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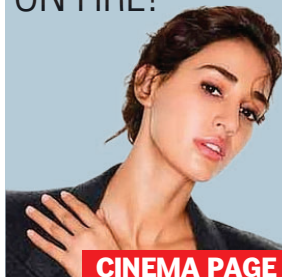
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CM Vijay announces breakfast scheme extension to classes 6-8 students

CHENNAI (TSIT):

The State government would extend the Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme to students of Classes 6 to 8 from September 17, coinciding with the birth anniversary of social reformer and Dravidian icon 'Periyar' EV Ramasamy, Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay announced on Monday. The announcement came after the chief minister chaired a meeting to review the functioning of the Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Department and the welfare programmes implemented by the department. During the meeting at the Secretariat, officials briefed the chief minister on schemes being implemented for children, women, transgender persons, and senior citizens through the Social Welfare Department, Integrated Child Development Services, and Child



Welfare and Special Services Department.

The review covered the functioning of nutrition centres, child care institutions, welfare homes and various social protection initiatives across the State.

Vijay also reviewed proposals linked to the government's 'Vetri Tamizhagam' vision document and discussed financial allocations required for future welfare measures. The proposed expansion of the

breakfast scheme is expected to widen the reach of one of the State government's flagship school welfare programmes aimed at improving nutrition levels and classroom attendance among government school students.

Officials made detailed presentations on the functioning of One-Stop Centres for women, adoption agencies, helplines for women and children, anganwadi services, and nutrition programmes implemented through child welfare centres.

The chief minister instructed officials to ensure that welfare schemes reached beneficiaries without delay and emphasised the need to strengthen child protection systems across the State. He also called for awareness campaigns against substance abuse among children and directed departments to step up rehabilitation measures for those affected.

PM Modi welcomes US-Iran peace deal, hope it helps restore peace and stability in West Asia

BRATISLAVA (TSIT):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday welcomed the understanding reached between the US and Iran on ending the conflict in West Asia and expressed

India's hope that the implementation of this understanding will help restore peace and stability in the region and ensure the freedom of navigation and commerce. We look forward to deliberations on the remaining issues reaching a sustainable final agreement," he added.

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caused serious economic disruption across the world and led to loss of life in many countries", PM Modi said in a post on X.

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restore peace and stability in the region and ensure the freedom of navigation and commerce. We look forward to deliberations on the remaining issues reaching a sustainable final agreement," he added.

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DRDO conducts flight test of long-range land attack cruise missile



New Delhi, June 15: In a major boost to India's defence capabilities, the Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) conducted the successful flight-test of the indigenously developed Long Range Land Attack Cruise Missile (LRLACM) on Monday. The flight test was conducted from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha. "All the test objectives were fully met, as per the data captured by various tracking instruments deployed by Integrated Test Range, Chandipur," said the R&D wing of the Defence Ministry in a statement.

India-bound LNG carrier sails safely out of Hormuz



NEW DELHI (TSIT):

The Malta-flagged LNG carrier DISHA, managed by a Shipping Corporation of India-led consortium, safely transited the Strait of Hormuz on Monday with a cargo of 62,370 metric tonnes of LNG bound for Dahej in Gujarat, and is likely to reach India on June 18, according to an update issued by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways. The Ministry, through the Directorate General of Shipping (DG Shipping), remains in continuous coordination with the Ministry of External Affairs.

CM Naidu meets Singapore PM Lawrence Wong, discusses investment and tech cooperation

SINGAPORE (TSIT):

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, during his two-day visit to Singapore, met Singapore Prime Minister Lawrence Wong on Monday and held detailed discussions on strengthening bilateral cooperation in key sectors including economy, technology, education, and infrastructure.

The meeting, held at the Singapore Prime Minister's official residence for about half an hour, focused on exploring new opportunities for collaboration between Andhra Pradesh and Singapore. The Chief Minister requested Singapore's cooperation in importing horticultural



produce grown through natural farming methods and aquaculture products from Andhra Pradesh. He also informed that systems for international-standard certification and traceability of such products are being developed in the State.

Chandrababu Naidu

sought Singapore's support in areas such as semiconductor manufacturing, quantum computing, artificial intelligence, and university-level research, along with skill development initiatives to build a future-ready workforce.

He also highlighted the importance of Singapore's expertise in urban governance and requested support for the development of Amaravati and other cities in Andhra Pradesh. Reports suggest that Prime Minister Lawrence Wong expressed interest in the progress of the Amaravati Capital City project and sought details on ongoing infrastructure and institutional development.

Cockroach Janta Party to stage protest in Nagpur



NAGPUR (TSIT):

The Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) will stage a protest here on Tuesday demanding resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, its founder Abhijeet Dipke announced. He would be arriving in the city on June 16, Dipke said in a video message on Social media on Monday, and asked Nagpur residents including students and the youth to gather at Samvidhan Square at 4 pm for a peaceful demonstration. The CJP has been demanding Pradhan's resignation over the last month's NEET (UG) paper leak scandal.

Cong asks PM to break silence on killing of Indian seafarers, raise issue with Trump

NEW DELHI (TSIT):

The Congress on Monday attacked the government over the killing of three Indian seafarers in American attacks on ships and demanded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi raise the issue with President Donald Trump as well as take diplomatic action to ensure the US pays a price for breaching the Geneva Conventions.

Cockroach Janta Party to stage protest in Nagpur

The opposition party strongly condemned the killing of the three Indian seafarers and questioned Prime Minister Modi's silence on the tragedy. The party accused Modi of compromising the country's sovereignty, independence and dignity by not even registering a strong protest



against such "brutal murders". Addressing a press conference here, Congress spokesperson Supriya Shrinete condoned the death of Aditya Sharma, Shivanand Chuarasiya and Patnala Suresh and expressed profound sympathies with the bereaved families.

She slammed US Secretary of State Marco Rubio's remarks while speaking with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar as "rubbing salt into Indians' wounds".

Jaipur police allow CJP protest with cap of 800 participants

JAIPUR (TSIT):

Jaipur Police on Sunday granted permission to the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) to hold a protest in the Rajasthan capital on Monday, reversing its earlier decision to deny approval on law-and-order grounds. The permission, however, comes with several conditions, including a cap of 800 participants, a ban on rallies and DJs, and strict instructions to avoid disruption to traffic and public movement. According to the permission order, the protest will be allowed between 3 pm and 7 pm and must be conducted in a peaceful, disciplined and culturally appropriate manner. "The programme should be completely decorous and should keep Indian culture in mind. It should be limited and restrained so that traffic and public movement are not disrupted and unnecessary crowding is avoided."

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Shah masterminded ‘illegal’ break-away of TMC MPs, wants to muster 2/3rd majority for NDA: Cong



NEW DELHI: With 20 rebel Trinamool Congress MPs announcing their merger with the Nationalist Citizens Party of India, the Congress on Monday claimed that Home Minister Amit Shah masterminded the “illegal breakaway” of the legislators, and the “bizarre move” was part of his strategy to engineer a two-thirds majority for the NDA in the Lok Sabha.

Congress leader Jairam Ramesh alleged that decency, decorum, and devotion to constitutional values and principles remain vulnerable and threatened every day Shah continues in office. “A desperate Union

home minister – who is an absolute disgrace to the position once held by Sardar Patel – has taken Indian democracy to new lows in a shameful manner,” Ramesh said on X.

“He has masterminded the illegal breakaway of 20 TMC MPs and their wholly questionable fusion with an unheard of and reportedly registered but unrecognised political outfit formed just three years back,” the Congress general secretary (communications) said.

The Nationalist Citizens Party of India (NCPI) could well end up becoming the second-largest (constituent) in the NDA, ahead of even the long-

established TDP and JD(U), who should actually be protesting their “downgrade” through such “underhand tactics” and in such a “disgusting” manner, Ramesh said. “This bizarre move is part of the Union home minister’s strategy to engineer a two-thirds majority for the NDA in the Lok Sabha. Decency, decorum and devotion to constitutional values and principles remain vulnerable and threatened every day he continues in office,” the Congress leader said.

On Sunday, 20 rebel Trinamool Congress (TMC) MPs met Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and announced that they were merging with the NCPI, a Tripura-based registered unrecognised political party. Rebel TMC MP Arup Chakraborty on Monday said the breakaway faction is trying to “rectify” the party, and would fight for the control of its election symbol, even as the Mamata Banerjee-led outfit termed the move illegal under the anti-defection law.



Tirupati Ex MLA ,Ex TTD Board member EX tuda chairman A. Mohan birthday celebrations grandly celebrated in tirupati TDP leaders, ttd association leaders participated in this event.

GVMC Commissioner Ketan Garg Launches 'Cycling Day' Initiative

The South India Times, Visakhapatnam : Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) Commissioner Ketan Garg has initiated a voluntary "Cycling Day" programme to be observed every Monday within the GVMC limits. Marking the launch of the initiative on Monday, the Commissioner travelled by bicycle from his official residence to the GVMC headquarters to attend office duties. GVMC officials and staff members also participated in the programme by commuting to their workplaces on bicycles, extending their support to the initiative.

Speaking on the occasion, Commissioner Ketan Garg said that the decision to observe every Monday as "Cycling Day" was aimed at promoting pollution control, fuel conservation, public health and environmental protection. He urged officials and employees of all departments under GVMC to commute to their offices by bicycle every Monday,



as far as possible. The Commissioner noted that cycling contributes to physical fitness and mental well-being, while also helping reduce obesity and prevent lifestyle-related diseases. He further explained that decreased dependence on motor vehicles would result in lower air pollution levels and significant fuel savings.

Ketan Garg appealed to the residents of Visakhapatnam to voluntarily participate in the initiative and adopt cycling as part of their daily lives. He emphasised that by giving

importance to cycling, every citizen could play a meaningful role in the protection of nature and the environment. He stated that it is a collective social responsibility to ensure that future generations inherit a green, clean and healthy Visakhapatnam. Calling upon officials, employees and citizens to become active partners in achieving the vision of "Green Vizag – Healthy Vizag," the Commissioner encouraged everyone to embrace a healthy lifestyle and transform cycling into a people's movement.

Mukesh Ambani offers prayers at Kedarnath & Badrinath, donates Rs 5 cr to each temple

Dehradun: Reliance Industries Chairman and Managing Director Mukesh Ambani on Monday visited the sacred shrines of Badrinath and Kedarnath in Uttarakhand, where he offered prayers and made donations of Rs 5 crore each to the two temples.

He arrived for darshan in a traditional outfit and greeted people with folded hands. He was accorded a traditional welcome by officials of the Badrinath-Kedarnath Temple Committee (BKTC) upon his arrival at the temple.

Ambani's helicopter landed at the Badrinath helipad around 10 am. About 20 minutes later, he arrived at the sanctum of Lord Badrivishal, where he performed rituals and offered prayers. After the worship, he met with officials from the Badrinath-Kedarnath Temple Committee.



'Jalabhishek' of Lord Kedarnath

Following his visit to Badrinath, his helicopter departed for Kedarnath Dham at 10:40 am and landed there around 11:15 am. From the helipad, Ambani reached the temple of Lord Kedarnath within just 10 minutes. There, he performed the "Jalabhishek" (a sacred Hindu ritual where devotees ceremonially pour holy water) of the deity in the sanctum sanctorum and participated in a special prayer ceremony.

When pilgrims present in the temple complex saw the prominent industrialist among them, the entire area resonated with chants of "Jai Shri Ram."

Ambani graciously acknowledged the greetings of the devotees with folded hands. After completing his prayers and paying obeisance to Lord Kedarnath, he departed directly for Delhi around 12 noon.

Chittoor MP Prasada Rao urges united effort to counter criticism with development

Chittoor: TDP Politburo Member and Chittoor MP Daggumalla Prasada Rao has said that the development and welfare initiatives being implemented by the Central and State Alliance Government under the leadership of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu are the strongest response to opposition criticism.

He made these remarks while addressing the "Super Six Super Hit" two-year alliance government victory celebrations and review meeting held at the Telugu Desam Party office in Chittoor district on Monday. The meeting was organised to discuss preparations for welfare victory celebrations under the joint leadership of MP Prasada Rao, MLA Gurajala Jagan Mohan, and senior alliance leaders.

Calling upon party leaders and workers, the MP stressed the need to take welfare and development schemes to the people effectively and to work in coordination with a clear focus on the 2029 general elections and upcoming local body



polls. He also urged cadre to highlight how government benefits are reaching citizens and who is implementing them.

MP Prasada Rao praised MLA Gurajala Jagan Mohan for his role in driving development in the Chittoor Assembly constituency, stating that the constituency had been placed among the top performing segments due to coordinated efforts of elected representatives and administration. The leaders paid floral tributes to TDP founder and former Chief Minister N.T. Rama Rao at his statue before the meeting. Beneficiaries of welfare schemes such as Talli Ki

Vandanam, NTR Bharosa pensions, Deepam 2.0, Stree Shakti free bus travel, and auto drivers' welfare schemes shared their experiences and expressed satisfaction over government support. Speaking on the occasion, MLA Gurajala Jagan Mohan said the alliance government had delivered unprecedented welfare and development over the last two years, including pension reforms, farmer support schemes, LPG subsidies, and infrastructure projects. He also highlighted ongoing road expansion works, Anna Canteen inauguration, Kendriya Vidyalaya establishment, TIDCO housing.

BHATTI CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY WITH KGBV STUDENTS, LAUNCHES BREAKFAST SCHEME



RANGAREDDY (TSIT) Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka celebrated his birthday with students at the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) in Moinabad, Ranga Reddy district, on Monday. Along with Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar, he shared lunch with students and interacted with them. Speaking on the occasion, Bhatti Vikramarka announced the launch of the Breakfast Scheme for 29 lakh government school students across Telangana from Monday. He said the government was committed to improving educational and welfare facilities for students and ensuring access to nutritious food. Ponnamp Prabhakar lauded the Deputy Chief Minister for celebrating his birthday among government school students, describing it as a reflection of his simplicity and commitment to public service.

South Central Railway steps up monsoon preparedness to ensure safe train operations

Secunderabad, June 15: South Central Railway (SCR) has intensified its monsoon preparedness measures across the zone to ensure passenger safety and uninterrupted train operations during the rainy season. A comprehensive safety review meeting was conducted under the leadership of South Central Railway General Manager Shri Sanjay Kumar Srivastava at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad, on Monday.

The high-level meeting focused on assessing the zone's readiness to tackle challenges arising from heavy rainfall, sudden gusty winds, and adverse weather conditions. Additional General Manager Shri Satya Prakash, Principal Heads of Departments, and Divisional Railway Managers (DRMs) from Secunderabad, Hyderabad, and Nanded divisions participated in the review.

During the meeting, the General Manager stressed strict adherence to safety protocols and reviewed the condition of critical railway infrastructure, including bridges, tunnels, Road Under Bridges (RUBs), flood-prone locations, and embankments vulnerable to soil erosion. He directed officials to maintain ade-



quate stocks of essential materials such as sand, gravel, cement, and boulders to facilitate swift response during emergencies. Shri Sanjay Kumar Srivastava also emphasized proactive field inspections and instructed officials to undertake regular footplate inspections from locomotive cabins to assess ground conditions and take immediate corrective measures whenever required.

The General Manager called for prompt rectification of deficiencies identified during inspections to ensure seamless train operations and passenger safety. He also directed railway officials to strengthen safety measures in freight operations and take preventive steps to avoid accidents involving cattle on railway

tracks.

Highlighting the risks posed by dense vegetation during the monsoon, he instructed teams to trim or remove trees located near railway tracks and Overhead Equipment (OHE) installations to prevent service disruptions. He further urged field-level supervisors to remain vigilant and address operational issues without delay.

Reaffirming South Central Railway's commitment to safety and efficiency, Shri Sanjay Kumar Srivastava said that pre-monsoon preparedness reflects the organization's dedication to passenger safety and the strengthening of railway infrastructure. He urged all railway personnel to carry out their responsibilities with urgency, precision, and a strong focus on safety.

Andhra Pradesh engineer lands 300% salary hike after switching to tech

Andhra Pradesh: Bendu Manohar Naidu, an engineering graduate from Andhra Pradesh, has achieved a remarkable career turnaround by securing a 300 percent increase in compensation within just seven months of entering the technology sector. After completing his degree in Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE), Manohar spent nearly a year searching for opportunities in the core electronics industry. Despite persistent efforts, suitable roles remained elusive, leaving him uncertain about his career prospects while many of his peers moved ahead with jobs and higher studies.

Determined to change his circumstances, Manohar decided to explore opportunities in the technology sector despite having no formal background in computer science. To acquire the necessary skills, he enrolled in the Software Engineering programme offered by Scaler. The transition proved challenging, as coding concepts were entirely new to him and competition in the field was intense. However, Manohar remained committed to his goal, making it a habit to solve at least one coding problem every day, regardless of the difficulties he faced. Throughout the journey, he received unwavering support



from his family, which helped him stay focused and motivated. His dedication eventually paid off when he secured his first role in the technology industry. Today, Manohar works as a Software Development Engineer-1 (SDE-1) with Swiggy.

Within just seven months of joining the sector, his compensation increased by more than 300 percent, marking a significant milestone in his professional journey. For Manohar, the achievement represents more than financial growth—it is a testament to perseverance, patience, and the importance of family support in overcoming setbacks. His story serves as an inspiration to aspiring professionals, demonstrating that with determination and continuous learning, career transitions can open doors to new opportunities and long-term success.

Hyderabad Chai Company opens third branch in Mehdiapatnam

Hyderabad, June 15: Hyderabad Chai Company (HCC), a rapidly growing café brand known for its tea, snacks, and unique vegetarian meals, has inaugurated its third branch in Mehdiapatnam, Hyderabad. The grand opening ceremony was attended by prominent political leaders, influencers, and celebrities.

Founded in 2025, Hyderabad Chai Company started with a limited customer base and has quickly expanded across the city, building a strong following among food and tea enthusiasts. The new Mehdiapatnam outlet marks another

milestone in the brand's growth journey.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by chief guests Jaffer Hussain, MLA of Yakutpura; Majid Hussain; and former Home Minister Mohammed Mahmood Ali. Several social media influencers and celebrities also attended the event.

Among the notable guests was Faheem Ul Haq, who appreciated the café's innovative concept, distinctive recipes, and diverse menu offerings. He praised Hyderabad Chai Company for creating a unique dining experience that has resonated with customers across the city.

The official opening was conducted by the founders of the company—Mumtaz Hussain, Majaz Hussain, and Malik Hussain. Speaking on the occasion, the founders expressed their gratitude to the guests, well-wishers, and customers for their continued support and for making the launch event a grand success.

They also invited residents of Hyderabad to visit the new Mehdiapatnam outlet and experience the café's signature tea varieties, snacks, and specially curated vegetarian meal options that have contributed to the brand's growing popularity.



Udhayanidhi demands action on TN's law and order after death of alleged three-year-old rape victim

Chennai, June 15 : Tamil Nadu's Leader of the Opposition Udhayanidhi Stalin on Monday urged Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay to convene a high-level meeting of senior police officials and issue strict directions to district and regional officers to prevent what he described as the worsening law and order situation in the state. His remarks came in the wake of the death of a three-year-old girl who was allegedly sexually assaulted near Gummidipoondi in Tiruvallur district.

The incident has triggered widespread outrage and renewed concerns over the safety of women and children.

In a statement posted on social media, Udhayanidhi Stalin claimed that crimes

of this nature were once associated with certain northern parts of the country but alleged that similar incidents were now occurring with alarming frequency in Tamil Nadu.

He accused the Vijay-led government of failing to provide adequate protection to women and children despite highlighting their welfare prominently during the election campaign. The DMK leader pointed to a series of incidents that, according to him, reflected a breakdown in public safety across the state. He referred to allegations that members of the ruling party were involved in the sexual exploitation of more than 500 women in Salem, that a party functionary in Alandur had allegedly misbehaved with a widow, and



that a woman police constable in Sivaganga had allegedly been subjected to sexual assault.

Udhayanidhi Stalin alleged that although more than a month had passed since the new government assumed office, no effective measures had been taken to strengthen law and order. He claimed the situation had deteriorated significantly and

being paid to political activities than to governance and public safety. He urged Vijay to focus on restoring law and order and ensuring that women and children are protected from such crimes.

Warning of further action, Udhayanidhi said that if similar incidents continued to occur in Tamil Nadu, he would seek permission from the DMK leadership to launch a statewide protest against the government's handling of law and order. The statement adds to the growing political pressure on the government following the tragic death of the child, which has sparked strong reactions from political parties and civil society groups across the state.

Now, CMDA can directly clear high-rise projects in Chennai

CHENNAI: Doing away with the requirement of final government approval for high-rise building projects in Chennai Metropolitan Area, the State government on Monday authorised the Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority (CMDA) to directly issue planning permission. Under the earlier system, developers submitted applications to the CMDA, which carried out field inspections and

technical scrutiny before placing the proposals before the High Rise Buildings (HRB) Scrutiny Panel, which includes officials from Fire and Rescue Services, Tangedco, and TWAD Board to ensure safety and utility compliance. Based on the panel's recommendations, the proposals were then sent to the government for approval through a Government Order before planning permission was granted.



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(a) Loan Account No. 15046671348 for an amount of INR 25,57,318/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Fifty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Eighteen Only) (b) Non-Performing Asset on 02 nd June 2026, (c) Demand notice dated 08 th June 2026 Outstanding dues is INR 27,63,770.86/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakh Sixty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy and Paise Eighty Six Only) as on 8 th June, 2026 along with future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, costs, charges, etc
3) Description of the Immovable Properties:
In Kanchipuram District, Sriperumbudur Taluk, Chengalpatt Registration District, Senguvachattam Sub-Registration District, In Thirumangalam Village, In Walajabad Road, Under Patta No.88 Pt Punjai S. No. 366/2 Of Full Extent 0.07.5 Ares And In Which One Part Of House Site Property Measuring North Of South - 58.15 Feet: And East To West - 15 Feet i.e., 872 Sq. Ft., (Acre 0.02 Cents) And In Which Constructed A Rcc Roof House Building With All Accessories etc. As Bounded On The :- North By: S. V. Kesavan Plot (S No. 366/2 Part); South By: Capara Company Compound; East By: S. V. Kesavan Plot (S No. 366/2 Part); And West By: Walajabad Road Thereon

You are hereby called upon to make the payment of the aggregate amount as per the details mentioned in the above table along with further interest at contractual rate and other costs, charges and incidental expenses thereto till the date of payment within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which the undersigned will be constrained to initiate appropriate proceedings under section 13(4) and section 14 of the SARFAESI Act against the mortgaged property mentioned hereinabove to realise the amount due to Northern Arc Capital Ltd. Further, you are prohibited under section 13(13) of the said act from transferring the said secured asset either by way of Sale/Lease or otherwise.

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
NORTHERN ARC CAPITAL LIMITED

Dated: 16 June 2026
Place: Kanchipuram

Deny permission for hydrocarbon wells in Cuddalore, DMK tells Tamil Nadu govt

CHENNAI: The Tamil Nadu government should not grant permission for the hydrocarbon wells project in the coastal Cuddalore district and take steps to immediately halt the project to safeguard the marine resources and fishermen's livelihood, the opposition DMK said on Monday.

Expressing concern over the proposed move to establish four hydrocarbon wells in the sea near Parangipettai in Cuddalore district, about 190 km from Chennai, former Finance Minister Thangam Thennarasu said that during its rule, the



DMK under then Chief Minister MK Stalin took a firm decision on not allowing any hydrocarbon projects in the state in the interest of agriculture and to protect the environment. "We

advised the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority not to grant environmental clearance for the project when ONGC applied to study the hydrocarbon reserves in Ramanathapuram district, and thus stopped an attempt at the very beginning," Thennarasu said in a post on 'X'.

Similarly, the present TVK government should continue to maintain a firm stand in opposing the hydrocarbon project proposed to be constructed in the sea near Parangipettai, the legislator from Tiruchuli in Virudhunagar district, said.

Adivasi Congress to Launch Statewide Bus Yatra Highlighting Indira Gandhi's Contribution to Tribal Welfare



Hyderabad TSIT: TPCC Adivasi Congress has announced a statewide Bus Yatra to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Scheduled Tribe (ST) reservations and to highlight the historic contribution of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi towards the welfare and empowerment of tribal communities.

Decision was taken at a meeting of the TPCC Adivasi Congress held at Indira Bhavan in Gandhi Bhavan on Monday. The meeting was chaired by Adivasi Congress State President and MLC Shankar Naik and attended by TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud as the chief guest.

Addressing the gathering, Mahesh Kumar Goud said the Congress party has always stood firmly for the welfare of tribal communities and other marginalized sections. Recalling his childhood experiences, he said a majority of the population in his native village belonged to the Lambada community, which gave him an opportunity to closely observe their social and economic conditions.

He noted that Indira Gandhi had personally studied the living conditions of tribal communities, including Lambadas, and took several initiatives aimed at their upliftment. By granting ST reservations, she laid a strong foundation for

the educational, social, economic, and political advancement of tribal communities, he said.

Mahesh Kumar Goud stated that the remarkable progress achieved by tribal communities over the past five decades was a result of the visionary policies introduced by Indira Gandhi. He emphasized that the Congress party's core ideology has always revolved around the welfare of SCs, STs, and BCs and the promotion of social justice.

The TPCC President also highlighted that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has continued this commitment by implementing policies aimed at ensuring social equity and equal opportunities, including the caste census initiative in Telangana.

Calling upon party leaders and workers to make the Bus Yatra a grand success, Mahesh Kumar Goud said the programme would travel across tribal regions of the State to create awareness about the Congress party's contributions to tribal welfare and to educate people about the significance of ST reservations. Meeting resolved to organize the Bus Yatra extensively across Telangana and use it as a platform to reach out to tribal communities and reaffirm the Congress party's commitment to their development and empowerment.



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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(Under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described Immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ARM-2 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 23.07.2026 from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. [with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of sale], through E-Auction under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (<https://baanknet.com/>) portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before 22.07.2026.

(₹. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Borrower Name/ Description of the movable / Immovable assets	Total Liabilities as per Sale Notice	Details and Full Description of the Property	Reserve Price & EMD
1.	(1) M/s Kalp Jain Motor World LLP No.15,1-1,18th Cross Road, Malleshwaram Bengaluru-560055. Also at: (2) M/s Kalp Jain Motor World LLP No.78, Arishankante, Neelamangala, Bengaluru-562123. (3) Sri Bhartesh Kumar Jain S/o Sri Mahendra Kumar Jain Near Nriya Apartments 18th Cross Road, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560055. (4) Ms. Prashati Jain D/o Sri Sunil Jain, No. 15/1-1, 18th Cross Near Nriya Apartments, 18th Cross Road, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560055. (5) Ms. Mitakshi Jain D/o Sri Sunil Jain, No. 15/1-1, 18th Cross Near Nriya Apartments, 18th Cross Road, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560055. Also at: (6) Ms. Mitakshi Jain Old No.3/2, New No.7, Flat No.A3 Asiyanu Colony Church Lane, Vepery, Chennai, Tamil Nadu-600007.	Rs 50,17,422.29 (Rupees Fifty Crores Seventeen lakhs Seventy two thousand four hundred twenty two and twenty nine paise only) plus further interest thereon from 31.05.2026 and other expenses	All that part and parcel (Southern Portion) of Property bearing Municipal Corporation No.15/1-1, having BBMP PID No.7-37-15/1-1, Situated at 18th cross road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560055. Measuring east to west 48 feet and north to south 35 feet i.e 1680 Sq.ft with building constructed thereon in the name of Shri Bharatesh Kumar Jain. All that part and parcel of (Northern Portion) Residential Property bearing No. 15, PID No.7-37-15/1 situated at 18th cross road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560055. Measuring east to west 48 feet and north to south 63 feet i.e 3024 sq.ft with building constructed thereon in the name of Shri Bharatesh Kumar Jain. All that part and parcel of Property bearing No.30, Ward No.25, 1st cross, Kalappa Block, Ramachandrapura, Bangalore, PID No.25-6-30, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 54 feet, comprising of building of 9 Squares in Ground Floor, 8 Squares in First Floor, 8 Squares in Second Floor, 8 Squares in Third Floor, Within BBMP limits in the name of Smt. Mitakshi Jain.	Reserve Price Rs. 3,87,00,000/- EMD Rs. 38,70,000/- Reserve Price Rs. 8,81,00,000/- EMD Rs. 88,10,000/- Reserve Price Rs. 3,20,00,000/- EMD Rs. 32,00,000/-

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS : (a) Auction / bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website <https://baanknet.com/> Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings. (b) The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer. (c) The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process. (d) EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (BAANKNET) portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan. (e) After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before 22.07.2026, to Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore by hand OR Email. (f) Demand Draft/Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT Acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No.(ii) Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount. (iii) Bid Form. The intending bidders should register their names at portal <https://baanknet.com/> and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider, M/s.PSB Alliance (BAANKNET) - e- mail: support.baanknet@psballiance.com. EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. The EMD/Sale proceeds shall not carry any interest. (f) Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiples of Rs.1,00,000/-. The bidder who submits the highest bid (not below the Reserve price) on closure of 'Online' auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor. (g) The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorized Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again. This amount shall be deposited by way of Demand draft in favour of Authorized Officer, Canara Bank, ARM II Branch OR shall be deposited through RTGS/NEFT / Fund Transfer to credit of account of Canara Bank, ARM II Branch, A/c. No. 209272434, IFSC Code: CNRB0006298. (h) For sale proceeds of Rs.50.00 Lakhs (Rupees Fifty lacs) and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at a rate 1% or as applicable on the sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the bank. (i) All charges for Conveyance, Stamp Duty/GST/Registration Charges etc. As applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only. (j) Authorised Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the E-auction without assigning any reason thereof. (k) In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating in the E-auction, they can approach Canara Bank Circle office, Bengaluru or Canara Bank ARM II Branch, Bengaluru, who as a facilitating centre shall make necessary arrangements. (l) Bidder has to make due diligence and physical verification of property with regard to title, extent, area, dues, suits and cases etc. No claim subsequent to submission of bid shall be entertained by the bank. (m) After confirmation of sale, bidder's request cannot be accepted for refund of amount which is already paid and Bank will proceed as per SARFAESI Act. For further details contact Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, ARM Branch-2- (9113092975, 7892927914, 9464534482, 8921595802, 8709675503) e-mail id – cb6298@canarabank.com OR the service provider M/s.PSB Alliance (BAANKNET) e- mail: support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com.

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Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Canara Bank nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/alternatives such as back-up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

Date : 15.06.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised officer
Canara Bank



Oil prices have fallen and shares risen after the US and Iran said they had agreed a framework deal to end the war, which US President Donald Trump said would see the reopening of the key Strait of Hormuz shipping route. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, dropped 4.7% to \$83.24 (\$61.94) a barrel, and shares in Asia and Europe jumped in reaction to the deal. Pakistan, which has been mediating an end to the US-Iran war, said an official signing ceremony would be held on Friday, 19 June in Switzerland. Iran's deputy foreign minister Kazem Gharibabadi confirmed in a phone call on state TV that a deal with the US had been finalised, while Trump posted on social media "let the oil flow!". But Vandana Hari from energy markets analysis firm Vanda Insights said a lack of detail on what has been agreed was "likely to inject unease and uncertainty into the market". This could mean a week of uncertainty and volatility for the oil market, she added. The Strait of Hormuz has been effectively closed since shortly after the US and Israel launched airstrikes on Iran on 28 February. After the conflict began, Tehran



Japan's Nikkei 225 share index closed 5% higher, while the Kospi in South Korea ended up 5.2%. The region was hit particularly hard by higher energy prices as it is heavily reliant on the Middle East for its oil and LNG supplies. In Europe, both Germany's Dax and France's Cax 40 indexes were up by about 1.7% and in London the FTSE 100 rose 0.6%. Energy market experts have also warned that the movement of oil through the strait is unlikely to immediately return to pre-war levels.

ing company Lipow Oil Associates said mines would first need to be cleared from the waterway, which could take from a few weeks to up to six months.

He also said there is a large backlog of tankers waiting to use the waterway and that restarting oil production and getting the loading of ships back to normal levels could take weeks. Admiral Mark Montgomery, a retired US Navy rear admiral and senior fellow at the Foundation for the Defence of Democracies, told the BBC's Today programme that getting back

normal would not be "an overnight thing." "I would say that's going to take a month or 45 days to kind of fully get till you're at a normal pumping balance, and vessels moving in and out smoothly," he said. "The market has bought time, but the reality is that inventories are a lot lower," Wirth said in an interview Friday, referring to backup sources of energy like the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. "We've moved from comfortable inventories under normal times to what would soon to be uncomfortable," Wirth told Bloomberg. "I think that's the real question is, how much longer can these measures kind of ameliorate the risk? At some point they may not be able to." Wirth suggested that efforts to offset even higher oil prices by dipping into strategic reserves could begin to lose their impact by July. "The evidence would say you shouldn't fully believe" any announcement of an Iran deal "until you see the agreement signed and the actions come into effect." Meanwhile, shipowners, insurers and vessel crews will need to be convinced that it is safe to pass through the Strait of Hormuz before full-scale maritime transit could resume.

June 15, 2026: The Season 6 of the Lanka Premier League (LPL) is about to roll on 10th July, and right before that the league has got a major financial booster. LPL promoters, the Innovative Production Group FZ, LLC (“IPG”) has received multi-million-dollar funding support from a United States based listed entity. IPG has completed its strategic all-stock merger with Flash Sports & Media, Inc. (“Flash”) bringing its portfolio of T20 league commercial rights — including the LPL to the NASDAQ-listed platform UGRO (NASDAQ: UGRO). The move marks a significant moment for IPG and the leagues it manages, positioning them within a publicly governed structure built for scale. Backed by this new institutional structure, IPG will invest USD 20 Million to carve out bigger and better version of LPL over the next two years. For the LPL, the transition signals the start of a more structured and growth-driven phase. While the LPL remains, intellectual property owned by Sri Lanka Cricket, IPG continues to hold exclusive commercial

cial and media rights — now backed by institutional capital, enhanced governance standards, and long-term expansion planning. Anil Mohan, Founder & Chairman of IPG Global, said: “LPL will be the biggest beneficiary of this new development. The integration into a publicly governed structure strengthens our ability to scale the league responsibly. With enhanced transparency, capital access, and governance standards, we are positioned to grow franchise value while maintaining long-term commercial discipline.” Other than LPL, the IPG Group has long term exclusive agreements to develop Malaysia and Zimbabwe T20 leagues. IPG and the investors has also outlined expansion plans into these new leagues, extending its footprint across these high-growth cricket markets. The aim is to evolve standalone tournaments into an integrated, multi-market cricket enterprise spanning South Asia and other emerging territories.

Bradley Nattrass, Chief Executive Officer, Flash Sports & Media shares: “We believe this combina-

tion accelerates our ability to execute across multiple cricket economies simultaneously. With centralized commercial control and aligned franchise incentives, we intend to drive deeper sponsor integration, stronger broadcast partnerships, and greater fan engagement across markets. Our focus now is on operational execution, scaling the platform with speed and precision, and long-term shareholder value creation.” Eric Sherb, Chief Financial Officer, Flash Sports & Media, added: “The public-market structure enables phased capital deployment into league infrastructure while maintaining strict ROI discipline. Our focus will be on strengthening long-term commercial development and building recurring revenue streams across the portfolio. The aim is to create combined platform for commercial monetization. The IPG has announced that the focus will be on long-term asset appreciation, centralizing sponsorship revenue across leagues, upgrading broadcast production to 4K standards, and creating predictable recurring revenue streams.

No Embargo. No Talking Points. No Influencer Kits. No Sale Until Reviewers Have Spoken.

New Delhi, India June, 2026: In a first-of-its-kind move for the Indian smartphone industry, Ai+ Smartphone today announced that it will send its upcoming Nova2 Neo and Nova2 Pro smartphones to reviewers, creators, journalists, and members of the technology community across India before we open sales for trusted consumers - critique and review the devices without restrictions. In an industry built around launch events, Ai+ Smartphone is choosing something different - A conversation before a campaign, Feedback before a sale and Consumers before marketing "At a time when product launches are often accompanied by carefully controlled narratives, Ai+ is taking a different approach: putting consumer interest ahead of launch-day marketing. We don't want validation. We want unbiased feedback for user benefits," said Madhav Sheth, CEO of Ai+ Smartphone and Founder of NxtQuantum Shift Technologies There will be no embargo, no review guide-



lines, no scripted messaging and no curated launch experiences and most importantly, the devices will not go on sale until reviewers have had seven days to share their feedback. Reviewers are being encouraged to test every aspect of the devices—from hardware and software performance to cameras, battery life, data transfer, reliability, and overall user experience. “As a young brand, we are still learning, still improving, and still earning consumer trust every day. If there is something we’ve missed, we’d rather hear it

from reviewers before consumers spend their money. That's why Nova2 Neo and Nova2 Pro will not go on sale until this feedback window is complete," added Madhav Sheth. Reviewers will be free to publish their opinions immediately at their own will once they receive the device within 7 days. Positive feedback, critical feedback, and everything in between will be welcomed by the brand as part of its commitment to transparency and continuous improvement. The reviews will be available realtime on the

brands website for everyone to view the feedback. The initiative reflects AI+ Smartphone's belief that the future of technology must be built through Accountability, Transparency, and a willingness to listen. The Nova2 Neo and Nova2 Pro represent the next expansion of the Nova Series portfolio positioned under the Nova2 Ultra bringing the Nova experience to a wider audience while continuing AI+'s mission of making technology more accessible, transparent, and trustworthy.

Mumbai: Stock market benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty surged in early trade on Monday, June 15, mirroring a rally in global equities and a sharp decline in crude oil prices, after the US and Iran finalised a deal to end their 107-day war. The 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 1,12,70 points to 76,648.74 in early deals. The 50-share NSE Nifty surged 335.55 points to 23,956.40. The US and Iran finalised a deal to end their 107-day war and open the Strait of Hormuz, the narrow waterway used to ferry one-fifth of the global oil supplies, on Friday after an in-person signing of the agreement in Switzerland. US President Donald Trump made the announcement on Truth Social on Sunday evening, easing pressure on the global energy markets, as officials said the peace agreement would be signed on June 19 in Switzerland. From the 30-share Sensex firms, InterGlobe Aviation, Eternal, Bajaj Finance, Bajaj Finserv, UltraTech Cement, and

Larsen & Toubro were among the major winners. Sun Pharma emerged as the only laggard from the blue-chip pack. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, dropped 4.55 per cent to USD 83.36 per barrel. In Asian markets, South Korea's Kospi jumped nearly 6 per cent, while Japan's Nikkei 225 index climbed more than 5 per cent. Shanghai's SSE Composite index and Hong Kong's

Hang Seng index were also quoting higher. US markets ended in positive territory on Friday. "With the dawn of peace in West Asia, hopefully, and the consequent sharp correction in Brent crude to below USD 84 in early trade, the prospects for the Indian economy and stock market have turned for the better," V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Investments

Limited, said. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 1,082.18 crore on Friday, according to exchange data. On Friday, the Sensex jumped 1,695.40 points, or 2.30 per cent, to settle at 75,527.95. The Nifty ended sharply higher by 461.30 points, or 1.99 per cent, at 23,622.90. The 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 1,112.70 points to 76,648.74 in early deals.

Mumbai, June 15, 2023: Vedanta Group today marked a defining milestone in Indian corporate history with the listing of four newly demerged companies on the BSE (Bombay Stock Exchange) and NSE (National Stock Exchange). The landmark listing creates a portfolio of focused, world-class businesses spanning strategic metals, critical minerals, aluminium, oil & gas, power, and iron & steel sectors. These businesses sit at the centre of India's long-term industrial, infrastructure and self-reliance ambitions.

The listing of Vedanta Aluminium, Vedanta Oil & Gas, Vedanta Iron & Steel and Vedanta Power, represents the culmination of a future-ready transformation designed to unlock value, sharpen business focus and create sector leaders aligned with India's emergence as a global economic and manufacturing powerhouse. These newly listed entities begin trading today alongside Vedanta Limited, the Group's flagship listed entity anchored by Hindustan Zinc and a globally significant portfolio of

SPEAKING AT THE LISTING CEREMONY, MR. ANIL AGARWAL, CHAIRMAN, VEDANTA GROUP, SAID:

"Today is a historic day for Vedanta, and a deeply emotional one for me. 24 years ago Vedanta became the first Indian company to list on the London Stock Exchange and went on to become a FTSE100 company. The seed we sowed that day has grown into a vast banyan tree, and the saplings nurtured under it are now ready to become giants in key sectors and contribute significantly to India's rapid growth. The next stage of unprecedented growth is now being unveiled here in Mumbai, the city where my own business journey began.

Throughout our journey, we have been deeply committed to our shareholders. Over the last five years, we have delivered a total shareholder return of more than 300 per cent, nearly five times the return of the Nifty, while also providing a cumulative dividend yield of over 70 per cent. Tomorrow's economy, with AI, advanced manufacturing,



A NEW CHAPTER FOR INDIA'S INDUSTRIAL FUTURE

The listing comes at a time when India is rapidly emerging as one of the world's fastest-growing major economies. Demand for the essential materials that power modern economies, including oil & gas, gold, silver, zinc, aluminium, iron and steel, copper and coal, is expected to grow

sharply as India accelerates its journey towards becoming a developed economy. Against this backdrop, Vedanta's businesses are positioned at the centre of one of the largest industrial growth opportunities of our time. Together, they will support India's aspirations across energy security, infrastructure creation, high-tech manufacturing, digitalisation, AI-led growth, electric mobility, green technologies,

energy transition and long-term national development.

VEDANTA ALUMINIUM (NSE: 547780 & NSE: VAML) - BUILDING A GLOBAL ALUMINIUM CHAMPION

Vedanta Aluminium begins its independent journey as India's largest aluminium producer and the third-largest globally outside China. It is anchored by the world's largest aluminium smelter at Jharsuguda, Odisha. What began with just 1 lakh tonnes of production at BALCO has grown into a 30 lakh tonnes per annum business, making Vedanta one of the world's largest and lowest - cost aluminium producers.

The company plans to double capacity to 60 lakh tonnes per annum over the next three years, with a clear ambition to become the world's largest and lowest-cost, fully integrated aluminium producer. Beyond primary metal production, Vedanta Aluminium aims to foster the growth of thousands of downstream industries and manufacturing enterprises, supporting India's broader industrialisation agenda.

VEDANTA OIL & GAS (BSE: 382914 & NSE: VOGI) - FUELING INDIA'S ENERGY SECURITYVedanta Oil & Gas enters the market as India's largest private - sector oil and gas producer and one of the country's most strategically important energy businesses. With India expected to witness some of the strongest growth in hydrocarbon demand globally over the coming decade, the company is uniquely positioned to support the nation's energy security ambitions and reduce import dependence. Entering its next phase of growth with a debt-free balance sheet, the company combines financial strength with significant operational scale and resource potential. Vedanta plans to invest approximately US\$5 billion over the next three to five years to scale production to 500,000 barrels per day at globally competitive costs. Its growth portfolio spans tight oil, shale gas, shallow-water and deep-water assets, satellite fields as well as significant acreage in Assam and the North-East - the region where Asia's first oil well was drilled.

Iran and US agree deal to end war as Trump says Strait of Hormuz will be reopened

Ship-tracking data from MarineTraffic this morning shows there are more than 230 tankers and 250 cargo ships in the Gulf west of the Strait of Hormuz alongside large numbers of smaller vessels such as fishing boats and tugs. Only a minority of tracked tankers appear to be fully laden with cargo while most are empty or partially loaded. About 70% of the tankers in the data are stationary rather than moving. Many are gathered near major oil export terminals in Saudi Arabia, Iraq and the UAE. Most have remained in the Gulf over the past month. The total number of vessels in the area is likely to be higher, as many ships are not broadcasting their location and do not appear in the data. Natural gas prices in the UK have fallen by around 6% since the US-Iran deal was announced. But at around 110p per therm, they remain about 50% higher than they were before the conflict, and there is still plenty of uncertainty in the market. Qatar is normally a major producer of liquified natural gas, or LNG. The loss of those supplies due to the closure of the Strait of Hormuz has increased competition for shipments from elsewhere, and pushed up prices in Europe. Even though the UK gets only a small part of its gas from Qatar, the knock on effect of the reduction in global supplies has been significant. If Qatari shipments resume, pressure on prices should ease. But it will take time. Getting an LNG production 'train' up and running is a complicated process that can take up to a month. Then transporting the gas to where it's needed can take several weeks. So experts say it could be six weeks from when the process begins before the new supplies become available. In the meantime Europe is working to refill its reserves in preparation for next winter, which is keeping demand relatively high. This was always a three-



party war, and Trump told the Wall Street Journal on Sunday that he was furious at Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for ordering strikes on Lebanon this weekend that he believed might torpedo the almost-completed Iran deal. The deal held - at least long enough for it to be publicly announced. But if Israel begins new military operations in Lebanon, Iran could decide to close Hormuz again

and again jeopardise the global economy. Energy market experts warned that moving of oil through the strait is unlikely to immediately return to pre-war levels. Clearing a large backlog of tankers, removing mines and restoring regular oil shipping and production could take weeks. At minimum, however, Sunday's deal should help alleviate, if not entirely remove, some of the economic strain from the

ongoing conflict. Far-right Israeli Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich says the deal is "bad for Israel and for the entire free world". He says Israel "will have to continue the campaign to bring down the regime ourselves" and "ensure that Iran never acquires nuclear weapons," in a post on X, translated by the AFP news agency. "The joint [US-Israeli] campaign achieved many successes in weakening Iran, and those achievements have not been in vain," Smotrich says. Earlier, far-right Israeli National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir also criticised the deal, and said: "We are not partners to this agreement that does not ensure our security, and it does not bind us in any way." Like Ben-Gvir, Smotrich has had sanctions imposed on him by the UK and other countries for "repeated incitements of violence against Palestinian communities". The front-page headline of Israel's biggest selling daily newspaper Yedioth Ahronoth this morning was "Confrontation". Not between the US and Iran, but between President Donald Trump and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. America and its strongest ally in the Middle East are not on the same page when it comes to this deal. Israel was told, not consulted. In a conversation with the New York Times last night, President Trump called Netanyahu "a very difficult guy". Under pressure in the opinion polls at home and with mid-term congressional elections coming up in November, Trump has clearly been keen to bring an end to this unpopular and costly war. But in Israel, Netanyahu has been under pressure to keep it going. He is also facing elections in a few months' time which opinion polls suggest could see an end to his time in office and increase the likelihood of him being jailed on corruption charges which he denies.

South African TV star arrested after allegedly kidnapping man in girlfriend dispute

South African TV presenter and rapper Molemo Maorohanye, also known as Jub Jub, has been arrested for allegedly kidnapping a taxi driver and shooting a gun in his direction. Maorohanye is said to have confronted the driver in Edenvale, a town roughly 25 km (16m) from Johannesburg, accusing him of forming a relationship with his girlfriend. According to the police, Maorohanye allegedly forced the unnamed man into his vehicle on Sunday and fired his gun towards him. The man escaped unharmed and immediately drove to a nearby police station, the police statement says. Maorohanye has not yet commented. The alleged confrontation took place at 07:30 local time (05:30 GMT), after the driver had dropped off a passenger. Maorohanye, who was at one time one of South Africa's most popular musicians, will appear in Germiston Magistrate's Court on Wednesday for an initial hearing, police say. It is not his first encounter with the



law - in 2012 he was convicted of murder and attempted murder after killing four schoolchildren and wounding two others while drag-racing. South Africa's high court overturned the verdicts two years later, convicting Maorohanye of manslaughter instead. In 2023, the musician was arrested on charges of rape, attempted murder and assault following allegations made by an ex-girlfriend. The National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) withdrew the charges in 2024, as there were "no reasonable prospects of a successful prosecution". Maorohanye currently presents Uyajola 9/9, a reality TV show that attempts to expose cheating partners.

UK announces sweeping social media ban for under-16s



British Prime Minister Keir Starmer said on Monday he would ban social media sites for under-16s and impose restrictions on gaming and livestreaming platforms, in some of the world's most far-reaching online restrictions to date. The sweeping changes will reflect Britain's values, helping to protect children online while pushing back against the power of big technology companies, Starmer told a press conference. "It is clear to me a full ban is the right choice," he said. "This will change the conversations that parents have and the expectations of children over time. It will make a huge difference, it will make our children safer, it will make our children happier, it will give them more time, more security, more freedom to grow up, more opportunity". As well as a ban on sites such as TikTok, Snapchat and Instagram, he said he would take action against gaming and livestreaming services

that allow children to talk to strangers. "Is there a situation in the offline world where you would just let your child pair up with a stranger, an adult that you don't know anything about? No, so we're taking action on that," Starmer said. The government already has the powers to take the first steps in any ban, he said, with regulation to follow by the end of the year and a prohibition in place around next spring. Britain has increasingly toughened its approach to tech companies in recent years, urging or forcing them to impose age verification, adapt their algorithms and, most recently, prevent children from circulating nude images taken on mobile phones. But with a growing awareness of the mental health risks posed by children spending too much time online, Starmer has decided to go further after speaking to parents and considering evidence from Australia.

A MAN WAS JAILED FOR MURDER. 15 YEARS AFTER HIS DEATH, HE WILL GET A RETRIAL

Tokyo — When a Japanese court granted Hiromu Sakahara a retrial, there was no defendant in the dock celebrating the prospect of freedom. Instead, family members gathered around his grave to share news that he had longed to hear in life after a decades-long fight for justice. Sakahara died in 2011 while serving a life sentence for murdering a store manager in the rural town of Hino in 1984 - based on a confession that he said was forced. A rare posthumous retrial is expected to begin soon, but the long delays in Sakahara's case added momentum to calls for reform to speed up the excruciatingly long process people must go through to seek redress in Japan. "I regret that we could not save



my father from prison," his son Koji Sakahara told CNN. "While I am happy about the decision to grant a retrial, it's still incredibly painful," said Koji, now 64 with hair that's turned grey during the long campaign to prove his father's innocence. Japan has a reputation for "hostage justice," a term used to describe the detention of suspects for questioning.

Norwegian crown princess's son found guilty of two counts of rape

Marius Borg Høiby, the 29-year-old son of Norway's Crown Princess Mette-Marit, has been found guilty of two counts of rape and sentenced to four years in prison. The three judges in courtroom 250 at Oslo District Court cleared him of two other counts of rape, but found him guilty of many of the other offences of which he had been accused. Høiby was not in court for the verdict for unspecified health reasons, but joined the session via video link. Prosecutors had called for Høiby to be given seven years and seven months in prison. His defence lawyers had called for a lesser term of 18 months and have said he intends to appeal. Even though Marius Borg Høiby is not himself a royal figure, the trial has cast



a shadow over the broader royal family. His mother married Crown Prince Haakon when he was four, and he grew up within the family. The palace has said it will not comment on Monday's verdict. Mette-Marit is very ill with a form of pulmonary fibrosis and has recently been placed on a

lung transplant list. Her son's lawyers have repeatedly sought his release from prison so he could spend time with his mother because of her declining health. After the verdict, Høiby's defence lawyer Petar Sekulic again asked the court for his release. Although Oslo district court initially

granted his release last week, the decision was overturned by the court of appeal. One of the three judges in the trial, Judge Jon Sverdrup Eljestad, began the session early on Monday with a summary of their conclusions, before going into a 128-page ruling explaining the verdict. Høiby had denied all four counts of rape, but the judges convicted him of raping two women, including one on the Crown Prince's estate at Skaugum in 2018 and another involving a woman in Oslo in 2024. He was also convicted of abusing an ex-girlfriend, Norwegian influencer Nora Haukland and of causing serious bodily harm to another partner, in whose flat he was arrested in the upmarket Frogner area of Oslo in August 2024.

BRAZIL WOMAN DIES AFTER ROPE-JUMPING INSTRUCTORS FAIL TO ATTACH CORD

A woman has died in what appears to be a tragic extreme sports accident in Brazil. Three men have been arrested over the incident, in which instructors failed to attach a rope to her before helping her jump from a bridge in São Paulo state. Footage went viral over the weekend of Maria Eduarda Rodrigues de Freitas being carried to the edge of the abandoned bridge before being let go on Saturday. She fell 40m (130ft) and emergency services pronounced her dead at the scene. Police are now investigating whether the men are culpable of homicide with eventual intent - when someone does not have the direct intention



but assumes the risk of killing - local news site Globo reports. The incident happened in Ponte do Esqueleto, on the border of Limeira and Cordeirópolis, in the interior of São Paulo, Brazil. In the footage posted on social media, two men in white helmets can be seen holding

Rodrigues de Freitas, 21, by her arms while a third is behind holding her feet. When she is cast off the bridge, an onlooker screams at the instructors to attach her cord. The three men were wearing harnesses that appear to be attached to a security rope. Rodrigues de

Freitas was buried the following day. Rope-jumping is an extreme sport that differs from bungee jumping. It uses low-stretch climbing ropes that convert the fall into a horizontal, pendulum swing, while bungee jumping uses an elastic rubber cord that creates a vertical, bouncing effect. The bridge, called "Skeleton Bridge" has been abandoned for years and falls under responsibility of the federal government. Brazil's Secretariat of Federal Assets (SPU) said it was "available to assist the authorities in the investigations". The City Hall of Limeira (SP) announced it would sue the federal government for failing to adequately manage the bridge.

US MUSICIAN OLIVER TREE DIES IN HELICOPTER COLLISION IN BRAZIL



The alt-pop US musician and internet personality Oliver Tree was among six people who died when the helicopter he was travelling in collided with another in Brazil. The 32-year-old had been on a world tour when the crash occurred over Rio de Janeiro on Sunday. One of the helicopters then fell onto the car park of a dealership, setting around 20 vehicles ablaze. Footage published by Brazilian media shows one of the helicopters dropping from the sky, as well as flames and thick smoke rising from the crash site. Authorities say an investigation into the cause of the collision is now under way. The Military Fire Department of the State of Rio de Janeiro said it was called to the crash site around 09:00 local time (12:00 GMT). Argentine content creator Gaspar Prim Diaz - also known as Gaspi -

was also believed to have been in one of the helicopters, according to the Associated Press. The other passengers on the helicopter's manifest were Lucas Brito Chaves, Lucas Vignale and pilot Alexandre Souza. The crew manifest for the second aircraft lists only the pilot, Charles Marsillac. Tree - born Oliver Tree Nickell in Santa Cruz, California in 1993 - first rose to fame in 2016 after going viral on social media. With his distinctive bowl haircut, he was known for hits including Life Goes On, Miss You and Alien Boy. Tree had just begun a world tour, with his most recent show in São Paulo, Brazil on 6 June. He was next scheduled to perform in Lisbon, in Portugal, on 1 July and had been due to play dates in Glasgow, Manchester and London in September.



Russian strikes kill 11 and set historic cathedral in Kyiv ablaze

China detains two leaders of influential underground church



An influential Protestant church in China has said two of its leaders were detained after more than dozens of congregants, including children, were rounded up for interrogation. They were midway through Sunday service in the south-western city of Jiangyou, when armed police officers stormed the room they were in, Early Rain Covenant said in a statement on Monday. Founded in 2008 in Chengdu city, the church has long been on the

Chinese Communist Party's radar given how religion is tightly controlled in the region. Founding pastor Wang Yi was detained in a raid in December 2018 and is serving a nine-year jail term for "inciting subversion of state power" and "illegal business operations". The grounds for detaining two of its leaders, Yan Hong and Wu Wuqing, on Sunday are still unclear, the church said in its statement posted on Telegram.

GAETHJE WINS AT TRUMP'S UFC WHITE HOUSE SHOW

Justin Gaethje provided the perfect ending for American fans at the White House as he shocked Ilia Topuria to win the UFC undisputed lightweight title. American Gaethje, 37, shrugged off his underdog tag as he stopped Topuria at the end of the fourth round to become undisputed champion for the first time. Gaethje hurt Topuria multiple times in a brutal contest as the Georgian-Spaniard retired on his stool before the fifth round for the first defeat of his 18-fight career. The one-of-a-kind show, billed as UFC Freedom 250, took place on US President Donald Trump's 80th birthday as part of celebrations to mark 250 years of American independence. After securing victory, which UFC commentator Joe Rogan called "one of the biggest upsets in the history of the sport", Gaethje did his signature backflip from the top of the cage before shaking hands



with Trump. In a rousing post-fight interview, Gaethje compared his underdog status to Americans who once fought for their country's independence. "I'm from America, 250 years ago we were way bigger than 6-1 dogs, and look at us thriving now," said Gaethje. "To all the current, former and future military service members, thank you so

much." In the co-main event, Ciry! Gane ended Alex Pereira's hopes of becoming the UFC's first three-division champion with a second-round stoppage in their interim heavyweight title fight. The White House has hosted recreational sports and events before, but the event on the South Lawn marked the first professional live sporting show to take

place on the grounds. There were worries in the build-up that thunderstorms in Washington DC could cause delays, and although rain postponed the start of the event by around half an hour, it ran smoothly from there. The show opened with President Trump and beaming UFC president Dana White walking through the White House to the Truman

Balcony overlooking the octagon, before a rendition of the national anthem took place while US Air Force jets cruised overhead. About 4,300 people watched the event on the South Lawn, most of whom were members of the US military, who chanted "USA" in support of the American fighters on the card. Trump watched the event octagon-side alongside White, while the United States Marine Band serenaded fighters during their walkouts, which started from inside the White House. Gaethje started his walkout in the Oval Office, where he took a moment to soak in the occasion, before walking past portraits of previous US presidents. Topuria, who is a former champion at featherweight before he moved up to claim the lightweight belt, struggled to impose the power he has shown in previous bouts as Gaethje traded shots in the first round.

Neeraj Chopra To Return To Action At Doha Diamond League

Fit-again Indian javelin throw superstar Neeraj Chopra will return to competitive action at the Doha Diamond League on June 19. The 28-year-old has been recuperating from a back injury which has prevented him from competing so far in the season. "First throw of 2026 lands in Doha! Neeraj Chopra returns to competitive action on June 19," his management firm Vel Sports announced on Instagram. Chopra is a late addition to the event as his name was not in the list announced by the organisers on June 12. In May last year, the two-time Olympic medallist India had breached the coveted 90m mark at the same venue. He had recorded 90.23m to finish second behind Julian Weber (91.06m) of Germany. Chopra was on Sunday named in India's athletics squad for the upcoming Commonwealth Games, subject to achiev-



ing the Athletics Federation of India's (AFI) qualifying standard of 82.61m. The Doha Diamond League was to be

originally held on May 8 as the season-opening event but was postponed due to the ongoing West Asia conflict.

'Snicko' In FIFA World Cup 2026? Cricket Technology Makes Stunning Debut In Sweden vs Tunisia Clash

Sweden started their FIFA World Cup 2026 on the perfect note with a 5-1 win over Tunisia at the Stadio Monterrey on Monday. Yasin Ayari scored twice while Victor Gyokeres, Mattias Svanberg and Alexander Isak scored one each to guide Sweden to a commendable victory. While the performance by Sweden was enough to grab headlines, what left fans buzzing was the use of 'Snicko' technology when it came to Svanberg's goal. It took just 18 seconds for the Swedish footballer to find the back of the net after coming on as a substitute as he latched onto a Yasin Ayari set-piece. However, the goal was denied by the assistant referee who ruled



it to be offside - a decision that left the Swedish dugout fuming as they argued that the ball touched Isak before falling to Svanberg. In order to check the deflection, the officials used a ball contact technology which is extremely similar to the 'Snicko' used in cricket. The ball showed a clear spike when it came close to Isak

and as a result, the goal was allowed. Tunisia head coach Sabri Lamouchi called the team's FIFA World Cup 2026 opener loss against Sweden "difficult" and "painful". His team suffered a 1-5 loss to Sweden on Sunday (Local Time) as only Omar Rekik was able to find the net. Tunisia endured a difficult outing,

with several costly mistakes proving decisive. Goalkeeper Mouhib Chamakh was responsible for Sweden's opening goal in the 18th minute after misjudging a long clearance, while captain Ellyes Skhiri committed an error that led directly to Viktor Gyokeres's strike in the 59th minute. In the match, Sweden's Yasin Ayari opened and completed the scoring, and substitute Mattias Svanberg also scored a goal. It was Alexander Isak and Gyokeres who consistently troubled Tunisia's back line throughout the match. For Tunisia, Rekik was the only name on the scoresheet. Speaking at the post-match press conference.

Wheelchair-Bound Japan Fan Collects Trash After FIFA World Cup Match, Wins Internet

Japan began their FIFA World Cup 2026 campaign with a thrilling 2-2 draw against the Netherlands in a Group F clash on Sunday. Netherlands captain Virgil van Dijk opened the scoring with a powerful header in the 51st minute, but Japan quickly responded through Keito Nakamura. Cryscenio Summerville later restored the Dutch lead with a brilliant curled finish just after the hour mark. However, Japan had the final say as Daichi Kamada scored a dramatic last-minute equaliser to seal the draw. Amid the on-field excitement, a heartwarming gesture by Japanese fans won widespread praise. After the match, they stayed back to clean up the litter in the sta-



dium, a tradition they have consistently followed across venues. The moment became even more special at the Dallas stadium when a differently-abled fan joined in. In a video that went viral on social media, a wheelchair-bound Japanese supporter

was seen picking up trash in the stands, with others stepping in to assist him. The touching act quickly captured attention online and left fans deeply impressed. In another video shared by FIFA, a Japanese fan explained the reason behind

this practice. "It's about showing respect - to the players, the supporters, and even the stadium. We are honoured to be here, so we don't want to leave a mess behind," the fan said. Talking about the match, Japan and the Netherlands are missing key players through injury, but on paper this was still one of the more attractive fixtures in the group stage. Both have been touted as dark horses capable of going far at the tournament - the Dutch have been runners-up three times whereas Japan have never gone beyond the last 16. "We are not completely satisfied with the draw," said Japan coach Hajime Moriyasu, whose side face Tunisia on Saturday in a competitive-looking Group F.

Real Madrid Confirm Marc Cucurella Signing From Chelsea On Six-Year Deal



Real Madrid announced the signing of Spanish defender Marc Cucurella from Chelsea on Monday, for a fee reported to be 55 million euros (\$63.8 million). "Real Madrid and Chelsea have reached an agreement for the transfer of the player Marc Cucurella, who will join our club for the next six seasons, until June 30, 2032," said Los Blancos in a statement. The 27-year-old left-back joined Chelsea from Brighton in 2022 after coming through La Liga champions Barcelona's academy and moving to Getafe. Cucurella is at the World Cup with Spain, and becomes the only Real Madrid player in Luis de la Fuente's squad. Real Madrid president

Florentino Perez was re-elected earlier in June, following two seasons without winning a major trophy and appointed Jose Mourinho as coach this week. Los Blancos are set to sign Liverpool defender Ibrahima Konate at the end of his contract at Anfield and have been linked with Bernardo Silva and Inter Milan's Denzel Dumfries. Chelsea finished 10th in the Premier League last season in a disappointing campaign, with Cucurella critical of the decision to sack Enzo Maresca in January. Cucurella had two years left on his deal at Stamford Bridge, where he won the Club World Cup and UEFA Conference League in 2025.

World Cup "Less Joyful" For Iran As Team Lands In US For World Cup 2026 Match

Iran's coach Amir Ghalenoei said on Sunday political tensions and visa issues have damaged his side's preparations for the World Cup but insisted his players will not "pay attention to any of the hype." Iran have arrived at the tournament under the shadow of a bitter diplomatic row, after the United States - in military conflict with Iran for months - refused to issue visas for some team support staff. They play their opener against New Zealand in Los Angeles on Monday, marking the first time that a World Cup host has hosted a country with which it is at war. Protests are planned outside the stadium by members of the Iranian diaspora opposed to the nation's hardline regime, and there have been threats



that the Iran team could walk off the pitch if anti-government banners are displayed. "We are here to perform a good match, a high-quality match. We don't pay attention to any of the hype and anything that goes on around us," Ghalenoei said in a press conference in response to a question from AFP. "Naturally, all teams have their own problems, and in

many countries, many things happen that have nothing to do with football." The coach said his team are simply at the World Cup to "represent the respectful people of Iran, be it the Iranians inside Iran or the Iranian diaspora." "We are not political people... football is separate from politics," said Ghalenoei. The press conference took place barely an hour after a peace

deal between the US and Iran was announced, bringing an "immediate and permanent" end to military operations on all fronts. Controversy surrounding the Iran team has drawn headlines but is far from the only political issue affecting the World Cup that the US is co-hosting with Mexico and Canada. Somali referee Omar Artan was denied entry to the US for the World Cup, as have been many fans. "It's not just Iran that has been impacted, as you know," said star striker Mehdi Taremi. "Others, including a referee, have been impacted." He said the tension surrounding the tournament "undermines that joy and it undermines the message of FIFA or people, which is about football that brings about peace."



Emperor Naruhito, King Willem-Alexander Witness Japan vs Netherlands Clash

'Was Depressed, Wanted To Give Up Cricket': India's T20 World Cup Star Drops Bombshell



India off-spinner Shreyanka Patil has revealed that she struggled with depression and even considered quitting cricket during a challenging injury layoff that kept her out of action for more than a year. The off-spinner, who delivered an economical spell in India's 64-run victory over Pakistan in the Women's T20 World Cup on Sunday, credited her strong support system for helping her navigate the difficult period and make a successful return to the national side. Shreyanka spent nearly 14 months on the sidelines after a fractured finger sustained

during an Asia Cup match against Pakistan in July 2024. Her injury woes continued with severe shin issues in both legs and a fractured left thumb, before she finally returned to action for Royal Challengers Bengaluru in the WPL earlier this year. "I'd be lying if I said I wasn't depressed or that I didn't think about giving up cricket. That's how I felt initially during the injury phase. But there was a voice inside me saying, 'No matter what, I love playing this sport. I'm here only because I love playing it,'" Shreyanka told JioStar.

Rockstar Anirudh Marks A New Chapter With ‘Aravindh’, The First Release From Albuquerque Records And Universal Music India



Music sensation Anirudh Ravichander has unveiled “Aravindh”, marking the first release under his exclusive partnership with Universal Music India through his independent label, Albuquerque Records. Released in Tamil and Telugu, the track marks a new creative chapter for Anirudh as he steps beyond film music to explore original pop- and hip-hop-driven storytelling. Anirudh first shot to nationwide fame with the 2012 viral hit “Why This Kolaveri Di?”, and has since composed music for blockbuster films including Jailer, Coolie, Vikram, Leo and Devara: Part 1. He also made his Bollywood music debut with Shah Rukh Khan starrer Jawan, one of

2025’s biggest blockbusters. Over the years, Anirudh Ravichander has risen to phenomenal fame, earning the title of “Rockstar Anirudh” from fans and the industry alike. With “Aravindh”, Anirudh shines a light on the struggles of an independent artist trying to survive in today’s fast-evolving digital music landscape. At the heart of the song is Aravindh, Anirudh’s alter-ego, a passionate musician who has dedicated his life to music despite the odds stacked against him. While access to releasing music has become easier than ever, sustaining a career as an independent artist remains a challenge, especially in the South Indian music space. Yet, Aravindh continues to hold onto the hope that his music will

find the right audience. Talking about the song Anirudh says, “Aravindh is everybody in some way. We all have an Aravindh in our lives, but this song speaks about an independent artist who yearns for that one chance to show what they’ve got. It is also a satirical take on the challenges an independent artist faces while trying to make it big amidst the sea of content on the internet” The track is deeply personal for Anirudh, reflecting a phase of his own life when he too was once “Aravindh.” Through the song, he hopes to connect with fellow artists and creatives navigating similar journeys, while also making a bold and introspective commentary on his own rise, struggles and the industry itself.

PRIME VIDEO UNVEILS the Explosive Trailer for Isakapatnam, the Gripping Crime Drama Starring Samuthirakani and Aishwarya Rajesh, Premiering July 2

Prime Video, India’s most loved entertainment destination, unveiled the captivating trailer of its upcoming Telugu Original series, Isakapatnam, at an immersive event in Hyderabad today. Directed by Garry BH, written by Prashant Ragathi, and dialogues by Tajuddin Syed, the seven-episode crime thriller is produced by Rahul Tamada and Saideep Reddy Borra under the banner of Tamada Media Productions. Headlined by Samuthirakani and Aishwarya Rajesh, the series boasts a stellar ensemble cast including Sunil, Naresh Agastya, Merin Philip, Sudhakar Komakula, Rajeev Kanakala, Mime Gopi, Rohini, Banerjee, Jwala Koti, Ravi Varma, and Raja Chembolu in pivotal roles. Isakapatnam will premiere exclusively on Prime Video in Telugu with dubs in Tamil and Hindi and subtitles in 15 languages, including English, across India and over 240 countries and territories worldwide on July 2. The trailer offers a glimpse into the gripping crime saga unfolding in a fictional port town where crime, politics, and loyalties collide, setting the stage for an unmissable tale of ambition and revenge. Packed with intense action, high emotional stakes, and heart-stopping twists, the series explores how greed, unchecked ambition, and the relentless hunger for power can reshape lives, fuel rivalries, and trigger far-reaching, often violent consequences worldwide to immerse themselves in the world of Isakapatnam.”



Director Garry BH said, “Isakapatnam is a fictional series driven by deeply authentic characters and universal human emotions. While the story is rooted in a unique world, themes of greed, ambition, love, loss, and revenge make it extremely relatable. Promising to entertain and enthrall audiences, the story is filled with unexpected twists and turns as the characters cross paths in their pursuit of absolute power. Working alongside Tamada Media Productions, Prime Video, and our exceptional cast and crew has been a truly fulfilling experience, and I can’t wait for audi-

ences worldwide to immerse themselves in the world of Isakapatnam.” Samuthirakani shared, “What immediately drew me to the series was the strength of its storytelling and the complexity of my character, Naidu. Beyond the action and drama, the narrative delves into themes of greed, revenge, and ambition and how they can drive people to make life-altering decisions. I’m grateful to have been part of this journey and look forward to audiences experiencing the series and seeing me in a role unlike any I’ve played before.” “Portraying Bharati was both challenging and deeply rewarding. What appealed to me was

her resilience, complexity, and the strength with which she navigates a world shaped by power and conflict. She is a woman with immense agency and conviction, refusing to be defined by her circumstances while embracing both vulnerability and courage. That balance is what makes her feel so authentic, and I’m excited for audiences to experience her journey,” said Aishwarya Rajesh. Sunil, who plays CI Varma, elaborated, “The world of Isakapatnam is raw, immersive, and deeply layered, with every character carrying their own ambitions, conflicts, and motivations. And I was most fascinated by

how the story and characters came together to create a rich and compelling narrative. As an actor, the series challenged me to step into a character unlike any I’ve portrayed before, and working alongside such an exceptional cast and crew made the experience even more fulfilling.” Playing the role of Pedanna, Naresh Agastya shared, “What excited me about my character and the series were the strength of its storytelling and the depth of its character arcs. The series is constantly evolving, keeping viewers engaged and guessing while remaining firmly rooted in the motivations, conflicts, and struggles of its characters. As the story unfolds, audiences will discover new layers at every turn and experience a narrative filled with unexpected twists and surprises.” “The character of Ammaji resonated deeply with me because of her quiet strength and resilience. As the story unfolds, she evolves in unexpected ways, finding the courage to make her own choices and stand her ground. Portraying that transformation was both challenging and immensely rewarding,” added Merin Philip. Isakapatnam joins Prime Video’s blockbuster lineup for Prime Day. This July, Amazon Prime Day is back in India for its tenth edition. Prime members can look forward to great deals, bigger savings, exciting new launches, blockbuster entertainment, and more.

Deewana Is the Story of a Young Man Completely Immersed in Love; the Interval Twist Will Shock Audiences with a Fresh New Point – Actor Harshith Reddy



Young and talented actor Harshith Reddy, who recently scored a success with Shubham, is now gearing up for the release of his new film Deewana. The film is being produced by Vasudev Koppineni and Sridevi Karyampudi under the Arha Media and

V Studios banners. Actress Sneha Manimegalai and director Srikanth Sangisetty are making their debut with this beautiful love story. Deewana is set for a grand worldwide theatrical release on the 19th of this month through Geetha Film Distributors. In a recent interview, Harshith Reddy spoke about his career journey and shared several highlights about the film. “My father is originally from Miryalaguda, but I was born, raised, and educated in Hyderabad. I am very familiar with the city’s culture and lifestyle. Initially, I used to create videos for YouTube and Instagram. After watching those videos, the team at Vyjayanthi Movies selected me for Mail. It was during the COVID period, so the audition was conducted online.

Presented by Fatima Vijay Antony under Vijay Antony Film Corporation and produced by Ramanjaneyulu Javvaji under the Sarvanth Ram Creations banner, Vanda Devullu stars Vijay Antony, Swasika, Ajay Dhishan, Lijamol Jose, Karunas, Shakti, and Kavya Anil in key roles. Directed by Shashi, who previously collaborated with Vijay Antony on the blockbuster Bichagadu, the film is set to release on June 19. The teaser and trailer released so far have generated a positive response from audiences. As part of the promotions, the makers organized a grand pre-release event on Monday. Mega producer Niharika Konidela and director Thirunadh Rao Nakkina attended as chief guests. Speaking at the event, Vijay Antony said: “Twenty years ago, Shashi garu introduced me as a music director. Ten



years ago, he gave me a new life as a hero through Bichagadu. Now, we are coming together once again with Vanda Devullu. After listening to the story, I was moved to tears and simply couldn’t stop crying. My character in this film is completely different and unique. I would like to thank

Bhashyasree garu, who has been part of my journey since Bichagadu. Sasi garu has introduced a fresh technical team through this project. I also thank Subba Reddy garu and Mythri Shashi garu for distributing the film, and my producer Fatima garu for her support. I hope Telugu audiences embrace Vanda

Devullu when it releases on June 19.” Niharika Konidela shared: “I have already watched Vanda Devullu. When I watched Shashi garu’s Sreenu, I was deeply emotional. He later delivered a remarkable film like Bichagadu. It is evident that every member of this team

has poured their heart into this project. After marriage and motherhood, a woman becomes a mother, but there is still a girl within her. The film beautifully explores this idea. Swasika has delivered an outstanding performance, and Ajay, Kavya, and the rest of the cast have also done a wonderful job. I instantly loved the title Vanda Devullu. It grabs attention and carries a strong emotional appeal. Vijay Antony garu is a director, actor, producer, editor, and music director, but above all, he is a genuinely good human being. After meeting him personally, I

respect for him has grown even more. Everything in this film, from a fan to a tea cup, has its own significance and character. It is highly emotional yet equally entertaining. Vijay Antony’s role is exceptional, and the film leaves audiences with meaningful thoughts. The makers have blended the message with commercial elements beautifully. Everyone who has a mother should watch Vanda Devullu. I sincerely hope it becomes an even bigger success than Bichagadu.”



DULQUER SALMAAN'S STYLISH AVATAR 'I AM GAME' TO HAVE A WORLDWIDE GRAND RELEASE ON AUGUST 20TH



The latest poster released from Dulquer Salmaan’s most awaited movie ‘I Am Game’ is impressing the audience. In the new poster, Dulquer Salmaan is seen in a very stylish avatar, further increasing the expectations on the movie. The makers, who have already announced the release date, will release the movie grandly worldwide on August 20, 2026 as an Onam gift. Currently, the post-production work of the film is going on at a fast pace. Produced by Dulquer Salmaan’s own production company Wayfarer Films, this big-budget action thriller is shaping up to be the biggest film of his career. Directed by Nahas Hidayat, the film is being co-produced by Dulquer Salmaan and Jom Varghese. The story and screenplay for the film are written by Shahbaz Rashid and Adarsh Sukumaran. Shot across over a hundred locations in South India, ‘I Am Game’ is currently one of the most eagerly awaited projects in the Malayalam film industry.

SAMANTHA TURNS PRODUCER TO BREAK THE CYCLE

Samantha is back in the game and is making some strong statements. “Female filmmakers have always been sidelined. Even though we question this, we still cannot break the cycle. Tralala is my way of breaking the cycle,” says filmmaker Samantha, speaking about her banner Tralala moving pictures and passion project Maa Inti Bangaaram, directed by Nandini Reddy. The film marks another significant step in promoting women-led storytelling in

Telugu cinema. Produced under Samantha’s Tralala banner, Maa Inti Bangaaram reflects a conscious effort to create more opportunities for women both in front of and behind the camera. Samantha’s statement highlights the challenges female filmmakers continue to face despite growing conversations around equality and representation in the industry. Directed by Nandini Reddy, the action-family drama features Samantha in a powerful lead role and has already generat-

ed considerable buzz through its teaser and trailer. The film showcases a woman who fights to protect her family while navigating a hidden past, blending action, emotion, and family drama. For Samantha, Tralala is more than just a production house, it is a platform to encourage fresh voices and challenge long-standing industry norms. By backing projects helmed by women and driven by strong narratives, she hopes to inspire meaningful change in the filmmaking landscape. With anticipation building among audiences, Maa Inti Bangaaram is poised to be one of the most talked-about releases of the season.

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