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 24-05-2026
 Total pilgrims: 98,058
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THREE AIADMK MLAS RESIGN, JOIN TVK

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

Andhra Pradesh to Prepare Vision Plan for Coastal Development

CM CHANDRABABU FOCUSES ON BLUE ECONOMY, COASTAL PROTECTION AND MARINE RESOURCES



VIJAYAWADA (TSIT)

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Monday directed officials to prepare a comprehensive vision plan for the development of the state's coastline with a focus on economic growth, marine resources and environmental protection. During a high-level review meeting held at the Camp Office with experts and senior officials, the Chief Minister said the nearly 1,000-kilometre-long coastline of Andhra Pradesh should be transformed into a major centre for economic activities under the Blue Economy framework.

He instructed officials to undertake a detailed study on development projects, investment opportunities, employment generation and benefits to fisher-

men across the coastal region. Chandrababu Naidu observed that countries around the world are increasingly focusing on the marine economy and said Andhra Pradesh has vast untapped marine resources capable of generating significant economic benefits. The Chief Minister noted that Andhra Pradesh has already achieved the top position in aquaculture, shrimp and fish cultivation, and seafood exports. He stressed the need for value addition in the aquaculture sector to improve revenues and global competitiveness.

At the same time, he expressed concern over pollution caused by aquaculture waste and directed officials to conduct comprehensive studies to address environmental chal-

lenges. He also emphasized the need to protect marine biodiversity and adopt sustainable development practices. Chandrababu Naidu said the government is also paying special attention to rare earth minerals available in coastal and marine areas and directed officials to explore ways to effectively utilize such resources. Focusing on coastal security, the Chief Minister called for strong measures to prevent coastal erosion and reduce the impact of natural disasters such as cyclones.

He suggested establishing a three-layered natural protection system along the coast using mangroves, palm trees and other eco-friendly vegetation. The Chief Minister further directed officials to develop coastal regions into tourism and economic hubs while ensuring environmental sustainability. He also asked officials to study the potential for seaweed cultivation and marketing in the state. Agriculture Special Chief Secretary B. Rajasekhara, Fisheries Commissioner Naik, Rythu Sadhikara Samstha Vice Chairman Vijay Kumar, marine diversity experts and representatives of related organisations attended the meeting.



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

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

HYDERABAD (TSIT):

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

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

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

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

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

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

MOSCOW (TSIT).

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



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

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

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



NEW DELHI (TSIT)

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

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

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

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

NEW DELHI (TSIT).

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



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

backlash while continuing what he described as an assault on household finances. In a post on social media platform X, Gandhi said, “They increase petrol and diesel prices in installments — so that your pockets keep getting picked quietly, little by little.”

CM Vijay announces full waiver of crop loans to marginal farmers

CHENNAI (TSIT):

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



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

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

BJP increased prices, congress reduced burden through guarantees: Shivakumar

BENGALURU (TSIT)

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



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

Over 300 tourists rescued as Gulmarg Gondola evacuation operation ends successfully

Srinagar (TSIT) Over 300 tourists were safely rescued after a massive evacuation operation at the famous tourist resort of Gulmarg concluded successfully on Monday evening, after a technical snag in the Gondola system left dozens of cable car cabins stranded mid-air, officials said.

A large-scale rescue operation involving the Police, Indian Army, State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), civil administration, and Gondola operators was launched after the snag developed in the Gondola system at Phase 1, forcing suspension of operations on both Phase 1 and Phase 2 routes. Authorities clarified that the incident was not weather-related and that all cabins remained structurally intact.

Officials said around 65 cabins were stranded after the fault occurred, trapping over 300 hundred tourists.

Rescue teams immediately swung into action, with trained personnel from the Army, SDRF, Police, and Gondola operators jointly carrying out the evacuation operation. Locals were also seen



assisting authorities during the rescue efforts.

The Office of the Chief Minister said that the government remained in close coordination with all agencies throughout the operation, while authorities repeatedly maintained that there was no

cause for panic and that the situation remained under control.

The Army said the rescue operation was carried out through swift and coordinated efforts in collaboration with Gondola operators and other agencies. “Following a dis-

stress call received from the Jammu and Kashmir Police and the Gondola Management Authority regarding the safety and evacuation of stranded tourists, the Indian Army swiftly swung into action and mobilised rescue teams towards the affected area. Troops from Butapathri Battalion side-stepped three Casualty Assistance Teams (CATs) between the Gondola Base Station and Phase-1, while the Army also staged forward its own All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) to facilitate evacuation efforts in the challenging terrain and prevailing inclement weather conditions,” an Army statement said.

The Gulmarg Gondola, one of the world's highest cable car projects, operates in two phases. The base station at Gulmarg is located at an altitude of 8,694 feet, while Phase 1 at Kongdori stands at 10,006 feet and Phase 2 at Affarwat reaches 12,959 feet above sea level. The Gondola service at Gulmarg is hugely popular among the tourists. Gondola, covers an aerial distance of five kms and every day hundreds of visitors ride the lift.

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



VIJAYAWADA (TSIT):

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

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

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NIA uncovers alleged plot for serial blasts in Lucknow linked to Red Fort car bombing case



New Delhi: National Investigation Agency (NIA) sources have revealed a major breakthrough in the investigation into the Red Fort car bombing case, uncovering an alleged conspiracy to carry out serial blasts across key locations in Lucknow. According to the agency, the accused had planned coordinated explosions targeting high-security and crowded areas, including the Uttar Pradesh Assembly, Babu Bhavan, Imam Bara, Lal Bagh, and Aminabad. The NIA sources said the two main accused — Dr. Mujammil Shakeel and Dr. Shaheen Saeed, had trav-

elled from Faridabad in Haryana to Lucknow between August 25 and 30, 2025. Investigators believe the visit was part of a carefully planned reconnaissance mission aimed at identifying potential targets for future attacks. During the probe, officials allegedly found evidence that the suspects intended to use vehicles packed with explosives near government buildings and public spaces. Investigators also discovered that Mujammil had searched for

chemical suppliers in Lucknow capable of providing precursor materials required to manufacture Triacetone Triperoxide (TATP), a highly volatile explosive commonly referred to internationally as the “Mother of Satan.” The same explosive substance was allegedly used in the November 10, 2025 Red Fort suicide car bombing in Delhi, that killed around 15 people and injured 20 others. The agency claims Shaheen Saeed wrote down the names of chemical shops at Mujammil's request, and that list was later recovered from his mobile phone during the investigation.

Andhra Pradesh Emerges as National Leader in Social Security Pension Distribution

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



enhanced pension benefits across categories. The state currently provides pensions ranging from Rs. 4,000 to Rs. 15,000 to various beneficiary groups. Soon after assuming office, the government increased old-age, weavers', toddy tappers' and folk artists' pensions from Rs. 3,000 to Rs. 4,000. In the very first month, beneficiaries received Rs. 7,000, including arrears for three months, directly

at their doorstep. The government has also doubled pensions for differently-abled persons from Rs. 3,000 to Rs. 6,000 per month. Permanently bedridden persons and those with severe disabilities are receiving Rs. 15,000 monthly pensions. Similarly, pensions for patients who underwent kidney, liver and heart transplants have been increased from Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 10,000, offering major relief to

families dependent on costly medicines. Officials stated that pension distribution is being carried out efficiently through village and ward secretariat staff, with nearly 75 to 80 percent of payments completed by 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. on the first day of every month. Even when the first day falls on a holiday or Sunday, pensions are distributed on the last working day of the previous month without delay.

The government also introduced widow pensions of Rs. 4,000 for spouses of deceased pensioners and has so far sanctioned benefits to 2,14,113 beneficiaries, spending over Rs. 85 crore every month for the purpose.

In another major reform, beneficiaries who failed to collect pensions for up to three consecutive months are now allowed to receive the entire pending amount at one time. From November 2024 to May 2026, around 20.23 lakh beneficiaries reportedly received arrears amounting to Rs. 1,712.92 crore.

AP Ministers Review Major Excise Policy Reforms in Hybrid Meeting

The South India Times, Vijayawada : The Andhra Pradesh government on Monday conducted a high-level hybrid meeting of the ministerial sub-committee on excise policies to deliberate on major reforms, revenue enhancement measures and long-term policy decisions concerning the Prohibition and Excise Department. Excise and Mines Minister Kollu Ravindra, MSME Minister Kondapalli Srinivas, Principal Secretary Mukesh Kumar Meena, Excise Commissioner Chamakuri Sridhar and Enforcement Director Rahuldev Sharma



attended the meeting in person, while Health Minister Satya Kumar Yadav and Power Minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar joined virtually. During the meeting, officials gave detailed presentations on the existing excise retail policy and proposed reforms in the sector.

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Asset(s) 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 properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **People Home Finance Limited** (formerly known as Capital India Home Loans Limited) /Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on the date and time mentioned herein below, for recovery of the dues mentioned herein below and further interest and other expenses thereon till the date of realization, due to Secured Creditor from the Borrowers and Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below. The reserve price, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and last date of EMD deposit is also mentioned herein below:

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/ Guarantor(s)	Description of the immovable property	Recovery Amount as Per Demand Notice	Reserve price Earnest Money Deposit	Date & Time of Auction
1. Mahesh S/o Marukurthi Tatarao	East Godavari District, Korukonda Mandal, Sub-Registrar's Office Limits, Jagannatha Puram Gram Panchayat Area, Jagannathapuram Village, R.S.No. 324/1, D.No.3-43, An Extent of West Side 128 Square Yards Or 107.008 Square Mtrs. Together with All Rights (Including but Not Limited to Rights to Use and Occupy Common Areas, Facilities, Amenities, Development Rights Etc. (As Applicable), & All Furniture, Fixtures, Fittings, & Things Attached Thereto, Which is Bounded as Under: East: Property of Komnapalli Aruna 46-0 ft, West: Property of Boda Vishnu Murthy 46-0 ft, North: Panchayath Road 25-0 ft, South: House of Bheri Abhai 25-0 ft,	₹ 17,77,921/- as on 15-09-2025	₹ 23,00,200/- ₹ 2,30,020/-	27-06-2026 & 01.00 pm
2. Kumari Marukurthi W/o Mahesh Marukurthi	East Godavari District, Kovuru Sub-Registrar, Devarapalli Mandal, Devarapalli Panchayat, Devarapalli Village, 11th Ward, R.S.No.1283/2, an extent Of 93 Square Yards Site, And Their Old Door No.5-139/1, New Door No.11-103, Assessment No.1805, Newly Constructed R.C.C Daba House Bounded as Under: East: Panchayat Rond 19-6 Sq. Ft, West: Panchayat Rond 18-9 Sq.Ft, North: House and Site of Duggina Satyanarayana 45-0 Sq.Ft, South: House and Site of Duggina Srinivasulu 43-6 Sq.Ft,	₹ 19,17,020/- as on 15-09-2025	₹ 23,31,600/- ₹ 2,33,160/-	27-06-2026 & 01.00 pm

Date & Time of On-Site Inspection of Property : 2 & 3 June'26

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Capital India Home Loans Limited/ Secured Creditor's website i.e. <https://www.bankauctions.in>

The intending bidder can also contact: **Mr. Samala Chandraprakash, Mobile : 9676155575.**

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The above shall be treated as Notice U/r. 9(1) read with 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, to the Obligants to pay the same within 30 days from the date of publication.

Date : 26.05.2026
Place : Andhra Pradesh

Authorized Officer
People Home Finance Limited
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Govt Committed to Conducting 'Pollution-Free Godavari Pushkaralu': Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan



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

During the inspection at Chintla Lamma Ghat, the deputy Chief minister observed the discharge point where municipal sewage from Rajamahendravaram enters the Godavari through the

Nalla Channel. He enquired about the wastewater treatment process and inspected the waste segregation methods being followed at the site. Addressing officials, Pawan Kalyan said reports indicate that nearly 55 MLD (Million Litres per Day) of sewage water is entering the Godavari every day and stressed that sewage treatment must be carried out scientifically. He noted that untreated wastewater being discharged into the river is leading to pollution and directed officials to take immediate corrective measures.

He instructed authorities to prepare a detailed report on pollution sources, steps already taken and future action plans. He emphasised that every rupee spent for Godavari Pushkaralu should be utilised for public benefit and for protecting the river ecosystem. The deputy Chief minister also stated that administrative approval has been granted for Rs.95 crore out of the Rs.416 crore sanctioned under NRCF plans through the Union Jal Shakti Ministry. He directed officials to establish modern sewage treatment plants using advanced technology and ensure that only properly treated water is released into the river.

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Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset/ Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Godavarthi Sreedevi (Borrower), G A V Deekshith (Co-Borrower), D No. 1-50/39-33 A Vasundra Nagar Tiruchanur Tirupathi Chittoor Tirupathi-517501 Andhra Pradesh, LHTRU00001327233	All That The Part And Parcel of Plot No. 202, Second Floor, S.No. 448, An Extent of Ac. 1.20 Cents or 0.486 Hectors in Total Extent of 5.44 Cents Situated At Nandanvan, Sri Lakshmi Narayana Nilayam Vasundra Nagar Tiruchanur Grama Panchayathi Tirupathi Rural, Chittoor Tirupathi-517501 Andhra Pradesh, Bounded By- North By: Land of Vo Venugopal Reddy, South By: Land of A Yella Reddy, East By: Land Sold By K. Elumal Reddy, West By: Land of P Sankaramma K Chandrasekhar & K Subhramanyam Reddy.	13-05-2026 Rs. 25,28,493/-	06-05-2026
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3.	Kethineni Ramu (Borrower), Kethineni Vanaja (Co-Borrower), D No. 20-3-5/3 A Siva Jyothi Nagar 2nd Cross Tirupathi Tirupathi 517501 Andhra Pradesh, LHTRU00001327984	Schedule- A: Total Site Particulars of KKR Adithya Towers- B Block. All That The Part And Parcel of Chittoor Dt, Tirupathi Sub District And Mandal And Town 20th Ward, Sivajyothi Nagar, Residential Area Admeasuring 505 Sq.Yds In S.No. 496/2C2 of No. 29 Tirupathi Vill, Accounts Intended For Development Bounded By East: House Bearing No. 20-48-510-680, West: 33 Ft Wide Road, North: Site Belongs To Hema, South: Site Belongs To D No. 20-48-510-676, East To West Measurements on Both Sides: 58.6 Fts or 22.91 Mts, North To South on The East Side: 75.4 Fts or 22.961 Mts, North To South on The West Side: 80 Fts or 24.384 Mts, Admeasuring 4545 Sq.Fts or 505 Sq.Yds, Stilt Floor Admeasuring 4108 Sq.Fts And 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Floor Admeasuring Each 4108 Sq.Fts Total 20540 Sq.Fts Constructed Area, Proportionate Area of 29.20 Sq.Yds Out of 505 Sq.Yds of Kkr Adithya Towers. Schedule C: A Residential Proposed Flat Having Total Built Up Area 1262 Sq.Yds Bearing Flat No. 301 In 3rd Floor Including Proportionate Share In The Common Area Of The Building Known As Kkr Adithya Towers B Block Bounded By East: Open To Sky And Flat No. 302, West: Open To Sky, North: Common Corridor, Lift And Staircase, South: Open To Sky..	13-05-2026 Rs. 32,42,965/-	06-05-2026
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The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date: May 26, 2026
Place: Tirupati

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AP Signs Major MoUs at MSME Growth Summit 2026



Vijayawada (TSIT) Andhra Pradesh took a major step towards strengthening its MSME and startup ecosystem as several strategic Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) were signed during the MSME Growth Summit 2026 held in the presence of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. The Chief Minister virtually laid the foundation stone for 38 new MSME parks across the state as part of the government's vision to establish industrial parks in all Assembly constituencies. A series of agreements were signed by the AP MSME Development Corporation with leading national and global organisations to boost entrepreneurship, digital transformation, exports and startup innovation. Under the Rural Technology Action Group (RuTAG) initiative, Smart Village Centres were launched at Mangalagiri, Pithapuram and Kuppam to serve as incubation hubs for rural entrepreneurship. In partnership with RTIH, Kia India will establish an Advanced Prototyping and Innovation Centre along with a high-end precision manufacturing prototyping facility to support startups and innovators.

ARM-1 Branch,
2nd Floor, No.86, Spencer Tower,
M.G. Road Bengaluru-560001
(A Government of India Undertaking)
Head Office: Bangalore
Ph:080-25310066, E-mail: cb2366@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE

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

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable / movable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank**, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on **12.06.2026 (10.30 AM to 11.00AM)**, for recovery of **Rs. 103,92,19,056.49/- (Rupees One Hundred and Three Crores Ninety Two Lakhs Nineteen Thousand and Fifty Six and Forty Nine Paise Only)** as on **20.05.2026** with further interest and cost thereon due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank** from **(1) M/s Kashyap Constructions Pvt Ltd, No.216/1, 1 Floor, 3rd Phase 100 Fl Ring Road, BSK 3rd stage, Bangalore-560085, (2) Santhosh L S, (3) Sreeranga Raju L V, (4) Bharathi B R, 5 Mrs. Vani M, SI no 2 to 5 residing at: No 537, Jyeshtha, 3rd Main Road, Hosakerehalli Cross, BSK III Stage, Girinagar, Bangalore-560085, (6) Mr. Ashok Raj A, (7) Mrs. JocyeMettleda, SI No. 6 to 7 residing at: No 8, 13th Cross, Ramesh Nagar, Marathahalli, Bangalore – 560 037, (8) Venkateswara Prasad J, H No 51/936-C, Opp New Bus Stand, Bellary Road, Kurnool, 560051, (9) Basavara Patel, No.32, Sankar 4th Cross, 1st Main R K Garden, New BEL Road, Bangalore 560054, (10) J. Gopal, (11) Bhaskar J, SI No. 10 to 11 residing at: No 51/913-A, Opp. New Bus Stand Bellary Road Kurnool 518001, (12) Mr J Sudhakar S/o Juturu Chinna Seshiah Shetty, No. 51/1967-A7 Illuru Nagar, Kurnool, 518001.**

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (<https://baanknet.com/>)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through **RTGS/NEFT** in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **11.06.2026 - 5.00 pm.**

Lot No	Description of the Property	Reserve Price	EMD Amount	Incremental value
1	EMT of commercial building "Kamala Lodge" at D No 51/936 G in Sy nos 403/2A3, 404B/2C & 404/A3, 51st ward. Opp New APSRTS Bus stand, Bellary Road, Kurnool, Standing in the joint names of J Gopal, J Bhaskar, J Sudhakar, J Venkateswara Ravi Prasad. Land admeasuring 3702.28 sq.ft. Coordinates of the property Latitude- 15.8255150, Longitude- 78.0279510	₹. 912.00	₹. 91.20	₹. 5.00
2	EMT of commercial building "JCS Complex" at No 51/939 A in Sy nos 403/2A3, 404B/2C & 404/A3, 51st ward. Opp. New APSRTS Bus stand, Bellary road, Kurnool, Standing in the joint names of J Gopal, J Bhaskar, J Sudhakar, J Venkateswara Ravi Prasad. Total Carper Area 6529.50 Sq.ft. Coordinates of the property Latitude- 15.825509, Longitude- 78.028149	₹. 665.00	₹. 66.50	₹. 5.00

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link **"E-Auction"** provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (<https://baanknet.com/>)** portal and may contact **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No.08025310066, 9486092152 and 8508442767 during office hours on any working day.**

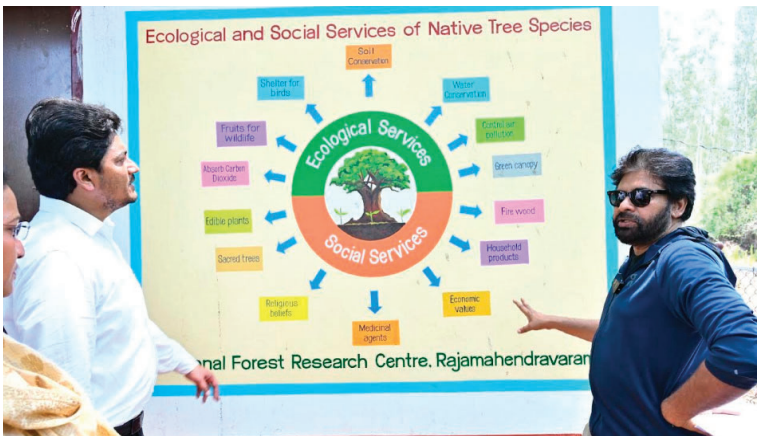
Date : 21.05.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

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

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

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



officials and sign a special Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Panchayat Raj and Forest Departments to implement the programme across the State. The deputy Chief minister inspected various indigenous plant species being cultivated at the research centre and sought detailed information from forest officials regarding their characteristics, environmental benefits and cultivation potential. Officials informed him that the centre houses more than two lakh plants belonging to around 400 different

species. Expressing appreciation over the rich diversity of native plants available at the centre, Pawan Kalyan said such resources should be effectively utilized by distributing and planting them in village panchayats throughout the State. Emphasising the ecological importance of indigenous plantations, he said native trees contribute not only fruits and greenery but also help preserve biodiversity, environmental balance and traditional ecological heritage. The deputy Chief minister also highlighted

the economic opportunities associated with tree cultivation. He said panchayats could generate substantial income by cultivating commercially valuable timber species and selling them in the open market. “Many countries are facing timber shortages. By developing special plantations with income-generating tree species, village panchayats can create sustainable revenue sources,” he observed.

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

Bandaru Dattatreya’s Autobiography Released in Visakhapatnam



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

of Dattatreya’s political and public life, tracing his journey from a grassroots worker to a Union Minister and Governor. Speakers described the autobiography as a reflection of contemporary political history and dedicated public service. Speaking on the occasion, Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya said his life journey was closely connected with the aspirations and struggles of common people. Explaining the title of the book, he stated that every milestone in his career was shaped by the

blessings and support of the public. He also urged the younger generation to follow value-based politics and uphold integrity in public service. Chief Guest Kambhampati Hari Babu praised Dattatreya’s contribution to public life and said the autobiography would inspire future generations. He noted that Dattatreya’s rise from a humble background to occupying high constitutional positions while remaining accessible to the people was remarkable.

RELIGARE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION LTD.
Regd. Off: First Floor, Office No. 101, 26/23, Jaganadhraya Extn., New Delhi-110055.
Corporate Office: 8th Floor, Max House Block A, Dr. Jha Marg, Okhla Phase 3, Okhla Industrial Estate, New Delhi-110020. CIN No: U74899DL1993PLC054259. website: www.religarehomedeloans.com

POSSESSION NOTICE ((Appendix IV) Rule 8(1))
Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized officer of Religare Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited (RHDFCL), a Housing Finance Company registered with National Housing Bank (fully owned by Reserve Bank of India) under the provision of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 OF 2002) (hereinafter referred to as “RHDFCL”) and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 27th October 2025 calling upon MRS. GHANTASALA SIVA DURGAPRASAD, S/O GHANTASALAVENKANNNA and MR. GHANTASALA LAKSHMI KUMARI W/O GHANTASALA SIVA DURGAPRASAD BOTH R/O FLAT NO. 403, SURYA HEIGHTS, ATAPAKA, KAIKALURU, LANDMARK: OPP MARUTHI SHOW ROOM KRISHNA, ANDHRA PRADESH 521333, MOB No.: 08677-960323888 ALSO AT: DOOR NO. 3-67 ASSMNT NO. 1337, FLAT NO. 402, FLAT NO 403, THIRD FLOOR, SURYA HEIGHT, S.NO. 133/11, ATAPAKAKAIKALURU, ELURU KRISHNA, ANDHRA PRADESH 521333 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being of Rs.14,38,860.24/- (Rupees Forteen Lakh Thirty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Two-Four Paise Only) as on 15th September 2025 and interest other charges thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the 21st day of May, 2026.
The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of “RHDFCL” for an amount of Rs.14,38,860.24/- (Rupees Forteen Lakh Thirty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Two-Four Paise Only) as on 15th September 2025. The borrower’s attention is attracted to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, If the borrower clears the dues of the “RHDFCL” together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred, at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured assets shall not be sold or transferred by “RHDFCL” and no further step shall be taken by “RHDFCL” for transfer or sale of the secured assets.
DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY IS AS UNDER:-
SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY
SCHEDULE - II - ALL THAT THE PART AND PARCEL OF DOOR NO. 3-67 ASSMNT NO. 1337, FLAT NO. 402, FLAT NO. 403, THIRD FLOOR, SURYA HEIGHT, S.NO. 133/11, ATAPAKAKAIKALURU, ELURU KRISHNA, ANDHRA PRADESH 521333
Place : Vijayawada Andhra Pradesh
Date : 21.05.2026

Authorized Officer
M/s Religare Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd.

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(A Government Of India Undertaking)

Canara Bank

Regional Office West
Chitrapur Mutt Complex,
Malleswaram,15th Cross,
Bangalore-560055

DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)] TO BORROWER/GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR
NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Canara Bank, Regional Office West, Bengaluru had issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Speed post, to the addressees furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has not been acknowledged and returned due to non-availability of addressees at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notices sent by Speed post, notice could not be served. The contents of the said notice are mentioned herein below:
1. Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor:
1. Mr. M.Jyothi Prakash (Borrower)S/o M Damodar Naidu, D No 24 53, S N Puram, Kongareddyapalli, Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh - 517001 **Also at:** No 395, 3rd Floor 3rd Cross, 2nd Main, Ashwath Nagar, Marathahalli, Bangalore Karnataka - 560037 **Also at:** 23 435/1A, N B Colony Kongareddy Palli, Near Saibaba Temple Chittoor/Andhra Pradesh - 517001 **2 Mrs. Manasa S (Guarantor)** W/o Suresh Kolthuri, No 15, Sai Keerthana, Gangamma Layout,K R Puram Extension, Bheemalingam Ganga Temple, Bangalore North, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560036
Details of the credit facilities/ies availed by the borrower:

Loan Number	Date of Sanction	Sanctioned Amount In Rs	Liability with Interest as on date 21.05.2026	Rate of Interest
160002290333	28.03.2024	Rs. 54,90,000/-	Rs. 43,72,837.00	7.25%+2 % Penal Interest
164004323158	05.04.2024	Rs. 1,58,157/-	Rs. 1,41,565.00	8.10% +2 % Penal Interest

Total Liability Amount: Rs.45,14,402/-(Rupees Forty Five Lakhs Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred and Two Only) as on 21.05.2026 together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.
NPA Date : 19.05.2026 Demand Notice Dated : 22.05.2026
Name of the title holder : Mr. M.Jyothi Prakash
Details of Security Assets
SCHEDULE-A- (Property on which “CASTLETON GREENS” Phase I is being developed) i) All that Piece and Parcel of Immovable Residential Converted Property bearing Sy. No. 69 Measuring 2 Acres 02 Guntas. Vide Conversion Order bearing No. ALN(AJ)SR/61/2014-15 Dated 16-01-2014 Situated at Hennagara Amanikere Village, Jigani Hobli, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the East by: Property belonging to Sri Ramaswamy Reddy West by: Property belonging to Hosahalli Gulliah, North by: Property belonging to Shambaiah, South by: Property belonging to H. M. Krishnapappa.
ii) All that Piece and Parcel of Immovable Residential Converted Property bearing Sy. No. 73 Measuring 1 Acre 03 Guntas. Vide Conversion Order bearing No. ALN(AJ)SR/99/2014-15 Dated 16-03-2015 Situated at Hennagara Amanikere Village, Jigani Hobli, Bangalore Urban District, and bounded on the East by: Land bearing Sy.No. 76, West by: Land bearing Sy. No. 69 North by: Road South by: Land bearing Sy. No. 72
iii) All that Piece and Parcel of Immovable Residential Converted Property bearing Sy. No. 74 Measuring 0-13 Guntas Vide Conversion Order bearing No. ALN(AJ)SR/99/2014-15 Dated 16-03-2015 Situated at Hennagara Amanikere Village, Jigani Hobli, Bangalore Urban District, and bounded on the East by: Property belonging to Muthappa, West by: Property belonging to Ramaswamy Reddy, North by: Raja Kaluva, South by: Remaining property belonging to Ramesh Reddy.
iv) All that Piece and Parcel of Immovable Residential Converted Property bearing Sy. No. 74 Measuring 0-13 Guntas Vide Conversion Order bearing No. ALN(AJ)SR/99/2014-15 Dated 16-03-2015 Situated at Hennagara Amanikere Village, Jigani Hobli, Bangalore Urban District, and bounded on the East by: Property belonging to Gullappa, West by: Property belonging to Shambaiah, North by Kaluva, South by: Property belonging to M/s.Associate Dwellings (P) Ltd
v) All that Piece and Parcel of Immovable Residential Converted Property bearing Sy. No. 74 Measuring 0-14 Guntas Vide Conversion Order bearing No. ALN(AJ)SR/99/2014-15 Dated 16-03-2015 Situated at Hennagara Amanikere Village, Jigani Hobli, Bangalore Urban District, and bounded on the East by: Remaining property in same Sy.No.74, West by: Remaining property in Same Sy.No.74, North by: Kaluva, South by: Land bearing Sy.No.73 and 69.
vi) All that Piece and Parcel of Immovable Residential Converted Property bearing Sy. No. 74 Measuring 0-12 Guntas Vide Conversion Order bearing No. ALN(AJ)SR/99/2014-15 Dated 16-03-2015 Situated at Hennagara Amanikere Village, Jigani Hobli, Bangalore Urban District, and bounded on the East by: Remaining Property in same Sy.No.74, West by: Land, bearing Sy.No.64 and Kaluve, North by: Kaluva, South by: Land bearing Sy.No.69
vii) All that Piece and Parcel of Immovable Residential Converted Property bearing Sy. No. 74 Measuring 0-12 Guntas Vide Conversion Order bearing No. ALN(AJ)SR/99/2014-15 Dated 16-03-2015 Situated at Hennagara Amanikere Village, Jigani Hobli, Bangalore Urban District, and bounded. The East by: Earlier land belonging to Muniswamappa presently Muthappa land, West by: Land belonging to late Shambaiah, North by: Raja Kaluva South by: Earlier belonging to Bhaskar Reddy presently Ramesh Reddy's Land.
viii) All that Piece and Parcel of Immovable Residential Converted Property bearing Sy. No. 76 Measuring 1-24 Guntas Vide Conversion Order bearing No. ALN(AJ)SR/02/2014-15 Dated 05-09-2014 Situated at Hennagara Amanikere Village, Jigani Hobli, Bangalore Urban District, and bounded on the East by: Sy.No.75 and 77 West by: Sy.No.73, 72 and Sy.No.71 North by: Sy.No.75 South by Road.
SCHEDULE-B(Property hereby agreed to be sold to the Purchaser) An undivided share of land 900 sq ft, right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' at "CASTLETON GREENS" in composite Schedule Property bounded on the -East by: Road, West by: Villa no 104, North by: Road, South by: Villa no 102
SCHEDULE-C(Description of the Residential Unit agreed to be sold to the Purchaser corresponding to the acquisition of Schedule 'B' Property): An 3 bedroom Residential Unit bearing No -101 on the Ground and First Floor of the Building known as "Castleton Greens" constructed in the Schedule 'A' Property, having a Super built-up area of 1450 Square Feet (which is inclusive of the floors, ceiling and walls between the building.
CERSAI ID: 400079012307
You are hereby called upon to pay **Canara Bank**, within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the respective amount mentioned here above, failing which **Canara Bank** will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers, Guarantors & Mortgagors. The powers available to **Canara Bank** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagors including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by **Canara Bank** shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice and also Hypothecated / Mortgaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section (13)2 of the said Act.
Date : 22.05.2026
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

BAJAJ FINANCE LIMITED
Registered Office: Bajaj Finance Limited, C/o Bajaj Auto Limited Complex Mumbai Pune Road Akurdi Pune 411035 **Corporate Office:** Bajaj Finance Limited, Off Pune Ahmednagar Road, Viman Nagar, Pune - 411014 **Branch Office:** Bajaj Finance Limited, 2nd Floor 40 29 1 C SP Square Park Road Malabar Gold Shop Kurnool 518001 **Authorized Officer's Details:** Name: Yenduri Kumar Email ID: yenduri.kumar@bajajfinserv.in **Mob No.** +91 7799468198/ 8074464573

APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
e-Auction Sale Notice Under SARFAESI Act 2002
Sale of Immovable Assets Under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("ACT")
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the Borrowers/Co-borrowers/Mortgagor(s) in respect of below mentioned secured asset which is mortgaged with Bajaj Finance Limited ("BFL"), and possession of which had been taken by undersigned Authorised Officer of BFL under the provisions of the ACT will be sold by Auction for recovery of the amount mentioned hereunder and further applicable interest, charges and costs etc.
The secured asset described below is being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS, AS IS WHAT IS AND WHATEVER THERE IS" under Rule No. 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules ("The Rules") for recovery of the dues detailed as under:

Particulars of e-auction	
Name & Address of Borrower	1. Vikram Traders thr its Prop. Vanarsa Anilkumar R/o. 76/102-4 Vasavi Nagar Bellary Road Kurnool Andhra Pradesh 518003 Contact- 8500094545 Email id- vanarsa.anil@gmail.com Also at, House No. 11/189 (Old) New House No. 62/189 Chitambar Rao Street Fort Kurnool MPL Corpo & Dist Andhra Pradesh 518001 2.Sudharani Kuruva C/o Vanarsa Anilkumar R/o. 62/189 Chitambar Rao Street Fort Kurnool Kurnool Andhra Pradesh 518001 Contact- 8500094545 Email id- vanarsa.anil@gmail.com 3. Vanarsa Anilkumar R/o. 62/189 Chitambar Rao Street Fort Kurnool Kurnool Andhra Pradesh 518001 Contact- 8500094545 Email id- vanarsa.anil@gmail.com
Loan Account No.	P482PHF12992326
Statutory Demand Notice u/s. 13(2) Date & Amount	Notice dated 10.03.2025 Demand amount Rs.57,52,638/-
Outstanding Amount as on 25.05.2026	Rs.65,83,378.64/- (Rupees Sixty Five Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Eight and Sixty Four Paise Only)
Description of Immovable Property	All the piece and parcel of House No. 11/189 (Old) New House No. 62/189 Chitambar Rao Street Fort Kurnool MPL Corpo & Dist Andhra Pradesh 518001 along with proportionate share in common areas (Area amid. 100 Sq.Yards) Bounded as: East- H/o Chandra Nagi Reddy; West- Pathway to H/o Anantha Lakshmi; North- Street/sandhu; South- Public Road
Reserve Price in INR	Rs.52,12,000/- (Rupees Fifty Two Lakhs Twelve Thousand Only)
EMD	Rs. 5,21,200/-
E-auction date and time	26.06.26 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
E- auction Portal	https://bankauctions.in
Last date of submission of EMD	25.06.2026
Bid Increment Amount	Rs.25,000/-
Encumbrance Known to Secured Creditor	Not Known
Date of Inspection of Property	From 26.05.2026 to 25.06.2026 on working day between 9.30 AM to 5 PM with Prior appointment

Public in General and Borrowers in particular please take notice that if in case auction on date scheduled herein fails for any reason whatsoever then secured creditor may enforce security interest by way of sale through private treaty, at the discretion on of the secured creditor. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link <https://bankauctions.in> and <https://www.bajajfinserv.in/auction-notices>
Date : 25.05.2026
Place: Pune

For Bajaj Finance Limited
Authorised Officer

ICI Home Finance
Registered Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400051
Corporate Office: ICICI HFC Tower, JB Nagar, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri East, Mumbai- 400059
Branch Address: 54-20-1B, Unit No. 4, Third Floor, Surya Prakash Square, Gurnanank Colony, Revenue Ward No. 2, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh- 520007

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset/ Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Tumuri Narasimharao (Borrower), Atyam Krishna Kalapana (Co-Borrower), 16 173 C Radham Bazar Nandigama Krishna Nandigama- 521185 Andhra Pradesh, LHVJV00001415509	Property of R.C.C. Building on Land Measuring 20.77sq.yards With D.No.4-97, Rs.No.151/A2, Situated At Bhimavaram Village, Bhimavaram Grama Panchayat Area, Jaggaiahpet Sub- Registry, Krishna District. Bounded By- North By: Property of Puvvala Bhaskara Rao, South By: Property of Shaik Moula, East By: Property of Puvvala Bhaskara Rao, West By: Bazar.	15-05-2026 Rs. 30,66,893/-	10-04-2026
2.	Shaik Rehama (Borrower), Farzana Begum (Co-Borrower), D No 17 03 850 1 Industrial Colony Undavalli Guntur 522501 Andhra Pradesh, LHVJV00001507684	All That Piece And Parcel of The Property Situated At Undavalli, S.No. 199/4, Undavalli Panchayat, Block No. 3, Old D.No. 3-55, Present D.No. 17-03-850/1, 156 1/2 Sq.yds or 130.85 Sq.mts Office of The Mangalagiri Sub Registrar, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh Rcc Building. Bounded By- North By: Property of Vadduri Renukadevi Site. 41-9 Ft. South By: Property of Madanu Jojamma House. 43 Ft. East By: Property of Bollineni Suresh Plots Sold Others 32 Ft. West By: Zilla Parishad Road 34-6 Ft.	16-05-2026 Rs. 20,32,682/-	11-05-2026
3.	Shaik Rehama (Borrower), Farzana Begum (Co-Borrower), D No 17 03 850 1 Industrial Colony Undavalli Guntur- 522501 Andhra Pradesh, LHVJV00001508112	All That Piece And Parcel of The Property Situated At Undavalli, S.No. 199/4, Undavalli Panchayat, Block No. 3, Old D.No. 3-55, Present D.No. 17-03-850/1, 156 1/2 Sq.yds or 130.85 Sq.mts Office of The Mangalagiri Sub Registrar, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh Rcc Building. Bounded By- North By: Property of Vadduri Renukadevi Site. 41-9 Ft. South By: Property of Madanu Jojamma House. 43 Ft. East By: Property of Bollineni Suresh Plots Sold Others 32 Ft. West By: Zilla Parishad Road 34-6 Ft.	16-05-2026 Rs. 82,131.8/-	11-05-2026

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.
Date: May 26, 2026
Place: Jaggaiahpet, Guntur

Authorized Officer,
ICICI Home Finance Company Limited

ICI Home Finance
Registered Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400051
Corporate Office: ICICI HFC Tower, JB Nagar, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri East, Mumbai- 400059
Branch Address: North Side, 1st floor, Plot A. 36, 2nd Block, 76-1-4; Lalitha Bhaskar Enterprises, Gandhi Puram-II, Rajamahendravaram, AP- 533103

PUBLIC NOTICE
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Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset/ Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Murthy Kuppala (Borrower), Sireesha Kuppala (Co-Borrower), 4-22/18, Lakshmi Narasimha Nagar Dowlishwaram Rajahmundry- 533124, Andhra Pradesh, LHRJV00001388285	1st Item: East Godavari District, Within The Jurisdiction of Kadiyam Registrar Office In The Limits of Hukumpeta Village Area Present In Rajahmundry Municipal Corporation Area, D.Nos 3-17-9-G1, 3-17-9/1-G2 Bearing T.S.No. 461/ Part, 464/ Part Laidout Vide In The Name Style of "Adarasa Nagar Colony According To That Bearing Plot No. 49 An Extent of 386 Sq.yards Site Bounded By North: Road, South: Plot No. 50 Site, East: Plot No. 55 Site Belongs of Rasamsetti Lakshmi Sujatha. West: 33 Ft Wide Layout Road. The Above Site Measuring 386 Sq.yards ie., 322-73 Sq.meters In Which An Unspecified Undivided And Unequal 1/11 Share of 35.09 Sq.yards or 29.33 Sq.meters Along With Common And Joint Rights Including The Rights of Easement Etc., Schedule-B Flat No. G-1 "Sri Lalitha Mansions "South- West Corner In Ground Floor Plint Are 800 Sq. Feet With Common Areas Including The Rights of Corridor, Stair Case And Parking In Basement Area Etc., Bounded By (D.No. 3-17-9/-G1) East: Stair Case & Corridor. South: Open To Sky, West: Open To Sky & Road. North: Parking Area. 2nd Item: East Godavari District, Within The Jurisdiction of Kadiyam Registrar Office In The Limits of Hukumpeta Village Area Present In Rajahmundry Municipal Corporation Area, D.Nos 3-17-9-G1, 3-17-9/1-G2 Bearing T.S.No. 461/ Part, 464/ Part Laidout Vide In The Name Style of "Adarasa Nagar Colony According To That Bearing Plot No. 49 An Extent of 386 Sq.yards Site Bounded By North: Road, South: Plot No. 50 Site, East: Plot No. 55 Site Belongs of Rasamsetti Lakshmi Sujatha. West: 33 Ft Wide Layout Road. The Above Site Measuring 386 Sq.yards ie., 322-73 Sq.meters In Which An Unspecified Undivided And Unequal 1/11 Share of 35.09 Sq.yards or 29.33 Sq.meters Along With Common And Joint Rights Including The Rights of Easement Etc., Schedule-B Flat No. G-2 "Sri Lalitha Mansions "South- East Corner In Ground Floor Plint Are 800 Sq. Feet With Common Areas Including The Rights of Corridor, Stair Case And Parking In Basement Area Etc., Bounded By (D.No. 3-17-9/-G1) East: Stair Case & Corridor. South: Open To Sky, West: Stair Case & Corridor. North: Parking Area.	16-05-2026 Rs. 24,89,791/-	11-05-2025
2.	Murthy Kuppala (Borrower), Sireesha Kuppala (Co-Borrower), 4-22/18, Lakshmi Narasimha Nagar Dowlishwaram Rajahmundry 533124, Andhra Pradesh, LHRJV00001388287	1st Item: East Godavari District, Within The Jurisdiction of Kadiyam Registrar Office In The Limits of Hukumpeta Village Area Present In Rajahmundry Municipal Corporation Area, D.Nos 3-17-9-G1, 3-17-9/1-G2 Bearing T.S.No. 461/ Part, 464/ Part Laidout Vide In The Name Style of "Adarasa Nagar Colony According To That Bearing Plot No. 49 An Extent of 386 Sq.yards Site Bounded By North: Road, South: Plot No. 50 Site, East: Plot No. 55 Site Belongs of Rasamsetti Lakshmi Sujatha. West: 33 Ft Wide Layout Road. The Above Site Measuring 386 Sq.yards ie., 322-73 Sq.meters In Which An Unspecified Undivided And Unequal 1/11 Share of 35.09 Sq.yards or 29.33 Sq.meters Along With Common And Joint Rights Including The Rights of Easement Etc., Schedule-B Flat No. G-1 "Sri Lalitha Mansions "South- West Corner In Ground Floor Plint Are 800 Sq. Feet With Common Areas Including The Rights of Corridor, Stair Case And Parking In Basement Area Etc., Bounded By (D.No. 3-17-9/-G1) East: Stair Case & Corridor. South: Open To Sky, West: Stair Case & Corridor. North: Parking Area. 2nd Item: East Godavari District, Within The Jurisdiction of Kadiyam Registrar Office In The Limits of Hukumpeta Village Area Present In Rajahmundry Municipal Corporation Area, D.Nos 3-17-9-G1, 3-17-9/1-G2 Bearing T.S.No. 461/ Part, 464/ Part Laidout Vide In The Name Style of "Adarasa Nagar Colony According To That Bearing Plot No. 49 An Extent of 386 Sq.yards Site Bounded By North: Road, South: Plot No. 50 Site, East: Plot No. 55 Site Belongs of Rasamsetti Lakshmi Sujatha. West: 33 Ft Wide Layout Road. The Above Site Measuring 386 Sq.yards ie., 322-73 Sq.meters In Which An Unspecified Undivided And Unequal 1/11 Share of 35.09 Sq.yards or 29.33 Sq.meters Along With Common And Joint Rights Including The Rights of Easement Etc., Schedule-B Flat No. G-2 "Sri Lalitha Mansions "South- East Corner In Ground Floor Plint Are 800 Sq. Feet With Common Areas Including The Rights of Corridor, Stair Case And Parking In Basement Area Etc., Bounded By (D.No. 3-17-9/-G1) East: Stair Case & Corridor. South: Open To Sky, West: Stair Case & Corridor. North: Parking Area.	16-05-2026 Rs. 24,89,791/-	11-05-2025
3.	Swamy Seelam (Borrower), Seelam Durgadevi (Co-Borrower), D No 1-135 Ravichettu Veedi Hukumpeta, Rajahmundry Rural, Bungalow, Hukumpeta, Rajahmundry 533107, Andhra Pradesh, LHRJV00001631176	A Schedule of Property: East Godavari District, Pidimgoyya Sub Registrar, Rajahmundry Rural Mandal, Pidimgoyya Grama Panchayathi Area, Kavalagoyya Village, R.S. No. 478/1, Full Extent of A. 4.09 Cents In Which Northside Subsequently Dsubdivided As R.S. No. 478/1B An Extent of A. 2.09 Cents Land In Which Soutsideside An Extent of 2881.25 Sqyards or 2409.01 Sq.mts Site Bounded By East: 90.0 Feet Layout Land. South: 280.9 Feet Layout Land. West: 90.0 Feet Kavalagoyya To Butchiyanagar 40 Ft Wide Road. North: 295.6 Feet Remaining Land. In This Survey No. An Undivided And Unspecified 40 Sqyards of Joint Right, From out of Total Extent of 2881.25 Sqyards of Site, Along With All Easement Rights. B- Schedule Property In The Above Mentioned Total Site, Plan Approved Guda With B.A. No. 1104/009/ Brmdd/ Pdmg/2019, Dated 4.7.2019 Named As "P.J. Paradise" Flat Constructed, In Which 2BHK Flat No. 110 In Ground Floor With 1300 Sq.ft, Plint Area (Including Common Area & Car Parking) Bounded By East: Common Corridor. South: Common Corridor. West: Open To Sky. North: Open To Sky.	16-05-2026 Rs. 34,98,006.92/-	11-05-2025
4.	Swamy Seelam (Borrower), Seelam Durgadevi (Co-Borrower), D No 1-135 Ravichettu Veedi Hukumpeta, Rajahmundry Rural, Bungalow, Hukumpeta, Rajahmundry 533107, Andhra Pradesh, LHRJV00001631222	A Schedule of Property: East Godavari District, Pidimgoyya Sub Registrar, Rajahmundry Rural Mandal, Pidimgoyya Grama Panchayathi Area, Kavalagoyya Village, R.S. No. 478/1, Full Extent of A. 4.09 Cents In Which Northside Subsequently Dsubdivided As R.S. No. 478/1B An Extent of A. 2.09 Cents Land In Which Soutsideside An Extent of 2881.25 Sqyards or 2409.01 Sq.mts Site Bounded By East: 90.0 Feet Layout Land. South: 280.9 Feet Layout Land. West: 90.0 Feet Kavalagoyya To Butchiyanagar 40 Ft Wide Road. North: 295.6 Feet Remaining Land. In This Survey No. An Undivided And Unspecified 40 Sqyards of Joint Right, From out of Total Extent of 2881.25 Sqyards of Site, Along With All Easement Rights. B- Schedule Property In The Above Mentioned Total Site, Plan Approved Guda With B.A. No. 1104/009/ Brmdd/ Pdmg/2019, Dated 4.7.2019 Named As "P.J. Paradise" Flat Constructed, In Which 2BHK Flat No. 110 In Ground Floor With 1300 Sq.ft, Plint Area (Including Common Area & Car Parking) Bounded By East: Common Corridor. South: Common Corridor. West: Open To Sky. North: Open To Sky.	16-05-2026 Rs. 1,29,394.82/-	11-05-2025
5.	Swamy Seelam (Borrower), Seelam Durgadevi (Co-Borrower), D No 1-135 Ravichettu Veedi Hukumpeta, Rajahmundry Rural, Bungalow, Hukumpeta, Rajahmundry 533107, Andhra Pradesh, LHRJV00001631270	A Schedule of Property: East Godavari District, Pidimgoyya Sub Registrar, Rajahmundry Rural Mandal, Pidimgoyya Grama Panchayathi Area, Kavalagoyya Village, R.S. No. 478/1, Full Extent of A. 4.09 Cents In Which Northside Subsequently Dsubdivided As R.S. No. 478/1B An Extent of A. 2.09 Cents Land In Which Soutsideside An Extent of 2881.25 Sqyards or 2409.01 Sq.mts Site Bounded By East: 90.0 Feet Layout Land. South: 280.9 Feet Layout Land. West: 90.0 Feet Kavalagoyya To Butchiyanagar 40 Ft Wide Road. North: 295.6 Feet Remaining Land. In This Survey No. An Undivided And Unspecified 40 Sqyards of Joint Right, From out of Total Extent of 2881.25 Sqyards of Site, Along With All Easement Rights. B- Schedule Property: In The Above Mentioned Total Site, Plan Approved Guda With B.A. No. 1104/009/ Brmdd/ Pdmg/2019, Dated 4.7.2019 Named As "P.J. Paradise" Flat Constructed, In Which 2BHK Flat No. 109 In Ground Floor With 1200 Sq.ft, Plint Area (Including Common Area & Car Parking) Bounded By East: Open To Sky. South: Common Corridor. West: Common Corridor. North: Open To Sky.	16-05-2026 Rs. 33,51,683.08/-	11-05-2025

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.
Date: May 26, 2026
Place: Rajahmundry

Authorized Officer
ICICI Home Finance Company Limited

EDITORIAL

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

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

The Urge To 'Talk'

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

Civilian Leadership

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

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

THE DELHI COURT AND THE ILLUSION OF DEMOCRACY



PRIYANKA SAURABH

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

OIL PRICES SLIDE ON HOPES OF US-IRAN PEACE DEAL

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

Probe ordered into excessive charges by online flight ticket booking platforms

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



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

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

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

AI is changing the internet forever

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



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

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

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

Indian billionaires buy foreign companies as growth slows at home

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

Strong Q4 FY26 Momentum
The company maintained a vigorous growth trajectory

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

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

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

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

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

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

Deal with US not imminent, Iran says

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



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

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

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

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

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

FIRST HONG KONG ASTRONAUT LAUNCHES INTO SPACE ONBOARD CHINESE MISSION

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



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

Clashes as Venezuelan prisoners protest over alleged mistreatment



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

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

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



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

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

TALIBAN BAN PUSHES AFGHAN GIRLS TOWARDS FORCED MARRIAGES

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Turkish riot police storm opposition offices after leaders ousted



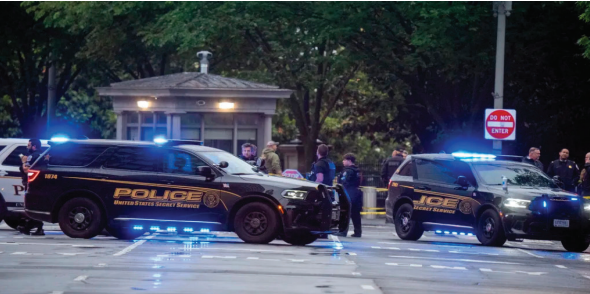
Turkish riot police forced their way into the headquarters of the country's main opposition party on Sunday, days after a court dismissed its leadership. Clouds of tear gas billowed outside the Republican People's Party (CHP) building in Ankara, where party members had blocked the entrances with a makeshift barricade. Footage from the scene showed those inside shouting and throwing objects towards the entrance, and police being sprayed with hoses. Party leader Özgür Özel had vowed to defy an appeal court decision on Thursday which declared his election null and void, in a move further cementing President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's grip on power. The court decided that Özel should be replaced by Kemal Kilicdaroglu, a 77-year-old party veteran who was defeated by Erdogan in the 2023 presidential election. Turkish media reported that Kilicdaroglu's representatives had requested the police carry out "necessary procedures" to hand over the headquarters to

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



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

SUSPECT KILLED AFTER OPENING FIRE ON SECRET SERVICE NEAR WHITE HOUSE



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

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

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



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

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



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

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

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

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



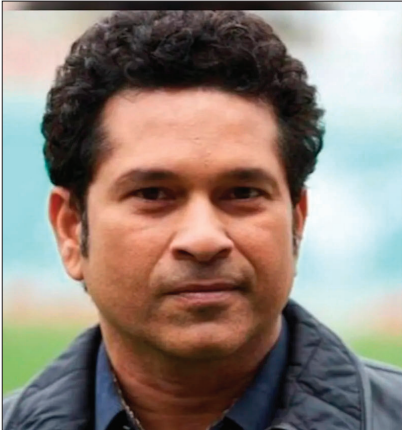
has shared his side of the story. In a detailed statement posted on X on May 24, Luke admitted he handled things badly, apologized directly to Rich, and confirmed there were still feelings between him and Taylor from their past relationship. What GameboyLuke said while

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

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

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

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



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

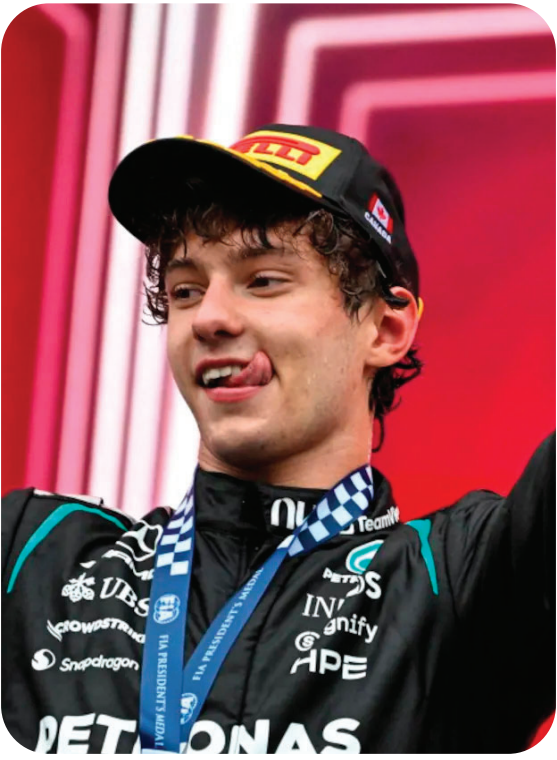
Commonwealth Games. Earlier on Sunday, Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya congratulated the sprinter after he became the first Indian to clock below 10.10 seconds in the men's 100m event. In a post on X, Mandaviya wrote, "10.09 seconds! Gurindervir Singh, you have rewritten history. The entire nation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

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ANTONELLI WINS CANADIAN GP

FOR HIS 4TH STRAIGHT F1 VICTORY



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

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



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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

PEDDI WILL STAY IN AUDIENCE HEARTS: SHIVARAJ KUMAR

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

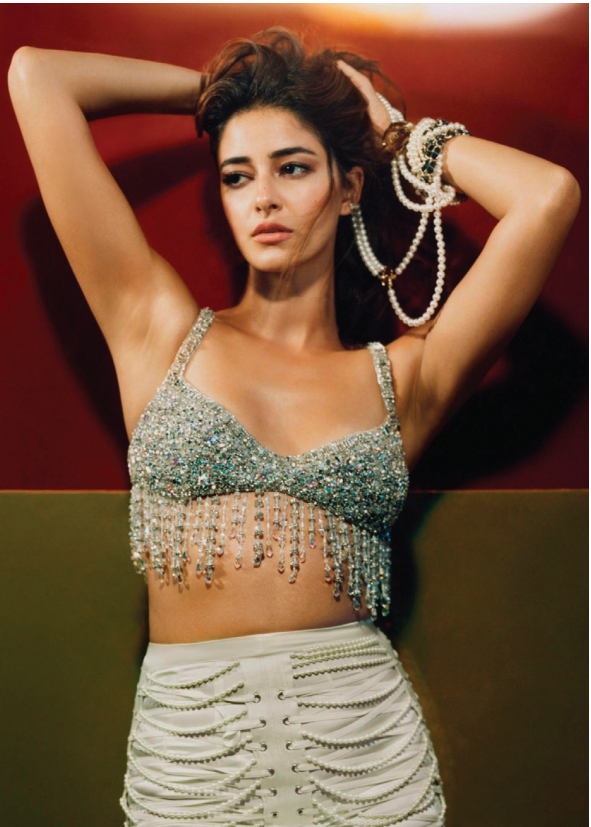
Vihari OTT Global Vision Unveiled during Cannes Film Festival by 'Bigg Boss' Fame Sri Satya while filming Cannes as a Tourist destination

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



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

Liger Beauty’s Bharatanatyam Triggers Huge Backlash



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

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

DIRECTOR VENU UDUGULA LAUNCHES ‘SINGLE RAJU’ TITLE AND GLIMPSE

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

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



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

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

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