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SCAN FOR
E-PAPEROM NAMO
VENKATESAYA

26-05-2026
Total pilgrims - 89,403
Tonnes - 44,254
Hundi kankulu - 4.0 CR
Laddu sale - 4.14 Lac
Annaprasadam - 2.55 Lac
Medical treatment - 3.50

Approx. Darsan Time for Saravardhanam
(with out SSD Tokens) - 24 H

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



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

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

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

CM Revanth pushes speedy T-Fiber implementation across Telangana

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

HYDERABAD
TSIT BUREAU

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

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

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

Chief Minister also



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

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

The discussions focused on

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

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

As part of the first phase, connectivity restoration

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

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

Centre assures no fuel shortage amid West Asia tensions

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

NEW DELHI (TSIT)

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

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

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



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

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

avoid panic purchases of petrol, diesel and LPG.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

SIDDARAMAIAH TO RESIGN
IN ONE OR TWO DAYS

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

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

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

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

SURJEWALA ASKS MEDIA
NOT TO SPECULATE

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

CCEA clears Rs 25,530 crore SARTHAK-PDS scheme

NEW DELHI (TSIT)

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

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

Rahul, Congstand exposed: BJP on SC's ruling on SIR

KOCHI (TSIT):

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

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



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

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

ED raids on ex-CM Pinarayi Vijayan

FAMILY MEMBERS SPARK POLITICAL STORM IN KERALA

KOCHI (TSIT):

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

future of any nation."

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tirupati District Distributes Road Safety Kits Worth Rs.15 Lakh

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

Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said the district administration, in coordination with the Police, Revenue, Transport and National Highways departments, has been implementing extensive road safety measures over the past few months.

He stated that a special Bus Yatra was recently conducted along with the SP to identify accident-prone black spots across the district. Based on the survey, 43 black spots were identified, of which safety works at 20 locations have already been completed. The remaining works are expected to be



completed by the end of June. The Collector said many fatal accidents occur due to vehicles colliding with stationary vehicles on highways during night hours. To improve enforcement and emergency response, 11 vehicles have been deployed on National Highways and a dedicated control room has been established for shifting accident victims to hospitals. The road safety kits distributed include reflective jackets, traffic baton lights, traffic cones and reflective tapes for use during vehicle checks, speed control operations and road repair works. Dr. Venkateswar also said

Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu has given special priority to eradicating ganja and narcotic substances. He revealed that around 4,500 kg of seized ganja was recently destroyed in the district. The Collector announced that Tirupati district has become the first in Andhra Pradesh to use more than 10,000 Ganja Rapid Testing Kits, which can detect ganja consumption through urine tests within five minutes. The kits will be made available across all police subdivisions. He added that nearly 37 PD cases have been registered in the past two years against

Ruia Hospital Approves Development Works Worth Rs.5 Crore

Tirupati: The Hospital Development Society of Sri Venkateswara Ram Narayan Ruia Government Hospital has approved several infrastructure and healthcare development works worth nearly Rs.5 crore aimed at improving patient care and hospital facilities.

The meeting was held at the Sri Venkateswara Medical College confer-

ences. Several major development projects were approved, including electrical works, installation and repair of air-conditioning systems in critical care wards, purchase of advanced surgical and diagnostic equipment, strengthening of TB & CD facilities with ventilators and monitoring systems, and installation of CCTV cameras for patient safe-



ence hall under the chairmanship of Tirupati District Collector Dr. Y. S. Venkateswar and local MLA Arani Srinivasulu.

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

vice. The committee also approved construction of a special OPD block for SADAREM services, sewage and drainage improvement works, installation of lifts, development of CC roads, toilets for visitors, cooling sheds for patients and attendants, and renovation of seminar halls and lecture galleries.

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

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

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

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

According to Federation General Secretary Ratneshwar Chaudhary, the strike is being organised in protest against alleged violations of labour-management norms and administrative fairness by the bank's Human Resource Department. The federation levelled serious allegations against DGM (HRD)

Harjinder Singh, accusing him of abuse of power, anti-union hostility and threatening trade union representatives with retaliatory transfers and disciplinary actions. The union also raised concerns over what it described as a conflict of interest, alleging that the same official simultaneously handling HRD responsibilities and Disciplinary Authority Cell functions could lead to misuse of disciplinary proceedings.

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

The federation alleged favouritism in transfers and promotions, claiming certain officials were retained in preferred locations while others were transferred to distant regions. It also accused the management of lack of transparency in transfer lists and evaluation processes. According to the union, a delegation meeting held on May 20, 2026, failed to resolve the issues.

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

POSSESSION NOTICE (As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Muthoot Homefin (India) Ltd. (MHIL)** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Muthoot Homefin (India) Ltd. for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.
The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Loan Account No./Branch	Brief details of secured assets	Date of Demand Notice & Total Outstanding Dues (Rs.)	Possession Taken Date
1.	Mukttam Krishnaveni/ Boya Venkatraghavendra Babu/ ANA-NHL-000313/ Anantapur	Door No.9C-398-1, Sy No.351-3C-2b-1a1b, Revenue Colony, Revenue Ward No 9, Doragutta Road, Kalyandurgam Town & Mandal, Anantapur District, Municipal Limits of Kalyandurgam, Andhra Pradesh, Pincode: 515761. North: Rdt Compound, South: Open Place of Mandala Ratnamma, East: 20 Ft Cc Road, West: Plot of Ambroju	28-Feb-2026/ Rs. 14,00,065/- Rupees Fourteen Lakh Sixty Nine Only.	25 May 2026

Date: May 28, 2026, Place: Anantapur

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

BAJAJ FINANCE LIMITED
Registered Office : Bajaj Finance Limited, C/o Bajaj Auto Limited Complex Mumbai Pune Road Akurdi Pune 411035
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POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)
(As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Bajaj Finance Limited (BFL)** under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Sec.13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand by registered post ("Notice") calling upon the Borrowers/Co-borrowers mentioned here under to repay the amount mentioned in the notice U/s. 13(2) of the said Act within a period of 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors named below having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/ Mortgagors/Guarantors and public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on me under Sec. 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The borrowers in particular and public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property and any dealing with this property will be subject to the charge of the Bajaj Finance Limited, for the amount mentioned herein below along with interest thereon at contracted rate. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

No.	Loan Account No./Name of the Borrower(s) Mortgagor(s) Guarantor(s)	Description of Property Schedule of Property	Date of Notice U/s.13(2) and U/s.13(2) Notice Amount and Date of Possession
1	LAN: P519PBL5321488 1. Vasu Coconut thr. Its Prop. Maddala Srinivasa R/o. R.S. No 4-15 Near Govt Hospital Uppaluru Road Yandagandi Village Bhimavaram A P W.G.Dist 534186 Contact: 7993277334 Email id: vasucoco@gmail.com. Also at, R/o. R.S.No.391/1, Door No.9-111, Assessment No.679, Yandagandi Village and Gram Panchayat, Undi Mandal, West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh 534186. 2. Maddala Anasuyaamma W/o. Maddala Peddiraju R/o. 7-119 Rajula Pet Near Ramalayam Temple Undi Mandal Yandagandi West Godavari Andhra Pradesh 534186 Contact: 7993277334 Email id: vasucoco@gmail.com. 3. Dulam Sesha Veni W/o Dulam Subbarao R/o. H No 9-119/1 Rayapeta Undi Mandalam Near Bus Stand Yandagandi West Godavari Andhra Pradesh 534186 Contact: 7993277334 Email id: vasucoco@gmail.com 4. Sridevi Ganeshetty D/o Venkatrao R/o. R. 1-193 Near Ramalayam Skinnerapuram Atli Mandalam Skinnerapuram West Godavari Andhra Pradesh 534200 Contact: 7993277334 Email id: vasucoco@gmail.com. 5. Maddala Srinivasa S/o Peddiraju R/o. 89-119/1 Chaitrya Vari Veedi Yandagandi Undi Mandalam West Godavari Andhra Pradesh 534186 Contact: 7993277334 Email id: vasucoco@gmail.com	All that piece and parcel of R.S.No.391/1, Door No.9-111, Assessment No.679, Yandagandi Village and Gram Panchayat, Undi Mandal, West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh 534186 along with proportionate share in common areas (Area adm. 300.66 Sq.Yds.) Bounded as: East: Site of Adapa Mutayamu; West: Wall of Vegesna Soma Raju; North: Rajja Veedhi; South: Drainage (excluding the site area)	Rs. 27,05,543/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakh Five Hundred Forty Three Only) 25.05.2026 at 05:00 PM to 05:30 PM

Date: 27.05.2026, Place: Andhra Pradesh

For Bajaj Finance Limited, Authorised Officer

ADITYA BIRLA CAPITAL LIMITED
Registered Office : Indian Rayon Compound, Veraval, Gujarat - 362 265.
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On account of the amalgamation between Aditya Birla Finance Ltd. and Aditya Birla Capital Ltd. vide the Scheme of Amalgamation dated 11.03.2024 duly recorded in the Order passed by the National Company Law Tribunal - Ahmedabad on 24.03.2025, all SARFAESI actions initiated by Aditya Birla Finance Ltd. in relation to the mortgaged property mentioned in Schedule A below, stands transferred to Aditya Birla Capital Ltd., the amalgamated company.
Accordingly the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Aditya Birla Capital Limited (ABCL)** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated mentioned below under Section 13(2) of the said Act calling upon you being the borrowers (names and addresses mentioned below) to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The Borrowers mentioned herein below having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers mentioned herein below and to the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The Borrowers mentioned here in below in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with said property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Aditya Birla Capital Limited (ABCL) for an amount as mentioned herein under and interest thereon. The Borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section 8 of Section 13 of the act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)	Demand Notice Date & O/S. Amt	Description of Immovable Property (Properties Mortgaged)	Possession Date
1.	M/s. Kamali Cottons, Through Its Proprietor M/s. Thota Lakshmi 2. Mrs. Thota Lakshmi 3. W/o. Venkata Dhamodhar 4. Mr. Venkata Dhamodhar Thota, (C/o Thota Mohana Rao) 5. Thota Anjani Venkata Krishna Mohan, (C/o Venkata Dhamodhar 6. Sai Kiran Thota, (C/o. Venkata Dhamodhar Thota LAN: ABVJWS1500000717827	DN Date : 09.03.2026 Rs. 57,04,781.77 as on 06.03.2026	West Godavari District - Rajahmundry Sro - Rajahmundry Prakash Nagar Panchayat - Present Rajahmundry Municipal Area -Jaya Sri Gardens R.S. No.220 - Plot No.31 - In This Conveyed An Extent Of 230 Sq. Yards Of Property With All Easement Rights Being Bounded By:- East : Site Of S.kandaswami Nadar; 40.3 Fts. South : Javaharlal Nehru Road; 51.3 Fts. West : Road; 40.3 Fts. North : Remaining Site Of Plot No.31; 51.3 Fts. along With Existing Construction And Buildings	22.05.2026 (Symbolic Possession)

Date : 28.05.2026
Place : West Godavari, Andhra Pradesh

Sd/-, Authorised Officer, Aditya Birla Capital Limited

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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. Satyaveni Lingaberi W/o Lingaberi Rajasekhar.	West Godavari District, Tadepalligudem Sub-Registrar's Office Limits, Tadepalligudem Municipality, Old 26th Ward, New 19th Ward, Bhagyalakshmi Peta, Nearest Door No.10-30-41 In Tadepalligudem Municipality , Taalamudunurupadu Village, R.S.No. 19-1, Plot No.02 An Extent Of 144-44 Square Yards And An Extent Of 118 Square Site, Together with All Rights (Including but Not Limited to Rights to Use & Occupy Common Areas, Facilities, Amenities, Development Rights Etc. (As Applicable), & All Furniture, Fixtures, Fittings, And Things Attached Thereto, Which is Bounded as Under: East: 34-0 FL24 Feet wall Road, West: 32-6 Ft.Site of Plot No.1, North: 31-5FLand of Others, South: 32-6 Ft. site of Plot No.3,	₹ 38,18,977/- as on 15-09-2025	₹ 27,26,000/- or ₹ 2,72,600/-	29-06-2026 & 01.00 pm
2. Ram Mohan Rao Pandiri S/o Tammayya.				

Date & Time of On-Site Inspection of Property : 3 & 4 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.

SALE NOTICE TO BORROWER/GUARANTORS

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 : 27.05.2026
Place : Andhra Pradesh

Authorized Officer
People Home Finance Limited
(formerly known as Capital India Home Loans Limited)

Form No.3
(See Regulation-15(1)(ii))
BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, 1st Floor, Tirumal Complex, Abids, AT HYDERABAD

O.A.No. 229 of 2026
Summons under sub-section (4) of Section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule 2(A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993
O.A. No. 229 of 2026
BETWEEN:
HDFC BANK Limited
Bank House, Department for Special Operations, #50-96-S, Plot No.175, Seethamadhara, Opp. Old SBH, Visakhapatnam Andhra Pradesh - 530 013. ... Applicant
AND
1. Sri Vigneshwara Traders Rep. by its Proprietor, K. Hari Babu, D. No.A-1/A, Part-1, 2nd Street Industrial Estate, Chittoor- A.P.517 001.
2. K. Hari Babu S/o. K. Nagarathnam Reddy D.No.23-554/1, Muthuramayamma Street, Satyanarayanaapuram, Chittoor-517001-A.P.
3. K. Manjula W/o. K. Hari Babu D.No.23-554/1, Muthuramayamma Street, Satyanarayanaapuram, Chittoor-517001-A.P.
SUMMONS
WHEREAS O.A. No. 229 of 2026 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer on 15.06.2026.
WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/notice to the said Applicant under Section 19(4) of the Act (A) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs.52,41,191.46 Ps (application along with copies of documents etc. annexed).
In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:-
(i) To show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;
(ii) To disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;
(iii) You are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;
(iv) You shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;
(v) You shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by way of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.
(vi) You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Presiding Officer on 15-06-2026 at 10:30AM. Failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date 05-06-2026.
REGISTRAR
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
Alluri Krishnam Raju, Advocate
201, Megastri Classic Apartments
Dwarakapuri Colony, Panjagutta Hyderabad-500 082.
Cell No.9849586030, 9502260029
Email:alluri.krishnamraju@yahoo.co.in

Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd.
REGISTERED OFFICE: The Ruby, 10th Floor, 29 Senapati Bapat Marg, Dadar (W) Mumbai- 400028. Tel: 022-66581300
CIN-U65999MH2002PLC134884. Website: www.arcil.co.in

DEMAND NOTICE
Whereas, the Authorized Officer of **Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited** hereinafter referred to as 'Arcil' is a Securitisation and Reconstruction company incorporated under the companies Act, 1956 and registered with the Reserve Bank of India under section 3 of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and whereas the Borrower/Co-Borrower as Mentioned of the below chart obtained loans from Vistara Financial Services Pvt Ltd (VFSPL), and whereas Arcil has acquired the financial assets relating to the loan accounts mentioned to the below chart and whereas Arcil, being the secured creditor under the Act and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 2 of the security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued demand notice calling upon the Borrower/ Co-Borrowers as to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with further interest thereon within 60 days from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served upon some of them for various reasons..

Account No.	Name of the Borrowers and Co-Borrowers	Total Loan Outstanding (in INR) as on	Demand Notice Date
0243SB ML00473	Gowravarapu Srinu (Borrower) Gowravarapu Ramya (Co-Borrower)	₹ 21,93,031.46/- 19.05.2026	20.05.2026

Description of Secured Assets: All That Piece And Parcel of the property measuring on or about 1296 Sq Ft. situated at S. No. - 1429/B, D. No. - 6-155, Alluru Shivani Kothapatnam Village, Kothapatnam Gram Panchayet and Mandal, District- Prakasam, State - Andhra Pradesh, Pin Code - 523286. Along With The Pathway And All Appurtenances And Bounded Under: East: Kothapatnam-Ethamukkala Road, West: Thambi Ramanatha's Property, North: Purini Murali's Property, South: Maddala Yandi Reddy.

Place: Prakasam, Andhra Pradesh

SD/-, Authorised Officer
Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited
(Trustee of CIL-2026-011-Trust)

Date:28-05-2026

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

POSSESSION NOTICE (As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Muthoot Homefin (India) Ltd. (MHIL)** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Muthoot Homefin (India) Ltd. for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.
The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Loan Account No./Branch	Brief details of secured assets	Date of Demand Notice & Total Outstanding Dues (Rs.)	Possession Taken Date
1.	Chilli Suresh/ Chilli Chinna Sarojini/ Chilli Narasimhamurthy/ KAK-NHL-000033/ Kakinada	All The Piece and Parcel of The Site Admeasuring An Extent of 145.20sq.yards and RCC Building Thereon Bearing Door No. 5-138, Assessment No.610, Block No.5, LP No.453 Covered By Re-Survey No.99-8 of Kulla Village, Kulla Village Panchayat Limits, K.Gangavaram Mandal, Previously East Godavari District, District, AP-533305. North- Tiled Roof House, South-15 Feet C-C Road, East-tiled Roof House, West-Path Way, Panta Bodhi	28-Feb-2026/ Rs. 5,20,507/- Rupees Five Lakh Twenty Thousand Five Hundred Seven Only.	25th May 2026

Date: May 28, 2026, Place: East Godavari

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

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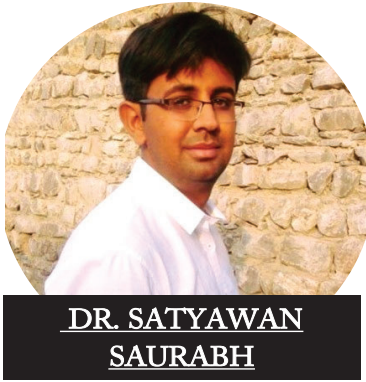
EDITORIAL

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

Britain's Prime Minister, Keir Starmer, is fighting for his political survival after his Labour Party suffered a catastrophic defeat in local council elections earlier this month at the hands of the populist Reform UK. This was the latest blow to Labour and its traditional rivals, the Conservatives, from Reform, which has brought a political storm to Britain since the last general election and has kept the far-right party in the lead for over a year. The Labour Party's defeat was partly caused by the desertion of a large number of its loyal Pakistani and Bangladeshi voters in favour of the Green Party or small Muslim groups. Weeks before these elections, the Green Party adopted a resolution on Jammu and Kashmir calling for 'democratic self-determination". The resolution was proposed by one of its members, Azhar Ahmed, who described the decision as historic. The Green Party, which also made significant gains in these elections, has been targeted by Pakistani and Bangladeshi activists seeking influence. The party's deputy leader is Mothin Ali, of Bangladeshi origin, though it is headed by Zack Polanski, a left-oriented, white Jewish man. In a February by-election in Gorton and Denton, a Manchester suburb, Pakistani voters played a major role in helping the Green Party come out on top, pushing Labour into third place behind Reform. The campaign was dominated by Israel's brutal military campaign in Gaza and the Labour Party's Israel policy. The vote ended the Labour Party's dominance of the constituency for nearly 100 years. The constituency is 30% Muslim, mainly of Pakistani descent.

Changing Political Landscape
Tower Hamlets in London and Oldham in Manchester illustrate the changing nature of Britain's politics, driven by Muslims from the Indian subcontinent. Tower Hamlets, which is 40% Bangladeshi-origin Muslim, has just re-elected Lutfur Rahman as mayor for the third time. His Aspire party won 33 council seats (out of 45), all held by Bangladeshi Muslims. It's a remarkable development in a London town that was once predominantly white. An interesting aspect of Rahman, a former Labour Party member, is that he was removed from office as mayor in 2014 after being found guilty of corrupt and illegal electoral practices; he was also banned from holding office for five years. Five years later, he returned as mayor after forming the Aspire party and winning the election because local Bangladeshis trusted him more to address their issues than Labour, their traditional political home. Rahman is now more powerful than ever. The town of Oldham in Greater Manchester, which gained notoriety two decades ago for having one of the first Pakistani grooming gangs preying on young white girls, has traditionally been a Labour stronghold. Two years ago, some Pakistani-origin Labour politicians formed a breakaway front, the Oldham Group. Campaigning on the Gaza issue, the group won 10 seats on the council. Reform UK secured 16 seats, and Labour 18. Nearly a quarter of Oldham's population is Muslim, mainly of Pakistani origin.

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



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

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

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

Wealth-hungry and crumbling relationships

FAMILY, GREED AND THE TRAGEDY
OF A CHANGING SOCIETY



PRIYANKA
SAURABH

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



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

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

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

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

A 'Bangarappa' Redux?

How Another Karnataka Chief
Minister Was Asked To Resign In 1992

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



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

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

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

'ARBITRAGE PROBLEM, NOT SUPPLY':

Govt Blames Industrial Bulk Buyers For Stress At Fuel Pumps

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



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

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

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

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

Ola Electric secures approval for commercial e-scooter launch

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



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

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

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

story. PL Asset Management also stated that the domestic macroeconomic environment remained supportive throughout the month. The GST revenue of India touched an all-time high of ₹2.42 lakh crore in April, registering an increase of 8.7% on a year-over-year basis. The Manufacturing PMI also improved to reach 55.9 in April compared to 53.9 in March, indicating strong momentum in the beginning of FY27. The total value of India's exports in FY26 was estimated to be around US\$863 billion, indicating the strength of its export sector. Nevertheless, the company warned that inflationary pressure and supply-side risks are important to consider. WPI inflation was at its highest level in 38 months at 3.88%. Furthermore, geopolitical activities and higher crude oil prices may pose risks to both inflation and interest rates across the globe. In April, Brent crude rose briefly to US\$126 per barrel due to geopolitical risks. In this regard, PL

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

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

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

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



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Electronics, known for its smartphones and televisions, joined the \$1tn club and became only the second Asian firm to reach the milestone after Taiwanese chipmaker TSMC. Samsung is also a major manufacturer of semiconductors, with Nvidia among its customers. Separately, Samsung's shares jumped by more than 6% on Wednesday after union members voted in favour of a pay deal, averting a strike that threatened to hit its business. Samsung is now valued at around \$1.34tn, with its shares more than doubling since the start of this

year. It comes as South Korea's benchmark Kospi stock index, which is dominated by tech firms, also hit a fresh record high. Nvidia has been the biggest winner in the AI spending spree and in October became the first company to reach a stock market value of \$5tn. The firm continues to report record sales, though there have been growing concerns over increased competition in the sector. Microsoft and Apple have also recently crossed the \$4tn valuation mark. But some investors have warned of a potential AI bubble, questioning whether these companies are overvalued.

THINK Gas Swiftly Restores City Gas Supply After Pipeline Damage

Company Urges ‘Dial Before You Dig’ Awareness for Safety

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

introduce the leasing model for the ISUZU D-Max S-CAB, which is designed to make commercial vehicle ownership more accessible for customers. The ISUZU D-MAX S-CAB has consistently established itself as a dependable vehicle in the commercial vehicle space, with its high build quality and reliability. It has been a key success enabler for large businesses and fleet operators across

diverse applications. With this new leasing proposal, we are excited to introduce a smarter, more flexible and hassle-free way for our customers to acquire the trusted S-CAB. By removing the traditional barriers of ownership and upfront investment, this initiative will enable businesses to realise their business potential from day one with greater financial efficiency and operational flexibility.”



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



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

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



Men's second seed Zverev also glided through the first round in straight sets, but the three-time Grand Slam runner-up will next meet 43rd-ranked Tomas Machac in the night session on centre court. The German beat Machac in their only previous meeting, at the Paris Olympics two years ago, but

the Czech has progressed, earning himself two ATP titles and briefly cracking the world's top 20. Following a battling win over big-serving Frenchman Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard, 24-time major champion Djokovic will face a different challenge in the round of 64 against Valentin Royer.

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

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



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

10 Championships between 1998 and 2000. Professionally, Casey quickly rose through the ranks of professional golf to achieve his highest world ranking of No. 3 back in 2009. The total value of Paul Casey's net worth is estimated to be about \$21 million, while his career income stands at more than \$24.7 million.

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

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

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

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



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

with both DK (Dinesh Karthik) and Andy Flower," Bobat said in the post-match press conference. "One thing about Rajat is that he middles the ball a lot. Whether it's pace or spin, front foot or back foot, the ball often hits the middle of his bat.

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



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

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

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



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



In light of how well Bryson DeChambeau continues to perform in all the big tournaments he participates in, the speculation regarding who his love interest is has once again been triggered. Dating each other since 2022, Lilia Schneider has found herself thrust into the limelight as the fans clamor for details about the golfer's personal life. Though no official confirmation of the pair's alleged romantic affair exists, the couple has generated countless rumors with their appearance at tournaments and interactions on social media. Who is Golfer and Social Media Sensation Lilia Schneider Rumoured To Be Dating Bryson DeChambeau? Lilia Schneider is an American former golfer at a university level and a social media influencer who is originally from Michigan. She studied at Marian University, located in Indiana. Besides her academic work, Schneider par-

ticipated actively in college golf tournaments while obtaining her Bachelor of Marketing from the university. Apart from this, Lilia Schneider has been expanding her social media platform by posting tutorials on golf, videos about her personal life, and much more.

Schneider became linked to DeChambeau for the first time when people saw her riding with the golfer in a golf cart at one of the LIV tournaments held in Chicago in 2022. The rumors kept escalating further due to her appearing in some of the golf events while also posting on social media some content related to the LIV Golf tournaments. The couple, however, has not confirmed anything about their affair.

DeChambeau once talked about his relationship status in a podcast and admitted that he was 'talking' to someone who made him feel

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

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

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

Why

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

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

tion. That is a player in the best form of his career. He also arrives only four goals away from equalling Miroslav Klose's all-time World Cup record of 16 goals. With eight games available to a team that reaches the final, the record is genuinely within range if France go as deep as expected.

The current consensus odds across major sportsbooks have Mbappe at +600, with Harry Kane behind him at +700, Lionel Messi at +1200, Erling Haaland at +1400, and Lamine Yamal at +1800.

The Other Contenders and Their Chances Kane is the most credible threat.

FILM PRODUCERS MEET

SRI PAWAN KALYAN

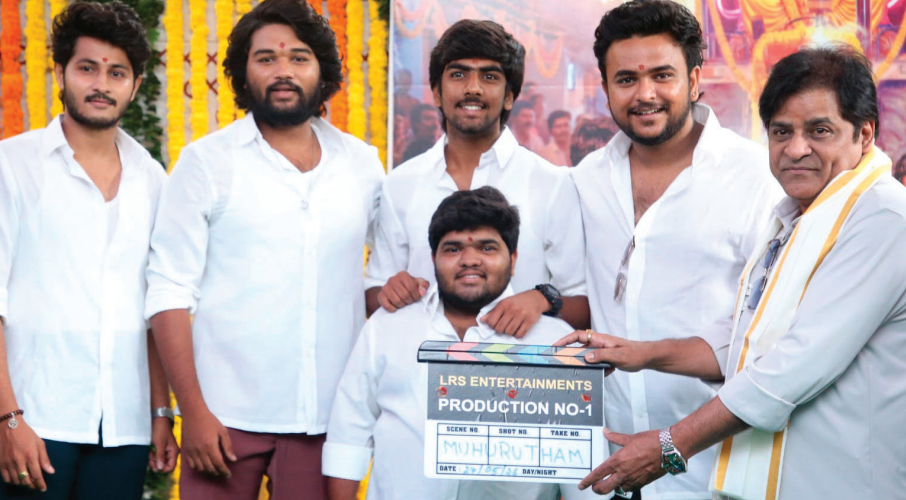


Several Telugu film producers met the Deputy Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Mr. Pawan Kalyan at Rajamahendravaram on Tuesday night. Development of film industry in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana states and related issues were discussed. In this meeting, the producers

Mr. Y. Ravi Shankar, Mr. Suryadevara Nagavamshi, Mr. Sahu Garapati, Mr. Kilaru Venkata Satish, Mr. Cherukuri Sudhakar participated.

“Lafoot Gang” Launched Grandly with Pooja Ceremonies Under LRS Entertainments

Banner Directed by Anuraag Atharva Raju



Sincerely Hope Sandigdham Will Become A Big Success:

Tammareddy Bharadwaj at the pre-release event

Sandhya Tiruveedhula is producing the upcoming film “Sandigdham” under the banner of Thirdha Creations, with Pardasaradhi Kommoju directing it. Nihal, Priya Deshapag, Arjun CH, and Kajal Tiwari play the lead roles, while Thera Chepa fame Naveenraj Sankarapu appears as the antagonist. The film is set for release on May 29th. The teaser, songs, and trailer released earlier have already impressed everyone. As part of the promotions, the team organized a pre-release event on Tuesday, with Tammareddy Bharadwaj attending as the chief guest.

While speaking at the event, Tammareddy Bharadwaj said: “Sandigdham is a very good title. These days we all see what kind of titles are being used, but this film carries a pure Telugu title. The teaser and trailer clearly show how much effort the team put in while shooting in the forests. The entire pattern of promotions has changed now- from print and electronic media to social media. But we don’t even know to what extent the promotion is reaching people. I don’t even have Instagram, so how would I know? Everyone should step forward and promote a small film like this.



Whether the movie becomes a hit or not is secondary, what's important is letting people know that a film is releasing. I want everyone to promote this film as much as possible, and I sincerely hope it becomes a big success.”

Director Pardasaradhi Kommoju said: “The media has always supported us throughout the journey of Sandigdham. Many thanks to Tammareddy sir for attending. My producer and wife, Sandhya, stood by me throughout this journey. Every single artist in this film has performed wonderfully. My thanks to everyone

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

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

In My Career

The role of Appalasuri in 'Peddhi' stands as number one in my career. Peddhi will be remembered by the audience.

The industry will breathe a sigh of relief with Peddhi: Versatile star Jagapathi Babu Mega Power Star Ram Charan's rural action drama 'Peddhi'. Directed by Buchi Babu Sana, produced by Mythri Movie Makers and Sukumar Writings under the banner of Vriddhi Cinemas, Venkata Satish Kilaru is producing on a grand scale. With chartbuster songs and an amazing trailer, expectations on the film have already reached a huge level. The film will be released in theaters worldwide on June 4. On this occasion, versatile star Jagapathi Babu, who played a key role in the film, shared the film's features at a press conference. Appalasuri's role in 'Peddhi' looks very new.. How was that possible?

-The entire credit goes to director Buchi Babu. He wanted the character to be that way. Appalasuri's look was designed with special care by National Award winning makeup artist Rashid. The first time I wore that getup, I realized that this character would be amazing. I am very particular about the getup. Apart from Jagapathi Babu, Appalasuri is

the only one who appears in this entire film.

-I feel lucky to have got this role. Emotionally, in terms of performance, in terms of getup, this is the role that I like the most. Doing this role in Ram Charan's film gave me even more joy. Everyone in our house loves Charan.

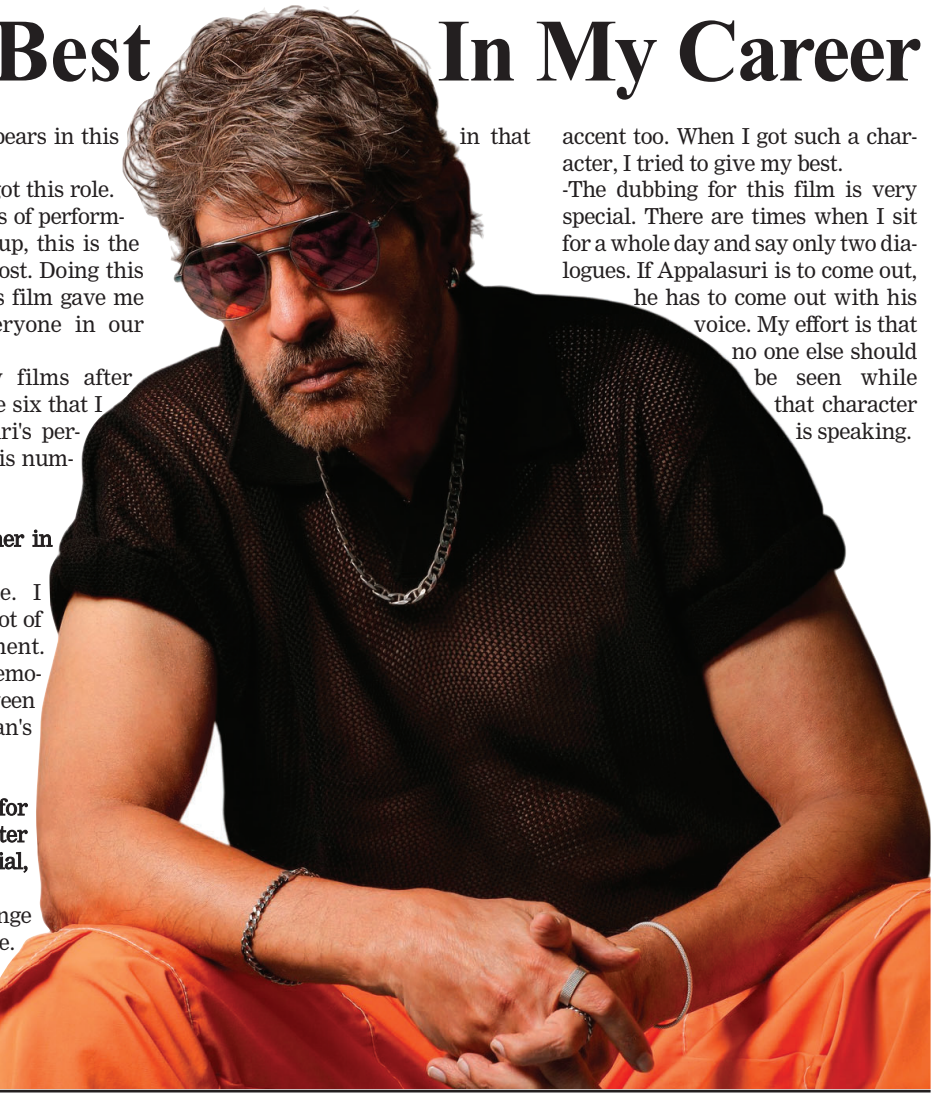
-I have done many films after Legend. But there are six that I remember. Appalasuri's performance in 'Peddhi' is number one on that list.

Is your role as a father in this?

- Not a father role. I played a role with a lot of love and attachment. There is a beautiful emotional bonding between me and Ram Charan's character.

The dubbing for Appalasuri's character also seems very special, doesn't it?

-It was really a challenge to dub for this movie. But I enjoyed every moment. There was magic in that character. There was magic



in that

accent too. When I got such a character, I tried to give my best.

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

“Cinema Is Business, Not a Complaint Platform:

Madhura Sreedhar Reddy”

Cinema is a wonderful medium. Don't turn it into a platform for complaints. Every good film will always find a place in the hearts of the audience: Producer Madhura Sreedhar Reddy

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



genuinely good film will certainly receive audience appreciation.

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

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



Ananya Panday has recently become the target of trolls after her Bharatanatyam fusion dance sequence in Chand Mera Dil went viral. A section of social media users, including classical dancers, criticised her performance and dubbed it “Nepo Natyam”. While opinions on the matter remain divided, author and columnist Shobhaa De has now come to the actor's defence. She urged trolls not to single out Ananya and instead question the filmmakers and choreographers responsible for the sequence.

● SHOBHAA DE DEFENDS ANANYA

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

and even the older stars, most of whom were not trained classical dancers but were expected to perform classical dances or fusion dances or modern dances - any kind of dance that the director thought was needed for a sequence. They did it, they lip-synched, they danced, they showed expressions. Is all that easy? It's not easy at all. How many Hollywood stars do you know? How many big international stars have to do all of this and look amazing and look fabulous and look in love for the film, for whatever the performance demands?" She also requested the audience to react only after watching the film and understanding the full context. "I haven't watched the film - I've seen clips - but to be constantly trolled and called 'Nepo Natyam', it sounds cute, but she has tried. And like I said, if you have to call out anyone, get the choreographer and get them to answer, though I believe the clip has been taken out of context.

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

Produced ‘Summer Holidays’ So That Children and Families Can Go to Theatres and Enjoy Together: Producer Dheeraj Mogilineni

Hats Off to Producer Dheeraj, Who Passionately Backs Good Stories with Courage: Director Sai Rajesh

Producer and distributor Dheeraj Mogilineni has earned a successful reputation by presenting content-driven films to audiences. Under his banner Dheeraj Mogilineni Entertainment, he is now bringing a children's film titled “Summer Holidays” to audiences soon. Directed by Srikar, the film is crafted with a

Highlights

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beautiful story that brings back nostalgic childhood memories. Master Rohan, Master Arun, and Baby Khushi play key roles in the movie. “Summer Holidays”



is gearing up for a grand theatrical release shortly. The teaser launch event for the film was held today with noted producer Dil Raju attending as the chief

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

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

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