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OM NAMO VENKATESAYA

 24-05-2026  
 Total pilgrims: 98,058  
 Tonnes: 49,234  
 Hundi (Kandali): 4,09 CR  
 Laddu sale: 4,20 Lac  
 Waiting Compartments...  
 Outside line at Sthanoram.  
 Approx. Darshan Time for Saravardhanam (with out SSD Tokens): 10-24 H

**THREE AIADMK MLAS RESIGN, JOIN TVK**

Chennai, May 25 : In a fresh political development that could reshape Tamil Nadu's post-election landscape, three AIADMK MLAs — Madurantakam MLA Maragatham Kumaravel, Dharapuram MLA Sathyabama, and Perundurai MLA Jayakumar — resigned from the Assembly on Monday and later joined the ruling TVK. The resignations have intensified speculation about further defections and the possibility of multiple Assembly by-elections in the state. The three legislators, considered close to the AIADMK faction led by former ministers C.V. Shanmugam and S.P. Velumani, submitted their resignation letters to Assembly Speaker J.C.D. Prabhakar.

**Fuel prices rise again, petrol crosses Rs 100 mark in Delhi**


NEW DELHI (TSIT)

Petrol and diesel prices were increased once again across the country on Monday, marking the fourth hike in less than two weeks amid rising global crude oil prices and continued tensions in West Asia.

Oil marketing companies raised petrol prices by Rs 2.61 per litre and diesel prices by Rs 2.71 per litre. Following the latest revision, petrol prices in Delhi crossed the Rs 100-per-litre mark to reach Rs 102.12 per litre, while diesel prices climbed to Rs 95.20 per litre.

The latest increase comes after a series of fuel price hikes earlier this month. Prices were first raised by around Rs 3 per litre on May 15, followed by another increase of nearly 90 paise on May 19 and around 91 paise on May 23. With Monday's revision, cumulative hikes in petrol and diesel prices have crossed Rs 7.5 per litre within just two weeks. The repeated hikes have been attributed to volatility in global crude oil markets due to escalating geopolitical tensions in West Asia and concerns over disruptions in international oil supply routes.

**Congress targets centre over fuel price hikes, Rahul calls PM 'Inflation Man'**

NEW DELHI (TSIT)

The Congress on Monday launched a sharp attack on the Narendra Modi-led government over the recent increase in petrol and diesel prices, accusing the Centre of burdening citizens with repeated fuel hikes and triggering inflationary pressure across the economy. Senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi alleged that the government was deliberately raising fuel prices in phases to avoid public



“Inflation Man’ Modi strikes again. They increase petrol and diesel prices in installments — so that your pockets keep getting picked quietly, little by little.”

**CM Vijay announces full waiver of crop loans to marginal farmers**

CHENNAI (TSIT):

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay on Monday announced complete waiver of cooperative bank crop loans of up to Rs 50,000 availed by marginal farmers across the state and up to Rs 5,000 to large farmers. The gesture would benefit 14.22 lakh farmers in the state and would entail an additional expenditure of



Rs 2,044 crore to the government, he said. The waiving of crop loans obtained by farmers was among the numerous poll promises made by Vijay, the TVK chief, in the run up to the April 23 Assembly

election. “Considering the current financial position and financial resources of the state government, and in the present difficult situation, the Chief Minister has ordered the waiver of crop loans obtained by farmers from cooperative banks from May 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026,” a government release said.

*BJP increased prices, congress reduced burden through guarantees: Shivakumar*

BENGALURU (TSIT)

Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister and KPCC President D. K. Shivakumar strongly criticized the BJP-led Central government over rising fuel and essential commodity prices, stating that the Congress government in Karnataka has reduced the burden on people through its guarantee schemes. Addressing a joint press conference at the KPCC office in Bengaluru, Shivakumar said the Congress guarantees have received appreciation not only in Karnataka but across the



country and even from the United Nations. He questioned how difficult life would have become for ordinary people without these welfare schemes amid continuous price hikes. Highlighting the increase in commercial LPG cylinder prices, he said rates had been raised multiple times this year, severely affecting hotels and small businesses.

delivery of government services to citizens. Reviewing the functioning of the Real Time Governance Society (RTGS) and the implementation of various departmental programmes at the grassroots level at the Camp Office, the Chief Minister said that with technology now fully available, government rules should facilitate public service delivery rather than delay it. “Government services should reach people easily and quickly. Rules should not become hurdles. We had already considered revising the business rules earlier, and now an action plan must be prepared,” the Chief Minister said.

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VIJAYAWADA (TSIT):

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Monday directed officials to initiate reforms in the state's business rules to ensure faster and easier



Officials of HMRL, IRFCL and L&amp;T Metro Rail (Hyderabad) Ltd at the loan signing ceremony...

**Telangana secures Rs 13,600 cr refinancing support for Hyderabad Metro Rail**

HYDERABAD (TSIT):

In a major financial boost to Hyderabad Metro, the government of Telangana has secured up to Rs 13,600 crore term loan refinancing facility from Indian Railway Finance Corporation Ltd (IRFC).

The state government termed it a significant step towards strengthening Hyderabad's urban mobility infrastructure.

The agreement was signed on Monday between IRFC, Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited (HMRL) and L&T Metro Rail (Hyderabad) Limited (LTMRHL) in the presence of IRFC CMD & CEO Manoj Kumar Dubey and Telangana Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao in New Delhi. This comes a month after the state govern-

ment formally acquired Hyderabad Metro Rail Phase I from Larsen & Toubro Limited for Rs 1,461 crore. As per the agreement signed last month, the debt of LTMRHL, amounting to Rs 13,538.53 crore, as on April 30, which was guaranteed by L&T, has to be refinanced with a guarantee issued by the Telangana government.

The refinance support of Rs 13,600 crore from IRFC will be used to refinance existing debt obligations, including non-convertible debentures, commercial papers and working capital loan. The arrangement will provide an orderly exit to existing lenders and significantly improve the long-term financial sustainability of the Hyderabad Metro project, said an official release here on Monday.

**US, Iran agree to fully reopen Strait of Hormuz within 30 days: Reports**

MOSCOW (TSIT).

The United States and Iran have agreed, as part of a preliminary deal, to fully reopen the Strait of Hormuz within 30 days, the Washington Post reported citing an unnamed diplomat. Preliminary US-Iran peace agreement also envisages postponing nuclear talks until a later date, the publication said citing an



unnamed Iranian official. The preliminary framework agreement between Iran and the US has not yet been approved by the Iranian side, it noted citing an unnamed diplomat. According to the newspaper, the parties agreed to extend ceasefire for 60 days to reach the final settlement.

The US-Iran framework agreement is “95% there,” although negotiators are still debating over the wording regarding the Strait of Hormuz and Tehran's nuclear stockpile, Fox News reported citing sources. US President Donald Trump previously stated that the deal with Iran was largely agreed upon, and the final aspects and details were being discussed and would be announced soon.

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# Positive talks held between Telangana & Karnataka on irrigation, drinking water utilisation



HYDERABAD  
TSIT BUREAU:

Telangana Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister Captain N.Uttam Kumar Reddy on Monday said Telangana and Karnataka held detailed and positive discussions on the utilisation of Krishna river waters for irrigation and drinking water purposes while safeguarding the interests of both states. The meeting was held at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat with Karnataka Minor Irrigation Minister Bosuraju. The leaders discussed irrigation and drinking water projects, technical aspects related to the proposed barrage on the Krishna river, and long-term water sharing coordination between the two states.

Uttam Kumar Reddy stated that

both states would work in coordination keeping mutual interests in mind and ensure that the design of projects does not affect Telangana's rights or future irrigation requirements. He said Telangana strongly presented its concerns regarding irrigation rights, future water needs and equitable utilisation of Krishna waters. The Minister added that extensive discussions were held on the technical aspects of the proposed barrage project and on ensuring fair utilisation of river waters.

The Minister said Telangana accorded top priority to the irrigation needs of farmers during the talks. Discussions were also held on finding a permanent solution to drinking water issues through inter-state coordination and cooperation. He stated that both states agreed to move forward in a friendly atmosphere based on mutual understanding so that irrigation and drinking water needs of both states could be addressed effectively. Uttam Kumar Reddy said the outcome of the discussions would be conveyed to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and further collective decisions would be taken accordingly.

State Excise Minister Jupally Krishna Rao, Animal Husbandry and Sports Minister Vakiti Srihari, State Planning Commission Vice Chairman G. Chinna Reddy, Raichur MP G. Kumar Naik, Nagarkurnool MP Mallu Ravi, Raichur Rural MLA Basanagouda, MLAs Bandla Krishna Mohan Reddy, Megha Reddy, Shivakumar Reddy and Vamshi Krishna, Irrigation Secretary Sridhar and senior irrigation officials from both states, participated in the meeting.

## Minister Adluri demands cut in petrol and diesel prices

Jagityala, May 25 (TSIT): Adluri Laxman Kumar demanded that the Central government immediately reduce petrol and diesel prices, stating that the hike has burdened common people. A rally and protest programme were organised by the Jagityala District Congress from the old bus stand to Tehsil Chowrasta in Jagityala district headquarters on Monday.

Speaking at the protest, the minister criticised the BJP-led Central government over fuel price hikes and alleged that it was neglecting issues such as



procurement of grain and maize. He also questioned BRS leaders for not speaking against the Centre on fuel prices and farmers' issues. Jagityala MLA Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Congress leaders and public representatives participated in the programme.

## Ministers stress need to protect nature in Sangareddy

Sangareddy, May 25 (TSIT): Konda Surekha said protecting nature is the responsibility of every citizen and called for collective efforts to conserve the environment.

She, along with Damodar Rajanarasimha, inaugurated the new District Forest Department office building in Sangareddy constructed at a cost of Rs.1.44 crore.

The ministers said the State government is organising Vanamahotsavam programmes and developing eco parks to promote environmental protection. They highlighted the develop-



ment of Amruthavanam and Harithavanam eco parks near Bonthapalli in Sangareddy district. They appealed to people to plant and protect trees for a better future and stressed that environmental conservation is essential for coming generations.



Yadagiri Temple EO Sri J Bhavani Shankar offered Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Prasad to Sri Rama Bhadra Kehetra Trust Founder and Spiritual prophet Brahmasri Santhosh Pandari Sharma and Famous Karnatic clasicl Singer Subrahmanya Karanth after they had special Darshan today .

## 'Single Raju' Title, Glimpse Unveiled by Venu Udugula

Hyderabad: The title poster and glimpse of upcoming rural romantic entertainer Single Raju were unveiled at a grand event held at Prasad Labs in Hyderabad by director and producer Venu Udugula.

The film stars Viswas, Mounika and Diviya in lead roles and is being directed by S.S. Varma. Speaking at the event, Venu Udugula said the film has an interesting story and praised the team's dedication and hard work.

Director S.S. Varma expressed confidence that Single Raju would entertain audiences, while hero Viswas said the film was made with great passion and support from villagers during the



shoot.

Actresses Mounika and Divya said the rural-based story includes strong entertainment elements and thanked the team for their support.

The "broken heart" emoji featured in the title logo hints at a youthful romantic entertainer. The film has already created curiosity among audiences, and details about the full cast and release are expected soon.

## MLA Madhusudhan Reddy attends women's celebrations

Wanaparthi, May 25: G. Madhusudhan Reddy participated in the Women's Celebrations programme organised in Wanaparthi district under the State government's Praja Palana - Pragathi Pranalika initiative.

During the event, RTC buses under the Indira Mahila Shakti Scheme were inaugurated with women Self-Help Group members from Kothakota and Madanapuram mandals.

Speaking on the occasion, the MLA said the government is committed to women empowerment through welfare schemes, financial support and employment opportunities. He highlighted initiatives such as free bus travel, Indiramma houses, interest-free loans and support for women entrepreneurs.

RTC officials, women SHG members, Congress leaders and local residents attended the programme.



### Muthoot Homefin (India) Ltd.

Corporate Office : Unit No. 19-NE, 19th Floor, The Ruby, Senapati Bapat Marg, Near Ruparel College, Dadar (West), Mumbai, Maharashtra- 400 028

**POSSESSION NOTICE** (As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Muthoot Homefin (India) Ltd. (MHIL)** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Muthoot Homefin (India) Ltd. for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

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

| Sr. No. | Name of the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Loan Account No./Branch | Brief details of secured assets                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Date of Demand Notice & Total Outstanding Dues (Rs.)                                              | Possession Taken Date |
|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1.      | Balaji Mandapalli/ Laxmi Mandhapelly/ KNR-NHL-000350/ Karimnagar | Bearing In H.No: 2-83, is Situated At Itkaly Village, Luxettipet Mandal Within MC Limits of Luxettipet, District: Mancherial Telangana- 504215 West: House Others: East: 15 Feet Wide Road, South: Open Place of Others: North: 15 Feet Wide Road | 28-feb-2026/ Rs. 7,69,523/- Rupees Seven Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Three Only. | 22-May-2026           |

Date: May 26, 2026, Place: Mancherial Sd/- Authorized Officer, Muthoot Homefin (India) Limited

### ICI Home Finance

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

Corporate Office: ICI HFC Tower, JB Nagar, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri East, Mumbai- 400059

Branch Address: D: No: 16-11-20/6/1/1, 1st Floor, Opp. TV Tower, Malakpet, Near Musarambagh Metro Station, Dilshuknagar, Hyderabad, Telangana- 500036.

The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from ICI Home Finance Company Limited ("ICI HFC") and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act- 2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.

| Sr. No. | Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address                                                                                                           | Property Address of Secured Asset/ Asset to be Enforced                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice | NPA Date   |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 1.      | Sadineni Venkata Sai Tarun (Borrower) Sadineni Dharani (Co-Borrower), 12 13 06 Sivani Enclave Ghanta Vari Street Panduranga Peta Tenali Guntur- 522201 Andhra Pradesh, LHDSK00001603390 | All Tat The Part And Parcel of Semi Finished Flat No. 503, On Fifth Floor, Laxmi Arcade, Having A Built Up Area of 1295 Sq.Fts Including Common Areas and Parking Along With An Undivided Share of Land Admeasuring 59.75 Sq.yds Out of Total 1264 Sq.yds With Telangana State Rera No. P0200007542 In Syno.48, Situated at Nekampur Village, Gandipet Mandal, Manikonda Municipality, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana and Boundaries For Land: North: Part of S.No. 48, South: Apartments. East: Land Belongs To First Part. West: Road and Neighbours Property. Boundaries For Flat: North: Open To Sky. South: Open To Sky. East: 8 Wide Corridor and Staircase. West: Open To Sky.. | 16-05-2026 Rs. 52,14,861.82/-                         | 11/05/2026 |
| 2.      | Sadineni Venkata Sai Tarun (Borrower) Sadineni Dharani (Co-Borrower), 12 13 06 Sivani Enclave Ghanta Vari Street Panduranga Peta Tenali Guntur- 522201 Andhra Pradesh, LHDSK00001603391 | All Tat The Part And Parcel of Semi Finished Flat No.503, On Fifth Floor, Laxmi Arcade, Having A Built Up Area of 1295 Sq.Fts Including Common Areas and Parking Along With An Undivided Share of Land Admeasuring 59.75 Sq.yds Out of Total 1264 Sq.yds With Telangana State Rera No. P0200007542 In Sy No.48, Situated at Nekampur Village, Gandipet Mandal, Manikonda Municipality, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana and Boundaries For Land: North: Part of S.No. 48, South: Apartments. East: Land Belongs to First Part. West: Road and Neighbours Property. Boundaries For Flat: North: Open To Sky. South: Open To Sky. East: 8 Wide Corridor and Staircase. West: Open To Sky.  | 16-05-2026 Rs. 2,10,089.19/-                          | 11/05/2026 |

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date: May 26, 2026 Place: Rangareddy Authorized Officer ICI Home Finance Company Limited

## Gugulothu Srikanth Naik as state secretary of BJP ST Morcha

Karimnagar, May 25, TSIT : ugu-lothu Srikanth Naik of Karimnagar has been appointed as the State Secretary of Bharatiya Janata Party ST Morcha. To this extent, the BJP state office has released the notification of appointment orders. On this occasion, Srikanth Naik said that



Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar, who trusted him and helped him to return as State Secretary of BJP ST Morcha for the second time, State President Nenawat Ravi Naik, Karimnagar District President Ganga D Krishna Reddy, State and District Committee leaders said that they would like to thank all the leaders by name. Srikanth Naik said on this occasion that he will do his best to strengthen the ST Morcha and take the policies of the BJP and the schemes of the Modi government at the center to the tribal people.

## Singapore talks held on student internships and higher education

Singapore, May 25 (TSIT): A delegation led by Warangal Polytechnic Alumni President EV Srinivas Rao visited Temasek Polytechnic and discussed internship opportunities, higher education and skill development programmes for Telangana diploma students. The team held talks with college representatives on providing international-level techni-



cal education, industry training and practical exposure, especially for rural and economically weaker students. Discussions focused on opportunities in engineering, IT, design, applied sciences and aviation sectors. The delegation said efforts would be made to provide Telangana students with global training and education opportunities.

## YATHALAKUNTA TUNNEL LINING WORKS TO BE COMPLETED BY AUGUST 15

Khammam: The lining works of the Yathalakunta tunnel should be completed before August 15 under any circumstances, directed State Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao. The minister inspected the under-construction Yathalakunta tunnel in Sathupalli mandal on Monday along with Khammam Collector Divakar TS, Bhadradi Kothagudem Collector Ankit and Aswaropeta MLA Jare Adinarayana. Tummala personally drove a tractor into the tunnel to review the ongoing works and progress.



### BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II

1st Floor, Triveni Complex, Abids, AT: HYDERABAD

O A No. 287 OF 2026

Between: **CANARA BANK**, Branch office at #131, 132, Malaysian Township, KPHB Colony VI Phase, Kukatpally, Medchal Malkajigiri District, ...**APPLICANT**

And ...**DEFENDANTS**

To, **M/s The Big Bean**, Rep. by its Proprietor Sri Keloth Vijay s/o Amar Singh Keloth, Plot No.59, Ground Floor Love 9, IX phase-KPHB Colony, Kukatpally, Medchal Malkajigiri District, Telangana State-500072, ...**SUMMONS**

WHEREAS O.A.No.287/2026 was listed before Hon'ble Registrar on 30-04-2026 and Hon'ble Registrar was pleased to order substituted summons by way of paper publication.

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.40,62,216.86 (application along with copies of documents etc., annexed). In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:

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

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

(iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;

(iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and /or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;

(v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.

You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 12-06-2026 at 10:30 AM, failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

BY THE ORDER OF THE COURT  
Sd/- **DARAM SRINIVASULU**, Advocate  
Flat No.206, Krishna Towers, H.No.6-4-32, Balanagar x Road, Hyderabad, Cell No.9391174262

### OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-I/II

**DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD(DRT 1)**

3rd Floor, Triveni Complex, Abids, Hyderabad-500 001

Form No. 14  
[See Regulation 33(2)]

By Regd. A/D, Dasti failing which by Publication

**DEMAND NOTICE**

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961. 06-05-2026

**STATE BANK OF INDIA**  
Versus  
**SRI. ABOTHU SATYA PRASAD BABU**

To  
**(CD 1) SRI. ABOTHU SATYA PRASAD BABU S/O BABU RAO**, AGED: 40 YEARS, MALE, R/O, BLOCK 57, PLOT NO. 20, RAJIV GRUHAKALPA, PAPIREDDY COLONY, CHANDANAGAR, K.V. RANGA REDDY-500050 TELANGANA-500050.

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD (DRT 1) in OA/13/2025 an amount of Rs. 21,22,474/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Twenty Two Thousands Four Hundred Seventy Four Only) along with pendente lite and future interest @ 10.90% Simple Interest Yearly w.e.f. 03-01-2025 till realization and costs of Rs. 38,455/- (Rupees Thirty Eight Thousands Four Hundred Fifty Five Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally/ Fully / Limited).

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

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

4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 29-07-2026 at 10:30 a.m. for further proceedings.

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

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

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

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 06-05-2026. PP Recovery Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Hyderabad (DRT 1)

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**STATE BANK OF INDIA**  
Versus  
**M/S. SUBHIKSHA ENTERPRISES Anne**

To  
**(CD 1) M/S. SUBHIKSHA ENTERPRISES Anne Raja A Venkateswara Rao** PLOT NO. 12, NORTH PART, MALKAPUR (V), CHOUTUPPAL MANDAL, CHOUTUPPAL, YADADRI, TELANGANA-508252.

**(CD 2) SRI RAJA SEKHAR ANNE S/O. VENKATESHWARA RAO ANNE**, AGE: 44 YRS, OCC: BUSINESS, R/O. 5-4-31/12, KAMALA NAGAR, VANASTHALIPURAM, RANGAREDDY, T.G-500070.

**(CD 3) SRI ENTHA RAJA S/O. SRI ENTHA MUKUNDHA REDDY**, AGE: 39 YRS, OCC: BUSINESS, R/O. 1-1-21/77/3, RAM NARESH NAGAR, HYDERNAGAR, KUKATPALLY, HYDERABAD, RANGA REDDY, T.G.- 500085.

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD (DRT 1) in OA/318/2024 an amount of Rs. 22,41,710/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Forty One Thousands Seven Hundred Ten Only) along with pendente lite and future interest @ 11.55% Simple Interest Yearly w.e.f. 17-08-2024 till realization and costs of Rs. 51,865/- (Rupees Fifty One Thousands Eight Hundred Sixty Five Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally/ Fully / Limited).

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

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

4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 24-06-2026 at 10:30 a.m. for further proceedings.

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

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

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

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 13-05-2026. PP Recovery Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Hyderabad (DRT 1)

Newly Appointed Corporation Chairpersons  
Vice-Chairpersons Meet CM Revanth



Hyderabad: Newly appointed Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of various corporations met Chief Minister A.Revanth Reddy at the Secretariat on Monday. The leaders called on the Chief Minister as a courtesy following their recent appointments to different state corporations. During the meeting, the Chief Minister congratulated them and advised them to work with commitment towards public welfare and the effective implementation of government programmes.Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons expressed gratitude to the Chief Minister for reposing confidence in them and assured that they would work to strengthen the government's welfare and development initiatives across Telangana.

Jaggareddy distributes bicycles to  
children in Sangareddy



Hyderabad, May 25 (TSIT): Toorpu Jayaprakash Reddy distributed bicycles to 70 children in Sangareddy as part of his ongoing bicycle distribution initiative.Speaking at the programme, Jaggareddy said around 400 bicycles have been distributed so far and assured that all registered children would receive bicycles in phases.Tokens were also distributed to 156 more children, and he announced that bicycles would be given to them next Sunday.Congress leaders and party workers participated in the programme.

Collector, MLA distribute Kalyana  
Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak cheques

Wanaparthi, May 25 (TSIT): Adarsh Surabhi and G. Madhusudhan Reddy distributed Kalyana Lakshmi cheques to 33 beneficiaries and Shaadi Mubarak cheques to two beneficiaries at a programme held in Kothakota mandal.The event was organised as part of the Prajapalana Pragathi Plan Mahila Shakti Weeks programme. Speaking on the occasion, the officials said the government is giving top priority to women empowerment through welfare schemes and employment opportunities under the Indira



Mahila Shakti Scheme. They also announced that women's groups from Kothakota and Madanapuram mandals would operate RTC buses and a petrol bunk to support women economically.Public representatives, officials and women's group members attended the programme.

DGP C.V. Anand Conducts Extensive Inspection of Telangana DGP Office



Hyderabad TSIT: C.V.Anand conducted an extensive inspection of the Telangana DGP Office on Monday, reviewing the functioning of various departments and directing officials to improve work-

place standards, cleanliness, and operational efficiency.During the nearly three-hour inspection, the DGP visited various floors and inspected all sections of the office. He instructed officers and staff to main-

tain cleanliness in their respective sections and ensure smooth and efficient functioning of all departments. The DGP directed officials to undertake painting of walls, almirahs, and

ATA Delegation Invites CM Revanth  
to Telugu Conference in USA



Hyderabad TSIT: A delegation of the American Telugu Association (ATA) met Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy at the Secretariat and invited him to attend the 19th ATA Telugu Conference scheduled to be held in Maryland, USA, from July 31 to August 2, 2026.

The delegation briefed Chief Minister about the association's efforts to promote and preserve Telugu language, culture and tra-

ditions among Telugu communities across the world. They said the conference would bring together Telugu people from different countries on a common platform. ATA President Jayanth Challa, National Coordinator Sharath Vemula, Conference Regional Coordinator Tirumala Reddy, Eshwar Banda and Praveen Pal Reddy were part of the delegation that met the Chief Minister.

Hailstorm and Gusty Winds Bring Relief,  
Cause Damage in Shadnagar

RANGAREDDY (TSIT) Unseasonal rain accompanied by hailstorms and strong winds lashed Shadnagar town and surrounding areas on Monday evening, bringing temporary relief from the scorching summer heat while creating concern among farmers over crop losses and property damage.

With the beginning of the Rohini Karthe period, traditionally associated with peak summer heat, sudden weather changes were witnessed across Shadnagar as cool winds, heavy rain, and hailstorms drastically brought down temperatures. Residents welcomed the pleasant weather after days



of severe heatwave conditions, but farmers dependent on agriculture expressed fear over the damage caused to crops and harvested produce.Farmers said the untimely rain could

lead to heavy losses, especially for those who had already transported harvested crops to markets. Agricultural produce getting soaked in rainwater has become a major concern for farmers already facing financial difficulties. Heavy hail and strong winds were reported in several parts of Shadnagar and nearby villages. In Farooqnagar mandal's Chilakamarri village, a 10-acre mango orchard belonging to Mutpur Rajender Reddy suffered severe damage after strong winds caused large-scale shedding of mangoes from the trees. Farmers said the storm destroyed a major portion of the season's mango yield.

Collector warns of  
strict action against  
harassment of women



Mulugu, May 25, TSIT : The Posh Act is a protective shield for women in the workplace, everyone must be made aware of the Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women at Work Places Act – 2013, District Collector Borkhade Hemant Sahadeva Rao said that if women are harassed, strict punishment will be given as per the law.

As part of the Women's Week celebrations, the Women's Safety Protection programme was grandly organized at the Collectorate meeting hall on Monday. The district collector participated as the chief guest in the awareness programme organized under the auspices of the district welfare department on the prevention of sexual harassment of women at workplaces. Speaking on the occasion, he said that an environment should be created where women can work with respect and without fear.

It is claimed that the Posh Act acts as a shield for women employees. It has been clarified that if there are more than 10 employees in every office, an internal grievance committee must be formed. He said that the harassed women should be brave enough to complain instead of remaining silent, and the details of those who complained would be kept confidential. He said that justice will be done to the victims and action will be taken against those responsible within the stipulated time.

| PUBLIC NOTICE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                       |            |
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| <b>ICIICI Home Finance</b> Registered Office: ICIICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400051                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                       |            |
| Corporate Office: ICIICI HFC Tower, JB Nagar, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri East, Mumbai- 400059                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                       |            |
| Branch Address: Part A of 2nd Floor, MIG, Dharm Reddy Colony, Opposite Jntu, KPHB, Hyderabad- 500072                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                       |            |
| Branch Address: 3rd Floor, 3-903/10, Nagarjuna Nagar Colony, Yella Reddy Guda, Ameerpet, Punjagutta, Hyderabad, Telangana- 500073                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                       |            |
| Branch Address: 9th Floor, Unit No. 1005, Vasavi MPF Grand, Yellareddyguda, Ameerpet, Hyderabad- 500073                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                       |            |
| Branch Address: 1-9-388, 2nd Floor, Surya Arcade,Kushaiguda Main Road, ECIL, Hyderabad, Telangana- 500062                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                       |            |
| Branch Address: Ground Floor, Usha Kiran Complex, S.D.Road, Secunderabad- 500003                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                       |            |
| The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from ICIICI Home Finance Company Limited ("ICIICI HFC") and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice. |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                       |            |
| Sr. No.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address                                                                                                                        | Property Address of Secured Asset/ Asset to be Enforced                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice | NPA Date   |
| 1.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Y Sarala (Borrower), Alle Kirithi (Co-Borrower), 10 A B 467 Addagutta East, Maredapally Hyderabad- 500025 Telangana, LHKKY00001396740                                                                | All That The Part and Parcel of House No.31-19/1, Ptn No. 1280912996, Old H. No. 31-19, Admeasuring 90 Sq.yds or 72.24 Sq.mts Consisting of Ground Floor And First Floor Situated At Rama Krishnapuram Village Under Ghmc Malkajigiri Circle and Mandal Medchal Malkajigiri Dist Trimulgherry Hyderabad 500015 Telangana, Bounded By: North By : Neighbours House, South By : House No. 31-19 Part, East By : 15 Wide Road, West By : Neighbours House.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 13-05-2026<br>Rs. 32,91,224/-                         | 06-05-2026 |
| 2.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Gabrial Danny (Borrower), Mariya Vasantha (Co-Borrower), H No Srt 446 Sanath Nagar Hyderabad- 500018 Telangana, LHNDH00001428003                                                                     | All That The Part and Parcel of Residential Flat No. 201 Bearing Municipal No. 7-2-1027/201 (SRT 772) and Ptn No. 1100719239 in Second Floor of Kasi Villa Admeasuring 729 Sq.Fts (Built Up Area 607.50 Sq.Fts + 20% Common Areas & Works Equivalent to 121.5 Sq.Fts Together With Undivided Share in The Land Measuring 25 Sq.yds Out of 150 Sq.yds in Premises Bearing House No. Srt772 and Municipal No. 7-2-1027 Situated At Kasi Villa Sanath Nagar Hyderabad- 500018 Telangana and Bounded By: North: Open to Sky, South: Staircase & Flat No. 202, East: Open to Sky, West: Open to Sky, Boundaries For Entire Land: North: Srt769, South: Road, East: Srt/ 771, West: Srt/773.-                                                             | 13-05-2026<br>Rs. 3,79,361.82/-                       | 06-05-2026 |
| 3.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Mahendarkar Ravikanth (Borrower), Ratanpakke Shumitha (Co-Borrower), H No 9 111 29 Plot No 48 Suma Residency Medipally Ghatkesar Hyderabad- 500098 Telangana, LHMDA00001561115                       | All That The Part and Parcel of Residential Unit No 202 in Second Floor No. 4-41/4/1/202/A/1, Ptn No. 1198501405, of New Era Having Plinth Area of 1000 Sq.Fts Including Common Area Together With Undivided Share of Land Admeasuring 24.78 Sq.yds or 20.71 Sq.mts out of Total Land Admeasuring 209 Sq.yds Constructed on Plot No. 537 Part, in Sy Nos. 45, 46, 47, 48, 49 and 50, Situated At Peerzadiguda Vil, Municipal Corporation,medipally Mandal Medchal Malkajigiri Dist Hyderabad 500092 Telangana., Entire Land Boundaries: North: 30 Ft Wide Road, South: Plot No. 541, Est: P & T Colony, West: Plot No. 537 Part, Boundaries of Plot No. 202: North: Staircase & Corridor, South: Open to Sky, East: Open to Sky, West: Open to Sky. | 13-05-2026<br>Rs. 1,14,501/-                          | 06-05-2026 |
| 4.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Mahendarkar Ravikanth (Borrower), Ratanpakke Shumitha (Co-Borrower), H No 9 111 29 Plot No 48 Suma Residency Medipally Ghatkesar Hyderabad- 500098 Telangana, LHMDA00001561144                       | All That The Part and Parcel of Residential Unit No 202 In Second Floor No. 4-41/4/1/202/A/1, Ptn No. 1198501405, of New Era Having Plinth Area of 1000 Sq.Fts Including Common Area Together With Undivided Share of Land Admeasuring 24.78 Sq.yds or 20.71 Sq.mts out of Total Land Admeasuring 209 Sq.yds Constructed on Plot No. 537 Part, in Sy Nos. 45, 46, 47, 48, 49 and 50, Situated At Peerzadiguda Vil, Municipal Corporation,medipally Mandal Medchal Malkajigiri Dist Hyderabad 500092 Telangana., Entire Land Boundaries: North: 30 Ft Wide Road, South: Plot No. 541, Est: P & T Colony, West: Plot No. 537 Part, Boundaries of Plot No. 202: North: Staircase & Corridor, South: Open to Sky, East: Open to Sky, West: Open to Sky. | 13-05-2026<br>Rs. 29,07,629.9/-                       | 06-05-2026 |
| 5.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Renuka Beesu (Borrower), Bandi Nirmala (Co-Borrower), Thati Naresh (Guarantor), 15 91 1st Floor Swaroop Nagar Apollo Pharmacy Hyderabad- 500039 Telangana, LHHEC00001585266                          | All That The Part and Parcel of House. No 1-142 Ptn No. 1228200170 New House No. 10142/A/1 Ptn No. 1228210291 in Gramakantam Admeasuring 60 Sq.yds or 50.16 Sq.mts Having Plinth Area of 360 Sq.Fts With Acc Roofed Gramakantam Situated At Norapally Village Pocharam Municipality Ghatkesar Hyderabad- 500088 Telangana, Bounded By: North By : House of G Sriramulu, South By : 6 Wide Lane, East By : 3 Wide Lane, West By : House of N Venu Gopal Yadav.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 16-05-2026<br>Rs. 16,58,431.82/-                      | 11-05-2026 |
| 6.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Pradeeproy Kandru (Borrower), Nehru Kandru (Co-Borrower), Flat 403 Plot 50 51A Alekhya Temple Bells Mathrusri, Mathrusri Nagar, Flat, Mathrusri Nagar, Hyderabad- 500049 Telangana, LHSEC00001657721 | All That The Part and Parcel of Residential House No. 4-63 Asmt No. 788, Consisting 3 Floors., Ground Floor To Second Floor Each Floor Admeasuring 971.75 Sq.Fts And Total Plinth Area of 2915.25 Sq.Fts RCC Roofed Area Admeasuring 165.52 Sq.yds or 138.81 Sq.mts Situated At Old Vanjari Basthi, Near Gandamma Temple, Bibi Nagar Village Municipality And Manda Yadadri Bhongir District Telangan Hyderabad- 500050. Bounded By: North By : 20 Wide Road, South By : Neighbors House, East By : Neighbors House, West By : Neighbors House.                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 16-05-2026<br>Rs. 70,71,510/-                         | 11-05-2026 |
| 7.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Pradeeproy Kandru (Borrower), Nehru Kandru (Co-Borrower), Flat 403 Plot 50 51A Alekhya Temple Bells Mathrusri, Mathrusri Nagar, Flat, Mathrusri Nagar, Hyderabad- 500049 Telangana, LHSEC00001657723 | All That The Part and Parcel of Residential House No. 4-63 Asmt No. 788, Consisting 3 Floors., Ground Floor To Second Floor Each Floor Admeasuring 971.75 Sq.Fts And Total Plinth Area of 2915.25 Sq.Fts RCC Roofed Area Admeasuring 165.52 Sq.yds or 138.81 Sq.mts Situated At Old Vanjari Basthi, Near Gandamma Temple, Bibi Nagar Village Municipality And Manda Yadadri Bhongir District Telangan Hyderabad- 500050. Bounded By: North By : 20 Wide Road, South By : Neighbors House, East By : Neighbors House, West By : Neighbors House.                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 16-05-2026<br>Rs. 1,85,363/-                          | 11-05-2026 |
| 8.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Mohd Faiyaz (Borrower), Mohd Riyas (Co-Borrower), 1-8449/3/15/A Noor Bagh Colony, Patigadda Andhra Pradesh, Flat, Secunderabad, Hyderabad- 500003 Telangana, LHMDA00001694745                        | All That The Part and Parcel of Flat No. 503, D. No. 9-2/1/503 Ptn O.1314105626 of 4th Floor At Meeras Resid Ency Apartment Constructed on Open Plot No. 51 And 60 of Cvk Enclave Admeasuring Undivided Share of Land 26.9 Sq.yds Out of Total 807 Sq.yds With The Built Up Area of 1170 Sq.Fts Situated At Insnapur Village Patancheru Mandal Sangareddy Dt, Hyderabad- 502307 Telangana Boundaries For Entire Property: North: Plot No. 52 & 59, South: Neighbours Land, East: 30 Ft Wide Road, West: 60 Ft Wide Road. Boundaries For The Flat No. 503: North: Open to Sky, South: Open to Sky, East: Staircase and Corridor, West: Corridor.                                                                                                     | 16-05-2026<br>Rs. 41,48,823/-                         | 11-05-2026 |
| 9.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Mohd Faiyaz (Borrower), Mohd Riyas (Co-Borrower), 1-8449/3/15/A Noor Bagh Colony, Patigadda Andhra Pradesh, Flat, Secunderabad, Hyderabad- 500003 Telangana, LHMDA00001710179                        | All That The Part and Parcel of Flat No. 503, D. No. 9-2/1/503 Ptn O.1314105626 of 4th Floor At Meeras Resid Ency Apartment Constructed on Open Plot No. 51 And 60 of Cvk Enclave Admeasuring Undivided Share of Land 26.9 Sq.yds Out of Total 807 Sq.yds With The Built Up Area of 1170 Sq.Fts Situated At Insnapur Village Patancheru Mandal Sangareddy Dt, Hyderabad- 502307 Telangana Boundaries For Entire Property: North: Plot No. 52 & 59, South: Neighbours Land, East: 30 Ft Wide Road, West: 60 Ft Wide Road. Boundaries For The Flat No. 503: North: Open to Sky, South: Open to Sky, East: Staircase and Corridor, West: Corridor.                                                                                                     | 16-05-2026<br>Rs. 1,17,262/-                          | 11-05-2026 |

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date: May 26, 2026  
Place: Hyderabad

Authorized Officer  
ICIICI Home Finance Company Limited



Muthoot Homefin

# Muthoot Homefin (India) Ltd.

Corporate Office : Unit No. 19-NE, 19th Floor, The Ruby, Senapati Bapat Marg,  
Near Ruparel College, Dadar (West), Mumbai, Maharashtra- 400 028

POSSESSION NOTICE

(As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Muthoot Homefin (India) Ltd. (MHIL)** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Muthoot Homefin (India) Ltd. for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon. The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets

| Sr. No. | Name of the Borrower(s)/<br>Co-Borrower(s)/<br>Loan Account No./Branch                                 | Brief details of secured assets                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Date of Demand<br>Notice & Total<br>Outstanding Dues (Rs.)                                                                                                                                                      | Possession<br>Taken<br>Date |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1.      | Gaddameedi<br>Saritha/<br>Gaddameedi<br>Balamalles/<br>SUY-NHL-000005 &<br>SUY-NHL-000009/<br>Suryapet | Residential House Bearing Door No. 1-37 To An<br>Extent of 322.66 Sq.yards Having RCC Plinth Area<br>526.50 Sft Situated at Pedanemila Grampanchayat<br>of Nuthankal Mandal, Suryapet District and<br>Bounded By:- North : House of Mukkidi Venkanna,<br>South: Suryapet - Mahabubabad Road, East :<br>House of Sama Yella Reddy, West :<br>Anjaneyaswamy Temple | 28-Feb-2026/ Rs.<br>15,26,782/- Rupees Fifteen<br>Lakh Twenty Six Thousand<br>Seven Hundred Eighty Two<br>Only. & Rs. 11,81,467/-<br>Rupees Eleven Lakh Eighty<br>One Thousand Four<br>Hundred Sixty Seven Only | 22-<br>May-<br>2026         |

Date: May 26, 2026, Place: Suryapet

Sd/- Authorized Officer, Muthoot Homefin (India) Limited

PRUDENT ARC LIMITED

Registered & Corporate Office: 611, D Mall, Plot No. A-1, Netaji Subhash Place, Pilampura, New Delhi-110034. Tel: +91-11-45320000 | Email id: info@prudentarc.com | CIN: U74900DL2011PLC225445

Appendix IV (Refer Rule 8(1)) POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of PrudentARC Limited (Prudent Trust- 123-25), under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, had issued a Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the Act calling upon the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) to repay the outstanding dues within the stipulated time. UGRO Capital Limited (Assignor) and Prudent ARC Limited (Prudent Trust- 123-25) (Assignee) having assigned the debts pertaining to "Personal Guarantor" along with the underlying security interest including guarantees created thereon in favour of Prudent ARC Limited (Prudent Trust- 123-25) (Assignee) being the "Secured Creditor", under the provisions of Section 5 of the Act.

And Whereas, the financial assets along with the underlying security interest were assigned in favour of Prudent ARC Limited, acting in its capacity as Trustee of (Prudent Trust- 123-25), by the Assignor under the provisions of Section 5 of the Act. By virtue of such assignment, Prudent ARC Limited has stepped into the shoes of the Secured Creditor and is entitled to recover the outstanding dues and enforce the security interest.

And Whereas, the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) having failed to repay the dues within the specified period, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned, being the Authorised Officer of Prudent ARC Limited (Prudent Trust- 123-25), has taken possession of the secured asset(s) described herein below in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

The Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the secured asset(s) and any dealings with the same shall be subject to the charge of Prudent ARC Limited (Prudent Trust- 123-25) together with applicable interest, costs, charges, and expenses.

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

| Sr No. | Name of the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantors & LAN                                                                             | Demand Notice Date & Outstanding Amount          | Description of Secured Asset (Im-movable Assets)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Date of Possession |
|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1.     | ABC Chikiten Shop (Borrower), Venula Rajendra Prasad (Co-Borrower No. 1) & Venula Annappama (Co-Borrower No. 2)/ HCFCARSEC00001019184 | (16/02/2026) Rs.6,30,362/- As on date 22/01/2026 | Open Land of an Extent 139.75 Sq.yds or 117.39 Sq.mts in Sy. No. 110D/22, Situated at Ramadugu Village of Ramadugu Mandal, Karimnagar District, Within The Limits of Ramadugu Grampanchayat, Bounded By: Boundaries East: Land of Venula Raghupathi West: Land of Venula Rajendra Prasad North: 12 Feet Wide Road South: Land of Pesari Venkati | 19/05/2026         |

Date: 26.05.2026, Place: Karimnagar

Sd/- Authorized Officer  
Prudent ARC Limited (Prudent Trust- 123-25)

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## Pawan Kalyan Calls for Panchayat Forests in Every Village to Promote Green Cover and Rural Income

The South India Times  
Vijayawada : Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan on Monday called for the establishment of special “Panchayat Forests” in every village panchayat using indigenous tree species, with the twin objectives of environmental protection and rural economic development. During his visit to the Regional Forest Development and Research Centre at Rajanagaram as part of his Rajamahendravaram tour, the deputy Chief minister stressed the need for large-scale plantation of native tree species and directed officials to immediately initiate coordinated action between the Panchayat Raj and Forest Departments. “Every village panchayat should develop a special forest with native tree species. Villagers themselves must take responsibility for nurturing the plants. Only with public participation can plantation programmes succeed effectively,” Pawan Kalyan said.

He instructed Panchayat Raj Commissioner Krishna Teja to prepare a comprehensive action plan in coordination with forest



officials and sign a special Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Panchayat Raj and Forest Departments to implement the programme across the State. The deputy Chief minister inspected various indigenous plant species being cultivated at the research centre and sought detailed information from forest officials regarding their characteristics, environmental benefits and cultivation potential. Officials

informed him that the centre houses more than two lakh plants belonging to around 400 different species.

Expressing appreciation over the rich diversity of native plants available at the centre, Pawan Kalyan said such resources should be effectively utilized by distributing and planting them in village panchayats throughout the State. Emphasising the ecological importance of indigenous plantations,

he said native trees contribute not only fruits and greenery but also help preserve biodiversity, environmental balance and traditional ecological heritage. The deputy Chief minister also highlighted the economic opportunities associated with tree cultivation. He said panchayats could generate substantial income by cultivating commercially valuable timber species and selling them in the open market. “Many countries are facing timber shortages. By developing special plantations with income-generating tree species, village panchayats can create sustainable revenue sources,” he observed.

He further stressed the importance of educating children about the responsibility of planting and protecting native trees, stating that environmental awareness among younger generations would greatly benefit the future. Forest Department Principal Secretary Kanthi Lal Dande, Panchayat Raj Commissioner Krishna Teja, District Collector Keerthi Chekuri and other senior officials accompanied the Deputy Chief Minister during the visit.

## Bandaru Dattatreya’s Autobiography Released in Visakhapatnam



Visakhapatnam (TSIT) The autobiography of Bandaru Dattatreya, titled ‘Prajala Kathe Na Atmakatha’ (People’s Story is My Autobiography), was formally released at a grand function held at Kakatiya Convention Centre near Maddilapalem in Visakhapatnam on Sunday. The event was attended by several constitutional dignitaries, senior BJP leaders, literary personalities, and prominent citizens from different walks of life. The book highlights over five decades of Dattatreya’s political and public life, tracing his journey from a grassroots worker to a

Union Minister and Governor. Speakers described the autobiography as a reflection of contemporary political history and dedicated public service. Speaking on the occasion, Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya said his life journey was closely connected with the aspirations and struggles of common people. Explaining the title of the book, he stated that every milestone in his career was shaped by the blessings and support of the public. He also urged the younger generation to follow value-based politics and uphold integrity in public service.

Chief Guest Kambhampati Hari Babu praised Dattatreya’s contribution to public life and said the autobiography would inspire future generations. He noted that Dattatreya’s rise from a humble background to occupying high constitutional positions while remaining accessible to the people was remarkable.

Several leaders and long-time associates of Dattatreya, fondly known as “Dattanna,” shared their experiences during the programme and appreciated his commitment to public welfare and community service.

## Andhra Pradesh Emerges as National Leader in Social Security Pension Distribution

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) The coalition government led by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has emerged as a national model in the implementation of social security pensions, with the state distributing record amounts to beneficiaries under the NTR Bharosa Pension Scheme. According to official figures, the government has distributed more than Rs. 65,000 crore in pensions during its two years in office, accounting for nearly 71.5 percent of the total Rs. 91,000 crore spent by the previous government over five years. The government stated that no other state in the country is distributing pensions on such a large scale. The coalition government said social security pensions are not merely financial assistance, but a symbol of dignity and support for poor and vulnerable families. With a focus on ensuring a dignified life for the elderly, widows, differently-abled persons, weavers, toddy tappers, folk artists and other disadvantaged sections, the government has significantly enhanced pen-



sion benefits across categories.

The state currently provides pensions ranging from Rs. 4,000 to Rs. 15,000 to various beneficiary groups. Soon after assuming office, the government increased old-age, weavers’, toddy tappers’ and folk artists’ pensions from Rs. 3,000 to Rs. 4,000. In the very first month, beneficiaries received Rs. 7,000, including arrears for three months, directly at their doorstep. The government has also doubled pensions for differently-abled persons from Rs. 3,000 to Rs. 6,000 per month. Permanently bedridden persons and those with severe disabilities are receiving Rs. 15,000 monthly pensions. Similarly, pensions for patients who underwent kidney, liver and heart transplants have been increased from Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 10,000, offering major relief to families dependent on costly medicines.

The South India Times,  
Vijayawada : The Andhra Pradesh government on Monday conducted a high-level hybrid meeting of the ministerial sub-committee on excise policies to deliberate on major reforms, revenue enhancement measures and long-term policy decisions concerning the Prohibition and Excise Department. Excise and Mines Minister Kollu Ravindra, MSME Minister Kondapalli Srinivas, Principal Secretary Mukesh Kumar Meena, Excise Commissioner Chamakuri Sridhar and Enforcement Director Rahuldev Sharma attended the meeting in person, while Health Minister Satya Kumar Yadav and Power Minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar joined virtually. During the meeting, officials gave detailed presentations on the existing excise retail policy and proposed reforms in the sector. The discussions focused on continuation of the present liquor policy, restructuring of licence fee slabs, redistribution of liquor outlets without increasing the total number of shops and measures to improve retailer viability and transparency. The sub-committee reviewed the financial and operational performance of the excise sector, including retail sales growth, revenue generation and changing market trends. Officials said the proposed reforms are aimed at improving administrative efficiency, strengthening



compliance mechanisms and ensuring a balanced retail structure across districts. The ministers also examined proposals for revision of beer and liquor prices in view of rising input costs, inflationary pressures and the impact of global conflicts on raw materials, transportation and packaging. Officials presented various pricing models and explained their likely impact on government revenue, manufacturers, retailers and consumers.

**BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II,**  
**At: Triveni Copiplex, 1st Floor, Ab1ds, Hyderabad.**  
O.A. No. 210 of 2026

**BETWEEN :**  
**Axis Bank Ltd.,** ... Applicant

**And**

**Kadem Vikram** ... Defendants

**SUMMONS BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION**

To  
**Kadem Vikram, S/o Kadem Jangaiah,** Aged about 47 years, Occ: Business, No #411/1 Kurmawada, Kondamadugu, Nalgonda 508126.  
**Also at: Kadem Vikram C/o Nirmala Pharmacy,** #3-1-25/3, Bhongir Village, Near Area Hospital, Yadadri - 508126

....Defendant/s

Please take the summons in the above O.A. No. 210/2026 filed by the applicant for recovery of money of **Rs.25,30,552/-** against you. The Honble Tribunal ordered summons to you by way of paper publication and posted the matter to **12/06/2026**. In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under;  
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Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this day **28th of April, 2026**.  
Signature of the Officer Authorised to issue Summons

**BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II,**  
**At: Triveni Complex, 1st Floor Abids, Hyderabad.**  
O.A. No. 207 of 2026

**BETWEEN :**  
**Axis Bank Ltd.,** ... Applicant

**And**

**Balusu Veera Satya Adilakshmi** ... Defendants

**SUMMONS BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION**

To  
**Balusu Veera Satya Adilakshmi Wo Balusu Sai Krishna,** Aged about 35 years, Occ: Private Employee, R/o Flat No 301, 3rd Floor Plot No106, ShaKhi Sai Nagar Mallapur, Hyderabad - 500076.  
**Also at: Balusu Veera Satya Adilakshmi,** #6-72, Malapilli veeidhi, Kattamuru, Near Ramalayam, Peddapura m -533437

....Defendant/s

Please take the summons in the above O.A. No. 207/2026 filed by the applicant for recovery of money of **Rs.24,72,966/-** against you. The Honble Tribunal ordered summons to you by way of paper publication and posted the matter to **12/06/2026**. In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under;  
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## Govt Committed to Conducting ‘Pollution-Free Godavari Pushkaralu’: Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan

Vijayawada (TSIT) Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan has said that the State Government is committed to organising the forthcoming Godavari Pushkaralu under the theme of “Pollution-Free Godavari” and directed officials to undertake a comprehensive audit of pollution sources entering the river. As part of his Rajamahendravaram visit on Monday morning, Pawan Kalyan travelled by boat from Pushkar Ghat to Kotilingala Ghat to personally inspect pollution-affected areas along the Godavari River and review Pushkar-related development works. He examined the progress of beautification works on the river embankments and discussed future plans with officials.

During the inspection at Chinta Lamma Ghat, the deputy Chief minister observed the discharge point where municipal sewage from Rajamahendravaram enters the Godavari through the Nalla Channel. He enquired about the wastewater treatment process and inspected the waste segregation methods being followed at the site. Addressing officials, Pawan Kalyan said reports indicate that nearly 55 MLD (Million Litres per Day) of sewage water is entering the Godavari every day and stressed that sewage treatment must be carried out scien-



tifically. He noted that untreated wastewater being discharged into the river is leading to pollution and directed officials to take immediate corrective measures.

He instructed authorities to prepare a detailed report on pollution sources, steps already taken and future action plans. He emphasised that every rupee spent for Godavari Pushkaralu should be utilised for public benefit and for protecting the river ecosystem. The deputy Chief minister also stated that administrative approval has been granted for Rs.95 crore out of the

Rs.416 crore sanctioned under NRCP funds through the Union Jal Shakti Ministry. He directed officials to establish modern sewage treatment plants using advanced technology and ensure that only properly treated water is released into the river.

Pawan Kalyan also reviewed pollution caused by Andhra Paper Mills and sought details from Pollution Control Board officials regarding the discharge of industrial waste into the Godavari. Officials informed him that alternative treatment arrangements are being explored.

He directed authorities to expedite the process and ensure additional treatment facilities are established until a permanent solution is implemented. Throughout the visit, the deputy Chief minister closely reviewed measures being taken to prevent pollution in the Godavari River and advised officials to adopt modern technologies and scientific methods for wastewater management. Ministers Nadendla Manohar and Kandula Durgesh, along with several legislators and senior district officials, participated in the inspection and review meetings.

**BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II,**  
**At: Triveni Copiplex, 1st Floor, Ab1ds, Hyderabad.**  
O.A. No. 208 of 2026

**BETWEEN :**  
**Axis Bank Ltd.,** ... Applicant

**And**

**Syed Akbar** ... Defendants

**SUMMONS BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION**

To  
**Syed Akbar, S/o Syed Yakub Ali,** Aged about 47 years, Occ: Business, R/o Flat No.205, Palm Springs Phase 1, Kompally, Medchal Malkajigiri Dist - 500014.  
**Also at: Syed Akbar C/o Essay Properties Global Private Ltd.,** 3rd Floor, Lumbini Jewell Mall, Near H P Petrol Bunk, Road No. 2, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad - 500034.

....Defendant/s

Please take the summons in the above O.A. No. 208/2026 filed by the applicant for recovery of money of **Rs.34,87,226/-** against you. The Honble Tribunal ordered summons to you by way of paper publication and posted the matter to **12/06/2026**. In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under;  
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**BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II,**  
**At: Triveni Copiplex, 1st Floor, Ab1ds, Hyderabad.**  
O.A. No. 209 of 2026

**BETWEEN :**  
**Axis Bank Ltd.,** ... Applicant

**And**

**M/s Tritiyaa Fine Jewellers Pvt Ltd and Ors** ... Defendants

**SUMMONS BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION**

To  
**1. Mis Tritiyaa Fine Jewellers Private Limited,** Having its office at: Ground Floor, Pravriti Bhavan 233, Road No 36, Jawahar Colony, Shaikpet, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad 500033.  
**2. Kanthidutt Thonangi, S/o Venkata Ramana Murthy,** Aged about 26 years, Occ: Business, R/o. H.No.2007, JD Jubilee Ball Park, Road No.1, Axis Bank, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad 500033.  
**Also at: Kanthidutt Thonangi,** Ground Floor Pravriti Bhavan 233, Road No 36, Jawahar Colony, Shaikpet, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad 500033.  
**Also at: Kanthidutt Thonangi,** Plot No. 116, Sector-12-L-20127, MVP Colony, Visakhapatnam-530017.  
**3. Venkata Ramana Murthy Thonangi S/o Thonangi Satyanarayana,** Aged about 60 years, Occ: Business, Flat No. 103, Padmavathi Estate, Sector-11, MVP Colony, Visakhapatnam-530017.  
**Also at: Venkata Ramana Muthy Thonangi,** Ground Floor Pravriti Bhavan 233, Road No 36, Jawahar Colony, Shaikpet, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad 500033.

....Defendant/s

Please take the summons in the above O.A. No. 209/2026 filed by the applicant for recovery of money of **Rs.1,64,88,471/-** against you. The Honble Tribunal ordered summons to you by way of paper publication and posted the matter to **12/06/2026**. In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under;  
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# AP Signs Major MoUs at MSME Growth Summit 2026

■ Meta, Amazon, Zoho among firms partnering with AP MSME Development Corporation

Vijayawada (TSIT) Andhra Pradesh took a major step towards strengthening its MSME and startup ecosystem as several strategic Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) were signed during the MSME Growth Summit 2026 held in the presence of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. The Chief Minister virtually laid the foundation stone for 38 new MSME parks across the state as part of the government's vision to establish industrial parks in all Assembly constituencies. A series of agreements were signed by the AP MSME Development Corporation with leading national and global organisations to boost entrepreneurship, digital transformation, exports and startup innovation. Under the Rural Technology Action Group (RuTAG) initiative, Smart



Village Centres were launched at Mangalagiri, Pithapuram and Kuppam to serve as incubation hubs for rural entrepreneurship. In partnership with RTIH, Kia India will establish an Advanced Prototyping and Innovation Centre along with a high-end precision manufacturing prototyping facility to support startups and innovators.

To strengthen deep-tech entrepreneurship, SIDBI announced a Rs.20-crore seed fund programme in collaboration with RTIH. The summit also witnessed an agreement between the MSME Development Corporation and the IT Department for setting up 50 Digital Transformation Facilitation Centres in colleges to support digital

maturity assessments for one lakh MSMEs. As part of infrastructure and sustainability initiatives, ESSL signed an MoU to conduct 1,000 energy and water audits in MSME clusters. The state government also announced a Rs.200-crore Cluster Development Programme expected to benefit 750 MSMEs and generate employment for more than 3,100 people. The summit further focused on strengthening global market access for MSMEs. Agreements were signed with Amazon Global Selling to support exports and international market access, while Aramex partnered to

enhance cross-border trade and logistics support. The corporation also entered into partnerships with Meta for capacity building of one lakh micro enterprises, Zoho for MSME digital transformation, and Vodafone Idea Business for technology adoption and digital readiness training. Additionally, the Quality Council of India agreed to assist MSMEs in quality certification and global standards compliance, while the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority partnered to support National Pension System implementation and social security initiatives for MSME workers. More than 1,500 stakeholders, including MSME entrepreneurs, startup founders, policymakers, bankers and technical experts from across the state, participated in the summit.

# Prez Murmu honours Dharmendra, Harmanpreet Kaur, Uday Kotak with Padma Awards

New Delhi, May 25 : President Droupadi Murmu on Monday conferred the Padma Vibhushan on legendary Bollywood actor Dharmendra posthumously and renowned classical violinist Dr N. Rajam during a Civil Investiture Ceremony held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi.



Dharmendra was honoured for his exceptional contribution to Indian cinema and the arts. The award was received on his behalf by his wife and Member of Parliament Hema Malini. Dr Rajam was recognised for her pioneering work in Indian classical music and for popularising the "Gayaki Ang" style of violin playing, which recreates the nuances of vocal music on the instrument. The President presented the Padma Bhushan to former Uttarakhand

Chief Minister Bhagat Singh Koshyari, noted scholar and Avadhana exponent R. Ganesh, banker Uday Kotak, and eminent gastroenterologist Dr Kallipatti Ramasamy Palaniswamy. Advertising pioneer Piyush Pandey and former parliamentarian Vijay Kumar Malhotra were honoured posthumously, with their family members receiving the awards. Among the Padma Shri awardees were Indian women's cricket team captain Harmanpreet Kaur,

actor Prosenjit Chatterjee, para-athlete Praveen Kumar, and former CRPF Director General K. Vijay Kumar. The ceremony took place at the Gantantra Mandap of Rashtrapati Bhavan and began with an instrumental rendition of "Vande Mataram," followed by the national anthem, "Jana Gana Mana." The event was attended by Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, along with several dignitaries.

# AP to Revamp Business Rules for Faster Public Services: CM Naidu

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He stressed that while officials and field-level staff working for the people is important, delivering measurable outcomes is equally essential. The government, he said, is continuously collecting feedback on the implementation of welfare schemes and public services at the field level, and officials' performance should be evaluated accordingly. The Chief Minister said efficient officers should be appreciated, while those failing to perform adequately should be given orientation and guidance. Calling for innovative governance, he remarked that the era of routine administrative methods is over and departments must adopt creative approaches to simplify public services. He also



pointed out that nodal officers from the Planning Department have been appointed for every constituency and their services should be effectively utilized.

Special Focus on

**Revenue Issues**  
The Chief Minister instructed officials to intensify efforts to resolve pending revenue-related disputes, reminding them that the government had promised to settle such issues within one year. "A significant part of the deadline has already passed. Focus on unresolved cases," he told officials. Referring particularly to revenue disputes arising from family conflicts, the Chief Minister advised officials to directly engage with the concerned parties, counsel them, and help them understand that prolonged disputes only lead to losses. He urged authorities to adopt a humanitarian approach in resolving such issues.

**Easier Access to Caste Certificates**  
The Chief Minister also directed officials to remove difficulties in issuing caste certificates and ensure that citizens can download them online without inconvenience. He further stressed that there should be no negligence in providing health-care services in hospitals at all levels. All departments, he said, must share complete information with RTGS and designate a dedicated officer for coordination. Calling for stronger measures to tackle cyber-crime, the Chief Minister instructed officials to establish a robust system to prevent cyber frauds effectively. Chief Secretary Sai Prasad and senior officials from various departments attended the review meeting.

# SC issues notice on PIL against employment of minors in orchestras, spas

New Delhi, May 25 : The Supreme Court on Monday issued notice to the Centre, the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) and the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) on a plea seeking prohibition on employment of children, particularly minor girls, in orchestras, dance bars, massage parlours, spas and similar establishments.



A Bench of Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul Pancholi termed the issue a "very serious" matter while issuing notice to the Union Government, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Ministry of Law and Justice, NCPCR and NHRC on the public interest litigation (PIL) filed by an NGO. The plea challenged the "legislative omission" under the Child Labour

(Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 (CALPRA), under which occupations such as orchestras, dance bars, dance troupes, nautanki performances, massage parlours, spas and salons have not been included in the list of "hazardous occupations and processes" under Part A of the Schedule.

According to the petition, the exclusion of such establishments from the hazardous category has created an "enforcement vacuum", enabling organised trafficking networks

and exploitative establishments to operate under the guise of entertainment and wellness services.

The PIL sought directions to the Centre to include employment or performance of children below 18 years in orchestras, dance bars, dance troupes, nautanki performances, massage parlours, spas and salons in the list of prohibited hazardous occupations. It also sought directions for the formulation of a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the rescue and rehabilitation of children engaged in such establishments. The petition said minors, especially girls, are routinely trafficked, criminally confined and subjected to coercion, intimidation and sexual exploitation under the guise of employment opportunities. It alleged that children are compelled to perform

sexually explicit and exploitative acts for commercial gain, exposing them to grave physical, psychological and sexual harm. Referring to rescue operations conducted between March 2025 and May 2026 across Bihar, West Bengal, Rajasthan and Delhi, the plea stated that 212 minors were rescued from orchestras and 12 minors from massage parlours and spas. The rescued children, aged between 10 and 18 years, were allegedly trafficked from states including West Bengal, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Assam and Chhattisgarh, as well as from Nepal.

The petition further claimed that orchestra groups, dance bars and spas were increasingly being used as fronts by organised trafficking networks for the commercial sexual exploitation of minor girls.

# Rare Weber-Christian Disease Patient Saved Without Liver Transplant at KIMS Hospitals

Hyderabad, May 25, 2026: Doctors at KIMS Hospitals successfully treated a 26-year-old woman suffering from an extremely rare and life-threatening liver complication caused by Weber-Christian Disease, without performing a liver transplant, despite international medical criteria indicating an urgent need for transplantation.

According to Dr. Sarath Chandra Mouli Veeravalli, Clinical Director, Department of Rheumatology and Clinical Immunology, and Dr. K.N. Chandan Kumar, Director, Hepatology and Transplant Hepatology, the patient's condition represented rare case reported worldwide.

Weber-Christian Disease is a rare autoimmune disorder characterized by inflammation of the fatty tissues beneath the skin. The patient, a resident of Hyderabad, was first diagnosed with the condition in 2018 after presenting with painful nodules on her hands and legs along with recurrent fever. She initially responded well to treatment under the care of Dr. Sarath Chandra Mouli and his team. However, she discontinued medications after 2 years and did not return for follow-up for nearly six years.

Recently, she was brought back to KIMS Hospitals in critical condition with severe fever,



jaundice, sub dural hemorrhage, altered behaviour, confusion, and rapidly deteriorating liver function. Within days, she developed Grade-4 hepatic encephalopathy, a dangerous condition in which severe liver failure affects brain function.

She was immediately shifted to the Liver ICU, where the hepatology and liver transplant team led by Dr. K.N. Chandan Kumar initiated intensive treatment. The patient was placed on ventilator support, measures were taken to control brain swelling, and extracorporeal liver support was provided through plasmapheresis.

Doctors noted that she fulfilled the internationally accepted King's College Criteria for emergency liver transplantation. However, further investigations revealed falling blood cell counts and abnormally elevated serum ferritin levels, indi-

cating Macrophage Activation Syndrome, a severe hyper-inflammatory condition caused by uncontrolled immune system activation.

Doctors explained that severe liver involvement in Weber-Christian Disease is highly fatal and has been documented in only a handful of cases globally. Given the complexity of the condition, specialists from Rheumatology, Hepatology, Liver Transplant Intensive Care, and Critical Care departments worked together to formulate a treatment strategy. The patient was treated with pulse steroids, and advanced immunomodulatory therapy. At a critical stage, doctors administered Anakinra, an IL-1 receptor antagonist, which had been specially imported from abroad as it was not readily available in India. This marked the first-ever

reported use of Anakinra in the world to treat Weber-Christian Disease with fulminant hepatic failure.

Following treatment, the patient's inflammation gradually reduced, and liver function began to improve. Her neurological condition stabilised, allowing doctors to remove ventilator support. She was later shifted out of the ICU and eventually discharged in stable condition. She is currently leading a normal life and remains under regular medical follow-up. The doctors stated that early recognition of rare autoimmune disorders, rapid multidisciplinary coordination, and the use of targeted immunotherapy played a key role in saving the patient's life. They described the case as a significant medical achievement and a reflection of KIMS Hospitals' capability in handling highly complex medical emergencies.

# Kharge criticises petrol, diesel price surge; calls it 'fuel loot' amid fourth hike in two weeks

New Delhi, May 25 : Congress President, Mallikarjun Kharge, has strongly criticised the recent rise in fuel prices across the country on Monday, calling it a "daily assault of FUEL LOOT" and accusing the NDA government at the Centre of burdening common citizens. His comments came after fuel prices were hiked again on Monday, the fourth time since May 15. Petrol has become costlier by Rs 2.61 per litre and diesel by Rs 2.71 per litre.

In a post on X, Kharge wrote, "The Daily Assault of FUEL LOOT is not over yet! 4th hike in 11 days !!" He further highlighted the revised fuel rates, stating, "Petrol - Rs 7.35/litre, Diesel - Rs 7.53/litre," and claimed that the price increases were adding severe pressure on households and the economy.

Kharge also targeted the government over long-term fuel pricing trends, writing, "Modi Govt has sprinkled Petrol to Burn the Savings of common people."

He further made comparisons between previous and current fuel prices, stating that petrol has risen from Rs 71.41 per litre in 2014 to Rs 102.12 per litre in 2026, while diesel has increased from Rs 56.71 per litre to Rs 95.20 per litre.



He further alleged, "Modi Govt. has looted Rs 43 lakh crore in the last 12

Petrol and Diesel prices, today the shares of HPCL, BPCL and IOC rose by 5.8

"The Daily Assault of FUEL LOOT is not over yet! 4th hike in 11 days !!"He further highlighted the revised fuel rates, stating, "Petrol - Rs 7.35/litre, Diesel - Rs 7.53/litre,"

years, making it a loot of Rs 1,000 EVERYDAY!"

Kharge also pointed to the impact of rising fuel prices on markets, saying, "With the 4th time rise in

per cent, 4.44 per cent and 3.90 per cent respectively. Profit over People is BJP's DNA!"

He warned that repeated fuel hikes were affecting

all sections of society, stating, "Every fuel price hike is another blow to household budgets, and has a cascading effect on every aspect of the economy. From farmers to MSMEs, every strata of the society bears the brunt of BJP's LOOT."

Concluding his remarks, Kharge asked, "We repeat. Who is benefitting from this DAILY ROBBERY?"

Fuel prices were again hiked for the fourth time in a span of two weeks on Monday across the country. State-owned oil marketing companies on Monday increased petrol prices in Delhi by Rs 2.61 per litre and diesel prices by Rs 2.71 per litre. With the latest revision, petrol is now being sold at Rs 102.12 per litre, up from Rs 99.51 per litre, while diesel prices have climbed to Rs 95.20 per litre from Rs 92.49 per litre.

The fresh hike comes just two days after fuel prices were revised upward on Saturday, with petrol increasing by Rs 0.87 per litre and diesel by Rs 0.91 per litre. The consecutive increases in fuel rates come amid sustained pressure from rising global crude oil prices and ongoing geopolitical tensions in West Asia, which continue to affect international energy markets and domestic fuel costs.

EDITORIAL

Why Are Some Of India's Sharpest Pakistan Critics Calling For 'Talks'?

To talk or not to talk, that is the question. At least, that would be it for most of those misquoting Hamlet. But for the general populace, talking to Pakistan is a disaster, and even the supposedly learned see little point in it. All that was till the unexpected happened. In a recent interview, Dattareya Hosabale, General Secretary of the RSS (Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh), unexpectedly said that people-to-people contact was key to breaking the deadlock with Pakistan. This was after a visit to the United States. The point is that the main organisation that is the backbone of the ruling party has given the green signal to talk.

The Urge To 'Talk'

Most were too astonished to say much. But the support by former Army Chief Gen MM Naravane, where he said that "the path to peace was and is, through negotiations to arrive at a just settlement that meets the aspirations of the people", raised heckles, since the language was straight out of the Pakistani playbook. Scribes described the 'Track-2 process as a 'dangerous illusion', leading to complacency, till the next terrorist attack brought some reality back literally with a bang. True, also, that all governments - much to the exasperation of security experts - usually opened their innings with friendly reach-outs, from former Prime Minister AB Vajpayee's trip to Lahore to Manmohan Singh's restarting of the Composite Dialogue, and an invite to the then Pakistani Prime Minister, Yousaf Raza Gillani, to India for a cricket match. Most recently, PM Modi dropped by to greet Sharif on his birthday. Each and every one of these initiatives was met with a return to a terror attack. In fact, the more successful the reach-out, the worse the terrorist retaliation. For instance, Modi's visit was on December 25, 2015. The Pathankot attack was barely a week later, on January 2, 2016.

Civilian Leadership

Consider, however, that Pakistani Prime Ministers have also reached out - and suffered for it. In this instance, Sharif asked his commanders why violence occurred immediately after an outreach to India. There was no answer. In 1999, the Kargil War was launched after the Lahore bus journey, and prior to this, Prime Minister Zardari's suggestion to ISI Chief Ahmed Shuja Pasha to go to India and provide full cooperation on the Mumbai attacks led to his removal. The Benazir Bhutto-Rajiv Gandhi meetings led to the former proposing oil pipelines and an opening of trade. Imran Khan came to power promising peace with India, but was soon removed before anything could come of this.

All were civilian leaders. True, General Musharraf came to India waving a peace flag, but in reality, his famed peace plan involved ceding a large slice of territory to Pakistan in the so-called 'Chenab Formula' and division along communal lines, with the additional advantage that it would also have given Pakistan control over its waters. True, also, that army Chiefs like Gen. Bajwa did advocate an entirely new 'doctrine' of making the country an economic and strategic corridor, and leaving the past

THE DELHI COURT AND THE ILLUSION OF DEMOCRACY



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Delhi is not only the capital of India, but also the ancient chessboard of power, where the pieces change, but the game remains the same. Here, history doesn't reside solely in books, but breathes within the walls of buildings, behind closed doors, and in gleaming corridors. In this city, some paths are for the public, while others are for those who need no introduction. Parallel to the bustling streets of democracy, lie the quiet courts of power, where entry is granted only to those with the invisible passport of influence, lineage, connections, and social standing. The Delhi Gymkhana Club is a shining symbol of this enduring power. In recent days, as discussions about eviction and the termination of the club's lease intensified, it felt like the first time someone had pointed a finger at a world that had hitherto been considered impossible to even touch. This isn't just about a building; it's about the mindset that has created elitist empires even within a democracy. It's about a system in which some remain the owners, while others are mere spectators. The Delhi Gymkhana Club was founded by the British in 1913 as the "Imperial Delhi Gymkhana Club." That era was not only one of political subjugation but also one of social humiliation. The British used clubs more as a tool of social segregation than a place of entertainment. Only those who closely resembled the English way of life were considered "civilized." The doors of such clubs were either closed to Indians or were so narrow that even entering them made them feel inferior. Social status was determined by language, clothing, food habits, and even color. Independence came, the tricolor was raised, and the British departed, but the social structures they had built



remained unbroken. Viceroy's House became Rashtrapati Bhavan, the ICS was renamed the IAS, but the spirit of power remained largely unchanged. The chairs once occupied by white gentlemen were later occupied by brown gentlemen. Democracy arrived, but the elite culture remained intact. The Delhi Gymkhana gradually became the haven for a class that, even in a democracy, never needed to prove itself to the public. Gaining membership was considered more difficult than passing any exam. Years of waiting, fees running into lakhs, and influential connections—all this combined to transform it into a citadel of power accessible only to those with the keys to privilege. The club became more a testament to social status than sport. Ironically, democracy promises equality, yet in the heart of the capital, islands exist where equality dies at the very entrance. The average citizen pays taxes, yet he or she doesn't even have easy access to the land where these clubs stand. Bulldozers can be used to demolish the slums of the poor, and street vendors can be removed from the sidewalks, but few dare to question these permanent empires, spread across government land worth thousands of crores. The cruelest truth about Delhi is that

the poor are always temporary, while the rich are always permanent. Rickshaw pullers are asked, "When will you move?", but no one asks the elite clubs, built on government land for decades, when their rights will end. This isn't just economic inequality, but psychological inequality. Society has normalized it by labeling it prestige and dignity. But the story isn't limited to the Gymkhana. Whether it's the Delhi Golf Club, the India International Centre, or the India Habitat Centre—these are not just institutions, but parallel worlds of power. The Delhi Golf Club isn't just about sports; it's where a silent dialogue between power and capital takes place. From the outside, the India International Centre appears to be a cultural platform, but inside, it becomes a rebirth place for retired power. People whose positions have ended, yet their influence still lives on, meet there. At the India Habitat Centre, discussions on poverty and social justice take place in air-conditioned auditoriums, while the ordinary citizen standing outside those very discussions is unable to even become a part of the world being talked about in their name. This is the true power of permanent power. Governments change, ministers change, political slogans change, but this network

remains secure under every regime. This is a class that does not fear electoral defeat, because its power derives not just from politics but from social influence and institutional influence. This is why Delhi can be called not only the political capital but also the capital of permanent power. History bears witness that even those at the top of power have often failed to challenge this structure. During Rajiv Gandhi's tenure, there was discussion of eliminating this club for security reasons, but it was not possible. This was not merely an administrative failure; it was a sign of the profound influence such institutions have held. Over the years, relationships within these clubs were formed, policies were influenced, and informal power alliances were formed. This was a social power parallel to democracy, unchecked by elections. Today, when questions are being raised about the legitimacy, leases, and social appropriateness of these institutions, the debate is no longer merely legal. It becomes a question of the mindset that allowed the British-created sense of superiority to remain a symbol of respect even in independent India. Unfortunately, we bid farewell to the British, but not to Anglicism. We have made the English language, foreign clothing,

club culture, and proximity to power synonymous with modernity and prestige. It was this culture that divided democracy into two parts—one India that stood in line, the other India for whom doors opened automatically. One India that voted, the other India that made the decisions. It's also true that challenging just one club doesn't change the system. The true meaning of democracy isn't simply a change in power, but a change in the power structure itself. If only symbolic action is taken, and other institutions remain unchanged, this debate will remain incomplete. But if the question is raised more broadly about the social and moral justification of private elite clubs built on government land, then this discussion will acquire historical significance. In fact, the struggle is not just about land, but also about self-respect. The question is whether India will truly embrace its democratic spirit, or will it continue to perpetuate the colonial superiority complex with new faces. Democracy doesn't reside solely in the recesses of Parliament; it is also tested the moment an ordinary citizen stands before the door of power. If that door is closed simply because they lack lineage, connections, or a special class identity, then democracy is incomplete.

All Roads Lead To China? Why Xi Hosted Trump And Putin Back-To-Back

Xi Jinping's carefully choreographed hosting of Donald Trump (May 13-15) and Vladimir Putin (May 19-20) within the span of a single week was no coincidence. It was a calculated assertion of China's arrival as the indispensable pivot in global politics - a power sufficiently confident to engage both its principal strategic rival and its closest geopolitical partner with equal grandeur. Beijing wanted the world to absorb one central message: all roads now lead to China. The optics were meticulously crafted. At the Great Hall of the People, both leaders received near-identical state pageantry: military honour guards, gun salutes, marching bands, troop inspections, national anthems, and carefully staged interactions with cheering children waving national flags. Banquets featuring Chinese cultural symbolism, personal interactions with Xi Jinping, and highly choreographed public moments reinforced the image of Beijing as the epicentre of contemporary diplomacy. Chinese state media predictably amplified this narrative, portraying China as the stabilising fulcrum of an increasingly fractured international order. Putin's visit, however, carried unmistakably greater intimacy. The Russian leader was welcomed by a senior Politburo figure, a symbolic gesture underscoring strategic trust. The choreography was less rigidly formal and more personal-tea ceremonies, poetic exchanges, and repeated invocations of



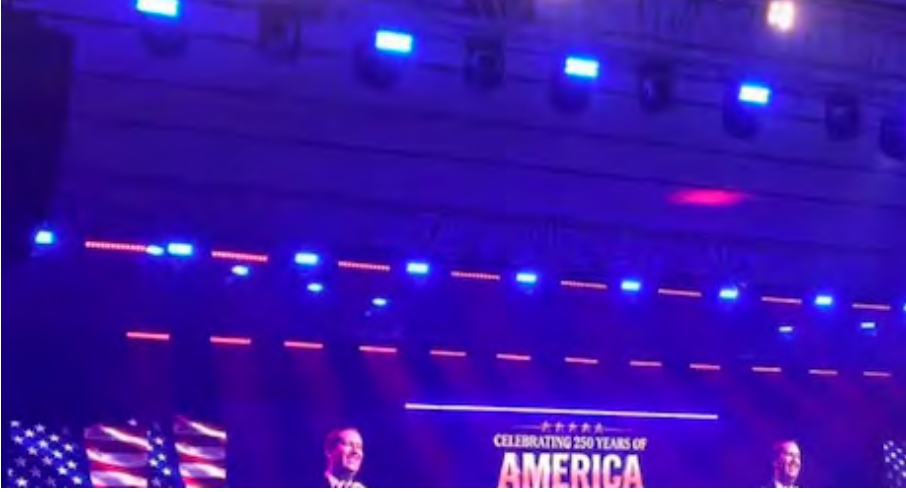
"old friendship". Public messaging from both sides appeared far more synchronised, reflecting the political comfort that now defines the Sino-Russian relationship. Beijing may have projected parity externally, but the diplomatic nuances revealed where its strategic comfort truly lies. The contrast became even sharper in terms of outcomes. Trump's three-day visit was heavy on symbolism but comparatively thin on substance. Discussions covered trade, technology restrictions, Iran, strategic stability, and Taiwan, while both sides hinted at possible economic arrangements involving agriculture, energy, and aviation. Yet, the structural tensions underpinning the relationship remained unresolved. There were no meaningful breakthroughs on tariffs, semiconductor restrictions, or broader strategic competition. The exercise was essentially

about stabilisation, preventing escalation while preserving room for manoeuvre. Putin's shorter visit, by contrast, yielded far more tangible outcomes. Multiple agreements were concluded across trade, energy, transport, technology, and cultural cooperation. Joint statements emphasised multipolarity, opposition to Western "hegemony", and the consolidation of a strategic partnership that both sides described as being at a "historic high". While major sticking points, such as the Power of Siberia 2 pipeline, remain unresolved, the overall trajectory of the relationship remains unmistakably upward. Unlike the transactional and fragile US-China engagement, the China-Russia partnership continues to deepen because it is anchored in converging geopolitical interests. For Xi Jinping, the larger strategic objective extended beyond either bilateral relationship. By hosting Trump

and Putin in rapid succession, Beijing sought to demonstrate diplomatic centrality in an era of systemic flux. China was projecting itself not merely as another great power, but as the indispensable balancing force in an emerging multipolar order - capable of engaging adversaries and partners alike without being constrained by either. The visit by Donald Trump served an important tactical purpose for China and for Xi Jinping personally. Beijing's immediate priority is not confrontation for its own sake, but the creation of strategic breathing space during a period of mounting internal and external pressure. China is navigating slowing economic growth, persistent weaknesses in the property sector, demographic decline, and growing restrictions imposed by the United States and its allies on advanced technology transfer.

Sergio Gor And The Night American Diplomacy Went Full 'Disco'

Sergio Gor is not your everyday diplomat. In fact, he shouldn't be considered a diplomat at all, despite being designated the US Ambassador to New Delhi. His style of functioning is entirely his own. He drives the relationship with India, maintains a direct link to the Prime Minister's office, and yes, he is regularly on the phone with his President, Donald Trump. This access and the vigour he brings to the Indo-US equation were on full display last night as the United States began celebrations marking 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence - festivities that will peak on July 4, 2026. On Sunday evening in New Delhi, Gor and his team staged a massive show at Bharat Mandapam, India's premier international convention centre. The evening's special guest of honour was his boss, the visiting Secretary of State, Marco Rubio. On May 28, he turns 55. For Gor, who played host and master of ceremonies at the America 250 event, the precise date was merely a detail. A few days here or there would not be a showstopper. And so the birthday celebrations were on. "Alright, so as everybody knows, we also have a birthday," announced Gor from the giant stage at the Mandapam - moments after AR Rahman had belted out his greatest hits, including the iconic Oscar-winning Jai Ho from the 2008 film Slumdog Millionaire. "Can we get the Secretary up



here?" roared Gor to thunderous applause from an audience that included dozens of staff from US missions across India. He then launched into a chant: "Marco! Marco! Marco!" - his clenched fist punching the air. This was the US Ambassador - supposedly a bureaucrat - shouting out to his boss, the powerful US Secretary of State, by his first name. The crowd instantly joined in, the chant building to a crescendo. "He's finally 21," joked Gor as Marco Rubio - Donald Trump's right-hand man - jogged up to the stage. India's Foreign Minister, Dr S Jaishankar, seated quietly in the VIP enclosure, looked on as Rubio approached a gigantic four-tier birthday cake topped with a single candle. It was over-the-top and in-your-face, but it was a riot - the most unusual celebration of American diplomacy in what is being seen as a major outreach to India after a year of strained ties

linked to US sanctions over Russian oil imports and differences over Trump's claim that he had ended last May's 88-hour war between India and Pakistan during Operation Sindoor. Rubio was greeted not only by his Ambassador but also by The Village People, the legendary US disco group formed in New York's Greenwich Village in 1977. Known for their flamboyant on-stage costumes and global hits like "Macho Man," "In the Navy," and "Y.M.C.A." - Donald Trump's personal go-to rally anthem - the band turned the evening electric. "Y.M.C.A." is the song that routinely plays at the end of Trump's campaign rallies and fundraisers, where the President performs his now-iconic "Trump dance": rhythmic side-to-side hip sways alternating with fist pumps in the air, often ending with a playful mock golf swing. Trump may not have been in Delhi, but you could bet your

bottom dollar that "Y.M.C.A." was going to be the evening's showstopper. First, though, the group sang "Happy Birthday" as Rubio blew out the candle. Then they rocked the hall. If Gor's personal connection with the Secretary of State was evident before the final act, it was his live on-stage phone call with Donald Trump - broadcast from his smartphone - that delivered the ultimate display of personal power. "I love the Prime Minister. Modi is my friend. I just wanted to say that India can count on me 100 per cent," Trump told Gor. "They know who to call - they can call right here. Anything India wants, India gets. I am a big, big fan of Prime Minister Modi." Sergio Gor's unconventional approach to building the India relationship is unlike anything his Embassy staffers have ever seen. Everything is kept fluid, decisions are taken on the fly.

Six cops suspended for security lapse after explosives found on PM route in Bengaluru



Bengaluru, May 24: Six police personnel, including an officer, have been suspended for alleged dereliction of duty after explosive materials were discovered on a route where Prime Minister Narendra Modi's convoy was scheduled to pass earlier this month in Bengaluru.

The incident took place on May 10 near Vaderahalli Gate in Bengaluru South taluk, just hours before the Prime Minister was due to travel to the Art of Living International Centre.

According to an order issued by Bengaluru South district superintendent of police Srinivas Gowda, disciplinary action has been taken against one PSI, one assistant sub-inspector (ASI), and four constables deployed for security and bandobast duties. Police sources said the personnel were part of a high-security deployment for the Prime Minister's visit but allegedly failed to exercise adequate vigilance and caution. Around 9 am on the day of the incident.

Parents Protest in Bengaluru Demanding Action Against Alleged Unauthorized School Admissions

Bengaluru, May 25, 2026 — A group of parents staged a protest in front of the Office of the Commissioner of the School Education Department in Bengaluru, demanding strict action against Saamar International Islamic School over allegations of illegally admitting students in the name of a madrasa despite orders issued by the School Education Department and the High Court.

The protest was led by parent Abdul Rahim, who accused the institution of violating government regulations and court directives. Protesters alleged that unauthorized educational institutions operating under different names were misleading parents and students, thereby affecting the future of children and posing a threat to social harmony.



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According to the protesters, complaints regarding the matter have already been submitted to the government, police authorities, the Commissioner of the School Education Department, and other senior officials. They demanded immediate legal action against the school management for allegedly continuing admissions despite the cancellation of recognition based on High

Court directions and recommendations of a three-member committee of the School Education Board.

The protesters further alleged that organizations including Jamia Mohammadia Education Society Mumbai, Jamia Muhammadiyah Mansoor Madrasa and The Al-Jamia Mohammadiyah Mansoor Education Society had created records under different names and submitted misleading information to the Education Department.

EBG GROUP LAUNCHES NATUF CAFÉ IN KORAMANGALA, BENGALURU

Bengaluru : EBG Group has announced the launch of NATUF Café in Koramangala, Bengaluru, marking an important milestone in the group's growing food and consumer brand portfolio under EBG Group.

Located in the heart of Koramangala, one of Bengaluru's most active food, startup, student, and lifestyle destinations, the new NATUF café has been designed as a modern, premium, and accessible dining space for customers looking for fresh, flavourful, and thoughtfully crafted food.

Spread across approximately 2200 sq. ft., the café can accommodate around 40+ guests, making it suitable for casual dining, work lunches, family visits, evening conversations,



small group gatherings, and delivery-led orders.

NATUF brings a premium Middle Eastern and Mediterranean-inspired food experience to Indian consumers through a menu built around hummus, falafel, pita, wraps, bowls, dips, sauces, fresh meal formats, and café-style offerings. The brand focuses on food that is fla-

vourful, ingredient-led, cleaner in presentation, and suited to modern urban lifestyles.

The opening day saw an encouraging response, with more than 250 visitors experiencing the café a positive early signal for NATUF's entry into Bengaluru's highly competitive food market.

'Dear Husband' Completes Song Recording; Team Gears Up for Next Shooting Schedule

Bengaluru, May 25, 2026 — The makers of the upcoming Kannada romantic crime-thriller Dear Husband have successfully completed the recording of the film's songs, marking another milestone in the production process. Directed by Gururaj Kulkarni and produced under the Zee9 Communication and Media banner, the film's shooting and post-production activities are progressing rapidly.

The final song of the film was recently recorded in a Bengaluru studio by popular Bollywood singer Nakash Aziz, who travelled from Mumbai for the session. Composed by Veer Samarth with lyrics penned by Pramod Maravanthe, the tapori-style track begins with the lines "Malashree Sikkalo... Mellane Nakkalo...".

Speaking about the song, director Gururaj Kulkarni said Nakash enjoyed singing



the number after understanding the song's context and lyrical meaning. He revealed that the recording session, which began at night, continued till dawn and described the song as the "USP" of the film.

The director added that while previous collaborations between music director Veer Samarth and lyricist Pramod Maravanthe followed a particular musical style, this new song offers a completely fresh format that is expected to appeal strongly to Kannada movie lovers. Set against the backdrop of Mandya, the energetic track is expected to become a dance favourite among audiences.

Citizen Groups' Suggestions Accepted to Strengthen Waste Management in Bengaluru South City

Bengaluru, May 25, 2026 — K. N. Ramesh, Commissioner of Bengaluru South City Corporation (BSCC), chaired an important meeting with representatives of citizen forums and voluntary organizations to discuss permanent solutions for solid waste management issues within the corporation limits.

The meeting was attended by BSWML Ambassador and actor Aniruddha Jatkar, Srinath from the Kumaraswamy Layout Citizen Task Force, members of Women of Wisdom (WOW), JP Nagar, and representatives of the HSR Citizen Forum, HSR Layout. Participants shared their experiences in coordinating with civic authorities on waste management practices and provided several recommendations to improve the system. The efforts of the Women of Wisdom organization in JP Nagar were



appreciated for successfully achieving a mixed-waste-free environment through 100 per cent waste segregation. Awareness campaigns through wall paintings by the Aravani team were also highlighted. Participants suggested making waste segregation compulsory

in all apartments and paying guest accommodations. Citizen groups recommended installing CCTV cameras at garbage blackspots and introducing strict monitoring to prevent illegal dumping of waste. Evening garbage collection was also suggested to reduce road-

side littering. The meeting stressed the importance of establishing Waste Management Learning Centres (Kalika Kendras) in every ward and encouraging school and college students to visit such centres to build awareness among youth. Suggestions were also made to seek Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) support from companies for installing lane com-

Participants also recommended mandatory GPS tracking for all waste collection vehicles to ensure efficient door-to-door garbage collection.

To expand public awareness, the corporation plans to intensify Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) activities under the 'Suchimitra' programme. Awareness advertisements on waste management are also proposed to be screened in theatres and aired on television channels.

Acting on the suggestions made during the meeting, Commissioner K.N. Ramesh directed officials to organize a major public awareness programme in Gurappanapalya during the first week of June. He stated that the corporation is committed to transforming Bengaluru South City into a clean and garbage-free city through active public participation and support from voluntary organizations.

Bengaluru to Host India's First National AI & Digital Water Summit 2026 on May 27

Bengaluru (TSIT): The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) is set to host India's first and largest \*National AI & Digital Water Summit 2026\* in Bengaluru on May 27, bringing together global experts, policymakers, technology leaders, startups, and urban planners to deliberate on the future of intelligent urban water management. The summit comes at a time when cities across the world are facing growing challenges arising from climate change, rapid urbanisation, groundwater depletion, and increasing pressure on civic infrastructure. BWSSB aims to position Bengaluru as a leading model for technology-driven and sustainable urban water governance.

The summit will be formally inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, said BWSSB Chairman Dr. Ram Prasath Manohar, IAS.

In a press statement, Dr. Manohar said the summit is jointly organised by BWSSB and Elets Technomedia. This will serve as a major national platform to discuss emerging solutions in AI-driven water governance, smart utility systems, digital twins, IoT-enabled monitoring, predictive analytics, wastewater reuse, and sustainable financing models for future-ready urban infrastructure.

A major highlight of the summit will be the presentation of BWSSB's

digital transformation initiatives, including large-scale deployment of SCADA systems, GIS mapping, IoT-enabled tanker tracking, and smart metering platforms that are being implemented across Bengaluru.

The summit will also showcase BWSSB's ambitious Five Panchasutras framework for future urban water governance, focusing on artificial intelligence, data-driven governance, smart infrastructure, sustainable investments, and climate-resilient water security systems.

"Artificial Intelligence and digital technologies are reshaping the future of global water governance. Bengaluru is working towards building one of India's most advanced digital water ecosystems by integrating technology, sustainability, and citizen-centric services. This summit will become a global platform for innovation, collaboration, and future-ready urban water solutions," said Dr. Ram Prasath Manohar.

He further stated that BWSSB's long-term objective is to create a more transparent, efficient, and resilient public utility model capable of meeting the demands of one of the world's fastest-growing metropolitan cities. More than 400 delegates and dignitaries from India and abroad are expected to participate in the summit, making it one of the country's largest gatherings focused exclusively on Artificial Intelligence and smart water governance.

Congress Should Reduce VAT on Petrol: R. Ashok

Bengaluru: Karnataka Opposition Leader R. Ashok accused the Congress government of earning additional revenue through increased VAT on petrol while blaming the Central Government for rising fuel prices.

Addressing a press conference, Ashok said petrol prices in Karnataka are higher compared to several other states and alleged that the state government is earning nearly Rs.6,000 crore annually through the VAT hike.

He claimed the Congress government was collecting an additional Rs.1.15 per litre on petrol and



demanding that the government either reduce VAT or publicly disclose the extra revenue earned through fuel taxes.

Ashok also criticised the state government over law and order issues, alleging inaction in communal incidents and demanding

strict action against those involved in attacks on police personnel.

He further accused the government of financial mismanagement, stating that increased taxes and delays in payments reflected a severe financial crisis in the state.

KSIIDC Holds 13% Equity Stake

BIAL Hands Over Rs.16.49 Crore Dividend Share to Chief Minister

Bengaluru: Bengaluru International Airport Limited (BIAL) on Monday handed over a dividend of Rs.16,49,93,400 (approximately Rs.16.50 crore) for the financial year 2025-26 to the Karnataka State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation (KSIIDC), a State Government undertaking that holds a 13 per cent equity stake in the company.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah received the cheque from BIAL Chairman Hari Marar. Large and Medium Industries Minister M. B. Patil, Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh and



KSIIDC Managing Director Khushbu Goel were present on the occasion.

Patil said BIAL has declared a dividend of Rs.3 per share for the financial year 2025-26. Accordingly, KSIIDC has received a total dividend of Rs.16.49 crore. After deduction of taxes, the corporation has

received a net dividend of Rs.14.84 crore, he added.

He said the dividend declaration reflects BIAL's strong financial performance. KSIIDC represents the State Government in the company. BIAL has declared a dividend for the first time since 2017-18. In the intervening years, the company had reinvested its profits in major projects such as infrastructure development and capacity expansion to strengthen operations at Kempegowda International Airport Bengaluru, he explained.

Call to Remain 24x7 Prepared for Monsoon Readiness and Disaster Management

Bengaluru : Under the guidance of Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister D.K. Shivakumar and as directed by the Commissioner and Chairman of the Disaster Management Authority, Bengaluru North City Corporation, Pommala Sunil Kumar, a monsoon preparedness programme was conducted under the leadership of Additional Commissioner (Revenue In-Charge) and joint commissioner Smt. Pallavi and Joint Commissioner Mohammed Nayim Momin. As part of the pre-monsoon preparedness activities and to effectively respond to any emergency situation during the monsoon season, officials of the corporation, control room staff, NDRF, SDRF, telecom departments, Fire



and Emergency Services and other concerned departments were instructed to remain constantly prepared for disaster management operations. As part of the preparedness activities, inspections and demonstrations involving per-

sonnel from various departments, machinery and emergency response teams were conducted across the corporation limits.

Preparedness Review: The preparedness of disaster management teams and personnel,

including the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF Karnataka), along with emergency equipment and machinery, was reviewed.

Disaster Management Mock Demonstration: During the programme, NDRF and SDRF personnel conducted practical demonstrations on rescue measures to be taken during flood situations and drowning incidents. Methods of Contact Rescue and Non-Contact Rescue for safely rescuing persons trapped in water were demonstrated. Information was also provided on preparing temporary life jackets using commonly available household materials such as empty bottles, thermocol and coconuts during emergency situations.

The importance of the

CPR Golden Time was also demonstrated, and practical information was provided to staff and the public regarding different CPR techniques for children, women and men. NDRF Commander Akhilesh Kumar Chaugale stated that with the monsoon expected to enter Karnataka and Kerala soon, creating awareness among the public regarding emergency rescue measures is extremely important. He emphasized that people should know basic rescue techniques even before emergency response teams reach the location.

He further informed that NDRF and SDRF personnel are being deployed in sensitive areas, including the coastal regions of Karnataka, during the monsoon season.

Puravankara secures 14.57-acre land parcel in Mandur, Bengaluru, with GDV of Rs 2,300 crores

Bengaluru : Puravankara Limited, one of India's most trusted and admired real estate developers, has secured a 14.57-acre land parcel located in Mandur, Budigere in Bengaluru with a potential gross development value of around Rs. 2,300 crore.

Out of this, 7.92 acres is part of a joint development agreement (JDA), while 6.65 acres has been purchased by Puravankara. The total saleable area for the entire project will be approximately 1.8 msft.

Ashish Puravankara, Managing Director, Puravankara Limited, said, "This deal is part of our ongoing efforts to systematically add high-quality projects to our launch pipeline across strategic micro-markets. This reflects our disciplined approach to growth."



# OIL PRICES SLIDE ON HOPES OF US-IRAN PEACE DEAL

Oil prices have fallen sharply on hopes of a deal that could bring an end to the US-Israel war with Iran. US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said negotiators had a "pretty solid thing on the table" and an agreement to end the conflict might be reached on Monday. On Monday morning, global oil benchmark Brent fell 5.5% to \$97.90 a barrel, and remained around \$97.70 a barrel in the afternoon. US President Donald Trump said the negotiations were "proceeding nicely" but added it would either be "a great deal for all or no deal at all". While Iran says progress has been made, a government spokesman added that a deal was "not imminent". Trump had previously said the deal would include the reopening of the key Strait of Hormuz shipping route, without giving further details. The Strait of Hormuz, through which around a fifth of the world's oil and liquefied natural gas (LNG) usually passes, has been effectively closed since the conflict started on 28 February. Earlier on Monday, Rubio said the talks were "still a work in progress." "As I said, you know, we thought we might



have some news last night," Rubio said in the Indian capital, Delhi. His comments came after Trump said he had instructed negotiators "not to rush into a deal", after earlier suggesting one was close. Speaking after Rubio's comments, Iran's foreign ministry spokesman, Esmail Baqai, said agreement has been reached on a "large portion of the issues under discussion". "But to say that this means the signing of an agreement is imminent - no one can make such a claim," he added. On Saturday, Trump said that he had had a "very good call" with the

leaders of Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and others about a "Memorandum of Understanding pertaining to PEACE". "An agreement has been largely negotiated, subject to finalisation between the United States of America, the Islamic Republic of Iran, and the various other Countries, as listed," Trump said on social media. "Final aspects and details of the deal are currently being discussed, and will be announced shortly." He also said he had had a call on Saturday with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, which had gone

"very well". On Monday, Trump said in his discussions with the Gulf leaders and others, including the presidents of Turkey and Egypt, he pushed them to sign the Abraham Accords which are aimed at normalising relations with Israel. Global energy markets have seen big price swings since early March after Iran threatened to attack ships trying to use the Strait of Hormuz in retaliation for US and Israeli attacks on the country. While crude oil prices have fallen sharply, they remain significantly higher than before the war. In the lead-up to the conflict

Brent was trading at around \$70 a barrel. A ceasefire was agreed in early April, and since then Washington and Tehran have engaged in talks over a long-term peace deal. "There is now some light at the end of the tunnel, which will bring some near term oil price relief," Saul Kavonic, head of energy research at MST Financial. "But even in the most optimistic scenario from here, oil markets will remain tight through 2027 given the time required to normalise oil flows through the Strait, repair damaged oil facilities, and rebuild global oil stocks that have seen record depletion since the war began," he added. Lars Jensen, chief executive of Vespucci Maritime and former Maersk director, said that even if a deal was announced on Monday the shipping industry would remain "very cautious and hesitant". "You are likely going to see shipping lines that have vessels stuck in the Persian Gulf try to get them out, but they will be a lot more hesitant to put ships back into the Persian Gulf in case the thing turns south again," he told BBC Radio 4's Today programme.

# SEBI BANS 7 INDIVIDUALS IN RS 20-CR STOCK MANIPULATION CASE

**New Delhi:** Capital markets regulator Sebi has barred seven individuals from securities markets for allegedly running a coordinated pump-and-dump scheme across social media platforms and making unlawful gains of over Rs 20.25 crore. Apart from the debarment, the regulator has also directed finfluencer Hemant Gupta and his sons, Rohan Gupta and Aniket Gupta, to immediately cease and desist from offering unregistered research analyst services or from portraying themselves as research analysts. In a 234-page interim order passed on May 22, Sebi alleged that Hemant, Rohan and Aniket acted as "Operators" who first accumulated positions in thinly traded SME stocks and later circulated bullish stock recommendations on social media platforms to inflate prices, before selling their holdings at a profit. Four other family members - Sharon, Leana, Rajani and Purvangi Gupta - allegedly facilitated the operation by allowing the use of their trading accounts or by executing



trades on the operators' instructions, the order said. "The on-going investigation has prima facie highlighted the scheme and device orchestrated intricately by noticees whereby the operators by posting stock recommendations on various scrips on their X Accounts and social media platforms induced the general public to deal in the securities purely based on misleading and unsolicited stock tips, and thus enabling the beneficiaries to liquidate their holdings at an inflated price," Sebi's Whole Time Member Kamlesh C Varshney said in the order. According to Sebi, the scheme involved 82 scrips during the exam-

ination period from December 1, 2023, to January 20, 2026. Sebi said Rohan and Aniket posted bullish updates on their X handles, 'WealthSolitaire' and '@desiwallstreet'. On the other hand, Hemant amplified these recommendations across several WhatsApp and Telegram groups, often adding explicit target prices and deliberately keeping such communications off X, to avoid regulatory scrutiny. The regulator noted that the combined gross traded value of the seven individuals rose 86 per cent from Rs 548 crore in the pre-examination period to Rs 1,023 crore during the examination period.

# Probe ordered into excessive charges by online flight ticket booking platforms

**Hubballi:** Union Minister for Consumer Affairs Pralhad Joshi has directed officials of the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) to investigate complaints that online flight ticket booking platforms are allegedly charging passengers excessively during ticket booking and cancellation processes. The minister's intervention came after a consumer reportedly exposed instances where online ticketing platforms were collecting charges significantly higher than the fees imposed directly by airlines. Taking serious note of the issue, Pralhad Joshi instructed the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) to conduct an immediate inquiry and initiate action against unfair trade practices if violations are confirmed. According to the complaint highlighted before the minister, several online booking platforms were allegedly collecting cancellation and service charges far beyond the actual fees charged by airline companies. In some cases, the



platforms were reportedly imposing charges up to 15 times higher than the fees levied by airlines themselves. Officials said the minister has specifically asked authorities to examine whether online travel aggregators are violating consumer rights by imposing unreasonable and hidden charges during booking, modification or cancellation of flight tickets. "Investigate whether excessive and unjustified charges are being collected from passengers during ticket booking and cancellation. If such practices are found to be widespread, necessary action should be initiated under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019," the minister reportedly instructed officials. The issue has sparked concern among frequent flyers

and consumer rights activists, many of whom have long complained about hidden convenience fees, platform charges and cancellation deductions imposed by online travel portals. Consumer groups have argued that passengers are often unaware of the actual airline cancellation charges because the platforms combine multiple service fees under unclear categories, making it difficult for users to identify the genuine breakup of costs. The move by the Union Consumer Affairs Ministry is expected to bring greater scrutiny on digital travel booking platforms operating across the country. Officials said the investigation would

focus on transparency in pricing, disclosure of cancellation policies and whether customers are being misled during transactions. The CCPA, established under the Consumer Protection Act, has powers to investigate unfair trade practices, misleading advertisements and violations affecting consumer interests. Industry experts believe the inquiry could result in stricter regulations for online travel aggregators and force companies to clearly disclose service charges and cancellation deductions to customers before ticket confirmation. The development comes amid growing dependence on digital booking platforms for domestic and international air travel, especially after the rapid expansion of online travel services in recent years. The minister's intervention came after a consumer reportedly exposed instances where online ticketing platforms were collecting charges significantly higher than the fees imposed directly by airlines.

# AI is changing the internet forever

There's a simple reason Google is making sweeping changes to its iconic, decades-old search engine: users are making complicated requests. "People are asking much longer and harder questions that no longer have a clear response anywhere on the internet," said Robby Stein, vice president of product for Google Search. Stein spoke to CNN about a new feature that lets Google generate custom visuals, interactive graphics and even mini-apps running on Google's search page in response to queries by piecing together sources from across the web. It's one of many updates the internet giant announced at its annual conference this week. The most valuable real estate on the internet is evolving to reflect the new ways people find information online, the latest example of how artificial intelligence is changing the internet across search, social media, online shopping and more. People are starting to use longer, more specific search terms instead of succinct generic keywords, according to Google, and are increasingly beginning their searches in apps like ChatGPT, experts



say. Fake, AI-generated influencers are causing a stir on social media. And people are increasingly using AI to compare and buy products. It's getting impossible to avoid using the internet without somehow encountering AI, despite growing anxiety about the tech and its impact on jobs, safety and the environment. "After a while, it just becomes part of the way you live," said Joseph Turow, a University of Pennsylvania media professor who will soon be releasing a book about AI's impact on internet advertising. ChatGPT 'trained' people to search differently Google says its search box is getting its biggest upgrade in 25 years. The new search field expands

to fit more text and makes it easier to add other media to a search - like photos, files and Chrome browser tabs. The goal is to shrink the number of steps for a user to complete a search, according to Stein. That includes tasks like performing a search based on a photo or switching to Google's AI Mode before asking a follow-up question. Searches that involve questions based on snapping a photo or circling something on a phone screen are growing 60%, year-over-year, he said. Searches in AI Mode, or the version of Google tailored for back-and-forth interactions, have more than doubled every quarter since they launched a year ago, and AI

Mode queries are triple the length of a regular search on average. Data from SEO and marketing firm Semrush indicates some people are starting to search Google the way they type to ChatGPT. Searches containing 11 words or more increased from 3.27% to 5.37%, and conversational queries jumped from 5% to 20%, while keyword-style searches decreased. Yet the median query still contains just three words, suggesting that most people still search the old-fashioned way. Robert Langenback, president of SEO marketing agency Eight Oh Two Marketing, said he's observed people typing in more searches that range from three to five or five to 10 words instead of two to three words. That started before ChatGPT's arrival in late 2022, although it's ramped up significantly since then. "AI has) really almost trained people how to search differently," he said. People generally use a mix of AI apps like ChatGPT and Google. More than 20% of ChatGPT referral traffic goes to Google, Semrush found after analyzing 1 billion lines of US clickstream data, or "trails" of user activity across the web.

# Indian billionaires buy foreign companies as growth slows at home

In late April, India's Sun Pharmaceuticals agreed to pay \$11.75bn (£8.59bn) to acquire New York-listed women's health and biosimilars firm Organon & Co. It marked the biggest overseas acquisition by an Indian company in nearly two decades and followed a string of high-profile international deals by Indian firms in recent months. These include Tata Motors' \$4.4bn acquisition of Turin-based vehicle maker Iveco, IT company Coforge's \$2.35bn purchase of Silicon Valley-based AI firm Encora and the Bajaj Group buying a 23% stake in global insurance giant Allianz SE earlier in 2025. Data from consultancy Grant Thornton shows that 162 Indian companies spent more than \$18bn on outbound acquisitions in 2025 - a 34% increase from the previous year. "We could cross \$15bn in deal value in just the first half of this year," Sumet Abrol, partner and national leader at Grant Thornton, told the BBC. For many, this new wave of over-



seas acquisitions by India Inc evokes memories of the global buying spree led by companies such as the Tata Group two decades ago, when it made audacious bets for global trophy assets like Jaguar Land Rover and Corus Steel. But several analysts told the BBC that the motivations this time are somewhat different. Indian companies are pursuing Western assets not simply as symbols of global ambition, but increasingly for strategic and operational reasons. The broader economic backdrop has also changed sharply since the early 2000s. During the previous acquisition boom, India

was in the midst of a roaring bull market. Today, the country is grappling with a rapid exodus of foreign portfolio investors, a sharp slowdown in net foreign direct investment (FDI) and stubbornly weak private sector investment despite tax cuts and production-linked subsidies offered by the government. "Corporate profits [of India's top 500 companies post-Covid] grew at 30.8% per annum. But still, our overall capital formation rates from the private sector have been disappointing," India's chief economic advisor V Anantha Nageswaran recently said at a policy conference.

# String Metaverse reports record-breaking FY26 Financial Results; Revenue Surges to 1,069 Crore with PAT Crossing Rs. 102 Crore

**Hyderabad, May 25, 2026:** String Metaverse Limited, a rapidly emerging leader in digital and AI financial infrastructure company, today announced its audited financial results for the fiscal year ending 2025-26 (FY26). Driven by accelerated momentum across its core business verticals, the company delivered blockbuster performance, setting new financial benchmarks in its growth journey across AI infrastructure, gaming ecosystems and high-frequency trading operations. The audited consolidated financial results were officially approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on May 25, 2026.

**Exceptional FY26 Financial Performance**  
For the full fiscal year, String Metaverse recorded a massive surge in Revenue from Operations, reaching 1,069.11 crore, up from 407.36 crore in the previous fiscal year. This exponential top-line growth translated



ed into a highly profitable bottom line, with the Profit Before Tax (PBT) standing at 103.51 crore and the Profit After Tax (PAT) crossing the milestone mark to reach 102.52 crore. Operational efficiency saw significant improvement, with the company's EBITD skyrocketing by 190% year-on-year to 121.88 crore. Consequently, Earnings Per Share (EPS) also witnessed a stellar 170% YoY growth, closing at 0.89.

**Strong Q4 FY26 Momentum**  
The company maintained a vigorous growth trajectory

through the final quarter of the fiscal year. In Q4 FY26 alone, String Metaverse generated a robust revenue of 359.40 crore. The quarter's EBDIT grew by an impressive 167% quarter-on-quarter (QoQ) to 41.98 crore, while the PAT for the quarter stood at a solid 34.71 crore.

**Strategic Global Expansion and Future Outlook**  
As global markets undergo a paradigm shift toward AI Economies, Agentic Infrastructure, Digital Assets, Web3 Tokenization, and next-generation financial systems, String

Metaverse is strategically positioning itself at the convergence of these transformational sectors. The company is rapidly scaling its status as a high-growth Indian digital infrastructure platform. To support this vision, String Metaverse has aggressively expanded its global footprint, successfully scaling its AI, gaming, digital assets, and algorithmic finance infrastructure operations across key international markets, including India, the UAE, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Canada. Commenting on the record-breaking financial results,

Mr. Ganesh Meenavalli, Managing Director of String Metaverse Limited, said: "FY26 marks a transformational year for String Metaverse as we accelerated our expansion into AI-driven financial infrastructure, gaming ecosystems, and high-frequency trading technologies."

**Audit Update**  
The statutory auditors of the company have reviewed the financial statements and issued an unmodified audit opinion, underscoring the company's strong financial health and transparent reporting standards.

**Forward-Looking Statements Disclaimer**  
This release contains forward-looking statements involving risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected. String Metaverse Limited undertakes no obligation to publicly update such statements except as required under applicable law.

# Deal with US not imminent, Iran says

Iran says some progress has been reached in talks with the US, but a deal "is not imminent". Foreign ministry spokesman Esmail Baqai's remarks came after US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said an agreement could possibly be reached on Monday. "It is correct to say that we have reached a conclusion on a large portion of the issues under discussion," Baqai said in Tehran on Monday. "But to say that this means the signing of an agreement is imminent - no one can make such a claim." The memorandum of understanding reportedly involves a 60-day ceasefire extension, reopening the Strait of Hormuz and a plan for further negotiations over Iran's nuclear programme. At the weekend, President Donald Trump suggested the sides were closing a deal, even though he later said he had instructed negotiators "not to rush into" one. On Monday, Rubio told reporters in the Indian capital, Delhi: "We thought we might have some news last night. Maybe today."



Cautioning "I wouldn't read too much into it", Rubio said: "It takes a little while to hear back from Iran." CBS News, the BBC's US partner, has reported that US intelligence believes Iran's Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei - who was injured in an Israeli strike on the first day of the war which killed his father and predecessor - is holed up in an undisclosed location, making communication with his envoys difficult and there-

fore delaying pace of talks with the US. According to US media, the mooted deal is not a final settlement - instead it leaves some of the thorniest issues to be negotiated later, including the scope and timing of Iranian sanctions relief, the release of frozen Iranian funds, and Washington's demands for Iran to curb its nuclear ambitions. "So we have, what I think is a pretty solid thing on the table in terms of their ability to open up the

Straits," he said referring to the Strait of Hormuz - the crucial waterway where 20% of the world's oil and liquefied natural gas passes and which Iran has been blocking. Oil prices fell sharply and Asian stock markets rose on Monday on hopes of an agreement. The reported deal has split Trump's Republicans, with some publicly arguing it is too lenient on Iran. Senator Ted Cruz said it would be "a disastrous mistake", while

Roger Wicker, who chairs the Senate Armed Services Committee, said a 60-day ceasefire would mean "everything accomplished by Operation Epic Fury would be for naught!" Senator Lindsey Graham, who is a close Trump ally, also criticised any deal that would leave Iran perceived as being a dominant force in the region. "It makes one wonder why the war started to begin with," he said. Trump responded by dismissing his critics as "losers" and saying "the deal with Iran will either be a great and meaningful one, or there will be no deal". Even in a best case scenario, the effects of a deal are unlikely to be seen right away. It could be months before the shipping industry will be able to go back to supply chains that are "physically in the same shape as they were before the crisis", Lars Jensen, chief executive of Vespucci Maritime and former director of shipping company Maersk, told BBC Radio 4's Today programme. Should a deal between Iran

and the US be announced in the coming days, the industry would still remain "cautious and hesitant" to make any "major operational changes", Jensen explained. The US and Israel launched wide-ranging strikes on Iran on 28 February, sparking conflict across the Middle East. Iran responded by attacking Israel and US-allied states in the Gulf, and effectively closed the Strait of Hormuz. The move sent oil prices soaring globally. Shortly after a ceasefire was agreed in early April, the US established a blockade of Iranian ports, which Trump says will remain "in full force and effect until an agreement is reached, certified, and signed". In Sunday's post on Truth Social, Trump reiterated that Iran "must understand" it cannot develop a nuclear weapon. Tehran has repeatedly said its nuclear programme is solely for peaceful purposes. Some reports in US media suggest the deal could see Iran agree to eventually hand over its highly enriched uranium.

## FIRST HONG KONG ASTRONAUT LAUNCHES INTO SPACE ONBOARD CHINESE MISSION

A Hong Kong astronaut has been launched into space for the first time, aboard China's Shenzhou-23 spacecraft. Li Jiaying, a 43-year-old police officer and mother of three, serves as the payload scientist in the three-member crew who made their way to China's Tiangong space station on Sunday night. At least one member of the crew will spend a full year in orbit as part of a key experiment. Authorities will determine who that will be at a later date. The mission is the latest in China's ambitious space program to send humans to the moon by 2030. It comes amid an accelerating race with the US, which is looking to achieve a crewed lunar landing by 2028. The Shenzhou-23 is tasked with studying the effects of micro-gravity on the human body, among many experiments. Apart from Li, the two other astronauts on the mission are Zhu Yangzhu, a 39-year-old space engineer and Zhang Zhiyuan, a 39-year-old former air force pilot. Large crowds waved Chinese flags as the rocket launched from



the north-west Gobi desert on the Long March 2-F rocket at 23:08 local (15:08 GMT) Sunday. A few hours later, it docked on the Tiangong space station. Hong Kong Chief Executive John Lee said Li's inclusion in the mission was a "historic" moment. Li said she was inspired by Yang Liwei, the first person sent to space by China's space programme. "This is a rare chance. Why not try?" Li said, according to Xinhua news agency. As she made her way to the launch on Sunday, Li said, according to state broadcaster CCTV: "How high our Chinese spacecraft flies, that's how high we can hold our heads high".

## Clashes as Venezuelan prisoners protest over alleged mistreatment



Violent clashes have erupted between inmates and security personnel at a prison in the Venezuelan state of Barinas. Extra security forces were deployed to the jail after prisoners climbed the roof and burned mattresses in protest at their alleged mistreatment. Witnesses reported hearing explosions and inmates said they had been shot at. Organisations lobbying for prisoners' rights have long denounced the poor conditions at many of Venezuela's penitentiaries. Non-governmental organisation Venezuelan Prison Observatory (OVP) said that the inmates at the jail, known as Injuba, had been complaining for more than a week about their treatment under the prison's new director. They allege they were violently searched, kept in solitary confinement and mistreated. The prison director has so far not publicly commented, nor has the government of interim President Delcy Rodriguez. In footage published by OVP, groups of inmates can be seen protesting on the roof, with some burn-

ing mattresses. In one video, a man can be seen showing wounds on his torso and his arm, with another man shouting "they're shooting at us". Others can be heard joining into chants of "we want justice". In another recording shared by OVP, a woman wearing dark glasses and a face mask addresses Rodriguez directly and demands that the minister of prisons and Injuba's director resign. She insists that their protest is peaceful before stating their demands, which include medicine for prisoners who have tuberculosis. OVP has long drawn attention to the poor conditions in Venezuelan jails, with the organisation warning that many do not meet the "minimum standards" which should be guaranteed by law. Since the United States seized Venezuelan leader Nicolás Maduro in a military operation in the capital, Caracas, on 3 January, US pressure has led to the release of hundreds of political prisoners. However, more than 400 are still behind bars, according to pressure group Foro Penal.

## ANGER GROWS AFTER CHINA'S DEADLIEST COAL MINING DISASTER IN YEARS



Anger is growing over alleged safety violations in the wake of China's worst mining disaster in more than 15 years. At least 82 people were killed and more than 120 injured after an explosion on Friday at the Liushenyu coal mine in Shanxi province, the heart of China's huge mining industry. For many in China, the tragedy harks

back to the 2000s, a period of regular, deadly coal mining disasters, which is widely thought to have been left in the past. Those concerns are now reignited and playing out on China's tightly-controlled internet, with people calling for justice and questioning how this happened: "It's so heartbreaking, so many precious lives lost."

## TALIBAN BAN PUSHES AFGHAN GIRLS TOWARDS FORCED MARRIAGES

Alia - whose name we have changed for her safety - travelled hundreds of miles from her village to Kabul to escape marriage. The journey by taxi last year with her female cousin - covered from head to toe, only their eyes visible, as the rules decree - was an exceptional thing to do, and risky in Afghanistan, where at any moment they might be caught by the Taliban inspectors enforcing rules banning women travelling long distances without a male relative escorting them. But Alia, who is 19, and her cousin weren't stopped at any Taliban checkpoints, and made it to the capital. "I made up an excuse to my family saying I was coming here to meet my friends and former classmates. But that's not true.



They are not here. The actual reason is that if I stayed in Daykundi, I would be forced to get married." Instead, she arrived in Kabul with a plan: she enrolled in an English language course. These short-term, narrowly-focused private courses - available only to those who can afford them - are, along with madrasas which focus on religious education, the only options for girls to

learn past primary school in Afghanistan. But neither are close to being a substitute for formal schooling. It has now been almost five years since the Taliban stopped girls over 12 going to school, with various reasons given to explain why the ban is still in place. Years in which girls like Alia have grown up without the education they wanted and needed. Years in which the path to a

career has been effectively shut off, narrowing their options until millions of girls in Afghanistan have been left with just one choice: marriage. Alia's story is unusual, not just for her bravery. But she also comes from a family which has the funds to pursue the few opportunities available to young women - a rarity in a country where three in four people cannot meet their basic needs, according to the United Nations. It's not that Alia's family do not want her to study - they accepted she wanted to stay in Kabul, and are funding her English course even now - but even they are constrained by the realities of life in Afghanistan. "Before the ban, my parents passionately encouraged me to go to school.

## Large-scale Russian attack on Ukraine leaves four dead and dozens injured

Russia carried out a deadly large-scale wave of strikes against Ukraine, firing hundreds of drones and dozens of missiles on Saturday night. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said Kyiv was the main target, but other areas were also hit, with about 100 people injured. Four people were killed in the capital and wider region, with explosions heard throughout the night. Dozens of residential buildings, a school, an opera house and a museum were damaged. Russia's defence ministry said the Oreshnik hypersonic missile was used in the strikes, which it described as coming in response to Ukraine's "attacks on civilian infrastructure".



Ukraine's military denies targeting civilians. Early on Monday, energy infrastructure was damaged in a missile attack on Russia's Belgorod region bordering Ukraine, including the city of Belgorod, the Interfax news agency reported, citing local authorities. There were no casualties

but power and water supply were interrupted, Interfax said. It did not provide further details. Russia's Yaroslavl region, northeast of Moscow, also came under a drone attack, the Governor Mikhail Yevrayev said on Telegram. Russian President Vladimir Putin launched a

full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. He accused Kyiv of hitting a student dormitory in the town of Starobilsk on Friday, in which Russian officials said 21 people were killed. Ukraine's military said its forces did carry out an attack in Starobilsk in Russian-occupied eastern Ukraine overnight on Friday, but maintained that it struck an elite Russian drone military unit. European leaders have condemned the Russian strikes early on Sunday, which came after warnings from Zelensky that Russia was planning an attack, and that it may have been preparing to use the Oreshnik missile.

## Turkish riot police storm opposition offices after leaders ousted



Turkish riot police forced their way into the headquarters of the country's main opposition party on Sunday, days after a court dismissed its leadership. Clouds of tear gas billowed outside the Republican People's Party (CHP) building in Ankara, where party members had blocked the entrances with a makeshift barricade. Footage from the scene showed those inside shouting and throwing objects towards the entrance, and police being sprayed with hoses. Party leader Özgür Özel had vowed to defy an appeal court decision on Thursday which declared his election null and void, in a move further cementing President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's grip on power. The 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. Turkish media reported that Kilicdaroglu's representatives had requested the police carry out "necessary procedures" to hand over the headquarters to

the new leadership, claiming they had so far been barred entry. The city's governor then instructed the police to "implement the court decision", according to a statement from his office. "We are under attack," Özel said in a video message shared on X as the security forces sought entry to the building, where clashes were also reported between his supporters and those of Kilicdaroglu. Özel later emerged from the premises, telling crowds gathered outside: "They tried to uproot and throw us out - to where?" He said the party would "from now be on the streets or in the squares, marching towards power". He then set off towards the Turkish parliament, leading hundreds of supporters through the streets of Ankara. The court's decision overturned a 2025 ruling by a lower court that threw out allegations of vote buying in the party election which made Özel leader. It also means the party's entire executive is replaced, and it is thought its decisions are no longer recognised.



At least 19 people taken to hospital after 'strong smell' reported at Tokyo mall

## SUSPECT KILLED AFTER OPENING FIRE ON SECRET SERVICE NEAR WHITE HOUSE



A gunman who shot at a White House security checkpoint was killed in an exchange of fire with Secret Service agents on Saturday evening, officials have confirmed. The suspect was Nasire Best, a 21-year-old man, the Metropolitan Police Department told the BBC. He reportedly was known to police and had a documented history of mental health conditions. Gunfire

rang out just after 18:00 local time (23:00 GMT) - reporters filming outside ducked and ran for cover inside the White House. US President Donald Trump was at the White House but was unharmed. He thanked officers for their "swift and professional action". The shooting comes a month after a gunman opened fire at the White House Correspondents' Dinner.

## IPL 2026: DELHI CAPITALS DEFEATS KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS BY 40 RUNS



## Who Is Nishesh Basavareddy? The Indian-Origin Star Who Went Viral After Beating World No. 9 Taylor Fritz At French Open

Indian-origin tennis star Nishesh Basavareddy made headlines at the French Open after he beat world No. 9 Taylor Fritz of the United States. The 21-year-old Basavareddy, currently ranked No. 148 in the world, beat his compatriot 7-6, 7-6, 6-7, 6-1. After Taylor Fritz suffered a first-round exit at Roland Garros following a shocking defeat at the hands of countryman Nishesh Basavareddy, he stayed upbeat despite the loss, saying his level was not that bad but the Indian-American "cooked him" with his drop shots. In his first appearance in the main draw of a clay-court major, the American wild card Basavareddy prevailed on his fourth match point after a titanic fight against his compatriot, securing his first victory at Roland-Garros and his first win against a Top 10 player, becoming the first American to achieve this "double" in Paris since 1996 and Chris Woodruff, who



had then beaten Andre Agassi. Who Is Nishesh Basavareddy? The Indian-origin Basavareddy was born in Newport Beach, California, in 2005. His parents had moved to the United States from Nellore, India, in 1999. His older brother, Nishanth, was also born in the United States. His father initially worked for Toyota. Basavareddy turned pro in 2024 and had earlier been among the top 100 in the world too. In the pair's first ATP head-to-head meeting, Basavareddy

often put the seventh seed on the back foot with pinpoint backhand accuracy and deft drop shots. "He just played incredibly well," Fritz said of Basavareddy. "The biggest thing was just the drop shots were crazy. Typically, when someone is drop-shotting me too much I kind of just tell myself, 'Okay, I need to hit the ball deeper'." He was hitting insane drop shots, off balls that were landing on the baseline. He killed me with that, and there's not really much I can do about it.

## Pokemon YouTuber GameboyLuke Finally Responds to Cheating Allegations And Admits Hiding Things From RaidAway

Pokemon YouTuber Luke "GameboyLuke" has finally responded after days of backlash surrounding the cheating allegations involving fellow creator Rich "RaidAway" and Rich's ex-partner, Taylor. The drama originally started on May 21, 2026, when RaidAway posted on X claiming that Taylor cheated on him with GameboyLuke during New Year's. Rich also said he only discovered the situation months later, despite the breakup already happening back in January. His emotional posts quickly spread online, with many fans shocked seeing two well-known Pokemon creators suddenly caught in personal relationship drama. Now, after several days of online discussions, GameboyLuke



has shared his side of the story. In a detailed statement posted on X on May 24, Luke admitted he handled things badly, apologized directly to Rich, and confirmed there were still feelings between him and Taylor from their past relationship. What GameboyLuke said while

responding to the cheating allegations In his statement, GameboyLuke said he understood people were upset and admitted that he should have told Rich about the situation much earlier. He called his actions "incredibly wrong" and said he was not trying to make excuses

for what happened. Luke also clarified one of the biggest talking points online. According to him, he and Taylor "did not sleep together" before her breakup with RaidAway. However, he added that this did not erase the betrayal or emotional damage caused by the situation. The YouTuber explained that he had been trying to deal with much of the situation privately before finally deciding to speak publicly. He also acknowledged that many people would probably not be satisfied with just one post but felt remaining silent was making things worse. GameboyLuke says he and Taylor still had feelings for each other Another major part of Luke's statement focused on his past relationship with Taylor.

## Sachin Tendulkar's Message To India's Fastest Man Gurindervir Singh: "Keep Sprinting Ahead"

Gurindervir Singh is making headlines. The athlete became the first Indian sprinter to clock a sub-10.10 timing in the 100m race. Cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar lauded India's sprint sensation Gurindervir Singh after the Punjab athlete scripted history by becoming the fastest Indian ever in the men's 100m event. Gurindervir clocked a sensational 10.09 seconds at the 29th National Senior Athletics Federation Competition 2026 in Ranchi. The 25-year-old's remarkable effort rewrote the national record and secured qualification for both the Commonwealth Games and Asian Games. Reacting to the historic feat, Tendulkar shared a post on X, praising the sprinter for his landmark achievement. "Incredibly proud of Gurindervir Singh for becoming the fastest Indian ever. What a phenomenal achievement. Keep sprinting ahead, champion!" Tendulkar said in a post on X. Gurindervir's record-breaking run capped a dramatic day in Ranchi. He had



earlier clocked 10.17 seconds in the semifinals to briefly set a new national mark, only for fellow sprinter Animesh Kujur to surpass it moments later with a 10.15-second effort. In the final, however, Gurindervir reclaimed the record emphatically with his historic 10.09s finish, while both he and Animesh booked their spots for the Glasgow



Commonwealth Games. Earlier on Sunday, Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya congratulated the sprinter after he became the first Indian to clock below 10.10 seconds in the men's 100m event. In a post on X, Mandaviya wrote, "10.09 seconds! Gurindervir Singh, you have rewritten history. The entire nation is incredibly proud of you!" z

MERCEDES TEEN STAR KIMI  
ANTONELLI WINS CANADIAN GP  
FOR HIS 4TH STRAIGHT F1 VICTORY



## World Football Day: ZFA Empowers 1,400+ Young Footballers To Accelerate India's Football Growth

On the occasion of World Football Day, Zinc Football Academy (ZFA) reiterated its commitment to driving the growth and development of football in India. As it continues to celebrate the transformative power of football in shaping young lives, Zinc Football, in the past year alone, has positively impacted more than 1,400 young boys and girls in its bid to nurture grassroots talent and support India's footballing aspirations. This season has been a landmark chapter in ZFA's journey. The academy clinched its third Rajasthan State Men's League title, remarkably achieved with one of the youngest squads in the competition, underlining its strong development pathway. On the national stage, ZFA's Under-18 team finished runners-up in the



AIFF Under-18 Elite League, emerging as the second-best Under-18 team in India. Marking another significant milestone, the Zawar academy made its debut in the I-League 3, one of the top tiers of Indian football. The girls' team also delivered an exceptional season within just one year of its debut, securing titles at the Doon Cup, DAV Under-19 Nationals, and Asmita

Football League, while currently leading the points table in the ongoing Rajasthan Senior Women's League, highlighting the rapid rise of women's football at ZFA. Guided by its core philosophy, "Football Creates Dreams. Zinc Football Academy Builds Futures", Hindustan Zinc's ZFA has evolved from a grassroots initiative into a professionally driven foot-

ball ecosystem. With a strong focus on holistic development, the academy combines world-class infrastructure, structured coaching methodologies, and technology-led performance analysis to nurture the next generation of Indian footballers. Beyond the pitch, the academy promotes a true student-athlete model, ensuring every player's education is taken care of, all on a full scholarship basis. Since its inception in 2018, Zinc Football Academy-an AIFF 3-star rated academy-has consistently produced players for India's age-group teams, strengthening the nation's talent pool. Recently, the academy also launched India's first residential football academy for girls, with an inaugural batch of 20 players from rural backgrounds.

## WWE News: CM Punk Spotted During WWE Break Looking Absolutely Jacked In Viral Fan Gym Footage



CM Punk might be away from WWE television right now, but fans are still talking about him nonstop after a new gym video started making rounds online. The former World Heavyweight Champion recently appeared in fan-shot footage while training during his break from WWE programming, and honestly, people could barely recognize him at first. The reason? Punk looked seriously jacked. The viral clip quickly spread across wrestling social media after a fan shared that they randomly noticed Punk training at the same gym. According to the fan, they didn't even realize it was the WWE star initially because of how muscular and ripped he looked compared to his recent TV appearances. Soon after, an X user reposted the TikTok clip, and wrestling fans instantly started reacting to Punk's physique transformation during his current hiatus. CM Punk's new look during WWE break gets

internet attention The gym clip became a huge talking point mostly because fans were shocked at how different CM Punk looked physically. In the footage, The Second City Saint appeared noticeably more muscular while training during his time away from WWE TV. CM Punk has been absent from WWE ever since WrestleMania 42, where he faced Roman Reigns in a singles match for the World Heavyweight Championship. Even though Punk delivered a strong performance in the high-profile bout, he ultimately failed to win the title. Since that match, he hasn't appeared on WWE's weekly shows, which has left fans constantly wondering when he'll return. A lot of people online started speculating whether Punk could be preparing for another major run once he returns. Others simply joked that the former champion looked "built different" during his break from wrestling.

## Travis Head's Wife Abused After Virat Kohli Incident, Ugly Side Of IPL Fan Culture Exposed Again

The Royal Challengers Bengaluru and Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) contest might have been a dead-rubber form the IPL 2026 playoffs qualification standpoint, but it went on to enthrall fans in an unexpected way after a personal battle erupted between Virat Kohli and Travis Head. The match ended with SRH securing a victory, shortly after which, Kohli turned down Head's handshake, setting the internet ablaze. While fans could make out that the RCB star wasn't happy with Head's antics in the middle, Kohli's

fans decided to drag the SRH batter's wife Jessica into the matter. It isn't the first time that players' spouses have had to bear the consequences of what happened on the field. Travis Head's catch to dismiss Rohit Sharma during India and Australia's ODI World Cup final in 2023 produced a similar experience for Jessica. The aftermath of the Kohli-Head clash in the IPL 2026 match wasn't much different for her. "It feels like a repeat of the abuse that happened after the World Cup. I woke up to my socials blasting... we are fine but



they are attacking my friends and family," Jessica said while speaking to Australian media outlet The Advertiser. "I think across all sports at

the moment there's an important conversation around mental health, perspective and the way we speak to one another. Passion will always

be part of sport, but so is remembering there are real people and families behind the game. Hopefully this encourages more kindness and support for one another," she added. What Prompted Virat Koli To Snub Travis Head Handshake? Former India all-rounder Irfan Pathan, who was doing commentary during the SRH vs RCB match, revealed that a lot transpired between Kohli and Head while the former was batting. The on-field tussle then led to the snubbed handshake, which could've been avoided. "Yes, I was

commentating at that time. Look, Virat also likes to play cricket the way the Australians do. A little banter, a little aggression, a little talk of 'okay, come and bowl a few deliveries.' That's what he was saying: 'You are not an Impact Player.' Generally, he is an Impact Player, and he goes off the field. He asked him to bowl, something happened, and he was calling him out as well. Look at what happened after the game-I am not going to talk much about that. But what happened on the field is okay, it happens.

# Grand ‘Blast Zone’ Press Meet Held Successfully – Massive Theatrical Release on May 28!



Action King Arjun Sarja, Preeti Mukundan and Abhirami starrer much-awaited action entertainer ‘Blast Zone’ is all set for a grand theatrical release on May 28. The film is being prestigiously distributed across Andhra Pradesh and Telangana by Sithara Entertainments. Directed by Subhash K Raj and produced by AGS Entertainment, the film has music composed by ‘KGF’ fame Ravi Basrur. Ahead of the release, the film’s team held a grand press meet on Monday at Park Hyatt Hyderabad. Speaking at the event, Arjun Sarja said, “Blast Zone is a very special film for me. The film carries a powerful message about standing against injustice in society and empowering women with courage and confidence. The

movie blends women empowerment with strong commercial elements. Preeti Mukundan and Abhirami have performed outstanding action sequences after undergoing martial arts training. Ravi Basrur’s background score is exceptional, and every technical department has delivered brilliant work. This film will not feel like a dubbed movie; every character will connect emotionally with the audience. I am confident everyone will thoroughly enjoy Blast Zone in theatres on May 28.” Actress Abhirami said, “I am extremely happy to be part of such a powerful mass entertainer. I have never performed such an intense role or action sequences before. I worked very hard for this film and even underwent special training. The trailer has received a fantastic

response, and the film is packed with stunning visuals, music, and action. Blast Zone is definitely a theatrical experience.” Actress Preeti Mukundan said, “We are overwhelmed by the tremendous response to the Telugu trailer. I strongly believe Blast Zone will become a huge success in Telugu as well. I thank Sithara Entertainments for releasing our film on a grand scale.” Director Subhash K Raj said, “Audiences will witness vintage Arjun sir in this film. The movie will be a treat for his fans. Preeti Mukundan and Abhirami delivered exceptional performances. After seeing the response to the trailer, I understood the expectations are very high, and I assure audiences that the film will exceed those expectations.”

# PEDDI WILL STAY IN AUDIENCE HEARTS: SHIVARAJ KUMAR

It was a pleasure working with Ram Charan. The film Peddi will remain in the minds of the audience: Kannada superstar Shivaraj Kumar. Mega Power Star Ram Charan’s most awaited action drama ‘Peddi’ is creating huge buzz across the country. The film is already mesmerizing the audience with its amazing glimpses, two chartbuster songs and a powerful theatrical trailer. Directed by Buchi Babu Sana, the film is being produced by Venkata Satish Kilaru under the banner of Mythri Movie Makers, Sukumar Writings and Vriddhi Cinemas. Peddi is set to release globally on June 4. Special premieres will be held on June 3. In this backdrop, the film team organized a grand press meet in Bengaluru. Mega Power Star Ram Charan said at the Bengaluru press meet.. Greetings to all the Kannada audiences. Heartfelt thanks to all the fans. I feel lucky to receive so much love doing what I love and know. I bow to all of you and to God. I am coming before you again after almost two and a half years. We all worked very honestly and devoted our lives for this film. Write it down... This will be one of the best films. Shivanna is like a father, an uncle, and a brother to me. He is a legend in the Indian film industry and the king of Kannada cinema. I feel blessed to be working with such a great actor. I am very happy that



AR Rahman is a part of this film. Janhvi also worked very honestly for this film. This is the first film for our producer Satish. He did it with all his heart. Without Buchi Babu, this film would not exist. Also, thank you to Jagapathi Babu and DOP Ratnavelu. Special thanks to Sukumar garu who was the main reason for this film to happen. The most inspiring film I have done in my life is ‘Peddi’. I hope you all will definitely watch this film in theaters on June 4th. Kannada superstar Shivraj Kumar said.. Greetings to everyone. Ram Charan has worked very hard to reach this level. He has been working very honestly since his first film. He always has the blessings of his parents, Pawan Kalyan and fans. On

one occasion, Pawan Kalyan and Ram Charan sat side by side at an event. The affection between them touched me a lot. It is like the bond I have with Puneeth. I like Ram Charan a lot. It was a great pleasure to work with him. Producer Satish, director Buchibabu and Ratnavelu all showed me a lot of love and affection. I believe that Ram Charan will definitely get a National Award with the film ‘Peddi’. We all love Chiranjeevi. I also participated in the blood donation camp organized on his birthday and donated blood. The audience loves Chiranjeevi’s family a lot. I have never seen such affection anywhere. There are no language differences between us. We always support good

artists with love. I told Charan that I would do it immediately when he told me that there is a role in this film. Buchibabu garu has crafted my role wonderfully. The bonding between us will definitely impress the audience. There is a strong emotion in this film. The story told by Buchibabu garu will definitely connect every audience. The character of ‘Peddi’ will remain in everyone’s heart. I am also eagerly waiting for June 4th. Heroine Janhvi Kapoor said.. Namaste Bengaluru. Our movie ‘Peddi’ is releasing on June 4th. It is a very special story. I hope everyone will definitely watch it in theaters and enjoy it. Director Buchi Babu has crafted a wonderful story. I am very happy to act with

Ram Charan garu in this movie. Also, I consider it a great honor in my life to get the opportunity to act in a scene with our Kannada superstar Shivanna garu. I hope you all will enjoy watching ‘Peddi’ in theaters on June 4th. Producer Venkata Satish Kilaru said: Hello everyone. I feel lucky to have the opportunity to produce a prestigious film like ‘Peddi’. It is an excellent sports drama. It has all the elements that can be watched with the whole family. Ram Charan garu has worked tirelessly for this film. His dedication and hard work are visible on screen at every moment. We have made this film with a lot of love. I hope you all enjoy watching ‘Peddi’ in theaters on June 4th.

## Harshith Reddy’s “Deewana” Set for a Grand Worldwide Theatrical Release on June 19 Through Geetha Film Distributors

Young and talented actor Harshith Reddy, who recently scored a successful hit with “Subham,” is now coming up with his new film “Deewana.” The makers officially announced today that the movie will have a grand worldwide theatrical release on June 19 through Geetha Film



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Distributors. The poster promises an intense one side love story full of madness. This youthful love story has already grabbed the audience’s attention with its promotional content, including the teaser and songs. The teaser of

“Deewana” received a superb response, while the song “Idi Prema... Idi Prema...” sung by Karthik has turned into a chartbuster. The film is generating a strong buzz among youth audiences. The movie is being pro-

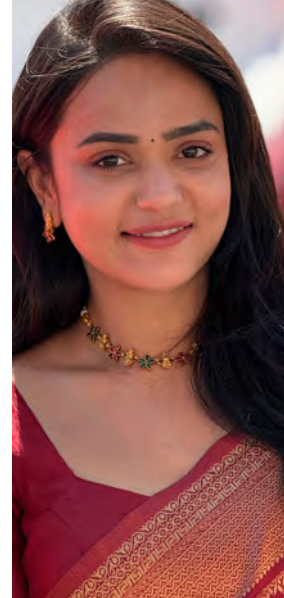
duced by Vasudev Koppineni and Sridevi Karyampudi under the banners of ARHA Media and V Studios. Actress Smeha Manimegalai and director Srikanth Sangishetti are being introduced through this beautiful love story.

**Cast:** Harshith Reddy, Smeha Manimegalai  
**Technical Team:** Costumes – Manasa

**Production Designer –** Jhansi Gojala  
**Editor –** Hrushikesh Paspal  
**DOP –** Vamsi Pachipulusu  
**Music –** Eshwar Chand  
**Digital Marketing –** House Full  
**PRO –** GSK Media (Suresh – Sreenivas)  
**Producers –** Vasudev Koppineni, Sridevi Karyampudi  
**Story, Screenplay & Direction –** Srikanth Sangishetti

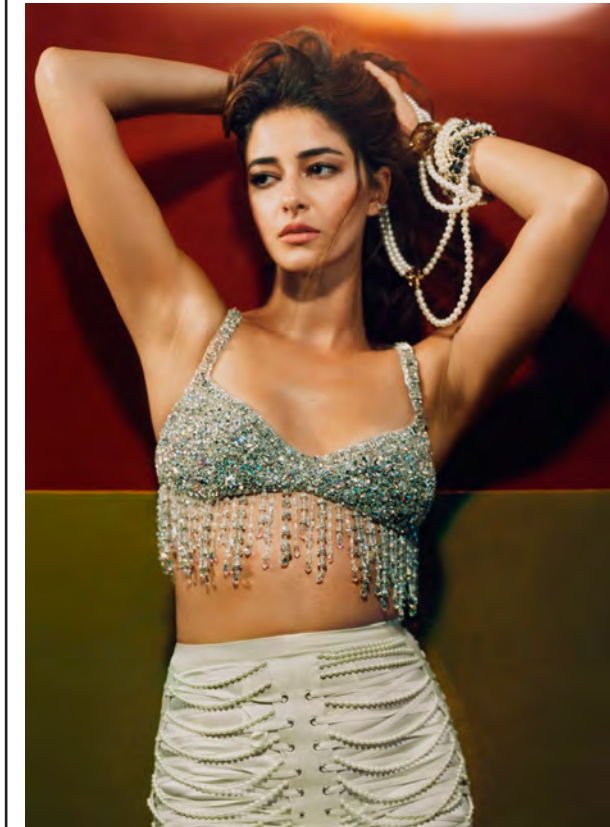
## Vihari OTT Global Vision Unveiled during Cannes Film Festival by 'Bigg Boss' Fame Sri Satya while filming Cannes as a Tourist destination

The Vihari OTT team released a special preview at the prestigious Cannes Film Festival, marking a new chapter in Telugu digital entertainment and travel storytelling. For the past 18 years, Vihari has entertained audiences with its travel programs. Now, it is transforming into a full-fledged global travel OTT platform. Known as one of the most popular travel brands in Telugu media, Vihari has showcased tourist destinations, cultures, traditions, food, and unique experiences from around the world. After successfully presenting many inspiring travel stories on television, Vihari is now set to reach audiences on a much larger scale through OTT.



Vihari OTT will be launched grandly in June as the first Telugu OTT platform dedicated entirely to travel content.

## Liger Beauty’s Bharatanatyam Triggers Huge Backlash



Aiger fame Ananya Panday’s latest film Chand Mera Dil has found itself at the center of a major social media debate after a Bharatanatyam-inspired dance sequence from the movie went viral online. The clip, featuring Ananya performing a fusion version of the classical dance form, triggered strong reactions from viewers, with many accusing the film of failing to respect the traditional art form. Several social media users criticized the choreography, expressions, and execution of the sequence, arguing that Bharatanatyam requires years of discipline and training. Some netizens even compared Ananya’s performance to iconic classical dance moments by actresses like Sridevi and Sai

Pallavi, claiming those performances reflected the true grace of the art form. The controversy intensified after political spokesperson Dr. Shama Mohamed also reacted strongly online, stating that classical dance forms should not be insulted through poorly executed performances. Meanwhile, many memes and trolling posts flooded X and Reddit, with users mocking the dance sequence and questioning Bollywood’s approach towards classical art forms. However, not everyone agreed with the criticism. A section of viewers defended Ananya and pointed out that the sequence was designed as a cinematic fusion performance rather than a pure Bharatanatyam recital.

# DIRECTOR VENU UDUGULA LAUNCHES ‘SINGLE RAJU’ TITLE AND GLIMPSE

Another beautiful rural love story is all set to entertain Telugu audiences. Titled ‘Single Raju’, the film stars Vishwas, Mounika, and Divya in lead roles and is being directed by young filmmaker S.S. Varma. With its unique title already creating curiosity among movie lovers, the title poster and glimpse of the film were grandly launched at Prasad Labs, Hyderabad, in collaboration with ‘Maaa Events’. Director and producer Venu Udagula attended the event as the chief guest. He officially unveiled the title poster and released the glimpse

of ‘Single Raju’. Speaking on the occasion, Venu Udagula said, “I like both S.S. Varma and Vishwas very much. The moment I heard the story, I found it very interesting. They started this project with great determination and are making it wonderfully. The entire team is working very hard, and I wholeheartedly wish the film becomes a big success.” Director S.S. Varma said, “This film would not have been possible without the support of Venu Udagula anna. More than me, my parents worked hard for this movie. I strongly believe ‘Single Raju’ will



stand out as a complete entertainer that will surely impress the audience.” Hero Vishwas said,

“Director S.S. Varma and all of us are making this film with great passion. During the village sched-

ule, everyone there supported us wholeheartedly. We request audiences to encourage and support

our movie.” Heroines Mounika and Divya said, “We are confident that everyone will like our film. The story, set against a village backdrop, has all the entertaining elements. Thanks to our director and the entire team for their support.” The ‘broken heart’ emoji seen in the title logo hints that the movie is being made as a youthful love entertainer. With its rural backdrop and interesting concept, the film has already generated curiosity among audiences. The makers are expected to officially announce more details about the cast and other updates soon.