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Annaprasadam : 2,94 Lac
Medical treatment : 3,556
Waiting Compartments : Outside line at Srikalahasti

PM MODI EXTENDS GOA STATEHOOD DAY GREETINGS, HAILS STATE'S CULTURE AND

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday extended greetings to the people of Goa on the occasion of Goa Statehood Day, praising the state's vibrant culture, rich heritage, natural beauty and the warmth of its people.

In a post on social media platform X, the Prime Minister said, "Greetings to the people of Goa on the special occasion of Goa Statehood Day. Goa's vibrant culture, rich heritage, natural beauty and warm-hearted people are widely known."

Modi also paid tribute to those who contributed to the state's development and distinct identity over the years. "This day is also an opportunity to remember with gratitude all those who worked tirelessly for its progress and identity," he said.

RED ALERT ISSUED AS STRONG WINDS AND DUST STORMS SWEEP RAJASTHAN

Jaipur, May 30 : A strong Western Disturbance triggered widespread sandstorms, rain and gusty winds across Rajasthan on Saturday, disrupting normal life in several districts. Sandstorms swept through Churu, Hanumangarh, Sri Ganganagar, Bikaner, Nagaur, Didwana-Kuchaman, Alwar and Sikar, while Jaipur witnessed rain accompanied by strong winds. Hailstones were also reported from some rural areas. The sudden weather change brought daytime darkness to several districts, forcing motorists to switch on headlights. Strong winds uprooted trees and disrupted electricity supply in many areas. The storm system first impacted Hanumangarh and Sri Ganganagar, where wind speeds reached up to 56 kilometres per hour. In Jaipur's Jhotwara area, intense winds and dust storms persisted for nearly 10 minutes during the evening. In Sri Ganganagar, a storm around 11 a.m. engulfed the city in dust, creating conditions resembling a massive sandstorm.

Won't seek re-election if borewell power meters are installed: CM Revanth

CM A Revanth Reddy said the move to setup Rythu Discom was to have accountability, and accuracy with regard to the utilisation of power for farmers', lift irrigation, and drinking water schemes.

HYDERABAD (TSIT):

Clearing the air surrounding the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leaders' opposition to the Telangana Rythu Discom being established by the state government, Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy said that if "electricity reading meters are installed at the borewell motors or if the 24 hours free electricity for agriculture is stalled," Congress will not contest in the next assembly elections.

He questioned if BRS would not contest if he stood true to his claim. He made it clear that Rythu Discom was being established with the sole intention of providing 24 hours free electricity to the farmers. During a chat with the media in Hyderabad on Saturday, May 30, Revanth Reddy said that BRS Chief K Chandrasekhar Rao (KCR) was trying to instigate the farmers in times of the pink party's existential crisis, using



the issue as a lifeline.

He assured that the move to setup Rythu Discom was being done to have accountability, and accuracy with regard to the utilisation of power for farmers' scheme, as well as its utilisation in the lift irrigation schemes and drinking water scheme (Mission Bhagiratha). He said that presently it is not known as to how much power is being consumed for each of these schemes. He said that one of the objectives of the move was to

ease the repair of transformers in agricultural fields, by giving some responsibilities to officials in Rythu Discom.

He also expressed confidence in purchasing power from other states on lesser prices through Rythu Discom. Revanth Reddy made these comments in response to the criticism coming from the BRS leaders that Rythu Discom will be a curse for the farmers. The state government has been moving swiftly to make a crucial announcement on the Rythu Discom on the occasion of Telangana Formation Day on Tuesday, June 2. Presently there are two discoms namely Telangana Southern Power Distribution Company Limited (TGSPPDCL), and Telangana Northern Power Distribution Company Limited (TGNPDCL), handling the free electricity scheme for farmers, power utilisation for lift irrigation schemes, and drinking water schemes like Mission Bhagiratha.

Shivakumar elected the new leader of the Congress Legislative Party

BENGALURU (TSIT):

D K Shivakumar has been elected as the new leader of the Congress Legislative Party. In the Congress Legislative Party meeting held at the Conference Hall of Vidhana Soudha today, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah proposed D K Shivakumar's name as the new leader. Dr G Parameshwara seconded the proposal. All the legislators supported it unanimously.

AICC General Secretary K C Venugopal announced in a press conference that D K Shivakumar has been elected as the new leader of the Congress Legislative Party. Earlier, AICC General Secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala initiated the proceedings stating that the process of electing a new leader of the Congress Legislative Party would proceed with a proposal by Siddaramaiah.

CM Siddaramaiah moved a one-line resolution stating that the matter of electing the new legislative party leader was left to the discretion of the AICC. Parameshwara seconded it, and all legislators supported it by raising their hands.



SHIVAKUMAR TO BE SWORN IN AS NEW CM ON JUNE 3

Bengaluru: D K Shivakumar, who has been elected as the new leader of the Congress Legislative Party, will be sworn in on June 3. Governor Thawar Chand Gehlot will administer the oath of office to D K Shivakumar and his team at a ceremony to be held at 4.05 pm at Lok Bhavan. After the election as the new leader at the Congress Legislative Party meeting at Vidhana Soudha, D K Shivakumar proceeded directly to Raj Bhavan and submitted a letter to the Governor seeking time for the swearing in. In response, the Governor issued a letter of permission for Shivakumar and his probable Cabinet members to be sworn in.

AICC General Secretary Surjewala then announced a 10-minute recess, during which CM Siddaramaiah, Venugopal, and Randeep Singh Surjewala held a discussion in the Chief Minister's chamber.

The election of the new leader was completed after a brief recess. Subsequently, the newly elected leader D K Shivakumar moved a resolution praising the service rendered by outgoing leader Siddaramaiah during his tenure as Chief Minister, and sought the support of the legislators. The meeting endorsed it unanimously.

Brahmos cruise missile deal with Vietnam already signed: Defence Secretary



SINGAPORE (TSIT):

Highlighting India's expanding expertise in missile manufacturing and increasing outreach, Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh on Saturday announced that a BrahMos missile deal has already been signed with Vietnam with another similar agreement with Indonesia currently in the final stages.

"My understanding is that with both Indonesia and with Vietnam, the deal is in the final stages. In fact, for Vietnam, I understand that it has already been signed, probably not publicly announced, but it's already been signed. Obviously, you are in the category of friendly foreign countries with whom we would be happy to share this kind of

advanced technology," Singh said while responding to a question from a Vietnamese delegate during a media event held on the sidelines of the Shangri La Dialogue in Singapore.

With the Philippines being the first buyer of supersonic cruise missiles jointly produced by India and Russia, Defence Secretary Singh asserted that India has a strong commitment to the ASEAN nations. "We treat you all as friendly foreign countries with whom we can share advanced defence technology," he told the gathering in Singapore. The Philippines received the first batch of the BrahMos missiles in 2024, becoming India's first customer of the missile, while India delivered the second batch of the missiles in April 2025.

Chief Minister Vijay to visit Trichy East on Monday, thank voters ahead of bypoll

CHENNAI (TSIT):

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Vijay is expected to visit the Tiruchy East Assembly constituency on Monday to thank voters and interact with the public following his victory in the recently concluded Assembly elections, sources said.

Vijay, whose Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam (TVK) emerged as the single largest party in the Tamil Nadu Assembly elections and subsequently formed the government with the support of its allies, had contested from two constituencies — Perambur and Tiruchy East. After securing victories in both seats, he chose to retain the Perambur constituency and resigned from Tiruchy East, paving the way for a by-election. According to party sources, Vijay will travel from Chennai to Tiruchy by a private aircraft and is expected to participate in a public event at a college ground within the constituency. The visit is being viewed as a significant political move, especially as the Election Commission is expected to announce a by-election for Tiruchy East in the coming months.



Amit Shah orders zero-tolerance action on encroachment and infiltration

BHUJ (TSIT)

Union home minister Amit Shah on Saturday directed authorities in Gujarat's border districts to adopt a strict zero-tolerance policy against illegal encroachments, strengthen measures to curb infiltration and financial crimes, and closely monitor demographic changes in sensitive frontier regions.

The directions were issued during a high-level security review meeting held in Bhuj focused on border and coastal security along the India-Pakistan frontier. The meeting was attended by Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, Deputy Chief Minister Harsh Sanghani, Chief Secretary Manoj Kumar Das, and Director General of Police K.L.N. Rao, along with senior officials from districts including Kutch, Vav-Tharad, and Patan.

Shah stated that enhanced border fencing, maritime surveillance, and coordinated enforcement efforts have significantly



improved security in Gujarat, asserting that infiltration and cross-border smuggling had been largely brought under control due to sustained political will and administrative action. He instructed officials to remove all unauthorised constructions within the 0-15 km belt along the international border and emphasised that any encroachment in these zones should be dealt with under a zero-tolerance framework.

The Home Minister also raised concerns over

demographic changes in border districts, describing them as one of the most serious emerging challenges in the region. He directed district administrations to maintain continuous surveillance and submit regular reports on population shifts and related developments.

At the same time, Shah acknowledged that reverse migration in certain border areas, driven by new industrial investments, was a positive development contributing to local economic growth.

Abhishek Banerjee called 'Bangladeshi,' attacked with stones, eggs; Mamata fumes

KOLKATA (TSIT):

All India Trinamool Congress (TMC) national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee was roughed up on Saturday, May 30, allegedly by locals, when he visited West Bengal's Sonarpur area to meet families of post-poll violence victims, police said. Stones, shoes, and eggs were hurled at the TMC MP by unidentified people who even attempted to rain blows and kicks on him. They shouted 'thief' slogans at Banerjee and called him "Bangladeshi."

Why did you not visit when RG Kar rape incident happened? Angry residents

The attack, led mostly by local women in the Kamrabad area falling under ward 9 of Rajpur-Sonarpur municipality, was, allegedly, an explosion

of the pent-up anger accrued on account of years of "torture perpetrated by TMC-run syndicates and extortion rackets" and abject lack of governance leading to broken roads, clogged drains and poor drinking water supply.

Holding broomsticks and bamboo sticks, they gathered outside the house of the TMC party worker Banerjee visited.

Questioning the purpose of his visit, they raised slogans against Banerjee. "Why has he come here? The person whose house he has come to visit is also a thief. It is like a thief visiting another thief," one of the protesting women alleged.

"Where was he (Abhishek) when the Abhaya incident (RG Kar rape and murder) happened? How many times had he gone to meet the parents of



Abhaya? We want an answer from him," another protesting woman said.

Another protester said that Banerjee "had it coming" since the day he issued "veiled threats" from pre-election rallies. "He had said from campaign stages that he would play DJ music from May 4 after

results were declared and no father-figure from Delhi would come to protect us. That's why we have gathered here today to pay him back in his own coin," he said.

Television footage from the scene captured the intensity of the confrontation, showing a visibly shaken Banerjee being

escorted through the area under heavy personal security and local TMC workers.

They wanted to kill me: Banerjee

Wearing a police-issued helmet for protection, the TMC leader was seen with his shirt torn amid the melee, underscoring the volatile nature of the incident. Banerjee was seen being escorted out of the area with a police helmet on and his shirt tattered.

"Look what they have done to me. This was pre-planned. There is no police in the area. They want to kill me. I will not leave this place till the local police send their force and offer protection to the victims' families," Banerjee said while meeting the family of a deceased post-poll violence victim.

Later, after the attack, a visi-

bly upset Banerjee told reporters that he would "definitely move the High Court."

"They threw a brick, threw an egg, and pelted stones. Please tell me what this is. And all the people standing nearby, the people of the area they are still meeting us and still greeting us with love and respect. Go and ask those who are doing hooliganism here," he said.

"We have all the video evidence. There's a community hall nearby. From 11 am onwards, goons were kept in that community hall to pelt stones. Look at what's happened to my glasses. They hit my eye with a brick, and I can't open my eye. He's punched me in the back, chest, arm, and leg. I was wearing a helmet; otherwise, my head would have been split in two. You can make my

body fall, but my resolve is strong and strong, the passion and enthusiasm are still there, and this head won't bow down." Another video shows women gathered in large numbers, holding eggs and ready to throw them at Banerjee.

True face exposed: TMC slams BJP

The TMC slammed the Bharatiya Janata Party, calling the attack on Banerjee a "reminder" of how swiftly the law and order has deteriorated under the "shameless regime." "If a sitting Opposition MP can be targeted in broad daylight, what hope is there for ordinary citizens? Is this BJP's idea of democracy? Is this the "good governance" that PM Modi never stops boasting about?" the party wrote on X.

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DEMAND NOTICE TO BORROWER Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, Read with rule 3 of the security interest Enforcement Rules 2002

Amount Outstanding : Rs.18,46,412.78/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Forty Six Thousand Four Hundred Twelve and Seventy Eight Paise Only) as on 22.05.2026

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY - Schedule A Property Land/Plot : All the part and parcel of the open land bearing House No. 8-11-96/1, situated at Konduvuri Street, JPN Road, Warangal City

Schedule B Property Flat : All the part and parcel of Flat 401, 4th floor of the Residential House/Building complex bearing GWMC House No. 8-11-96/1, situated at Konduvuri Street, JPN Road, Warangal city

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrower (s) and / or their Guarantor(s) whenever applicable are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publications of this notice

Date : 22.05.2026 Sd/- Hanamakonda Authorised Officer

Indian Overseas Bank Adarsh Nagar Branch 5-9-305A, Paiga Plaza Building, Basheer Bagh, Hyderabad 500029 (TS) Telephone : 049-23421559, Cell:8925951301, Email : iob1301@iob.bank.in

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES [Under Provision to Rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules] "APPENDIX- IV-A"

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

RESERVE PRICE Rs.80,91,000/- EMD Rs.8,09,100/- BID INCREMENT Rs.1,00,000/- Auction Date: 30.06.2026, between 11.00 AM and 01.00 PM hours with auto extension of 5 minutes each till sale is completed

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in the Indian Overseas Bank, Secured Creditor's website i.e www.iob.info

Date: 25.05.2026 Place: Hyderabad Authorized Officer, Indian Overseas Bank

FEDBANK FEDBANK FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD. Registered Office: Unit No. 1101, 11th Floor, Cignus, Plot No. 71 A, Powai, Paspali, Mumbai - 400087

POSSESSION NOTICE Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Fedbank Financial Services Ltd. 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 dated 09/03/2026 calling upon the Borrower, Mortgagor, Co-Borrower(s) and Guarantor-(1) GYANENDRA KUMAR (Borrower); (2) KOMAL KOMAL (Co - Borrower); to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice being Rs. 2593114/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lac Ninety Three Thousand One Hundred Fourteen Only) as on 9/3/2026 in Loan Account No. FEDHY04L0544322 together with further interest thereon at the contractual rate plus all the costs charges and incidental expenses etc. within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said demand notice.

CHARGE OF NAME I, BHAWNA POSWAL, Spouse of SEP SUMER SINGH GURJAR, R/O: DHAMSYA, MP KA BAS, JHAJIHWAD, DHARAMPURA, JAIPUR, RAJASTHAN - 303305 have changed my name from BHAWNA POSWAL to BHAVANA POSWAL vide Affidavit dt.30-05-2026

CHARGE OF NAME I, B NARAYANAMMA, M/O: HAV BIJJAM V RAMI REDDY, R/O: D.No.3-31, VILLAGE: ALASANDALA PALLI, POST: DADDAWADA, TEHSIL:KOMAROLE, DISTRICT: PRAKASAM, ANDHRA PRADESH - 523356 have changed my name from B NARAYANAMMA to BIJJAM NARAYANAMMA and My Date of Birth is:01-01-1961 vide Affidavit dt.30-05-2026

CHARGE OF NAME I, B RAMACHANDRA REDDY, F/O: HAV BIJJAM V RAMI REDDY, R/O: D.No.3-31, VILLAGE: ALASANDALA PALLI, POST: DADDAWADA, TEHSIL:KOMAROLE, DISTRICT: PRAKASAM, ANDHRA PRADESH - 523356 have changed my name from B RAMACHANDRA REDDY to BIJJAM RAMACHANDRA REDDY and My Date of Birth is:01-01-1948 vide Affidavit dt.30-05-2026

RESERVE PRICE Rs.48,01,000/- EMD Rs.4,80,100/- BID INCREMENT Rs.1,00,000/- Auction Date: 16.06.2026, between 11.00 AM and 01.00 PM hours with auto extension of 5 minutes each till sale is completed

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in the Indian Overseas Bank, Secured Creditor's website i.e www.iob.info

Date: 25.05.2026 Place: Hyderabad Authorized Officer, Indian Overseas Bank

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Date: 25.05.2026 Place: Hyderabad Authorized Officer, Indian Overseas Bank

Jaggareddy Clarifies Meeting With AICC Telangana In-Charge Meenakshi Natarajan



Hyderabad TSIT: Senior Congress leader T.Jagga Reddy on Saturday clarified that his recent meeting with Meenakshi Natarajan was a routine courtesy call and should not be viewed through a political lens.

Dismissing media speculation, Jaggareddy emphasized that the meeting carried no political significance and was not intended to discuss complaints, differences, or any decision-making process within the party.

Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy Helps Meritorious Student Continue Education

Hyderabad, May 30, 2026: Telangana Roads & Buildings and Cinema & Photography Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy extended timely financial assistance to a meritorious student whose higher education was at risk due to financial hardship.



After watching a video highlighting her situation, the Minister immediately directed his staff to gather details about the student and her family. He also contacted the school principal and arranged for the certificates to be brought to his official residence.

Dr. Soni Bala Devi Invites Governor for 'Fit India Sundays on Cycle' Programme



Hyderabad, June 6 (TSIT): Telangana Sports Authority (SATS) Vice Chairperson and Managing Director Dr. A.Soni Bala Devi has intensified preparations for the 'Fit India Sundays on Cycle' programme scheduled to be held at Gachibowli Stadium on June 7.

A large-scale cycling rally will be flagged off from Gachibowli Stadium and will pass through key city landmarks, including IIT Junction, Gachibowli Flyover, Pista House Junction, BITS, Cable Bridge, Madhapur, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Centre Road and Biodiversity Road before returning to the stadium.

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Table with financial results for Everest Organics Limited, including Total revenue from operations, Net Profit, and Total comprehensive income for the quarter and year ended.

SHRIRAM Finance SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized officer of Shriram Finance Limited, (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name changed as Shriram 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, Arum Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, 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 29th day of May 2026.

Table with Borrower Name and Address, Amount due as per Demand Notice, and Symbolic Possession details for Shriram Finance Limited.

ICICI Home Finance Corporate Office: ICICI Home Finance Company Limited ICICI HFC Tower, Andheri - Kurli Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai - 400059, India

Notice for sale of immovable assets through Private Treaty Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets through Private Treaty under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 8(6) r/w Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

ICICI Home Finance Company Limited (ICICI HFC) conducted several e-Auctions for the sale of the mortgaged property mentioned below, however, all such e-Auctions failed. Now, an interested buyer has approached ICICI HFC with an offer to purchase the said property for an amount of Rs. 42,00,000/-

Table with details of immovable properties for sale, including Sr. No., Name of Borrower, Details of Secured Assets, Amount standing, Reserve Price, Date and Time of Property Inspection, Date and Time of Auction, One Day Before Auction Date, and Sarfoesi Stage.

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link- https://BidDeal.in) of our auction agency ValueTrust Capital Services Private Limited. The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) RTGS/ Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article or on before June 16, 2026 before 04:00 PM.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit https://www.icicifh.com

Date : May 31, 2026 Authorized Officer, ICICI Home Finance Company Limited Place : Hyderabad

BHASKAR AGROCHEMICALS LIMITED Reg. Office: Gowra Fountain Head, 608 Sy.No.-83 (P) & 84 (P), Patrika Nagar, Hitech City, Madhapur, Hyderabad-500081, Telangana CIN: L24219TG1988PLC008331

Audited Financial Results for the Quarter & Year ended March 31, 2026 (Rs. In Lakhs)

Table with Audited Financial Results for Bhaskar Agrochemicals Limited, including Revenue from Operations, Net Profit, and Total Comprehensive Income for the quarter and year ended.

Notes: 1. The above audited financial results as reviewed by the audit committee and have been approved by board of directors at its meeting held on May 30, 2026. These financial results for the quarter & year ended March 31, 2026 have been audited by our Statutory Auditors. The statutory auditors have expressed unmodified opinion on these results.

2. The above financial results of the Company have been prepared in accordance with the Indian Accounting Standards ("Ind-AS") as prescribed under section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015, as amended.

3. The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly financial regulation filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the quarterly financial results are available on the website of BSE Ltd (https://www.bseindia.com) respectively and also on the Company's website www.bhaskar.com.

4. The company operates only in one business segment viz. "manufacturing and sales of agro chemicals" and hence no separate information for primary segment wise disclosure is required.

5. The figures for the quarter ended 31st March, 2026 and 31st March, 2025 are the balancing figures between the audited figures in respect of the full financial year and the unaudited published figures upto nine months of the relevant financial year.

6. There were no complaints from investors outstanding at the quarter & year ended 31st March, 2026 and the Company has not received any complaints during the quarter & year ended 31st March, 2026.

7. On November 21, 2025, the Government of India notified the four labour codes, the code on Wages 2019, Industrial Relations Code 2020, Code on Social Security, 2020 and the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code 2020 consolidating 29 existing labour laws. The Company has assessed and disclosed the incremental impact of these changes on the basis of actuarial report, internal assessment with guidance provided by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. The Company has recognized a provision towards past service cost on gratuity payable to employees amounting to Rs. 39.54 lakhs during the year ended March 31, 2026 which is included under "Exceptional Item".

8. Previous period figures have been regrouped and recasted wherever necessary. By order of the Board P.Pattabirama Rao Managing Director

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CMC Standing Committee Clears Major Infrastructure and Civic Development Projects

Hyderabad TSIT: The Standing Committee of the Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) has approved a series of key infrastructure, administrative and civic development proposals aimed at strengthening urban governance and enhancing public services across the rapidly



growing municipal limits. 4th Ordinary Meeting of the Standing Committee was held under the chairmanship of Special Chief Secretary, MA&UD Jayesh Ranjan. Meeting was attended by CMC Commissioner Srijana, Additional Commissioners, Zonal Commissioners, department

heads, engineers and senior officials. Out of 11 agenda items placed before the committee, all major proposals were approved, while the proposal relating to engagement of the Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI) for Solid Waste Management support activities was withdrawn.

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA DISTRICT COLLECTOR, WARANGAL PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION FORM -VI

(See Sub-rule (1) of rule-19 And Section -11(1) of the RFCT in LA R&R Act-2013 r/w Telangana Amendment Act, 2016 (Act No. 21 of 2017))
WARANGAL DISTRICT GAZETTE No. 36/WGL/2026, DATED: 25-05-2026, District Collector, Warangal Prods. No. G/1185/2026, Dated: 25-05-2026, Rc.No. B/954/2026.

Whereas it appears to the District Collector, Warangal that a total of Ac. 3-39 gts land is required in the Divitipally Village of Wardhananpet Mandal of Warangal District for public purpose, namely for excavation of 3L-1L-7L Distributory on Nashkal main Canal from Nashkal Tank to Palakurthy Tank from KM 0.915 to 1.830 under J. Chokka Rao Devudula Lift Irrigation Scheme.

The Government has issued orders vide No. 63 Irrigation & CAD Department dated: 29-07-2017, in accordance with the provisions contained in Sec.10 (A) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 in its application to the state of Telangana, the Government has decided and accordingly hereby, in the public interest, except the JCRDLIS Project from the application of provisions of the Chapter - II and Chapter - II of the Act.

Therefore, it is notified that for the above said project in the Divitipally Village of Wardhananpet Mandal of Warangal District a piece of land measuring, more or less Ac. 3-39 gts. of standard measurement, whose detail description is as follows, is under acquisition.

S.No.	Sy.No.	Type of the Land	Area (in Ac-Gts)	Name of Paddar as per Bhubarathi and Occupant and person interested
1	125	Patta Dry	1-03	Paddar (As per Bhubharathi) Eduddola Venkatram Narsimha Reddy S/o Chandra Reddy Eduddola Jagannathan Reddy S/o Chandra Reddy Eduddola Utham Reddy S/o Chandra Reddy Challa Krishna Reddy S/o Damodar Reddy Kankanala Devender Reddy S/o Komarreddy Pundru Rakesh S/o Srinivas Pundru Krishna S/o Linga Reddy Challa Vijender S/o Madhava Reddy Madaiah Challa Indra Reddy S/o Narayana Reddy Challa Vishnu Vardhan Reddy S/o Dayakar Reddy

2	139	Patta Dry	0-32	Paddar (As per Bhubharathi) Challa Papi Reddy S/o Laxma Reddy Challa Raji Reddy S/o Damodar Reddy Challa Ravinder Reddy S/o Damodar Reddy Challa Satish Reddy S/o Narsimha Reddy Challa Rajender Reddy S/o Narsimha Reddy Challa Veera Reddy S/o Narayana Reddy S/o Madhav Reddy Madaiah Challa Indra Reddy S/o Narayana Reddy Challa Chandrasena Reddy S/o Narayan Reddy Challa Vishnu Vardhan Reddy S/o Dayakar Reddy Challa Harsha Vardhan Reddy S/o Dayakar Reddy Residential Houses
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3	138	Patta Dry	0-04	Paddar (As per Bhubharathi) Challa Narayana Reddy S/o Veera Reddy Kankanala Uppal Reddy S/o Malla Reddy Kankanala Yadhava Reddy S/o Malla Reddy Challa Raji Reddy S/o Damodar Reddy Challa Ravinder Reddy S/o Damodar Reddy Kankanala Ramreddy S/o Komarreddy S/o Komarreddy Challa Ramreddy S/o Narsimha Reddy Challa Chandra Shekar S/o Papireddy Challa Mahender S/o Papireddy Challa Satish Reddy S/o Narsimha Reddy Challa Rajender Reddy S/o Narsimha Reddy Kadari Rajitha W/o Buchi Reddy Kadari Ramana Reddy S/o Ramreddy Somalaxmi Challa W/o Madhava Reddy Challa Veera Reddy S/o Narayana Reddy Challa Vijender S/o Madhav Reddy Madaiah Challa Indra Reddy S/o Narayana Reddy Challa Chandrasena Reddy S/o Narayana Reddy Challa Vishnu Vardhan Reddy S/o Dayakar Reddy Challa Harsa Vardhan Reddy S/o Dayakar Reddy Kadari Shivareddy S/o Ramana Reddy Residential Houses
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4	98	Patta Dry	1-03	Paddar (As per Bhubharathi) Challa Ramreddy S/o Somreddy Challa Rajreddy S/o Damodar Reddy Challa Ravinder Reddy S/o Damodar Reddy Eduddola Ravishakar Reddy S/o Venkatram Narsimha Reddy Challa Laxmi W/o Ramreddy Challa Indra W/o Ramreddy Challa Veerareddy S/o Narayana Reddy Challa Vijender S/o Madhav Reddy Madaiah Challa Indra Reddy S/o Narayana Reddy Challa Chandrasena Reddy S/o Narayan Reddy Challa Vishnu Vardhan Reddy S/o Dayakar Reddy Vangala Sindhuja W/o Govardhan
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The notification is made under the provisions of Section-11 (1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (Act No. 30/2013) read with Telangana Amendment Act, 2016 (Act No. 21 of 2017) to all whom it may concern.

A plan of the land may be inspected in the office of the District Collector, Warangal & Land Acquisition Officer/ Revenue Divisional Officer, Warangal on any working day during the working hours. The Collector-cum Appropriate Government is pleased to authorize Revenue Divisional Officer, Warangal and his staff/workmen to enter upon and survey land, take levels of any land, dig or bore into the sub-soil & do all other acts required for the proper execution of their work as provided and specified in section-12 of the said Act.

Under Section 11(4) of the Act, no person shall make any transaction or cause any transaction of land i.e., sale/purchase etc., or create any encumbrances on such land from the date of publication of such notification without prior approval of the Collector.

Objections to the Acquisition, if any, may be filed by the person interested within (60) (Sixty days) from the date of publication of this notification as provided under section 15 of the Act before the District Collector, Warangal.

Sd/- Land Acquisition Officer, Warangal
Sd/- Additional Collector, Warangal
Sd/- District Collector, Warangal

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Farmer Thanks Uttam Kumar Reddy for Hassle-Free Paddy Procurement

Hyderabad TSIT: A paddy farmer from Devarakadra Mandal shared a heartwarming moment with N.Uttam Kumar Reddy, expressing gratitude for the Government's farmer-friendly paddy procurement system. farmer thanked the Minister for ensuring the smooth procurement of paddy at the Minimum Support Price (MSP) without any difficulties. He said the government's proactive measures had enabled farmers to sell their produce without middlemen, delays, or unnecessary hardships. The farmer particularly



appreciated the hassle-free procurement process, timely purchase of paddy, and prompt payment mechanism, which have provided much-needed relief and financial security to farming families. He noted that the government's commitment to purchasing every grain brought to procurement centres has strengthened the confidence of farmers across the state.

Congress Leaders Hold Key Meeting to Strengthen Malkajgiri Parliament Constituency

Hyderabad: A significant organizational meeting for the Malkajgiri Parliament constituency was held on Saturday at Indira Bhavan, located within the Gandhi Bhavan premises in Hyderabad. TPCC Vice President and Chairman of Kamma Corporation, Bandi Ramesh participated in the meeting, which was conducted under the leadership of Telangana Congress President Mahesh Kumar Goud, AICC In-charge Meenakshi Natarajan, and AICC Secretary Sachin Sawant. Addressing the gathering, AICC In-charge Meenakshi Natarajan emphasized the need to strengthen the party at the grassroots level.



DGP C.V. Anand Announces Major Police Reforms During Statewide Video Conference

Hyderabad TSIT: Director General of Police C.V. Anand on Saturday conducted a high-level video conference with police officers across Telangana and called for comprehensive reforms to strengthen law and order, improve accountability and modernize

policing in the State. Addressing Police Commissioners, Superintendents of Police, DSPs, ACPs, Circle Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors on the theme "Adoption of Effective Policing Standards," the DGP said the Telangana Police must

adapt to emerging challenges such as cybercrime, narcotics trafficking, road safety and technology-driven policing. He emphasized strict discipline, professionalism and citizen-centric policing while directing officers to intensify action against drug abuse and cyber offences. The DGP also announced plans to establish a Traffic Management and Road Safety Bureau, strengthen women and child safety mechanisms and introduce advanced digital platforms such as Hawk Eye Ultra and TG-COP Ultra.

LEADERSHIP QUALITIES ESSENTIAL AMONG ADOLESCENT GIRLS: COLLECTOR HEMANTA KESHAV PATIL



The South India Times // Nagar kurnool : Emphasizing the need to nurture leadership qualities among adolescent girls, District Collector Hemanta Keshav Patil said that young girls should be encouraged to take initiative in addressing local issues and become future leaders. He was speaking at the closing ceremony of the Women's Week celebrations held at the Nagarkurnool Collectorate on Saturday.

The week-long celebrations, organized from May 25 to 30 as part of the State Government's Praja Palana-Pragathi Pranalika 99-Day Action Plan, concluded with a Mock Parliament conducted by members of Sneha Kishore Balika Sanghas. The event showcased the girls' understanding of democratic institutions and parliamentary procedures. Students took on various constitutional roles, including President, Speaker, Prime Minister, Deputy Speaker, and Leader of the Opposition.

GOVERNMENT PRIORITIZES EDUCATION SECTOR, REVIEWS SCHOOL AND HOSTEL DEVELOPMENT IN SANGAREDDY



Sangareddy, May 30, 2026: State Health Minister Damodar Rajanarasimha emphasized that the government is giving top priority to the development of the education sector and directed departments to coordinate efforts to provide quality education and improved infrastructure for students. On Saturday, the Minister, along with District Collector Prateek Jain, held a review meeting at the Sangareddy Collectorate with officials from the Education, SC, ST, BC, and Minority Welfare Departments. Addressing the gathering, he stressed strengthening government schools by undertaking both minor and major repairs, constructing additional classrooms, ensuring safe drinking water and toilets, and enhancing school aesthetics to create a student-friendly learning environment. The Minister also instructed officials to inspect boys' and girls' hostels run by welfare departments and upgrade infrastructure to ensure safety, cleanliness, and adequate facilities, with special focus on girls' hostels.

PALAMURU IRRIGATION PROJECTS PUT ON MISSION MODE CM REVANTH UTTAM TO CONDUCT TWO-DAY REVIEW TOUR

Hyderabad TSIT: Telangana Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister announced a major push to complete long-pending irrigation projects in the drought-prone Palamuru region, stating that the Congress government has placed the erstwhile Mahabubnagar district at the centre of its irrigation agenda.



Minister revealed that Chief Minister and he would undertake a comprehensive two-day tour of major irrigation projects on June 4 and 5 to review progress and accelerate completion of key schemes. Speaking after laying the foundation stone for the Ajalapur Lift Irrigation Scheme, sanctioned at a cost of Rs.32 crore in

Devarakadra Mandal, Uttam Kumar Reddy said the government was prepared to allocate all necessary funds to remove bottlenecks, expedite land acquisition and complete projects such as the Palamuru-Rangareddy, Nettempadu, Koilsagar, Bheema and Kalwakurthy Lift Irrigation Schemes. He said the Chief Minister's visit would include detailed ground-level inspections of project works, review of rehabilitation and resettlement issues, and discussions on measures required for speedy execution. The Minister asserted that the Congress government was committed to transforming Palamuru into a fully irrigated and agriculturally prosperous region.

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SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED
Notice to the Borrower Informing about Sale (30 days' notice) 8 (6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 To: S.No. Particulars of Borrowers / Guarantors:

- Naseem Junaidi, W/o. Naseem Ullah Khan, Occu: Senior Asst. Stc At Forest Department Hyderabad, R/o. H.No. 16-11-16/GJ/102, Afzal Nagar, Saleem Nagar, Afzal Nagar, Mosque Malakpet, Amberpet, Hyderabad 500036, Cell No. 9866099783. (Guarantor of The Loan Agreement)
- Khaja Pasha Syed @ Sayyad, S/o. Syed @ Sayyad Nabi, Age: 60, Years, Occu: Business, R/o. H.No. 1-62, Near Post Office Chenetha Sangam, Choutuppal (MD), Yadadri Bhongir Dist - 508252, Cell No. 9492485527 (Legal Heirs Of Borrower)
- Zai Bunnisa, W/o. Khaja Pasha Syed @ Sayyad, Age: 50, Years, Occu: Business, R/o. H.No. 1-62, Near Post Office Chenetha Sangam, Choutuppal (MD), Yadadri Bhongir Dist - 508252, Cell No. 9492485527 (Legal Heirs Of Borrower)
- Sameena, W/o. Syed @ Sayyad Jilani (Late), Age: 35, Years, Occu: Business, R/o. H.No. 1-62, Near Post Office Chenetha Sangam, Choutuppal (MD), Yadadri Bhongir Dist - 508252, Cell No. 9492485527 (Legal Heirs Of Borrower)
- Sami Syed @ Sayyad, S/o. Syed @ Sayyad Jilani (Late), Age: 35, Years, Occu: Business, R/o. H.No. 1-62, Near Post Office Chenetha Sangam, Choutuppal (MD), Yadadri Bhongir Dist - 508252, Cell No. 9492485527 (Legal Heirs Of Borrower)

(That The (Borrower) Sayyed Jilani, S/o. Syed Khaja Pasha, Age: 40, Years, Occu: Business, R/o. H.No. 1-62, Near Post Office Chenetha Sangam, Choutuppal (MD), Yadadri Bhongir Dist - 508252, Cell No. 9492485527 Was Died Intestate, So Far, Her Surviving Legal Heirs I.e. Family Members Are Added As Parties To The Notices)

Sub: Sale of property belonging to SYED @ SAYYAD JILANI (BORROWER) in the account of NLGNDTF1511250012 for realization of amount due to Shirram Finance Limited under The Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. Shirram Finance Limited, Nalgonda- Branch, the secured creditor caused a demand notice dated 31.12.2025 under section 13(2) of The Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, calling upon you to pay Rs.61,65,223/- (In words Rupees Sixty One Lakh Sixty Five Thousand Two Hundred And Twenty Three Only) within the time stipulated period therein. Since you failed to comply the said notice within the stipulated period, the Authorized Officer, has taken symbolic possession of the immovable secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on 13.05.2026. Even after taking possession of the secured asset, you have not paid the amount due to Shirram Finance Limited. As such, it has become necessary to sell the below mentioned property by holding public e-auction after 30 days from the date of receipt of this notice through online mode. The date and time of e-auction along with the Reserve Price of the property and the details of the service provider, in which the e-auction to be conducted, shall be informed to you separately. Therefore, if you pay the amount due to Shirram Finance Limited along with subsequent interest, costs, charges and expenses incurred by Shirram Finance Limited before the date of publication of sale notice, no further action shall be taken for sale of the property and you can redeem your property as stipulated in sec.13(8) of the Act.

Schedule of Property: (Property holder Name is SYED @ SAYYAD JILANI Mortgage deed dated 30.11.2015 Registered as Document No.6814 OF 2015 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at (CHOUTUPPAL))
Nalgonda District, Choutuppal Sub District, Choutuppal Mandal, Choutuppal (Presently Yadadri Bhongir Dist) Gram Panchayat And Village Accounts, Sy.No.1/Aa, Block No.1 Z.P.H.S. To Shirram Temple Area, Residential Zone: An Extent of 228 Sq.Yds., or 190.60 Sq.Mtrs., of Site Bounded On: East :12 Ft Wide Road, West : 15 Ft Wide Road, North: Lane And House Of Miryala Sathiah, South: 12 Ft Wide Road.

Place: Nalgonda Date: 28-05-2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shirram Finance Ltd.,

पंजाब नैशनल बैंक Punjab National Bank ARMB Secunderabad 103, 8-2-248-A, Maharshi House, Rd.No.-3, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad-500034, Telephone:-040-23147060, Email: cs8313@pnb.bank.in

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive / physical / symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank / Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank / Secured Creditor from the respective borrower(s) and guarantor(s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS

Sl. No.	Name of the Branch	Description of immovable properties mortgaged	A. Date of 13(2) Notice		B. Reserve Price		Date/Time of E-Auction	Details of the encumbrances known to the secured creditors
			A. Amount o/s as on date of 30-04-2026	B. EMD	C. Date of 13(4) possession	C. Bid Increment Amount		
1.	Siddipet (181410) Mr. Koneti Tirupathi House No. 16-9-67/5, Plot No 49, Near Kubera Apartments, Shanti Nagar, Siddipet, Telangana-502103.	All that part and parcel of Residential house bearing H. No. 18-09-67/5 in plot no 49, admeasuring 186.66 sq yards in sy no 1903 situated at near Kubera apartments, shantinagar, Siddipet, Telangana, bounded by East- House of HaridasOthers, West- House of SaddiSruja, North- 24 froad, South:- Open place of others, Stands in the name of Mr. KonetiTirupathi as per sale deed no 6375 of 2022 and Rectification deed no. 7822 of 2022 at SRO, Siddipet. Property ID- PUNB181410KT.	A. 30-08-2024 B. Rs. 39,98,853.09 ps + further interest and charges. C. 06-11-2024 D. Physical	A. Rs. 44,32,320/- B. Rs. 4,43,232/- C. Rs. 50,000/- Bidding shall start from one notch higher.	16-06-2026 11:00 to 16:00 Hours	No encumbrances best known to the authorized officer. Bidders are requested to conduct their own due diligence before bidding.		
2.	Khammam (135910) M/s. Gopi Industry, Prop. Mr.Gaddikoppula Gopi Krishna, House No. 3-95, Pittalavari Gudem (VI), Gudurupadu (Post), Khammam Rural, Khammam District, Telangana-507003.	All that part and Parcel of Industrial Plot of 0.11 Guntas admeasuring 1331 sq yards situated in Sy No 116/AA2 at M Venkatayapalem GP and Revenue village Khammam Rural, District Khammam, Telangana bounded by East- Land of NukarapuRamesh, West- Land of M Venkataiah, North- Land of Puchakayala Prabhakar. South- Way, stands in the name of Mr GaddikoppulaGopi Krishna as per sale deed no 9967 of 2019 at SRO, Khammam Rural. Property ID- PUNB135910GI.	A. 03-05-2024 B. Rs. 30,18,262.04 ps + further interest & Charges C. 20-07-2024 D. Symbolic	A. Rs. 87,12,000/- B. Rs. 8,71,200/- C. Rs. 50,000/- Bidding shall start from one notch higher.	16-06-2026 11:00 to 16:00 Hours	No encumbrances best known to the authorized officer. Bidders are requested to conduct their own due diligence before bidding.		
3.	Sangareddy (658700) Mr. Goudicharla Prasad House No. 6-3-11/11/D in Sy. No. 491/1/3, Plot No 2, Ward No 6, Block No 3, Raghavendra Nagar Colony, UnderSadashivpet Municipal Limits, Sangareddy District, Telangana-502291.	Residential RCC house bearing Municipal No 6-3-11/11/D in sy no 491/1/3, Plot No 2 situated at sadashivpet ward No 6, Block No 3, Raghavendra Nagar Colony, Under Sadashivpet Municipal Limits, DistrictSangareddy, Telangana bounded by East- 15' wide road, West- GovtKaluva, North- 10' wide road, South- Open plot no 3, stands in the name of Mr Goudicharla Prasad as per sale deed no 4045 of 2017 at SRO, Sadashivpet. Property ID- PUNB65870003.	A. 16-01-2019 B. Rs.66,39,804.61 ps + further interest & Charges C. 20-04-2019 D. Symbolic	A. Rs. 27,63,900/- B. Rs. 2,76,390/- C. Rs. 50,000/- Bidding shall start from one notch higher.	16-06-2026 11:00 to 16:00 Hours	No encumbrances best known to the authorized officer. Bidders are requested to conduct their own due diligence before bidding.		
4.	Secunderabad (018110) M/s. Bhuma Infrastructure Pvt Ltd-5 th Floor, Victory Vision, Himayat Nagar, Hyderabad-500029. 1. Managing Director: Mr Shaik Ameer Bashra R/o Plot No 196, 4 th Floor, SaradhiNilayam, Kakatiya Hills, Madhapur, Hyderabad-500081. 2. Director: Ms Shehnaaz Begum, R/o Plot No 196, 4 th Floor, SaradhiNilayam, Kakatiya Hills, Madhapur, Hyderabad-500081.	Lot 1 and Lot 2 to be purchased by single person only as the property is having the single entrance. Lot 1: All that part/portion of 5 th Floor of premises bearing no 3-6-154, situated at Himayatnagar Hyderabad-500029 known as Victory Vision admeasuring 1784.54 sqft out of Total extent of 3569 sqft of 5 th floor with undivided share of land 45 sq yards from and out of total area of 705 sq yards from and out of and bounded by North: Himayatnagar main road, South: 3-6-157, East: Neighbour's property, West: Portion of 5 th floor. Lot 2 : All that part/portion of 5 th floor of premises bearing no 3-6-154, situated at Himayatnagar Hyderabad -500029 known as Victory Vision admeasuring 1784.54sq ft out of total extent of 3569.00 sqft of 5 th floor with undivided share of land 45 sq yards from and out of total area of 705 sq yards from and out of and bounded by North: Himayatnagar Main Road, South: 3-6-157, East: Neighbour's property, West: Neighbour's property, Lot 1 and Lot 2 properties are standing in the name of SK Ameer Bashra as per sale deed no 1597 of 2003 and 3021 of 2003 respectively at SRO, Hyderabad. Property ID-PUNBGX158982637.	A. 01-10-2018 B. Rs. 2,89,65,073.60 ps + further interest & Charges C. 10-12-2018 D. Physical	A. Rs. 1,77,02,400/- B. Rs. 1,77,240/- C. Rs. 1,00,000/- Bidding shall start from one notch higher.	16-06-2026 11:00 to 16:00 Hours	No encumbrances best known to the authorized officer. Bidders are requested to conduct their own due diligence before bidding.		
5.	Nizamabad(272200) Mr Padigela Sathishwar Reddy House No. 3-74, Doosagaon, Dichpally Mandal, Nizamabad- 503175.	All that part of Residential house with open place at H.No 3-74 (Vide assessment no 1183) admeasuring 158.66 sq yards or 132.65 sqmtrs situated at Doosagaon Village Mandal Dichpally, District Nizamabad rural bounded by North- Part of same GP number of donor, South- Part of same GP number of donor, East- 15' wide road, West- GP Road, Stands in the name of Mr PadigelaSathishwar Reddy as per sale deed no 6113 of 2023 at SRO, Nizamabad Rural. Property ID- PUNBVNC6059025.	A. 11-07-2025 B. Rs. 24,75,401.20 + further interest & Charges C. 20-09-2025 D. Symbolic	A. Rs. 21,60,000/- B. Rs. 2,16,000/- C. Rs. 25,000/- Bidding shall start from one notch higher.	16-06-2026 11:00 to 16:00 Hours	No encumbrances best known to the authorized officer. Bidders are requested to conduct their own due diligence before bidding.		
6.	KHAMMAM (211220) Borrower: Mr. Bayaneni Sridhar Address: 15-8-304/1, Rotary Nagar, Road No-4, Near Urban Police Station, Khanapuram Haveli (Rural), Khammam- 507002. Mob-7386336699. Mrs. B. Udayani 15-8-304/1, Rotary Nagr, Road No-4, Near Urban Police Station, Khanapuram Haveli (Rural), Khammam- 507002.	All that part and parcel of Residential Flat bearing no 203 in First Floor with built up area of 970 sqft (including common area) together with proportionate undivided share of site admeasuring 24.56 sq yard along with one car parking area earmarked in the stilt floor on the premises of the mansion renamed as "LOTUS TOWERS" in plot no 27 & 32 (contiguous) to each other, forming single compact block, each size-50' * 72') and to an extent of 400 sq yards, total admeasuring 800 sq yards, or equivalent to 668.88 sqmtrs situated at Sai Prabhath Nagar, within the revenue limits of Edulapuram village, Peddathanda Gram Panchayat, Khammam Rural Mandal & District, under territorial Jurisdiction of the registration district of Khammam and sub district of Rural. The land is bounded by: North: 33'- Ft wide road, South: Plot nos 268 33, East: 30' Feet Wide Road, West: 30' Feet Wide Road The flat is bounded by: North: Corridor, South: Open to sky, East: Open to sky, West: Open to sky, Stands in the name of Bayaneni Sridhar as per sale deed no 2557 of 2018 at SRO, Khammam Rural. Property ID- PUNB21122025.	A. 04-07-2019 B. Rs. 37,54,782.92 ps + further interest & Charges C. 08-11-2019 D. Symbolic	A. Rs. 18,52,200/- B. Rs. 1,85,220/- C. Rs. 25,000/- Bidding shall start from one notch higher.	16-06-2026 11:00 to 16:00 Hours	No encumbrances best known to the authorized officer. Bidders are requested to conduct their own due diligence before bidding.		

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF E-AUCTION SALE: The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 and to the following further conditions. 1. The properties are being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS". 2. The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorized Officer, but the Authorized Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. 3. The Sale will be by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website <https://banknet.com> on dates mentioned above. 4. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer <https://pnb.bank.in>, www.banknet.com

Date: 30-05-2026, Place: Hyderabad STATUTORY SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002 Authorised Officer, Punjab National Bank

Andhra Pradesh Gears Up for Grand Yogandhra-2026 Campaign; One Crore Participation Targeted



The South India Times, Visakhapatnam : Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has directed officials to organize Yogandhra-2026 on a grand and prestigious scale across the state as part of the International Day of Yoga celebrations on June 21. Reviewing the

preparations with ministers and senior officials, the Chief Minister approved a comprehensive action plan aimed at ensuring the participation of one crore people from the state level down to villages. As part of the initiative, a 14-day statewide yoga campaign will be con-

ducted from June 7 to June 21. A major state-level yoga event with 25,000 participants will be held in Amaravati on June 21, with Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu taking part. The programme will be organized on the Krishna River bridge in the Amaravati capital region. Simultaneously, district-level yoga events involving around 1,000 participants each will be conducted at district headquarters under the supervision of ministers and senior officials. To strengthen the programme, the state will train an additional one lakh yoga instructors, supplementing the existing 1.5 lakh trainers.

The South India Times, Visakhapatnam: The Visakhapatnam Metropolitan Region Development Authority (VMRDA) is preparing a comprehensive plan to transform Visakhapatnam into an international tourism destination, said VMRDA Metropolitan Commissioner N. Tej Bharat, IAS. Speaking at a meeting with representatives of Bengaluru-based Integrated Design Consultancy, the Commissioner said that major tourist attractions such as Kailasagiri, Indra Gandhi Zoological Park, and Kambalakonda

VMRDA Plans to Develop Visakhapatnam into an International Tourism Destination



would be integrated and developed into a world-class tourism circuit while ensuring environmental sustainability. He directed the consultants to prepare a detailed development report con-

sidering Visakhapatnam's unique geographical features and natural landscape. The proposed plan aims to create new attractions that will appeal to both domestic and international tour-

ists while preserving the region's ecological balance. Emphasizing wildlife conservation, Tej Bharat instructed officials to give top priority to protecting the flora and fauna in and around Kailasagiri, the Zoo Park, and Kambalakonda. He also suggested exploring the introduction of a Night Safari facility, similar to those available at renowned tourism destinations across the world. The Commissioner directed

engineering officials to coordinate closely with the consultants and prepare a comprehensive development report by the end of August. During the meeting, representatives of Integrated Design Consultancy, supported by Singapore-based Mandai Global Private Limited, submitted a survey report outlining key development opportunities and recommendations for the region. Chief Engineer Vinay Kumar, Superintending Engineer N. Rambabu, Deputy Executive Engineer Sirisha, and other officials participated in the meeting.

Key Decisions Taken for APSRTC Modernisation: Minister Mandipalli Ramprasad Reddy

The South India Times, Visakhapatnam : Andhra Pradesh Transport Minister Mandipalli Ramprasad Reddy has announced a series of key decisions aimed at modernising the Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation (APSRTC). The decisions were taken during a high-level review meeting chaired by the Chief Minister, focusing on fleet modernisation, expansion of electric vehicles (EVs), and employee welfare. The Minister stated that the coalition government has successfully revived APSRTC, which had faced financial difficulties over the past five years. He noted that the Shakti Scheme, providing free bus travel for women, has successfully completed one year and continues to benefit lakhs of passengers. As



part of the state's green mobility initiative, 700 electric buses will be introduced within the next two months. Infrastructure required for EV operations will be ready in six depots by July. While 300 EV buses have been earmarked for Tirupati, the procurement process for

another 500 buses has already been completed. The government aims to deploy a total of 3,000 EV buses across the state in phases. The Minister also announced that 40 special buses will be operated between Visakhapatnam and the upcoming Bhogapuram International

Airport. Special bus services will also be introduced during the Godavari Pushkaralu festival to facilitate pilgrim travel. Reiterating the government's commitment to public transport, Ramprasad Reddy clarified that there are no plans to privatise APSRTC. He said depot modernisation would be undertaken through the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model while ensuring full support for employees. The Minister added that several long-pending employee issues, including night-out allowances, have been resolved during the coalition government's tenure. He expressed confidence that the induction of new electric buses would significantly enhance APSRTC's services and transform it into a modern, efficient public transport system.

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Mega DSC-2025 Conducted with Transparency and Fairness: Education Secretary

The South India Times, Visakhapatnam : Andhra Pradesh Education Secretary Kona Sasidhar on Saturday dismissed allegations against the Mega DSC-2025 recruitment process, stating that the exercise was conducted with complete transparency, advanced technology, and strict adherence to rules. Addressing a press conference, he said 16,347 teacher posts were notified and around 3.36 lakh candidates applied. Despite facing numerous legal challenges, the government completed the recruitment process in a record time and issued 15,941 appointment orders. Sasidhar rejected claims of question paper leakage, explaining that the examinations were conducted through the highly secure

TCS iON Computer-Based Testing platform, which made any manipulation or unauthorized access impossible. He also denied allegations of data deletion, stating that all scores, merit lists, and recruitment records were securely maintained and made available to candidates. The Secretary said merit lists were publicly released, reservation policies were implemented as per government norms, and nearly 33,000 candidate grievances were addressed through a three-tier grievance redressal system. Describing Mega DSC-2025 as a landmark recruitment exercise, he said the process stands as a model of fairness, transparency, scientific normalisation, and technological excellence.

Nitish Kumar Reddy Backs Andhra Premier League Ahead of June 9 Launch



The South India Times, Visakhapatnam : The Andhra Cricket Association (ACA) has extended its full support to the upcoming Andhra Premier League (APL), scheduled to be held from June 9 to June 30 across three venues in Andhra Pradesh. The association praised the organizers for promoting competitive cricket in the state and thanked players, officials, sponsors, and fans for their

continued support. The ACA also expressed special appreciation for Indian cricketer Nitish Kumar Reddy, who recently took part in practice sessions with an APL team. Although he will be unavailable for the tournament matches due to his commitments with the Indian national team, Nitish trained alongside APL players, sharing his experience and providing valuable guidance to the squad.

Visakhapatnam Gets Rs.1,500 Crore Projects Under Urban Challenge Fund



Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Visakhapatnam has secured three major infrastructure projects worth Rs.1,500 crore under the Central Government's Rs.50,000-crore Urban Challenge Fund, Visakhapatnam MP M. Sriharat announced on Saturday. He said the projects would play a crucial role in shaping the city's future development. Speaking to the media after the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting held at the Collectorate, the MP said the approved projects include an underground drainage system in the Madhurawada zone, 2x7 drinking water supply, and the

strengthening of bulk and semi-bulk water supply systems across the city. Sriharat noted that the Urban Challenge Fund was introduced by the Centre to help cities prepare for rapid urbanisation and increasing migration from rural areas. He said discussions at the DISHA meeting focused on expediting project implementation, mobilising funds, and ensuring timely completion of works. The MP also revealed that another Rs.1,500-crore proposal has been submitted under the Urban Challenge Fund for comprehensive sewage management, water treatment, and the reuse of treated water for industrial and other purposes.

Forever New Launches Its First Store in Visakhapatnam

The South India Times, Visakhapatnam : Global women's fashion brand Forever New has officially launched its first store in Visakhapatnam at Inorbit Mall Visakhapatnam, marking a significant milestone in the brand's retail expansion across India. The new outlet reflects the strong connection the brand has already established with customers in the city through its online presence.

According to the company, Visakhapatnam has emerged as one of Forever New's most engaged online markets over the years, with customers consistently supporting the brand and building a loyal community. This strong consumer response made the city a natural choice for the brand's latest retail destination. Designed to offer a modern and welcoming shopping experience, the store features a curated range of elevated everyday wear, office-ready styles, occasion outfits and versatile fashion collections. During the launch event, the brand also unveiled its latest seasonal collection, "The Summer Passage," featuring breathable fabrics, elegant silhouettes, feminine colours and timeless designs tailored for summer dressing. Speaking on the occasion, Shifali Singh, Country Director of Forever New India, said that Visakhapatnam has developed a strong and loyal customer base through the brand's online channels over the past few years. She noted that opening the first store in the city was both a strategic and meaningful decision. The company remains committed to expanding its presence while delivering a premium and personalized in-store shopping experience to customers, she added.



Grand Rathotsavam of Sri Govindaraja Swamy Draws Thousands of Devotees in Tirupati



Tirupati: The annual Rathotsavam of Sri Govindaraja Swamy Temple was celebrated with great religious fervour and grandeur on Saturday as part of the ongoing Brahmotsavams. Thousands of devotees participated in the sacred chariot festival, enthusiastically pulling the majestic temple chariot through the streets surrounding the temple amid continuous chants of "Govinda, Govinda." The devotional atmosphere echoed across Tirupati as devotees gathered in large numbers to witness the divine procession. The Rathotsavam carries deep spiritual significance, symbolising the philosophical concept of self-realisation, where the human body is compared to a chariot and the soul to its master.

Y. Balaji Kiran Assumes Additional Charge as CPRO of South Coast Railway

The South India Times, Visakhapatnam : Y. Balaji Kiran, an Indian Railway Traffic Service (IRTS) officer of the 2013 batch, has assumed additional charge as the Chief Public Relations Officer (CPRO) of South Coast Railway. Apart from this responsibility, he has been serving as Deputy General Manager-Secretary to the General Manager of South Coast Railway since November 2025. With extensive experience in the traffic and commercial departments of Indian Railways, he has held several key positions, including Senior Divisional Operations Manager in Guntakal Division and Senior Divisional Commercial Manager in Secunderabad and Hyderabad Divisions. Balaji Kiran holds a Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech) degree in Computer Science Engineering from Sri Kalahasteeswara Institute of



Technology (SKIT), Srikalahasti. He also earned an MBA from Osmania University and Master's degrees in Political Science and Industrial Relations. A native of Naidupeta in Andhra Pradesh, Shri Balaji Kiran is actively involved in social service and youth development initiatives. He founded the NGO "Asaya" and has contributed significantly to community welfare activities. Before joining the Civil Services, he worked as a Software Engineer in Singapore and later served as Director of Sri Chaitanya IAS Academy in Delhi, mentoring numerous Civil Services aspirants. Railway officials expressed confidence that his rich administrative experience, professional expertise, and strong communication skills would further strengthen public outreach and media relations for South Coast Railway.

Visakhapatnam Port Secures Second Position in Sagar Ankan 2024-25

The South India Times, Visakhapatnam: The Visakhapatnam Port Authority (VPA) has added another feather to its cap by securing the second position in the prestigious Sagar Ankan Logistics Port Performance Certificate 2024-25. The award was conferred by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India, in recognition of the port's outstanding performance in the category of ports handling 5 million tonnes and above of liquid bulk cargo. At a ceremony held in Mumbai, VPA Deputy Chairperson Ms. Roshni Aparanji Korati received the prestigious award from Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal. The achievement reflects the port's operational excellence, efficiency, innovation, and the collective efforts of its officers, employees, and stakeholders. By maintaining high standards in cargo handling and logistics, Visakhapatnam Port has once again reinforced its position as one of India's leading ports. On the occasion, the Chairperson of VPA congratulated all officers, employees, and stakeholders and commended the team whose dedicated efforts contributed to earning this prestigious recognition.



Flavours and Star Appeal Trap Youth, SP Warns on World No Tobacco Day

Hyderabad, May 30, 2026: Telangana Eagle Force SP P. Seetharam has warned young people against the growing appeal of tobacco and nicotine products, which are increasingly marketed in attractive forms to target youth. Speaking at an awareness programme held at Kamineni Hospitals, LB Nagar, ahead of World No Tobacco Day on May 31, he urged students, parents, and community leaders to work together to build a healthier, tobacco-free society.

Participants at the event were administered a pledge to stay away from tobacco. SP Seetharam emphasized that tobacco poses a serious threat not only to individual health



but also to families and society, and that collective responsibility is essential to curb its use.

Dr. Subhakar Kandi, Senior Consultant Pulmonologist, highlighted this year's World No Tobacco Day theme, "Unmasking the Appeal - Countering Nicotine and Tobacco Addiction," which exposes marketing

tactics used to lure young people through flavored products, attractive packaging, and social media campaigns. He noted that tobacco significantly increases the risk of cancer, cardiovascular disease, stroke, and respiratory illnesses, while passive smoking endangers family members and others. Consultant

Pulmonologist Dr. E. Ravindra Reddy added that tobacco use is a leading cause of chronic bronchitis, emphysema, COPD, lung cancer, heart attack, stroke, and oral cancers. He dispelled the myth that smokeless tobacco is safe and stressed that quitting at any stage provides significant health benefits.

The programme was also attended by Dr. Sudheer Babu Padgul, Principal of Kamineni Academy of Medical Sciences and Research Centre, along with other medical professionals, nursing staff, and hospital personnel. Experts reinforced the message: "Say No to Tobacco, Say Yes to Life."

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Live Surgical Sessions Inspire Next Generation of ENT Surgeons at Apollo Hospitals Jubilee Hills

BLENDS FREE SURGERIES WITH GLOBAL ENT LEARNING PLATFORM -



Hyderabad, May 30: In a major initiative aimed at enhancing surgical skills among young ENT specialists, Apollo Hospitals, Jubilee Hills, hosted the second edition of the two-day International 360° ENT & Skull Base Conference, bringing together over 250 eminent ENT surgeons, faculty members and postgraduate students from India and abroad.

The conference was inaugurated by Mr. Ramchandra J, Chief Operating Officer Apollo Hospitals Jubilee Hills, and Dr. Ravi Kiran, Medical Director Apollo Hospitals, Jubilee Hills. Addressing the gathering, he said the hospital had conducted 12 complex skull base surgeries free of cost for underprivileged patients as part of the academic programme. These sur-

geries were broadcast live to delegates, allowing young surgeons to observe surgical planning, intra-operative decision-making and advanced treatment techniques in real time. He said live surgical demonstrations offer invaluable practical exposure to the management of complex ENT and skull base disorders, emergency situations and minimally invasive procedures, helping participants strengthen their clinical and operative skills. Organised jointly by Apollo Hospitals, Jubilee Hills, and the AOI Hyderabad Chapter, the conference focused on the latest advances in ENT, head and neck surgery, skull base procedures and hearing restoration techniques. Doctors at the conference highlighted the increasing prevalence of ENT-related disorders such as chronic sinus infections, recurrent headaches, nasal obstruction, nosebleeds, hearing loss, tinnitus, vertigo, voice changes, swallowing difficulties, snoring and sleep apnoea. They noted that the growing burden of such conditions has created an urgent need for more highly trained ENT specialists. Dr. Vemuru Tejaswi, ENT surgeon at Apollo Hospitals and Organising Chairman of

World No Tobacco Day: Doctors warn of rising tobacco-related cancers among youth

Hyderabad: Marking World No Tobacco Day, cancer specialists have raised serious concerns over the growing burden of tobacco-related diseases, describing tobacco use as a "silent epidemic" that continues to claim millions of lives every year.

Doctors noted that habits such as occasional smoking, chewing gutka, or using other tobacco products may appear harmless initially but can eventually lead to life-threatening illnesses, including cancer, heart disease, stroke, and chronic lung disorders. Globally, tobacco causes more than 7 million deaths annually, while India records nearly 1.35 million tobacco-related deaths every year.

Medical experts highlighted that tobacco-related cancers can affect multiple organs, including the lips, tongue, throat, lungs, esophagus, stomach, pancreas, and bladder. They also cautioned against the misconception that smokeless tobacco products such as gutka, khaini, and chewing tobacco are safer alternatives, stressing that these products are strongly linked to oral cancers.

Doctors expressed concern over the increasing number of younger patients in their thirties and forties being diagnosed with tobacco-related cancers. They urged people to pay attention to warning signs such as non-healing mouth ulcers, per-



sistent hoarseness, difficulty swallowing, unexplained weight loss, blood in urine, and changes in bowel habits. Emphasising that it is never too late to quit, experts said tobacco cessation improves overall health and significantly reduces the risk of cancer and cardiovascular diseases. They called on parents, educational institutions, workplaces, healthcare professionals, and society at large to support tobacco-free environments and help individuals quit tobacco. The doctors reiterated that while cancer treatment has advanced considerably, prevention remains the most effective weapon against tobacco-related cancers.

India's Tobacco Crisis Hits Younger Adults, CARE Doctors Warn of Rising Lung Disease and Cancer

Hyderabad, May 30, 2026: As World No Tobacco Day approaches, CARE Hospitals experts have raised alarms over the increasing prevalence of tobacco-related lung diseases and cancers among younger adults in India. This year's WHO theme, "Unmasking the Appeal - Countering Nicotine and Tobacco Addiction," highlights strategies used by the tobacco industry to attract children and young adults through flavored products, vaping devices, nicotine pouches, and digital marketing. Nearly 267 million Indians use tobacco, contributing to over 1.3 million deaths annually. Doctors report a rising number of patients in their 30s and 40s presenting with chronic cough, breathlessness, reduced lung function, worsening asthma, and early-stage COPD. "Many believe lung damage occurs only after decades of smoking, but harmful effects begin much earlier. By the time symptoms appear, significant and often irreversible damage may have already occurred," said Dr. Jayachandra, Clinical Director & HOD - Interventional Pulmonology, CARE Hospitals, Hyderabad. Experts also warn against vaping and newer nicotine products, which are often



the cancer burden, Dr. Ravi Jaiswal, Senior Consultant Oncologist, CARE Hospitals, Raipur, said, "Tobacco is linked not only to lung cancer but also cancers of the mouth, throat, voice box, food pipe, stomach, liver, pancreas, colon, kidney, bladder, cervix, and even blood cancers. Nearly one-third of all cancers are related to tobacco use." Doctors emphasized the dangers of passive smoking, particularly for children and the elderly, and noted India loses over Rs.1.7 trillion annually due to healthcare costs and productivity losses from tobacco-related diseases.

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
(Under Provision to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules) "APPENDIX- IV-A"

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor Indian Overseas Bank the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Overseas Bank Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is" and "As it is what is" "Whatever there is" and "Without Recourse basis" on 30.06.2026 i.e. Rs. 61,87,552.40 (Rupees Sixty-One Lakh Eighty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Two and Paise Forty Only) due to the Indian Overseas Bank, Secured Creditor from Borrowers, MOHD MOIN UDDIN & SHABANA BEGUM The reserve price will be Rs. 80,90,000/- (Rupee Eighty Lakh Ninety Thousand only) and the earnest money deposit will be Rs. 8,09,000/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Nine Thousand Only).
Schedule of Secured Assets SCHEDULE OF PROPERTIES ALONG WITH BOUNDARIES.
All that Flat bearing No. 103, in the First floor, area of 1510 Sq Ft, including Common areas and Two Car Parking having Undivided Share of land 74 Sq Yds, in Sy No. 34, 37/A1, 37/A2, 37/A3, 37/A4, 37/A4/Part, and Plot Nos: 1026, 1027, 1028, 1029, 1030 total extent of 5173.25 Sq Yds Known as "Aishwarya Icon" situated at Muthangi Village, Palancheru Mandal, Sanga Reddy District, Telangana State - 502307 Boundaries of Flat: North: Open to Sky, South: Open to Sky, East : Corridor, West : Open Land

RESERVE PRICE Rs.80,90,000/- EMD Rs.8,09,000/-
BID INCREMENT Rs.1,00,000/-

Auction Date: 30.06.2026, between 11:00 AM and 01:00 PM hours with auto extension of 5 minutes each till sale is completed
Submission of bid with EMD : 30.06.2026 till 5.00 P.M.

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Date: 25.05.2026
Place: Hyderabad
Authorized Officer,
Indian Overseas Bank

Awareness rally on the occasion of World No Tobacco Day

Mahbubnagar, May 30 TSIT: An awareness rally was organized under the auspices of the District Medical and Health Department on Saturday to celebrate the World Anti-Tobacco Day. Dr. District Medical and Health Officer at Urban Primary Health Center Ramayabauli, Krishna waved the flag and started the rally. This rally is the primary health center of the town. From there it continued through the old streets to Shilparam. After that, the partici-



pating officers and staff formed a crowd and took an anti-tobacco pledge. On this occasion Dr. Krishna said that the main purpose of organizing the World No Tobacco Day every year is to create aware-

ness among people about the deadly diseases and cancer caused by tobacco use. This year is World No Tobacco Day. The theme is "Unmasking the appeal: countering nicotine and tobacco addiction". Tobacco products like cigarettes, beedis, hookah, gutka, khaini, zarda contain nicotine and it is quickly addictive, he said. He said there is a risk of serious diseases like lung cancer, mouth and throat cancer, heart disease and paralysis due to tobacco use.

DECCAN HEALTH CARE LIMITED					
STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2026 (Rs in Lacs Except EPS)					
Sr. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended		Year Ended	
		31.03.2026	31.12.2025	31.03.2025	31.03.2026
01	Total Revenue from Operations	2097.52	1739.38	2074.72	8190.48
02	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	36.70	133.94	23.49	326.57
03	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	36.70	133.94	23.49	326.57
04	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	33.40	100.25	12.35	248.76
05	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(12.54)	3.80	15.28	(1.13)
06	Paid Up Share Capital	2474.92	2474.92	2342.55	2474.92
07	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as per the audited Balance Sheet of Previous year)	----	----	----	----
08	Earnings Per Share (annualized for the quarter / year / period ended)				
	A. Basic	0.14	0.41	0.05	1.01
	B. Diluted	0.14	0.41	0.05	1.01

Notes: (1) The above is an Extract of the detailed format of Consolidated audited Financial Results for the quarter and Year ended March 31, 2026 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of Consolidated audited Financial Results for the quarter and Year ended March 31, 2026 is available on the Stock Exchange website i.e. www.bseindia.com and on the website of the Company i.e. www.deccanhealthcare.co.in
(2) The Standalone and Consolidated audited Financial Results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee in its meeting conducted on May 30, 2026 and were approved by the Board of Directors in their meeting held on May 30, 2026.

KEY NUMBERS OF FINANCIAL RESULTS ON STANDALONE BASIS (Rs in Lakhs)					
Sr. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended		Year Ended	
		31.03.2026	31.12.2025	31.03.2025	31.03.2026
01	Turnover	2026.49	2303.20	2082.12	8917.10
02	Profit / Loss Before Tax	24.78	128.76	24.72	305.58
03	Profit / Loss After Tax	22.75	95.07	13.60	229.05

Place: Hyderabad
Date: 30th May, 2026
For, Deccan Health Care Limited
Sd/- Mohak Gupta - Director • DIN: 03534904

Collector Conducts Special Review of Development Works in CM Revanth Reddy's Native Village



The South India Times // Nagar Kurnool District Collector Hemanta Keshav Patil directed officials to complete all ongoing development works in Kondareddy palli village of Vangoor mandal, Achampet constituency, by the end of June. Reviewing the progress of various government projects at the Gram Panchayat office on Saturday, the Collector assessed the status of school buildings, Anganwadi centres, roads, drainage systems, Primary Health Centre construction, drinking water facilities, and power infrastructure works being carried out in the village. The Collector stated that the state government and Revanth Reddy are giving special attention to developing Kondareddy palli as a model village. He instructed officials of all departments to work in close coordination and ensure there are no delays in executing the projects.

District Collector Urges Youth, Especially Girls, to Know Their Rights and Laws

Jagityala, May 30, 2026: As part of the 99-day action plan under the Public Governance - Progress Programme, a friendship programme was held at the Jagityala District Collectorate on Saturday, organized by the District Rural Development Department. District Collector B. Sathyaprasad, who was the chief guest, emphasized the importance of youth and girls being fully aware of their rights, laws, and government welfare schemes. Speaking at the event, the Collector highlighted that numerous laws and schemes are in place to ensure women's safety, respect, and equal opportunities. He stressed the need for awareness about laws against child marriage, gender discrimination, cybercrime, and measures for the protection of women. Parents, teachers, and authorities were urged to contribute actively to the holistic development of girls. Referring to the government's initiative to provide 33% reservation for women in governance, the Collector encouraged young girls to pursue education and participate in politics from the village level to central government. The programme was also attended by District Local Bodies Additional Collector B. Raja Goud, District Rural Development Officer Raghuvaran, and other officials.

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E AUCTION SALE NOTICE

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Schedule of Secured Assets SCHEDULE OF PROPERTIES ALONG WITH BOUNDARIES.
All that the property bearing House No-12-11-367/20 consisting of Ground and First Floor, in survey No-33, admeasuring 124.0 Sq. Yards or 103.6 Sq. Meters situated at Maruthi Street, Pullaiah Bhatti, Warisguda, Secunderabad, Telangana state and bounded on the North : House No 12-11-367/19 South: Neighbour's House, East: House No-12-11-369/15, West: Road & Neighbor's House

RESERVE PRICE Rs.37,15,200/- EMD Rs.3,71,520/-
BID INCREMENT Rs.1,00,000/-

Auction Date: 16.06.2026, between 11:00AM and 01:00PM hours with auto extension of 5 minutes each till sale is completed
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Date: 25.05.2026
Place: Hyderabad
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Indian Overseas Bank

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SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property) [Rule 8(1)]

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Indian Overseas Bank, Adarsh Nagar Branch, Paiga Plaza Building, Basheer Bagh, Hyderabad Telangana PIN: 500029 under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 16/03/2026 calling upon the borrowers / mortgagors / guarantors Shri MD SHAKEEL PASHA, H No: 1-3-183/40/46/28(A/Portion), 1-3-183/40/46/28(Portion), Kavadi, New Bakaram, Hyderabad - 500080 (hereinafter referred as 'borrowers') to repay the amount mentioned in the notice by Rs 32,68,268.94 (Rupees Thirty Two Lakh Sixty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Eight And Paise Ninety Four Only) as on 16/03/2026 with further interest at contractual rates and rests, charges etc. till date of realization within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

(1) 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/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 30th day of May of the year 2026

(2) The borrowers 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 Indian Overseas Bank for an amount of Rs 32,68,268.94 (Rupees Thirty Two Lakh Ninety Seven Thousand Six Hundred Five And Paise Ninety Four Only) as on 29.05.2026 with interest thereon at contractual rates & rests as agreed, charges etc. from the aforesaid date mentioned in the demand notice till date of payment less repayments, if any, made after issuance of Demand Notice. The dues payable as on the date of taking possession is Rs 32,97,605.94 payable with further interest at contractual rates & rests, charges etc., till date of payment.

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

Description of the Immovable Property

All that the House bearing Municipal No. 1-3-183/40/46/28(A/Portion), admeasuring 92.00 Square Yards or 76.91 Square Meters and Southern Half Portion of House bearing Municipal No. 1-3-183/40/46/28(Portion), admeasuring 47.5 Square Yards Total admeasuring 139.5 Square Yards, (Consisting of Ground, First and Second Floors) situated at Kavadi, New Bakaram, Hyderabad, Telangana State, and is bounded as follows: North: Passag 6 & H No-1-3-183/40/46/28(A/portion) South: Neighbor's Property East: Neighbor's House West: Neighbor's House

Date: 30.05.2026
Place: Hyderabad
Authorized Officer,
Indian Overseas Bank

EDITORIAL

Does the BJP Still Need Eknath Shinde?

It is a million-dollar question what fate awaits Shiv Sena leader Eknath Shinde, the brand of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) built up to demolish Uddhav Thackeray's party. The deputy chief minister of Maharashtra once said a 'Maha Shakti' - the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) - was standing behind him. But things are a little different now. The BJP has all but established one-party rule across India. And in politics, every such action breeds a reaction. That is why the talk in Mumbai's corridors of power is no longer grudgingly admiring of Shinde's tactics, which always seemed to strengthen his party. Now the discussion is about whether he will still get room to negotiate with Delhi, as the BJP is less likely to tolerate an ally, much less a competitor, in Maharashtra politics. The answer is written on the walls of Vidhan Bhavan in invisible ink. The recent buzz was that the BJP and Shiv Sena were bargaining over the sharing of 17 Maharashtra Legislative Council seats elected by urban local bodies and local authorities. It is said Union Home Minister Amit Shah ultimately accommodated Shinde's demands, but granted him an audience only after a long wait. Their meeting finally took place last week, but reportedly required the intervention of a former Maharashtra minister and education baron, who sat through the discussion. This is strange, as Shinde used to be the most frequent visitor to Delhi in the past. Reports also say that Shinde eventually secured a better deal than initially offered, which may fuel resentment within the BJP in the run-up to the elections on 18 June.

BJP on strong wicket

Freshly renewed after sweeping recent state assembly elections, conceding Shinde's demands is perhaps no longer a priority for the BJP. The question is, if the central leadership and Shah no longer back him as they once did, will Shinde still thrive? He will certainly do well in Thane, his pocket borough. Besides, Ajit Pawar's death has removed a major Mahayuti (comprising the BJP, Shiv Sena and Nationalist Congress Party) ally and Maratha leader, increasing Shinde's relative importance within the alliance. But at the same time, the BJP is still handling the infighting within Mahayuti - Shinde and Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis don't see eye-to-eye. Truth be told, Shinde may have had his moment of glory, but it was four years ago, when as Shiv Sena leader he led a rebellion to evict Thackeray from power by splitting the Sena sixty years after Bal Thackeray founded it. Even so, he had to concede the chief ministership to the BJP's own, Fadnis, after two years in the seat following the 2022 Shiv Sena split. What is more, the BJP nearly achieved an independent majority in the Maharashtra polls at the time, while the opposition won fewer than 50 seats in the 288-member house. Shinde did make an impression as an action-oriented chief minister and went all out in terms of public engagement during his time in the top seat. He is a pugacious fighter whose rise is said to be the result of his 'rada' - aggression. So, when Fadnis took over, he cancelled some of Shinde's policy decisions, cutting the persona around the man down to size. Still, Shinde and the BJP were on the same page when it came to trumpeting Hindutva. That was a natural outcome of the twelve years of dogged backing that the Shiv Sena leader got from the saffron party.

HOW INDIA IS FAILING ITS STUDENTS

The Modi government through its various ministries and departments, however, seems to have done the exact opposite over the last 13 years. It has failed to meaningfully reform systems and institutions in need of structural change, while repeatedly disrupting institutions and systems that require stability and careful stewardship. The resultant chaos is there for all to see, most recently in the state of education in our country. After cancelling and rescheduling the 2026 NEET examination - following a major question paper leak that affected over 22 lakh aspirants - the government is now faced with yet another national level fiasco, this time involving class 12 students who recently appeared for their Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) board examinations. This year, 18 lakh class 12 students submitted 98 lakh answer booklets - with the total number of pages running into crores. But instead of evaluators physically checking these answer sheets, the answer booklets were scanned, uploaded digitally and evaluated online. When the exam results came out on May 13, many students were dismayed to see they had received much lower marks than expected. In fact, the overall pass percentage of students dropped to 85.29% this year from 88.39% last year. There was also a notable decline in the number of students scoring above 90%. When these students requested scans of their answer sheets for re-evaluation, they were shocked to see blurred scans, barely legible handwriting, cropped pages and impossible-to-decipher diagrams and equations. Stuti, who has taught political science at a private school in central Delhi for the last 19 years, talked about the anxiety and anger this sparked amongst students, parents and educators. "One of my brightest students, who has already received provisional admission from an Ivy League college, was expecting to score at least 90% - the minimum required to secure her place - but ended up with only 82%. Is she now going to have to explain to the university that the reason for her unexpected-



low marks is that her own government is incapable of conducting and evaluating crucial examinations properly?" The CBSE's goals of "eliminating totaling errors," and doing away with "post-result verification of marks" seem to have come a cropper. Stuti said that schools were informed about the new OSM (On-Screen Marking) barely ten days before the first exam. "We were able to [do it] because our school has the computers, infrastructure, and technical know-how to manage it. But what about other schools who barely have even the basics in place? In fact, at one evaluation centre, an older government school teacher lamented, 'Humko toh mouse bhi pakadna nahi aata' (I don't even know how to use a computer mouse!)" It is a small but telling example of the Modi government's obsession with digital spectacles without first adequately reckoning with the infrastructural inequalities on the ground. Stuti also pointed out that many examiners were government school teachers, many of whom had also been put on census duty at the same time. Several of them held two circulars in their hands, one telling them to check

board exam papers (screens) and the other telling them to count people for the 2026 Census. "Many of our students received an arbitrary 6.5 out of 10 for answers that they should, by rights, have received at least 8 points or more for. One reason for this is probably the inordinate amount of pressure that was put on the evaluators by CBSE to quickly finish the checking. Normally, the checking of papers begins within ten to twelve days of the last exam. This time it didn't begin for a month. The entire process seems to have experienced huge delays. In fact, a teacher told me that she was asked to come in on the morning of May 13 to finish checking some papers - the same day the results were supposed to be declared," Stuti alleged. She added that her current batch of class 12 students have all but lost their motivation to study. It is sad that a prime minister - who has lectured school students every year in his elaborate Pariksha Pe Charcha programmes on how to handle examination stress - doesn't seem too bothered about the unprecedented anxiety, uncertainty and distress that millions of them are facing in the 13th year of his gov-

ernment. Kaaviya, a Class 12 humanities student, who has won many laurels for her school, cannot understand why she hasn't been given the marks she should have. "It took CBSE five days to send me four of my five answer sheets. I'm still waiting for the fifth and I don't know what to do about that because their helpline numbers aren't working. I have noticed odd things in the papers I have received. In my English paper, marks have been cut for no reason at all. In my Maths paper, there is no 'steps marking'. Previously, in Maths, even if your final answer was wrong, you would still get marks for doing the different steps correctly, but not this time," she alleged. "A friend of mine had written answers to two questions in her biology paper, yet the page was marked blank. As a result, she received no marks on those questions because the software seems to have identified the page as empty. Who should we hold accountable for that?" Kaaviya asked. The Non-Biological one, "but I refrain. Instead, I ask her how she is feeling about it. "It's very disheartening. The whole focus of Class 12, and

school for that matter, seems to be to do well in your board exams. I have taken the Common University Entrance Test too, which is evaluated by the National Testing Authority. The NTA is responsible for the NEET exam, so now I am concerned about that as well, considering what happened with the NEET paper leaks." Nidhi Anand, an educator, said, "As a parent, I feel both anxious and disappointed. Our children put in years of consistent effort, and at such a crucial stage, even small lapses can feel very big to them. What worries me most is not just the outcome, but the emotional impact. This uncertainty can really shake their confidence and sense of security." Mannat, a counsellor at a private school in South Delhi, is also concerned about the students' mental health. "Not only are double shocks like the NEET leaks and the CBSE scoring fiasco jeopardising the careers of young people, they are creating a huge amount of emotional turmoil in young minds. It is wrong for CBSE to expect people who are not well trained in technology to handle something as sensitive as the scoring of test papers."

UP'S SUGARCANE FARMERS ARE FINALLY SMILING AGAIN

The true meaning of development in any state lies in the prosperity visible on the faces of its farmers, and this is possible only when villages, farms and farmers are placed at the centre of the development framework. When state policies are farmer-centric, they strengthen the very soul of the nation. This is because farming is not merely a process of production, but the foundation for the continuity of life, culture and civilization. Viewed from this perspective, the steps taken for farmers in Uttar Pradesh over the last nine years are not merely the resolve of a government, but the foundational vision for the holistic development of a state. Soon after assuming office, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath made his priorities clear by waiving farmers' loans, and the decisions subsequently taken specifically in the interest of sugarcane farmers have placed the state in the leading position across the country. Record payment of more than Rs 3.22 lakh crore Today, farmers in Uttar Pradesh are not merely a part of the economy, but symbols of self-reliance and self-respect, because the government's intent as well as policy remained clear. As a result, Uttar Pradesh has made payments of more than Rs 3.22 lakh crore to sugarcane farmers. This figure reflects the government's highest level of commitment. No other state in the country has made such a large payment to sugarcane farmers. This achievement reflects the self-confidence of the state. About a decade ago, the condition of sugarcane



farmers in the state was nothing less than tragic. Mills were shut, cane dues remained unpaid, farmers were drowning in debt, and governments merely offered assurances. From Purvanchal to western Uttar Pradesh, the suffering of sugarcane farmers had become a common reality. Sugarcane-laden trolleys standing outside sugar mills for months, rotting cane and disheartened farmers had begun to appear as the destiny of the state. However, change comes with determination, and the Yogi Government proved this. The payment of more than Rs 3.22 lakh crore to sugarcane farmers is the economic lifeline for lakhs of families who spent countless sleepless nights waiting for these dues. Today, farmers in western Uttar Pradesh reach sugar mills with enthusiasm and pride. They openly say that earlier sugar mills used to delay their payments and did not care how farmers families would

survive. Now that payments are received on time, they no longer worry about their children's education or marriages. Farming now feels like a matter of dignity. The stigma of helplessness has been removed from their lives. Not an election promise, but the government's priority. This is not a single decision in favour of farmers, but merely a part of a continuous process. In the crushing season 2025-26, sugarcane prices were increased by Rs 30 per quintal. At a time when several states in the country hesitate to provide fair support prices for sugarcane, Uttar Pradesh has demonstrated that increasing farmers' income is not merely an election promise, but a government priority. Therefore, this increase is extraordinary. In a state like Uttar Pradesh, where crores of quintals of sugarcane are crushed, its overall economic impact runs into billions of rupees. Every rupee increase directly benefits the farmer who toils in the

scorching afternoon heat and harvests crops in freezing cold weather. This price increase should be viewed as an ideological declaration. It reflects that the government has understood the value of farmers' labour and respected their hard work. This is why there is now no hesitation in investing in agriculture. Farmers are also becoming technologically empowered. Farmers gained confidence, results followed Today, Uttar Pradesh is the highest sugarcane-producing state in the country. This is not merely the result of an expansion in agricultural land, but the outcome of policies that restored farmers' confidence in farming. When farmers are assured that they will receive fair prices for their crops and timely payments, they cultivate more land with greater dedication. The results are visible. Uttar Pradesh has now surpassed both Maharashtra and Karnataka in average sugar recovery rate.

From Kanthi, Not Kolkata: What Sets Suwendu Adhikari Apart

West Bengal's ninth chief minister, Suwendu Adhikari, is the state's first chief minister in 55 years who hails from outside Kolkata and hence has no house of his own in the city. Most of his predecessors, from the first chief minister Prafulla Chandra Ghosh, who was in the chair for barely six months before making way for Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy, to three-term chief minister Mamata Banerjee, were mostly residents of Kolkata and hence contested seats in and around the city and had their homes there. Most of the state's chief ministers have lived in neighbourhoods alongside commoners as neighbours. Since Kolkata has functioned without a designated chief ministerial quarter, Adhikari moved to a plush convention centre - cum - guest house, "Soujanya" - a high-tech complex built in 2014 by the Mamata Banerjee government in the Alipur area that is part of the Bhabanipur assembly seat. Soujanya was built to house VIP guests to the city. Adhikari lived in a private flat at Chinar Park in Rajar Haat, situated in the northern fringes of the city, a comparatively newly developed area, close to the airport, whenever he came to Kolkata from his home in Kanthi. When he became leader of the opposition in the Bengal assembly in 2021, his official residence was at the state's



guest house, Nizam Palace, in central Kolkata. Suwendu Adhikari hails from Kanthi, in East Midnapur, where he lived in his ancestral home, Shanti Kunja, along with his father Sisir Adhikari and the rest of his family. While he won from Nandigram for the 2016 and 2021 assembly polls, he represented the Kanthi Dakshin assembly seat in 2005 and the Tamluk parliamentary seat in 2009 and 2014. His growing-up years were spent in Midnapur, and hence he had never lived in the city before he joined the state's political class. As the first chief minister, from July 1947 to January 1948, Prafulla Chandra Ghosh lived in a north Kolkata neighbour-

hood. Bidhan Chandra Roy, who served at the top post from 1948 to 1962, a renowned doctor, lived and worked out of his ancestral house at Wellington Square (now Raja Subodh Mallick square), which he donated to be run as a charitable hospital after his death. Prafulla Chandra Sen, a Gandhian known as "Arambager Gandhi", represented the Arambagh seat in the Hooghly district. When he became chief minister, he lived in a private flat off Park Street in central Kolkata that belonged to Congress leader Ashok Krishna Dutta, according to an old timer from the party. Ajoy Mukherjee, the only other chief minister who hailed from Tamluk and represented the Tamluk

Assembly seat, lived in the government quarters in Belvedere Estate in Alipur, south Kolkata, when he became chief minister for three truncated terms. His first tenure lasted from February 1969 to March 1970, followed by second and third terms till June 1971. Siddhartha Shankar Ray, who was in office from 1972 to 1977, had his ancestral house at Beltala Road, Bhabanipur, where he lived. Ray represented the Chowrighee constituency in central Kolkata. Jyoti Basu, Bengal's longest-serving chief minister, who was in office from 1977 to 2000, represented the Satgachhia constituency on the outskirts of Kolkata. Most of the years he lived in his ancestral home on Hindustan Road in south Kolkata and in the later years moved to a government accommodation in the Salt Lake area - Indira Bhawan, an irrigation department bungalow. Before moving into Indira Bhawan, Basu had briefly stayed at the Raj Bhawan. Buddhadeb Bhattacharya, who was in office from 2000 to 2011, continued to live in his government flat on Palm Avenue in south Kolkata and represented the Jadavpur seat. Mamata Banerjee continues to live in her ancestral home - a small single stories house on Harish Chatterjee Street in the Kalighat neighbourhood that is part of the Bhabanipur constituency that she represented.

Centre suspends LPG supply to households with PNG connections

New Delhi, May 29: In a major policy shift amid mounting global fuel uncertainty, the central government has reportedly suspended LPG cylinder supply to households already connected to PNG (Piped Natural Gas) networks, citing the growing energy crisis triggered by disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz.

The new rule, which has come into immediate effect, bars consumers from holding both LPG and PNG connections simultaneously. Officials say the move is aimed at conserving limited LPG stocks and ensuring supply to households that do not have access to pipeline gas facilities. The decision follows escalating geopolitical tensions and continued disruption in fuel movement through the Strait of Hormuz, one of the world's



most crucial maritime oil transit routes. Though reports indicate a temporary ceasefire between the United States and Iran, tensions in the region remain unresolved.

Customers shifting to PNG must surrender their existing LPG connections within a fixed deadline. Customers who install PNG in their kitchens will get only 30 days to termi-

nate LPG connections. Once PNG becomes operational, households must complete the LPG surrender process within the prescribed timeline. Customers surrendering LPG connections will now receive transfer vouchers for future restoration which will help tenants, students, migrant families and transferable employees who later shift to areas

where PNG connections are unavailable. Customers in urban areas must now wait 25 days between refills while rural households will have to wait for 45 days before booking another LPG cylinder. Customers shifting to PNG may not LPG refills during the 30-day surrender period. If the cylinder finishes after PNG installation starts, households could face difficulties as refill bookings may not be allowed during this transition phase.

Iran had earlier restricted commercial shipping movement through the Strait of Hormuz during its conflict involving the United States and Israel, while additional security restrictions imposed in the region have further complicated global fuel transportation and supply chains.

Justice K S Hegde Charitable Hospital offers 50% concession on paediatric surgeries from Jun 4 to 10

Mangaluru, May 29: World Paediatric Surgery Week is celebrated globally to raise awareness about surgical conditions affecting children and to highlight the importance of timely paediatric surgical care. The Department of Paediatric Surgery at Justice K S Hegde Charitable Hospital, Deralakatte, is celebrating World Paediatric Surgery Week from the June 4 to 10. A series of events will take place during the week to commemorate this important occasion and emphasize the need for accessible, affordable, and high-quality surgical care for every child.

The theme of this year's celebration is 'Safe Surgery for Every Child', and the department faculty aim to spread awareness about paediatric surgery. The department consists of three super specialists, namely Dr



Sandeep B Rai (Professor and Dean, KSHEMA), Dr Aureen D'Cunha (Associate Professor and In-charge Head of Department) and Dr Keshava Pavan (Assistant Professor). Paediatric Surgery is a specialized branch that deals with the diagnosis, surgical treatment and post-operative care of children ranging from newborns to adolescents. Children are not small adults. Any surgery on a child is best performed by a doctor who

understands both their physiology and surgical needs. Hence, surgeries on children performed by Paediatric Surgeons provide the best outcomes.

To highlight this, various competitions are being held, including a quiz for undergraduate and postgraduate students and a poster competition open to all Nitte University staff and students. On the final day, an entertainment and cultural pro-

gramme is being organized for current and former patients with their families, followed by a formal function to mark the occasion.

The hospital management is offering a 50% concession on surgeries performed by the department for children who attend the Outpatient Department during the week. This initiative will greatly benefit financially disadvantaged patients requiring surgical treatment. The celebration of this week encourages collaboration among health-care institutions, government and non-government agencies to improve paediatric surgical facilities, especially in rural and underserved areas. By creating awareness and encouraging timely medical attention, this celebration aims to ensure healthier futures for children worldwide.

Leaked caste census: Muslims top Karnataka demographics at 14%; OBC quota may rise to 42%

Bengaluru, May 30: Leaked details from Karnataka's long-awaited caste census have reportedly identified Muslims as the state's largest community, accounting for nearly 14% of the population, while also recommending a significant increase in reservation for Other Backward Classes (OBCs). The findings are contained in the Social and Educational Survey Report prepared by the Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes under the chairmanship of Madhusudan R Naik and submitted to caretaker chief minister Siddaramaiah at Vidhana Soudha on May 27. The report, popularly known as the caste census, runs to nearly 300 pages and is spread across 13 chapters. It is based on the Social and Educational Survey conducted in 2025 and is said to have covered around 5.9 crore people, accounting for roughly 89 to 94% of Karnataka's estimated population.

Although the government has not officially released the report, portions of it have reportedly been leaked to the media, revealing demographic data that could have far-reaching implications for reservation policies, welfare programmes and political representation in the state. According to the leaked figures, Muslims



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constitute nearly 14% of Karnataka's population, with their numbers estimated at around 75.25 lac. The report reportedly places the community's population in the range of 75 lac to 80 lac, making it the largest single community in the state.

The Veerashaiva-Lingayat community is estimated to account for around 11% of the population, with numbers ranging between 60 lac and 65 lac, making it the second-largest community. Vokkaligas constitute around 10% of the population, with an estimated strength of 55 lac to 60 lac, placing them third among the state's major communities.

The Kuruba community accounts for nearly 8% of the population, with an estimated population of between 40 lac and 45 lac, according to details that have emerged from the report.

LGT Global Hospitality Limited Reports Strong FY26 Performance; Accelerates Growth Through Strategic Collaborations, Acquisitions & Expansion Initiatives

The South India Times, Bengaluru : LGT Global Hospitality Limited formerly known as LGT Business Connexions Limited, announced its financial results for the year ended March 2026, reporting healthy business momentum supported by expanding travel demand, strategic business integrations, and increasing traction across corporate and leisure travel segments.

During the year, the Company continued strengthening its position as an integrated travel and hospitality solutions provider through strategic collaborations, expansion initiatives, and acquisitions aimed at enhancing customer reach, service capabilities, and market penetration across India and international markets. The Company's growth strategy during the period was supported by expansion across inbound, outbound, and domestic travel verticals, alongside increasing demand for organized travel solutions, MICE services, customized holi-



days, destination weddings, exhibitions, trade fairs, and experiential tourism offerings.

BUSINESS PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS
• Revenue growth during the period was supported by improved traction across corporate travel management, MICE activities, hospitality solutions, inbound and outbound travel and tour services, destination management, exhibitions, trade fairs, and cus-

tomized travel experiences. Strategic collaborations and acquisitions including Yaja, Travflix, and Holiday One further strengthened the Company's business ecosystem, customer engagement capabilities, and market reach across multiple travel categories
• Increasing demand for integrated travel solutions, experiential tourism, and organized travel service providers contributed posi-

tively toward customer acquisition and repeat business growth
• The Company witnessed healthy momentum across domestic leisure travel, international holiday packages, corporate mobility solutions, and hospitality bookings. Operational efficiencies, enhanced vendor partnerships, and service integration initiatives continued to support scalable growth and execution capabilities

EXPANSION & STRATEGIC GROWTH INITIATIVES

As part of its long-term growth roadmap, LGT Global Hospitality Limited continued expanding its operational footprint across key regional markets with increased focus on pan-India expansion and emerging travel hubs. During the period, the Company strengthened its operational presence across key cities including Nagercoil, Coimbatore, Pune, and Vijayawada aimed at enhancing regional business development initiatives and customer engagement capabilities.

Commissioner Directs Intensification of Stray Dog Control Measures, Shelter Development and ABC Programme



Bengaluru : A meeting was held under the chairmanship of Commissioner Mr. Pommala Sunil Kumar regarding stray dog management, effective implementation of the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Programme, development of stray dog shelters, and public safety within the jurisdiction of Bengaluru North City Corporation.

During the meeting, the Commissioner reviewed the progress of Dog Shelter construction works and directed officials to complete the shelter development works at the earliest. The availability of adequate manpower for controlling the stray dog population was discussed, particularly the shortage of dog-catching staff. In this regard, service providers were instructed to strengthen human resources and carry out operations more effectively. Discussion on Supreme Court Judgment:

The meeting held detailed discussions on the orders issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 19 May 2026. The Commissioner emphasized the need to take appropriate action, in accordance with regulations, regarding the management and sheltering of dangerous and aggressive dogs that pose a threat to the public.

Proposal for a New Shelter at Dasarahalli:

To further strengthen stray dog management efforts, it was decided to establish an additional 500-capacity Dog Shelter at the Dasarahalli ABC Centre.

Directions to Intensify ABC and Vaccination Programmes:

The progress of the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Programme was reviewed during the meeting. Officials informed that approximately 7,000 stray dogs underwent sterilization surgeries during

2025-26, and ABC procedures have been carried out for nearly 60% of the estimated 65,041 stray dogs within the corporation limits.

At present, around 25 dogs are being sterilized per day, and the Commissioner stressed the need to increase this number. He directed officials to prioritize female dogs and work towards achieving a target of 40-42 ABC surgeries per day.

The Commissioner further instructed officials to set a target of providing ABC surgeries and vaccinations to 12,000 stray dogs during the current year. A detailed action plan should be prepared to enhance operational capacity and achieve a target of approximately 30,000 ABC surgeries within the next one-and-a-half years.

Officials were also directed to intensify the ABC programme and submit daily reports detailing the number of male and

female dogs undergoing ABC surgeries.

Discussion on Microchipping:

The meeting also discussed the introduction of microchipping for dogs after ABC surgeries in the future. Officials were instructed to study the effectiveness of microchip technology and submit a report.

Directions for Recruitment of Required Staff:

Officials were instructed to examine and take necessary action for recruiting additional manpower on an outsourcing basis to ensure the effective implementation of the programmes.

Study of Modern Slaughterhouses:

The meeting also discussed the management and modernization of municipal slaughterhouses. Officials were directed to study model slaughterhouses functioning successfully in other parts of the country and submit a report on adopting best practices.

The Commissioner emphasized that public safety, animal welfare, and scientific management of stray dogs remain key priorities and directed all concerned departments to work in close coordination. The meeting was attended by Additional Commissioner (Revenue In-charge) Mrs. Pallavi, Joint Commissioner Mr. Mohammed Naeem Momin, officials from the Karnataka Animal Welfare Board, GBA Animal Husbandry Department, and officers and staff of the BNCC Animal Husbandry Department.

Quitting Is Medicine, Not Willpower, says Dr. Vinodh Sreeram

Bengaluru : This World No Tobacco Day, the World Health Organisation's theme, 'Unmasking the Appeal: Countering Nicotine Addiction', lands with particular relevance in Bengaluru. Not because the city is failing its professionals, but because its doctors say they are finally seeing a smarter conversation take shape around quitting.

In a city where nearly 1 in 5 working professionals shows signs of nicotine dependence, doctors note that the trigger is rarely pleasure; it is pressure. Long hours and sustained cognitive load create a pattern where smoking feels like relief, even as it quietly worsens anxiety and reduces resilience over time.

Renowned doctor from



Bangalore, Dr. Vinodh Sreeram - Psychiatrist at Maarga Mind Care, Bangalore says, "The biggest misconception I encounter is that smoking is a choice people can simply reverse with enough motivation. What we're actually dealing with is a neurological cycle. When that's understood, quitting stops feeling like a moral test and starts feeling like a medical one with real, effective tools available."

points to Nicotine Replacement Therapy as a clinically validated but consistently underused option." NRT addresses withdrawal at the physiological level; it removes the combustion, not just the habit. When paired with behavioural support, cessation rates improve significantly. We want people to know this exists, is accessible, and actually works." NRT was added to India's National List of Essential Medicines in September 2022, meaning it's policy-recognised, accessible, and affordable. Yet almost nobody knows or uses it. As India joins the global observance this May 31, the message from Bengaluru's medical community is clear: the path to quitting is no longer willpower; it is better information.

Bengaluru-Mangaluru Vande Bharat trial run from June 1; journey time may drop to 5 hours

Bengaluru, May 30: The long-awaited Bengaluru-Mangaluru Vande Bharat Express is set to enter its crucial trial phase from June 1, moving a step closer to cutting travel time between the state capital and coastal Karnataka to around five hours. According to South Western Railway officials, high-speed trial operations will be carried out by a team from the Research Designs and Standards Organisation (RDSO). The testing will include load trials and technical assessments over a period of about one week, after which final clearance is expected for commercial operations.

EARA GROUP FOUNDER AND CEO E LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDY RECEIVES AN AWARD AS 'EMERGING INNOVATOR IN SUSTAINABLE REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT' FROM KARNATAKA BUSINESS AWARDS 2026

Bengaluru: The Founder and CEO of EARA Group, Mr. E Lakshminarayana Reddy, received an award for being the 'Emerging Innovator in Sustainable Real Estate Development' at the Karnataka Business Awards 2026.

The Karnataka Business Awards 2026, the sixth edition of Karnataka's premier business recognition platform, celebrated excellence, innovation, leadership, and entrepreneurial success across diverse industries. Organized by the Karnataka Traders Chamber of Commerce, the awards brought together leading business owners, entrepreneurs, professionals, startups, and

industry leaders from across the state.

The recognition highlights EARA Group's growing contribution towards sustainable and future-focused real estate development in Bengaluru. In a market where buyers increasingly prioritize asset security, regulatory transparency, and rigorous land due diligence, EARA Group has formally entered the luxury development segment with the launch of its flagship project, 'Amidst Nature.' The project marks the company's transition from strategic land stewardship to full-scale residential development.

Spread across 18 acres in Kaggalipura, just off



Kanakapura Main Road in Bengaluru, Amidst Nature is envisioned as a low-density, multi-phase community integrating residential plots, future apartments, and select commercial spaces. The project is being developed in three phases, with Phase 1 expected to be completed

within 18 months, followed by subsequent phases over the next three years.

Currently, the development offers 141 ready-to-build villa plots ranging from 2400 sq. ft. to 3500 sq. ft., with prices starting from Rs.1.92 crore. The project is backed by essential infrastructure and focuses on sustainable planning, verified land ownership, and long-term investment value for buyers.

Speaking on the occasion, E Lakshminarayana Reddy said, "This recognition is a reflection of our commitment towards building sustainable, transparent, and future-ready real estate developments.

CM Vijay to visit Tiruchy East on June 1 to thank voters

CHENNAI: TVK president and Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay will visit the Tiruchy East Assembly constituency on Monday to thank voters for their support in the recent Assembly election, party sources said.

The visit comes amid a wider organisational exercise initiated by the party leadership, which has directed all TVK candidates who contested the election and the party's newly elected legislators to personally visit their respective constituencies and express gratitude to the electorate.



According to party instructions issued to district and constituency functionaries, candi-

dates and MLAs have been asked to meet residents directly and convey their appreciation for the mandate received by the party. The exercise is aimed at strengthening the party's engagement with voters following the election.

The leadership has also sought details of the outreach programmes already conducted. Candidates and legislators who have completed thanksgiving visits have been instructed to submit photographs and related records of the events to the party headquarters for documentation/

PM Modi's appeal on river linking should be given top priority, says TN BJP chief

CHENNAI: Tamil Nadu BJP chief Nainar Nagendran on Saturday said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent appeal on river interlinking should be viewed as a strategic effort to bolster the nation's water resources. Tamil Nadu and all other states must give top priority to river interlinking and water management reforms, he said.

PM Modi has asked states to resolve inter-state water disputes through cooperation, timely clearances and technology-based monitoring, and said the Ken-Betwa project should serve as a model. According to the Centre, the Ken-Betwa project is expected to irrigate 10.62 lakh hectares of land (8.11 lakh ha in Madhya Pradesh and 2.51 lakh ha in Uttar Pradesh), provide



drinking water to around 62 lakh people and generate 103 megawatts of hydro-power and 27 megawatts of solar power. "For decades, Tamil Nadu has faced a water crisis. Within the state, the Tamirabarani remains one of the few rivers that flows year-round and many other rivers, including the

Cauvery, rely heavily on favourable flows from neighbouring states and seasonal rains. Yet, Tamil Nadu ranks among the least endowed states in the country in terms of available water," Nagendran said. "If left unaddressed, prolonged scarcity could transform once-fertile tracts into degraded land-

scapes, jeopardising agriculture, livelihoods and urban water security", he added.

The prime minister is pushing forward measures intended to provide Tamil Nadu with a more reliable water base. "River interlinking must be carried out responsibly with careful planning, environmental safeguards, equitable water sharing arrangements and the participation of affected communities," Nagendran said. "If river interlinking is designed and implemented transparently, it can be an important component of a broader strategy that includes groundwater recharge, efficient irrigation, rainwater harvesting, watershed restoration and improving urban water infrastructure," he said.

TVK functionary on 'inspection drive' slaps man near Tambaram, sacked from party

According to the police, the incident took place at Puthur Nagar in New Perungalathur, where an old building was being demolished on Thursday night

CHENNAI: A TVK functionary, who assaulted a heavy machinery operator near Tambaram, was sacked from the party on Saturday after the video of the incident surfaced in the media.

According to the police, the incident took place at Puthur Nagar in New Perungalathur, where an old building was being demolished on Thursday night. Around the time, a group of people, led by Jayachandran, a TVK functionary from Kadaperi in Tambaram, came to the spot on a car bearing TVK flag. They asked the machinery



operator Alagudurai (32) for the contact details of the demolition contractor.

When Alagudurai refused to share the phone number stating that it was too late in the day to call the contractor,

an argument broke out. The visual showed Jayachandran threatening and slapping the operator. The incident was recorded on a mobile phone by others present at the spot.

Later, a complaint was

lodged with the Peerlkaranai police, while the video was also circulated on social media.

Following the incident, TVK's Chengalpattu North-West district unit announced that Jayachandran, who was serving as the district deputy organiser of the party's volunteers' wing, had been removed from the party and all organisational posts with immediate effect. The party said the action was taken for violating party discipline and bringing disrepute to the organisation.

Under-trial prisoners can get treated by doctors, hospitals of their choice, says Madras High Court

CHENNAI: Holding that an under-trial prisoner was entitled to seek treatment from a medical practitioner and institution of his choice while remaining in custody, the Madras High Court directed prison authorities to shift T Devanathan Yadav, who is in custody in connection with a chit fund fraud case, to a private hospital for treatment.

New Chennai suburban train timetable from June 1; afternoon departures see major reshuffle

A vacation bench comprising GR Swaminathan and V Lakshminarayanan



observed that an under-trial prisoner has the right to seek treatment from a doctor of his choice and in a hospital where he is comfortable. The court, however, noted that the authority

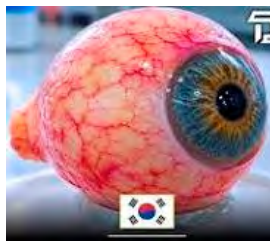
concerned or the court could impose limits on the duration of such treatment.

Devanathan, one of the directors of the Mylapore Hindu Permanent Fund finance company, is among

those accused of allegedly defrauding hundreds of investors to the tune of several crores of rupees. He was arrested and has been lodged in prison pending trial. In his petition, Devanathan stated that he suffers from high blood pressure, neurological disorders, shoulder dislocation, spinal tuberculosis, and a prolapsed spinal disc. He submitted that doctors had advised separate shoulder and spine surgeries followed by physiotherapy, and sought permission to undergo treatment at a private hospital for 12 weeks.

Scientists Discover Unique Building Block of Human Vision

Research shows that infants primarily see high-contrast, simple patterns, forming an essential visual foundation for later development and influencing both human vision and AI training. What do infants see? What do they look at? The answers to these questions are very different for the youngest babies than they are for older infants, children, and adults. Characterized by a few high-contrast edges in simple patterns, these early scenes also contain the very materials needed to build a strong foundation for human vision.



things like lights and ceiling corners." "What we found is a very special, early 'diet' for visual development," adds Smith. "As with food, young infants do not start with rich, complex meals or pizza, but rather with simple, developmentally specific nourishment." Previous work has recognized the critical nature of this early period to the future development of human vision. For example, infants born with visual abnormalities such as cataracts or those in orphanages with limited visual experiences have been shown to have lifelong visual deficiencies. The current study offers some preliminary data for addressing these deficiencies. It also has important implications for the makings of AI visual systems, which likewise acquire stronger visual skills when training begins with the same simple, high-contrast visual content.

To identify the properties of visual input in infants at approximately three to 13 months old, the researchers placed head-mounted video cameras on 10 infants and 10 of their adult caregivers, collecting and analyzing 70 hours of visual documentation of at-home daily life. Clear differences emerge between the contents of the infants and adults' images with a higher concentration of simple patterns and high-contrast edges within the views of infants than in those of adults.

Smith infers that the reason for these views is not only that infants will turn their heads to look at the features of the world they can see, but that parents or caregivers are likely to put them in places where they like to look at things. "You have to think why they are where they are. There is probably some natural knowledge implicit on the part of parents to leave infants where like to look at things. Mom's not gonna

bother you if you're not fussing," she observes. Yet, is this small group of participants from Bloomington, Indiana representative of infants more broadly around the world? To answer this question Smith's lab conducted the same experiment with a collaborator in a small, crowded fishing village in Chennai, India where electricity is minimal and much of daily life occurs outdoors. And while images from the head cameras of 6-month-olds and 12-month-olds looked very different from their Bloomington counterparts, the youngest infants share a common "diet" of high-contrast edges and simple patterns in both Chennai and Bloomington.

Smith and her collaborators have also shown that the same sequence of images improves the training of AI visual systems. In a follow-up to the current study, published in the 2023 Neural Information Processing Systems Conference Proceedings, they found that if you train an AI system by first feeding it images characteristic of early infancy, it has greater success learning to identify visual images than if you feed it images in a random developmental order or simply provide images typical of an adult's daily life. The more precise developmental sequence produced the best results. Their work opens up new avenues for evolutionary speculation.

As Smith explains, "One of the things I always used to ask as a grad student - and maybe we're getting a chance to answer it - is why do human babies have such slow motor development. They spend about three months just listening and looking and another six months with a little bit of posture and head control. Why are they so slow? Horses come out and run races." This research suggests that "over evolutionary time these slow, incremental, and optimized biases work to build up a very smart visual and auditory system," she says. "That's a story that could be told." In the meantime, their work raises new questions on the visual content of early infancy and its role in the developing visual system, whether human or AI.

Beware the Rise of Superweeds: Mowing's Unintended Consequences

Due to plant defense mechanisms, the flowers of silverleaf nightshade (*Solanum elaeagnifolium*) are consumed less by natural predators like this tobacco hornworm (*Manduca sexta*) if the plant is frequently mowed. Research indicates that frequent mowing of *Solanum elaeagnifolium* enhances its defensive traits, making it more resilient and potentially a superweed. The study highlights the necessity for updated weed management practices that consider the adaptive responses of invasive plants to disturbances. Research on the effects of mowing on a common weed has found that what doesn't kill you can make you stronger.

Published in *Nature's Scientific Reports*, the study found that frequent mowing of *Solanum elaeagnifolium* may help create a "superweed." *Solanum elaeagnifolium* - also known as silverleaf nightshade - can be found from south Texas to South Africa and Greece, infesting fields and soaking up valuable nutrients intended for cash crops. The weed with purple flowers - sometimes white and light purple - has prickly spines and poisonous berries. Silverleaf nightshade, scientifically known as *Solanum elaeagnifolium*, is a perennial weed native to the United States and parts of Mexico but has spread to various regions worldwide. It is easily recognized by its silver-green leaves and purple, sometimes white, star-shaped flowers. The plant contains toxic compounds and bears yellow or orange berries that are also poisonous. Relatives of the plant, including *Solanum ptychanthum* or black nightshade, and *Solanum carolinense*, or Carolina horsenettle, also produce toxic berries and are native to Arkansas. It's a family that also includes some friendly crops such as tomatoes, potatoes, peppers, and eggplants.

Rupesh Kariyat, an associate professor of entomology and plant pathology with the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station, has been studying silverleaf nightshade



for more than a decade. Kariyat began the study while at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, when he and his graduate student Alejandro Vasquez took on what turned into a five-year, two-part study to observe the effects of frequently mowed silverleaf nightshade. Kariyat joined the experiment station, the research arm of the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, in 2022. Frequently mowed silverleaf nightshade develops more spines on the stem to protect its flowers from caterpillars. Credit: Alejandro Vasquez

Although studies have often highlighted weed fitness and defense traits resulting from disturbances like mowing, most were limited to foliar, or leaf, defenses, Kariyat said. That changed when Vasquez and fellow master's biology students at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley monitored fields of mowed, unmowed, and frequently mowed silverleaf nightshade in and around Edinburg, Texas. "Alejandro's question was, 'how do these flowers differ between mowed and unmowed plants?'" Kariyat said. "And does that have consequences for the insects that

actually feed on them?" Alejandro Vasquez, an entomology and plant pathology Ph.D. student at the University of Arkansas, was the lead author of a study on the effects of frequent mowing silverleaf nightshade. Credit: Alejandro Vasquez

Findings in both studies showed that the more silverleaf nightshade was mowed, the more it developed ways to avoid destruction, Kariyat said. The taproot went down further, nearly 5 feet deep, in the first generation of mowed plants. More spikes popped out on the stem as a defense against caterpillars feeding on the flowers. The flowers became more toxic to caterpillars, leading to less pressure from natural predators.

Like time bombs, the plant produced some groups of seeds that germinated faster and others that were delayed. This "staggered" germination was the plant's way to ensure survival over the long haul. "You are trying to mow these plants so that the plants are getting eliminated," Kariyat said. "But what you are actually doing here, you are making them much worse, much stronger."

Tilling areas with silverleaf nightshade also spreads the plant because the rhizomatic roots, like many weeds, can propagate asexually over multiple years and growing seasons. Implications for Future Weed Management

The observations of mowed, unmowed, and frequently mowed areas with silverleaf nightshade provide evidence that could prompt further studies by weed scientists on best management practices, Kariyat said. Since the studies focus solely on silverleaf nightshade, Kariyat said other weeds - even the plant's family relatives - may or may not react the same way to frequent mowing. However, the study does provide more insight into the defensive capabilities of plants pitted against human disturbance.

Rupesh Kariyat, associate professor of entomology and plant pathology with the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station, was the corresponding author of two studies observing the effects of frequently mowing silverleaf nightshade. Credit: U of A System Division of Agriculture photo by John Lovett

"This should be something that we consider when we make management plans," Kariyat said of the plant's defenses. "Management practices need to be better understood using the ecology and biology of the species and the other species which interact with them."

Kariyat and Vasquez published their results in April with an article titled "Continuous mowing differentially affects floral defenses in the noxious and invasive weed *Solanum elaeagnifolium* in its native range." Vasquez, now an entomology and plant pathology Ph.D. student at the University of Arkansas, was the lead author. Co-authors included Kariyat, Alexa Alaniz, and Robert Dearth, founding director of the School of Integrative Biological and Chemical Sciences at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

AMERICA'S PILE OF EMERGENCY OIL IS SHRINKING FAST

New York — When he launched his presidential campaign in late 2022, then-candidate Donald Trump blasted his successor for aggressively releasing oil from America's emergency stockpile ahead of the midterm elections. "The strategic national reserves, which I filled up, have been virtually drained in order to keep gasoline prices lower, just prior to the election," Trump said during his 2024 campaign launch at Mar-a-Lago, referring to President Joe Biden's record-setting releases from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR). But now, as voter frustration over high gas prices mounts, President Trump is draining the nation's pile of emergency oil at an even faster pace than Joe Biden ahead of this year's midterms. Not only has the magnitude of SPR releases under Trump surpassed records, but the amount of crude left in the reserve is approaching the lowest levels since the early 1980s. Back then, the United States had a far smaller economy that consumed less energy. The emergency steps taken this spring underscore the scale of the oil crisis set off by the war with Iran and the scramble around the



world to replace crude trapped in the Persian Gulf. The shrinking pile of emergency oil also serves as a reminder of how US officials will need to refill the SPR afterwards, an endeavor that will keep both demand and prices high. "This isn't like a cookie jar. Those barrels have got to be put back at some point and that will lead to higher prices," said Matt Smith, lead oil analyst at energy intelligence firm Kpler. SPR is 50 million barrels smaller than pre-war. Of course, moments like this are exactly what the SPR is

designed for. Located in a series of underground salt caverns in Texas and Louisiana, the SPR is the world's largest stockpile of emergency crude. It's been used by Republican and Democratic presidents alike during wars, hurricanes and other supply disruptions. For example, Biden aggressively tapped the SPR after Russia invaded Ukraine in 2022, spiking gasoline prices above \$5 a gallon for the first time ever. The amount of oil in the SPR plunged from about 638 million barrels in January 2021 to a 40-year low

of 347 million barrels by July 2023, according to federal data. The effective shutdown in late February of the Strait of Hormuz, the most critical chokepoint for energy in the world, has derailed more than 1.2 billion barrels of crude, according to S&P Global Energy. To help fill the gap, the SPR released 9.1 million barrels of crude last week alone, according to federal data. That's just shy of the all-time high set the prior week. Since the war with Iran started, the amount of oil in the SPR has dropped by about 50 million

barrels, or 12%, to 365 million barrels — the lowest since April 2024, according to the US Energy Information Administration. Notably, that emergency crude isn't just supply for US refineries. About half of the crude released in April and May have been exported, according to Kpler estimates. "The US is basically the supplier of last resort. The rest of the world needs that crude," Smith said. Countries in Asia and Europe have been hit particularly hard by the closure of the Strait of Hormuz, leading them to turn to US crude as a replacement. It's a trend that will likely continue as the crisis drags on. "Even if a deal is done tomorrow, it will probably take six weeks to unblock the strait, only adding to pressure in inventories during peak summer demand season," Helima Croft, global head of commodity strategy at RBC Capital Markets, told CNN in an email. "Europe could easily see rationing." The market pays particular attention to the amount of crude stockpiled at Cushing, Oklahoma, because that's where West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude oil futures are priced.

BITS PILANI TO SET UP STARTUP INCUBATORS IN TELANGANA IN PARTNERSHIP WITH T-HUB



Hyderabad: BITS Pilani will be setting up two startup incubators in Telangana, each at a cost of Rs 10.70 crore by partnering up with T-Hub, Minister for Women and Child Welfare Danasari Anasuya aka Seethakka said on Friday, May 29. Speaking at the Komaram Bheem Adivasi Bhavan in Banjara Hills, the minister said that the government's goal is to have not just bank passbooks but also industries and businesses in the hands of women. These incubators will help provide financial, technical and business support to up to 300 women entrepreneurs so that women don't just remain job seekers but can also become

job providers, the minister said. Speaking on Telangana government's initiatives for women empowerment, Seethakka said that 67 lakh self-help group women currently form the backbone of the rural economy by running various businesses. Moreover, interest-free loans of up to Rs 10 lakh are being provided to women's groups. She said that so far Rs. 60 thousand crore bank loans have been given to women's groups who are setting an example by repaying 100 percent of them. Solar power plants have been set up for women in Madhira at a cost of Rs 3 crore, enabling them to earn an income of up to Rs 5 lakh per month. Also,

petrol stations run by women are earning a profit of up to Rs 4 lakh per month, the minister said. During the Medaram Sammakka-Saralamma Jatara, 554 women were provided with Rs 6 crore assistance, and they managed a business of Rs. 9.5 crore in just 15 days. On top of this, the government is making sure that products made by women in villages are not limited to the local market but also reach the international markets. Giving an example, she said that tamarind masks made by women in Cheryala are being exported to the Netherlands, providing a testament to the creativity of Telangana women.

NMDC Steel Turns Profitable in FY26; Records Best-Ever Production and Sales

Hyderabad, May 30, 2026: NMDC Steel Limited (NSL), one of India's youngest integrated steel producers, has announced its financial results for FY26. NMDC Steel Limited (NSL) delivered a landmark performance in FY26, achieving profitability and registering best-ever production and sales during the year, while also recording its best-ever quarterly performance in Q4, FY26. NMDC Steel recorded its highest-ever annual production of 23.25 lakh metric tonnes and sales of 24.55 lakh metric tonnes during FY26, registering growth of 62% and 74% respectively over the previous year. The strong operational performance reflects improved capacity utilisation, enhanced efficiencies and growing market acceptance of NSL products across key sectors. NSL has now achieved average capacity utilisation of 80% of its rated production capacity within two years of commencing its operations, marking a significant milestone in the operational stabilisation of the Nagarnar Steel Plant.



This achievement places NSL among the fastest ramp-ups witnessed in the Global Steel Industry for a greenfield integrated steel project. NSL also delivered its best-ever quarterly performance during Q4 FY26, with production rising 45% year-on-year to 6.42 lakh metric tonnes and sales increasing 40% to 7.03 lakh metric tonnes, underscoring the growing operational strength and market presence of the company. The operational gains translated into a strong financial performance, with turnover increasing 60% year-on-year to Rs.13,642 crore. This robust growth reflects

improved capacity utilisation, stronger market penetration and the growing acceptance of NSL high-quality steel products across key sectors. Most significantly, FY26 marked a complete turnaround in NSL profitability. Profit After Tax (PAT) stood at Rs. 58.72 crore in FY26 against a loss of Rs. 2,373 crore in the previous year. Reflecting the strength of this turnaround, Q4 FY26 PAT improved to Rs. 391 crore from a loss of Rs. 473 crore in the corresponding quarter last year. NMDC Steel closed FY26 on a strong note, delivering its best-ever quarterly production and sales alongside a

significant improvement in operational performance. Turnover for Q4 FY26 increased 37% year-on-year to Rs. 3,879 crore, while EBITDA stood at Rs. 832.09 crore against a negative EBITDA of Rs. 271.51 crore in the corresponding quarter last year. Commenting on the results, Shri Amitava Mukherjee, Chairman and Managing Director, NMDC Steel Limited, said: "FY26 marks a defining year in NMDC Steel journey. Achieving profitability, recording our highest-ever production & sales and reaching nearly average capacity utilisation of 80% within two years of operations reflect the successful stabilisation of the Nagarnar Steel Plant. As we continue to improve efficiencies, expand our product portfolio and strengthen our market presence, we remain committed to progressing towards full capacity utilisation of NMDC Steel Plant, while supplying high-quality steel products that contribute to India infrastructure and industrial development."

Geopolitical tensions biggest threat to India's growth: RBI Annual Report

Mumbai: Robust macroeconomic fundamentals will support the growth trajectory of the Indian economy in the current fiscal year despite headwinds from elevated energy prices, supply chain disruptions and global markets, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said in its Annual Report on Friday, May 29. Healthy balance sheets of the corporate and banking sectors, along with the government's continued thrust on capital expenditure, bode well for India's strong growth trajectory, it said. Geopolitical risk has re-emerged as the dominant drag on global growth in 2026, the report said, adding that the adverse impact of the outbreak of the conflict in West Asia at the end of February 2026 is reflected in forecasts for global growth and inflation. "Against the backdrop of a moderate global growth, the outlook for the Indian economy in 2026-27 remains positive, supported by strong macroeconomic fundamentals, although a prolonged West Asia conflict may pose downside risk," it said. Moreover, the implementation of various trade agreements with the key trading partners would provide further momentum to India's growth, the RBI's Annual Report for 2025-26 said. India remained the fastest-growing major economy, expanding at 7.6 per cent during 2025-26 (7.1 per cent a year ago), supported by strong domestic consumption, sustained investment, proactive policy initiatives and sound macro-



economic fundamentals. The report further said the outlook for the agriculture sector in 2026-27 remains contingent upon the progress and distribution of the South-West monsoon. "The likelihood of El Nino conditions poses downside risks to agricultural output," it said. However, the rain-inducing positive Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) conditions are likely to emerge towards the latter part of the monsoon season, which may partly offset adverse impacts. "While the ongoing geopolitical tensions are likely to exert pressure on the availability and prices of key inputs, particularly fertilisers, the government's continued efforts in ensuring adequate availability of fertiliser and other key inputs through diversified sources and buffer management are expected to mitigate these potential concerns," it said. The report also said infla-

tion in 2026-27 is likely to remain aligned with the target on the back of adequate foodgrain stocks, sufficient reservoir levels and stable agricultural prospects despite possible El Nino conditions and above-normal summer temperature. The central government, in consultation with the Reserve Bank, retained the inflation target of 4 per cent with a tolerance band of +/- 2 per cent for the period beginning April 1, 2026, and ending on March 31, 2031. The report also said the RBI plans to expand the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) pilot to cover new use cases under DBT schemes and the domestic retail space, while exploring additional pilots on tokenisation of financial assets and widening participant coverage. Geopolitical risk has re-emerged as the dominant drag on global growth in 2026, the RBI report said.

WILL FRONTIER LEARN FROM SPIRIT'S MISTAKES? BUDGET AIRLINES FACE TOUGH ROAD AHEAD

No airline is more likely than Frontier Airlines to benefit from the demise of Spirit. But no airline is more at risk of suffering the same fate. Financial problems and higher fuel costs tipped long-struggling budget airline Spirit over the edge when it went out of business on May 2. Frontier, which sought to merge with its low-cost rival in 2022, is well-positioned to benefit from Spirit's absence. Its routes have the most overlap with Spirit, and both cater to budget travelers through similar business models: low-base fares coupled with extra charges for everything else. As airlines start their critical summer travel season, Frontier may find itself in better financial shape with Spirit out of the picture — it has already raised fares on the routes it shared with Spirit. But Frontier is still vulnerable to the many problems plaguing the overall US air-



line industry, and especially the low-fare segment of the market. "(Frontier) has a much stronger cash position (than Spirit had)," said Shye Gilad, a business professor at Georgetown University and former airline executive. "But I don't dismiss the pressure that the industry is under, especially for these ultra-low-cost carriers." All airlines, from the upstart budget carriers to the four major US commercial airlines, are struggling with jet fuel costs. Fuel, the second largest expense for airlines after labor, is now up 30% from before the start of the

war in Iran. Most airlines are raising fares and fees to make up for higher costs. But even with fares up more than 20% from last year, airlines haven't been able to cover all the new expenses. And Frontier, like Spirit, was in financial trouble even before the fuel spike. The Denver-based airline lost \$137 million last year when jet fuel was relatively inexpensive. In fact, the airline has bled money every year since the pandemic, aside from earning a narrow profit in 2024. Frontier's executives, however, dismiss doubts about its long-term future.

US, UK AND AUSTRALIA TO DEVELOP UNDERWATER DRONE TECHNOLOGY

The US, UK and Australia say they will develop underwater drone technology to protect undersea cables and boost defence, under their military alliance known as Aukus. The uncrewed undersea vehicle (UUV) technology is expected to be ready by next year. While the project's total cost was not stated, UK Defence Secretary John Healey said his nation would contribute £150m (\$201m). The announcement, made by the countries' defence ministers at a security summit in Singapore, follows claims of slow progress in Aukus's projects. Acknowledging the criticism, Healey said "for too long in Aukus, we talked too much and delivered too little", adding "that has now changed under our three governments". The Aukus defence pact, which began in 2021, affirmed the three countries would develop nuclear submarines and share military expertise. It is widely seen as a way to



counter China's growing maritime presence in the Indo-Pacific and its role in rising tensions in disputed territories such as the South China Sea. The UUV technology is the first signature project under Aukus's Pillar Two, in which the partner countries work together on "advanced capabilities" in areas such as long-range hypersonic missiles, undersea robotics and AI. A joint

statement said the new project would see "cutting edge payloads and enabling systems" developed for UUVs that could protect seabed infrastructure, conduct strikes, and conduct surveillance, reconnaissance and logistics operations. Healey also said that sensors and weapons systems would be developed for the UUVs, which would "rapidly give our forces advanced battle

technologies". It would also help them deal with threats "including to our underwater cables and pipelines on which so much of our daily life depends". Such efforts would strengthen deterrence in the Pacific, Atlantic and waters in the High North, he added. The announcement comes a month after Healey accused Russia of running a covert operation over cables and

pipelines in waters north of the UK. Moscow has denied the allegations. In December, the UK and Norway signed a pact to hunt Russian submarines in the North Atlantic to protect undersea cables. The UK is connected by about 60 undersea cables, which British officials say are increasingly under threat from Moscow, with a 30% rise in Russian vessels spotted in UK waters over the past few years. Elsewhere, Chinese ships are suspected to have damaged undersea cables in waters surrounding Taiwan and in Swedish territory. There have also been multiple reports of cables damaged in the Baltic Sea. On Saturday, the three defence ministers did not respond to a question from the BBC on whether the UUV technology project was aimed at countering Russian and Chinese undersea activities. They also did not answer a question on whether progress on Aukus projects was too slow.

No deal announced after Trump meeting to make 'final determination' on Iran

US President Donald Trump has held a meeting with top aides to make a "final determination" about a framework for extending the ceasefire with Iran, but it concluded without clarity on the next steps. Posting on Truth Social beforehand, Trump said Iran must agree to never have a nuclear weapon or bomb, that the Strait of Hormuz be reopened for "unrestricted shipping traffic, in both directions", and that any mines in the strait be "terminated". An adviser to Iran's supreme leader on Saturday accused Trump of "betraying diplomacy" by making what he described as excessive demands. Iran says it is not negotiating on its nuclear programme - insisting it is wholly for peaceful purposes. On Thursday, the two countries had agreed a framework of a deal - known as a memorandum of understanding - pending the approval of Trump and Iran's leadership, according to US officials. The

deal would reportedly extend the current ceasefire for 60 days and launch talks on the future of Iran's nuclear programme. "President Trump will only make a deal that is good for America and satisfies his red lines. Iran can never possess a nuclear weapon," a White House official told CBS, the BBC's US news partner. Since the ceasefire came into effect on 8 April, Trump has repeatedly suggested that the US and Iran were close to a deal and that negotiations were progressing, but so far there have been no substantive results. Trump wrote on social media before the meeting of aides on Friday that he was prepared to lift the US naval blockade of the Strait of Hormuz, allowing ships caught in the waterway to "start the process of heading home." He also insisted that Iran allow the US to remove and destroy its enriched uranium. "No money will be exchanged, until further notice," he said.



"Other items, of far less importance, have been agreed to." A White House official confirmed to the BBC that the meeting - which was held in the White House's Situation Room, used for dealing with major crises - had concluded late on Friday. The official provided no further details. Iran's semi-official Tasnim news agency reported on Saturday that the blockade on Iranian shipping remained in place. It said Iranian vessels were still being prevented from crossing the blockade line and continued to receive warnings

from US forces. Reacting to Trump's latest remarks, Mohsen Rezaei, an adviser to Iran's Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei, wrote on X: "As predicted, the President of the United States is betraying diplomacy for the third time. "By continuing the naval blockade and making excessive demands in negotiations, he has once again proven that he is not inclined toward negotiation and is pursuing other objectives." Iran's Fars news agency earlier cited informed sources as saying that Trump's latest comments

were a "mixture of truth and lies". There was no provision to destroy nuclear materials in the memorandum of understanding, the agency reported. Meanwhile, Iran's foreign ministry spokesman Esmail Baghaei told state TV it was "focused on ending the war, and there are no negotiations on the nuclear issue". The US has long demanded that Iran stop producing highly enriched uranium and dispose of its existing stockpile, which in theory could be used to create nuclear weapons. Iran says its nuclear programme is entirely peaceful and denies it is seeking to develop nuclear weapons. The possibility of the US being able to "recommence" strikes in Iran was floated by US Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth. Speaking at a security summit in Singapore, he said: "Our stockpiles are more than suited for that, both there and around the globe, because of how we balance exquisite and more plen-

Ex-US attorney general defends Epstein files handling in congressional probe



Former US Attorney General Pam Bondi has defended her handling of the release of documents related to the convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein. Bondi, who was removed from her post as America's top law enforcement officer by US President Donald Trump in April, testified behind closed doors on Friday in Washington DC. "We demonstrated an unprecedented commitment to transparency in the Department's search for, collection and review of the Epstein files, producing nearly three million pages of material," she said in opening remarks to the US House Oversight Committee. Bondi was formally summoned by the panel in March, just before Trump announced her ouster as his administration's top prosecutor. As attorney general, Bondi was tasked with implementing the Epstein Files Transparency Act, legislation signed into law by Trump that mandated the US Department of Justice publicly release unclassified records. But Bondi and the US Justice Department have been widely criticised, with accusations that documents were withheld and files were published that made victims of Epstein's crimes publicly identifiable.

Israel put on UN sexual violence in warzones blacklist for first time



Israel has been added to a UN blacklist of countries that commit sexual violence in warzones for the first time. A report by the office of Secretary General António Guterres said the UN had last year verified 31 cases of sexual violence perpetrated by Israeli forces against Palestinians from Gaza and the West Bank. It said 13 of the cases had occurred in 2025, and 18 in the two years prior. The UN said its report should be seen as "indicative of incidents and patterns" rather than comprehensive. Israel said it rejected allegations of sexual abuse and intended to break off relations with the secretary general's office. Israel's ambassador to the UN, Danny Danon, accused Guterres on Thursday of spreading anti-Semitic lies. The Israeli UN mission said it will refuse contact with his office as long as he serves as head of the international body. The report said the cases the UN had verified were carried out against 14 men, seven women, nine boys and one girl. The violations included rape, gang rape, forced nudity, and violence to genitals committed by officers from

the Israeli military, police and prison service. The UN said its attempts to fully investigate the issue had been obstructed by the Israeli government and threats made against detainees to prevent abuse being reported. Last year, Hamas was added to the previous "Conflict-related Sexual Violence" report. The UN said 12 former hostages released from Gaza had made allegations of sexual violence against Hamas captors, adding it had been unable to verify the reports as the Israeli government had denied access to UN bodies to carry out investigations. Guterres said at the time that he was placing Israel on "notice", urging it to take steps to investigate numerous allegations and improve detention conditions for Palestinians. Since then, a series of high-profile cases have suggested a pattern of sexual abuse being used against Palestinian detainees. In one now-infamous case, five Israeli guards were caught on leaked CCTV footage appearing to sexually abuse a detainee from Gaza at the Sde Teiman detention facility.

'Poison seller' who sold toxic chemicals online to people across world admits aiding suicides

A man has pleaded guilty to 14 counts of aiding suicides in Canada after he sold toxic chemicals online. Kenneth Law, 60, entered the guilty pleas in an Ontario court on Friday, as part of a deal with prosecutors, who withdrew more serious murder charges. Authorities said the former chef also sold about 1,200 packages of the toxic substances to recipients - who he met in online suicide forums - in 40 countries, roughly a quarter of which were sent to the UK. The charges all relate to Canadian victims - but families of British victims have said they were angry UK prosecutors would not charge Law over the deaths of 79



Britons, which authorities say are linked to products he supplied. The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) said it had agreed to the Canadian plea bargain on the basis Law's sentence take the British deaths into account. A letter from the CPS, seen by the BBC, said Law would not face charges in the UK because he could challenge the extradition after being convicted of similar offences in Canada.

US not 'turning back' on Asia allies, but expects them to boost defence, says Hegseth

The US military is not "turning our backs" on Asia while fulfilling "global obligations" such as the Iran war, US Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth has told a top regional defence forum in Singapore. Hegseth sought to reassure Asia-Pacific allies about US commitment to the region, including fulfilling arms deals in the wake of a suspended Taiwan weapons package - even as he reiterated calls for Asian partners to spend more on defence. While noting the threat of China's military build-up in the region, Hegseth also said the US wanted to avoid "needless confrontation". Hegseth was speaking weeks after US President Donald Trump held positive talks with China's President Xi Jinping in Beijing. Hegseth



was asked by Japan's defence minister to address concerns about US commitment at the Shangri-La Dialogue on Saturday. Shinjiro Koizumi said "some countries might underestimate" that level of commitment and may want to "drive a wedge" between the US and its allies. Hegseth replied that part of the US national defence strategy was aimed at "power projection" in the

that, say, Iran doesn't get a nuclear weapon". Separately, a dialogue participant raised the question of the US's ability to fulfil arms deals with its partners after suspending a \$14bn (£10bn) package to Taiwan in order to conserve munitions for the war in Iran. Hegseth said he would "very much decouple the two" issues, insisting the US was in a "very good place... very strong position" in terms of its overall munitions stockpile and ability to produce more if needed. In his speech, Hegseth emphasised the US's "strong, quiet and clear" approach to the region - its capacity to wield a "big stick" but "speak softly". Central to this approach was more weapons, he insisted, instead of "empty globalist rhetoric about the rules-based international order".

Nato and EU condemn Russia after drone hits Romanian residential block

A Russian drone hit a block of flats in Romania, causing a fire and injuring two people, Romanian officials say. Friday's incident in the eastern town of Galați, near the border with Ukraine, was condemned by Romania's fellow members of Nato and the EU. Ukraine said it proved again that Russia posed "a real threat" to Europe. Romanian President Nicușor Dan said the drone was likely hit by Ukrainian air defences over Kyiv's territory, altering its trajectory. Russian President Vladimir Putin later questioned whether the drone was Russian. Drones fired by Russia have strayed into Romania a number of times during the four-year war with



Ukraine, but it is the first time Romanians have been hurt. Romania's emergency situation authority said the drone's entire explosive payload detonated and caused a fire on the 10th floor of the residential building. Two people with abrasions required medical treatment and were taken

to the Galați County Emergency Clinical Hospital. About 70 people were evacuated as the fire was put out. Romania's defence ministry said two F-16 fighter jets were scrambled after the drones were detected. Brig Gen Gheorghe Maxim said the army had only four minutes from when the drone was detected to the moment of impact. The ministry added in a later update that it appeared the "entire load" of the Geran 2 drone - also known as a Shahed 136 - had exploded on impact. Gen Maxim said Romanian forces were under significant constraints, as they could not fire munitions that violated Ukrainian airspace. "Ukraine is at war, but Romania is at peace. We cannot launch a projectile into Ukrainian airspace," he said. Romania's military has sought to reassure the public that it was not an attack on the country but rather "a conflict at our border, with consequences for the local population".

GHANA'S PARLIAMENT PASSES ANTI-LGBTQ+ BILL



The parliament in Ghana has approved a new bill criminalising homosexuality and the promotion of LGBTQ+ activities. It proposes that identifying as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer be punished by up to three years' imprisonment. The bill also introduces a "duty to report" prohibited acts to police. Religious leaders have pressured President John Dramani Mahama, who still needs to ratify the legislation, to strengthen anti-gay laws since he came to power last year. The ban has been sharply criticised by international organisations, including Human Rights Watch, which said it placed LGBTQ+ peoples' lives at risk while also "encouraging citizens to surveil and denounce one another". Same-sex relationships have been banned in Ghana under laws dating from the British colonial era. In an address to parliament, the bill's sponsor Reverend John Ntim Fordjour said it would protect Ghanaian family and cultural values. He said the new bans would make exist-



Four more men freed from flooded Laos cave after 10 days

Spain's Sánchez digs in after eight years as PM as wave of scandals threatens survival

1 June marks exactly eight years since Pedro Sánchez became prime minister of Spain, but with his government and Socialist Party besieged by corruption investigations he is more likely to be plotting his political survival than celebrating. His musician brother, David, has just gone on trial accused of influence peddling. Former Socialist prime minister and close Sánchez ally José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero has been named in an investigation into alleged money laundering. And police have raided the Socialist headquarters in Madrid as part of a probe into allegations of a dirty tricks campaign that the opposition has dubbed "the Socialists' Watergate". These probes and others have generated a



growing clamour by the opposition and speculation that his government might soon collapse. "The accumulation of cases makes clear that these are not isolated episodes or the fruit of dark conspiracies," warned centre-left newspaper El País, traditionally sympathetic to the Socialist Party. "The investigations are linked to the nucleus of power which has governed for the past eight years."



Toronto Stands To Gain Billions From 2026 FIFA World Cup But Transportation Could Undo It All

The numbers are hard to argue with. FIFA's own economic analysis suggests the 2026 World Cup could generate roughly CAD 3.8 billion in economic output for Canada, with approximately CAD 2 billion adding directly to Canadian GDP and more than 24,000 jobs created or preserved. For Toronto specifically, a Deloitte Canada assessment estimates up to \$940 million in positive economic output for the Greater Toronto Area, including \$520 million in GDP growth, \$340 million in labour income and \$25 million in government revenue. The tournament is also expected to create more than 6,600 jobs between now and August. The money is coming. Whether Toronto can actually handle it is the question nobody in the city is answering confidently.

The Transportation Problem Is Real
Toronto already faces seri-



ous congestion challenges in normal conditions, and the influx of World Cup visitors will intensify pressure on roads and public transit well beyond anything the city typically manages. The TTC is expected to experience crowding significantly above peak levels throughout the tournament, with residents likely facing longer commute times and reduced everyday conven-

ience. On match days, more than 45,000 spectators are expected at Toronto Stadium per match. On top of that, up to 20,000 people could attend the FIFA Fan Festival at Fort York National Historic Site and The Bentway across up to 22 operational days. Those two venues alone place enormous simultaneous pressure on the same transit corridors. Transportation analysts

have pointed to public transit performance, crowd management, communication systems and regional connectivity as the four variables that will collectively shape how visitors experience the city. For international fans navigating an unfamiliar place, real-time information may matter just as much as additional bus routes. If systems struggle, the consequences reach

into every corner of the economy. Restaurant reservations get missed. Hotels fill with frustrated guests who cannot get where they need to go.

What the City Has Put in Place
The City of Toronto released its official Mobility Plan in March, built around encouraging fans to use transit, walk or cycle, plan ahead and allow extra time. Ontario has extended restaurant and bar service hours across match days. The FIFA Fan Festival at Fort York is designed to spread foot traffic more evenly, keeping visitors engaged outside stadium hours. The plans are solid on paper. The venues are ready. But whether Toronto's transport network holds up when 45,000 people pour out of a stadium at the same time is a question that will only be answered in real time, starting June 11.

RCB Captain Rajat Patidar's Blunt Response On Being Asked About Potential India Selection

Royal Challengers Bengaluru captain Rajat Patidar has made a strong case for his India selection with impressive performances in the Indian Premier League. He was appointed as RCB captain ahead of IPL 2025 and led the side to its maiden title, which came after 18 years. This season, Patidar not only took the team to its second consecutive IPL final, but also improved his performance with the bat. The player has scored 486 runs in 14 games at an average of 44.18 and a strike rate of 196.76. His performances include a sensational 33-ball 93 that came against Gujarat Titans in Qualifier 1. When asked regarding a potential selection for India's T20I team, Patidar came up with a blunt response. "The answer to your first question is I'm not looking forward to any selection regarding India. So, I'm not looking forward to it," he said on the eve of the IPL 2026 final. In a fascinating



battle of ideologies, the well-balanced and bold RCB will have to subdue a plegmatic GT to lift their second consecutive IPL title in Ahmedabad on Sunday. On paper, the reigning champions are the overwhelming favourites against the 2022 winners because of the fearless, high-risk game that they have been playing in this tournament so far. It has landed them in trouble occasionally, but Virat Kohli, Devdutt Padikkal, Tim David, skipper Rajat Patidar, Phil Salt, when

available, and Venkatesh Iyer have relentlessly pounded the opposition with single-gear batting. The nature of pitches or opposition bowling strategies have had little effect on their battering ram approach, and no other team has managed to go past 200 as often as they have in this edition of the IPL. Patidar's calm approach to captaincy too has added to Royal Challengers' stability as a team across the last two seasons.

"I Challenge Travis Kelce, Patrick Mahomes":

EX-NFL STAR'S STRONG MESSAGE TO KANSAS CITY CHIEFS AMID RASHEE RICE JAIL TIME

The Kansas City Chiefs are no strangers to difficult off-field headlines, but the latest conversation around Rashee Rice has placed the spotlight on the team's leadership group. With the wide receiver currently serving a jail sentence and his NFL future under scrutiny, former NFL star Jarvis Landry believes this is the moment for veterans inside the organisation to step forward. Rather than focusing only on punishment, Landry wants the Chiefs' biggest names to help Rice avoid making more mistakes and find a better path forward. Jarvis Landry Wants Patrick Mahomes, Travis Kelce To Step Up For Rashee Rice Speaking on the



4th And South Podcast, Landry said that he believes players such as Patrick Mahomes and Travis Kelce have a responsibility to support younger teammates during difficult moments. "I challenge Travis Kelce, I challenge Patrick Mahomes, I challenge any leader that's

in the Kansas City organization to put their arms around this young man, give him guidance, put him in a better room and better position," Landry said. "Show him how to move in the off-season and how to establish a circle that can lead to generational wealth because

they say you are the sum of who you hang with. If you hang around bad s, bad s gonna happen to you. If you're hanging with bad people, bad things are gonna happen to you."

A simpler version: Rice's legal troubles remain a talking point around the league. Some Chiefs players backed him publicly, but the move also drew criticism from victims' representatives and former Chiefs players. What Rashee Rice's Probation Violation Means For The Kansas City Chiefs Rice remains one of the most talented receivers on Kansas City's roster, which makes the situation complicated for the Chiefs.

WWE CLASH IN ITALY 2026 PREDICTIONS:

WILL ROMAN REIGNS AND CODY RHODES SURVIVE THEIR TITLE MATCHES?

WWE is heading to Turin, Italy, for Clash in Italy 2026, and honestly, this card feels a little different from the usual premium live events. A lot of the matches are rematches, which means fans already know what these superstars are capable of doing against each other. But that's exactly why the pressure is much higher this time. Nobody wants to see the same results play out all over again. Some of WWE's biggest names are walking into the event with targets on their backs. Cody Rhodes and Roman Reigns are still champions, but both of them are facing opponents who have every reason to believe they can finally get the job



done. Add in title matches featuring Rhea Ripley, Becky Lynch, and rising stars looking for career-defining moments, and Clash in Italy could end up changing more than a few championship pictures. Could Jacob Fatu finally take down Roman Reigns?

Out of all the matches on the card, this one feels like the hardest to predict. Roman Reigns and Jacob Fatu have already gone to war recently, but the addition of Tribal Combat changes everything. These matches are usually chaotic, and outside involvement is almost expected at

this point. A lot of fans think help could arrive for Reigns when things get tough. But what if things go the other way? If the Bloodline story takes another major twist, Reigns could suddenly find himself standing alone. That's why Jacob Fatu feels like the safer prediction here. WWE may be ready to push him even further and completely shake up the family power structure. Prediction: Jacob Fatu wins the World Heavyweight Championship. Cody Rhodes might survive, but Gunther won't make it easy. It feels like WWE has been slowly building Gunther toward a world title moment for a long time.

ARYNA SABALENKA QUELLS DARIA KASATKINA TO MARCH ON AT FRENCH OPEN

World No.1 Aryna Sabalenka continued her pursuit of a first French Open title by easing past Daria Kasatkina 6-0, 7-5 in the French Open third round on Saturday. The Belarusian top seed ripped through the first set in 29 minutes. Sabalenka let her momentum drift at the start of the second set as two unforced errors and a double fault allowed Kasatkina to break in the



opening game. The Australian then held to love as Sabalenka continued to miss. The Belarusian took the next three games but faced greater resistance from Kasatkina.



Vinesh Phogat was knocked out of the Asian Games

Shubman Gill's Father Puts On Dancing Shoes, GT Captain Somehow Dodges Spotlight

Shubman Gill shared a heartfelt moment with his parents after guiding Gujarat Titans to the IPL 2026 final on Friday in Chandigarh. Playing against Rajasthan Royals, Gill delivered a magnificent knock of 104 off 53 balls as GT chased down a target of 214 with eight balls to spare and seven wickets in hand. GT will now take on Royal Challengers Bengaluru in the summit clash in Ahmedabad on Sunday, a team they had earlier lost to in Qualifier 1. After the match, Gill was seen celebrating the victory with his parents in the stadium. In a video that is now going viral on social media, Gill's father, Lakhwinder Singh, was seen making both his son and wife dance. However, appearing shy,

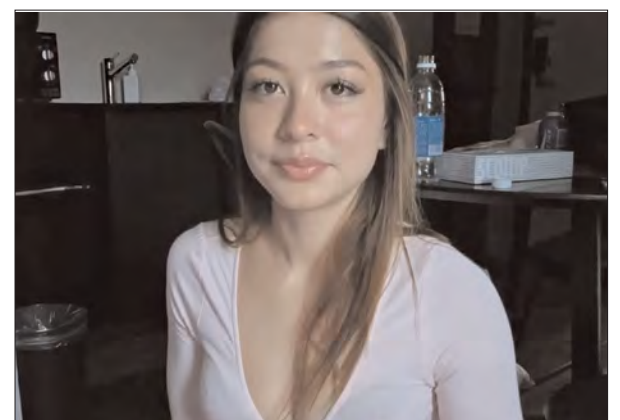


Gill quickly asked his father to stop, creating a hilarious yet adorable moment for fans. Gill smacked 104 off 53 balls with 15 fours and three sixes to eclipse the first-innings heroics of Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, who made a calculated 96, to power Gujarat Titans' victory in

the Qualifier 2. "(The) feeling is really good. But (a) quick turnaround so tomorrow (Saturday) we'll just rest and recover and then go there and assess conditions," Gill told the broadcaster after the match. "If you don't play the occasion it brings the best out of us and that's what we spoke

about. Let's take the occasion out and play some good cricket. Whether we win or lose, we should play good cricket," he said while revealing GT's mantra. The IPL final this year will be a repeat of the Qualifier 1 in which defending champions Royal Challengers Bengaluru had beaten Gujarat Titans by 92 runs. GT's win on Friday was built on a 167-run opening stand between Gill and Sai Sudharsan (58), who was dismissed hit-wicket for a second game in a row. "We complement each other and each other's game very well. When we are batting out there our communication is very good. One of us has to take down one of the bowlers and we are very good in deciding which bowler to take on," Gill said

Who Is JollyRancherZoo? Streamer Breaks Down While Accusing Boyfriend Shoovy Of Taking Her OnlyFans Money



JollyRancherZoo is all over social media right now, and honestly, it's because of a pretty messy situation. The Kick streamer broke down during a livestream and made some serious claims about her boyfriend, Shoovy. Clips from the stream started spreading everywhere almost instantly, with viewers trying to figure out what exactly happened between the two creators. During the stream, Jolly didn't hold back. She claimed Shoovy changed the banking information connected to her OnlyFans account and redirected money to himself. According to her, she only found out later and felt completely blindsided by it.

The whole thing quickly turned into one of the biggest streamer dramas people were talking about online. What did JollyRancherZoo accuse Shoovy of? The viral clip mainly revolves around money. JollyRancherZoo claimed that Shoovy changed the payout details on her OnlyFans account without her knowing. She

suggested that a huge amount of money was involved, with different clips and posts online mentioning figures that go as high as \$100,000. At one point, she said she felt like she got "played" by someone she trusted. You could tell she was really emotional while talking about it. The stream wasn't some calm explanation of events. It was more like everything hitting her at once and coming out live in front of thousands of viewers. Another part of the stream that immediately went viral was when she mentioned a private request Shoovy allegedly made during their relationship. Social media grabbed onto that detail almost instantly, and within hours it became one of the most shared parts of the entire situation. The internet had reactions almost immediately. As soon as clips started making rounds online, everybody suddenly had an opinion. Some people felt bad for Jolly and said she should get lawyers involved if her claims are true.

Vinesh Phogat Out Of Asian Games 2026 Race After Losing In 53kg Wrestling Trials

selection trials in New Delhi on Saturday after losing to Meenakshi Goyat 4-6 in a tense semifinal bout of the women's 53kg event. The loss will dash Vinesh's hopes of a comeback and her chances of securing a berth at the Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan later this year. Earlier, Vinesh had summoned her years of experience to prevail in a fiercely fought bout against a super aggressive Nishu to reach the semifinals. After a rather easy 7-1 win against

Jyoti, Vinesh had to contend with a technically sound Nishu, who opened up a massive 5-0 lead and almost pinned the star grappler in the first period after a sensational four-point throw, but she survived. The bout was emotionally charged but was littered with challenges and technical failures of the screens. The resultant long breaks gave Vinesh much needed breather. She remains technically skilled, but time away from the mat has certainly taken a toll on her endurance. Nishu used the half head locks effective-

ly to keep Vinesh under check for a large part but Vinesh needed that one move to turn the tables and she found that in the second period -- a powerful four-point as she threw Nishu on mat. Vinesh had Nishu in her grip as she went for a pin. Sitting in her coach corner, her husband Sombir Rathi and supporters charged on the net, demanding a pin. Eventually, a challenge was sought. It was ruled that the referee gave 'wrong whistle' but Vinesh was not given the 'pin' result. Nishu was put on the ground

position, though she could not take advantage. Another two-pointer put Vinesh ahead 6-5. It soon became 6-6, putting Vinesh ahead on criteria. Nishu attempted a take down but was not given points. Nishu's coach challenged the decision but lost as Vinesh left the mat relieved. Stunned, Nishu refused to share hands with the referee and Vinesh and stood on mat for a long time, crying. She will now fight it out with Meenakshi Goyat, who had shocked Antim Pangal in the Asian Championship trials.

DRINKER SAI' TRENDS AT NO. 1 ON ZEE5; VIEWERS LAUD DHARMA MAHESH'S PERFORMANCE

Drinker Sai, starring Dharma Mahesh and directed by Kiran Tirumalasetti, is produced by Basavaraju Srinivas, Ismail Shaik, and Basavaraju Laharidhar under the Everest Cinemas and Smart Screen Entertainments banners. Carrying the tagline 'Brand of Bad Boys', the film was released in theaters and received a positive response, particularly from youth and mass audiences. The movie is now continuing its successful run on OTT as well. Streaming on ZEE5, Drinker Sai is currently the No. 1 trending movie in the platform's Free on ZEE5 section, winning widespread audience appreciation.

In particular, Dharma Mahesh's outstanding performance in the film has been earning well-deserved praise from viewers and on social media. Audiences have noted that he portrayed a wide range of emotions, including love, anger, pain, rebellion, and emotional depth, with remarkable naturalness. Carrying the film on his shoulders and fully immersing himself in the role, Dharma Mahesh's performance has emerged as one of the movie's biggest highlights. In this film, Dharma Mahesh delivers a natural and convincing performance portraying the life of an ordinary young man, along with his experiences



of love, self-respect, and emotional struggles. In several key scenes, his expressions, dialogue delivery, and body language have impressed audiences. As a result, after earning a good reputation during its theatrical run, the film is now receiving even greater appreciation on OTT platforms. He also won the Debut Actor - Jury Award

at GAMA Awards in Dubai for his mature act. Actress Aishwarya Sharma has impressed viewers with her beauty and performance, while her chemistry with Dharma Mahesh has become another major attraction of the film. Supporting actors including Ritu Choudhary, Posani Krishna Murali, Srikanth Iyengar, Sameer, Bhadram,

Kirrak Seetha, Fun Bucket Rajesh, and Raja Prajwal have also done full justice to their roles, adding strength to the story.

Technically as well, Drinker Sai has received positive feedback. Director Kiran Tirumalasetti succeeded in presenting the story in a way that connects with today's youth. In particular, he effectively balanced emotions, romance, and entertainment throughout the film. The producers ensured high production values without compromising on quality.

Music director Sri Vasanth's songs and background score have been a major asset to the movie. Since its release, the film's songs have continued to attract music lovers. The music has played a crucial role in enhancing the emotional impact of the story and connecting it more strongly with the audience. The response to Drinker Sai, which is currently holding the top trending position on ZEE5, shows that audiences are highly appreciative of Dharma Mahesh's performance. The praise he is receiving is making this film a milestone in his career. With OTT viewers watching the film in large numbers, its popularity continues to grow day by day. The team is encouraging those who have not yet watched the movie to check it out, as it is currently available to stream for free on ZEE5.

I Request Everyone to Watch and Support Mana Doctor Baabe: V. N. Aditya at the Teaser Launch Event

Lana Doctor Baabe is a unique entertainer being produced by Kritakshi under the Skanda Films banner, with Sharanya and Sudheeksha presenting the film. The movie marks the debut of Sri Skanda as a hero. Directed by Chalapathi Kumar Puvvala, who has also provided the story and screenplay, the film unveiled its teaser on Saturday. Renowned filmmaker V. N. Aditya attended the teaser launch event as the chief guest. V. N. Aditya said: "The teaser of Mana Doctor Baabe is entertaining from start to finish. We need more good comedy films like this. Interestingly, films with words like 'Doctor' and 'Mana' in their titles often turn out to be successful. Many thanks to Ali garu and Rajeev Kanakala garu for supporting such projects. I am also delighted to see Shanthi, daughter of the late AVS garu, making a comeback. I request everyone to watch and support this film." Sri Skanda said: "Thank you to everyone who attended the teaser launch event. Every member of this team treated the film as their own and supported it wholeheartedly. Chalapathi garu shouldered every responsibility and handled everything himself. This is a wonderful story, and we have presented a sensitive subject with great care. Please don't assume it is just a youth-oriented film



after watching the teaser. It is a complete family entertainer. Audiences will keep laughing until the climax. It has the flavor of classic films by EVV Satyanarayana garu and Jandhyala garu. The true hero of this film is the story; I am only an artist portraying a character. Every family will connect with this film. I have already watched it, and I genuinely feel proud of the film we have made. In my very first film, I had the opportunity to work with stalwarts like Ali garu, Rajeev Kanakala garu, Shanti garu, and Koteswara Rao garu. Cinematographer Kishore garu has done a fantastic job, writer RK has provided an excellent story and dialogues, and Manoj's music will touch everyone's hearts." Actor Ali said: "Sri Skanda has performed won-

derfully in Mana Doctor Baabe. Chalapathi has brought out the best performances from everyone. I hope the film becomes a grand success. New filmmakers need encouragement and hits so they can continue making more films. A single film supports many families. I urge audiences to support small films." Director Chalapathi Kumar said: "Thank you to everyone who attended the teaser launch event. I have shared a long association with V. N. Aditya garu. Prabhu garu and Suresh garu have always supported me. This film began because of Sri Skanda garu. The day I met him, I felt he had the potential to become a successful hero. As producers, Sri Skanda garu and Kritakshi garu never com-

promised on quality. Writer RK developed the story exceptionally well. Audiences will laugh at every scene. Though the film deals with a concept that has a delicate layer to it, we have handled it responsibly without crossing any boundaries. It is a pure family entertainer. By the end, audiences will walk out of the theatre with tears in their eyes. I request the media to support our film. Viewers will leave with the satisfaction of having watched a good movie. My heartfelt thanks to Ali garu, Rajeev Kanakala garu, and all the artists who supported me throughout this journey." Producer Kritakshi said: "Thank you to everyone who attended the teaser launch event. I request everyone to support our film."

Chennai Love Story songs are emerging as chartbusters, while the film is gearing up for a grand theatrical release in July

Starring Kiran Abbavaram and Sri Gouri Priya in the lead roles, Chennai Love Story is being produced by SKN and Sai Rajesh, the makers behind cult classics such as Colour Photo and Baby. The film is being produced under the Amrutha Productions and Mass Movie Makers banners. While Sai Rajesh has provided the story, the film is directed by Ravi Namburii. Renowned music composer Mani Sharma has composed the soundtrack for the film. The songs released from the movie have been receiving an overwhelming response from music lovers and are quickly turning into chartbusters. The first single, "Guruthundha," garnered a huge response from audiences. More recently, the



second single, "Vadhalane," was unveiled by Oscar-winning music director M. M. Keeravani and became an instant success. With every song winning audience appreciation, Chennai Love Story is

enjoying a blockbuster musical journey even before its release. Meanwhile, post-production work is progressing at a brisk pace. The makers are planning to bring the film to theatres with a grand release in July.

"Nenevaru?" Receives Excellent Response with Housefull Shows; Theatres Increasing Across Regions!

The message-oriented family entertainer "Nenevaru?", starring veteran actor Dr. Rajendra Prasad in the lead role, along with Sai Kiran and Jogini Shyamala in pivotal roles, and directed by talented filmmaker Chiranjeevi Thanneeru, is receiving an overwhelming response from audiences after its worldwide release on May 29, according to producers Andekar Jagadeesh Babu and Sakinana Bhoolakshmi. The producers stated that the film is running successfully with housefull shows in several centres and has been receiving positive feedback from audiences across all age groups. Due to the strong word-of-mouth and encouraging public response, the number of theatres screening the film is steadily increas-



ing in many regions. On this occasion, Dr. Rajendra Prasad expressed his happiness and congratulated the entire team. He said that he is delighted to see audiences appreciating a film with a meaningful story and strong emotional content. He further stated that the love and encouragement shown by family audiences have given him immense satisfaction.

Rajendra Prasad congratulated director Chiranjeevi Thanneeru, producers Andekar Jagadeesh Babu and Sakinana Bhoolakshmi, and every technician and artist associated with the film for their efforts. The film's emotional narrative, courtroom sequences, and thought-provoking message have been particularly appreciated by viewers. The performances of Sai Kiran and Jogini Shyamala have also been receiving praise from audiences. The producers credited the film's success to director Chiranjeevi Thanneeru's engaging storytelling, Chinnikrishna's music, Naidu Prasad Kolli's cinematography, the editing by Nandamuri Hari and Tarakarama, dialogues by Srinivas, and lyrics by S.S. Veeru.

ANIMAL GIRL STUNS IN PINK BLAZER LOOK



Bollywood actress Tripti Dimri is back with some gorgeous new photos and fans are absolutely loving it! In the pictures, she is wearing a bright pink blazer over a white top with light blue jeans. She

is also wearing cool sunglasses and a gold necklace. The background shows palm trees and open sky, giving total beach holiday vibes. She is looking stylish, fresh and full of confidence. Simply stunning!

TFCC Short Film Festival Awards – 2026 Announced to Encourage Young Talent: TFCC Chairman Dr. Prathani Ramakrishna Goud

The Telangana Film Chamber of Commerce (TFCC) has come forward to encourage emerging talent in the film industry. Marking the 12th Telangana Formation Day celebrations, TFCC Chairman Dr. Prathani Ramakrishna Goud officially announced the "TFCC Short Film Festival Awards - 2026." There is no entry fee for participation in the festival. Aspiring filmmakers, actors, and technicians can submit their short films with a duration ranging from 5 to 25 minutes. Entries will be accepted until June 13, and the winners selected by the jury will be honored at a grand awards ceremony on

June 21 at Prasad Labs, Hyderabad. Speaking at the press meet, Dr. Prathani Ramakrishna Goud said that the festival is being launched as part of the Telangana Formation Day celebrations and will be organized every year hereafter. He noted that many successful actors and filmmakers in the industry began their careers through short films. The festival will present awards in nearly 20 categories, including Best Story, Best Director, Best Hero, Best Heroine, Best Actor, Best Co-Artist, Best Screenplay, Best Cinematographer, Best Background Music, Best Supporting Actress, Jury



Award, Best Producer, Best Journalist (Print & Electronic Media), Best Photo Journalist, and Best Cameraman, among others.

He urged talented newcomers to make use of this opportunity and showcase their creativity. TFCC Vice Chairman

Gururaj praised Dr. Ramakrishna Goud's efforts in promoting new talent and stated that conducting the festival without any entry fee is a commendable initiative. TFCC Organizing Secretary Aksha Khan said that the festival provides an excellent platform for aspiring artists and filmmakers to prove their talent. He added that entries have already started coming in and encouraged participants to submit their films before June 13. TFCC Vice Chairman Alla Bhakshu remarked that while many film festivals charge hefty entry fees, TFCC is offering this opportunity completely free of cost. He pointed out that sev-

eral successful actors and directors have risen through short films and expressed confidence that this festival would help identify fresh talent. TFCC Coordination Committee Secretary Prakash Goud appreciated the initiative and said that the festival would serve as a valuable platform for directors, actors, and technicians to showcase their skills. He encouraged all eligible participants to take advantage of this opportunity. The speakers expressed hope that the TFCC Short Film Festival Awards - 2026 would emerge as a significant platform for discovering, recognizing, and encouraging new talent in the film industry.