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26-05-2026

Total pilgrims: 89,403
Tonsnes: 44,254
Hundi kankulu: 4.0 CR
Laddu sale: 4.14 Lac
Annaprasadam: 2.55 Lac
Medical treatment: 3,351

Approx. Darsan Time for Sarvareshwaram
(with out SSD Tokens) : 24 H

**Heat is harsh,
offer glass of
water to others;
such kindness
goes a long way,
says PM Modi**



New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday urged people across the country to take all possible precautions as several parts of India continue to witness soaring temperatures. He also encouraged people to offer a glass of water to others, saying that such kindness goes a long way in extreme weather conditions. Taking to the social media platform X, PM Modi said, "Different parts of India are witnessing soaring temperatures and the challenges that come with it. This heat is harsh on all of us and I urge you all to take as many precautions as possible. Please stay hydrated, keep water with you when stepping out. Offer a glass of water to others."

**Two more
arrested from
Latur, Pune in
NEET paper
leak case**

Pune: Two more accused in the NEET-UG 2026 paper leak case have been arrested by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), officials said on Wednesday. This brings the total number of people arrested to 13. The two accused have been identified as Dr Manoj Shirure, a Latur-based doctor, and Tejas Harshadkumar Shah, who is a physics faculty at Abhang Prabhu Medical Academy (APMA), a Pune-based coaching centre. According to the officials, Shirure played a key role in facilitating three students, including the son of an accused coaching centre owner, in getting the Chemistry questions from P.V. Kulkarni - who is being called the "kingpin" of the entire paper leak scam.

CM Revanth pushes speedy T-Fiber implementation across Telangana

Seeks early fund release and Centre's support to provide high-speed internet connectivity to every village and household across the State

HYDERABAD
TSIT BUREAU

A.Revanth Reddy on Wednesday stressed the need for speedy implementation of the T-Fiber project under the Amended BharatNet Programme (ABP) to ensure high-speed internet connectivity to every village and household across Telangana.

Chief Minister, along with Minister D. Sridhar Babu, participated in a video conference with Union Communications Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia to discuss the implementation of the ambitious digital connectivity project in the State.

During the meeting, CM Revanth Reddy urged the Centre to expedite the signing of agreements related to the programme and ensure early release of pending funds for smooth implementation of the T-Fiber network.

Chief Minister also



sought a clear policy regarding the transfer of mandal-to-gram panchayat ring network assets to Digital Bharat Nidhi to facilitate seamless execution of the project.

Responding positively, Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia assured complete cooperation and support from the Central Government for strengthening Telangana's digital infrastructure.

The discussions focused on

Government's vision of creating a digitally empowered State by providing uninterrupted high-speed broadband services to rural and urban areas alike.

Officials said the T-Fiber network will connect every gram panchayat through an advanced ring architecture model, ensuring uninterrupted internet services even if one network route is disrupted.

As part of the first phase, connectivity restoration

and modernization works will be undertaken in 3,089 villages across the erstwhile districts of Nizamabad, Rangareddy, and Khammam, where damaged network infrastructure currently exists.

State Government has also approved the formation of a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) for implementing the project in coordination with the Centre, paving the way for a comprehensive digital backbone for Telangana.

Centre assures no fuel shortage amid West Asia tensions

Rajnath Singh urges public to avoid panic buying as India maintains adequate fuel and fertiliser supplies despite global disruptions

NEW DELHI (TSIT)

Amid escalating tensions in West Asia and concerns over global energy disruptions, the Centre on Wednesday asserted that there was "no supply gap" in petroleum products in India and urged citizens not to indulge in panic buying of fuel or LPG.

Reviewing the evolving regional situation at the sixth meeting of the Informal Group of Ministers (IGoM) on West Asia, chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, the government said India's energy and fertiliser supplies remained stable despite continuing disruptions linked to the conflict.

Officials informed the ministerial group that supplies of petrol and diesel across the country were "fully adequate", underlining that India, as the world's fourth-largest refiner, possessed an



installed refining capacity of 258.1 million tonnes per annum against domestic consumption of 243.2 million tonnes in the last financial year.

India also exports nearly 61.5 million tonnes of petroleum products annually, the meeting was told, reinforcing the government's position that there was no immediate threat to domestic fuel availability. "The supply situation in the country today is normal," Rajnath Singh said in a post on X after the meeting, while appealing to citizens to

avoid panic purchases of petrol, diesel and LPG.

The high-level meeting was attended by several senior ministers, including Hardeep Singh Puri, J P Nadda, Manohar Lal, Ashwini Vaishnav, Prahlad Joshi and Kiren Rijju. The government also disclosed that public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs) were currently absorbing losses of nearly Rs 550 crore per day by not fully passing on rising international crude prices to retail consumers during the ongoing crisis.

K'taka CM Siddaramaiah may resign in one or two days

Bengaluru: A change of guard in the three-year-old Karnataka government seems imminent, with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah seeking the Governor's appointment on Wednesday, May 27.

Earlier, Senior Congress MLA and Chairperson of the Administrative Reforms Commission R V Deshpande had said that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah told him he had decided to resign. The former minister, who met Siddaramaiah at his residence, said that when some MLAs insisted he should not resign, the CM replied that he had given his word to the high command and would respect it.

According to sources, a number of ministers and legislators met Siddaramaiah at his residence and held discussions with him. They insisted he should not resign and said they would discuss the matter with the party high command. As per reports, some even suggested the matter be discussed at a legislature party meeting, but Siddaramaiah did not respond positively to any such suggestions.

"I was with the CM. He said, 'I have decided to resign.' He has decided to resign. I did not question him about why he was resign-



ing. We tried to persuade him, saying, 'Why don't you continue?'" Deshpande said.

**SIDDARAMAIAH TO RESIGN
IN ONE OR TWO DAYS**

Speaking to reporters, he said the CM may resign on Thursday or the day after. "We said the decision was a surprise to us, but he said, 'No, I have decided to resign.' The MLAs who were there wanted him to continue, but he said he had given his word to the high command and would respect it. I told him it would be better if he continued, but he said he has committed to the high command and is therefore resigning," he added. Asked whether he would

be a minister in the new cabinet under D K Shivakumar, the senior MLA said that if Shivakumar is chosen as CM, it is for him and the high command to decide.

Among those who met the CM on Wednesday were ministers H C Mahadevappa, Zameer Ahmed Khan, Eshwar Khandre, Santosh Lad and K J George, and MLAs Nanjagowda, B Nagendra, Umesh Meti, A S Ponnanna and Saleem Ahmed, among others. Intense speculation is rife that Siddaramaiah will announce his resignation as CM in a couple of days, most likely on Thursday, to make way for his deputy D K

**SUPPORTERS OF
KARNATAKA CHIEF MINISTER
SIDDARAMAIAH GATHERED
OUTSIDE HIS OFFICIAL RESI-
DENCE ON WEDNESDAY,
PROTESTING AMID INTENSE
SPECULATION THAT HE MAY
STEP DOWN.**

Shivakumar. He has sought time from the governor and is hosting a breakfast meeting with his cabinet colleagues on Thursday at his official residence. This follows reports that the Congress high command asked Siddaramaiah to make way for a leadership change in the state, offering him a central role in the party, including a Rajya Sabha seat. Siddaramaiah is said to have not accepted the offer immediately.

**SURJEWALA ASKS MEDIA
NOT TO SPECULATE**

Meanwhile, AICC General Secretary in charge of Karnataka Randeep Singh Surjewala, requested the media not to speculate on the issue and asserted that the party will make decisions not in favour of individuals but in favour of Karnataka.

CCEA clears Rs 25,530 crore SARTHAK-PDS scheme

NEW DELHI (TSIT)

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on Wednesday approved a new integrated public distribution programme titled "Scheme for Assistance in Ration Transport and Handling-Income with Automation in PDS" (SARTHAK-PDS), with a Central outlay of Rs 25,530 crore for the next five years to strengthen India's food security system through technology-driven reforms. Briefing reporters after the Cabinet meeting, union Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnav said the scheme would continue through the 16th Finance Commission award peri-

od and remain operational till March 31, 2031. "The government is committed to ensuring efficient last-mile delivery of foodgrains and strengthening food security infrastructure through technology-driven reforms," Vaishnav said. The newly approved umbrella scheme merges two existing programmes - "Assistance to State Agencies for intra-State movement of foodgrains and FPS dealers' margin under NFSA" and "Scheme for Modernization and Reforms through Technology in Public Distribution System (SMART PDS)" - with the objective of improving the implementation of the National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013.

Rahul, Cong stand exposed: BJP on SC's ruling on SIR

KOCHI (TSIT):

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Wednesday said that the Supreme Court's ruling on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls "exposed" that Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition (LoP) Rahul Gandhi and Congress "stood" with the infiltrators.

The Supreme Court upheld the Election Commission of India's decision to undertake a SIR of electoral rolls, holding that the revision exercise was within the constitutional and statutory powers of the poll body and was aimed at preserving the integrity of the electoral process.



Reacting to this, BJP national spokesperson Pradeep Bhandhari said, "Rahul Gandhi & Congress party stands exposed! Supreme Court declare SIR Process Legal & Constitutional!" "It's clear Rahul Gandhi &

Congress opposed all through because they stood with illegal infiltrators not with Indian voters. This was in true sense an 'Anti National Act! Will Rahul Gandhi apologise today for defaming Indian Democracy!" he added. A Bench of Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi ruled that the impugned SIR exercise did not violate the provisions of the Representation of the People Act (RPA), 1950 or the rules framed thereunder, and held that the ECI was empowered to undertake such a revision under Article 324 of the Constitution read with Section 21(3) of the RPA Act.

ED raids on ex-CM Pinarayi Vijayan

FAMILY MEMBERS SPARK POLITICAL STORM IN KERALA

KOCHI (TSIT):

The Enforcement Directorate's raids at various locations linked to the controversial Exaloxic-CMRL payment row triggered a sharp political confrontation in Kerala on Wednesday, with the Communist Party of India (Marxist) accusing the Bharatiya Janata Party-led Centre of using central agencies for political vendetta and the BJP demanding answers over alleged financial dealings involving former Chief

Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's daughter, Veena Vijayan. CPI (M) workers protested in various parts of the state following the ED raids, and several party leaders alleged that the action was a political vendetta against the former Kerala CM. The ED conducted searches at multiple locations, including the residences of Pinarayi Vijayan, his daughter Veena Vijayan, former state minister and son-in-law PA Mohammed Riyas, as part of its probe into the Exaloxic-CMRL payment case.



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BAKRID SYMBOLISES SACRIFICE, CHARITY AND HUMANITY: TPCC PRESIDENT MLC MAHESH KUMAR GOUD

Hyderabad TSIT: Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud extended Bakrid (Eid-ul-Adha) greetings to the Muslim community and said that the festival stands as a sacred symbol of sacrifice, charity, compassion and human values.

He stated that Bakrid spreads the message of brotherhood, mutual respect and peace in society, while strengthening the spirit of harmony among people from all communities.

Mahesh Kumar Goud said that India is a land of religious harmony where people celebrate festivals of all faiths with mutual respect, reflecting the greatness of Indian culture and traditions.

On the occasion of Bakrid, he wished happiness, peace, prosperity and



good health to every family.

He further said that the message of Eid promotes love, kindness and tolerance among people and inspires society to extend support and compassion towards the weaker and underprivileged sections.

The TPCC President expressed hope that people of all communities in Telangana would continue to live together in unity, peace and brotherhood.

CM Revanth Writes to Maharashtra CM Seeking Talks on Tummidihehetti Barrage

Hyderabad TSIT BUREAU: Chief Minister A.Revanth Reddy has written to Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis seeking discussions on the height and construction of the proposed Tummidihehetti Barrage under the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Pranahita Chevella Sujala Sravanthi Project. In his letter Chief Minister requested Maharashtra to allot time for a meeting with a Telangana Government delegation and finalise a convenient date at the earliest for detailed discussions on the project.

Tummidihehetti Barrage was originally proposed with a Full Reservoir Level (FRL) of 152 metres. However, during the Interstate Board meeting held on August 23, 2016, Maharashtra had agreed



to the construction of the barrage with an FRL of 148 metres and had assured cooperation in obtaining the required clearances.

Following the Telangana Government's recent decision to revive and complete the Pranahita-Chevella project,

the issue was reviewed once again. Experts reportedly concluded that the existing 148-metre FRL would not sufficiently meet the future irrigation and drinking water needs of North Telangana districts. CM Revanth Reddy, in

his communication, highlighted the need to reconsider the barrage height keeping in view the requirements of Adilabad, Nizamabad, Karimnagar and Medak districts. He stated that even if the FRL is slightly increased beyond 148 metres, the submergence impact in Maharashtra would remain minimal. Chief Minister further explained that increasing the FRL would enable Telangana to draw water through gravity, which would greatly benefit irrigation and drinking water supply across North Telangana.

Telangana Government expressed optimism that both states would work together constructively while safeguarding the interests of people in the region.

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

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Prudent ARC 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 Bank) pursuant to Assignment Agreement dated 30/06/2025 executed between 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 Authorized 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)/Guarantor(s) & Loan/Outstanding Amount	Description of Secured Asset (Immoveable Assets)	Date of Possession
1.	Srinu Mechanic Auto Parts (Borrower), Srinu Deekonda (Co-Borrower No. 1) & Deekonda Radha (Co-Borrower No. 2) / UGWARMS0000037381	Open Plot No. 1, Situated At Moglichirra [V], in Survey Nos. 470/4, 470/3, 470/1, 470/2, 470/5, & 470/6, Within The Grcm Panchayat Block Moglichirra, Geesugonda (m), Warangal (Dist) and Within The Registration Dist: Warangal And Sub-registrar Warangal Rural. The Total Area of The Plot Measuring To 295-50 Sq. Yds. (Or) 247-08 Sq. Ms. There is No. Structure or House in The Said Sold Plot. There is No Nearest House And It Is Not Covered By Any Ward and Block Boundaries East : 30'-0" Wide Road West : 20'-0" Wide Road North : Land of Others South : Plot No. 2	23/05/2026

Date: 28.05.2026
Sd/- Authorized Officer
Prudent ARC Limited (Prudent Trust- 123-25)

Muthoot Homefin (India) Ltd.
Corporate Office : Unit No. 18-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 Authorized 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 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.	Bhoomaiah Baddapuri/ Baddapuri Vimala/ KNR-NHL-000260/ Karimnagar	R.C.C. house bearing H.No. 1-166/9, in the land admeasuring 142.60 Sq. Yards or 202.312 Sq. Meters, situated at Choppadandi Village & Mandal, Karimnagar District following boundaries. East : House of Cheruku Srinivas, West-House of Chilla Bhumaiah, North: 15'-00" Wide Way & Land of Vendee, South: House of Rachakonda Gangalaha, Open Place of Bodige Srinivas & House of Ramaswamy	28-feb-2026/ Rs. 20,14,111/- Rupees Twenty Lakh Fourteen Thousand One Hundred Eleven Only.	25th May '26
2.	Pasunuti Laxmi/ Pasunuti Shankar/ KNR-NHL-000372/ Karimnagar	Bearing in H.No: 14-5-800, is situated at Parshuram Nagar Locality, Thilak Nagar, Godavarihathi with in MC Limits of Ramagundam. District: Peddapalli Telangana. 505209 North: House of others & 4 feet passage; South: House of others; East: House of others; West: House of others	28-feb-2026/ Rs. 10,34,751.4/- Rupees Ten Lakh Thirty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty One And Paise Forty Only.	26-May-2026

Date: May 28, 2026, Place: Karimnagar
Sd/- Authorized Officer, Muthoot Homefin (India) Limited

SHIRAM FINANCE LIMITED
Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No. 14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032
Administrative Office: 6th Floor (Level 2), Building No. Q2, Aarun Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghatnsoli, Navi Mumbai-400710. Branch At #12-02-18 To 20, 1st, S V N Road, Battala Bazar, Warangal-506002

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer Ms. Shiram Finance Limited, (Shiram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shiram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shiram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shiram Finance Limited, by its Incorporation Certificate dt.30-11-2022) a corporate body registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian Companies Act 1956, is doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No. 14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No. Q2, Aarun Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghatnsoli, Navi Mumbai-400710 and branch office at Warangal - I (hereinafter referred as Company/Lender), under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices. The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 27th day of May, 2026.

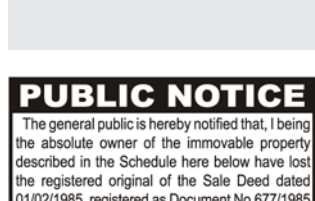
Borrower Name and Address	Amount due as per Demand Notice
1) Suman Ganapaka, S/O Anandam, Age: 41 Years, Occ: VR Building Centring Material Suppliers, # 5-273, Thimmapur (Haveli), Beshamcheruvu, Warangal (Dist) - 506005. Cell: 9154099357. 2) Rahela Ganapaka, W/O Anandam, Age: 56 Years, # 5-273, Thimmapur (Haveli), Besham cheruvu, Warangal (Dist) - 506002. Cell: 9154099357. And Also At: Rahela Ganapaka, W/O Anandam, Age: 56 Years, Occ: House Wife, # Open Place 605.00 Sq. Yards, 505.84 Sq.Mtrs, Sy. No.287/81, Thimmapur Village, Hanamkonda Mandal, Warangal District, 3) Anandam Ganipaka, S/O Ramaswamy, Age: 64 Years, Occ: Head Constable 259, 4th Battalion, Special Police, # 5-273, Besham cheruvu, Thimmapur (Haveli) (Rural), Hanamkonda, Warangal Dist - 506005. Cell: 9154099357. 4) Arun Ganipaka, S/O Anandam, Age: 36 Years, # 5-273, Beshamcheruvu, Thimmapur (Haveli) (Rural), Hanamkonda, Warangal Dist - 506005. Cell: 970088627. 5) Sudher Ganipaka, S/O Anandam, Age: 39 Years, Occ: Airtel Dtl Technician, # 5-273, Besham cheruvu, Thimmapur (Haveli) (Rural), Hanamkonda, Warangal Dist- 506005. Cell: 9912185368. 6) Babu Pendyala, S/O Komuriah, Age: 45 Years, Occ: Ph Worker, Greater Municipal Corporation, Id No 2146046, Warangal, # 6-108, Jakkaloddin, Alipur, Warangal (Dist) - 506005. Cell: 9502081090.	Rs.2186132/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Eighty Six Thousand One Hundred Thirty Two only)

Description of Property: WARN1TF1612290004-Description Of The Immoveable Property (Property Holder Name is Ganapaka Rahela Mortgage Deed Dated 05.01.2017 Registered As Document No.1322017 On The File Of The Office Of Sub-Registrar At (Warangal Fort))
Open Place Admeasuring To An Extent Of 605.00 Sq. Yards Or 505.84 Sq.Mtrs In Sy. No.287/81 Situated At Thimmapur Village Hanamkonda Mandal Of Warangal District Is, Bounded By: East: House And Open Place No.5-96 Of Jajaji Pandu, West: Open Land Of Others, North: 15 Feet Wide Road, South: Open Land Of Kalakolla Anand.

This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Symbolic Possession of the immoveable property mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL.

Place: Warangal
Date : 27-05-2026
Sd/-Authorized officer,
Shiram Finance Ltd,

Nursing Education to Be Strengthened in Telangana Minister Damodar Raja narsimha



Hyderabad TSIT: Medical and Health Minister C. Damodar Raja narsimha has directed officials to take comprehensive steps to strengthen nursing education and infrastructure across the state. During a high-level review meeting on strengthening the State Nursing Council held at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat in Hyderabad, the Minister emphasized the need to improve nursing education standards in line with changing health-care requirements. The Minister instructed officials to provide

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opportunities for GNM students to pursue Post Basic B.Sc Nursing courses in B.Sc Nursing colleges to support their career development and higher education prospects. He also directed authorities to initiate measures for establishing 10 B.Sc Nursing Colleges and one PG (M.Sc Nursing) College under the state government. The Minister stressed the importance of strengthening Midwifery courses in nursing colleges and asked officials to prepare a detailed action plan in this regard.

PUBLIC NOTICE
The general public is hereby notified that, I being the absolute owner of the immoveable property described in the Schedule here below have lost the registered original of the Sale Deed dated 01/02/1985, registered as Document No.6771985 in office of the District Registrar of Ranga Reddy District, Telangana State (earlier Andhra Pradesh) by which I acquired the Schedule Property. Regarding this I have given police complaint and received Lost Report No.221486/2026 dated 26/05/2026. I have not created any mortgage, security, charge, debt, liability or any other encumbrances on the Schedule Property by deposit of the aforesaid lost original title deed. Finder of the aforesaid original document is requested to return the same to me within ten days of this publication or submit it to a nearby police station.

SCHEDULE
All that piece of land bearing Plot No.22, measuring 267 Square Yards (equivalent to 223 Square Meters) forming part Survey Nos. 259/3, 259/4, 259/5, 259/7, 260/2, 260/3, 260/8, 261/1, 261/3, 261/4, 262/8, situated at Bowampet Village, Medchal Taluk, Rangareddy District, Telangana State (earlier Andhra Pradesh), which is delineated in plan annexed to this deed and bounded as North: 25-wide Road, East: 66-wide Road, West: plot No.34, South: plot No. 23.

Angani Saradha Kamala Kumari @ Kamala Kumari A.S A-106, Brigade Gateway Apartments, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Near Orion Mall, Malliswaram West, Bengaluru-560055. (Mob: 9380847303)
Place: Bangalore Date: 28/05/2026

Form No. 3
BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, 3rd Floor, Triveni Complex, Abids, AT HYDERABAD

O.A.No. 231 of 2026
Summons under sub-section (4) of Section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule 2(A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993

O.A.No. 231 of 2026

BETWEEN:
HDFC BANK Limited Bank House, Department for Special Operations, H. No.6-3-246 & 6-3-244/A, 3rd Floor, Roxana Palladium, Road No.1, Banjara Hills Hyderabad-500 034 ...Applicant And
Ms. Yateesree Marketing And another Defendant

1. Name and address of Defendant No.1 Ms. Yateesree Marketing Rep. by its Partners H. No. 13-6-445/3, KRM Gardens, Konjiki Enclave Gudmalikapur, Near IMAX Functional PlazaMehdipatnam, Hyderabad-500028.
2. Name and address of Defendant No.1 Ms. Yateesree Marketing Rep. by its Partners H. No. 13-6-445/3, KRM Gardens, Konjiki Enclave Gudmalikapur, Near IMAX Functional PlazaMehdipatnam, Hyderabad-500028.
3. Name and address of Defendant No.2 Mr. Kurli Aravind Kumar S/o. K.Jaganadh Rao Age: Major, Gender: Male H. No. 10-475/2/1, Prem Vijaya Nagar Colony Beside Venkateshwara Apartments Mirjalguda, Malkajgiri, Hyderabad-500047.
4. Name and address of Defendant No.3 Viveka Kurli, /W/o. K. Aravind Kumar Age: Major, Gender: Female H. No. 10-475/2/1, Prem Vijaya Nagar Colony Beside Venkateshwara Apartments Mirjalguda, Malkajgiri, Hyderabad-500047.

SUMMONS
WHEREAS O.A. No. 231 of 2026 was listed before Honble Presiding Officer on 15-06-2026. WHEREAS this Honble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/notice on the said Application under Section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you, by recovery of debts of Rs. 76,80,897.08 P+/- (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 received 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 Presiding Officer on 15-06-2026 at 10:30AM. Failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date 05-05-2026

REGISTRAR DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II Alluri Krishnam Raju, Advocate 201, Megasi Classic Apartments Dwarakapuri Colony, Panjagutta Hyderabad-500 082. Cell No.9849560330, 9502260029 Email:alluri.krishnamraju@yahoo.co.in

Kohinoor 3.0 to Showcase Odisha's Timeless Pattachitra Art Heritage



Hyderabad TSIT: Celebrated model, socialite, entrepreneur and Ms.India Asia Pacific First Runner-Up, Sudha Jain, is set to unveil "Kohinoor 3.0," a unique artistic initiative dedicated to reviving and promoting Odisha's ancient Pattachitra art tradition. Following the success of Kohinoor 1.0, which highlighted Banaras weavers, and Kohinoor 2.0, focused on Telangana's weaving heritage, the latest edition shifts its spotlight to Odisha's master artisans and painters who continue to preserve the centuries-old folk art form. Pattachitra, known for its intricate detailing, mythological storytelling, and hand-painted artistry on cloth and palm leaves, is regarded as one of India's oldest and most treasured traditional art forms. The campaign aims to create greater awareness and appreciation for India's disappearing artisan traditions while providing national visibility to skilled craftsmen. The initiative is spearheaded by Dr. Sudha Jain, who said the project is designed not only to celebrate Indian heritage but also to encourage society to value handmade cultural creations that define the country's identity. The exclusive conceptual shoot for the campaign was captured by renowned photographers Sham and Kiran Majumdar, while makeup artistry was handled by Mr. Mohsin. Sudha Jain serves as the featured face of the campaign, symbolizing elegance and the enduring strength of Indian heritage. Adding another milestone to the initiative, an upcoming venture titled "Heritage Vastra" is expected to introduce a platform that will make authentic Indian artisan products and heritage creations more accessible to people at affordable prices.

CM Revanth Reddy Extends Bakrid Greetings to Muslim Community

Hyderabad TSIT: CM Revanth Reddy extended heartfelt Bakrid ('Eid-ul-Adha') greetings to Muslim brothers and sisters on the occasion of the festival celebrated as a symbol of sacrifice, devotion, and faith. In a message issued on Wednesday Chief Minister said Muslims across the world celebrate Bakrid with deep devotion and spiritual fervour in remembrance of the great act of sacrifice associated with Prophet Ibrahim. CM Revanth Reddy stated that the festival reminds humanity of noble values such as sacrifice, charity, faith, compassion, and humanity.

SOUTHERN POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY OF T.S. LIMITED
E-Procurement/Open Tender Paper Notification
RRZ-02/2026-27
Tenders are invited from eligible contractors for tender with Sp.Nos. 30B & 58A/25-26, Sp.No. 15 (Reserved for SC) & 16/2026-27 for various works in Rajendranagar and Saroonagar Cricles & Open tenders with Sp.Nos. OT-01 to OT-06/2026-27 for procurement of various materials of RR Zone. For further details regarding detailed notification, specification and digital certificate please visit www.tender.telangana.gov.in Sd/- Chief Engineer, Operation, Ranga Reddy Zone, KPHB Colony, Hyderabad.
DIPRNo.: 3117-PP/CL/ADVT/2026-27

UGRO UGRO Capital Limited
B-17, Fourth Floor, Art Guild House, Phoenix Market City, Kuria (West), Mumbai- 400070
POSSESSION NOTICE (APPENDIX IV (See rule 8(1)) (For Immoveable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of UGRO Capital Limited, having its registered office at B-17, Fourth Floor, Art Guild House, Phoenix Market City, Kuria (West), Mumbai- 400070 under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice to repay the amount mentioned in the notice together with interest thereon, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 on the day, month and year mentioned below. The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of UGRO Capital Limited for the amount mentioned in the notice together 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.

Borrower Details	Demand Notice	Possession Date
1.LEGEND FABTECH AND ENGINEERING SERVICES 2.SOMA DEY 3.NARESH MOTE LAN - UGBRPPS0000035614	Demand Notice dated 18-Nov-2025 for an amount of Rs.2,94,90,698.00/- (Rupees Two Crore Ninety Four Lakh Ninety Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Eight Only) As on 13/11/2025	25.05.2026

Mortgaged Property - ALL THAT THE PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE BEARING GHMC HOUSE BEARING NO. 5-9-16/3, ADMEASURING 500 SQUARE YARDS OR EQUIVALENT TO 416.74 SQUARE METERS, HAVING BUILT-UP AREA 2800 SQUARE FEET, IN SURVEY NO. 252/1, SITUATED AT MOOSAPET VILLAGE, KUKATPALLY MANDAL, UNDER GHMC KUKATPALLY CIRCLE, MEDCHAL-MALKAJGIRI DISTRICT, TELANGANA STATE AND BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS:- NORTH : H.NO. 9-16/4, SOUTH : H.NO. 9-16/2, EAST : 25'-0" FEET WIDE ROAD, WEST H LAND BELONGING TO MR. PADMA RAO.

Date : 28/05/2026, Place : TELANGANA Authorised Officer, UGRO Capital Limited

NOTICE
This is to inform all the people that, the following sale deeds along with relative documents are not found in SBI, RASMEC Khammam. The details are furnished below.

- 1) Smt Cheedirala Durga Bhavani, Account No. 62435429092, Sale Deed No. 9022/2015, dated 14.09.2015.
- 2) Sri Goje Srinivas Kumar, Account No. 37580459683, Sale Deed No. 3126/2012, Dated 01.03.2012.
- 3) Sri Yadavelli Venkateswarlu, Account No. 42104518900, Sale Deed No. 4805/2020, dated 04.06.2020.
- 4) Sri Tejavath Venkateswarlu, Account No. 62499597164, Sale Deed No. 696/2017, dated 01.02.2017.
- 5) Sri Raghavarapu Ranga rao alias Ramisetty Ranga rao Account No. 62501149076, Sale Deed No. 2203/1999, dated 17.08.1999.
- 6) Sri Ponnann Subba rao, Account No.41889116190, Sale Deed No. 5108/2023, dated 05.05.2023.
- 7) Smt Vanana Varalakshmi, W/o Vanana Veera Raghavarao, Account No. 40497503985, Sale Deed No. 2575/2011, dated 02.09.2011.
- 8) Sri B H Kishore Kumar and Smt. BVNSR Lakshmi Account No. 31237344920, Sale Deed No. 4182/2010 dated 16.06.2010.
- 9) Sri Maddineni Srinivasa rao Account No.62498160341, Sale Deed No. 4241/2016(Duplicate Set), dated 03.05.2016.

The documents could not be traced even after thorough search at our SBI, RASMEC, Khammam. A petition will be filed in Police Station for the above documents. So whoever found the above mentioned documents can give them to State Bank of India, RASMEC Khammam. Sd/- Assistant General Manager, State Bank of India, RASMEC Khammam

NORTHERN ARC CAPITAL LIMITED
NORTHERN Regd. Office: 10th Floor, Phase-I, IIT-Madras Research Park, Kanaganur Village, Taramani, Chennai - 600113, Tamil Nadu.

RULE - 8(1) - POSSESSION NOTICE (for immoveable properties)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Northern Arc Capital Ltd under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 16th July 2025 calling upon the Borrower (1) Mr. Sardar Tulasi Singh (Borrower) Address: House No. 5-97, Gandi Gudem, Dayar Ameenpur, Sultanpur, Sangareddy, Telangana - 502319 (2) Mrs. Sardar Devi (Co-Borrower) House No. 5-97, Gandi Gudem, Dayar Ameenpur, Sultanpur, Sangareddy, Telangana - 502319 (3) M/s. Sri Sarad Tulasi Sing (Co-Borrower) House No. 5-97, Gandi Gudem, Dayar Ameenpur, Sultanpur, Sangareddy, Telangana - 502319 repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 26,62,007/- (Rupees Twenty Six Lakh Sixty Two Thousand Seven Only) as 11th July 2025 along with interest from 12th July, 2025, along with interest from 15th August 2025 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/ Guarantor/Co Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on this possession notice dated 25/05/2026. The Borrower/Guarantor/Co Borrower 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 Northern Arc Capital Ltd for an amount of Rs. 26,62,007/- (Rupees Twenty Six Lakh Sixty Two Thousand Seven Only) as 11th July, 2025 along with interest from 12th July, 2025, costs, etc. thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY
All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Situated At House No. 5-97, Admeasuring Land To An Extent Of 135 Sq. Yards, Survey No. 330, Situated At House Site Locality Sultanpur Village, Ameenpur Mandal, District Sangareddy, Under Registration Of Sub-Registrar Sangareddy, Telangana - 502319 And Bounded By: North: Road South: House Of Chintha Yadaiah East: Road West: Road.

Place: Sangareddy, Telangana
Date: 25th May 2026
Sd/- Authorized Officer,
NORTHERN ARC CAPITAL LIMITED

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 RC/478/2025 INCOME TAX ACT, 1961. 06-05-2026

STATE BANK OF INDIA
Versus
DESIRE HEALTH AND FITNESS BHANU CHANDER

To
(CD 1) DESIRE HEALTH AND FITNESS BHANU CHANDER BHANUCHANDER SRI RAMULU REPRESENTED BY ITS PROPRIETOR, SRI BHANU CHANDER, MALE, MAJOR, 4TH FLOOR, FLAT NO. 38/2, SUNYUGA I SQUARE, PULPUGUDA MAIN ROAD, MANIKONDA, HYDERABAD-500089, Rangareddy, TELANGANA-500089.
(CD 2) SRI BHANU CHANDER, S/o. RAMULU, H.NO. 1-38-1201, INDIRAMMA BHAGUR, BEGUMPET, SECUNDERABAD-500003.

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/231/2025 an amount of Rs. 63,29,650/- (Rupees Sixty Three Lakh Twenty Nine Thousands Six Hundred Fifty Only) along with pendente lite and future interest @ (AS PER THE RECOVERY CERTIFICATE) % Simple Interest Yearly w.e.f. 23-05-2025 till realization and costs of Rs. 1,59,750/- (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Nine Thousands Seven Hundred Fifty Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally/ Fully / Limited).

1. 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.
2. You are hereby directed to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.
3. You are hereby directed to appear before the undersigned on 29-07-2026 at 10:30 a.m. for further proceedings.
4. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay: (a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings. (b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

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

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Tender No. C/SG/36/604
Dated: 25.05.2026

On behalf of the President of India, Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer, Secunderabad Division, South Central Railway, Secunderabad invites open Tenders for the following works through E-Procurement of the Tenders.

S.No.: 01 Tender No. & Date: C_SG_36_604 Dt:22.05.2026 Closing Dt:15.06.2026
Description of the work: Signalling arrangement in connection with Interlocking of Three (3) number of LC gates (LC.No.42, 24 & 15) of NZB-PDPL section with lengthy block sections and above 10000 TVU's on SC Division. Approx Value (₹): 3,12,51,280.00 Bid Security/EMD (₹): 625000/-

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

Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer, Secunderabad

CHANGE OF NAME

I, YAKKALURU NARAYANA REDDY, S/o. YAKKALURU PEDDA YALLAREDDY, R/o. H.No. 2-94, Martadu, Martadu Garladinne Thimmampeta, Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh-515731. I have changed my name from YEKKULURI NARAYANA REDDY (OLD NAME) to YAKKALURU NARAYANA REDDY (NEW NAME) for all future purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, YAKKALURU NAGA LAKSHMAMMA, W/o. YAKKALURU NARAYANA REDDY, R/o. H.No. 2-94, Martadu, Martadu Garladinne Thimmampeta, Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh-515731. I have changed my name from YEKKULURI NAGALAKSHMI (OLD NAME) to YAKKALURU NAGA LAKSHMAMMA (NEW NAME) for all future purposes.

e-TENDER NOTICE

Divisional Electrical Engineer (Maintenance), Guntur acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites the following E-Tenders through GEM portal <https://gem.gov.in>

S.No.: 01 Tender Ref No.: GEM/2026/B/7573090, Dt.22.5.2026
Tender Title: Guntur Division: Outsourcing of manpower for maintenance, breakdown attention of electrical general service assets in the section PGDP- VNUJ-NJPD for a period of 2 years. Approx. value in (₹): 38,10,697.09 Earnest money deposit in (₹): 76,300.00 Cost of tender form (non-refundable) in (₹): 0

S.No.: 02 Tender Ref No.: GEM/2026/B/7575437, Dt.22.5.2026
Tender Title: Guntur Division: Outsourcing of operation & manning of electrical substations and depots in the section PGDP- VNUJ-NJPD for a period of 2 years. Approx. value in (₹): 25,04,121.70 Earnest money deposit in (₹): 50,100.00 Cost of tender form (non-refundable) in (₹): 0

Last Date and time for online submission of E-bids for sl.no.1 13.6.2026 up to 17:00 hours

Last Date and time for online submission of E-bids for sl.no.2 15.6.2026 up to 18:00 hours

Any further Communication/Corrigendum will be published in E-portal <https://gem.gov.in> only.

Divisional Electrical Engineer/ M/Guntur

E-Tender Notice No. 48 - Dy.CE/GS/GNT

The undersigned invites e-tenders for the work mentioned below up to 15:00 hrs on 24.06.2026.

S.No.: 01 Tender ID: 88 Section: Dy.CE/GS/GNT Description of the work: Guntur: GNT-KCC Construction of 4-lane ROB in lieu of LC No. 03 at Km 3/25-27 between Guntur-Nambur stations. Approx Value in (₹): 69,52,95,220.59 EMD (₹): 1,39,05,900/-

1. Last date for online submission of E-bids is up to 15:00 hrs on 24.06.2026. For detailed information log on to website www.ireps.gov.in

2. Any further Communication/Corrigendum shall be intimated through E-portal www.ireps.gov.in

Dy. Chief Engineer, Gati Shakti, Guntur

e-TENDER NOTICE No.03/ Dy. CSTE/C-ISC/2026-27, Dated 26.05.2026

For and on behalf of the President of India, Deputy Chief Signal & Telecom Engineering Officer (Construction-I), South Central Railway, Secunderabad, with the approval of the competent authority invites e-Tender (Open) for the following work up to 15:00 hours on 19.06.2026.

S.No.: 01 Tender No.: C-SG-C-36-5-234-2026 Name of the work: Provision of Dedicated OFC for in-built block in EI between PRLI-PBN section in connection with PRLI-PBN Doubling Work of S C Railway. Approx. value in (₹): 83247776.30 Bid Security in (₹): 1665000/- Completion period: 12 Months

1) For bid document and other details, please login to Website <https://ireps.gov.in>.

2) Payment of Bid Security shall be deposited either in cash through e-payment gateway or submitted as Bank Guarantee bond from a scheduled commercial bank of India.

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

4) Tenderers should watch for any corrigenda (issued online only) up to date of commencement of the Tender submission period.

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MINISTER KOMATIREDDY VENKAT REDDY EXTENDS BAKRID GREETINGS TO MUSLIMS ACROSS TELANGANA

Hyderabad, May 27: Komatireddy Venkat Reddy extended warm Bakrid ('Eid-ul-Adha') greetings to Muslim brothers and sisters across Telangana on Wednesday. In a message issued on the eve of the festival, the Minister said Bakrid symbolizes sacrifice, faith, compassion, and humanitarian values inspired by Prophet Ibrahim (A.S.). He noted that the festival spreads the message of unity, tolerance, mutual respect, and brotherhood among people. Komatireddy Venkat Reddy expressed hope that the holy occasion would

Deputy Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer, (Construction-I), Secunderabad

No.NW/148/WIII/Tender notice/2026-27 Date: 22.05.2026

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

S.No.: 01 Tender No.: T-202627-3-022 Authority: Co-ord Description of the work: Proposed safety related track works under in SSE/Pway/LSR & SSE/Pway/AWB under ADEN/AWB's Jurisdiction Under DEN/W/NEB's Jurisdiction. Tender value in (₹): 14990535.94 Earnest money in (₹): 299800.00 Completion period: Nine Months Cost of tender form in (₹): 0

S.No.: 02 Tender No.: T-202627-1-023 Authority: Co-ord Description of the work: Supply and transportation of drinking water through road tankers by private agency including pumping into Railway OH tanks for a period of one Year at Nanded Station. Tender value in (₹): 8648310.00 Earnest money in (₹): 173000.00 Completion period: Twelve Months Cost of tender form in (₹): 0

SL No.: 01 Tender No.: T-202627-3-022 Similar nature of work (for costing above 50 lakhs): Any Railway Track Work including Track Maintenance Work.

SL.No.: 02 Tender No.: T-202627-1-023 Similar nature of work (for costing above 50 lakhs): Any Civil Engineering Works Excluding Track Work/Zonal Work.

All above tenders will be closed 18.06.2026 at 15:00 Hrs

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

A380 Sr.DEN/Co-ord/Nanded

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

S.No.: 01 Tender No. and date: Dy. CE -GS- BZA- 05 -2026 -27, dt:25.05.2026 Description of the work: Name of work: BZA Division - ELS (Vijayawada)- Proposed Extension of HL bay (KZJ end) by Two spans of (2x17x9.5m), Extension of LL bay (BZA end) by one span (1x17x9.5m), Extension of LL bay (KZJ end) one span (1x17x9.5m). Dismantling of Existing service building (117x10m), Construction of New service building (127x10m), Construction of New Toilets of Size 3.0x6.0m with hand wash area and Dismantle Existing Toilets, Construction of Septic Tank for 200 Users, Complete Industrial re-flooring (VDF-Ironite) for LL bay, Track works JRPSPM.I.D.No.: 11.06.42.23.147.007. Tender value (₹): 164209642.18 E.M.D. (₹): 3284200/- Completion period: 12 Months Cost of Tender form (₹): Nil Date of Closing & time: 17.06.2026 @ 15:00Hrs

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

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

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

Dy. Chief Engineer, Gati Shakti, Vijayawada

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Farmers' Welfare Is the Top Priority: Collector Hemanta Keshav Patil



The South India Times // Nagar kurnool District Collector Hemanta Keshav Patil directed officials and rice millers to ensure that paddy procurement in Nagarkurnool district is conducted in a transparent, speedy, and farmer-friendly manner. He instructed that weighing, hamali, loading, and transportation processes must be completed without delay once the paddy reaches procurement centres. The Collector warned that strict action would be taken if farmers are exploited in the name of deductions during procurement. He stated that moisture and quality tests should be conducted strictly as per government norms and that harassment of farmers would not be tolerated.

STRICT MEASURES ON DRUG CONTROL: Collector

Mulugu, May 27, TSIT : District Collector Borkhade Hemant Sahadeva Rao has ordered the concerned officials to take strict measures on drug control, to take measures to prevent the sale of drugs in the vicinity of schools and hostels, and to conduct special inspections with police officers. A review meeting was held with the concerned district officials on the issues of narcotic drugs, drug control and road safety along with Additional Collector Mahender ji at the

Collector reviews development works in Hanumakonda



Warangal: GWMC Special Officer and Hanumakonda District Collector Chahat Bajpai reviewed the progress of ongoing development works during a meeting with engineering officials at the IDOC District Collectorate on Wednesday. The review covered works related to Civil, Electrical and Swachh Bharat Mission depart-

Food poisoning incident sparks outrage in Gadwal

Jogulamba Gadwal: The Telangana Rajyadhikara Party expressed serious concern over a food poisoning incident in Ieja Municipality of Jogulamba Gadwal district, where nearly 15 children reportedly fell ill after consuming pani puri from a roadside stall near the old bus stand. According to local sources, the children suffered from vomiting, diarrhoea and stomach-related complications after eating pani puri from the KGN Pani Puri stall. The affected children are undergoing treatment in government and private hospitals, creating panic among parents and residents. Parents alleged that contaminated water and poor-quality food ingredients caused the incident. They criticised the lack of regular inspections and questioned the absence of Food Safety officials in the district. The Telangana Rajyadhikara Party stated that the incident exposed serious failures in food safety monitoring and demanded immediate action from the State Government. The party called for a detailed inquiry, strict action against those responsible, medical and financial support for affected families, appointment of Food Safety Officers, and special inspection drives on roadside food vendors across the district.



Collectorate video conference suggested to establish a strong surveillance on the supply and sale of prohibited

Collectorate video conference hall on Wednesday. Speaking on this occasion, he suggested to establish a strong surveillance on the supply and sale of prohibited

drugs in the district. The officials were directed to carry out special inspections especially in district and state border areas and to carry out continuous inspections with police patrols at suspicious areas, shops, godowns and roads. It is suggested that awareness programmes should be organized so that the youth stay away from drugs and special conferences should be organized on the ill effects of drugs on students.

DISTRICT SPORTS AUTHORITIES MUST BECOME SELF-SUSTAINABLE SPORTS AUTHORITY CHAIRMAN SHIVA SENA REDDY AND MD DR. A.SONIBALA DEVI



Hyderabad TSIT: Chairman of the Telangana Sports Authority Shiva Sena Reddy stated that all District Sports Authorities across the state should evolve into self-sustainable institutions and assured complete support from the government to achieve this objective. He conducted a Zoom conference with District Youth and Sports Officers (DYSOs) along with Managing Director Dr.A.Sonibala Devi to review sports infrastructure and development initiatives across Telangana. Addressing the officials, Shiva Sena Reddy said that the Telangana Rural Sports Grounds established by the state government should not remain symbolic initia-

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Demand Notice

The below mentioned Borrower and Co-Borrower/s (collectively referred as "Borrowers") mortgaged their immovable property (securities) to Fedbank Financial Services Limited (hereinafter referred to as "Fedbank") and availed the Loan. The said Loan is classified as Non-performing Asset because the Borrowers have failed to repay the Loan amount. In this connection Fedbank had issued a Demand Notice respectively as mentioned below under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 to the address. The details are published here as an alternative service under Section 13(2) and Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. You are requested to repay the amount mentioned in the Demand Notice and the accompanying interest within 60 days of the publication of this notice. In case of failure to do so, the signatory shall take such appropriate action under Section 13(4) and 14 of the Act on the said property to safeguard the interest of the Fedbank. Details of Loan Number, Borrowers, Demand Notice sent under Section 13(2), amount requested and details of immovable property are given below.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower / Co-Borrowers Property Holders as the case may be	Description Of Secured Assets / Mortgage Property	Dt. of Demand Notice U/s. 13(2) & Total O/s.
1	Loan Account No. LAP/ FEDHYCLAP0543345 1.MOHAMMED AZAM ALI (Borrower) 2.GIDDE SHAFIA (Co - Borrower)	ALL PIECE AND PARCEL OF MORTGAGED PROPERTY BEARING HOUSE BEARING MUNICIPAL NO.18-12-419/672/1. LAND ADMG 80 SQ YARDS, HAFIZ BABA NAGAR, KANCHAN BAGH, HYDERABAD-500053, TELANGANA. Bounded By: West: House No 18-12-419/671 West: House No 18-12-419/671A, North: ROAD 15 FEET WIDE, South: NEIGHBOUR'S HOUSE	19/5/2026 Rs. 3555336/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lac Fifty Three Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Six Only) as on 19/5/2026 NPA : 15/5/2026
2	Loan Account No. STL/ FEDWARSTL0532479 1.MOHAMMAD GHOUSE QURESHI (Borrower) 2.ZEENATH BEGUM (Co - Borrower)	ALL PIECE AND PARCEL OF MORTGAGED PROPERTY BEARING RCC ROOF RESIDENTIAL HOUSE WITH OPEN PLACE TO AN EXTENT OF 340 SQ YARDS OR 284.27 SQ MTRS BEARING G/MWC HOUSE NO 24-6-261/1. SITUATED AT SRIRAMNAGAR COLONY, FATIMA NAGAR, KAZIPET WITHIN THE LIMITS F GREATER WARANGAL MUNICIPAL CORPORATION REVENUE DISTRICT WARANGAL URBAN REGISTRATION DISTRICT WARANGAL, AND IT IS IN THE JURISDICTION OF THE JOINT SUB REGISTRAR WARANGAL URBAN. Bounded By: East: 4'-0" LANE West: H NO 24-6-261 OF M SUNIL North: 15' WIDE ROAD South: DRAINAGE	12/5/2026 Rs.2573122/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lac Seventy Three Thousand One Hundred Twenty Two Only) as on 12/5/2026 NPA : 7/5/2026
3	Loan Account No. STL/ FEDSIDSTL0507800 1.BALREDDY DAIRY FARM (Borrower) 2.NAREDLA BAL REDDY S/O. NAREDLA VENKAT REDDY (Co - Borrower) 3.NAREDLA VIJAYA LAXMI W/O NAREDLA BAL REDDY (Co - Borrower)	All that the Piece and Parcel of Building House bearing Door No. 4-5, admeasuring of 254-22 Sq.Yards, equals to 212-52 Sq.Meters, With R.C.C Plinth Area 800-00 Sq.Feet. Bounded by: - North: House of V Yadhvi Reddy, South: G.P. Road, East: House of M.D. Iqbal, West: House of Pathuri Ramulu The Property is Situated at ALIMPUR Village, BACHANNAPET Mandal, Dist JANGANOD. Under Registration Sub-Registrar Office JANGANOD, District Registrar at WARANGAL.	12/5/2026 Rs. 22,29,629/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lac Twenty Nine Thousand Six Hundred And Twenty Nine Only) as on 12/05/2026 NPA : 7/5/2026

The borrower(s) are hereby advised to comply with the Demand Notice(s) and to pay the demand amount mentioned therein and herein above within 60 days from the date of this publication together with applicable interest, additional interest, bounce charges, cost and expenses till the date of realization of payment. The borrower(s) may note that Fedbank is a secured creditor and the loan facility available by the Borrower(s) is a secured debt against the immovable property / properties being the secured asset(s) mortgaged by the borrower(s). In the event borrower(s) are failed to discharge their liabilities in full within the stipulated time, Fedbank shall be entitled to exercise all the rights under section 13(4) of the Act to take possession of the secured asset(s) including but not limited to transfer the same by way of sale or by invoking any other remedy available under the Act and the Rules thereunder and realize payment. Fedbank is also empowered to ATTACH AND / OR SEAL the secured asset(s) before enforcing the right to sale or transfer. Subsequent to the Sale of the secured asset(s), Fedbank also has a right to initiate separate legal proceedings to recover the balance dues, in case the value of the mortgaged properties is insufficient to cover the dues payable to the Fedbank. This remedy is in addition and independent of all the other remedies available to Fedbank under any other law.

The attention of the borrower(s) is invited to Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets and further to Section 13(13) of the Act, whereby the borrower(s) are restrained / prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the secured asset(s) or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business) any of the secured asset(s), without prior written consent of Fedbank and non-compliance with the above is an offence punishable under Section 29 of the said Act. The copy of the Demand Notice is available with the undersigned and the borrower(s) may, if they so desire, can collect the same from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

Place: Hyderabad, Dated: 28-05-2026

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MINISTER KONDA SUREKHA DISTRIBUTES RS.71.20 LAKH GRATUITY BENEFITS TO RETIRED TEMPLE EMPLOYEES

Hyderabad TSIT: Telangana Government is standing firmly by its employees by ensuring timely release of financial benefits due to them. On Wednesday Minister Konda Surekha distributed cheques worth Rs.71.20 lakh under the "Archaka Welfare Fund" to 12 retired archaka employees and family members at her camp office in Banjara Hills. The amount included retirement gratuity and death gratuity benefits. Speaking on the occasion, Konda Surekha recalled that the Congress government had enhanced the gratuity amount for temple priests and Endowments Department employees from Rs.4 lakh to Rs.8 lakh, to provide better financial

bring happiness, peace, prosperity, and good health to every family in the State. Minister stated that Telangana has always stood as a symbol of communal harmony and cultural unity, where people from all communities celebrate festivals together with mutual affection and respect.

security to them and their families after retirement or in the event of death. Minister said the government had also cleared long-pending seniority and promotion files of Executive Officers (EOs), enabling smoother and more efficient administration of temples across the State. She further stated that the Telangana Government is committed to developing temples in tune with the sentiments and aspirations of devotees and transforming Telangana into a major spiritual destination.

PUBLIC AUCTION FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PROPERTY

The Authorised Officer of L&T Finance Limited 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 the said Act is auctioning the following property on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION" by way of "PUBLIC AUCTION" for recovery of its dues and further interest, charges and costs etc.

Name of Borrower and Co-Borrower	Secured Property Address	Loan Account Number(s)	Physical Possession taken	Earnest Money Deposit 10% or more of RP (In ₹)	Secured Debt	Reserve Price (In ₹)	Date of Inspection	Date and Time of Auction
1. Karrotu Jagadeeswara Rao 2. Susmitha Karrotu	All That The Piece And Parcel Of The Bearing House No. 5-118 (Ptn No 1119916639 On Plot Nos 118, Ground Floor 1250 Sq.Feet, First Upper Floor 1250 Sq.Feet, Second Floor 800 Sq.Feet, On The Plot Admeasuring 267 Sq.yards Situated in Survey Nos 58/1, Lane No 4, Road No.1 Adarshnagar Colony, Serilingampally, Ranga Reddy District, Having Purchased Through A Registered Sale Deed Document No 7823/2022 Dated: 26-08-2022 At S.R.O. Serilingampally, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana State. And Bounded By: East 30 Feet Wide Road West Plot No. 98 North Plot No 119 South H.No 5-117	H0465320 10221155 H0465320 10221155 22G	22nd December 2025	Rs. 18,07,133/-	As per Demand Notice dated 07-03-2025, Total outstanding of Rs. 1,82,70,665.97/- as on date 04/03/2025	1,80,71,337/- BID INCREMEN TAL VALUE 1,00,000/-	On all 09/06/2026 working day from 10:00 AM To 12:00 P.M	10:00 AM To 5:30 PM with prior appointment.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PUBLIC AUCTION

- The E-auction Sale is being conducted online by the Authorised Officer through the website <https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net/EPROC/> under the provisions of SARFAESI Act with the aid and through public e-auction mode.
- The public E-auction will be conducted on the date and time mentioned herein above, when the secured asset/s mentioned above will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS" BASIS & "AS IS WHAT IS" CONDITION.
- For participating in the public E-auction, intending purchasers/bidders will have to submit the details of payment of refundable Earnest Money Deposit of 10 % of the reserve price of the secured assets along with copies of the PANCARD, Board Registrations in case of company and Address Proof on or before 15/06/2026 till 6:00 P.M
- The EMD of all other bidders who did not succeed in the public E-auction will be refunded by LTF within 7 days of the closure of the public E-auction. The EMD will not carry any interest.
- The successful purchaser/bidder shall deposit the 25 % (inclusive of EMD) of his/its offer by way of by way of D.D./P. O favoring "L&T Finance Limited" payable at Mumbai on or before 18:00 hours on 16/06/2026 i.e., day of e-auction or on the next working day i.e., 17/06/2026, which deposit will have to be confirmed by L&T Finance Limited, failing which the sale will be deemed have been failed and the EMD of the successful bidder shall be forfeited. The balance amount i.e., 75% of purchase price payable shall be paid by the purchaser to L&T Finance Limited on or before the fifteenth day of confirmation of sale of immovable property or such extended period as per provisions of law.
- For inspection of property or more information, the prospective bidders may contact the authorised officer i.e. Name - Mr. Vikas Singh, Contact No. 8669189048 & Mr. Sathesha R, Contact No. 9738141146, L&T Finance Ltd, Brindavan, Plot no. 177, CST Road, Kalina, Santacruz (East), Mumbai - 400 098, Maharashtra, India. At any stage of the E-auction, the Authorised Officer may accept/reject/modify/cancel the bid/offer or post-pone the E-auction without assigning any reason thereof and without any prior notice.
- The successful purchaser/bidder shall bear any statutory dues, taxes, fees payable, stamp duty, registration fees, etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed/delivered in his/her/its favour as per the applicable law.
- The Borrower/Guarantor, who are liable for the sale outstanding dues, shall treat this Sale Notice as a notice under Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, about the holding of above-mentioned public E-auction sale.
- The Borrower (s) /Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/Mortgagor(s) are hereby called upon to pay the entire loan outstanding dues as mentioned above before the said E-auction date failing which the L & Finance Ltd shall sale the property as per the provisions laid down in the SARFAESI ACT, 2002.
- The Borrower (s) /Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/Mortgagor(s) public at large are hereby restrained from transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise with the secured assets referred to in the notice without prior written consent of L&T Finance Limited.

Date: 28.05.2026
Place: Hyderabad

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
For L&T Finance Limited

CS Briefs PM Narendra Modi on Progress of Railway Doubling Projects

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Andhra Pradesh Chief Secretary G. Sai Prasad briefed Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the progress of land acquisition and transfer of government land related to the Mukhed-Medchal-Mahabubnagar-Dhone Railway Doubling Project in the state. He informed that the state government has been taking expeditious steps to facilitate the implementation of the project. The details were discussed during the PRAGATI video conference chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi from New Delhi on Wednesday, where the progress of several key infrastructure projects and national schemes across the country was reviewed.

During the meeting, Chief Secretary G. Sai Prasad stated that a total of 23.07 hectares of private land is required in Andhra Pradesh for the Dhone-Mahabubnagar railway project. He said the Section 20(A) notification for land acquisition was issued on September 25, 2025.

In Kurnool district, 18.21 hectares of



land spread across 16 villages in four mandals is required for the project. Peg marking has already been completed in eight villages with the cooperation of railway authorities, while the process is underway in the remaining villages. He informed that the Section 20(E) notification would be issued within the next two weeks. Similarly, in Nandyal district, peg marking for the required 4.86 hectares of land has been completed, and the Section 20(E) notification has already been issued, the Chief Secretary explained. He further informed the Prime Minister that advance possession of 4.05 hectares of government land would be handed over by district col-

lectors immediately after the railway authorities submit the official requisition. The PRAGATI meeting also reviewed the progress of several other major infrastructure projects across the country, including the Bahaich-Shravasti-Balrampur-Siddharthnagar-Sant Kabir Nagar railway line, Kolkata Metro expansion works, renewable energy transmission projects in Rajasthan, the Vadhvan Port connectivity road project in Maharashtra, Greenfield National Highway projects under Bharatmala Pariyojana, and the implementation status of Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0. The video conference was attended by Cabinet Secretary Dr. T.V. Somanathan, Railway Board Chairman and CEO Satish Kumar and other senior officials from New Delhi. From Andhra Pradesh, Special Chief Secretary for Transport, Roads and Buildings M.T. Krishna Babu, CCLA Jayalakshmi, Principal Secretary of Municipal Administration and Urban Development S. Suresh Kumar, Swachhandhra Corporation MD Anil Kumar Reddy and other officials participated in the review meeting.

Pothula Kiran Kumar Assumes Charge as Additional Director (In-Charge)

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Newly appointed Additional Director (In-Charge) of the Information and Public Relations Department, Pothula Kiran Kumar, said that every responsibility entrusted to him in the department had provided valuable experience and important lessons throughout his career. The Government, recognising his services as Joint Director, promoted him as Additional Director (In-Charge). He formally assumed charge on Wednesday at the Commissioner's Office located in the NTR Administrative Building in Vijayawada.

Speaking on the occasion, Kiran Kumar said his long association with the Information Department in various capacities had enriched him with extensive experience. He noted that every assignment



helped him learn new aspects of administration and public communication. He expressed gratitude to senior officials and colleagues for their constant support, which he said played a key role in his professional growth. He fur-

ther stated that he would work with dedication and coordination, treating all employees as one family, and strive for the overall development of the department. Highlighting the role of the Information Department, Kiran Kumar

said the department plays a crucial role in taking government policies and welfare initiatives to the people through the media. He assured that he would continue to work with greater commitment to ensure effective dissemination of government information to the public. Several officials and staff members congratulated him on the occasion. Among those who attended were Joint Directors I. Suryachandra Rao, CIE O. Madhusudhan, RIE Dr. T. Nagaraj, Deputy Directors P. Venkataraj Goud and D. Ramesh, Assistant Directors A.S. Veerabhadra Rao, K. Narayana Reddy, P. Rajashekar, Dr. K. Tirupalayya, S.V. Mohan Rao, along with Nagaraju from the Statistics Department and other officials and staff members, presented bouquets and extended their best wishes.

Tirupati District Distributes Road Safety Kits Worth Rs.15 Lakh

Tirupati: Tirupati District Collector Dr. S. Venkateswar and District SP L. Subbarayudu distributed road safety kits worth Rs.15 lakh to National Highway and police personnel as part of intensified measures to prevent road accidents in the district. The programme was held at the District Police Office in Tirupati on Wednesday.

Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said the district administration, in coordination with the Police, Revenue, Transport and National Highways departments, has been implementing extensive road safety measures over the past few months. He stated that a special Bus Yatra was recently conducted along with the SP to identify accident-prone black spots across the district. Based on the survey, 43 black spots were identified, of which safety works at 20 locations have already been completed. The remaining works are expected to be completed by the end of June. The Collector said many fatal accidents occur due to vehicles colliding



with stationary vehicles on highways during night hours. To improve enforcement and emergency response, 11 vehicles have been deployed on National Highways and a dedicated control room has been established for shifting accident victims to hospitals. The road safety kits distributed include reflective jackets, traffic baton lights, traffic cones and reflective tapes for use during vehicle checks, speed control operations and road repair works. Dr. Venkateswar also said Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu has given special priority to eradicating ganja and narcotic substances. He revealed that around 4,500 kg of seized ganja was recently destroyed

in the district. The Collector announced that Tirupati district has become the first in Andhra Pradesh to use more than 10,000 Ganja Rapid Testing Kits, which can detect ganja consumption through urine tests within five minutes. The kits will be made available across all police subdivisions. He added that nearly 37 PD cases have been registered in the past two years against ganja offenders, rowdy sheeters and red sandalwood smugglers. Strict measures are also being implemented for women's safety and prevention of illegal red sandalwood transportation as per the directions of Deputy Chief Minister Konidela Pawan Kalyan.

Ruia Hospital Approves Development Works Worth Rs.5 Crore

Tirupati: The Hospital Development Society of Sri Venkateswara Ram Narayan Ruia Government Hospital has approved several infrastructure and healthcare development works worth nearly Rs.5 crore aimed at improving patient care and hospital facilities. The meeting was held at the Sri Venkateswara Medical College conference hall under the chairmanship of Tirupati District Collector Dr. Y. S. Venkateswar and local

healthcare services. Several major development projects were approved, including electrical works, installation and repair of air-conditioning systems in critical care wards, purchase of advanced surgical and diagnostic equipment, strengthening of TB & CD facilities with ventilators and monitoring systems, and installation of CCTV cameras for patient safety. The committee also approved construction of a special OPD block for



MLA Arani Srinivasulu. During the meeting, the Collector stressed that the primary objective of Ruia Hospital should be to secure the highest positive public opinion among government hospitals in Andhra Pradesh by delivering quality and prompt

SADAREM services, sewage and drainage improvement works, installation of lifts, development of CC roads, toilets for visitors, cooling sheds for patients and attendants, and renovation of seminar halls and lecture galleries.

TDP Leaders Participate in Mahanadu Celebrations in Visakhapatnam



Visakhapatnam : Telugu Desam Party (TDP) leaders participated in the Mahanadu celebrations organized at Subbalakshmi Kalyana Mandapam under Cluster-5 of Visakhapatnam North Assembly constituency on Tuesday. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from party leaders, cadre, and supporters. Visakhapatnam MP M Sriharat, TDP Parliament President Chode Venkata

Pattabhiram, party General Secretary Lodagala Krishna, Akkireddy Jagadish, Thota Sridevi, Narayana and several other senior leaders attended the programme. Addressing the gathering, the leaders highlighted the significance of Mahanadu as a platform reflecting the ideology, policies, and vision of the Telugu Desam Party. They called upon party workers to actively take gov-

ernment welfare and development programmes to the people through various publicity and communication platforms. The leaders also stressed the importance of strengthening the party at the grassroots level and appreciated the efforts of party activists in making the event successful. Cultural programmes, party slogan campaigns, and interactions with cadre added enthusiasm to the celebrations.

'WE HAD ALMOST LOST HOPE':

84-YEAR-OLD WOMAN WALKS AGAIN AFTER HIGHLY COMPLEX HEART SURGERY AT CARE HOSPITALS, HITECH CITY

Hyderabad, 25th May, 2026: In a remarkable high-risk cardiac success, doctors at CARE Hospitals, Hitech City, successfully performed a complex Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery (MICS) Mitral Valve Replacement on an 84-year-old frail woman from Anantapur suffering from severe heart failure, advanced kidney disease, and severe pulmonary hypertension. Mrs. Subha Rathnamma was admitted in a critical condition with recurrent hospital admissions for congestive heart failure and severe breathlessness. She had become extremely weak, almost bedridden, and required oxygen support even while resting. Detailed evaluation revealed severe mitral valve prolapse with advanced pulmonary arterial hypertension. Doctors also found that she was suffering from advanced chronic kidney disease with a severely compromised kidney function (eGFR of only 15 ml/min), making the case extremely high-risk for conventional open-heart surgery.

According to family members, they had consulted multiple hospi-



tals earlier, but surgery was reportedly deferred due to her advanced age, frailty, kidney dysfunction, and multiple comorbidities. With her condition worsening progressively and quality of life deteriorating significantly, the family approached CARE Hospitals, Hitech City, as a final hope. After comprehensive multidisciplinary evaluation and meticulous perioperative planning, the highly specialized heart team, involving cardiac surgeons, inter-

ventional cardiologists, cardiac anesthesia specialists, intensivists, and nephrology experts, decided to proceed with Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery (MICS) Mitral Valve Replacement using a tissue valve.

The surgery was performed successfully despite the extremely high surgical risk. The patient was extubated on the first postoperative day, required only minimal supportive medications, and remained hemodynamically sta-

ble during recovery.

a few days, the elderly patient, who once struggled to breathe even at rest, showed remarkable improvement. She gradually regained strength, started walking independently, was able to sleep comfortably again, and no longer required oxygen support. Family members said the biggest emotional moment came when the 84-year-old patient was finally able to walk comfortably and breathe without oxygen support after months of suffering.

Dr. Ravi Raju Chigullapally, Sr. Consultant Cardio Thoracic Vascular, Minimally Invasive & Endoscopic Cardiac Surgeon, CARE Hospitals, Hitech City, said, "Performing cardiac surgery in an 84-year-old frail patient with severe pulmonary hypertension, advanced kidney disease, and multiple comorbidities is extremely challenging. In many such cases, patients are considered inoperable because the risks are very high. However, minimally invasive cardiac surgery helps reduce surgical trauma, blood loss, postoperative pain, and recovery time.

Pattabhi Welcomes Lokesh's Announcement of 33% Tickets for Women

The South India Times, Visakhapatnam : Chode Venkata Pattabhiram, President of the Visakhapatnam Parliament Telugu Desam Party unit, welcomed the announcement made by Nara Lokesh that 33 percent of party tickets in Parliament and Assembly elections would be allotted to women candidates. Speaking at a meeting held under the 8th Cluster of Pedawaltair in the city's 20th Ward as part of the TDP Mahanadu programme on Wednesday, Pattabhi said the Telugu Desam Party has been giving priority to women ever since its inception and has earned their strong support over the years. He stated that Lokesh's assurance of providing 33 percent representation to women in legislative elec-



tions, irrespective of whether the Women's Reservation Bill is implemented or not, reflects the party's sincere commitment towards women empowerment. Pattabhi also said the NDA government deserves credit for implementing the "Sthree Shakti" scheme, which provides free bus travel for women in APSRTC buses. TDP Visakhapatnam

Secretary Lodagala Krishna, Cluster-8 observers Sivarama Krishna, 20th Ward TDP President Kambhupu Siva Reddy, leaders Botta Niranjan Sai, P. Vasu, Palakollu Murali, Satyanarayana, and women leaders Byreddy Rajyalakshmi and Madina, among others, participated in the programme.

Biologics Treatment Offers New Hope for Severe Asthma Patients

Visakhapatnam : Biologics, an advanced treatment for severe asthma, is proving to be highly beneficial for patients suffering from the condition, said Dr. E. Prem Kumar, Chief Pulmonologist at Medicovert Hospitals. He stated that the treatment is showing positive results for patients who continue to experience breathing difficulties despite using regular medicines and inhalers. Explaining the treatment, he said biologics are special injectable medicines that

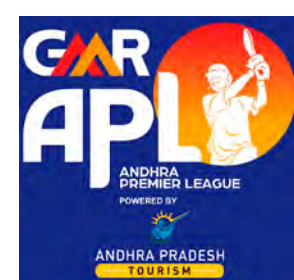


help reduce the inflammation responsible for severe asthma. This treatment not only reduces asthma attacks but also lowers

chances of hospitalization. It is especially providing relief to patients who frequently depend on steroid medications.

Doctors advised people not to ignore symptoms such as persistent cough, shortness of breath, and chest tightness, and to consult respiratory specialists immediately. They said increasing awareness about severe asthma can help many patients lead healthier lives. Pulmonology team members Dr. Satya Padmaja Mantha, Dr. Monisha Silla, Dr. Sudheer Tail, and Unit Head Dr. Arun Kumar also participated on the occasion.

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Andhra Cricket Association has completed all arrangements for the commencement of the Andhra Premier League (APL) 2026, which is scheduled to begin on June 9 in Visakhapatnam. The prestigious tournament is expected to showcase some of the finest cricketing talent from across Andhra Pradesh and provide a major platform for emerging players to gain recognition. A total of seven



teams will participate in this year's tournament, which will be played in a round-robin league format. The participating teams are

Bhimavaram Bulls, Rayalaseema Royals, Vijayawada Sunshiners, Amaravati Royals, Simhadri Lions, Kakinada Kings and Tungabhadra Warriors. Matches will be hosted across Visakhapatnam, Kadapa and Mangalagiri at modern stadiums equipped with international-standard facilities. APL Governing Council Chairman Sujay Krishna Rangarao officially released the tournament schedule.

“Hard facts needed first,” Tharoor cautions govt against arbitrary evaluation of demographic change

New Delhi, May 27 : Congress MP Shashi Tharoor has welcomed the Centre's announcement about the formation of the 'High-Level Committee on Demographic Change' to tackle challenges like infiltration that pose unnatural demographic change in the country, however, he cautioned the government against pushing it without adequate facts and figures in hand, regarding "unnatural population shifts".

He said that the country must have correct facts and figures about the demographic factors.

This came as Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday announced the formation of the 'High-Level Committee on Demographic Change' to evaluate unnatural population shifts across India caused by infiltration and other factors.

Speaking to IANS during a book launch event in New Delhi, Tharoor said, "That's a very important development; there are lots of things happening. There are changes of various kinds, and I think it's important that before we have a serious conversation about the political implications, we



should understand the numbers we're dealing with. Otherwise, people can misuse data, especially if it's incomplete, by needlessly creating political controversies.

"It's important that we have data, so I'm supporting any idea that will give us facts and figures that are accurate, that are comprehensive, showing all the demographic factors, the trends and so on. We have a national

census also happening. I think between the two of them, we should have a more accurate picture of what the reality is in our country," the Congress MP added.

In a post on X on Tuesday, Shah said, "Infiltration and other reasons causing Unnatural Demographic Change pose a very significant challenge to the present and future of any nation."

"To address this very challenge, on 15 August 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced the 'High-Level Committee on Demographic Change'. I am delighted to inform you that the government has now constituted this committee," he said.

The Home Minister mentioned that this committee will be chaired by Justice Prakash Prabhakar Naolekar (Retd) and

include the Census Commissioner along with Durga Shankar Mishra (Retd IAS), Balaji Srivastava (Retd IPS), and Dr Shamika Ravi as members.

The Joint Secretary (Foreigners-I) for the Ministry of Home Affairs will serve as the Member Secretary of this committee, Shah added.

He further stated that demographic change is a serious issue linked not only to the sovereignty of the country but also to national security, law and order, profound changes in social structure, and the preservation of tribal society.

"This committee will conduct a comprehensive assessment of demographic changes occurring across India due to illegal immigration and other unnatural causes, analyse patterns of abnormal population shifts at the levels of religious and social communities, and present a planned and time-bound solution for the same," Shah added.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced this committee on August 15, 2025, during his Independence Day address at the Red Fort.

Punjab & Sind Bank Officers' Federation Calls Two-Day Nationwide Strike

New Delhi: The All India Punjab & Sind Bank Officers' Federation (AIPSBFO, Code-91) has announced a nationwide two-day strike at Punjab & Sind Bank on June 15 and 16, 2026, citing alleged administrative malpractice, anti-union activities and unfair transfer and promotion policies.

The federation has served a formal strike notice to the bank management under Section 22(1) of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947. As the strike falls immediately after the weekend, bank branches across the country are likely to remain closed continuously for four days, potentially affecting banking services nationwide.

The union advised customers and stakeholders to make use of digital banking channels during the period.

According to Federation General Secretary Ratneshwar Chaudhary, the strike is being organised in protest against alleged violations of labour-management norms and administrative fairness by the bank's Human Resource Department. The federation levelled serious allegations against DGM (HRD) Harjinder Singh, accusing him of abuse of power, anti-union hostility and threatening trade union representatives with retaliatory transfers and disciplinary actions. The union also

raised concerns over what it described as a conflict of interest, alleging that the same official simultaneously handling HRD responsibilities and Disciplinary Authority Cell functions could lead to misuse of disciplinary proceedings.

Among the key demands are separation of HRD and disciplinary authority portfolios, transparent transfer and promotion policies, protection of union activists, regulated working hours and improved staff welfare measures.

The federation alleged favouritism in transfers and promotions, claiming certain officials were retained in preferred locations while others were transferred to distant regions. It also accused the management of lack of transparency in transfer lists and evaluation processes. According to the union, a delegation meeting held on May 20, 2026, failed to resolve the issues. The federation stated that despite submitting a final grievance to top management on May 24, no action was taken, forcing the organisation to proceed with the strike call. The union further alleged that disciplinary proceedings were being used to target union office-bearers in several states, while serious loan irregularities and non-performing asset issues involving favoured officials were allegedly ignored.

LIC Launches Two New 'Jeevan Sathi' Insurance Plans

Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has introduced two new insurance products — LIC's New Jeevan Sathi Single Premium (Plan 888) and LIC's New Jeevan Sathi Limited Premium (Plan 889).

The plans were launched by LIC CEO and Managing Director R. Doraiswamy. Both are Non-Par, Non-Linked, Individual Savings Plans designed as joint life insurance policies offering a combination of savings and protection for married couples.

The plans cover both spouses under a single policy. The minimum Basic Sum Assured is Rs.3 lakh, while the maximum sum assured will depend on LIC's underwriting policy. The minimum entry age is 18 years, with the maximum age varying according to the selected policy option.

Policyholders can



choose between two death benefit options and also avail loan facilities for liquidity needs. Optional riders are available by paying additional premiums, while premium rebates are offered to existing LIC policyholders and nominees or beneficiaries of deceased policyholders.

Under both plans, maturity and death benefits are

guaranteed irrespective of market performance. If at least one life assured survives till maturity, the Basic Sum Assured along with accrued Guaranteed Additions will be payable.

In case of death, the Death Benefit Sum Assured will be paid on the first death. If the second life assured also dies during the policy term, another

death benefit along with accrued Guaranteed Additions will be payable. LIC's New Jeevan Sathi Single Premium plan requires only a one-time premium payment and offers guaranteed additions at the rate of 7 percent of the Total Tabular Annual Premium and provides a premium waiver benefit after the first death during the premium-paying term.

The Limited Premium plan allows premium payment for 5, 10 or 15 years depending on the chosen policy term. It also offers guaranteed additions at the rate of 7 percent of the Total Tabular Annual Premium and provides a premium waiver benefit after the first death during the premium-paying term.

The plans will be available for purchase from June 1, 2026, through licensed agents, brokers, corporate agents, insurance marketing firms and online via the official LIC website.

Shock Wave Technology Saves Heart Attack Patient at KIMS Saveera Hospital

Anantapur: KIMS Saveera Hospital successfully treated a 65-year-old heart attack patient using advanced Intravascular Lithotripsy (IVL) technology, a modern coronary intervention technique designed to treat heavily calcified coronary artery blockages.

The procedure was performed by Dr. Moode Sandeep, who used shock wave-based technology to safely remove severe calcium deposits in the patient's coronary arteries. According to Dr. Sandeep, the patient was admitted with symptoms of an acute heart attack. Coronary angiography later revealed a critical 90 percent blockage in a major coronary artery. A CT calcium score test showed a score of 510, indicating extensive coronary artery calcification.

Explaining the condition, Dr. Sandeep said cor-



onary artery calcification occurs when calcium deposits build up inside the walls of arteries supplying blood to the heart, increasing the risk of heart attacks, stroke and other cardiovascular complications, especially in elderly patients.

He said Intravascular Lithotripsy is an innovative technology that uses pulsatile sonic pressure waves to fracture calcium

deposits inside artery walls. The technology is derived from lithotripsy procedures commonly used for breaking kidney stones.

Traditionally, heavily calcified blockages are treated using rotational atherectomy, which involves grinding calcium deposits with a high-speed rotating device. However, Dr. Sandeep noted that IVL offers a safer and min-

imally invasive alternative by selectively cracking calcium without causing excessive trauma or heat damage to blood vessels.

The procedure was performed under the guidance of Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT), an advanced imaging technology that provides detailed visualisation of calcium deposits within arteries.

Dr. Sandeep said the combination of OCT imaging and IVL technology allows doctors to assess complex blockages more accurately and perform safer and more effective coronary interventions.

Hospital officials stated that the successful use of Intravascular Lithotripsy reflects the hospital's commitment to providing advanced cardiac care and adopting world-class medical technologies for patients in the region.

Extreme Summer Heat May Accelerate Ageing, Warns Shahnaz Husain

New Delhi: Internationally renowned beauty expert Shahnaz Husain has warned that prolonged exposure to extreme summer heat may not only cause fatigue and dehydration but could also accelerate the body's ageing process.

She explained that intense heat forces the body to work harder to regulate temperature through sweating and increased blood circulation, resulting in loss of fluids and electrolytes such as sodium, potassium and chloride. This process can leave people feeling drained, weak and mentally exhausted even without heavy physical activity.

According to Shahnaz Husain, repeated exposure to severe heat waves may increase oxidative stress, inflammation and strain on vital organs, potentially speeding up molecular ageing and increasing vulnerability to health problems, especially among elderly people, outdoor workers and those living in poorly ventilated spaces.

Highlighting the importance of "pre-hydration," she advised people to consume adequate fluids and electrolytes two to three hours before stepping out in the



heat instead of waiting until they feel thirsty. She noted that thirst is often a late sign of dehydration. She suggested drinking water infused with vetiver (khus), fennel seeds or cucumber to maintain hydration levels naturally. At the same time, she cautioned against excessive water intake in a short duration, warning that overhydration

could lead to serious conditions such as hyponatremia or water intoxication. Shahnaz Husain also recommended traditional Indian cooling foods and drinks such as curd rice, kokum sherbet, buttermilk, sattu sharbat and bajra rabdi to help the body stay cool, hydrated and energised during summer. She further advised including water-rich seasonal fruits such as watermelon, strawberries, cantaloupe and peaches in daily diets to improve hydration and immunity.

The beauty expert also warned that certain medicines for blood pressure and heart disease could increase the risk of dehydration, fainting and sunburn during summer. She advised people to store medicines in cool and dry places and consult doctors if they experience heat-related complications while on medication

GITAM Hyderabad Introduces 4-Year Integrated B.Ed. Programme

GITAM Deemed to be University, Hyderabad campus, will introduce the Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP) from the academic year 2026-27, offering four-year dual-major undergraduate courses — B.A. B.Ed. and B.Sc. B.Ed. — in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. According to Dr. Richa Sharma, the programme is designed to integrate subject knowledge with professional pedagogical training immediately after Intermediate education, with the aim of preparing multidisciplinary and professionally trained educators. She said the programme seeks to nurture socially responsible teachers capable of creating developmentally appropriate learning experiences for students across various stages of school education. The four-year integrated programme will provide comprehensive training in subject content, pedagogy, classroom



practice and values-based education. The curriculum also focuses on Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE), Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN), inclusive education, and Indian culture and values while aligning with global educational standards. ITEP, notified on October 26, 2021, is a holistic undergraduate teacher education programme offering B.A. B.Ed., B.Sc. B.Ed. and B.Com. B.Ed. degrees. It prepares teachers for the four stages of the new school structure under NEP — Foundational, Preparatory, Middle and Secondary levels. Dr. Sharma said one of the key benefits of the programme is that students can complete teacher education in four years instead of the conventional five-year route, thereby saving one academic year. For the academic year 2026-27, the programme will be offered in nearly 223 institutions across the country, including IITs, NITs, Regional Institutes of Education, Central and State Universities, and GITAM, with around 16,950 seats available. Admissions will be conducted through the National Common Entrance Test (NCET) 2026, which is mandatory for entry into participating institutions. For more details, students and parents can visit GITAM Official Website or contact the university helpline numbers

Women Must Prioritise Health and Regular Screenings: Dr. Vasundhara

Hyderabad: On the occasion of World Women's Health Day observed on May 28, senior consultant gynaecologist Dr. Vasundhara Cheepurupalli stressed the importance of women prioritising their physical and mental well-being through regular health check-ups and healthy lifestyle practices.

Dr. Vasundhara, who serves as a robotic and laparoscopic surgeon, cosmetic gynaecologist and obstetrician at KIMS Cuddles, said women today are balancing multiple responsibilities as professionals, entrepreneurs, caregivers and community leaders, often neglecting their own health in the process.

She noted that many women tend to ignore physical symptoms and delay seeking medical care, which can lead to the progression of preventable diseases.

Highlighting common health concerns among women, she said conditions such as anaemia, thyroid disorders, diabetes, hypertension, obesity, Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS),



uterine disorders, breast cancer and cervical cancer are increasingly prevalent. She advised women not to ignore symptoms such as menstrual irregularities, excessive bleeding and pelvic pain.

Dr. Vasundhara emphasised the importance of preventive healthcare and recommended annual health screenings for women above 40 years of age. These include blood pressure monitoring, blood sugar tests, thyroid function tests, breast examinations and cervical cancer screening through Pap smear tests.

She also stressed that women's health includes mental well-being, noting that stress, anxiety and depression are becoming increasingly common due to family responsibilities, workplace pressures and social expectations. She said emotional support, adequate rest and professional counselling when required are essential for maintaining mental health.

Encouraging healthy lifestyle habits, she advised women to consume balanced diets rich in iron, green leafy vegetables, fruits, proteins and dairy products, while engaging in at least 30 minutes of daily physical activity such as walking, yoga or exercise.

Dr. Vasundhara said greater awareness and open discussions about women's health are necessary to overcome social stigma and ensure timely medical intervention.

She added that healthy women contribute significantly to stronger families, prosperous societies and national progress.

Air India cuts flights on domestic routes as jet fuel cost soars

New Delhi, May 27 : Air India has reduced the number of flights on some domestic routes between June and August as the loss-making airline struggles to cut costs amid soaring fuel prices triggered by the Middle East conflict, a statement said on Wednesday.

Tata Group-owned airline said in the statement that the move follows its earlier decision to scale back certain international services. "In continuation of our previously announced adjustments to select international services between June and August 2026, we have tem-

porarily rationalised operations on certain domestic routes during the same period, with a reduction in frequencies on select routes," it said. Air India, which is under pressure to cut losses, is expected to scrap around 20 per cent of its domestic flights.

EDITORIAL

How Pak And Bangladeshi
Vote Blocs Are Becoming
UK's New 'Kingmakers'

Britain's Prime Minister, Keir Starmer, is fighting for his political survival after his Labour Party suffered a catastrophic defeat in local council elections earlier this month at the hands of the populist Reform UK. This was the latest blow to Labour and its traditional rivals, the Conservatives, from Reform, which has brought a political storm to Britain since the last general election and has kept the far-right party in the lead for over a year. The Labour Party's defeat was partly caused by the desertion of a large number of its loyal Pakistani and Bangladeshi voters in favour of the Green Party or small Muslim groups.

Weeks before these elections, the Green Party adopted a resolution on Jammu and Kashmir calling for "democratic self-determination". The resolution was proposed by one of its members, Azhar Ahmed, who described the decision as historic. The Green Party, which also made significant gains in these elections, has been targeted by Pakistani and Bangladeshi activists seeking influence. The party's deputy leader is Mothim Ali, of Bangladeshi origin, though it is headed by Zack Polanski, a left-oriented, white Jewish man. In a February by-election in Gorton and Denton, a Manchester suburb, Pakistani voters played a major role in helping the Green Party come out on top, pushing Labour into third place behind Reform. The campaign was dominated by Israel's brutal military campaign in Gaza and the Labour Party's Israel policy. The vote ended the Labour Party's dominance of the constituency for nearly 100 years. The constituency is 30% Muslim, mainly of Pakistani descent.

Changing Political Landscape

Tower Hamlets in London and Oldham in Manchester illustrate the changing nature of Britain's politics, driven by Muslims from the Indian subcontinent. Tower Hamlets, which is 40% Bangladeshi-origin Muslim, has just re-elected Lutfur Rahman as mayor for the third time. His Aspire party won 33 council seats (out of 45), all held by Bangladeshi Muslims. It's a remarkable development in a London town that was once predominantly white.

An interesting aspect of Rahman, a former Labour Party member, is that he was removed from office as mayor in 2014 after being found guilty of corrupt and illegal electoral practices; he was also banned from holding office for five years. Five years later, he returned as mayor after forming the Aspire party and winning the election because local Bangladeshis trusted him more to address their issues than Labour, their traditional political home. Rahman is now more powerful than ever. The town of Oldham in Greater Manchester, which gained notoriety two decades ago for having one of the first Pakistani grooming gangs preying on young white girls, has traditionally been a Labour stronghold. Two years ago, some Pakistani-origin Labour politicians formed a breakaway front, the Oldham Group. Campaigning on the Gaza issue, the group won 10 seats on the council. Reform UK secured 16 seats, and Labour 18. Nearly a quarter of Oldham's population is Muslim, mainly of Pakistani origin.

WHY IS WATER FROM A CLAY POT LIKE NECTAR IN SUMMER?



DR. SATYAWAN SAURABH

During the scorching summer days, when the sun's heat scorches the earth, a sip of cold water seems like one of life's greatest pleasures. In modern life, refrigerators, air conditioners, and bottled water have found a permanent place in our homes, but the importance of the earthen pot remains undiminished. From village squares to city balconies, water from the earthen pot still holds a place in people's hearts for its pleasant aroma and natural coolness. It's not just a means of storing water, but a symbol of Indian culture, scientific understanding, and a lifestyle connected to nature. The earthen pot has a very ancient history in Indian society. From the Indus Valley Civilization to the present day, the use of pottery has been a part of our lives. Our ancestors learned to live in harmony with nature. They knew that the solution to every problem lies within nature. Therefore, they began using earthen pots to find relief from the heat. At that time, there was no electricity, no refrigerators, or modern technology, yet people remained healthy because their lifestyle was natural. Water from a clay pot is also considered extremely beneficial from a scientific perspective. Earthen pots have tiny pores that allow water to evaporate gradually. The evaporation process releases heat, and the water cools naturally. This cooling is not artificial, but rather beneficial to the body. Extremely cold water from the refrigerator suddenly affects body temperature, which can lead

to sore throats, coughs, colds, and digestive problems. In contrast, water from a clay pot provides gradual cooling to the body. Clay contains naturally occurring alkaline elements, which, when combined with water, help balance the body's pH level. Nowadays, people's diets have become increasingly acidic. Fast food, fried foods, cold drinks, and an irregular lifestyle have led to common problems like acidity, gas, and indigestion. Water from a clay pot helps alleviate these problems. It cools the stomach and strengthens the digestive system. Doctors believe that during the summer season, the body loses large amounts of water and minerals through sweat. If these losses are not replenished in time, they can lead to problems like weakness, fatigue, and dizziness. Water from a clay pot naturally hydrates the body and helps replenish essential minerals. This is why farmers working in the fields in rural areas still prefer to drink water from a clay pot. The most important characteristic of water from a clay pot is its natural purity. In modern times, the use of plastic bottles has increased rapidly. When these bottles are exposed to sunlight in the summer, harmful chemicals present in them can leach into the water. Scientific research has shown that elements like BPA present in plastic can have negative health effects. Furthermore, the quality of bottled water is not always reliable. On the other hand, a clay pot is completely natural and does not contain any chemical hazards. Water from a clay pot is considered healthier than water from the refrigerator. Extremely cold water often affects the body's digestive system. Drinking very cold water immediately after a meal slows digestion. On the other hand, water from a clay pot remains at a balanced temperature, causing no harm to the body. Ayurveda also considers extremely cold water harmful to health, while water from an earthen pot is considered beneficial. Heatstroke is a serious problem in India. As temperatures rise, the body's balance is disrupted, leading to fainting, vomiting, headaches, and weakness.

Water from a clay pot cools the body internally and helps protect against heatstroke. It regulates body temperature and helps eliminate excess heat through sweating. This is why, in ancient times, water was kept in clay pots for travelers in homes, dharamshalas, and public places. An important aspect of drinking water from a clay pot is its environmental protection. Today, the entire world is grappling with the problem of plastic pollution. Every year, millions of plastic bottles end up in rivers and oceans as waste, causing serious environmental damage. In contrast, a clay pot is completely organic and environmentally friendly. It requires no chemicals or machinery to manufacture. When the pot ages, it dissolves into the soil and becomes part of nature again. The use of earthen pots is also linked to the livelihoods of rural artisans and potters. In the modern age, the increasing use of plastic and steel utensils has affected the traditional occupation of potters. If people increase the use of earthen pots again, it will also strengthen the rural economy. A simple earthen pot not only cools water but also fuels the stove in an artisan's home. Soil holds a special significance in Indian culture. Soil is considered akin to a mother, as it provides us with food and forms the basis of life. Drinking water from an earthen pot is not only a matter of health, but also a symbol of respect for nature. When a person drinks water from an earthen pot, they feel a unique sense of satisfaction and belonging. The earthen aroma soothes the mind and evokes childhood memories. In today's race for modernity, people are increasingly moving away from a natural lifestyle. Amidst mobile phones, the internet, and artificial conveniences, humans' connection with nature is weakening. At such a time, water from a clay pot reminds us that happiness lies hidden in simplicity. Only by connecting with nature can humans live a healthy and balanced life. However, some precautions are necessary when using a pot. The pot should be cleaned regularly to prevent dirt and bacteria from growing.

Wealth-hungry and crumbling relationships

FAMILY, GREED AND THE TRAGEDY OF A CHANGING SOCIETY



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The land of Haryana has long been known for its familial love, brotherhood, and the culture of joint families. The warmth of relationships was evident in village Chaupals. Family was not merely a blood relationship, but was considered the foundation of life's greatest security and respect. Grandparents, uncles, aunts, and brothers and sisters together formed a social structure where individuals were never left alone. Family joys were shared, and sorrows were shared together. From labor in the fields to household decisions, everything was done with a spirit of sharing. At that time, it was difficult to imagine that someone could become an enemy of a family member for property. But with changing times, the landscape of society has rapidly changed. Economic competition, urbanization, growing material desires, and consumerist thinking have gradually weakened the intimacy of relationships. Now, families that once epitomized love and cooperation are being torn apart by property and financial disputes. A small piece of land, a share of inheritance, or monetary transactions are often fueling conflicts that culminate in violence and murder. Today, not only in Haryana but across the country, news of a brother killing another brother, a son attacking a father, or an uncle-nephew relationship being marred by bloodshed, is constantly emerging. These incidents are not merely crimes but a sign of the growing moral decay within society. This increasing violence within families suggests that wealth and property are now considered more important than relationships. In states



like Haryana, land is no longer merely a means of farming. Urbanization and industrial expansion have led to rapid increases in land prices. Farms that were once modest in value have now become assets worth crores of rupees. This economic transformation is causing tension within many families. Brothers are now fighting in the courts over the division of land that was once cultivated jointly by the family. In many cases, these disputes transcend legal boundaries and escalate into violence. The breakdown of joint families has also exacerbated this problem. In the past, elders served as mediators. If there was a dispute, respectful family members would sit together and find a solution. Their word was considered final. But now, the trend of nuclear families has increased. Families have become smaller, and communication has decreased. As family members began living separately, the emotional distance between them also increased. This distance often gives rise to distrust and selfishness. In modern society, a person's success is measured by their financial status. A large house, an expensive car, and abundant wealth have become symbols of social prestige.

Social media and market-driven culture have further reinforced this mindset. Everyone seems to be engaged in the race to earn as much money as possible. In this race, the sensitivity of relationships is being left behind. People are beginning to view their families as partners and competitors rather than collaborators. From a psychological perspective, property disputes aren't just financial struggles. They also stem from insecurity, ego, comparison, and a sense of entitlement. Often, individuals feel wronged, have received a smaller share, or are neglected within the family. These feelings gradually escalate into anger and violence. Tensions pent up for years within a family can explode over a minor dispute. The patriarchal mindset in Indian society also plays a role in fueling these disputes. Competition among sons over property is increasingly evident. Parents often unwittingly discriminate between their children. Giving more importance to one son or disparity in property distribution lays the foundation for future conflicts. This tension can build up over the years, eventually leading to major disputes. Today, millions of property dispute cases are pending in the courts.

Families remain embroiled in legal battles for years. Litigation consumes time, money, and peace of mind. The court cycle can sour relationships to the point where any possibility of reconciliation is virtually eliminated. Sometimes, even subsequent generations carry this animosity as a legacy. The irony is that the very possessions for which people destroy their relationships ultimately fail to bring them peace of mind. Wealth can provide comfort, but it cannot provide intimacy and trust. Brothers who spent their childhoods playing together become enemies. Parents who have devoted their entire lives to raising their children find themselves feeling insecure among their own children in old age. This situation is not just a family crisis, but a social tragedy. This problem is further complicated in rural society because land is not only a property but also a symbol of social prestige. Families with more land are considered more influential. This is why people struggle for years even for small parcels of land. Panchayats often fail to resolve these disputes, leading to violence and murder. The situation is different in urban

areas. Legal battles between siblings over their parents' property, homes, and businesses have become common in metropolitan areas. Elderly parents often suffer from loneliness and insecurity. In some cases, children pressure their parents to transfer the property to their names. This situation raises serious questions about the values of the Indian family system. Money and wealth are not inherently bad things. Problems arise when a person places wealth above morality and human sensibilities. Greed gradually erodes a person's sensitivity. They begin to view relationships from a financial perspective, not an emotional one. When human values weaken within a person, the avenues open for violence and crime. Solving the problem isn't possible through legislation alone. Serious efforts are needed at the social and moral levels. First, we must strengthen the culture of dialogue within families. When family members express themselves openly and understand each other's feelings, disputes will be less likely. Often, small misunderstandings can escalate into major conflicts due to a lack of communication. The role of elders remains crucial even today. They should not only be guardians of property but also guides of family values. Children must be taught from childhood that relationships are more valuable than any land or wealth. If love and trust prevail within the family, property division will be smoother. The education system also needs to give greater importance to moral education and family values. Today's education is making people successful, but it's failing to make them sensitive. It's important to teach children that true success in life isn't just about financial achievement, but also about preserving humanity and relationships. Society must also change its mindset. The tendency to honor only financial success is dangerous. When society prioritizes wealth over character, behavior, and sensitivity, the mad pursuit of wealth intensifies. Society needs role models that inspire sacrifice, cooperation, and family unity.

A 'Bangarappa' Redux?

How Another Karnataka Chief Minister Was Asked To Resign In 1992

Whether the Congress high command, after dilly-dallying for months, has taken a 'bold' decision or a 'reckless' one in asking Siddaramaiah to resign as the Chief Minister of Karnataka and make way for someone else, will become clearer in the next two to three days. A sanguine meeting of the Congress bigwigs' huddle in New Delhi on Tuesday, which the Siddaramaiah group had expected to be a routine filibustering exercise indulged in by the leadership to ward off DK Shivakumar's demand to install him as Chief Minister, took an unexpected and dramatic turn in the afternoon. It left Siddaramaiah, according to an observer, "shell-shocked". It all happened after the leaders broke for lunch and Rahul Gandhi went home for his meal and held discussions with his mother, Sonia Gandhi, and sister, Priyanka Gandhi. Reports suggest that Rahul informed them that apart from the general meeting where they discussed the Rajya Sabha and legislative council nominations from Karnataka, he had one-on-one deliberations with Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar, where nothing much emerged. Sonia, Priyanka Speak Up At this point, Sonia reminded Rahul about the 'commitment' she had made to Shivakumar and suggested that it was time to honour it. Priyanka, who had always backed Shivakumar, reportedly argued that given



his long-standing loyalty and consistent support to the party, he deserves a chance to lead now - especially as Siddaramaiah has already had his tenure and would be 80 by the next Assembly elections. As the group consisting of Malikarjun Kharge, KC Venugopal, Randeep Surjewala, Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar reconvened after lunch, Rahul Gandhi, who walked in a few minutes later and took his seat, looked at Siddaramaiah straight and told him he would have to step down. It seems there was a stunned look on Siddaramaiah's face when Rahul broke the bad news to him. He had always counted on Rahul Gandhi as his strongest supporter, who played a key role on both occasions when he became the Chief Minister and always backed him. Blaming

The Media There was no reaction from anyone in the room. Immediately, party general secretary KC Venugopal led senior leaders out of Indira Bhavan and famously told the anxiously waiting media that only election issues were discussed and "everything else is your (media's) speculation". In less than an hour, top Congress "sources" started telling the media that Siddaramaiah had been asked to step down and his deputy, Shivakumar, would take his place. It was a calculated strategy to let the world know and allow time for Siddaramaiah to "process" the information and begin negotiations on his "honourable exit". Siddaramaiah, accompanied by his trusted colleagues, Parameeshwara, KJ George, HC Mahadevappa and Byrathi Basavaraj, left for George's bungalow in

Delhi and got into a huddle, just as Shivakumar, along with his supporters, moved to Karnataka Bhavan to carry out their respective strategy sessions. Around 8.30 pm, as an SUV carrying Siddaramaiah rolled out of George's place, the waiting camerapersons and journalists rushed to him frenetically asking, "Are you resigning, sir?", "Have you been asked to step down, sir?" A glum-faced Siddaramaiah merely looked at mediapersons from behind the rolled-up car window and left without uttering a word. A Blast From The Past The images that started flashing on the TV screens on Tuesday night reminded this author of a similar scenario in 1992. I was a Special Correspondent with The Indian Express in New Delhi, covering a few central ministries, the Rajya Sabha, and, of course, Karnataka. S Bangarappa, a popular backward class leader, who had taken charge as Chief Minister after the unceremonious "sacking" of a veteran, Veerendra Patil, had been facing unprecedented disaffection from his own partymen. Every two to three weeks, groups of MLAs would visit Delhi carrying "charge-sheets" against the Bangarappa government's alleged corruption and misrule. PV Narasimha Rao, the then Prime Minister, was dealing with multiple headaches running a minority government, and found Karnataka's problems highly vexing.

Siddaramaiah's Governor meet deepens Cong turmoil

Bengaluru, May 27 (UNI) Karnataka plunged deeper into political uncertainty on Wednesday as turmoil intensified within the ruling Congress, with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah reportedly seeking an appointment with Governor Thaaawarchand Gehlot amid mounting speculation over a possible leadership transition in the state.

The development triggered fresh political buzz in Bengaluru, with growing indications of hectic consultations within the Congress leadership over the future course of the government and the party's power structure in Karnataka.

According to reports, Siddaramaiah sought time to meet the Governor at



Raj Bhavan on Thursday afternoon, even as party insiders indicated that Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar remained central to ongoing discussions on the state's leadership dynamics.

The dramatic political developments followed marathon consultations in New Delhi involving Siddaramaiah,

Shivakumar, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi, K C Venugopal and Karnataka in-charge Randeep Singh Surjewala. Reports suggested the Congress high command was engaged in efforts to contain factional tensions and evolve a consensus formula amid growing

internal pressure.

Adding to the suspense, Siddaramaiah is scheduled to host a crucial breakfast meeting with Shivakumar and senior ministers at his official residence in Bengaluru on Thursday morning. The meeting is being closely watched in political circles as speculation over leadership equations and organisational adjustments continues to dominate Karnataka politics.

Reports also indicated that loyalist MLAs and ministers met Siddaramaiah at his residence on Wednesday and urged him to continue leading the government, reflecting growing unease within sections of the Congress over the ongoing political churn.

BBMP to Trial Gobbler Smart Waste Collection Machine on Major Roads

Bengaluru: Maheshwar Rao has directed officials to deploy the Gobbler smart waste collection machine on a trial basis on major roads across Bengaluru and submit a detailed performance report.

The direction was issued during an inspection of the Gobbler machine demonstration conducted on Commercial Street Road in the Shivajinagar division of the Bengaluru Central City Corporation.

Maheshwar Rao said several initiatives are being implemented to keep the city clean as per the directions of Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister D. K. Shivakumar. He stressed the need to adopt smart technology for effective



road cleaning and instructed officials to consider large-scale deployment of the machines based on the trial results.

The Gobbler is a smart litter-picking machine operated by a trained driver either while standing on the machine or walking alongside it. The machine

based waste collection system, LED lights for night operations, warning alarms, flashing lights and fire safety equipment. It also uses biodegradable bags for waste disposal.

The machine is capable of collecting roadside waste such as dust, paper, plastic covers, wrappers, dry leaves, aluminium, glass pieces and bottles. It also features a 12-litre water storage capacity and a pressure pipe cleaning system.

Rajendra Cholan said the Gobbler machine would be tested at locations including K.R. Market, Russell Market, Commercial Street, M.G. Road and Church Street to evaluate its performance and operational efficiency.

Complete the wind tunnel underpass project expeditiously by deploying additional manpower and machinery: Maheshwar Rao

Bengaluru : Chief Commissioner Maheshwar Rao directed officials to expedite the completion of the Wind Tunnel Underpass project by deploying additional manpower and machinery.

During his inspection visit today to the Wind Tunnel Junction near the U.R. Rao Satellite Centre on Old Airport Road under the Bengaluru Central City Corporation limits, he instructed officials to utilise additional personnel and equipment to ensure the project is completed within the stipulated timeline.

Utility relocation works related to the underpass project, including BWSSB pipelines, sewer lines, BESCOM cables, OFC cables and other utilities, are currently in progress. He directed officials to complete the relocation work within 10 days and commence construction of the retaining wall thereafter.

To ensure uninterrupted



vehicular movement, temporary roads should be constructed expeditiously on both sides of the junction through defence land, ISRO, NAL premises and private properties, wherever feasible, to facilitate traffic movement. The work should be executed in a manner that prevents traffic congestion. He also instructed officials to ensure all necessary safety measures are in place during the execution of the project.

70% of the Work Completed: The Wind Tunnel Junction underpass project is being undertaken at a cost of Rs.19 crore and involves the construction of a 300-metre-long underpass.

Karnataka to Host Bengaluru Skill Summit 2026 from November 3

Bengaluru : East City Corporation Commissioner D.S. Ramesh stated that special enforcement and cleanliness drives were undertaken across various major roads within the Corporation limits for the removal of unauthorised advertisement boards, flexes, banners and buntings, clearance of footpath encroachments, and cleaning of garbage black spots.

The operations were carried out with the objective of maintaining the aesthetic appearance of public spaces, ensuring safe pedestrian movement, and preventing issues caused by waste accumulation and obstructions during the monsoon season.

Removal Drive for Unauthorised Banners, Flexes and Buntings During the enforcement drive conducted between May 15 and May 26 across major roads and junctions within the Corporation limits, more than 919 unauthorised banners, flexes and buntings were



removed. Unauthorised advertisements installed on electric poles, road sides and other public spaces causing inconvenience to the public were removed during the operation. The Commissioner warned that strict penalties and legal action under relevant laws would be initiated against those installing unauthorised advertisement boards.

Footpath Encroachment Clearance Drive

To ensure safe and obstruction-free pedestrian movement, more than 362 encroachments involving unauthorised commercial activities on footpaths were cleared.

These included illegal shops, temporary sheds, push carts and other encroachments obstructing pedestrian pathways. The Commissioner stated that marshals had already conducted awareness campaigns among roadside vendors and instructed them not to encroach upon footpaths. However, strict enforcement action was initiated against repeated violations.

Black Spot Clearance and Special Cleanliness Drive

Special cleanliness drives were undertaken in several areas where garbage, debris and construction waste had accumulated and turned into black spots. Officials of the Solid Waste Management Division were instructed to make these areas black-spot free.

As part of the operation, nearly 20 tonnes of waste, including garbage, plastic waste, construction debris and other waste materials accumulated at black spots, were removed to protect public health and maintain a clean environment.

No One Can Prevent Early Elections in the State

Shivamogga: BJP State President and MLA B. Y. Vijayendra said that the Congress high command's decision to change the Chief Minister amounts to an admission that the Congress government led by Siddaramaiah has failed to provide good governance during the last three years. Speaking to the media, he said that after marathon meetings lasting nearly five to five-and-a-half hours in Delhi yesterday, a final decision had been made to seek the resignation of the Chief Minister. He remarked that this clearly indicates that the Congress party is witnessing its final days. Responding to a question, he stated that irrespective of who becomes Chief Minister after Siddaramaiah's resignation, it would only be temporary. He asserted that no one can prevent early elections in Karnataka. He further said that once Siddaramaiah resigns, people will witness the confusion that follows, regardless of who becomes the next Chief

Minister. Replying to another question, he said that Siddaramaiah would certainly resign because of the high command's decision. He added that only God knows who will become the next Chief Minister.

Vijayendra said that this is a clear indication that the Congress party is declining in Karnataka as well. He clarified that he holds no personal grudge against Siddaramaiah and acknowledged him as one of the most experienced Chief Ministers, perhaps among all southern states. However, he alleged that Siddaramaiah had pushed the state into a debt burden of nearly Rs.10 lakh crore. He said the people must understand that Karnataka has been trapped in a debt cycle. According to him, the issue is not about who becomes the Chief Minister, but about the direction in which the state is heading. He stated that internal conflicts within the Congress had completely weakened governance.

Karnataka Betting Big on AI-Driven Water Governance; BWSSB Targets 'Utility of the Future': CS Shalini Rajaneesh

BENGALURU: Karnataka is positioning itself as a national leader in AI-driven urban water governance, with artificial intelligence and digital technologies set to play a central role in managing future challenges such as climate change, rapid urbanisation, groundwater depletion, and infrastructure stress, Chief Secretary Dr. Shalini Rajaneesh said on Tuesday.

She was speaking at the inaugural session of the National AI & Digital Water Summit 2026, organised by the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) in association with elets and KPMG at Bengaluru.

Highlighting the growing pressure on cities like Bengaluru, Mysuru, Mangaluru, Dharwad, and Belagavi, Dr. Shalini Rajaneesh said intelligent governance systems are becoming essential for ensuring efficient, transparent, and accountable public services.

"AI and digital intelligence are no longer optional tools for urban utilities. Real-time monitoring, predictive analytics, demand forecasting, and data-driven governance will define the future of water management," she said.

She noted that Karnataka has already established AI Centres of Excellence and introduced policy frameworks supporting digital procurement, data sharing, and performance-based governance systems. The Chief Secretary stressed that accountability must remain at the core of digital transformation. "Data should ultimately lead to measurable governance outcomes.



Technology must strengthen public trust and institutional efficiency," she added.

Speaking at the summit, BWSSB Chairman Dr. Ram Prasath Manohar said Bengaluru's scale and complexity demand a shift from conventional utility operations to predictive and intelligent management systems.

"BWSSB today serves more than 14 million citizens. Managing water for one of the world's fastest-growing metropolitan cities requires deep operational intelligence and technology-led governance," he said.

He highlighted that BWSSB has already implemented city-scale SCADA systems, GIS-based mapping, IoT-enabled monitoring, automated leak detection systems, and smart metering pilots as part of its digital transformation journey.

According to him, BWSSB has reduced Non-Revenue Water from over 50 percent to nearly 26.5 percent, resulting in savings of nearly 200 million litres of water per day.

Dr. Ram Prasath Manohar also revealed that BWSSB's AI-driven energy optimisation initiatives have identified nearly Rs.42 crore worth of avoidable annual electricity expenditure across pumping systems.

"AI is not about dashboards. It is about predictive governance, accountability, and measurable outcomes. We are moving from reactive operations towards intelligent utility management," he said.

He added that BWSSB aims to achieve city-wide smart metering, further reduce Non-Revenue Water, and emerge as a national benchmark for

intelligent urban utilities over the next five years.

The event was attended by the Additional Chief Secretary to the Government Tushar Girinath, FKCCI President Uma Reddy, Founder and CEO of Elets Technomedia Ravi Gupta, and KPMG Partner & Head of Government and Public Services (G&PS) Nilchal Mishra, and witnessed participation from global water experts, AI specialists, policymakers, technology companies, startups, and urban governance professionals from across India and abroad.

"Karnataka stands at the intersection of rapid industrial growth and increasing water stress. AI-driven governance and intelligent water systems are critical for ensuring sustainable and equitable urban growth."

Panchamrutha Industries Launches Fortified Rice Range with 9 Essential Micronutrients in Karnataka

Bengaluru : Panchamrutha Industries Pvt. Ltd., in collaboration with Millers for Nutrition powered by TechnoServe, today announced the launch of Panchamrutha Deluxe Fortified Rice enriched with 9 essential vitamins (A, B1, B2, B3, B6, and B12) and minerals (Folic Acid, Zinc, and Iron) during a special industry workshop titled "Unlocking Market Potential: Advancing Fortified Rice in Karnataka" held in Bengaluru.

The event brought together representatives from government bodies, nutrition experts, healthcare professionals, food fortification specialists, rice millers, and industry stakeholders to discuss the growing role of fortified staples in combating micronutrient deficiencies and improving nutrition outcomes in India. With a growing presence across South India, Panchamrutha Industries has evolved from a traditional grain business into a nutrition-led FMCG company focused on fortified staples and health-oriented food products. Operating from its advanced processing facility in Dharwad with a production capacity of over 300 tonnes per day, the company combines modern fortification technology with its vision of making quality nutrition accessible to every household.

Dinesh Gundurao, State Minister for Health and Family Welfare said, "Congratulations to Panchamrutha for introducing fortified rice into the market. It is most important that what we consume is nutritious, as our society has already seen a high impact of eating unhealthy food especially by young children. Therefore, this introduction of fortified staple food by Panchamrutha, will help us in terms of delivering good nutrition. This will also help poor section of the society as they get this nutrition in their staple food. And, based on the scientific analysis and how it is helping people, and how it is impacting their health, even our department can also think of promoting the use of fortified food." Speaking at the event, Mr. Jambulingappa Hosmani, Managing Director, Panchamrutha Industries Pvt. Ltd, said, "According to the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5), approximately 67% of children under 5, 59% of adolescent girls, and 57% of women of reproductive age are anemic. At Panchamrutha, we believe staple foods



can play a transformative role in improving public health outcomes. Through the launch of Panchamrutha Deluxe Fortified Rice, we aim to make nutritious rice accessible to everyday households while contributing to the larger national mission of addressing hidden hunger and micronutrient deficiencies. Our vision is to make nutrition a standard feature in every kitchen, not a luxury."

Panchamrutha Industries officially entered the fortified rice segment in 2023 with a focus on making fortified staples accessible to consumers at no additional cost. The company's fortified rice range is enriched with essential vitamins and minerals including Iron, Folic Acid, Vitamin B12, Zinc, and B-complex vitamins, while maintaining the same taste, aroma, and cooking characteristics as regular rice.

Dr. Usharani Dandamudi, Scientist F, Department of Food Safety and Analytical Quality Control Laboratory, CSIR-CFTRI, said, "Rice fortification is one of the most practical and scalable approaches to addressing micronutrient deficiencies in a country like India where rice is consumed daily across households. Greater awareness and adoption of fortified staples can play an important role in building a healthier future for communities."

Commenting on the growing need for nutrition-focused interventions, Clinical Nutritionist and Diet influencer, Pallavi Idooru, said, "Iron deficiency and anaemia continue to affect a large number of women in India, particularly adolescent girls, pregnant women, and young mothers. Fortified staples such as fortified rice

can play a meaningful role in improving everyday nutritional intake and supporting better maternal and overall health outcomes when consumed regularly as part of a balanced diet." India continues to face a significant burden of hidden hunger, with iron deficiency and anaemia impacting millions of women and children across the country. Fortified rice is increasingly being recognized as an effective and scalable intervention to improve nutrition security by delivering essential vitamins and minerals through a staple consumed daily by millions of households.

Speaking on the importance of industry participation in food fortification, Mr. Abhishek Shukla, Country Program Manager - India, Millers for Nutrition, said, "Rice is consumed by millions of families every day, making it one of the most effective vehicles for delivering improved nutrition at scale. The launch of Panchamrutha Deluxe Fortified Rice represents an important step towards expanding consumer access to fortified staples and strengthening industry participation in India's nutrition journey. Scaling fortified staples in the open market will play a critical role in advancing nutrition security and improving awareness around healthier food choices." The programme featured discussions on food fortification policies, regulatory frameworks, India's battle against malnutrition and anaemia, micronutrient stability in fortified rice, and collaborative approaches to scaling nutrition impact across communities.

Vijay seeks PM's intervention to issue clarification for Home Min order for rendering state invocation songs first in govt functions

Chennai (TSIT) Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay on Wednesday sought the intervention of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and urged him to issue suitable clarification/modification to the union Home Ministry (UHM) Order enabling the long followed State Invocation Songs, including Tamil Thai Vazhthu (Invocation to Mother God), to be sung at the commencement of Government functions.



Citing the opposition and widespread public concern from various sections overpushing back the State Invocation song to the third place in recent events, Vijay, in a Demi-Official letter to Mr Modi soon after raising the issue in person during his maiden meeting with him at Delhi after becoming CM, Vijay said such a clarification would harmonise the UHM's order with the established practice prevailing in Tamil Nadu and avoid administrative ambiguity, while

duly respecting the cultural sentiments of the people of Tamil Nadu.

Drawing his attention UHM's order dated January 28, 2026, relating to the observance of the National Song, Vande Mataram, during official functions and ceremonial occasions, he affirmed that the Government and people of Tamil Nadu hold the National Anthem and the National Song in the highest esteem.

Tamil Nadu has consistently upheld the dignity and decorum associated

with all national symbols and remains deeply committed to the unity, integrity and constitutional values of India, he said and pointed out that the long-established position of Tamil Thai Vazhthu in the public life of Tamil Nadu.

Noting that Tamil Thai Vazhthu written by Manonmani P. Sundaram Pillai in 1891 is an invocation in the Tamil language, culture and heritage, the Chief Minister said for several decades, it has tradition-

ally been rendered at the commencement of Government, educational, cultural and public functions across Tamil Nadu. This practice has also been formally recognised by the TN Government by declaring Tamil Thai Vazhthu as the State Song of TN and prescribing that it shall be sung at the beginning of functions in Government offices, educational institutions, universities, public sector undertakings and public organisations in the State.

Following the issuance of the UHM order, the Lok Bhavan has adopted the sequence of Vande Mataram, National Anthem and thereafter Tamil Thai Vazhthu. The placement of Tamil Thai Vazhthu subsequent to the National Anthem has led to widespread public concern and opposition from various sections of society in Tamil Nadu, as it departs from the long-standing and officially recognised practice followed in the State.



Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare inspected Semmozhi Poonga and Kalaignar Centenary Park in Chennai.....

Urban local bodies issued direction to streamline planning permits

Chennai: The State government has fixed a timeline for processing applications in urban local bodies across Tamil Nadu, to reduce delays in granting planning permission and building approvals.

Director of Municipal Administration P Madhusudhan Reddy issued instructions to Commissioners of Corporations and Municipalities detailing the time-bound procedure for granting approvals. According to the circular, all fees related to planning permission and building approval applications must be accepted only through online payment modules.

The order also stated that applicants, architects, structural engineers or any third parties should not be required to appear in person for resolving queries or submitting clarifications. Warning officials against procedural lapses, Madhusudhan Reddy said



any administrative negligence, manual intervention in online approvals or failure to maintain transparency protocols would invite disciplinary action. As per the timeline fixed by the department, Assistant Engineers in planning sections have been directed to conduct site inspections within five working days from the date of receipt of online applications. Following inspection,

the report must be uploaded to the portal within two days.

The Director further stated that after completion of verification and scrutiny procedures, planning permission should be issued within 24 days from the date of receipt of the application.

For building permits, the department has fixed a seven-day timeline from the date of application submission.

The circular also clarified

that if ownership documents had already been verified by

the Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority (CMDA) or the Directorate of Town and Country Planning (DTCP), a fresh field inspection would not be necessary.

However, the order warned that authorities could stop construction work at any stage if information submitted to the CMDA or the DTCP was later found to be false.

DMK attacks Congress over stand on Vice-Chancellors' appointment

CHENNAI: The Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) on Wednesday renewed its attack on former ally Congress over the issue of appointment of Vice-Chancellors to State universities. The latest political exchange emerged after Higher Education Minister P Viswanathan indicated that the ruling Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) government was not bound to continue the policy position adopted by the



previous DMK regime regarding the appointment of Vice-Chancellors. Replying to reporters' queries on the amendment legislation that sought to vest powers relating to appointment of Vice-Chancellors with the State government instead of the Governor, the Minister reportedly said the present government need not necessarily follow the stand taken by the earlier DMK administration.

Pioneering CRISPR Gene Editing Trial: 79% of Participants See Improvement

CRISPR gene editing shows potential in treating blindness, with 79% of trial participants experiencing improved vision. About 79% of clinical trial participants experienced measurable improvement after receiving experimental, CRISPR-based gene editing that is designed to fix a rare form of blindness, according to a paper published today (May 6) in the New England Journal of Medicine.

"This trial shows CRISPR gene editing has exciting potential to treat inherited retinal degeneration," said Mark Pennesi, M.D., Ph.D., a corresponding author on the paper, an ophthalmologist and Oregon Health & Science University's lead scientist for the Phase 1/2 BRILLIANCE trial and a corresponding author on the paper.

"There is nothing more rewarding to a physician than hearing a patient describe how their vision has improved after a treatment. One of our trial participants has shared several examples, including being able to find their phone after misplacing it and knowing that their coffee machine is working by seeing its small lights. While these types of tasks might seem trivial to those who are normally sighted, such improvements can have a huge impact on quality of life for those with low vision." The trial evaluated the safety and effectiveness of EDIT-101, an experimental gene editing treatment that uses CRISPR technology and was developed by Editas Medicine. The experimental treatment was specifically designed to edit a mutation in the CEP290 gene, which provides instructions to create a protein that is critical for sight. People with this mutation have a rare condition that is commonly called Leber Congenital Amaurosis, or LCA, Type 10, for which there is no treatment available. LCA's various types occur in a total of about 2 or 3 out of 100,000 newborns. The OHSU Casey Eye Institute treated the trial's first participant in early 2020. That procedure also marked the first time that CRISPR had been used to edit genes within the human body, which is also called in vivo gene editing. Today's paper describes the study's findings through February 2023, and details how the trial's 14 participants—12 adults of whom were adults, while two were children—responded to receiving EDIT-101 in one eye. Key results include:

11 participants, or about 79%, showed improvement in at least one of four measured outcomes. 6 participants, or about 43%, showed improvement in two or more outcomes. 6 participants, or about 43%, reported improved vision-related quality of life. 4 participants, or about 29%, had clinically meaningful improvement in visual acuity, or how well they could identify objects or letters on a chart. There were no



treatment-related serious adverse events. Most adverse events were mild or moderate, and all have since been resolved. Four specific outcomes were used to evaluate the experimental treatment's effectiveness: visual acuity, as described above how well participants saw colored points of light while looking into a specialized device, which scientists call a full-field test; how well participants navigated a research maze with physical objects and varying amounts of light; how much participants reported experiencing improved quality of life. This is the first time that the trial's results have been published in a peer-reviewed scientific journal. Previously, interim results had been shared through conference presentations by investigators and in press releases issued by the trial sponsor.

Future Research Directions
In November 2022, trial sponsor Editas Medicine announced that it was pausing the trial's enrollment and would seek another partner to continue the experimental therapy's development. Pennesi and colleagues are exploring working with other commercial partners to conduct additional trials, in collaboration with Editas. The researchers hope future studies can examine ideal dosing, whether a treatment effect is more pronounced in certain age groups such as younger patients, and include refined endpoints to measure impacts on activities of daily living. "This research demonstrates that CRISPR gene therapy for inherited vision loss is worth continued pursuit in research and clinical trials," said Mass Eye & Ear oph-

thalmologist Eric Pierce, M.D., Ph.D., who is also a corresponding author. "While more research is needed to determine who may benefit most, we consider the early results promising. To hear from several participants how thrilled they were that they could finally see the food on their plates—that is a big deal. These were individuals who could not read any lines on an eye chart and who had no treatment options, which is the unfortunate reality for most people with inherited retinal disorders." "Our patients are the first congenitally blind children to be treated with gene editing, which significantly improved their daytime vision," said the paper's third corresponding author, Tomas S. Aleman, M.D., a pediatric ophthalmologist at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and the University of Pennsylvania's Scheie Eye Institute. "Our hope is that the study will pave the road for treatments of younger children with similar conditions and further improvements in vision. This trial represents a landmark in the treatment of genetic disease, in specific genetic blindness, by offering important alternative treatment when traditional forms of therapy, such as gene augmentation, are not an option."

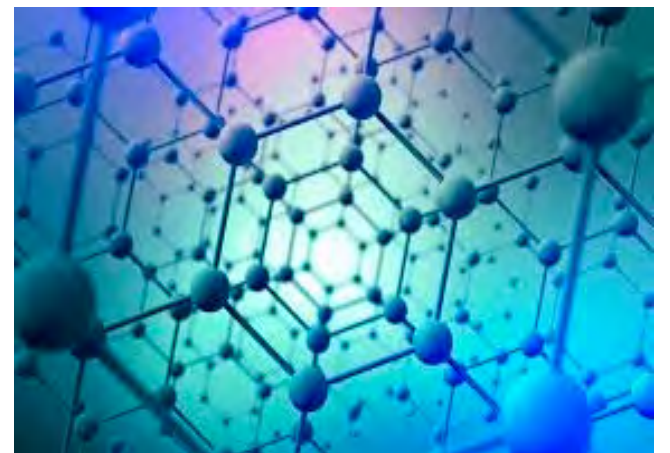
"The results from the BRILLIANCE trial provide proof of concept and important learnings for the development of new and innovative medicines for inherited retinal diseases. We've demonstrated that we can safely deliver a CRISPR-based gene editing therapeutic to the retina and have clinically meaningful outcomes," said Editas Medicine Chief Medical Officer Baisong Mei, M.D., Ph.D. Reference: "Gene-editing for CEP290-associated Retinal Degeneration" by Eric A. Pierce, Tomas S. Aleman, Kanishka T. Jaysundera, Bright S. Ashimatey, Keumpyo Kim, Alia Rashid, Michael Jaskolka, Rene L. Myers, Bryon L. Lam, Steven T. Bailey, Jason I. Commander, Andreas K. Lauer, Albert M. Maguire and Mark E. Pennesi, 6 May 2024, New England Journal of Medicine. The OHSU Casey Eye Institute is one of five clinical sites that recruited participants for the trial. The other sites are: Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in Miami, Florida; Mass Eye and Ear in Boston, Massachusetts; Scheie Eye Institute at the University of Pennsylvania and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia; and Kellogg Eye Center in Ann Arbor, Michigan. This research was supported by Editas Medicine, the National Institutes of Health's National Eye Institute (grants P30 EY014104 and P30 EY010572), Malcolm M. Marquis MD Endowed Fund for Innovation, Research to Prevent Blindness (unrestricted grants to OHSU Casey Eye Institute and University of Pennsylvania's Scheie Eye Institute), the Irene Heinz Given and John LaPorte Given Endowment, and Hope for Vision.

Quantum Transformation: TiS3 Nanoribbons Become Superconductors Under Pressure

A study has shown that compressing TiS3 nanoribbons transforms them from insulators to superconductors, enabling electricity transmission without energy loss. This discovery opens new possibilities for advancing energy-efficient technologies and material science. According to a study in the journal Nano Letters, compressing nanoribbons made of titanium and sulfur can significantly alter their properties, transforming them into materials capable of conducting electricity without energy loss. The authors have made the discovery during their painstaking search for new materials that can transmit electricity without loss of energy, a hot topic that has for long haunted the scientific community.

"Our research focuses on one such promising material: TiS3 nanoribbons, which are tiny, ribbon-like structures made of titanium and sulfur. In their natural state, TiS3 nanoribbons act as insulators, meaning they do not conduct electricity well," says Mahmoud Rabie Abdel-Hafez, an associate professor at University of Sharjah's Department of Applied Physics and Astronomy. "However, we discovered that by applying pressure to these nanoribbons, we could change their electrical properties dramatically," adds Abdel-Hafez, who is the study's main author.

Experimental Findings
The scientists exposed TiS3 to gradual pressure. As they increased the pressure, they found that the TiS3 system underwent a series of transitions, from being insulators to becoming metals and superconductors, for the first time. TiS3 materials are known to work as good insulators, but it is the first time scientists have discovered that under pressure they can function as superconductors, paving the way for the



development of superconducting materials.

(A) Temperature-pressure phase diagram of TiS3. (B) Photograph and SEM image of quasi-1D microstructure. Credit: Nano Letters (2024), <https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.nanolett.4c00824> "Superconductors are special because they can conduct electricity with zero energy loss, which is incredibly valuable for technological applications," says Abdel-Hafez. "[But] imagine a world where electrical power could be transmitted without any energy being wasted as heat. This would revolutionize how we use and distribute electricity, making everything from power grids to electronic devices far more efficient." It is exactly this potential which the authors tout as a breakthrough: the potential of TiS3 to turn into materials causing no waste when transmitting electricity. By carefully controlling the pressure applied to these materials, the authors identified the exact points where they changed from one state to another. "This is significant because understanding these transitions helps us learn how to manipulate other materials in similar ways, bringing us closer to discovering or designing new superconductors that can operate at higher temperatures and more practical conditions,"

notes Abdel-Hafez.

The study shows that TiS3 has the potential to become such materials when subjected to the right conditions. By gradually increasing the pressure on the investigated materials, the authors observed that they transitioned from being insulators (poor conductors) to metals (good conductors) and finally to superconductors (perfect conductors with no energy loss). Discovering that TiS3 materials can become superconductors under pressure is certain to help scientists understand more about the conditions required for superconductivity. This knowledge is crucial for developing new materials that might be superconductors at higher, more practical temperatures, the authors maintain.

Collaborative Efforts and Future Prospects

"This research not only enhances our understanding of superconductivity but also demonstrates the power of international collaboration in achieving groundbreaking scientific results," affirms Sweden's Uppsala University Professor of Physics and Astronomy, a co-author. The project is part of the University of Sharjah's research quest to develop materials that can transmit electricity without energy loss, offering new insights into how pressure can transform the electrical properties of TiS3 nanoribbons.

'ARBITRAGE PROBLEM, NOT SUPPLY':

Govt Blames Industrial Bulk Buyers For Stress At Fuel Pumps

The Centre on Wednesday said the pressure being witnessed at retail fuel outlets is not due to any shortage of petrol or diesel, but because industrial and bulk consumers are shifting purchases to retail pumps to take advantage of lower subsidised prices. In a detailed statement on Wednesday, the government asserted that India has "more than adequate" fuel supplies to meet both retail and industrial demand, and urged citizens not to panic or believe rumours around shortages. "The picture that emerges from the field is consistent. There is no scarcity of any petroleum product. There is, in pockets, a pattern of arbitrage that is creating the appearance of one," the government said. According to the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, PSU oil marketing companies (OMCs) have been absorbing losses of nearly Rs 550 crore per day on the sale of petrol, diesel and domestic LPG as part of a broader consumer protection strategy amid ongoing geopolitical disruptions in West Asia. Retail



fuel prices have therefore not fully reflected the rise in international crude prices. The government said this pricing cushion is intended for households, farmers and ordinary consumers, and not for industrial procurement, where fuel prices continue to track international benchmarks. The government in a press release said industrial buyers are increasingly diverting purchases from bulk channels to

retail pumps in order to benefit from lower retail prices. This, in turn, is leading to concentrated demand at PSU retail outlets and creating localised supply stress. The ministry noted that private oil marketing companies have seen around a 38% decline in high-speed diesel (HSD) offtake this month across both retail and bulk customers due to higher pricing, with volumes shifting to PSU retail outlets. PSU

bulk customer volumes have also declined nearly 29%, indicating migration toward retail pumps. To curb malpractice, the Centre has asked States and Union Territories to form special enforcement squads and initiate strict action against black marketing, unauthorised stocking, hoarding and diversion of petroleum products under provisions of the Essential Commodities Act and related control orders.

Union Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri has been holding regular consultations with PSU OMCs, state governments and industry bodies to ensure uninterrupted fuel availability. The Petroleum Secretary also reviewed the situation with Chief Secretaries of States and UTs, along with industry bodies including FICCI and CII. India currently has an installed refining capacity of 258.1 million tonnes per annum across 22 operational refineries, making it the world's fourth-largest refiner. Domestic petroleum consumption stood at 243.2 million tonnes in fiscal year 2026, while exports of refined petroleum products were 61.5 million tonnes during the year. "The Government remains fully seized of the international situation," the statement said, adding that India's refining capacity, PSU OMC operations and coordination between the Centre, states and industry continue to provide a strong energy security framework during the current period of global uncertainty.

Ola Electric secures approval for commercial e-scooter launch

New Delhi: Ola Electric has secured regulatory approval for a new electric scooter aimed at India's commercial mobility market, according to a government certification document, signalling the company may be preparing to enter the fast-growing commercial EV two-wheeler segment as early as this quarter. The homologation, granted by the Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI) in February 2026 under the Central Motor Vehicle Rules (CMVR), covers an L1-category electric scooter powered by a 4-kilowatt motor with a top speed of about 70 kilometres per hour. The vehicle appears to be based on Ola Electric's existing S1 platform but configured for commercial use cases such as food delivery, quick-commerce logistics and urban fleet operations, according to people familiar with the plan. Industry sources said homologation is typically among the final regulatory steps before a product launch, indicating the vehicle could be nearing commercial rollout. The scooter's configuration suggests a focus on operating economics, range and fleet utilisation — key priorities for delivery riders and fleet operators. The timing coincides with rising fuel prices following supply disruptions linked to tensions around the Strait of Hormuz, increasing operating costs for gig workers and commercial fleet operators that continue to rely largely on petrol-powered two-wheelers. Policy momentum is also building in favour of electrification. Delhi's draft EV Policy 2026 proposes phasing out new internal combustion engine two-wheeler registrations within two years, potentially accelerating the transition toward electric commercial fleets. Industry analysts view the commercial EV two-wheeler market as a significant long-term growth opportunity because of high daily vehicle utilisation and faster



replacement cycles in delivery and mobility fleets. Earlier this week, Ola Electric founder and Chairman Bhavish Aggarwal acknowledged rising interest in electric two-wheelers among gig workers amid elevated fuel prices in a post on X, though he did not reference any upcoming commercial-focused vehicle. Ola Electric did not respond to requests for comment on the homologation or potential launch timeline. If launched this quarter, the scooter would mark Ola Electric's entry into India's rapidly expanding commercial mobility EV segment, intensifying competition in a market increasingly seen as central to future electric vehicle adoption.

PL Capital's Asset Management Arm Reports Strong Equity Market Recovery Led by Liquidity, Domestic Resilience, and Broad-Based Participation

Mumbai, May, 2026: PL Asset Management, the asset management business of PL Capital, has released its latest outlook on the market and strategy for April 2026 that indicates a strong recovery in Indian equities driven by improving liquidity conditions, resilient domestic macroeconomic fundamentals and sustained participation from domestic investors despite continued global volatility. The firm said the month of April 2026 was a crucial turning point for the market sentiments. After a broad-based correction witnessed in March, investors moved from a "risk-off" to a "risk-on" stance. Indian equities saw one of the strongest monthly recoveries in recent years with the Nifty up 7.46%, Midcaps up 13.22% and Small Caps up 17.10%. The rally was led by domestic cyclical and sectors such as industrials, defence, real estate, metals, energy, and financials, reflecting renewed confidence in India's structural growth

story. PL Asset Management also stated that the domestic macroeconomic environment remained supportive throughout the month. The GST revenue of India touched an all-time high of ₹2.42 lakh crore in April, registering an increase of 8.7% on a year-over-year basis. The Manufacturing PMI also improved to reach 55.9 in April compared to 53.9 in March, indicating strong momentum in the beginning of FY27. The total value of India's exports in FY26 was estimated to be around US\$863 billion, indicating the strength of its export sector. Nevertheless, the company warned that inflationary pressure and supply-side risks are important to consider. In April, Brent crude rose briefly to US\$126 per barrel due to geopolitical risks. In this regard, PL

Asset Management also pointed out the exceptional resilience shown by the Indian markets amid persistent FII outflows. From the beginning of 2026, FIIs have pulled out nearly ₹1.9 lakh crore from the Indian markets. Nevertheless, the company is of the view that these outflows are mostly due to the allocation of global capital to AI-driven prospects in developed countries like the US and North Asia. The report also observed that market breadth indicators suggest the ongoing rally may still have room for further expansion. Nearly 90% of listed stocks delivered positive returns during April, while broader market indices continue to trade approximately 18.9% below their all-time highs, leaving scope for further participation. Factor performance during the month strongly reflected a "risk-on" environment, with High Beta and Momentum factors outperforming defensive Low Volatility strategies. Value-oriented invest-

ing also generated strong relative performance across both short and medium-term periods. Commenting on the market outlook, Siddharth Vora said: "The month of April 2026 witnessed a major change in investor sentiments, owing to the factors of liquidity support, improved domestic conditions, and increased risk appetite, which led to a rally in all sectors. Even after facing issues such as high crude oil prices, geopolitical risks, and foreign institutional investors' selling pressure, the Indian market showed great resilience." "Despite the current market being very sensitive to liquidity events and macroeconomic events, the improvements in breadth, the presence of good investments in selected industries, and the comfort in valuations still make us optimistic. The investment philosophy continues to be based on disciplined selection of factors with a bias towards value, quality, and selected cyclicality.

Booming AI chip demand helps create two new \$1tn club members

The stock market valuations of chip-makers SK Hynix and Micron have risen above the \$1tn (£740bn) mark, driven by a boom in artificial intelligence (AI) data centres. Shares in South Korea's SK Hynix, a key supplier to AI chip giant Nvidia, jumped by 10% on Wednesday, continuing a rally that has seen its share price more than triple since the start of this year. On Tuesday, US memory chipmaker Micron's shares rose by almost 20% after investment bank UBS tripled its stock price target for the company. Both companies join a growing group of firms with valuations above \$1tn, including technology giants Nvidia, Amazon, Apple, Microsoft, Google-owner Alphabet and Meta. There has been massive global demand for advanced computer chips that power AI tools, lifting the shares of companies associated with the technology. The surge in demand in recent years has led to a global memory chip shortage, pushing up sales for manufacturers like SK Hynix and Micron. Earlier in May, South Korea's Samsung



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Electronics, known for its smartphones and televisions, joined the \$1tn club and became only the second Asian firm to reach the milestone after Taiwanese chipmaker TSMC. Samsung is also a major manufacturer of semiconductors, with Nvidia among its customers. Separately, Samsung's shares jumped by more than 6% on Wednesday after union members voted in favour of a pay deal, averting a strike that threatened to hit its business. Samsung is now valued at around \$1.34tn, with its shares more than doubling since the start of this year. It comes as South Korea's benchmark Kospi stock index, which is dominated by tech firms, also hit a fresh record high. Nvidia has been the biggest winner in the AI spending spree and in October became the first company to reach a stock market value of \$5tn. The firm continues to report record sales, though there have been growing concerns over increased competition in the sector. Microsoft and Apple have also recently crossed the \$4tn valuation mark. But some investors have warned of a potential AI bubble, questioning whether these companies are overvalued.

THINK Gas Swiftly Restores City Gas Supply After Pipeline Damage

Company Urges 'Dial Before You Dig' Awareness for Safety

Anantapur, May 2026: A city gas pipeline laid by THINK Gas (formerly AG&P Pratham) was damaged during un-intimated excavation work carried out for rectification of water pipeline work near 3rd crossroad George pet in Anantapur. The THINK Gas emergency response team acted promptly by isolating the affected section and restoring the gas supply within a short time, ensuring public safety and minimizing inconvenience to residents. THINK Gas has established a robust pipeline infrastructure in Anantapur district to supply Piped Natural Gas (PNG) for households and Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) for transport users. Despite the presence of visible route markers, cautionary signage, and emergency contact boards along the pipeline route, the contractor involved in



the excavation failed to notify THINK Gas before starting work and did not submit any post-incident report. As per government regulations, any third-party planning to carry out excavation work must inform the City Municipal authorities or the City Gas Distribution company through the 'Dial Before You Dig' contact number. The incident occurred without prior intimation to the company, prompting THINK Gas to file an

official complaint against the party responsible. As per the current legal provisions under IPC Sections 285 and 336, such unauthorised damage constitutes an offense punishable by imprisonment of up to 3 years and a fine of up to 25 crores. THINK Gas urges all contractors, agencies, and individuals to comply with this safety requirement. The toll-free number to contact THINK Gas before any digging activity is 1800 2022 999. The initiative aims to provide

Isuzu Motors India announces attractive leasing solution for ISUZU D-MAX S-CAB, enabling smarter fleet acquisition

May, 2026: Isuzu Motors India, a subsidiary of Isuzu Motors Limited and one of India's leading commercial vehicle exporters, today announced the introduction of a new leasing model for the ISUZU D-Max S-CAB. With vehicle leasing steadily evolving as a preferred option for various businesses in India, the new model aims to offer customers a smarter and more convenient way to access commercial vehicles without the burden of ownership. The programme is being introduced with a strong focus on the ISUZU D-Max S-CAB, a vehicle widely recognised for its durability, reliability, performance and versatility across diverse business applications. The leasing model is designed to offer greater operational flexibility and financial efficiency. It enables businesses and fleet operators to use the vehicle for a fixed tenure eliminating concerns related to high upfront capital investment, depreciation, or resale uncertainties. The initiative aims to provide

customers with a hassle-free mobility solution while helping them optimise cash flow, maintain predictable operating expenses and operate a modern, reliable, and compliant fleet. Highlights of the leasing solution:

- Attractive monthly rental of INR 38,999/-
- Fixed tenure of 4 years
- Zero down payment
- No Additional service costs
- No insurance or registration expenses
- Significant savings over traditional financing models

(Terms and Conditions apply) Customers can also enjoy significant savings of up to INR 1.81 lakh by opting for the leasing model over the traditional financial model. This enables businesses to reduce maintenance burdens, scale operations without capital constraints, deploy vehicles faster, improve operational efficien-

cy, and progress with greater confidence. Commenting on the announcement, Mr. Rajesh Mittal, Managing Director, Isuzu Motors India, said, "ISUZU has built a strong global reputation for delivering reliable, durable, and efficient commercial vehicles that support businesses across diverse markets worldwide. As a trusted global brand, we continue to strengthen our presence in India, which remains a highly important market for us. With the introduction of the leasing option, we aim to make ISUZU commercial vehicles, known for its Japanese quality and durability, more accessible and financially efficient for entrepreneurs". Mr. Takeshi Hirano, Deputy Managing Director, Isuzu Motors India, said, "We are excited to

introduce the leasing model for the ISUZU D-Max S-CAB, which is designed to make commercial vehicle ownership more accessible for customers. The ISUZU D-MAX S-CAB has consistently established itself as a dependable vehicle in the commercial vehicle space, with its high build quality and reliability. It has been a key success enabler for large businesses and fleet operators across diverse applications. With this new leasing proposal, we are excited to introduce a smarter, more flexible and hassle-free way for our customers to acquire the trusted S-CAB. By removing the traditional barriers of ownership and upfront investment, this initiative will enable businesses to realise their business potential from day one with greater financial efficiency and operational flexibility."



DOZENS KILLED IN LEBANON AS ISRAEL INTENSIFIES STRIKES

Dozens of people were killed in an intensive wave of Israeli strikes across southern and eastern Lebanon on Tuesday, after Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed to step up military action against Hezbollah. At least 31 people were killed in the latest attacks, including several children, Lebanon's health ministry said. The Israeli military said it hit more than 100 Hezbollah infrastructure sites and fighters in what was one of the heaviest nights of bombardment since a US-brokered ceasefire began in mid-April. It came after Netanyahu this week said he had given instructions to "press the pedal even harder" in targeting Hezbollah. Early on Wednesday, sirens sounded in northern Israel early on after a projectile was launched from Lebanon into Israel, the Israeli military said in a statement. It added the projectile fell into an



open area and no injuries were reported. Speaking at a security cabinet meeting on Tuesday, Netanyahu said Israel was "deepening our operation in Lebanon". "The IDF [Israel Defense Forces] is operating with large forces on the ground and seizing dominant terrain," he said, adding that they were "fortifying the security

zone" to protect communities in northern Israel from Hezbollah attacks. The ceasefire has been repeatedly violated by both sides, threatening to derail the complex ongoing talks to end the war between the US, Israel and Iran. Israeli air and artillery strikes have continued daily, especially in the south of Lebanon,

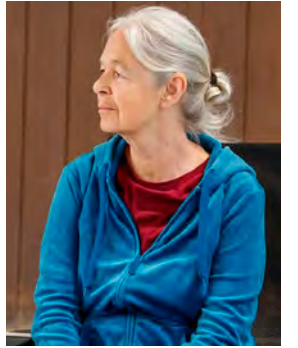
while Hezbollah has been launching rockets and drones at communities in northern Israel and Israeli troops occupying parts of southern Lebanon. Air strikes targeted the Bekaa Valley village of Mashghara and Burj al-Shamali across southern Lebanon, local media said. Some strikes hit near Beaufort Castle, state

media reported, a nearly 900-year-old fortress recognised by the UN's heritage body UNESCO for being "one of the best-preserved examples of medieval castles" in the region. In Monday's video statement, Netanyahu said that Israel was going to increase the number and intensity of its strikes targeting Hezbollah in response to the Iran-backed Shia Muslim group's attacks, including those involving fibre-optic drones that can evade Israeli defences. "We will deal them a crushing blow," he vowed. The announcement prompted scenes of panic in Beirut's southern suburbs, a Hezbollah stronghold, where residents were seen fleeing the area following the remarks. Thousands of cars lined the streets with families trying to escape for safety. Though the strikes spared the capital, Israeli warplanes carried out wave after wave of strikes across

Lebanon throughout the evening and into the early hours of Tuesday. The BBC counted dozens of attacks across nearly 50 locations. A man and his wife were killed in a strike on their home in the southern town of Arab Salim on Monday evening, and two other people were killed in the village of Kauthariyet El Rez, according to NNA. Overnight, several homes in Mashghara were destroyed in Israeli strikes. The Lebanese health ministry said the bodies of 11 people, among them one woman and two children, were pulled from the rubble. Another 15 people were injured, it added. These included a young boy, Mohammed. Videos show rescue crews in the middle of the night frantically digging through the rubble as two tiny arms poke through a hole they've made. Caked in dirt and dust, they finally pulled the seven-year-old to safety.

Former member of German militant group jailed for armed robberies after decades on the run

A former member of the German militant group Red Army Faction (RAF) has been jailed for 13 years for carrying out a string of armed robberies between 1999 and 2016. Daniela Klette, 67, was finally caught in a flat in Berlin in 2024 after more than 30 years on the run. She went on trial last year. Her defence had called for her acquittal but the court in Verden in Lower Saxony found her guilty on Wednesday of aggravated robbery, violating weapons laws and other offences over a 17-year period. The RAF, a violent anti-capitalist group also known as the Baader-Meinhof gang, was eventually disbanded after a campaign of murder, kidnapping and bombing from the early 1970s to the early 1990s. The court found Klette had robbed supermarkets and armoured vans along with two other former members of the RAF faction, Burkhard Garweg and Ernst-Volker Staub, who have not yet been caught. Dozens of Klette's support-



ers booed the guilty verdict in court, chanting "freedom for Daniela". According to Hans-Jakob Schindler, head of the Counter Extremism Project, she has become "a kind of grandmother heroine for the extreme left in Berlin". Klette did not explicitly admit to being an RAF member during the trial, and Schindler told the BBC she would never face trial for terrorism allegations against her from that period because of the statute of limitations. However, she could still face a further trial, as federal prosecutors allege she was complicit in three of the group's attacks.

Israeli strike in Gaza City kills new head of Hamas's military wing



The commander of Hamas's military wing, Mohammed Odeh, has been killed in a strike in the Gaza Strip on Tuesday - days after his predecessor died in a similar attack. Dozens more were injured in the attack, which hit a residential building in one of Gaza City's busiest market areas, local medics and witnesses said. Israel's military and Shin Bet security service said buildings that served as a hideout for Odeh were targeted after his movements were tracked for several months. On Wednesday, Hamas confirmed that Odeh had been killed, along with his wife and two of his children. Despite the Israel-Hamas ceasefire agreed in October, violence in Gaza has continued on a near-daily basis. Tuesday's strike hit the upper three floors of the al-Kayali building in the centre of Gaza City, where streets were busy with shoppers ahead of the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha. Rescue teams rushed to the scene of the strikes but struggled to reach the upper floors because of the scale of the

damage and congestion in the area. Witnesses said at least five missiles struck the building almost simultaneously from different directions. One resident said he heard the sound of a helicopter hovering overhead before the attack. Footage from the scene showed ambulances and civil defence crews searching through the damaged building as crowds gathered nearby. A statement from the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) and Shin Bet said: "As part of the joint operation by the IDF and Shin Bet to eliminate the terrorist Mohammed Odeh, several buildings in the heart of Gaza City that served as a hideout for him were attacked, after months of intelligence surveillance in order to track his movements and the movements of his assistants in the organisation." They added that they had also struck "a nearby apartment belonging to a Hamas terrorist who raided on October 7 and was part of Odeh's circle of assistants", referring to the Hamas-led attack on southern Israel that triggered the war in Gaza.

ONE KILLED AND NINE MISSING AFTER CHEMICAL EXPLOSION AT US PAPER MILL



At least one person has been killed and nine others are still missing after a major chemical explosion at a paper mill in Washington, authorities said. The explosion occurred at 07:15 PDT (15:15 GMT) at the Nippon Dynawave Packaging facility in Longview, 130 miles (210km) south of Seattle. A further nine people have been injured in the spill,

including eight employees and one firefighter, the Longview Fire Department said Tuesday evening, adding that the tank remains unstable. The explosion occurred due to a "rupture of a tank containing white liquor", the company said in a statement. White liquor is a highly corrosive chemical used in the paper-making process.

Ebola-hit DR Congo faces 'catastrophic collision' of disease and conflict, WHO warns

Ongoing conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo is hampering the Ebola outbreak response, the head of the World Health Organization (WHO) has warned. Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said the east of the country was at the centre of a "catastrophic collision of disease and conflict" with the Ebola outbreak in Ituri province outpacing the response. In a statement posted on X, Tedros said the WHO "cannot build community trust or isolate the sick while bombs are falling". He is due to arrive in DR Congo on Wednesday to spearhead scaling up efforts to contain the virus. There have been 220 suspected deaths since the outbreak was declared. Aid workers have been struggling as travel is diffi-



cult because of poor road conditions while conflict and mass displacement have also weakened the health system - as have international aid cuts. Ituri, where most of the cases have been reported, has been under military rule since 2021, when the civilian authority was replaced by a military general in an attempt to neutralise dozens of armed groups that oper-

ate there. Tedros said stopping transmission in the region "depends entirely on humanitarian access". "Yet ongoing clashes are driving mass displacement, pushing exposed contacts into overcrowded camps and severing critical containment corridors," he added. "Frontline workers are risking everything, while attacks on health facilities make tracking cases and

their contacts nearly impossible." He called on all parties to agree to an immediate ceasefire to allow medical teams safe access. Concerns over the possible spread of the Ebola outbreak has spurred more countries into imposing strict travel restrictions. Canada has announced a temporary 90-day entry ban on residents from DR Congo and neighbouring Uganda and South Sudan. The Bahamas also imposed strict rules meaning foreign nationals from those countries face quarantine or isolation measures. Last week the US banned non-citizens who had travelled to the three places from entering. The Congolese health authorities say around 1,000 people are currently showing symptoms consistent with Ebola.

MAGA candidate's win in Texas primary may also help Democrats in Senate battle

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton easily defeated Senator John Cornyn in a Republican run-off primary on Tuesday night. While the outcome had been expected for weeks, it marks a stunning defeat for an incumbent who served in Congress for 23 years, including 12 years as a high-ranking member of the Senate Republican leadership team. The bruising contest set a record for the most expensive Senate primary campaign in US history. It also sets up what will be a closely watched contest in November's general election between Paxton and his Democratic opponent, state legislator James Talarico. The outcome of that race will help determine



whether Democrats can win back control of the US Senate for the final two years of Donald Trump's presidency. Many Democrats have viewed Paxton as the weaker of the two candidates and relish what they believe is an opportunity to flip a Senate seat in a state with a long history of

hasn't elected a Democrat to the Senate since 1988. It's been 46 years since at least two incumbent senators were felled by voters in their own party in the same election cycle. Just 10 days ago, Louisiana senator Bill Cassidy failed to even reach his party's run-off primary, finishing behind two Republican challengers - the political equivalent of lightning striking in the same spot twice. Both Cornyn and Cassidy faced off against candidates endorsed by President Donald Trump. But that's where the similarities largely end. Unlike Cassidy, who voted to convict Trump during his 2021 Senate impeachment trial, Cornyn was a party loyalist who touted his ties to the president.

electing Republicans. Seemingly confident of his impending primary victory, Paxton, 62, has already begun focusing on November's general election contest, airing television adverts over the past week attacking his opponent as a left-wing extremist. Polls have indicated a tight race in a state that

Ghana welcomes Pope's apology over Catholic Church's role in slavery



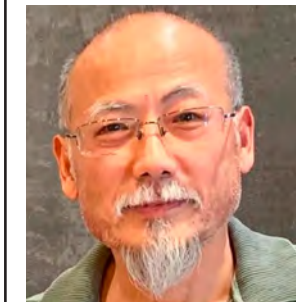
Ghana has welcomed Pope Leo XIV's apology for the Catholic Church's historic role in slavery, describing it as an "act of moral courage" that was important in the global pursuit of "truth, human dignity and justice". The Pope issued the clearest apology yet for the Church's involvement in legitimising slavery and its delay in condemning it for centuries. The apology was published on Monday in the Pope's first major teaching document of his papacy, which also focused on the dangers of artificial intelligence (AI). Ghana was a major hub for the transatlantic slave trade when millions of people were captured and loaded on to ships, never to return home. Between the 16th and 19th Centuries, 12-15 million Africans were shipped to the Caribbean, with about two million dying during the journey. Ghana has long been leading efforts for compensation and apologies from Western nations for the slave trade. The West African nation's government said the Pope's recognition of the painful

past was an important step towards healing, reconciliation and a just society. "[The apology] reinforces the growing global understanding that confronting historical injustices demands truth-telling and moral responsibility as essential foundations for justice and reconciliation," its statement, released late on Tuesday, said. The Pope's apology was delivered in what is known as an encyclical - technically a letter to Catholic bishops, but which over recent decades have been how a pontiff passes on messages to the world. In the papal letter - titled "Magnifica Humanitas" ("Magnificent Humanity") - Pope Leo sincerely asked for a pardon in the name of the Church, adding that it was "impossible not to feel deep sorrow when contemplating the immense suffering and humiliation endured by so many". Leo said Church authorities had at times responded to requests of rulers by "regulating and legitimising forms of subjugation, including the enslavement of [non-Christians]".



Five people found alive after week trapped in flooded Laos cave

South Korea detains dissident who fled China in rubber boat



Dong had previously discussed his escape plan with Sheng Xue, she said, but she had told him it would be too dangerous. "He ended up really doing it... Dong Guangping is too tenacious, too brave," she said, adding that he had planned his escape with "meticulous checks and preparation". Human Rights in China (HRIC), an NGO based in New York, has urged Seoul to "uphold humanitarian

principles and international human rights obligations" by not handing Dong over to China, where he "faces a grave risk of persecution and torture". It also called on Korean authorities to allow Dong to seek political asylum, or help facilitate his safe passage to Canada where his family members live. "That a man nearing seventy years old was driven to cross open seas in a small inflatable boat is itself a devastating indictment of China's human rights situation," HRIC said. Multiple escapes in 1999, Dong was fired from the police force after he signed a petition to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the brutal Tiananmen crackdown on pro-democracy protesters.



Sooryavanshi slays SRH, misses fastest IPL 100 by one hit before RR slip to 243/8



IGA SWIATEK, ALEXANDER ZVEREV, NOVAK DJOKOVIC IN ACTION AS FRENCH OPEN HOTS UP

As temperatures continue to soar at the French Open, the competition starts to heat up for Iga Swiatek and Alexander Zverev when they face tough Czech tests in the second round on Wednesday. Novak Djokovic will meet a second hometown player on Court Philippe Chatrier as he seeks to continue his quest for a record 25th major title and Australian Open champion Elena Rybakina is also in action. Four-time Roland Garros winner Swiatek will open the day's play on centre court against upcoming Sara Bejlek. The 20-year-old Czech has never got further than the round of 64 in Paris, but won her first WTA title in February in the 500-level event in Abu Dhabi and has broken into the world's top 40. After a comfortable opening win for Swiatek against Australian wildcard Emerson Jones, Bejlek should provide a sterner test of the Polish third seed bid to regain the trophy she last held in 2024.



Men's second seed Zverev also glided through the first round in straight sets, but the three-time Grand Slam runner-up will next meet 43rd-ranked Tomas Machac in the night session on centre court. The German beat Machac in their only previous meeting, at the Paris Olympics two years ago, but the Czech has progressed, earning himself two ATP titles and briefly cracking the world's top 20. Following a battling win over big-serving Frenchman Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard, 24-time major champion Djokovic will face a different challenge in the round of 64 against Valentin Royer.

What Is Paul Casey's Net Worth? Why He Withdrew From LIV Golf Korea

Veteran golfer Paul Casey of England is one of the experienced players who have joined LIV Golf. The English golfer Paul Casey has quit playing the ongoing LIV Golf Korea due to an issue with his wrist. Since the star golfer is still looking to win his first-ever title in the LIV Golf Series, fans are worried about the participation of Paul Casey for the upcoming tournament, where a total prize money of \$30 million will be up for grabs in the LIV Golf Series. Who is Paul Casey? Everything About His Career Accomplishments, Majors and Net Worth Paul Casey is considered to be one of the top golfers from England whose career success was



based on participation in the PGA Tour and the European Tour. Born in Cheltenham, England in 1977, the man grew up in Weybridge. He honed his skills when playing golf professionally at Arizona State University, United States. As an amateur, he became the first player in history to win three consecutive Pac-

Why Did Paul Casey Leave LIV Golf Korea? Paul Casey had no choice but to leave LIV Golf Korea due to pain in his wrist, according to a statement released via Crushers GC on their social media platform. At this point, it cannot be confirmed if his wrist issues are connected with previous ones he suffered during his career. In the meantime, Australian player Travis Smyth has stepped into Casey's place on the Crushers GC team list, which will attend the Busan competition. This decision occurred after Casey made a very good performance for his side in Virginia, resulting in a tied 14th place at the LIV season.

Ananya Birla Reacts After RCB Demolish GT To March Into IPL 2026 Final

Royal Challengers Bengaluru marched into the IPL 2026 final after a 92-run win over Gujarat Titans in Dharamsala on Tuesday. The defending champions stayed true to their potential by first notching the highest-ever total in IPL playoffs - 254/5 in 20 overs - and then got GT all out for 162. Royal Challengers Bengaluru is making news both on and off the field. Before the IPL 2026, RCB became the costliest IPL franchise after a consortium led by the Aditya Birla Group (ABG) acquired the side for a whopping USD 1.78 billion (approximately Rs 16,706 crore) from United Spirits Limited. Ananya Birla, a prominent

face in the Aditya Birla Group, was at the Dharamsala Stadium when RCB beat GT. "What a Win. Congratulations @royalchallengers.bengaluru. Today was so inspiring to witness. Here we come, finals," she wrote on her Instagram story. Royal Challengers Bengaluru director of cricket Mo Bobat credited Rajat Patidar's hard work with batting coach Dinesh Karthik and head coach Andy Flower after the RCB captain produced a stunning unbeaten 93 to help the defending champions reach their second consecutive IPL final. Patidar's explosive knock pow-



ered RCB to a record-breaking 254/5 against Gujarat Titans in Qualifier 1 before the bowlers completed a dominant 92-run victory at the Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association Stadium on Tuesday. "He's worked incredibly hard on his game

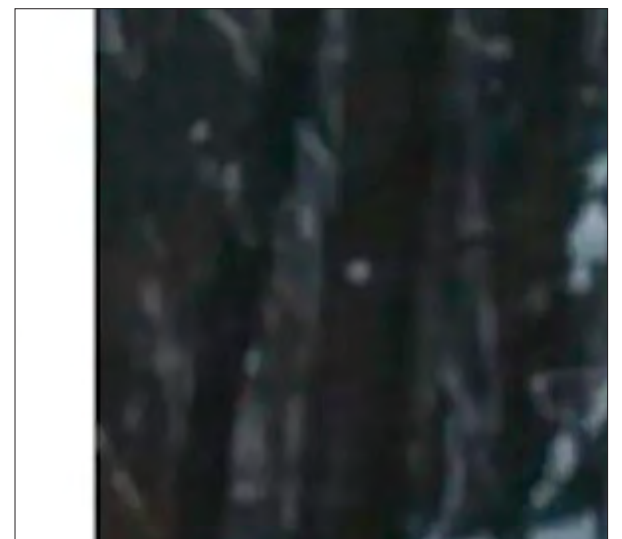


Hardik Pandya, With Over 40 Million Followers, Deletes Instagram Account

Hardik Pandya's Instagram account has been deleted. Pandya, the Mumbai Indians captain, is quite active on social media. But on Wednesday evening, Pandya's account showed the message: "Sorry, this page isn't available. The link you followed may be broken, or the page may have been removed. Go back to Instagram." He had over 40 million followers. The move follows MI's unceremonious exit from IPL 2026. The five-time champions could win only four out of 14 matches and finished the league in 9th place, only above Lucknow Super Giants. Hardik had a challenging campaign, even from an individual standpoint, scoring just 146 runs in 8 innings and taking only 3 wickets. Former India batter Wasim Jaffer stated that while he wouldn't want Hardik to continue as

MI captain next year, the franchise should definitely retain him to let him focus purely on his individual game. "I will not make him the captain, but he will surely be retained. I want him to open up and get the best out of him," Jaffer said on his YouTube channel. When asked to name Hardik's replacement as captain, Jaffer added: "At this stage, it would be hard to pick a captain." MI finished a disappointing ninth in the 10-team points table after suffering a 30-run loss to Rajasthan Royals in their final league game here - their 10th defeat in 14 matches.

Who is Lilia Schneider? Meet US Open Winner Bryson DeChambeau's Rumoured Girlfriend



In light of how well Bryson DeChambeau continues to perform in all the big tournaments he participates in, the speculation regarding who his love interest is has once again been triggered. Dating each other since 2022, Lilia Schneider has found herself thrust into the limelight as the fans clamor for details about the golfer's personal life. Though no official confirmation of the pair's alleged romantic affair exists, the couple has generated countless rumors with their appearance at tournaments and interactions on social media. Who is Golfer and Social Media Sensation Lilia Schneider Rumoured To Be Dating Bryson DeChambeau? Lilia Schneider is an American former golfer at a university level and a social media influencer who is originally from Michigan. She studied at Marian University, located in Indiana. Besides her academic work, Schneider participated actively in college golf tournaments while obtaining her Bachelor of Marketing from the university. Apart from this, Lilia Schneider has been expanding her social media platform by posting tutorials on golf, videos about her personal life, and much more. Schneider became linked to DeChambeau for the first time when people saw her riding with the golfer in a golf cart at one of the LIV tournaments held in Chicago in 2022. The rumors kept escalating further due to her appearing in some of the golf events while also posting on social media some content related to the LIV Golf tournaments. The couple, however, has not confirmed anything about their affair. DeChambeau once talked about his relationship status in a podcast and admitted that he was 'talking' to someone who made him feel

India's 'unsafe' 70ft Messi statue to be moved



Why Kylian Mbappe Is the Favorite To Win FIFA World Cup Golden Boot Once Again

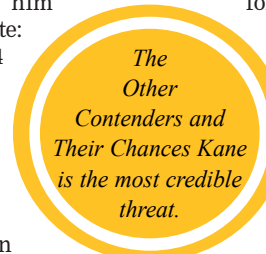
The Golden Boot race at a World Cup is usually messy, unpredictable, and decided as much by penalty luck and team momentum as individual brilliance. History is littered with surprise winners: Sandor Kocsis in 1954, Gerd Müller in 1970, Gary

Lineker in 1986. Tidy narratives rarely survive contact with the tournament itself. And yet, heading into the summer of 2026, the betting markets, the pundits, and most sensible observers have landed in the same place. Kylian Mbappe is the one to beat, and the reasons are fairly straightforward.

Mbappe Is The Top Contender His World Cup numbers before 2026 already put him among the elite: 12 goals in 14 appearances. He is France's primary striker, their penalty taker, and their main knockout threat. France are priced as the second-shortest nation to win the tournament outright, meaning he is expected to play all the way

through to the final weekend in July. He arrives at the tournament in the kind of form that makes arguments against him feel slightly hollow. He finished La Liga's top scorer for Real Madrid, closing in on 50 goals across all competitions, and topped the Champions League scoring charts with 15 goals in 912 minutes of play. That is not a player running on reputa-

tion. That is a player in the best form of his career. He also arrives only four goals away from equalling Miroslav Klose's all-time World Cup record of 16 goals. With eight games available to a team that reaches the final, the record is genuinely within range if France go as deep as expected. The current consensus odds across major sportsbooks have Mbappe at +600, with Harry Kane behind him at +700, Lionel Messi at +1200, Erling Haaland at +1400, and Lamine Yamal at +1800.



FILM PRODUCERS MEET SRI PAWAN KALYAN



Several Telugu film producers met the Deputy Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Mr. Pawan Kalyan at Rajamahendravaram on Tuesday night. Development of film industry in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana states and related issues were discussed. In this meeting, the producers Mr. Y. Ravi Shankar, Mr. Suryadevara Nagavamshi, Mr. Sahu Garapati, Mr. Kilaru Venkata Satish, Mr. Cherukuri Sudhakar participated.

“Lafoot Gang” Launched Grandly with Pooja Ceremonies Under LRS Entertainments Banner Directed by Anuraag Atharva Raju



Sincerely Hope Sandigdhm Will Become A Big Success: Tammareddy Bharadwaj at the pre-release event

Sandhya Tiruveedhula is producing the upcoming film “Sandigdhm” under the banner of Thirdha Creations, with Pardasaradhi Kommoju directing it. Nihal, Priya Deshapag, Arjun CH, and Kajal Tiwari play the lead roles, while Thera Chepa fame Naveenraj Sankarapu appears as the antagonist. The film is set for release on May 29th. The teaser, songs, and trailer released earlier have already impressed everyone. As part of the promotions, the team organized a pre-release event on Tuesday, with Tammareddy Bharadwaj attending as the chief guest. While speaking at the event, Tammareddy Bharadwaj said: “Sandigdhm is a very good title. These days we all see what kind of titles are being used, but this film carries a pure Telugu title. The teaser and trailer clearly show how much effort the team put in while shooting in the forests. The entire pattern of promotions has changed now- from print and electronic media to social media. But we don’t even know to what extent the promotion is reaching people. I don’t even have Instagram, so how would I know? Everyone should step forward and promote a small film like this.



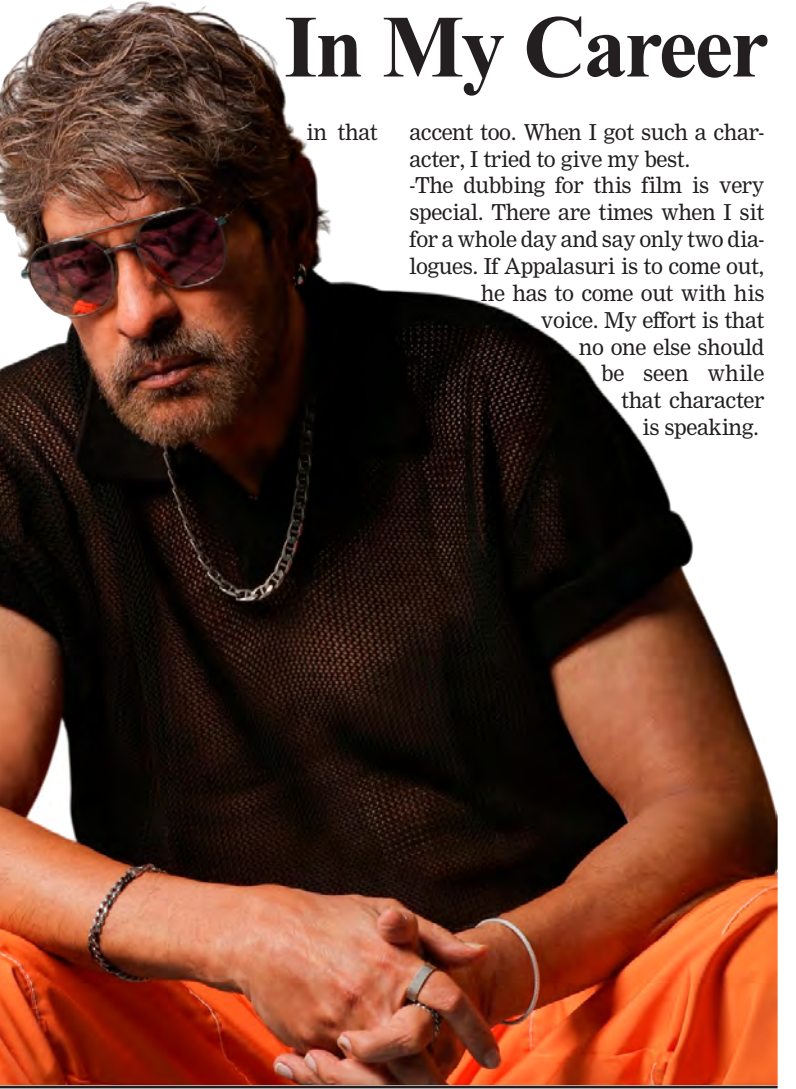
Whether the movie becomes a hit or not is secondary, what’s important is letting people know that a film is releasing. I want everyone to promote this film as much as possible, and I sincerely hope it becomes a big success.” Director Pardasaradhi Kommoju said: “The media has always supported us throughout the journey of Sandigdhm. Many thanks to Tammareddy sir for attending. My producer and wife, Sandhya, stood by me throughout this journey. Every single artist in this film has performed wonderfully. My thanks to everyone

who worked on the film. Editor Vishwan Raj supported me immensely. Gautham garu gave us excellent songs. We believe Sandigdhm will bring us the success we expect. For small films, promoting and releasing them is far more difficult than making them. Our film releases on May 29. It is made to entertain everyone, and we hope to receive the audience’s support.” Nihal said: “My thanks to Pardhu sir for giving me this opportunity in Sandigdhm. Our film releases on May 29- please watch it in theatres.”

Jagapathi Babu: Appalasuri Role In ‘Peddhi’ Is The Best In My Career

The role of Appalasuri in ‘Peddhi’ stands as number one in my career. Peddhi will be remembered by the audience. The industry will breathe a sigh of relief with Peddhi: Versatile star Jagapathi Babu Mega Power Star Ram Charan’s rural action drama ‘Peddhi’. Directed by Buchi Babu Sana, produced by Mythri Movie Makers and Sukumar Writings under the banner of Vriddhi Cinemas, Venkata Satish Kilaru is producing on a grand scale. With chartbuster songs and an amazing trailer, expectations on the film have already reached a huge level. The film will be released in theaters worldwide on June 4. On this occasion, versatile star Jagapathi Babu, who played a key role in the film, shared the film’s features at a press conference. Appalasuri’s role in ‘Peddhi’ looks very new.. How was that possible? The entire credit goes to director Buchi Babu. He wanted the character to be that way. Appalasuri’s look was designed with special care by National Award winning makeup artist Rashid. The first time I wore that getup, I realized that this character would be amazing. I am very particular about the getup. Apart from Jagapathi Babu, Appalasuri is

the only one who appears in this entire film. I feel lucky to have got this role. Emotionally, in terms of performance, in terms of getup, this is the role that I like the most. Doing this role in Ram Charan’s film gave me even more joy. Everyone in our house loves Charan. I have done many films after Legend. But there are six that I remember. Appalasuri’s performance in ‘Peddhi’ is number one on that list. Is your role as a father in this? - Not a father role. I played a role with a lot of love and attachment. There is a beautiful emotional bonding between me and Ram Charan’s character. The dubbing for Appalasuri’s character also seems very special, doesn’t it? -It was really a challenge to dub for this movie. But I enjoyed every moment. There was magic in that character. There was magic



in that accent too. When I got such a character, I tried to give my best. The dubbing for this film is very special. There are times when I sit for a whole day and say only two dialogues. If Appalasuri is to come out, he has to come out with his voice. My effort is that no one else should be seen while that character is speaking.

A new film titled “Lafoot Gang” has been launched grandly under the LRS Entertainments banner. The movie is being produced by Kondapur Lakshmi Kanth Reddy and written & directed by Anuraag Atharva Raju. The film’s pooja ceremony was held at Ramanaidu Studios, Hyderabad in a grand manner. Several film

personalities attended the launch event as chief guests, including director Pawan Sadineni, producer BVS Ravi, actors Raj Tarun, Akash Puri, Ali, Rahul Vijay, actress Deepshika, Archana Iyer, and director-producer Anil Kadiyala. Actor Ali gave the first clap for the movie, while director Pawan Sadineni switched on the camera. Actors Raj Tarun and Akash Puri

handed over the script to the team. The movie stars Rocky, Rithvik, Abhinav, Nandu, Antony Karthik and others in important roles. The team also revealed that several senior Tollywood actors will appear in key characters. The film’s cinematography is handled by Vardhan Mayur Koyyada, music is composed by RR Dhruvan, and editing is done by TC Prasanna Kumar. Venkatesh Attili is working as the Executive Producer. Speaking at the event, director Anuraag said that the movie is set in the 1990s and will be a highly entertaining film. He added that even though many stories have come from that time period, this film will offer a fresh entertainment experience. Producer Lakshmi Kanth Reddy thanked everyone who attended the launch event and asked for their blessings for the movie. Actress Deepshika wished the team great success. Music director RR Dhruvan said the story is very special and promised good songs and exciting updates in the future. He also said director Anuraag’s name will be remembered after this movie.

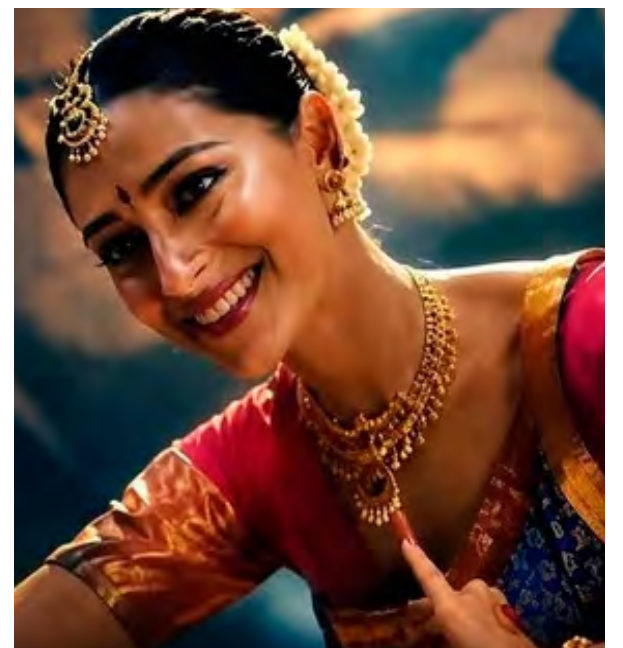
“Cinema Is Business, Not a Complaint Platform: Madhura Sreedhar Reddy”

Cinema is a wonderful medium. Don’t turn it into a platform for complaints. Every good film will always find a place in the hearts of the audience: Producer Madhura Sreedhar Reddy Recently, at movie events and other public platforms, several filmmakers in the film industry have been speaking about the problems and struggles they are facing. Reacting to such repeated comments from a section of Tollywood, director-producer Madhura Sreedhar Reddy shared his views through a social media post. He stated that cinema is a beautiful medium and should not be reduced to a stage for expressing grievances. He pointed out that in any field, people enter with a clear understanding of the risks, pressures, profits, and losses involved, and the film industry is no different. He also said that every



genuinely good film will certainly receive audience appreciation. Responding to the issue, Madhura Sreedhar Reddy said: “In business, risks, pressures, and losses are natural. People step into any field after understanding these realities beforehand, and cinema is no exception. If you truly feel the conditions are unfavorable, then stop making films and move out of the industry. But coming before the microphone every single time and crying about ‘problems...’

Shobhaa De slams trolls mocking Ananya Panday’s dance in Chand Mera Dil: ‘Shouldn’t you call out director’



Ananya Panday has recently become the target of trolls after her Bharatanatyam fusion dance sequence in Chand Mera Dil went viral. A section of social media users, including classical dancers, criticised her performance and dubbed it “Nepo Natyam”. While opinions on the matter remain divided, author and columnist Shobhaa De has now come to the actor’s defence. She urged trolls not to single out Ananya and instead question the filmmakers and choreographers responsible for the sequence. and even the older stars, most of whom were not trained classical dancers but were expected to perform classical dances or fusion dances or modern dances - any kind of dance that the director thought was needed for a sequence. They did it, they lip-synced, they danced, they showed expressions. Is all that easy? It’s not easy at all. How many Hollywood stars do you know? How many big international stars have to do all of this and look amazing and look fabulous and look in love for the film, for whatever the performance demands?” She also requested the audience to react only after watching the film and understanding the full context. “I haven’t watched the film - I’ve seen clips - but to be constantly trolled and called ‘Nepo Natyam’, it sounds cute, but she has tried. And like I said, if you have to call out anyone, get the choreographer and get them to answer, though I believe the clip has been taken out of context.

● **SHOBHAA DE DEFENDS ANANYA** Shobhaa sided with Ananya in a new Instagram video and said, “She’s not a trained Bharatanatyam dancer, and if you have to call out anyone, shouldn’t it be the choreographer and the director? Why target her?” She further added, “Not just her, I feel there’s an incredible amount of pressure on our young stars

Children’s Film “Summer Holidays” Should Entertain Everyone: Producer Dil Raju at Teaser Launch Event

Produced ‘Summer Holidays’ So That Children and Families Can Go to Theatres and Enjoy Together: Producer Dheeraj Mogilineni Hats Off to Producer Dheeraj, Who Passionately Backs Good Stories with Courage: Director Sai Rajesh Producer and distributor Dheeraj Mogilineni has earned a successful reputation by presenting content-driven films to audiences. Under his banner Dheeraj Mogilineni Entertainment, he is now bringing a children’s film titled “Summer Holidays” to audiences soon.

beautiful story that brings back nostalgic childhood memories. Master Rohan, Master Arun, and Baby Khushi play key roles in the movie. “Summer Holidays” is gearing up for a grand theatrical release shortly. The teaser launch event for the film was held today with noted producer Dil Raju attending as the chief



guest. Speaking at the event, producer Dil Raju said, “It has been a long time since we’ve seen such a lively film event. Dheeraj is

doing well in the restaurant business and that cinema is risky. But he was determined and entered the industry anyway. Today, he has created his own path and delivered hit after hit. It’s been a long time since we had a proper children’s film. I hope this movie entertains everyone this summer and brings family audiences to theatres. All the best to Dheeraj and Giri for this film. The industry is currently going through a difficult phase. Many new directors are here today, and the success of small films is giving strength to the industry. I hope they continue achieving more success and keep the industry thriving.”

Vamshi Paidipally’s cousin. He used to run a restaurant business. Once, he shared with me his dream of entering the film industry. I told him he was