Commissioner Pommala Sunil Kumar, precautionary measures are being undertaken ahead of the monsoon season regarding dilapidated buildings and dangerous compound walls in various wards coming under Hebbal Division. The wards under Hebbal Division include J.C. Nagar, Dinnur, Manorayana, Vishwanath Nagenahalli, R.T. Nagar, Gangenahalli, Ganganagar, Hebbal, Bhoopasandra, Nagasheethihalli and Geddalahalli. Identification and precautionary action are being carried

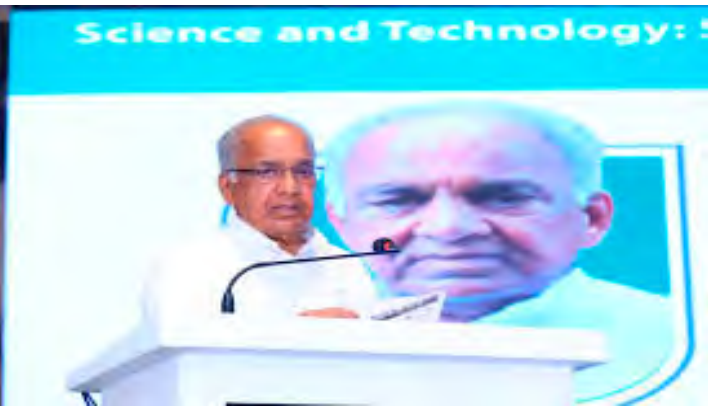
out for dangerous or dilapidated structures including government schools, private schools, government and private buildings, and compound walls in these areas.

Citizens are requested to immediately inform Hebbal Division officials through phone call or WhatsApp if any dilapidated building, dangerous wall or unsafe structure that may pose a threat to public safety is noticed. Owners of private schools, private buildings and related compound walls that are found to be in dangerous condition have been instructed to immediately remove or repair them at their own cost and take necessary safety measures. It has also been warned that in case of any untoward incident caused due to failure in complying with the directions, the concerned owners will be held directly responsible. Bengaluru North City Corporation is continuously carrying out inspections and necessary precautionary measures with priority towards public safety as part of pre-monsoon preparedness activities.

Karnataka Writes to NCERT Seeking Dedicated 'Groundwater' Chapter in School Curriculum: Minister N.S. Boseraju

BENGALURU : In a significant policy push aimed at preparing future generations for emerging water challenges, the Karnataka Government has urged the Centre and the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) to introduce a dedicated chapter on groundwater conservation and management in the national school curriculum. Announcing the development, Minor Irrigation, Science & Technology Minister N.S. Boseraju said the State has formally written to the Central Government seeking the inclusion of a comprehensive "Groundwater" chapter in NCERT textbooks under the upcoming curriculum revisions aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

The Minister noted that while the existing NCERT Class 10 Social Science textbook Contemporary India-II contains a chapter on "Water Resources," the current curriculum largely



focuses on surface water, with limited attention to groundwater — despite it being India's most critical freshwater resource. "Nearly 97% of the liquid freshwater available on Earth exists as groundwater. Around 50% of domestic water usage and nearly 25% of agricultural dependence in India rely directly on groundwater sources," Boseraju said.

He warned that climate change, declining surface water

availability, and increasing water consumption are intensifying pressure on groundwater reserves across the country. The State has highlighted in its communication that over-exploited, critical, and semi-critical groundwater zones have risen sharply over the past two decades, while groundwater quality continues to deteriorate due to contamination and unsustainable extraction.

Groundwater Literacy at

School Level

The Karnataka Government has argued that groundwater awareness must begin at the school level if India is to effectively address future water insecurity. Drawing comparisons with international education models, the State pointed out that school curricula in countries such as the United States already include detailed lessons on groundwater systems, aquifer behaviour, permeability, porosity, groundwater flow, and contamination.

Karnataka has now urged NCERT to include similar scientific and practical learning modules in the revised curriculum being prepared for the academic year **2027-28** under the National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCFSE 2023).

Topics Proposed for Inclusion The State Government has recommended that the proposed groundwater chapter should include: * Rainwater harvesting

and managed aquifer recharge technologies

* Nature-based solutions such as constructed wetlands and green roofs

* Aquifer mapping and groundwater modelling

* Use of advanced monitoring systems including IoT and remote sensing

* National water conservation programmes implemented by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Central Ground Water Board, and NITI Aayog "Addressing future water scarcity cannot be achieved through infrastructure projects alone. The next generation must understand the real importance of water conservation at the school level itself. Climate change is steadily reducing surface water availability, making groundwater increasingly critical for survival. Introducing a dedicated and comprehensive chapter on groundwater in the NCERT curriculum is now an urgent national necessity.

CM Vijay gives finishing touch to rainbow coalition, inducts IUML leader, another Dalit

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CHENNAI: Heralding a new era of coalition government, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay on Friday completed his Cabinet expansion exercise by inducting two more MLAs, including a Dalit from the VCK, making it a rainbow ministry that also has Brahmins.

Senior VCK leader Vanni Arasu, a close aide of party chief Thol Thirumavalavan and IUML MLA A M Shahjahan took oath as ministers. Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar administered them the oath of office and secrecy at simple ceremony in the Lok Bhavan. Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay and others participated. The induction of VCK and the IUML legislators apparently irked the DMK and its senior leader A Raja targeted the two parties, initially with a social media post which was later allegedly deleted, and another tweet attacking them. A subsequent war of words ensued between the



concerned parties, even as and TVK leader and state Minister Aadhav Arjuna demanded that the Dravidian party leader apologise. Former chief minister and DMK President M K Stalin also stepped in to end the verbal fight. DMK Deputy general secretary Raja, without directly referring to VCK and IUML joining the TVK Cabinet, cited a literary term to describe a coconut tree from inside one's garden bending towards the opposite

Muslim League celebrated the inclusion of their representatives in the Cabinet and Vanni Arasu told reporters that him taking over as minister was the perfect "dream come true" moment. "Winning power" was part of the vision of VCK Thirumavalavan and that has now been realised. In total, there are eight Dalits in the Vijay-led Cabinet (including P Viswanathan from Congress and VCK's Vanni Arasu and the rest from TVK), two Brahmins and at least five from minority religions including CM Joseph Vijay, TVK's N Marie Wilson (Finance Minister) and Mohamed Farvas J (Labour Minister). Brahmins in the Cabinet is a rarity in the state barring former CMs C Rajagopalachari, J Jayalalithaa and Janaki Ramachandran, who is the wife of late CM M G Ramachandran (MGR). In the presence of Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay and top officials, Shahjahan who won from Papanasam Assembly constituency and Vanni Arasu.



PRESIDENT OF VIDUTHALAI CHIRUTHAIGAL KATCHI AND MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT CALLED ON HONBLE CHIEF MINISTER.

EC ANNOUNCES RAJYA SABHA BYPOLL IN TAMIL NADU FOLLOWING C VE SHANMUGAM'S RESIGNATION

CHENNAI: The Election Commission of India has announced a by-election to one Rajya Sabha seat from Tamil Nadu following the resignation of C Ve Shanmugam of the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK). Shanmugam's term in the Rajya Sabha was scheduled to continue till June 29, 2028.

State language criterion for SSC historic win: MP Su Venkatesan

According to the notification issued by the Election Commission, the process for filing nominations will commence on June 1, while the last date for submission of nomination papers is June 8. Scrutiny of nominations will take place on June 9 and candidates can withdraw their nominations



tions till June 11. If required, polling will be conducted on June 18. Political observers said the ruling Tamil Nadu government currently has 107 MLAs in the Tamil Nadu Assembly, is in a position to secure the vacant Rajya Sabha seat with the support of alliance parties. If elected, it would mark the first entry of the 22-month-old party into the Rajya Sabha.

AIIMS doctors advise precautions as heatwave triggers rise in dehydration and heat stroke cases

New Delhi, May 21: Doctors from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) have urged citizens to take extra precautions against heat-related illnesses as soaring temperatures continue to affect several parts of the country.

Medical experts at AIIMS Delhi said hospitals are witnessing an increase in cases of dehydration, heat exhaustion and heat stroke due to the ongoing heatwave conditions.

Dr Piyush Ranjan, Additional Professor in the Department of Medicine at AIIMS Delhi, warned that rising temperatures often lead to dehydration, which occurs when the body loses excessive water and essential salts.

He said untreated dehydration can gradually develop into heat stroke, commonly referred to as "loo lagna", and in severe cases may even lead to unconsciousness.

Advising people on preventive measures, Dr Ranjan recommended avoiding outdoor exposure during the hottest hours of the day.

"As far as possible, people should avoid stepping out between 11 a.m. and 4 or 5 p.m., when temperatures are at their highest," he said. He further advised individuals who must travel outdoors to wear full-sleeved clothing, cover their heads with caps, scarves or turbans, and use umbrellas to minimise direct exposure to sunlight.



Dr Ranjan also emphasised the importance of proper hydration before leaving home.

"People should consume adequate water before stepping outside. Ideally, one or two litres of water should be consumed beforehand. Electrolyte drinks or ORS should also be taken to maintain the body's salt and water balance," he added.

Dr Neeraj Nishchal, Professor in the Department of Medicine at AIIMS, said drinking plain water alone may not be sufficient during

extreme heat because the body also loses salts through sweating.

According to him, oral rehydration solutions (ORS) and electrolyte-based fluids are more effective in preventing dehydration during heatwaves.

He also recommended traditional cooling drinks and foods such as bel sharbat, shikanji and lentil water to help maintain hydration levels naturally.

Doctors noted that hospitals are currently reporting increasing cases of symptoms linked to

extreme heat, including weakness, dizziness, headaches, excessive sweating, vomiting and low blood pressure.

Dr Nishchal warned that severe heat stroke cases can cause dangerously high body temperatures, confusion, unconsciousness and even seizures. He added that elderly people, children, pregnant women and individuals suffering from conditions such as diabetes and heart disease remain the most vulnerable during prolonged heatwave conditions.

Mental disorders now leading cause of disability worldwide, Lancet study warns

New Delhi, May 22: Mental disorders have become the leading cause of disability worldwide, overtaking cardiovascular diseases, cancer and musculoskeletal conditions, according to a major new study published in The Lancet journal.

The study, conducted by researchers from The University of Queensland, Queensland Centre for Mental Health Research (QCMHR), and the University of Washington, found that nearly 1.2 billion people globally were living with a mental disorder in 2023 — almost double the number recorded in 1990. Researchers said the sharp rise has largely been driven by increasing cases of anxiety and depression, with women and adolescents aged 15 to 19 among the most affected groups.

According to the findings, around 620 million women and 552 million men worldwide were living with mental disorders in 2023. Mental illnesses accounted for more than 17 per cent of all years lived with disability globally. The study also highlighted a significant rise in mental health disorders in India. The age-standardised prevalence of anxiety disorders across both sexes increased from nearly 2,592 cases per one lakh population in 1990 to 5,793 per one lakh population in 2023 — a rise of 123.5 per cent. Among women in India, anxiety disorder prevalence rose by 136.7 per cent during the same period, compared to a 102 per cent increase among men.

Lead author Damian Santomauro, Associate Professor at the Queensland Centre for Mental Health Research, said the increase could be linked to lingering effects of the Covid-19 pandemic along with

long-term factors such as poverty, violence, abuse, insecurity and declining social connectedness.

He stressed the need for stronger investment in mental healthcare systems, wider access to treatment and coordinated global action to support vulnerable populations.

The researchers analysed trends from the Global Burden of Diseases, Injuries and Risk Factors Study 2023 across 12 mental disorders, including anxiety, major depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, autism spectrum disorders, ADHD and eating disorders.

The study found that women experienced higher rates of anxiety and depression, while neurodevelopmental and behavioural disorders such as ADHD, autism and conduct disorder were more common among males and typically peaked during adolescence.

Globally, the highest mental health burden was recorded among individuals aged 15-19, prompting researchers to call for urgent preventive measures and targeted support for young people.

The findings come amid growing international concern over mental health challenges. In 2025, the World Health Organization had estimated that over one billion people worldwide were living with mental health conditions, with anxiety and depression accounting for nearly two-thirds of all cases. Researchers also pointed to factors such as child abuse, domestic violence, inequality, climate change, pandemics, wars and natural disasters as major contributors to worsening mental health trends worldwide.



HCG bets big on precision cancer care, genomics

Bengaluru, May 22: Healthcare Global Enterprises Ltd. (HCG) is stepping up investments in precision medicine, molecular diagnostics, genomics and robotics as the cancer hospital chain prepares for rising demand for specialised oncology care and personalised treatment in India. The Bengaluru-based company said it raised Rs 425 cr during FY26 through a rights issue and plans to utilise the funds for capacity expansion, clinical infrastructure upgrades, technology investments and selective growth opportunities across its network. HCG, which operates 25 hospi-



tals across India and Africa, said cancer care is increasingly shifting towards early diagnosis, targeted therapies and integrated treatment pathways. The company noted that technologies such as genomics and molecular diagnostics are expected to play a larger role in treatment planning and improving patient outcomes

in the coming years. Founder and Non-Executive Chairman B S Ajaikumar said cancer care today goes beyond treatment alone. "Cancer care is no longer only about treatment. It is about early diagnosis, precision, continuity of care, and improving quality of life for patients and families," he said. "As we look ahead, our focus is on strengthening next-generation oncology capabilities across precision medicine, molecular diagnostics, genomics, robotics and data-driven clinical decision-making." The company said demand remained strong across

medical, radiation and surgical oncology during FY26, supported by improving patient throughput and better utilisation across centres. HCG added that its integrated care model, including tumour-board-led clinical decision-making where specialists jointly review treatment options, continues to remain central to its strategy. Chief Executive Officer Manish Mattoo said the successful completion of the rights issue had strengthened the company's financial position and enhanced its flexibility to invest in long-term priorities.

How Trump's IRS settlement could block tax audits of him, his family and their businesses

The US Department of Justice has announced that this week's unprecedented settlement of President Donald Trump's lawsuit over the leaking of his tax returns blocks the IRS from reviewing tax filings that Trump, his family and his businesses made in the past. Some lawmakers and legal experts say the department has violated federal law with its addendum to the agreement that shuts down current possible tax audits and investigations. The justice department, however, says the addendum is simply a customary waiver used in legal settlements. In January, Trump and his two eldest sons sued the IRS [Internal Revenue Service] for \$10bn over leaks of their business and personal tax returns. It was the first time a president had sued the US government. On Monday, the justice department announced the suit was settled and the government had agreed to create an almost \$1.8bn (£1.3bn) fund to compensate people who believe it unfairly investigated them. It has already inspired one lawsuit, as well as resistance from within Trump's own Republican party. Here's what we know. What does the addendum do? On Tuesday, a day after



announcing the settlement agreement with Trump, the justice department released the addendum ending any possible pending audits. The one-page addendum states that the United States is "FOREVER BARRED AND PRECLUDED" from a long list of actions that the IRS normally carries out to determine if a person or company has paid proper taxes and to seek recourse when they have not. "That list includes filing claims, conducting examinations or similar reviews, and seeking injunctive relief related to taxes filed by Trump, his

family members, and their trusts, companies or subsidiaries. Key in the addendum is that the taxes must have been filed before 19 May, 2026. The justice department issued a statement clarifying that the addendum "is only with respect to existing audits, not future". Listen: Trump gets "forever" immunity on his past tax affairs The IRS does not announce its investigations, and so we do not know what - if anything - it was reviewing related to the president, his family and their enterprises. Is it legal? In its statement, the department

describes the addendum as "customary", and also a necessary part of settling lawsuits in a way that ends them for good. "There would be little point in settling several significant claims if either party could simply turn around and seek to initiate more adverse claims that could have been pursued previously," the department said. As news of the addendum spread, though, lawmakers and legal experts raised alarms. The top Democrat on the Senate Finance Committee, Ron Wyden, said in a statement it is "clearly a violation of the

law that prohibits interference by executive branch officials in IRS audits". "Democrats are going to fight every element of this self-dealing settlement, but regardless of the outcome of those efforts, future administrations and IRS leadership should consider this illegal directive completely invalid," said Wyden, who graduated from University of Oregon's law school. Under US law, the president, vice-president and most other high-ranking members of the executive branch cannot directly or indirectly ask the IRS to terminate an investigation.

Rethinking Village Development NMDC Launches Summer Camp for 1700 Children in Dakshin Bastar

Hyderabad, 22 May 2026: In a unique grassroots initiative designed to nurture children from the tribal communities, NMDC has launched Summer Camps across 17 villages in Dantewada district from 20 May to 15 June 2026. This initiative is expected to engage around 1700 children during their summer vacations in experiential learning, creativity and sports. While activities have commenced in most villages, mobilisation efforts to enhance batch strength are underway. At present, daily attendance at the NMDC Summer Camp ranges from 30 to 40 children in each village. These children spend three to four enriching hours engaged in reading, craftwork, and music workshops, followed by spirited games of frisbee, kabaddi, and kho-kho, and conclude the day by sharing healthy refreshments. Executed in partnership with WOSCA, an organisation working in the field of education and community development, the Summer Camps are creating a safe and encouraging environment for the next genera-



tion in Bastar to thrive. In rural communities where access to structured creative learning opportunities remains limited, NMDC's intervention is bridging this gap by investing in the potential and aspirations at the grassroots level. As part of its broader commitment to village development, the initiative nurtures social and lateral skills among children from underserved communities, helping

them grow into confident, self-assured youth. Community participation is steadily growing in the villages where the Summer Camps have been launched, with keen response from children, parents and local stakeholders. As the initiative expands in the coming weeks, NMDC encourages families and community members to take an active part in making this a vibrant summer for Dantewada.

ANDHRA PRADESH HOLDS ~30% OF INDIA'S RARE EARTH MINERAL DEPOSITS WITH STRONG STATE GOVT. BACKING: B2K ANALYTICS

May, 2026: According to a report by B2K Analytics, India holds the world's third-largest reserves of rare earth elements, accounting for around 8% of global reserves. Yet, between 2022 and 2025, it imported 60-80% by value and 85-90% by quantity of its REE requirements from China, highlighting a major dependence despite abundant reserves. The Atomic Minerals Directorate estimates India has 13.15 million tonnes (T) of monazite containing 7.23 million T of rare earth oxides, placing it among the top five global resource holders. However, India lacks sufficient processing and downstream manufacturing capacity, forcing reliance on imports.

What is monazite and where it is found
Monazite, a mineral found in coastal regions of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha, contains light REEs like cerium, lanthanum and neodymium,

used in semiconductors, LEDs, microprocessors, solar cells, lasers, etc. Among the states, Andhra Pradesh holds nearly 30% of the national monazite stock—approximately 3.8 million tons. During the Union Budget 2026, the Government even announced plans to support mineral-rich coastal states — Odisha, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu — in establishing dedicated rare earth corridors. Specifically, a senior state government official said that that Andhra Pradesh—with continuous mineral deposits along its coastline—is planning investments of more than 50,000 crore over the next 10 years to promote mining, processing, R&D of REEs and creating demand for rare earth magnets. The policy is expected to be approved by the cabinet and notified latest by June 2026. However, Monazite contains thorium, a radioactive element vital to India's nuclear programme. Its

thorium content places it under the Atomic Energy Act, restricting mining and processing largely to state-run IREL (India) and limiting private participation. In contrast, most countries regulate and mine mildly radioactive mineral residues such as monazite under routine TENORM frameworks (Technologically Enhanced Naturally Occurring Radioactive Materials).

Imports signal rising demand
India's imports of mineral substances, including monazite, rose 11.7 times from USD 7 million in 2015 to USD 86 million in 2024, making it the world's fifth-largest importer. Exports rose 3.4 times over the same period from USD 7 million to USD 31 million, leaving India a net importer. Rising imports reflect growing industrial demand across cement, refractories and lithium projects. India also spent USD 221 million on magnet-related

imports in 2025. The Government estimates annual consumption of 4,000T of rare earth permanent magnets (REPM), expected to double by 2030 due to demand from EVs, renewables, defense and electronics. Even the 7,280 crore REPM manufacturing scheme targeting 6,000T annually may fall short of domestic demand.

Policy shift and the resource gap
To address demand, India has launched the National Critical Minerals Mission, targeting 1,000 patents across the critical minerals value chain by FY2031 and overseas mineral acquisitions. The Geological Survey of India will undertake 1,200 exploration projects by FY2031 to identify and assess critical mineral deposits within India, while rare earth corridors in four states and MoUs with countries such as Australia, Japan and the United States aim to improve technology access and supply security.

Telangana SLBC Launches Rs. 9.72 Lakh Crore Annual Credit Plan for FY27

State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC), Telangana has convened its 49 th Quarterly Review Meeting for the quarter ended March 2026 to review the performance of Banks Launched Annual Credit Plan for FY 2026-27 today i.e., on 22.05.2026, at Praja Bhavan, Hyderabad. The meeting was attended by: 1. Shri Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu garu, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Minister for Finance, Planning Energy, Telangana State 2. Shri Tummala Nageshwar Rao garu, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Marketing, Co-operation, and Handlooms Textiles, Telangana State 3. Shri M Dana Kishore, IAS, Spl. Chief Secretary, Panchayat Raj Rural Development, Govt. of Telangana 4. Shri Sandeep Kumar Sultania, IAS, Principal Secretary (Finance), Govt. of Telangana 5. Dr. Gaurav Uppal, IAS, Secretary (Finance Planning), Govt. of Telangana 6. Shri. Chinmoy Kumar, Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India,



Hyderabad 7. Shri. R Ganapathy, GM, NABARD 8. Sri Neelesh Dwivedi, CGM, SBI, Hyderabad Circle. 9. Sri Satish Kumar, GM, SBI Convenor, SLBC, Telangana Senior Officials from the line departments of Govt of Telangana, Government of India, executives from Public Sector Banks, Private Sector Banks, RRBs, SFBs, Payment Banks, representatives of various Federations of Agriculture and MSME etc., Sri Neelesh Dwivedi, CGM, SBI, Hyderabad Circle presented the performance of the banks in Telangana

during the Financial Year 2025-26 as under: Total Deposits of the banks grew by Rs.1,02,995 crores during the FY 2025-26 and the total deposits were at Rs.9,43,425 crores. Total Advances with Banks grew by Rs.1,52,497 crores during the FY 2025-26 and the advances of all banks were at Rs.12,33,858 Crores. 2 CD ratio continues to be above 100% and it has increased from 128.67 % to 130.78% during the FY 2025-26. During the financial year, Banks have disbursed Short Term Production Loans amounting to Rs. 75,486

crores achieving 84.34% of the ACP targets. Banks have disbursed Rs. 92,915 crores as Investment Credit to Agri. Allied, Agri. Infra and Agri. Ancillary activities achieving 122.58% of the annual targets. Banks have disbursed educational loans amounting to Rs. 547 Crores and Housing loans amounting to Rs. 6,002 Crores under Priority Sector during the FY 2025-26. Banks have disbursed Rs.1,57,268 crores to Micro, Small Medium enterprises (MSME) segment achieving 77.26% of the targets.

Long-term real estate momentum in south India

Industry experts believe that South India's long-term real estate growth trajectory continues to remain fundamentally strong. The three large states of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Telangana contribute almost ~25% of India's GDP. Tamil Nadu is the second largest contributor to India's GDP with share of ~9% while Karnataka is close behind with share of 8%. While Karnataka is largely driven by IT/ ITEs, Tamil Nadu has diversified economic base including real estate, IT/ ITEs, Automobiles and manufacturing clusters. Industry participants also point out that professionally managed real estate investment platforms, AIFs and REITs continue to witness growing investor interest as the sector becomes increasingly organized and transparent. Investors today are evalu-

ating opportunities through a long-term lens, focusing more on structural demand drivers. According to Sharad Mittal, Founder & CEO, Arnya Real Estate Fund Advisors: "Real estate investments are fundamentally linked to long-term economic indicators such as urbanization, infrastructure growth, employment generation, and end-user demand. Markets backed by strong industrial ecosystems and economic activity continue to remain attractive for long-term real estate capital." Tamil Nadu continues to remain one of India's most important industrial and automobile manufacturing hubs. The state's diversified economic base, strong urban centers and continued infrastructure investments are expected to support long-term housing and real estate demand irrespective of

short-term political cycles. Manufacturing activity, infrastructure expansion, urbanization, and employment generation continue to support both residential and commercial real estate demand across key southern markets. Commenting on the real estate front Sharad further added: "South India has consistently demonstrated resilience across market cycles. The region continues to benefit from manufacturing-led growth, infrastructure development, and sustained residential demand, which continue to support long-term investor confidence." With continued economic activity, infrastructure expansion and urban growth across key southern cities, South India is expected to continue to be an important market for real estate investment and capital deployment in the years ahead.

Equity shows resilience, but bond yields up amid risk of inflation and growth slowdown: Bajaj Finserv AMC

May 2026: In its latest outlook, Bajaj Finserv AMC believes global markets are entering a more challenging phase marked by moderating growth, elevated inflation, and heightened geopolitical uncertainty. According to the latest IMF projections, global growth is expected to slow to 3.1% in 2026 from 3.4% last year, while inflation is projected to rise to 4.4%, largely due to elevated energy prices and supply-side disruptions. Slowing global trade and tighter financial conditions are also expected to weigh on external demand and liquidity flows across emerging markets.

Equity: Domestic markets show resilience, global risk appetite improves
Against this backdrop, Indian equities have displayed resilience despite heightened volatility driven by crude oil prices and geopolitical developments. The Nifty 50 delivered returns of 7.5% over the past month, although markets witnessed sharp swings depending on movements in oil prices and geopolitical sentiment. Midcap and small-cap indices outperformed, gaining 14% and 20% respectively. Foreign port-



folio investor (FPI) outflows moderated in April 2026 to ₹70,000 crore from nearly ₹1.2 lakh crore in March, reflecting improving global risk appetite following easing domestic macroeconomic indicators. "Large caps have continued to act as a stabilising anchor amid volatility, while mid and small caps have seen sharper corrections and stronger rebounds. Valuations in large caps are now below long-term averages after the recent correction," says Sorbh Gupta, Head of



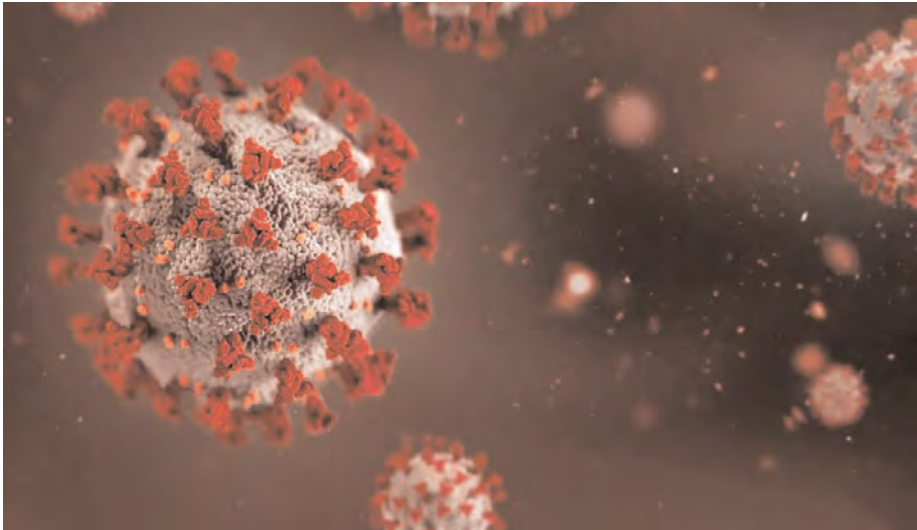
Equity, Bajaj Finserv AMC. The asset management company continue to favour domestic consumption and financials, while selectively preferring capital goods companies benefiting from global power capex trends. "We remain underweight on IT services due to potential AI-led revenue deflation risks. Large-cap and flexi-cap funds are expected to remain attractive for long-term investors, while small-cap funds are better suited for disciplined SIP investing. Multi-

asset, balanced advantage, and arbitrage strategies continue to offer diversification benefits in volatile conditions," adds Gupta.

Fixed Income: Macros intact but oil prices remain key
In fixed income markets, oil prices remain the key macro variable influencing inflation, growth, and policy expectations. While India's headline inflation remains contained for now, elevated crude prices continue to pose risks to consumption, input costs, and external balances. Growth momentum has also shown signs of moderation, with softer PMI readings, weaker core sector growth, and slowing consumer confidence. The external sector remains under pressure amid widening trade deficits, weaker capital flows, and rupee depreciation. However, domestic liquidity conditions remain comfortable due to government spending and RBI liquidity management measures. While yields have eased from recent highs, they remain elevated compared to pre-West Asia crisis levels, particularly at the longer end of the curve.

Africa summit in India postponed over Ebola outbreak fears

Next week's India-Africa Forum Summit has been cancelled due to the Ebola crisis in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda. The fourth edition of the summit, which fosters diplomatic interactions between India and countries of the African continent, was set to be held in Delhi from 28-31 May after more than a decade. On Thursday, India and the African Union said in a joint statement that the summit was being postponed due to the "emerging public health situation in the continent" and that a new date would be announced later. The move comes days after the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the latest Ebola outbreak a public health emergency of international concern. According to WHO, there have been 600 suspected cases of Ebola so far and 139 suspected deaths. The cases have been confined to



the African continent so far, but experts say the latest outbreak is challenging because it involves a rare species of Ebola for which there is no vaccine, and the epicentre is in an area affected by conflict. Ebola is a rare but deadly disease caused by a virus. Ebola viruses normally infect animals, typi-

cally fruit bats, but outbreaks among humans can sometimes start when people eat or handle infected animals. It takes two to 21 days for symptoms to appear. They come on suddenly and start like the flu or malaria, with fever, headache and tiredness. As the disease progresses, vom-

iting and diarrhoea develop and it can lead to organ failure. Some, but not all, patients develop internal and external bleeding. The virus spreads from one person to another by contact with infected bodily fluids such as blood or vomit. Ebola outbreaks used to be small and contained to

remote rural areas. However, urbanisation is pushing larger populations closer to these natural reservoirs of Ebola and increasing the risk of transmission. Though no Ebola cases have been reported from India, on Thursday, the Directorate General of Health Services issued a health advisory for passengers arriving from or transitioning to Ebola-affected countries. Travellers were advised to immediately report to airport health authorities and seek medical care within 21 days if they show symptoms such as fever, vomiting, diarrhoea or bleeding or if they had direct contact with infected persons. The new case was 'in a rural area near the provincial capital of Bukavu, which fell into M23 hands in February 2025. It marks an expansion of an outbreak that experts suspect circulated for about two months in Ituri province,

several hundred kilometres to the north, before being detected last week. According to the M23 spokesman, the Bukavu case involved a "person coming from Kisangani", a major city in the eastern Tshopo province where no Ebola infections from the current outbreak have so far been recorded. "The person concerned, a compatriot aged 28, unfortunately succumbed to the disease before the diagnosis was confirmed," the spokesman added. The Congolese authorities are yet to comment on the reported case.

Ugandan concerns

The new case in South Kivu was reported as residents in Rwampara, a town at the centre of the outbreak in Ituri, set fire to an Ebola treatment facility on Thursday, after being prevented from taking the body of a local man.

AI USED TO FAKE EVIDENCE THAT ENDED KOREAN ACTOR'S CAREER, SAY POLICE

South Korean police are seeking an arrest warrant for a YouTuber who allegedly faked evidence that defamed actor Kim Soo-hyun and fuelled a scandal which ended his career. Authorities say the YouTuber had manipulated screenshots of text messages and shared an audio file made with AI to give the impression that the actor had dated actress Kim Sae-ron when she was still a minor. The allegations surfaced last year, shortly after Kim Sae-ron killed herself at the age of 24. The scandal shook the country and upended the career of Kim Soo-hyun, who is a household name in South Korea. The actor has consistently denied the allegations. The YouTuber, Kim Se-ui, has since posted a video claiming the authorities' allegations were a "subterfuge meant to disrupt his investigation". Months after Kim Sae-ron's death, the YouTuber had posted online a voice recording in which the actress could be heard saying she had been



dating Kim Soo-hyun since she was in middle school. The YouTuber Kim Se-ui, who has nearly a million followers on his channel, had also presented screenshots of text messages purportedly sent between the actor and the actress. Authorities now say that the voice recording was generated by AI. They also allege that the YouTuber had manipulated screenshots of text messages sent from the actress's phone to make it look like she had been texting Kim Soo-hyun.

Turkish opposition fights court ousting of leaders in ruling boosting Erdogan



Turkish opposition leader Özgür Özel has vowed to fight a court ruling removing him and fellow party leaders, in the latest legal move that helps cement President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's grip on power. The appeal court declared the 2023 leadership election in Özel's Republican People's Party (CHP) null and void, prompting thousands of demonstrators to gather outside party headquarters in Ankara. "We are experiencing a dark day for Turkish democracy," said Özel, who vowed to challenge the ruling in the courts and with Turkey's supreme election council (YSK). Justice Minister Akin Gürlük insisted the ruling "reinforces our citizens' trust in democracy". Until Gürlük was appointed justice minister by President Erdogan earlier this year, he was the chief prosecutor in Istanbul who spearheaded investigations targeting the opposition, and the city's highly popular mayor Ekrem Imamoglu, who is still considered Erdogan's biggest political rival, has been in jail for over a year and it was Gürlük who

accused him of corruption offences which command more than 2,000 years behind bars. The supreme election council was meeting on Friday to hear the opposition party's objection to the court's decision. In its ruling on Thursday, the appeals court in Ankara overturned a 2025 ruling by a lower court that threw out allegations of vote buying during the CHP primary which made Özgür Özel opposition leader. The appeals court decided that Özel should be replaced by Kemal Kilicdaroglu, a 77-year-old party veteran who was defeated by Erdogan in the 2023 presidential election and then voted out as party leader. The ruling also means the party's entire executive is replaced and it is thought the decisions it has made are no longer recognised. BBC Turkish correspondent Ayse Sayin said the ruling came as a shock at CHP headquarters, with some members moved to tears. She described tense moments when some party members removed a photo of Kilicdaroglu from the wall, while others chanted the former leader was a "traitor".

ALBERTA TO HOLD REFERENDUM ON WHETHER TO REMAIN IN CANADA

Alberta will hold a referendum on whether the province should remain in Canada or move ahead with a second binding vote on separation, marking the first significant test of the country's unity in decades. A restive independence movement has been growing in the oil-rich province, built on a long-held sense that Alberta is overlooked by decision-makers in Ottawa. Still, opinion polls suggest that the majority of Albertans would vote against separating. Smith, in a televised address, said the question being put to Albertans this coming autumn will be: "Should Alberta remain a province of Canada or should the Government of Alberta commence the legal process



required under the Canadian Constitution to hold a binding provincial referendum on whether or not Alberta should separate from Canada?" The premier said she herself will vote in favour of Alberta remaining a part of Canada. "That is how I would vote on separation in a provincial referendum," she said, adding that "it is also the position of my government and my caucus."

RUBIO TRIES TO REASSURE NATO ALLIES OVER US TROOP DEPLOYMENTS

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio has tried to reassure allies over US decisions on troop deployments in Europe. Rubio's intervention at the end of a Nato foreign ministers' meeting in Sweden came after President Donald Trump said the US would send an extra 5,000 troops to Poland. That decision was a week after a planned deployment of 4,000 troops to the country was cancelled and days after an announcement that US troops would be pulled out of Germany. The announcements have caused confusion among the allies of the trans-Atlantic defence organisation. However, at a news conference after the Nato meeting on Friday, Rubio said the US was constantly reevaluating its troop presence in view of its global commitments, but that the



goal was "a stronger Nato". Some US troops are currently involved in the Middle East, following the US and Israeli conflict with Iran. Trump made the announcement about the new Polish deployment as Nato ministers were in Sweden for talks. Writing on his Truth Social platform on Thursday, Trump said the decision was based on the US's relationship with Polish President Karol Nawrocki,

whom he backed during presidential elections last year and who is a long-time supporter of his. The US leader did not elaborate on whether the additional troops were part of the previous planned deployment or a different operation. The US defence department abruptly said last week it was cancelling the deployment of 4,000 troops to Poland, but US Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth later

said it was "a temporary delay" and Washington would continue to ensure it "retains a strong military presence" in the country. "It is confusing indeed, and not always easy to navigate," Swedish Foreign Minister Maria Malmer Stenergard said as she hosted her Nato colleagues in Helsingborg. But Latvia's Baiba Braze was more upbeat, saying ministers knew US troop "posture was being reconsidered, and now there is no change of posture". German Foreign Minister Johann Wadephul has also welcomed the US decision to deploy additional troops to Poland, telling reporters: "It serves not only for Poland's security, but for the security of the whole alliance and so also for us. So, this is absolutely in our interest."

UK scientists developing Ebola vaccine that could be ready for trials in months

Scientists at Oxford University are developing a new vaccine that could be ready for clinical trials within two to three months to help tackle the Ebola emergency. The outbreak, centred on the Democratic Republic of Congo, has resulted in 750 suspected cases and 177 deaths. The rare species of Ebola, known as Bundibugyo, for which there is no proven vaccine, kills around a third of those infected. There are no guarantees the vaccine will prove effective and it will take animal research and trials on people to know if it will be. But scientists say they are working urgently in case the outbreak spirals and their experimen-



tal vaccine is needed. The risk from the current Ebola outbreak has now been upgraded from "high" to "very high" in the Democratic Republic of Congo, by the World Health Organization (WHO). In the wider region the risk is also now considered to be high

but it remains low internationally, it added. This comes after the WHO declared a public health emergency of international concern on Sunday, when it stressed that the outbreak was not a pandemic. Another separate experimental Bundibugyo vaccine is also in develop-

ment, but it is expected to take six to nine months for any dose of that to be ready for testing. The vaccine being developed by UK scientists uses the same technology the team developed during the Covid pandemic. It is a highly adjustable technology - known as ChAdOx1 - that can be quickly tweaked so it works against different infections. During the pandemic it was loaded with genetic code from the Covid-virus. This time it has been prepared with genetic code from the Bundibugyo species of Ebola. It uses a common cold virus that normally infects chimpanzees but has been genetically engineered to make it safe for people.

US NAVY CHIEF SAYS \$14BN ARMS SALE TO TAIWAN PAUSED DUE TO IRAN WAR



The US is pausing a \$14bn (£10.4bn) arms sale to Taiwan to ensure it has enough weapons for the Iran war, acting Navy secretary Hung Cao has said. Cao confirmed this at a Senate hearing, days after President Donald Trump appeared non-committal about the sale following his meetings with Chinese leader Xi Jinping. A spokesperson for Taiwan's

presidential office told reporters on Friday that they had not received any information about "US adjustments to the arms sale". The sale of US arms to Taiwan has long irked Beijing, which claims the self-governed island as its territory and has not ruled out taking it by force. "Right now we're doing a pause in order to make sure we have the munitions we need for Epic Fury - which we have plenty," Cao said at the hearing on Thursday, using the code name for the US-Israel joint military operation in Iran. "We're just making sure we have everything, but then the foreign military sales will continue when the administration deems necessary."



Angry crowd sets Ebola hospital tents on fire in DR Congo

IPL 2026: SUNRISERS HYDERABAD SETS A TARGET OF 255/4 FOR ROYAL CHALLENGERS BENGALURU



How Can RCB Hold No. 1 Spot In IPL 2026 As They Face In-Form SRH - Exact Margin, Scenarios Explained

Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) play Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) in Hyderabad on Friday. RCB, SRH and Gujarat Titans are already in the playoffs. RCB have 18 points from 13 games (NRR +1.065), GT have 18 points from 14 games (NRR +0.695), while SRH have 16 points from 13 games (NRR +0.350). The RCB vs SRH match is a fight to secure the top spot. RCB have the best run rate and are in a prime position to finish in the top two. Even if they lose by 87 runs (supposing SRH score 200), they will finish in the top two. If SRH chase, they will need to surpass the massive target within 11 overs. Ahead of the 'Southern Derby' between Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) and Royal



Challengers Bengaluru (RCB), former Indian cricketer Aakash Chopra has said that the Men in Orange will have to pull off something extraordinary in order to seal a top-two finish, which will have them play the Qualifier 1 clash. SRH, currently in third

place with eight wins and five losses and 16 points, will be aiming to surpass Gujarat Titans (GT) in net run rate when they take on defending champions RCB in Hyderabad on Friday. Speaking on JioHotstar during 'Match Centre Live',

JioStar expert Aakash said that either SRH will have to win by 85 runs or more or chase down a massive target within 11 overs. "For Sunrisers Hyderabad to move ahead in the top-two race, it would require something extremely extraordinary.

Coach Oscar Bruzon Hints At Reversal Of Decision, Says May Not Leave East Bengal After Historic ISL Triumph

After guiding East Bengal to their first national league title in 22 years, coach Oscar Bruzon has hinted that he may not leave the club and hold discussions with the management next month about clarity of the future of the Indian Super League. East Bengal came from behind to defeat Inter Kashi 2-1 in a dramatic ISL finale here on Thursday, with the victory helping them finish top of the table with 26 points from 13 matches, ahead of Mohun Bagan on superior goal difference (19-14). "Regarding my future, I will say the same thing that I've been saying throughout the season - I will not make any move till June," Bruzon said at the post-match media interaction. ISL's future is still uncertain amid a fresh deadlock between clubs and the AIFF



over commercial and broadcast structures. Several franchises have pushed for a club-led operational and commercial model, while uncertainty over the roadmap has stalled player contracts and renewals across teams. Bruzon had earlier publicly stated that he may not continue with East Bengal if there was no clarity over the next ISL season and had said

the last round match (Friday's against Inter Kashi) would be his "last" at the club with lack of clarity about the next season. But after scripting history with East Bengal, the Spaniard hinted he is open for further discussions. "If by June 1 the club has a proper plan, then I will be very happy to sit and talk," he said. "But if the club itself does not have

clarity or planning after June, then it's not only difficult for me but for the whole group of players and coaches. Without planning, there cannot be discussions." Reflecting on the title-winning campaign, Bruzon credited the club management and support staff for backing his vision through uncertain times. "We were working quietly behind the scenes. I am very happy and proud to leave as champions," he said. "On behalf of the coaching staff, I want to thank Emami for their support and belief in the project." East Bengal had fallen behind in the final after Alfred Planas struck early for Inter Kashi, but Youssef Ezzejjari equalised soon after halftime before Mohammed Rashid scored the decisive winner in the 72nd minute.

NASCAR CHAMPION KYLE BUSCH DIES AGED 41



Eleven All Stars France vs England Full Lineup Revealed: KSI, Deji, AngryGinge, Skepta, And More

The internet football scene is getting ready for another massive creator showdown because the full squads for Eleven All Stars France vs England are finally out. The influencer football event, hosted by French streamer Mohamed "AmineMaTue," is returning for its second edition on May 24, 2026, and this time the hype feels even bigger. The match will take place at the famous Parc des Princes in Paris, which already has fans calling this one of the biggest creator football games of the year. A lot of attention is going toward Team England after the Sidemen officially revealed the squad on X. The lineup is stacked with massive internet personalities, football creators, streamers, rappers, and YouTubers. From KSI and AngryGinge to Skepta and ChrisMD, the England side



honestly looks like a crossover episode of UK internet culture. Meanwhile, Team France is bringing some of the biggest French-speaking creators online, including Squeezie, Inoxtag, Michou, Kameto, and Domingo. Team England lineup brings together Sidemen stars, creators, and music names. The England squad is packed with familiar faces from YouTube and stream-

ing. Fans instantly noticed how many Sidemen members made the list, with KSI, Miniminter, Zerkaa, TBJZL, Behzinga, Vikkstar123, and W2S all confirmed for the game. But it's not just Sidemen involved. AngryGinge, Theo Baker, Niko Omilana, ChrisMD, SV2, and John Nelligs are also joining the squad. UK rapper Skepta and his brother JME were among the biggest sur-

prise inclusions and got a lot of reactions online after the announcement dropped. France is also coming in with a very strong creator lineup. Since the event is being hosted in Paris, many fans are expecting the home crowd to heavily back the French team during the match. The squad includes major French internet names like Squeezie, Michou, Inoxtag, Kameto, Domingo, Zack Nani, and Djilsi. Creator duo Victor and Thibault from Pitch Addict are also confirmed for the event. Alongside the player reveal, Sidemen also announced that Stephen Tries and Spencer FC will handle English commentary for the event. Both are already familiar faces for creator football fans because they also commented during the Sidemen Charity Match 2026 at Wembley Stadium earlier this year.

Jannik Sinner, Novak Djokovic Kept Apart In French Open Draw



Jannik Sinner and Novak Djokovic will not be able to meet until the French Open final after the pair were placed in opposite halves of the men's draw on Thursday, while Coco Gauff could face Aryna Sabalenka in the women's semis. Sinner, the red-hot men's title favourite in the absence of injured rival Carlos Alcaraz, will start his bid for a maiden Roland Garros crown against French wildcard Clement Tabur, the world number 165. Women's world number one Sabalenka faces a tough potential road to the final, with Naomi Osaka, Victoria Mboko and reigning champion Gauff all potential hurdles for the Belarusian. The build-up to the event, which gets under way on Sunday, has been overshadowed by threats from players to boycott some of their media duties over a pay dispute with Grand Slam tournament organisers. "We are not going to budge," tournament director Amelie Mauresmo told reporters at the draw in Paris, adding she was a "little saddened" by the situation. "We have

prize money that has (...) doubled in 10 years, and has also increased significantly recently." World number one Sinner is slated to meet big-hitting American fifth seed Ben Shelton in the quarter-finals. Daniil Medvedev is a possible semi-final opponent for the Italian. The Russian gave Sinner a rare scare in the Italian Open semis earlier this month before eventually succumbing in three sets. Sinner won his sixth consecutive Masters 1000 trophy by beating Casper Ruud in the Rome final. That made the four-time Grand Slam champion only the second man to complete the set of all nine Masters 1000 titles, after Novak Djokovic. Third seed Djokovic will kick off his latest tilt at a record-breaking 25th Grand Slam title against home player Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard. Second seed Alexander Zverev is a potential semi-final opponent for Djokovic, who turns 39 on Friday. The German has played Djokovic twice before at Roland Garros, suffering quarter-final defeats against the Serb in 2019 and last year.

Tour to feature first joint men's and women's event

Australia's Tour Down Under will become the first World Tour race to host men's and women's stages on the same course and day, over the same distance. The 2027 season opener will feature a six-stage men's race from 19 January, while the three-stage women's event will open on 22 January. The Adelaide-area event, which in 2018 became the first in the world to offer equal prize money for both sexes, previously held its women's race prior to its men's event. "It's a great platform to highlight the strength of our women's peloton and the fact that we're even able to



do this reflects the growth and progression of women's cycling," said Tour Down Under assistant race director Carlee Taylor. In

Europe, major races including Paris-Roubaix, the Tour of Flanders and Tour de Suisse host men's and women's events on the same

day, but over different distances and routes. "The challenge we were given by UCI [Union Cycliste Internationale] was to deliv-

er a more condensed program of racing and optimise the time the women's teams spent in Australia," said race director Stuart O'Grady. "We saw it as an opportunity to do something different and bring both men's and women's racing together and finish off with a bumper final weekend of racing." The new schedule reduces the gap for women's riders between the two early season events in Australia, with the Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race typically staged in late January or early February. Belgium's Alec Segaert claimed his first stage win on a Grand

Tour as his Bahrain-Victorious team-mate Afonso Eulalio extended his overall lead in the Giro d'Italia. The 23-year-old Segaert won stage 12 - a 175km race from Imperia to Novi Ligure - after a surprise late attack denied the sprinters their chance of a bunch finish. Eulalio, 29, extended his lead over pre-race favourite Jonas Vingegaard to 33 seconds by claiming intermediate sprint points. Key sprint rivals Jonathan Milan and Paul Magnier were earlier dropped on the Bric Berton climb with more than 50km remaining.

Mammootty & Mohanlal’s “Patriot” Premieres on ZEE5 June 5 After 18 Years Reunion

Mammootty, Mohanlal, Nayanthara, Fahadh Faasil, and Kunchacko Boban’s “Patriot” to Premiere Digitally on ZEE5 from June 5th in Malayalam, Hindi, Telugu, Tamil, and Kannada. Mammootty and Mohanlal Reunite After 18 Years as Mahesh Narayanan’s Political Thriller “Patriot” Premieres on ZEE5 From June 5th. Malayalam Cinema’s Biggest Icons Mammootty and Mohanlal Reunite After 18 Years as Political Thriller “Patriot” Premieres on ZEE5 from June 5th. Malayalam ZEE5 is set to premiere Patriot, a gripping political thriller directed by acclaimed filmmaker Mahesh Narayanan, on June 5. The film will be available in Malayalam, Hindi, Telugu, Tamil, and Kannada. Bringing together two of Malayalam cinema’s biggest icons, Mammootty and Mohanlal, after 18 years, the film also stars Nayanthara, Fahadh Faasil, and Kunchacko Boban in pivotal roles. Blending espionage, politics, technology, and emotional drama, Patriot explores the dangerous consequences of unchecked surveillance in a system built on secrecy and power. At the heart of the story is a man who once helped create a sophisticated government surveillance program, believing it would safe-



guard the nation. However, when he discovers that the system is being weaponised against innocent citizens through manipulation, blackmail, and control, he is forced to question everything he once stood for. As he turns against the very machinery he helped build, Patriot examines the blurred lines

between patriotism and betrayal, and whether exposing the truth makes someone a traitor or a true patriot. Set against an Indian socio-political backdrop, yet rooted in globally relevant concerns around surveillance and privacy, Patriot transforms a high-stakes conspiracy into an emo-

tionally charged cinematic experience. With Mahesh Narayanan’s sharp storytelling and the combined screen presence of Mammootty, Mohanlal, Nayanthara, Fahadh Faasil, and Kunchacko Boban, the film promises an intense and thought-provoking watch. The film also features a strong sup-

porting ensemble, including Revathy, Rajeev Menon, Darshana Rajendran, and Zarin Shihab. Director Mahesh Narayanan said, “Patriot is a story that reflects the anxieties of the times we live in today, where technology meant to protect people can also become a tool of fear and control. What drew me to this film was the emotional conflict at its core a man forced to confront the consequences of something he once believed in completely. I’m excited for audiences across the country to experience the Patriot on Malayalam ZEE5.” Mammootty said, “What makes Patriot compelling is that beneath its scale and political tension, it is ultimately a deeply human story about conscience, responsibility, and courage. The film asks difficult questions while remaining emotionally grounded, and I’m looking forward to audiences discovering it on Malayalam ZEE5.” Mohanlal added, “Patriot speaks about the world we are living in today, where truth and power are constantly in conflict. It was exciting to be part of a film that feels both cinematic and deeply relevant. Reuniting with Mammootty after many years for a story like this made the experience even more special.” Do not miss watching Patriot on Malayalam ZEE5 starting June 5, available in Malayalam, Hindi, Telugu, Tamil, and Kannada!

Vijay Antony, Mu. Maran’s Nanna Kutty Wraps Shoot, Intense First Look Out, Theatrical Release In August

Versatile actor Vijay Antony, known for choosing strong content-driven films, is currently awaiting the release of Vanda Devullu. He now teams up with director Mu. Maran for another intriguing project, Appa Kutty. The film, produced by Meera Vijay Antony, and co-produced by Ramanjaneyulu Javvaji of Sarvanth Ram Creations, is an action-packed family drama centred on the emotional bond between a father and daughter. The Telugu version is titled Nanna Kutty, and the makers unveiled the first look today. The poster showcases a bruised and bloodied Vijay Antony in an intense close-up, his face marked with cuts and swelling. His grim, determined expression carries emotional weight, while a young girl rests on his shoulder, subtly highlighting the core father-daughter relationship. Designed as a gripping blend of action, family emotion, intense drama, and striking visuals, Nanna Kutty is positioned to appeal to both family audiences and action lovers. The shoot has been completed, and post-production is progressing at a brisk pace. The team is targeting a grand theatrical release in August. Vijay Antony is set to deliver a performance that combines emotional



depth with high-octane action. The film also features Preethi Asrani, Lithanya, Bhagavathi Perumal, Haripriya Isai, Aruvi Madhan, Chitra Lakshmanan, Sreeja Ravi, Vetta Muthukumar, Jansen Diwakar, Muruganantham, Munnar Ramesh, and several other in key roles. Rajeev Raajendran handles cinematography, while Vijay Antony scores

the music, and also serves as the editor. A Raja takes charge of production design. With its mix of solid emotions, impactful action, soulful music, and engaging storytelling, Nanna Kutty is going to be one of the season’s notable family entertainers. The team is confident that the film will deliver an emotional, gripping, and memorable theatrical experience.

TFCC Chairman Dr. Prathani Ramakrishna Goud Congratulates New APFTTDC Team

TFCC Chairman and Producer Dr. Prathani Ramakrishna Goud Congratulates Newly Appointed Chairman and Directors of Andhra Pradesh Film, Television and Theatre Development Corporation. TFCC Chairman and producer Dr. Prathani Ramakrishna Goud extended his heartfelt congratulations to the newly appointed Chairman and Directors of the Andhra Pradesh Film, Television and Theatre Development Corporation (APFTTDC). He congratulated Chairman P. Bharat Bhushan, Vice Chairman Chikkala Meher Ramesh Kumar, and Directors Chadalavada Srinivasa Rao, Suman Talwar, Sai Madhav Burra, S. Shivaji, Mrs. Y. Jhansi, Vivek Kuchibhotla, V. Samudra, Meer S, Kandimalla Sambasiva Rao, A. Satyanarayana, S. V. Krishna Reddy, G. Raj Venkateswara Yadav, and D. Satyanarayana. Dr. Prathani Ramakrishna



Goud expressed his hope that the Telugu film industry would witness greater growth and development under the leadership of P. Bharat Bhushan, who possesses vast experience in the film industry. Speaking at a media confer-

ence organized on this occasion, Dr. Prathani Ramakrishna Goud said: “I am very happy that Mr. P. Bharat Bhushan has been appointed as the Chairman of the Andhra Pradesh Film, Television and Theatre Development Corporation.

He is highly deserving of this position in every way. Bharat Bhushan garu previously served as the President of the Telugu Film Chamber and has had a long-standing career in film distribution. I strongly believe that the film industry will achieve greater heights under his leadership. I also hope that the prestigious Nandi Awards will be revived during his tenure and conducted in a grand manner. I am also delighted that Suman garu, who has acted in more than 700 films, has been appointed as a Director. I share a long association with him as both a producer and an actor. Suman garu is one of the most controversy-free actors in the industry. He has delivered many superhit films such as Neti Bharatam, Sitara, Tarangini, and Bava Bavamaridi. Whenever people think of Lord Venkateswara Swamy, Suman garu instantly comes to mind.

Venky Kudumula’s What Next Entertainments, New Guy In Town Aniesh, Mahesh Uppala, S Thaman’s Itllu Arjuna Musical Journey Begins From May 28th



Star filmmaker Venky Kudumula’s maiden production Itlu Arjuna, under his banner What Next

Entertainments, marks the debut of New Guy in Town Aniesh in the lead, with debutant Mahesh Uppala directing. Anaswara Rajan stars opposite Aniesh. The film grabbed attention right from its title glimpse, featuring a powerful voiceover by Akkineni Nagarjuna, which immediately resonated with audiences. The makers followed it up with multiple posters and a special video titled Finding Arjuna, further boosting curiosity.

Hero Satyadev's 16th Film Samavarthi - Title & First Look Unveiled



Young and talented actor Satyadev Kancharana, known for choosing diverse roles and carving a unique identity for himself as a hero, has unveiled the title and first-look poster of his new film “Samavarthi.” This marks the 16th film in his career as a lead actor. The film is being produced under the banners of Rudra Pictures & Panchabutha Productions by

Ajay Nag V. is directing the project. “Samavarthi” is being made as an ecological action thriller and is gearing up for a grand theatrical release in Telugu, Tamil, Kannada, and Malayalam. The first-look poster of “Samavarthi” has generated curiosity among audiences. It features Satyadev in an intense avatar, calmly listening to music on his headphones while several men armed with axes and knives charge toward him. Followed by the Pre-look poster that has a substance of nature and wilderness loaded in it, The First Look poster emphasises subtle references to nature with the tiger in the background creating intrigue. The title and poster have already created expectations that this could be one of the most intense action films in Satyadev’s career.

Varun Dhawan joins Hollywood after Priyanka, Deepika and Alia?

Bollywood actor Varun Dhawan may soon take a major step in his career, if the latest reports are to be believed. The actor is reportedly in advanced discussions for a Hollywood project backed by producer Lawrence Kasanoff. While there is no official confirmation yet, the news has already created excitement among fans who have long wanted to see Varun enter international cinema.

Is Varun Dhawan making his Hollywood debut? According to recent reports, Varun has been offered a large-scale action film with an inter-parallel universe concept. Discussions between the actor

and the makers are said to be moving in a positive direction. If everything moves ahead as planned, this film could become Varun Dhawan’s first major Hollywood project and an important milestone in his career journey. The genre is also interesting because parallel universe action films are still not commonly explored in mainstream Hindi cinema.

Why this project is getting attention The biggest reason fans are excited is the association with Lawrence Kasanoff, who is widely recognised for working on the Mortal Kombat franchise. A col-

laboration at this scale could help Varun expand his reach beyond Bollywood and connect with a global audience. Interestingly, Varun had earlier shared in an interview that acting was always his dream and that he once imagined making his debut in Hollywood.

What’s next for Varun Dhawan? Before any international announcement, Varun is currently focused on his upcoming film Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai. The romantic entertainer stars Mrunal Thakur and Pooja Hegde alongside him and has already built strong buzz among audiences. The trailer release recently faced

delays, but fans continue to wait eagerly for updates. For now, there is no official statement from Varun Dhawan or his team regarding the Hollywood project. Until confirmation arrives, fans can only wait and watch whether this becomes the actor’s biggest career move yet. A collaboration at this scale could help Varun expand his reach beyond Bollywood and connect with a global audience.

