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CM Naidu Visits Toddy Tapper's House in Tuni, Hands Over NTR Bharosa Pension

The South India Times, Visakhapatnam. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu participated in the 'Pedala Sevalo' programme held at Chamavaram village in Tuni constituency of Kakinada district on Monday. Following the event, he visited the residence of local toddy tapper Simhachalam and interacted with his family members. During the visit, the Chief Minister personally handed over the monthly pension of Rs.4,000 to Simhachalam, a beneficiary of the NTR



Bharosa Pension Scheme. He enquired about the family's well-being and affectionately interacted with Simhachalam's

grandson. The Chief Minister also discussed the challenges faced by toddy tappers and sought details about their

occupation. Simhachalam informed him that he currently taps toddy from six palm trees. Later, Simhachalam's nephew Musalaya demonstrated the traditional toddy-tapping process by climbing a palm tree and collecting fresh toddy. Chandrababu Naidu closely observed the process and tasted the freshly collected toddy brought down from the tree. The visit reflected the Chief Minister's interest in understanding the livelihoods of traditional occupational communities and the issues they face.

Safety to Remain the Cornerstone of South Coast Railway: GM Sandeep Mathur



Visakhapatnam: Marking a historic milestone in Indian Railways, the newly formed South Coast Railway (SCoR), headquartered in Visakhapatnam, officially commenced operations on Monday. On the occasion, General Manager Shri Sandeep Mathur welcomed officers and staff joining the new zone. Addressing the gathering, the General Manager said the formation of South Coast Railway would enhance administrative efficiency, strengthen operational effectiveness, and improve passenger and freight services. He noted that the new zone would play a vital role in accelerating infrastructure development and boosting

regional economic growth. The System Map of South Coast Railway was unveiled during the event, outlining the jurisdiction and network of the newly created zone. Describing the creation of a new railway zone as a rare event in the history of Indian Railways, Shri Mathur said it reflects a renewed commitment to efficiency, development, and improved service delivery. Emphasizing that safety would remain the highest priority, the General Manager chaired a comprehensive Safety Review Meeting. He stated that while infrastructure growth and operational performance are important, safety must continue to guide every aspect of

railway functioning. Divisional Railway Managers of Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada, Guntur, and Guntakal divisions presented reports on integration with the new zone, highlighting asset management, human resource planning, and key operational challenges. Detailed discussions were held on operational safety, infrastructure maintenance, safety audits, accident prevention measures, crew counseling, and inspection drives. The meeting was attended by senior railway officials, including DRMs Shri Lalit Bohra, Shri Mohit Sonakiya, Smt Sudeshna Sen, and Shri Chandra Shekhar Gupta, along with Principal Heads of Departments and senior officers from various branches. Expressing confidence in the collective efforts of railway employees, Shri Mathur said South Coast Railway has the potential to emerge as one of the most efficient and progressive railway zones in the country.

TTD EO Unveils Posters and Booklet of Sri Venugopalaswamy Brahmotsavams

TTD Executive Officer Sri Muddada Ravichandra on Monday unveiled the posters and booklet of the annual Brahmotsavams of Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple, Karvetinagara, at his office in the TTD Administrative Building, Tirupati. Speaking on the occasion, the EO said the Brahmotsavams will be held from June 6 to 14 in a grand manner. Koil Alwar Tirumanjanam will be performed on June 2 and Ankurapanam on June 5. The festivities will begin with Dhvajaranam on June 6. Kalyanotsavam will be held on June 9, Garuda Seva on June 10, and Rathotsavam on June 13. The EO instructed officials to make elaborate arrangements for devotees, including electrical and floral decorations, queue lines, shamianas, arches, and other facilities.

Tella Kasturi Assumes Charge as Special Officer of AP Information Centre in New Delhi

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Tella Kasturi, currently serving as Regional Joint Director (Zone-3), Ongole, has assumed charge as the Special Officer of the Andhra Pradesh Information Centre (APIC) in New Delhi on Monday. The appointment follows the retirement of P. Kiran Kumar, who had been serving as Additional Director (In-Charge) in the Information and Public Relations Department while also holding full additional charge as Special Officer of APIC, New Delhi. Director of Information and Public Relations K.S. Viswanathan issued orders assigning the additional responsibility to Tella Kasturi. After taking charge, Tella Kasturi paid a courtesy visit to Director K.S. Viswanathan. Tella Kasturi began her



career on December 21, 2001, after being selected through the APPSC as District Public Relations Officer in Ranga Reddy district. She later served as DPRO in Hyderabad district and, following her promotion as Assistant Director, worked in the erstwhile State Publicity Cell. She also created history as the first woman Chief Public Relations

Relations and Administration wings before being elevated as Joint Director in 2019. In that role, she efficiently handled Administration, Media Relations and Print Media Advertisement divisions. At present, she serves as Regional Joint Director, Zone-3, Ongole, overseeing the districts of Guntur, Nellore, Prakasam, Bapatla, Palnadu and Markapuram. During her distinguished 24-year career, she has worked under nearly 25 IAS and IPS officers and earned recognition for her professionalism and administrative capabilities. Her appointment as Special Officer of APIC, New Delhi, is seen as a significant responsibility and recognition of her long and accomplished service in the Information and Public Relations Department.

Sri Viswa Students Achieve Outstanding Success in JEE Advanced 2026

OVER 265 STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR ADMISSIONS TO IITS, NITS AND IIITS



The South India Times, Visakhapatnam: Students of Sri Viswa Junior College, Visakhapatnam, have delivered an exceptional performance in the JEE Advanced 2026 examination, securing some of the highest ranks in North Andhra and bringing laurels to the institution. Leading the achievers, Mediseti Tataji secured

All India Rank (AIR) 30, followed by K. Jahnvi (AIR 74), G. Ishanth Kumar (AIR 318), D. Sai Devi Chandrika (AIR 567), A. Venkat Pushkhar (AIR 971), V. Neha (AIR 1127), D. Deva Manikanta (AIR 1157), B. Kali Charan (AIR 1264), B. Lakshadeep (AIR 1560), J. Keerthi Sharmila (AIR 1787) and P. Abhinav Jayakar (AIR 1868).

DSC Sports Quota Recruitments Conducted Transparently: Ajay Jain

The South India Times, Visakhapatnam: State Sports Department Special Chief Secretary Ajay Jain said the DSC Sports Quota recruitment process was conducted with complete transparency, strictly following government norms and without any political interference or involvement of middlemen. Speaking at a press conference along with SAAP Vice Chairman and Managing Director Bharani, he said the entire process—from application submission to post selection—was carried out through a fully online system, ensuring fairness and eliminating human intervention. Ajay Jain stated that out of 16,347 DSC posts, 421 were reserved under the 3 percent sports quota. A total of 3,600 candidates submitted 5,326 applications, of which 382 candidates were selected based on merit and eligibility, while 39 posts remained vacant. He clarified that the 65 recognized sports disciplines were identified



as per Central Government guidelines and that all certificates were verified through sports federations, associations, and universities before finalizing selections. The Special Chief Secretary warned that strict action would be taken against candidates submitting fake certificates and against organizations issuing such documents. He also noted that the High Court had upheld the recruitment process in cases already adjudicated. Reaffirming the government's commitment to transparency, Ajay Jain said the selections were made strictly on the basis of eligibility, priority, and established rules.

YSRCP Protests Alleged Irregularities in DSC Recruitment Process

Visakhapatnam: The YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) on Monday staged a protest at the District Collector's Office in Visakhapatnam, alleging large-scale irregularities in the recently conducted DSC teacher recruitment process in Andhra Pradesh. The party leaders later submitted a memorandum to officials and addressed a press conference at the party's city office.



YSRCP Visakhapatnam District President K.K. Raju alleged that serious irregularities had occurred at every stage of the recruitment process, adversely affecting the future of lakhs of unemployed youth. He criticized the coalition government, stating that the promised "Mega DSC" had turned into a "Deceptive DSC." Raju demanded that Education Minister Nara Lokesh take moral responsibility for the controversy and resign immediately. He also

called for an independent probe by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) or a sitting High Court judge. Former MLA and YSRCP Youth Wing State President Jakkampudi Raja alleged that the cancellation of the DSC notification issued during the previous government and the issuance of a fresh notification were aimed at facilitating irregularities. He claimed that changes made to rules governing sports quota appointments had deprived eligible candidates of opportunities. Raja further alleged that despite reports of corruption in the

recruitment process, the government had failed to initiate corrective measures. The YSRCP leaders warned that if the government did not take immediate action on the alleged irregularities, the party would intensify its agitation across the state. Several party leaders, including Tippala Srinivas Devan Reddy, Konda Rajiv Gandhi, Jeelakara Nagendra, Ambati Shailesh, P.V. Suresh, M. Sunil, Urukuti Ramachandra Rao, Manoj, Rayapu Anil Kumar Reddy, Daddi Kiran, Govind, Ravikiran, and Mavvala Santosh, participated in the protest. Speaking on the occa-

Public Participation is Key to Malaria Elimination

Visakhapatnam (TSIT): To create widespread awareness among the public on the prevention of vector-borne diseases such as malaria, dengue, and chikungunya, the District Medical and Health Department formally launched the Anti-Malaria Month observations on Monday. District Medical and Health Officer Dr. P. Jagadeeshwara Rao flagged off an awareness rally. The rally commenced from the District Medical and Health Office and proceeded via Satyam Junction. Officials stated that awareness programmes on mosquito control and disease prevention measures would be conducted as part of the Anti-Malaria Month observations from June 1 to June 30.



Dr. Jagadeeshwara Rao said that people should remain vigilant as mosquito breeding is likely to increase rapidly with the onset of the monsoon season. He emphasized that diseases such as malaria and dengue can be effectively prevented by maintaining cleanliness in and around homes. District Malaria Officer Vara Prasad Reddy explained that malaria is a disease transmitted through the bite of the female Anopheles mosquito. He advised that if symp-

oms such as recurring fever, chills, headache, body pains, excessive sweating, and weakness are observed, people should immediately undergo a blood test and consult a doctor. He further stressed the importance of preventive measures such as covering water tanks, drums, and buckets; preventing water stagnation in old tyres, coconut shells, broken utensils, and similar containers; using mosquito nets; and wearing full-sleeved clothing.

South Coast Railway Zone Operations a Historic Milestone: MP Sribharat

The South India Times, Visakhapatnam: Visakhapatnam Member of Parliament M. Sribharat has described the commencement of operations of the South Coast Railway Zone (SCoR), headquartered in Visakhapatnam, as a historic milestone for Andhra Pradesh and a major boost to the development of North Andhra. Currently on an official visit to Oslo, Norway, Sribharat conveyed his message through a Facebook post, extending his congratulations to the Government of India, the Ministry of Railways, the Railway Board, senior railway officials, and employees whose efforts made the long-awaited railway zone a reality. The MP said the operation-



alization of the South Coast Railway Zone fulfills a longstanding aspiration of the people and strengthens Visakhapatnam's position on the national railway map. He noted that the new zone would play a crucial role in accelerating regional development and improving railway administration across the state. Expressing confidence in the future of the zone, Sribharat stated that it would facilitate administrative decentralization,

speed up railway infrastructure projects, enhance passenger amenities, strengthen freight transportation, and contribute significantly to economic growth. He urged railway officials and employees to work together to transform the South Coast Railway Zone into one of the finest railway zones in the country by delivering efficient and people-centric services. The MP further observed that the Visakhapatnam headquartered zone would act as a catalyst for balanced regional development, industrial growth, expansion of trade and commerce, and the creation of new employment opportunities in the coming years. Sribharat said

the launch of the South Coast Railway Zone reflects the Central Government's commitment to fulfilling assurances made to Andhra Pradesh under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He expressed happiness that the long-pending demand had been realized during his tenure as Member of Parliament. Highlighting Visakhapatnam's emergence as one of the fastest-growing cities in the country, Sribharat said the establishment of the South Coast Railway Zone would provide a significant boost to the city's economic, industrial, and commercial sectors, further strengthening its role as a key growth engine for the region and the nation.

Pawan Kalyan's Godavari Visit Leads to Swift Environmental Action: Minister Durgesh

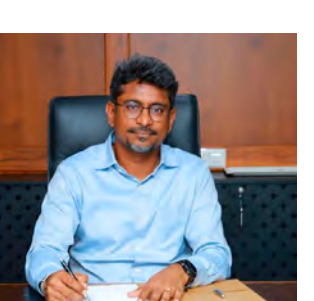
The South India Times, Visakhapatnam: Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan's recent visit to Rajamahendravaram has led to swift action on Godavari River pollution, with the government issuing a GO within 24 hours to establish a high-level Environment Protection Task Force, said Tourism Minister Kandula Durgesh. The Minister said Pawan Kalyan's inspection of pollution hotspots and his concern over industrial effluents and untreated sewage entering the Godavari prompted immediate measures. As part of the "Swachh Godavari - Pavitra Pushkaralu" initiative, the government aims to ensure a pollution-free Godavari ahead of the 2027 Pushkarams.



Durgesh said 262 gram panchayats across six districts have been identified for sewage-free development, while a real-time monitoring system will be set up to track pollution levels. The government has earmarked Rs.100 crore for pollution-control measures and directed that sewage be fully treated before being discharged into the river. He praised the Deputy Chief Minister's quick response, stating that the initiative would help restore the Godavari's ecological health and ensure clean, sacred waters for millions of devotees.

India's Seafood Exports Reach Record High of \$8.46 Billion in FY 2025-26

The South India Times, Visakhapatnam: India achieved a historic milestone in seafood exports during the financial year 2025-26, exporting 1.97 million metric tonnes of marine products valued at Rs.73,890.46 crore (US\$8.46 billion), according to Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) Chairman Dr. R.P. Jawahar. The achievement comes despite uncertainties in global markets and marks a new record in both volume and value. Frozen shrimp remained the leading export product, generating revenue of US\$5.62 billion and accounting for 66.52% of total export earnings. India exported 792,647 metric tonnes of frozen shrimp, with the United States, China and the European Union emerging as the largest markets. Other major export segments, including frozen fish, dried marine products, frozen squid and cuttlefish, also recorded significant growth. Dried marine products posted an impressive 78% increase in export value during the year. The United States continued to be the largest market in terms of export value, while China emerged as the largest importer by volume. Among Indian ports handling seafood exports, Visakhapatnam, JNPT and Kochi ranked among the top three marine export hubs in the country.



MP, MLA distribute NTR Bharosa pensions in Poothalappattu

Chittoor, May 31, TSIT: Chittoor MP Daggumalla Prasad Rao and Poothalappattu MLA Murali Mohan participated in the distribution of social security pensions under the NTR Bharosa scheme in Poothalappattu and Yadamarri mandals on Saturday. The leaders personally handed over pensions to eligible beneficiaries and interacted with elderly recipients, assuring them that the NDA coalition government is committed to supporting the welfare of the poor and needy. During the programme, the MP and MLA inspected the ongoing construction of the Shadimahahal at 14 Kandrigala village, which had been stalled midway. They assured local residents that necessary funds would be sanctioned and the project would be completed at the earliest. Later, the leaders inaugurated a newly constructed borewell in Madhavaram village. Speaking on the occasion, Daggumalla Prasad Rao and Murali Mohan said Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu is working tirelessly for the welfare and development of the people.



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SCAN FOR
E-PAPEROM NAMO
VENKATESAYA

30-05-2026
Total pilgrims - 92,010
Tonsures - 52,346
Hundi kankaku - 3,76 CR
Laddu sale - 4,43 Lac
Annaprasadam - 2,95 Lac
Medical treatment - 3,53
Waiting Compartments - Outside line
at Srikalahasti.

Approx. Darshan Time for Sarayadashnam
(with out SSD Tolent) - 15-18 H

**GST COLLECTIONS CLOCK
NEARLY RS 2 LAKH CRORE IN
MAY AFTER ROBUST APRIL**

New Delhi, June 1 : The gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections rose 3.2 per cent year-on-year to around Rs 2 lakh crore in May, despite geopolitical tensions in West Asia, according to government data released on Monday. As per data, gross GST revenue stood at Rs 1,94,184 crore in May, compared to Rs 1,88,172 crore in the same month last year. Meanwhile, net GST collections reached Rs 1,66,904 crore, a growth of 3.3 per cent over the corresponding period last year. Total refunds during the month increased 2.6 per cent year-on-year to Rs 27,281 crore. Adjusted for this, gross GST revenue growth for May 2026 stood at around 9 per cent, while adjusted domestic gross GST growth was estimated at about 5 per cent. Gross domestic GST revenue stood at Rs 1,34,530 crore during the month, down 2.6 per cent from a year ago.

Alert Telangana farmers about potential drought-like conditions:

CM Reddy warns officials of El Nino impact



HYDERABAD (TSIT):

Telangana Chief Minister, A. Revanth Reddy, on Monday directed officials to sensitise farmers regarding potential drought-like conditions. At a meeting held to review monsoon preparedness of the various departments, he said farmers should be educated on the cultivation of crops that require minimal water consumption.

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy also emphasised the need for apprising farmers of the importance of crop rotation and crop diversification.

It was also decided that a letter will be sent to the Central Government requesting that the entire urea output from the Ramagundam Fertilizers Factory be allocated exclusively to Telangana. The review meeting held at the State Secretariat was

attended by officials from the Departments of Agriculture, Irrigation, Urban Development, Panchayat Raj, Health, Home, HYDRRA, Disaster Management, and Fire Services. Officials from the Meteorological Department delivered a PowerPoint Presentation covering rainfall patterns associated with the Southwest monsoon, the impact of El Niño, and other relevant factors. CM Revanth Reddy also enquired about the status of maintenance works for irrigation projects.

He directed officials to complete the maintenance of project gates and other related works on a war footing.

The Chief Minister ordered the immediate release of funds required for the maintenance of irrigation projects. He directed that the Rs.1,000 crore corpus available with the Disaster Management

Department be utilised strictly in accordance with established regulations. CM Revanth Reddy ordered the immediate release of funds necessary for the repair of damaged roads and the reconstruction of collapsed bridges.

The Chief Minister said officials must respond immediately in the event of any loss of life, property, or livestock during natural disasters. Operations at the district level must proceed in coordination between the Collector and the Superintendent of Police (SP). Within the jurisdiction of Core Urban Region Economy (CURE), the Commissioners of the three corporations and the Police Commissioners must work together in coordination. CM Revanth Reddy said meetings must be held at scheduled intervals to resolve public grievances.

Cong demands Education Minister's resignation over CBSE OSM cybersecurity row

NEW DELHI (TSIT)

The Congress on Monday intensified its attack on the Centre over the alleged cybersecurity breach in the Central Board of Secondary Education's (CBSE) On Screen Marking (OSM) system, demanding accountability from the Ministry of Education and calling for the resignation of union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan.

Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh alleged that CBSE had initially denied vulnerabilities in its digital evaluation platform before eventually acknowledging that the system had been compromised.

He also questioned the role of the contractor, COEMPT, and accused the authorities of shielding the company despite concerns over its performance. "After denying the cybersecurity vulnerabilities in its On Screen Marking (OSM) system for weeks, the CBSE has finally acknowledged that the system has been compromised," Ramesh said in a post on X.

The Congress leader questioned whether any action would be taken against the contractor responsible for operating the system. "But what action is it planning to take against its contractor COEMPT? Not much," he alleged. Ramesh further

claimed that changes made to the tender conditions before the contract was awarded indicated an attempt to protect the vendor.

According to him, CBSE's Request for Proposal (RFP) issued in August 2025 had retained provisions allowing the board to blacklist vendors that failed to deliver effectively. However, he alleged that a corrigendum issued the following month removed the board's power to blacklist such firms.

"It appears that COEMPT's benefactors in the CBSE and the Ministry of Education anticipated that COEMPT would not be fit to the task," he said, describing the change as "an inexplicable, government-backed attempt to save COEMPT" that allegedly began even before the company formally secured the contract.

The controversy relates to the OSM system used by CBSE for the digital evaluation of answer scripts, a critical component of the examination process affecting lakhs of students across the country. Concerns over cybersecurity vulnerabilities and the integrity of the evaluation process have triggered political criticism, with opposition parties seeking greater transparency regarding the management of the system and the awarding of related contracts.



BJP is now trying to break Trinamool: Mamata



KOLKATA (TSIT):

After winning the recently concluded West Bengal elections through various unfair means, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is using the state police to break the Trinamool Congress from inside, alleged Mamata Banerjee on Monday.

She claimed that many MLAs were first receiving threat calls from the police, warning them to refrain from party-related activities or face cases under the Arms Act and the Narcotics Act. "After that, the same MLAs are receiving calls from different BJP offices and are asked to break Trinamool Congress from inside," Mamata Banerjee alleged in a live social message on Monday. She went live on social media soon after Trinamool Congress announced the expulsion of two legislators, Sandipan Saha from Entally constituency in North Kolkata and Ritabrata Banerjee from Uluberia (Purba) in Howrah district, on charges of anti-party activities. Although she did not name Saha and Banerjee directly, she said those lacking moral ethics had no place in the Trinamool Congress.

CM Naidu reiterates commitment to balanced regional development

THE SOUTH INDIA TIMES,

VISAKHAPATNAM: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has reaffirmed the State Government's commitment to the balanced development of all regions. He said the government is implementing a regional development strategy by developing the Visakha Region from Srikakulam to the erstwhile East Godavari district, the Amaravati Region from West Godavari to Prakasam district, and the Rayalaseema Region with Tirupati as its growth hub. The Chief Minister noted that the ongoing conflict in West Asia has led to a shortage of gas supplies and rising petrol and diesel prices. He also pointed out that commercial crops grown in the State are facing export-related challenges



and assured that the government is taking steps to address these issues.

Referring to climatic conditions, Chandrababu Naidu said that temperatures have risen sharply due to the El Niño phenomenon and rainfall is expected to be below normal. However, through efficient water management, reservoir storage levels have been maintained at around 65 percent. He

added that irrigation water was released into canals well in advance to support agriculture and ensure better preparedness for the coming year. The Chief Minister announced that the State is making elaborate arrangements for the Godavari Pushkaralu-2027 and expressed confidence that the Polavaram Project would be completed and dedicated to the nation before the festival.

Abhishek Banerjee skips CID summons, sends letter seeking time citing health condition

KOLKATA (TSIT):

Abhishek Banerjee, the Trinamool Congress General Secretary and Lok Sabha member, has sought time to appear before the West Bengal Criminal Investigation Department (CID) in the signature mismatch case.

An insider of the party said that Banerjee has sent a letter to the CID seeking time to appear before its officers, as he is still recovering from the health issues which he encountered on May 30 when he was heckled and harassed while on his way to meet the family of a party worker in South 24 Parganas district's Sonarpur.

According to the party insider, his physical condition is still bad due to Saturday's



attack. Banerjee was summoned to the CID on Monday afternoon after being sent a notice to join the investigation into the Trinamool MLAs' signature forgery case. Ahead of this development, the CID

"THERE IS PAIN IN HIS JAW AND SORENESS ALL OVER HIS BODY. THAT IS WHY ABHISHEK BANERJEE IS NOT GOING TO BHABANI BHAWAN IN RESPONSE TO THE CID SUMMONS," THE SOURCE SAID. THE PARTY INSIDER FURTHER SAID THAT ABHISHEK STILL HAS SEVERAL MEDICAL TESTS PENDING, WHICH WILL TAKE SOME TIME. "OVERALL, ABHISHEK BANERJEE WANTS TO TAKE SOME MORE TIME TO APPEAR BEFORE THE CID," THE SOURCE ADDED.

formed a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to investigate allegations of forged signatures of Trinamool Congress MLAs. It was learnt that an officer of the rank of DIG is leading it. Apart from this, a DSP and two inspectors are also in the team.

This appearance of Abhishek Banerjee is in connection with an interrogation concerning discrepancies in the signatures of the party's MLAs related to nominations for specific important positions in the West Bengal Assembly.

This comes soon after the incident of heckling and physical assault that occurred in Sonarpur. The CID issued him a notice for interrogation on May 30. Initially, the agency's investigators visited his home located on the Harish Mukherjee Road to deliver the notice. Subsequently, upon discovering that Banerjee was at his other residence in Kalighat, the CID officers proceeded there and personally presented him the notice.

K'taka cabinet exercise shifts to Delhi; Shivakumar, Siddaramaiah to meet Cong high command

BENGALURU (TSIT):

Karnataka Chief Minister-designate D.K. Shivakumar and caretaker CM Siddaramaiah reached New Delhi on Monday to hold discussions with the Congress high command on the formation of the new state cabinet.

The two senior leaders travelled to the national capital on the same flight as the exercise to finalise the composition of the cabinet shifted to Delhi. AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge also left for Delhi earlier from his residence in Bengaluru.

Siddaramaiah's son MLC Yathindra Siddaramaiah and several senior Congress leaders, including former Minister



H.C. Mahadevappa, a close associate of Siddaramaiah, also reached the national capital. According to party sources, Congress leaders Siddaramaiah, D.K. Shivakumar, AICC General Secretary (Organisation) K.C. Venugopal, and Karnataka in-charge Randeep Singh Surjewala have already held consultations and finalised the initial list of ministers.

Sensex sheds 508 pts as FMCG, PSU bank stocks drag markets lower

MUMBAI (TSIT):

Benchmark equity indices ended sharply lower on Monday, dragged down by losses in FMCG, PSU banking, auto and realty stocks, even as investors monitored developments surrounding a potential diplomatic breakthrough between the United States and Iran. The Nifty settled at 23,382.60, declining 165.15 points, or 0.7 per cent, while the Sensex fell 508.40 points, or 0.68 per cent, to close at 74,267.34.

Commenting on Nifty technical outlook, experts said that the 23,500 level is likely to act as immediate resistance after the



breakdown, followed by a stronger resistance zone near 23,600-23,750. "On the downside, the breakdown below 23,500 has weakened the near-term structure and opened the possibility of further downside toward the 23,300-23,250 support zone, which now becomes the next important area to watch," an analyst stated.

Selling pressure was visible

across broader markets as well, with Nifty Midcap 100 dropped 1.45 per cent and Nifty Smallcap ended 0.88 per cent lower. Among the Nifty constituents, Hindustan Unilever, Shriram Finance and Tata Consumer Products emerged as the biggest losers.

Other major laggards included ITC and NTPC, contributing to the weakness in frontline indices. Tech Mahindra, Infosys, TCS and HCL Tech was among the top gainer on Sensex stocks. On the downside, Hindustan Unilever, ITC, NTPC, Mahindra and Mahindra, Kotak Mahindra Bank and Bajaj Finance dropped up to 2.83 per cent.

India-US tech partnership in semiconductors, AI enters industrial phase

NEW DELHI (TSIT):

The India-US partnership in semiconductors and artificial intelligence (AI), which got a fresh push during US Secretary of State Marco Rubio's recent visit to India, has rapidly evolved from strategic dialogue to industrial execution. Anchored by the US-India TRUST Initiative and the PAX Silica Declaration, both nations are collaborating to build trusted tech supply chains, expand computational capacity, and establish joint R&D projects.

The vision which was outlined in February 2025 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump under the Transforming



the Relationship Utilizing Strategic Technologies initiative (TRUST), to inject a new dynamism of AI opportunity to promote innovation and deploy it for human prosperity, has taken rapid strides, according to senior officials.

The partnerships focus on defence and commercial semiconductor manufacturing, such as the Shakti Semiconductor Fab, which is developing compound semiconductor for electric vehicles and aerospace applications.

**Komatireddy Venkat Reddy Extends
Telangana Formation Day Greetings**



Hyderabad TSIT: Roads & Buildings and Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy extended warm greetings to the people of Telangana on the occasion of the State Formation Day being celebrated on June 2. In a statement issued on Monday Minister recalled that Telangana was formed in fulfillment of the promise made by Sonia Gandhi, realizing the decades-long aspirations of the people for water, funds, and employment opportunities. He said the state was achieved through the sacrifices of martyrs and the relentless

struggle of youth and various sections of society. Paying rich tributes to the martyrs who laid down their lives for the cause of Telangana, Komatireddy said the people's government is committed to taking the state forward on the path of development and prosperity.

The Minister stated that under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, the government is strengthening the state's road infrastructure and working towards providing quality road connectivity to every village. He said pending national highway projects are being expedited to improve transportation and boost economic growth.

Komatireddy further emphasized that the Indiramma Government remains committed to the welfare of all sections of society and is delivering on its promises through transparent and accountable governance. He expressed confidence that Telangana would continue to progress as a model state in the country.

**Kavitha Warns of Fresh Agitation Over
Telangana Activists' Pending Promises**



Hyderabad, TSIT : TRS Chief Kalvakuntla Kavitha on Monday demanded that the Congress government announce the implementation of promises made to Telangana activists and martyrs' families on the occasion of Telangana Formation Day on June 2, warning that her party would launch a large-scale land agitation if the assurances were not fulfilled.

Addressing a round-table meeting on "Aspirations and Achievements of Telangana Activists" at the Telangana Rakshana Sena office in Banjara Hills, Kavitha said Telangana was achieved through the sacrifices of thousands of activists and martyrs and that their aspirations should not be ignored.

She alleged that attempts were being made by Andhra political leaders to interfere in Telangana's affairs and asserted that Telangana's identity and self-respect

must be protected. Clarifying that there was no issue with the people of Andhra Pradesh, she said the disagreement was with certain political leaders whom she accused of undermining Telangana's interests.

Kavitha criticized the state government for allegedly failing to honour commitments made to Telangana movement activists and demanded that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy make a clear announcement regarding the allotment

of 250 square yards of land promised to eligible activists.

"If the government fails to fulfil its assurances, we will launch a massive land rights movement. We are giving the government one month to act. Otherwise, lakhs of activists will participate in a statewide agitation," she warned.

TRS chief also demanded that families of Telangana martyrs be accorded special recognition and that pending welfare measures be implemented without delay. She alleged that the committee constituted by the government to examine activists' issues was merely delaying the process and called for immediate action.

On the issue of Telangana identity, Kavitha strongly opposed the installation of statues

of Andhra political leaders in Telangana and questioned whether statues of Telangana icons such as former Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao and Professor K. Jayashankar would be installed in Andhra Pradesh.

She also announced that she had written to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy seeking permission to install a statue of Professor Jayashankar at Tank Bund in Hyderabad before his birth anniversary on August 6. Kavitha said Telangana Jagruthi was prepared to undertake the installation and maintenance of the statue and surrounding greenery. Calling upon party cadres to celebrate Telangana Formation Day in a grand manner, Kavitha said the sacrifices made during both phases of the Telangana movement should be remembered and honoured. She reiterated that her party was formed to safeguard Telangana's identity, rights, and interests.

**Folk and Classical Performances
Enthrall Audience at Telangana
Prajakala Cultural Festival**



Hyderabad TSIT: As part of the ongoing 99-day Telangana Prajakala Cultural Festival at a vibrant cultural programme was held on the "Palkuriki Somanna Moola" stage. The event, organized by employees of the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat, featured captivating folk dance, folk music, and classical music performances by the troupe led by Yamini Kanakathara, which received an enthusiastic response from the audience. On the occasion, Language and Culture Department Director felicitated the artists in recognition of their outstanding performances. Among those present were Assistant Director Narsimlu,

Telangana Cultural Sarathi Administrative Officer Dr. Vijay Kumar, and Cultural Department Advisor Mucharla Dinakar.

Prior to the main programme, artists of Telangana Cultural Sarathi entertained the gathering with social awareness songs, highlighting various public welfare themes through music. Programme was compered by Vidyanandachari and Soni, who effectively coordinated the cultural presentations and engaged the audience throughout the event. Cultural evening showcased Telangana's rich artistic heritage and added further vibrancy to the state government's ongoing cultural celebrations.

Conservation of nature is the objective of the progress plan : - Collector

Mulugu, June 1, TSIT : District Collector Borkhade Hemant Sahadeva Rao said that conservation of nature is the goal of the progress plan and everyone should protect the nature by planting plants. Management of forest festival programmes as part of public administration - progress plan, initiation of environment and forest department programs, A district level monitor-



ing committee meeting regarding the review was held on Monday at the district collectorate meeting hall under the auspices of the forest department.

Speaking on the occasion, the collector said that environmental protection is everyone's social responsibility. He said that there is a need to increase the aware-

ness of nature conservation among the people through Vana Mahotsavam.

He said that by not only planting but also by preserving and growing them, we can provide a clean and healthy environment for the future generations. All Government Departments, Educational Institutions, Voluntary Organizations, Self Help Societies, Youth,

Charu Sinha-Led CID Cracks Major Dafabet Betting Racket 11 Arrested Across India

Hyderabad TSIT: In a significant breakthrough against illegal online betting operations the Telangana CID, under the leadership of Director General of CID Charu Sinha has dismantled a nationwide betting network linked to the Dafabet platform and arrested 11 accused from Gujarat, Punjab, and New Delhi.



Operation was carried out by a Special Investigation Team (SIT) constituted by the Telangana

Government to combat illegal online betting and protect citizens from financial exploitation and cyber

fraud. The case originated from a complaint filed by Karimnagar-based software engineer Challa Sai Krishna Reddy, who allegedly lost 79.5 lakh after being lured into betting activities through the Dafabet platform. Following the complaint, the SIT registered a criminal case and launched an extensive investigation.

**Medicover Hospitals unveils giant helmet
sculpture to promote road safety**



Secunderabad : Medicover Hospitals, Secunderabad, unveiled a giant helmet sculpture carrying the message "Helmet On, Worries Gone" as part of a unique road safety awareness initiative under its AWARE & ALIVE CSR programme in collaboration with the Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation.

The installation was inaugurated by Malkajgiri Municipal Commissioner T. Vinay Krishna Reddy and Malkajgiri Police Commissioner B. Sumathi. The sculpture, placed at a prominent public location near the hospital, aims to remind two-wheeler riders about the importance of wearing helmets to pre-

vent fatal head injuries.

Speaking on the occasion, the dignitaries stressed that wearing a helmet is not just a legal requirement but a life-saving responsibility. Medical experts from Medicover Hospitals highlighted the growing number of road accident victims suffering severe head injuries due to non-compliance with helmet usage. Doctors noted that a properly worn BIS-certified helmet significantly reduces the risk of death and permanent disability in road accidents. They also cautioned against mobile phone use while riding and urged motorists to follow traffic safety norms.

**Officials should take steps to resolve complaints promptly:
District Collector Adarsh Surabhi**

Wanaparthi(TSIT):District Collector Adarsh Surabhi has directed the officials to take steps to resolve the complaints received in public. Additional Collector Local Organizations Khemya Naik, District Revenue Officer Surya Prakash and Special Deputy Collector Tirupathaiyya received petitions and petitions from the public in a district level public address program held at the meeting hall of the integrated district office complex on Monday. On this occasion, the collector gave instructions to the officials and ordered to resolve the complaints received in the public radio from time to time and not only to send the information to the concerned complainant but also to put it online. If the subject matter of the complaint is not within the purview of their department, they should send a letter to the concerned department. If there is any issue that cannot be resolved, they should send it to the higher authorities or inform the complainant according to



which rule it cannot be resolved and not keep it pending with them. He said that they should examine the pending applications and take appropriate steps to resolve them immediately. 59 applications were received in today's Prajavani program. District officers of all departments and others participated in the program.

**CM Revanth Reddy's Tour: District Administration Gears
Up for Grand Preparations**

Nagar kurnool (TSIT) : The Nagarkurnool district administration has intensified preparations for the upcoming two-day visit of Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on June 4 and 5. The Chief Minister is scheduled to visit major irrigation projects in



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The district administration has completed all arrangements for the grand celebration of the 13th Telangana Formation Day to be held on Tuesday at the Police Parade Ground in Nagarkurnool, District Collector Hemanta Keshav Patil said. The event will be attended by State Planning Commission Vice-Chairman G. Chinna Reddy as the chief guest. He will hoist the National Flag at 8:00 a.m. after receiving the police guard of honour and paying tributes at the Telangana Martyrs' Memorial.



Collector Hemanta Keshav Patil, along with Superintendent of Police Dr. Sangram Singh G. Patil, inspected the arrangements on Monday. The celebrations will include a police parade, cultural performances by students, and visits to exhibition stalls set up by various government departments. The

Collector said adequate seating and drinking water facilities have been arranged for public representatives, officials, students, media personnel, and the public. He appealed to people from all walks of life to participate in large numbers and make the Telangana Formation Day celebrations a grand success.

**GWMC Additional Commissioner Isampelli Jona
who met the District Collector**

WARANGAL, June 1, TSIT : In the recent transfers, Isampelli Jona, who was transferred as Additional Commissioner of GWMC while working as Director of Hanmakonda Mepma Project, met Hanmakonda District Collector and GWMC Special Officer Chahat Bajpai at the Collectorate on Monday. On this occasion, the Collector congratulated Isampelli Jona and advised him to perform his duties effectively in accordance with the aspirations of the people.



**15-day entrepreneurship programme
launched at Stanley College for Women**

Hyderabad, June 1, 2026:A 15-day Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Programme (ESDP) under the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) initiative was inaugurated at Stanley College of Engineering and Technology for Women, Hyderabad, in collaboration with AIC ALEAP WE-HUB. The programme aims to promote entrepreneurship, startup creation, innovation, MSME development and funding opportunities among women engineering students. Through expert sessions, mentoring and prac-



tical training, participants will be encouraged to develop entrepreneurial skills and transform innovative ideas into successful ventures.

Speaking at the inaugural session, ALEAP President K. Rama Devi urged women engineers to become entrepreneurs and

job creators, emphasizing the importance of innovation-driven enterprises. Dr. Zahoorullah S., Managing Director and Chief Innovation Officer of AIC ALEAP WE-HUB, encouraged students to pursue their startup aspirations and said promising ideas would be considered

senior faculty members serving as patrons.

Participants will receive training on business planning, startup ecosystems, innovation management, intellectual property rights, funding mechanisms and government support schemes over the next fifteen days.

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S. No.	Name of the Borrowers/ Guarantors with address	Amount Claimed As Per Demand Notice	Description of the secured Assets	Date of NPA
1	1. All Legal Heirs Of Late Eadha Aravind S/o Eedha Saidulu, Block No 43/12, Rajeev Gruhakalpa, Annojiguda Pocharam, Ghatkesar, Medchal Malkajgiri, Telangana, 501301. Mob: 9100200464. 2. Mr. Eedha Saidulu S/o Eedha Rangaiah, Block No 43/12, Rajeev Gruhakalpa, Annojiguda Pocharam, Ghatkesar, Medchal Malkajgiri, Telangana, 501301. Mob: 9963364334. 3. All Legal Heirs Of Late Eadha Aravind S/o Late. eedha Saidulu, Plot No 65 Wp, Sy No 44,45, Annojiguda, Pocharam, Ghatkesar, Medchal Malkajgiri, Telangana, 501301. Mob: 9100200464. 4. Mr. Eedha Saidulu S/o Late. Eedha Rangaiah, Plot No 65 Wp, Sy No 44,45, Annojiguda, Pocharam, Ghatkesar, Medchal Malkajgiri, Telangana, 501301. Mob: 9963364334.	Rs. 37,01,413/-	All That The Residential Semi Finished House On Plot No 65 Western Part In Survey Nos 44 Part And 45, Admeasuring 100 Sq Yds Or 83.6 Sq Mts Having Plinth Area 915 Sft., Consisting Of Ground Floor Of Rcc Roofing Situated At Annojiguda Village, Under Pocharam Municipality, Ghatkesar Mandal, Medchal Malkajgiri District, Telangana State Under Sro Ghatkesar And Bounded By, Boundaries Of Land: North Plot No 73, South: 25 Wide Road, East: Plot No 65 Eastern, Part, West: Plot No 64	29-05-2026

* Payable with further interest at contractual rates as agreed from the date mentioned above till date of payment.

You are hereby called upon to pay the above said amount with contracted rate of interest thereon within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the undersigned will be constrained to initiate action under SARFAESI Act to enforce the aforesaid security. Further, the attention of borrowers / guarantors is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available to them to redeem the secured assets

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
Can Fin Homes Ltd.
Ramachandrapuram Branch

Date: 02-06-2026
Place: Ramachandrapuram

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Rahul Gandhi's Talent Hunt Initiative Opens New Opportunities for Youth Mahesh Kumar Goud



Hyderabad TSIT: Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President and MLC said that Leader of Opposition has ushered in a new approach to political participation through the Congress Party's "Talent Hunt" initiative.

Addressing a media conference at Gandhi Bhavan on Monday, Mahesh Kumar Goud stated that the Congress leadership has introduced an innova-

tive and transparent method for appointing official spokespersons and representatives through a talent-based selection process.

He said the initiative aims to identify individuals with a strong understanding of national and state politics, public policy, and contemporary issues. The selection process will also focus on individuals committed to secular values and democratic

principles.

Describing the programme as a golden opportunity for talented individuals, Mahesh Kumar Goud said the Talent Hunt is open to deserving candidates irrespective of their political background. It seeks to bring into public life those who are passionate about serving society and contributing to nation-building.

He noted that the initiative reflects Rahul Gandhi's vision of creating greater opportunities for the younger generation and encouraging their active participation in public affairs. By identifying and nurturing capable individuals, the Congress Party aims to strengthen democratic institutions and promote inclusive leadership, he added.

Uttam Hails Record Paddy Procurement, Sets June First Week Deadline



Hyderabad TSIT: Telangana Civil Supplies and Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Monday said the State Government's massive Yasangi paddy procurement drive was progressing successfully, with a major portion of the procured stocks already lifted from purchase centres and transported to rice mills. As part of his field inspection tour, the Minister visited paddy procurement centres at Thirumalagiri and Phanigiri in Suryapet district. He reviewed procurement operations, stock lifting, transportation arrangements and payment disbursement to farmers.

Tungaturthi MLA Mandula Samuel, district officials and Civil Supplies personnel accompanied him during the visit. Interacting with farmers and officials, Uttam Kumar Reddy

said the government was committed to purchasing every grain produced by farmers and ensuring that procurement operations were completed smoothly.

"The massive procurement exercise is yielding results. Large quantities of paddy have already been moved to rice mills, reducing pressure on procurement centres. We are determined to procure every grain produced by farmers," the Minister said.

He informed that Telangana had so far procured nearly 64 lakh metric tonnes (LMT) of paddy through 8,575 procurement centres, the largest procurement network ever established in the state.

Minister reiterated that the government was extending full support to farmers affected by untimely

rains and was procuring even rain-soaked paddy at the Minimum Support Price (MSP).

"Farmers need not worry. Even rain-damaged paddy is being purchased at MSP. The government will stand by farmers until the last grain is procured," he assured.

Uttam Kumar Reddy praised district collectors, MLAs and Civil Supplies officials for efficiently managing procurement operations across the state. He directed officials to complete procurement in Suryapet district by the first week of June, adding that similar instructions had been issued for neighbouring Nalgonda district.

Highlighting the government's prompt payment mechanism, the Minister said Rs 11,500 crore had already been credited directly into the bank accounts of 9.31 lakh farmers. He noted that farmers were now receiving payments within 48 to 72 hours, unlike in the past when payments were often delayed for weeks or months.

To address transportation challenges, the government has instructed officials to deploy all available lorries and heavy vehicles for the movement of paddy until the procurement process is completed.

The Minister also criticised the Centre's procurement policy, stating that while Telangana was prepared to procure up to 75 LMT of paddy, the Union Government had agreed to purchase only around 51 LMT, placing an additional financial burden on the state.

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I, A. VENKATA NAGAI, S/o. A. CHINNA MADDULETY, R/o. Plot No.132, North Part, Shivamhills, Hayathnagar, RR (Dist). I have lost my original Sale Deed Doc. No. 2768/2021, SRO Hayathnagar, RR (Dist). While shifting Office. If found 9966870190.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP FIRM
This is to inform that the Partnership firm M/s JAI SAI RAM CONSTRUCTIONS, having registered office at H.No. 23-2-110/8, New Palvoncha, 507115, Bhadradi Kothagudem (Dist), Khammam (Old Dist), Telangana, India, vide Registration No. F/38/2012, is registered under Section 63(1) of the Indian Partnership Act, 1932 read with the Rules, 1961, is dissolved the firm. Notice is hereby given that M/s JAI SAI RAM CONSTRUCTIONS is dissolved with effect from 16-04-2026. Sd/- JAI SAI RAM CONSTRUCTIONS

NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CERTIFICATES FOR 3000 EQUITY SHARES BEARING EQUITY SHARE CERTIFICATE NO. 53013, 53014, 53015, 53016, 53017, 53018, 53019, 53020, 53021, 53022, 53023, 53024, 53025, 53026, 53027, 53028, 53029, 53030, 53031, 53032, 53033, 53034, 53035, 53036, 53037, 53038, 53039, 53060, 53061, 53062, 53063, 53064 AND DISTINCTIVE NO. 11567135-11567234, 11567235-11567334, 11567335-11567434, 11567435-11567534, 11567535-11567634, 11567635-11567734, 11567735-11567834, 11567835-11567934, 11567935-11568034, 11568035-11568134, 11568135-11568234, 11568235-11568334, 11568335-11568434, 11568435-11568534, 11568535-11568634, 11568635-11568734, 11568735-11568834, 11568835-11568934, 11568935-11569034, 11569035-11569134, 11569135-11569234, 11569235-11569334, 11569335-11569434, 11569435-11569534, 11571235-11571334, 11571335-11571434, 11571435-11571534, 11571535-11571634, 11571635-11571734, 11571735-11571834, 11571835-11571934, 11571935-11572034, 11572035-11572134, 11572135-11572234, 11572235-11572334 UNDER THE FOLIO NO. 0047508 OF SUNDRUP BRANDS LIMITED STANDING IN THE NAME OF K. R. HOTELS & ESTATES PRIVATE LIMITED, HAVE BEEN LOST OR MISLAIN AND THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE APPLIED TO THE COMPANY TO ISSUE DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES FOR THE SAID SHARES. ANY PERSON WHO HAS ANY CLAIM IN RESPECT OF THE SAID SHARES SHOULD WRITE TO OUR REGISTRAR, KFIN TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED, SELENIUM TOWER B, PLOT 31-32, GACHIBOWLI, FINANCIAL DISTRICT, HYDERABAD-500032, WITHIN ONE MONTH FROM THE DATE ELSE THE COMPANY WILL PROCEED TO ISSUE DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES.

NAME OF SHAREHOLDER
K RAJESHA REALTY PRIVATE LIMITED
DATE: 02.06.2026

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Central Bank of India
Noorkhan Bazar Branch, 22-1-845, Noorkhan Bazar, Hyderabad - 500024

GOLD ORNAMENTS E-AUCTION NOTICE

Notice is being given to the public in general that the below mentioned borrower who has taken loan against Gold Ornaments from our branch have defaulted in repayment even after the several notices. As the loan repayment has not made in stipulated time the said below mentioned Gold ornaments will be auctioned above Branch premises on 15/06/2026 Monday for recovery of loan dues from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM and the Bid amount will be credited to his/her respective loan account. Bank reserves the right to cancel, postpone auction without any prior notice. Even after auctioned, legal action will be initiated against the borrower to recover if there is any residual balance and other recoverable expenses after auction of Ornaments. The below mentioned borrower if deceased the notice will be applicable to his/her Legal heirs.

S/No	Branch Name	Account Number	Borrower Name/ Address	Gross Wt (In Gr)	Net Wt (In Gr)	Outstanding Amount in Rs.	EMD
1	Noorkhan Bazar	5545691706	Mrs. Safia Begum	46.00	34.90	Rs. 1,44,992.50 as on 01.06.2026	20,000/-

1) The advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the bank. The Jewels being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to the bank. The Branch Manager shall not be responsible in any way third party claims rights/dues. 2) The interested bidders, who have submitted their bid not below the reserve price 3) the sale subject to the confirmation of the bank. Interested bidders who intended to participate in the auction and deposit an EMD of Rs 20,000/- (RUPEES Twenty thousand only). Intending bidder shall contact to Branch manager Central Bank of India, Noorkhan Bazar Branch, Hyderabad. Contact No. 6304903740

Date: 01.06.2026
Place: Noorkhan Bazar
Sd/- Authorise Officer
Central bank of India

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Branch Office: Ground floor, Usha Kiran Complex, S.D.Road, Secunderabad - 500003
[See proviso to rule 8(6)] Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with 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 property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd., will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", as per the brief particulars given hereunder:

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Guarantors/ Legal Heirs, Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction	One Day Before Auction Date	SARFAESI Stage
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
1.	Mohammed Saleem (Borrower) Sarwara Jahama (Co-Borrower) Loan No. LHHEC00001504261	House Bearing No. 10-5-5667, Ptn No. 1181102494, Plot Bearing No. 41, Survey No. 848/1, Thukaramgate North Lolluguda Secunderabad Hyderabad - 500085	Rs. 75,39,093/- May 29, 2026	Rs. 78,12,936/- May 29, 2026	June 12, 2026 11:00 AM To June 18, 2026 03:00 PM	June 18, 2026 02:00 PM To June 18, 2026 05:00 PM	Before Auction	Symbolic Possession

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link- https://BidDeal.in) of our auction agency ValueTrust Capital Services Private Limited. The Mortgagee/notice are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till June 18, 2026 before 05:00 PM else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) RTGS/ Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article or on or before June 18, 2026 before 04:00 PM. The Prospective Bidder(s) must also submit signed copy of Registration Form & Bid Terms and Conditions form at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article or on or before June 18, 2026 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit Demand Draft (DD) should be from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favor of "ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd.- Auction" payable at the branch office address mentioned on top of the article.

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact ICICI Home Finance Company Limited on 9920807300.

The Authorized Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit https://www.icicifh.com/

Date: June 02, 2026
Place: Hyderabad
Authorized Officer, "ICICI Home Finance Company Limited",
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1.	1. MR. M SAI KIRAN S/O M NARSING RAOH No 1-3-18340/101/A/38, Bharani Avenue, Gandhi Nagar, Hyderabad, Telangana, 500080. Mob: 8639121951. 2. MR. M SAI KIRAN S/O M NARSING RAOH No 3-4-634/2, Plot No 42, Block No 4, Church Colony, Ramanthapur Village, Uppal Md, Hyderabad, Telangana, 500013. Mob: 8639121951. 3. MR. M SAI KIRAN S/O M NARSING RAOH No 1-3-447/42, Kavadiyuda, Singadi Kunta, Hyderabad, Telangana, 500080. Mob: 8639121951. 4. MR. M SWARUPA RANI W/O M NARSING RAO (GUARANTOR)H No 1-3-447/42, Kavadiyuda, Singadi Kunta, Hyderabad, Telangana, 500080. Mob: 8639121951.	Rs. 47,29,803/-	All That The House Bearing No 3-4-634/2 (ptn No:102301886), On Plot No 42 Admeasuring 76 Sq Yds Or 63.5 Sq Mts With A Plinth Area 1200 Sft (ground Floor 400 Sft, First Floor 400 Sft, Second Floor 400 Sft) Of R/C Situated At Block No 4, Church Colony, Ramanthapur Village, Uppal Mandal, Under Ghmc Uppal Circle.medchal Malkajgiri District, Telangana State Under Sro Uppal And Bounded By, Boundaries Of Land: North : Road, South: Plot No 36, East: Plot No 31, West: Plot No 43	29-05-2026
2.	1. Mr. Amberpet Praveen Kumar S/o Late Amberpet Baburao, H No 8-2-424, First Floor, Kummarguda, Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Telangana, 500003, Mob: 9493205247. 2. Mrs. A Radhasree C/o A Praveen Kumar, H No 8-2-424, First Floor, Kummarguda, Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Telangana, 500003, Mob: 7702612613. 3. Mr. Amberpet Praveen Kumar S/o Late Amberpet Babu Rao, Flat No 201, First Floor, Mno 12-1-832/201, Asif Nagar, Hyderabad - 500028, Mob: 9493205247. 4. Mrs. A Radhasree C/o A Praveen Kumar, Flat No 201, First Floor, Mno 12-1-832/201, Asif Nagar, Hyderabad - 500028, Mob: 7702612613.	Rs. 30,19,761/-	All That The Flat No 201 Bearing Separate Ghmc No 12-1-832/201 (ptv No 1071202815) On First Floor, Admeasuring 680 Sq Ft (including 15% Common Area), Along With Undivided Share Of Land 24 Sq Yds Or 20.06 Sq Mts In Premises Bearing Municipal No 12-1-832. Situated At Asif Nagar, Hyderabad, Ts And Bounded By Under, Boundaries Of Flat: North: Dramanjanyulo's Flat No 202, South: Open To Sky, East: Common Corridor And Staircase Leading Flat, West: Open To Sky, Boundaries Of Land: North Neighbours Property, South: 15 Wide Road, East: Hvo 12-1-821, West: Hvo 12-1-833.	29-05-2026
3.	1. Mr. Mekala Venkata Prasad S/o M Ramulu, 8th Bn App, Police Camps, C38, Kondapur, Telangana, 500084, Mob: 9550624211. 2. Mr. Mekala Venkata Prasad S/o M Ramulu, HNo 1-58/36/1/2, Rajeev Nagar, Gachibowli, Serilingampally, Hyderabad, Rangareddy - 500032, Mob: 9550624211. 3. Mr. Singavaram Sai Kiran (guarantor), 1-11/11/536/c, Raghavendra Colony, Kondapur, Hyderabad, Telangana, 500084.	Rs. 47,11,401/-	All That The House Bearing No 1-58/36/1/2 (ptn No 1120005811) Admeasuring 90 Sq Yds Or 75.25 Sq Mts Having Plinth Area Of 700 Sq Feet (rc), Situated At Gramakantam, Gachibowli Village, Serilingampally Mandal And Municipality, Ranga Reddy District Telangana State And Bounded As Follows, Boundaries Of Land: North : House No 1-58/37, South: 25 Feet Road, East : Neighbours House, West: House No 1-58/35/a/1.	29-05-2026

* Payable with further interest at contractual rates as agreed from the date mentioned above till date of payment.

You are hereby called upon to pay the above said amount with contracted rate of interest thereon within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the undersigned will be constrained to initiate action under SARFAESI Act to enforce the aforesaid security. Further, the attention of borrowers / guarantors is invited to provisions of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available to them to redeem the secured assets

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
Can Fin Homes Ltd
Place: Ramachandrapuram

Collector reviews arrangements for CM Revanth Reddy's Jurala project visit

Jogulamba Gadwal, June 1, TSIT: District Collector Rizwan Basha Shaik on Monday directed officials to make foolproof arrangements for Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's proposed visit to the district on June 4 to inspect the Jurala Project, Guddendoddi Reservoir and other irrigation facilities.

Accompanied by Gadwal MLA Bandla Krishna Mohan Reddy, District



Superintendent of Police Srinivasa Rao and Wanaparthi SP Sunitha Reddy, the Collector inspected proposed heli-

pad locations and reviewed preparations at the project sites.

The team examined near the Ramalayam and the GENCO Quarters at Revulapally village for establishing a helipad to facilitate the Chief Minister's visit. Officials

discussed the feasibility of the sites and necessary arrangements.

The Collector instructed officials to ensure comprehensive security measures and deploy adequate police personnel along the route from the helipad to the project areas. He directed Roads and Buildings Department officials to take up immediate repairs of roads to be used by the Chief Minister's convoy.

Telangana to Launch Employee Health Care Trust for Government Staff Welfare

Hyderabad TSIT: In a major step towards strengthening healthcare services for government employees and pensioners, Telangana Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao on Monday announced that the Employees Health Scheme (EHS) will be implemented through a dedicated Employee Health Care



Trust, which will be constituted within the next few days. Announcement was made during a meeting with

members of the Joint Staff Council and representatives of various employees' associations at the State Secretariat. The discussions focused on improving healthcare access and service delivery for serving employees, pensioners and their dependent family members.

Ponnam Prabhakar offers prayers at Renuka Yellamma Temple, reiterates commitment to Indiramma housing



Husnabad, June 1, TSIT: State Minister for Transport and BC Welfare Ponnam Prabhakar on Monday said the government's primary objective is to provide Indiramma houses to every eligible poor family in the State.

The minister visited the Sri Renuka Yellamma Temple in Husnabad and offered special prayers to the presiding deity. Speaking on the occasion, he said the month-long Renuka Yellamma Jathara concluded peacefully and successfully, appreciating the festival committee and officials for their arrangements.

Ponnam Prabhakar said several development

works have been undertaken at the temple, including the construction of a compound wall, devotees' shelters and renovation of the Pochamma Temple. He added that a mandapam, shopping complex and mini water tanks are currently under construction, while more development initiatives are planned in the future.

The minister said Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has launched the second phase of the Indiramma Housing Scheme with a commitment to provide housing for all deserving beneficiaries through a transparent selection process.

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ANNEXURE-V E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE (Under proviso to Rule 8(6))

SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS CHARGED TO THE BANK UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

The undersigned as Authorized Officer of Northern Arc Capital Ltd. has taken over possession of the following properties u/s 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act. Public at large is informed that e-Auction of the charged properties under SARFAESI Act in the below mentioned cases for realisation of NORTHERN ARC'S dues will be held on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and on the terms and conditions specified hereunder.

Name of Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Outstanding Dues for Recovery of which Property /ies is/are being Sold
1) Padmarathi Guja	Rs. 21,73,546.177 and interest thereon w.e.f. as on 3 rd Oct 2025 plus other charges
2) Sree Hari Guja	
3) Guja Rathanamma	

Description of The Property: All The Piece And Parcel of Open Plot Bearing No. 57, Northern Part (Residential Zone), Situated At Bhoodan Pochampally Village And Mandal, Under Municipality Bhoodan Pochampally, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District, Telangana Comprise In Sy. No. 464 Southern Part, Admeasuring of 80 Sq. yards, And 66.891 Mrs Block No. 4 Locality Bhavarashupeta. Bounded On The East: 20 Feet Wide Road West: Neighbors Land North: Plot No. 58 South: Plot No. 57 (Southern Part)

Reserve Price	Last date for submission of Bid and EMD (10% of the Reserve Price)	Bid Increment Amount	Date & Time of E-Auction Sale
Rs. 33,78,000/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Only)	2 nd July 2026	Rs. 3,37,800/- (Rupees Three Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Only)	4 th July, 2026 Time 11:00 am to 01:00 pm

Date & Time of Inspection of the Property: 12th June, 2026 11:00 am to 05:00 pm and upon request on call to the Authorized officer Mr. Sunil Verma 9987030148.

Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction are as under:

- E-Auction is being held on "AS IS WHERE IS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and will be conducted "Online". The auction will be conducted through Northern Arc Capital Limited's approved service provider M/s E-Procurement Technologies Ltd. Auction Tiger Ahmadabad (Contact Person- Mr. Ram Sharma Cell no. 800002937, Email ramrasad@auctiontiger.net) & (Contact Person - Mr. Sunil Verma Cell 9987030148 Email sunil.verma@northernarc.com, Mr. Ramesh Rao 897828455 and Sameer Suke Cell 8850482123 Email Sameer.suke@northernarc.com), at the web portal (http://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net). E-Auction Tender Document containing online e-Auction bid form is available in websites, http://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net
- The intending purchasers / bidders are required to deposit EMD amount either through NEFT/RTGS in the Account No. 6525037994, Northern Arc Capital Limited : State Bank of India & IFSC Code: SBIN0009930 or by way of demand draft drawn in favour of Northern Arc Capital Limited, drawn on any Nationalized or Scheduled Bank.
- Bidders shall hold a valid email ID [e-mail ID is absolutely necessary for the intending bidder as all the relevant information and allotment of ID & password may be conveyed through email].
- The intending bidder should submit the evidence for EMD deposit like UTR number along with Request Letter for participation in the E-auction, self-attested copies of (i) Proof of Identification (KYC) viz. Voter ID Card/ Driving License/Passport etc., (ii) Current Address-Proof for communication, (iii) PAN card of the bidder, (iv) valid e-mail ID, (v) contact number (Mobile/Landline) of the bidder etc. to Northern Arc Capital Limited by Date 2nd July 2026 Time 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM time. Scanned copies of the original of these documents can also be submitted to the e-mail ID of Northern Arc Capital Limited.
- Names of the Eligible Bidders will be identified by the Northern Arc Capital Limited to participate in online e-auction on the portal, http://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net (Auction Tiger) will provide User ID & Password after due verification of PAN of the Eligible Bidders.
- It shall be the responsibility of the interested bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the property before submission of the bid.
- The e-Auction/bidding of above properties would be conducted exactly on the scheduled Date & Time. The bidder shall improve their offer in multiple of the amount mentioned under the column "Bid Increment Amount" against the property in case bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the e-Auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes. The bidder who submits the highest bid amount (not below the Reserve Price) on closure of e-Auction process shall be declared as Successful Bidder and a communication to that effect will be issued through electronic mode which shall be subject to approval by Northern Arc Capital Limited / Secured Creditor.
- The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of the successful bidder shall be retained towards part sale consideration and the EMD of unsuccessful bidders shall be refunded.
- The Sale confirmation/Sale Certificate will be issued in the name of the purchaser(s) / applicant(s) and will not be issued in any other name(s).

Dated: 1st June, 2026
Place: Uppal-Hyderabad, Telegana
Authorised Officer
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EDITORIAL

*A Quiet Lifestyle Shift
In Urban India Is
Powering A \$12
Billion Market*

"My home is an extension of my identity." Surely, someone you know must have said this to you. Or maybe you have said it to someone. The line, originated in elite circles (probably), is now a common phrase in urban Indian households. But this line now has a market value too - \$12 billion. How? A few years ago, buying a house was the finish line for most people. Now, it is only the beginning. "My home is an extension of my identity." Surely, someone you know must have said this to you. Or maybe you have said it to someone. The line, originated in elite circles (probably), is now a common phrase in urban Indian households. But this line now has a market value too - \$12 billion. How? A few years ago, buying a house was the finish line for most people. Now, it is only the beginning. Advertisement - Scroll to continue Across India's cities, homeowners are spending aggressively on interiors, decor, modular kitchens, smart lighting, luxury wardrobes, wellness corners, and customised living spaces. The shift is changing not just homes, but also the business of real estate, furniture, decor, and interior design. Interior Design, Decor India Market: Numbers Tell The Story Industry estimates suggest Indian homeowners are now spending anywhere between 10 per cent and 20 per cent of a property's value on interiors alone. That means a buyer purchasing a Rs 1 crore apartment could easily spend another Rs 10-20 lakh after getting the keys. In premium homes priced between Rs 2 crore and Rs 3 crore, interior budgets are stretching to Rs 20-40 lakh. And this is no longer restricted to ultra-rich buyers in Mumbai or Delhi. The appetite is spreading rapidly across Tier-2 cities like Jaipur, Lucknow, Indore, Chandigarh, and Coimbatore. India's home interiors market, currently estimated at more than \$12 billion, is growing at 8-13 per cent annually. Residential demand alone now accounts for nearly 60 per cent of the overall interior design market. Homes Are Becoming Identity Statements "Residential homes are no longer defined by scale alone, they are defined by the amenities and level of experience they offer," said Amar Sarin, MD & CEO of TARC Ltd. He said buyers today are looking for homes that reflect "identity, aspiration and a deeper sense of belongingness", while the lines between luxury housing and hospitality are increasingly blurring. That mindset shift is becoming visible across India's housing market. Developers, interior brands, and decor companies say millennials and dual-income households are driving the biggest transformation the sector has seen in years. Unlike previous generations that treated interiors as optional upgrades, younger buyers now see them as essential. "The Indian residential market is witnessing a major lifestyle transformation," said Pyush Lohia, Managing Director of Lohia Worldspace. "Homes today are no longer viewed as just physical spaces - they have become deeply personal reflections of comfort, aspiration, and identity." This aspiration is reshaping spending behaviour. Social media platforms, design influencers, Pinterest-inspired aesthetics, celebrity home tours, and hybrid work culture have fundamentally altered what Indian buyers want from their homes.

Indian Student On Falling Rupee And The Reality Of Life Abroad

I first travelled to London three years ago to visit my sister and celebrate my birthday. It was my first solo international trip, so naturally, I was excited about everything - getting my visa, booking my tickets, planning the journey, and finally exchanging rupees for pounds before landing in what felt like the most cosmopolitan city in the world.

In March 2023, one pound cost me around Rs 100 - simple enough for mental maths every time I bought coffee or took the tube. A year later, around the same time, I was back in London and went through the same routine again. Except this time, one pound was closer to Rs 105. Still manageable for quick conversions, but enough to make me realise how much exchange rates quietly shape the experience of studying, travelling, and living abroad. I experienced all of this a year later when I moved to London for my Master's degree at King's College. Now, I was converting a lot of money for visa and college fees. And as the rupee slipped against the pound every day, monthly expenses and stress levels started to climb. As of May 2026, you need Rs 128 to get a pound. It is good for you if you are regularly earning, but for students, it's a nightmare to have daily. Since last year, every financial decision I made in Delhi was shaped by the rupee-pound currency conversion rate. From booking tickets for a concert to applying for a loan and a visa to replacing my old phone, I could feel what thousands of Indian students go through every year. Despite the weakening of the rupee, students still choose the UK over India because it offers high-quality education and a better standard of living.

It Keeps Getting Bad'

In October 2025, I paid the first instalment of my tuition fee. It was 15,800 pounds, and the conversion rate was Rs 118 for a pound. By January, it further slipped to Rs 125 as I paid the second instalment. A Rs 7 slip seems small, but it had an impact on my mental well-being. By the time my second instalment was due, I had already started cutting down on expenses. I spent less on food, skipped casual



meetups at the college pub, and became more conscious even while buying basic groceries. I am fortunate to have family in London, which makes life easier in many ways, but the smaller daily costs still add up quickly.

For my 9 am lectures, I often had no choice but to take the tube, paying nearly 3.90 GBP one-way just to make it on time. But on days when I could, I switched to buses that cost 1.75 GBP instead. It meant spending almost two hours stuck in London traffic. But it was worth it if it would help me save a little money. According to the latest data from the Office of National Statistics, UK, in the year ending December 2025, Indians accounted for the largest number of non-EU nationals immigrating to the UK. Around 89,000 Indian students moved to the UK, and around 40,000 for work. South Asians, especially British Indians and Indians, form the largest diaspora of non-whites in Britain; Indians are also the highest among those emigrating from the country. Around 51,000 Indian students and around 21,000 professionals went back to India.

I am among the 89,000 who came to London last year, but I know several people who are among the 51,000

who moved back. With a falling rupee and stricter immigration rules, a slow job market, the UK is becoming less attractive, but it remains a popular choice.

Across the Atlantic, the situation is as bad as in the UK. The rupee is at its lowest against the US dollar and keeps breaking its record every day. Coupled with the war in West Asia, Trump's tariff rules, conservative immigration policies, and a slow job market, Indian students are facing a tough time - probably worse because higher education costs more in the US than in the UK.

'Meal Deals and Chocolate Bars To The Rescue'

I never imagined I could go from writing articles on defence to pouring pints of Ciders and Guinness for a living. Every month, the rupee kept falling, and I started losing money on currency conversion to fund my monthly expenses. I chose part-time work at events to sustain myself. From pouring drinks at Twickenham Stadium and street parties to waiting tables at a restaurant, I earned pounds to buy groceries, meals, hang out with friends and live a little. The first thing I did after landing in London was to find the cheapest

route from my house to the campus, and the cheapest food options. The five-pound meal deals from Greggs and Tesco, surprise food baskets from 'Too Good To Go' and chocolate bars were saviours when I was tempted to spend a tenner on pizza. I learnt the hard way how to resist the temptation for fancy meals.

What feels particularly frustrating is seeing people online casually defend the weakening of the rupee against the dollar or pound as something that is simply "good for the economy". I am not an economist, and I understand that currencies move for complex reasons tied to trade, exports, and global markets. But what often gets ignored is the human side of currency depreciation - how it directly affects the lives of thousands of Indians studying, working, or living abroad. Even a small fall in the rupee changes daily life in ways that statistics cannot fully capture. Tuition fees become more expensive overnight, rent feels heavier, and ordinary expenses like transport or groceries suddenly require constant calculation. An article in The Economist argued that the weakening rupee reflects deeper structural and global pressures. Events like the American bombing

campaign in Iran disrupted oil flows and affected countries like India that rely heavily on imports, putting additional pressure on the currency. RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra said that a modest depreciation against the dollar is normal for a growing economy. Perhaps that is true at the macro-economic level. But from the perspective of an Indian abroad, a "modest depreciation" does not feel modest at all. It quietly reshapes everyday choices, mental well-being, and the ability to simply live comfortably in another country.

It's Tough, But I Am Not Alone'

During one of my tube rides back home, a friend from Texas was talking about how she loses \$4 every time she converts the currency. I told her I lose Rs 128 every time I do that, and she felt bad for me. Another friend from Italy, who is doing her PhD, is experiencing the same thing, but she said one more thing - whenever it feels heavy, just go for a walk, and if you see a student, you'll realise that you are not alone. I guess that is what makes London, or any other city in the UK, cosmopolitan. You go through things, and you grow with them.

FROM A MOVEMENT'S DREAM TO A PEOPLE'S TELANGANA



AMARAVAJI NAGARAJU

As Telangana completes twelve years of its formation, the occasion offers more than an opportunity for celebration. It is also a moment for reflection on the aspirations that shaped the statehood movement, the achievements of the past decade, and the challenges that lie ahead. Born out of decades of struggle, sacrifices, and the collective aspirations of millions, Telangana today stands at a crucial juncture in its developmental journey. The creation of Telangana was not merely a political or administrative exercise. It represented the culmination of a long-standing demand rooted in questions of regional identity, equitable development, social justice, and self-governance. While the initial years after statehood were largely focused on administrative restructuring and infrastructure development, the discourse has gradually shifted toward inclusive growth, welfare, economic empowerment, and equal opportunities for all sections of society. The Telangana movement witnessed contributions from various political and social

forces. However, the role played by the Congress leadership in taking the final political decision that led to state formation remains a significant chapter in the state's history. Telangana's emergence as India's 29th state was the result of a complex interplay between popular mobilisation, political negotiations, and democratic aspirations.

Yet, the formation of a state was only the beginning. The true measure of success lies in how effectively the aspirations of the people are translated into tangible improvements in their lives. Citizens expected statehood to bring employment opportunities, agricultural prosperity, balanced regional development, and greater social justice. These expectations continue to serve as benchmarks against which governments are evaluated.

Following the 2023 Assembly elections, the new government has sought to advance the concept of "Praja Palana" or people-centric governance. Several welfare initiatives aimed at reducing the financial burden on households have been introduced. Free bus travel for women, subsidised domestic electricity, affordable cooking gas cylinders, and expanded healthcare coverage are among the measures intended to improve the quality of life of ordinary citizens.

Women's empowerment has emerged as a central pillar of Telangana's welfare agenda. Across rural and urban regions, there are indications that targeted interventions are positively influencing the economic participation of women. Strengthening women's role within household economies

has the potential to generate long-term social transformation and contribute to broader developmental goals. Housing remains another critical area of public policy. For many families, owning a home continues to be a distant aspiration. Housing programmes, therefore, must be viewed not merely as welfare measures but as instruments of social security and human dignity. When integrated with access to drinking water, sanitation, roads, and other basic infrastructure, such initiatives can significantly improve living standards, particularly in rural areas.

Agriculture, the backbone of Telangana's economy and society, continues to occupy a central place in policy discussions. Farmers played an important role both in the statehood movement and in the state's subsequent development. Measures such as farm loan waivers, investment support, incentives for cultivation, and efforts to resolve land-related issues have provided some degree of relief. However, sustainable agricultural growth requires deeper reforms, including stronger market linkages, storage facilities, value-addition industries, and efficient water management systems.

Employment generation remains one of the most pressing challenges before the state. While recruitment drives for government jobs have created optimism among the youth, the long-term solution lies in expanding opportunities within the private sector. Industrial growth, investment promotion, skill development, and the expansion of technology-driven industries will be critical

in shaping Telangana's economic future. Hyderabad's emergence as a global innovation and investment hub offers considerable promise in this regard.

Major urban development initiatives, including the proposed Future City, metro rail expansion, and the rejuvenation of the Musi River, represent ambitious attempts to redefine the state's urban landscape. However, development projects of this scale must balance economic aspirations with environmental sustainability, social equity, and the concerns of affected communities. Inclusive planning remains essential to ensuring that growth benefits all sections of society.

Social justice has increasingly become a defining theme in Telangana's political and policy landscape. Efforts aimed at expanding opportunities for backward classes, strengthening representation, and enhancing affirmative action have generated discussions far beyond the state's borders. The true success of such initiatives will depend on whether social justice evolves from a political slogan into a foundational principle of governance.

At the same time, Telangana faces several significant challenges. Rising public debt, the need for sustainable revenue generation, rapid urbanisation, water resource management, and strengthening the education and healthcare sectors remain key concerns. Striking a balance between welfare commitments and fiscal responsibility will be crucial for long-term stability and growth.

WHEN PUBLIC OPINION STARTED SETTING THE TREND



Priyanka Saurabh

The greatest strength of democracy is public opinion. This public opinion is not formed on a single day or during an election, but is shaped by a long process of ongoing dialogue, debate, discussion, social experiences, political consciousness, and citizen participation in society. In a democratic system, informed judgment by citizens, the exchange of diverse views, and respect for dissent are considered crucial. For a long time, the basis for shaping public opinion in India was direct dialogue, public meetings, social organizations, newspapers, books, educational institutions, and mass movements. However, this landscape has rapidly changed since the digital revolution. Today, social media is no longer merely a medium of communication, but has emerged as the most influential force in shaping public opinion. At such a time, the question becomes crucial: is public opinion now being determined more by social media trends and algorithms than by the independent thinking of citizens?

India is the world's largest democracy and also one of the world's largest digital consumer groups. Billions of people use Facebook, Instagram, X, YouTube, WhatsApp, and other digital platforms every day. From news to political views, a large segment of society now obtains their primary information from these platforms. This change is not only technological but also extremely significant from a social and political perspective. While previously, citizens formed opinions on an issue by reading newspapers, listening to debates, or discussing them locally, the process of opinion formation has now become largely dependent on digital platforms. Social media algorithms have become central to this process. Algorithms are technical mechanisms that determine which content a user will see and which will not. They select content by analyzing a user's preferences, activities, search history, and online behavior. Technically, their purpose is to keep users on the platform longer, as the economic model of digital companies is based on this. However, from a democratic perspective, this process raises serious questions. If citizens are only shown content that matches their preconceived beliefs, will they be able to become aware of diverse views? If algorithms begin to decide which issues are important, will democratic

debate remain free?

Today, trending on social media is considered a key indicator of a topic's popularity. Once a hashtag is shared millions of times, it becomes a topic of national discussion. Sometimes, it appears that what's trending represents public sentiment. However, trends don't necessarily reflect the broader public opinion. Trends are often created by organized digital campaigns, political propaganda, paid promotional strategies, or even bot networks. Therefore, it's important to understand that digital visibility and genuine public support aren't always synonymous. The distinction between grassroots political participation and digital activism is also important in this context. India's democratic history is replete with numerous examples of direct public participation. During the freedom movement, people went to jail, engaged in satyagraha, and took personal risks for social change. In subsequent decades, numerous movements also directly organized citizens. These movements built dialogue, trust, and collectivism among people. In contrast, digital activism is often limited to symbolic participation. Sharing a post, supporting a hashtag, or changing a profile photo is easy, but it does not always translate into real social intervention. As a result, a new form of political participation has evolved,

characterized by greater visibility and relatively less direct social commitment. A significant impact of social media algorithms is the creation of so-called "echo chambers" and "filter bubbles." When a person views or likes a particular type of content, algorithms begin to show them more of that type of content. Gradually, that person finds themselves in a digital environment where they primarily see views they already agree with. This reduces ideological diversity and increases intolerance toward opposing views. The success of democracy depends on citizens' willingness to listen to and understand different viewpoints. However, if algorithms divide citizens into ideologically distinct camps, the quality of democratic discourse is bound to suffer.

The growing trend of political polarization in India can also be seen in this context. Various political groups are active in their own digital communities on social media. Content shared within these communities often reinforces a particular viewpoint and presents opposing views with suspicion, ridicule, or hostility. This can lead to a tendency toward conflict rather than dialogue in society. Disagreement is natural and necessary in a democracy, but when disagreement takes the form of hostility rather than dialogue, democratic culture begins to weaken.

MEI President S Manohar calls on Congress workers and office bearers to work actively in delivering every scheme of the government to the people

Bengaluru: MEI President S Manohar calls on Congress workers and office bearers to work actively in function of Congress stalwart D.K. Shivakumar, who is going to take charge as the new Chief Minister.

He stated that the efforts of the Shivakumar's new dream to be built Karnataka and to work actively in delivering every scheme of the government to the people.

Speaking at a meeting organized at the Maurya Hotel in Bengaluru to remember and express gratitude for the services of Siddaramaiah, who provided a pro-people, corruption-free and socialist administration as the



Chief Minister for a long time, he thanked him for the pro-people schemes implemented during Siddaramaiah's tenure, the welfare of the down-trodden and Dalits, women empowerment, youth

development and the concepts of social justice.

On this occasion, he said that we should all engage in the work of supporting and implementing the visionary leadership of Congress leader Rahul

Gandhi in the issues of building an equal society, protecting constitutional values, and empowering women and youth.

In this meeting, which was attended by KPCC office bearers, leaders and

workers, a preliminary meeting was held to discuss the successful organization of the oath-taking program of D.K. Shivakumar, the voice of Congress workers, who will take office as the 25th new Chief Minister of the state.

In this context, it was decided to celebrate a gratitude and felicitation program with the public on Wednesday, June 3rd. As part of the program, the party workers were requested to celebrate in a simple way by distributing breakfast and sweets to the public at various important places.

The program will start with light refreshments

and sweets distribution at Modi Hospital Circle and conclude with Basavanna Statue, Navarang Junction, Kuvempu Statue, Malleshwaram, Rajiv Gandhi Statue (near Mantri Mall), Nehru Circle, Seshadripuram, Maurya Circle, and Gandhi Statue. Former Mayor and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Development Corporation Chairman Sampath Raj, M.S. Salim, A. Anand, Pasira Ramakrishna, Bangalore Central Campaign Committee Chairman Prakash, spokespersons Anand Kumar M.S., Kushal Haruvegowda, Naveen, Puttaraju, Sanjay Sasimatha, Ranjith, Umesh and many other leaders and activists participated in this program.

Ice Make posts record Q4 revenue of Rs.256 crore, FY26 revenue rises 39%

Hyderabad : Ice Make Refrigeration Limited reported its highest-ever quarterly revenue of Rs.255.85 crore in the fourth quarter of FY26, registering a robust 41.8% year-on-year growth, driven by strong demand across refrigeration segments and expansion of its cold chain solutions portfolio.



dividend of Rs.2.25 per equity share, subject to shareholder approval at the upcoming Annual General Meeting.

For the full financial year FY26, the company's consolidated revenue surged 39.3% to Rs.668.20 crore, compared to Rs.479.52 crore in FY25. Growth was supported by strong order inflows and increasing traction for products such as Continuous Panels, Chest Freezers, and Visi Coolers.

The Board of Directors has recommended a final

Despite record revenues, profitability was impacted by strategic investments in capacity expansion, leadership strengthening, warehouse network growth, brand-building initiatives, and regulatory compliance. FY26 net profit stood at Rs.12.13 crore, compared to Rs.22.90 crore in the previous year.

For the development of the area, all the obstacles should be tolerated for a while: C.K. Ramamurthy

Bengaluru: For the development of the area, all the obstacles should be tolerated for a while and then you can move on the road without any problem, said MLA C.K. Ramamurthy.

Speaking after performing a puja for the cement road work of Jayanagar 4th Block, 30th, 33rd, diagonal cross roads at a cost of Rs. 20 crores in the Jayanagar assembly constituency, he said that all these roads are also being made into model roads and the pedestrian paths are also being made as models. Since the work will take four to five months to complete, he appealed to the people of this place to cooperate and join hands in the development. Former BBMP members B. Somashankar, Chandrashekhar Raju,

Govinda Naidu, Chinnagiriappa, Ramesh Raju, leaders Manjunath Reddy, officials and local leaders were present on the occasion.



ODISSI, OPERA AND ODES TO SURVIVAL: THE CENTRE FOR PEACE & PERFORMING ARTS PREMIERES RHYTHMS OF LIFE IN BENGALURU

Bengaluru : The Centre for Peace & Performing Arts (CPPA) is set to present "Rhythms of Life", a captivating cultural evening that celebrates the many emotions, memories, and experiences that shape our lives through the powerful mediums of music and classical dance.

The event promises a rich artistic experience featuring an inspiring blend of Opera, Odissi, Bharatanatyam, and beyond, bringing together accomplished performers from diverse artistic traditions on a single stage.

The evening will feature performances by: Aastha Mohapatra - Opera Vocalist, Baisali Mohanty - Odissi Dancer, Dr. Smt. Raksha, Karthik - Bharatanatyam Exponent, Rinjini Mitra - Classical Dancer.

Under the theme "An Evening of Moments, Memories & the Many Lives

We Live," the programme aims to take audiences on an artistic journey through stories, emotions, and reflections expressed through rhythm, movement, and melody.

The event highlights CPPA's commitment to promoting cultural dialogue, artistic excellence, and the preservation of India's rich performing arts heritage while encouraging innovative collaborations across disciplines. Event will commence on 5 June at 7:30 PM at Jagriti Theatre, Jagriti Renaissance, 5/2A, Varthur Main Road, near Palm Meadows, Ramagondanahalli, Whitefield, Bengaluru Art lovers, students, families, and patrons of the performing arts are invited to witness this unique confluence of music and dance that celebrates the rhythm of human experiences and the beauty of artistic expression.



Allen Bengaluru's Aryan Raghupathy Becomes Karnataka State Topper with AIR 12 in JEE Advanced 2026

Bengaluru. Allen Bengaluru students have once again proven their excellence in the JEE-Advanced 2026 results released by IIT Roorkee. Allen Bengaluru classroom student Aryan Raghupathy secured All India Rank 12. The results were announced with joyous celebrations at Allen. Teachers congratulated all the successful students and their parents and distributed sweets.

Allen South Zone Head, Mahesh Yadav that Allen is known for its excellent results, and maintaining this reputation, Allen has achieved excellent results this year as well. He informed that Aryan Raghupathy, a student of the institute, also topped



Bengaluru in JEE Advanced 2026 result. He stated that the excellent results are a testament to the trust bestowed on them by all students and parents. Allen Bengaluru is moving forward with this confidence. Additionally, 37 Allen

Bengaluru students have secured All India Ranks ranging from the top 100 AIR ranks to the top 1000 AIR Ranks.

National Results Allen Career Institute, Kota, has established a new record by securing All India Rank 1 for the

third consecutive year in the JEE-Advanced 2026 results announced by IIT Roorkee today. With these results, Allen has now bagged an All India Rank 1 in IIT-JEE seven times, and has repeated All India Ranks 1, 2, and 3 in JEE Advanced for the second time in its history. Allen previously achieved this feat in 2016. Allen students secured six of the top 10 AIR ranks nationally, 24 classroom students in the top 50, and 41 in the top 100. This performance once again proves Allen's most successful and consistent institution in producing

top national rankers. Allen's nationwide success was led by Shubham Kumar, a Kota classroom student of Allen. Shubham achieved an All India Rank 1 by scoring 330 out of 360. Continuing the streak of excellence, Allen classroom student Kabir Chhillar secured All India Rank 2 with 329 marks out of 360, and Jatin Chahar secured All India Rank 3 with 319 marks. All India Girls Topper Aarohi Deshpande is also from Allen Kota classroom. Aarohi secured All India Rank 77 with 280 marks. Yashvardhan, who took the Allen Online Live Course, achieved the best online result by securing All India Rank 52.

Siddaramaiah leaves behind debt-ridden administration, alleges R. Ashok



Bengaluru, May 29: Leader of Opposition R. Ashok on Friday alleged that outgoing Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had handed over a financially burdened administration to his successor, D.K. Shivakumar, amid mounting debt and pending payments.

Addressing a press conference, Ashok claimed that the Congress government was functioning like a "broken-down lorry" and that merely changing the Chief Minister would not resolve the State's financial challenges. He alleged that Karnataka's total debt had risen to Rs.7.64 lakh crore and that the State was facing a significant budget deficit. The BJP leader further claimed that several

payments remained pending, including dues to contractors, power distribution companies, welfare schemes and transport employees. According to him, the financial burden would make governance difficult for the incoming administration.

Ashok also criticised the Congress leadership over the change in leadership and alleged that internal differences within the party would continue even after the transition. He asserted that the BJP would continue to raise issues related to pending welfare payments and financial management. The Congress party has not officially responded to Ashok's remarks.

Best wishes to students for the new academic year: CLP leader D K Shivakumar

Bengaluru : Congress Legislature Party leader D K Shivakumar extended his wishes to school students as the new academic year commenced for government schools.

Speaking to reporters at his Sadashivanagar residence, he said, "The new academic year begins today. On behalf of the government and personally, I wish my dear students all the best and success."

"Students educated in the state have made invaluable contributions at the global level, and the entire world is witness to this. Our wealth of knowledge is attracting the whole world. Our students have studied in most of the world's universities and



achieved many accomplishments," he said.

"We have precious human resources. That is why the world sees India through Karnataka. For this very reason, our elders established institu-

tions like IIT, IIM, National Law School, ISRO, HAL, and other major institutions right here. Children must pursue their education with the aim of carrying these forward," he added.

Must not lose self-confidence

"We are moving into the age of Artificial Intelligence, and education must be aligned with it. Our education policy will be announced in the coming days. Wishing you all success this year. Government school children must not lose self-confidence. Our government schools have good teachers. You are just as talented as children studying in private schools," he said. When asked about calls to provide saffron shawls as an alternative to the hijab, he said, "Whether it should be a saffron shawl or a national flag shawl - let us discuss that later."

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Registers 33,128 Units Sales in May 2026

Bangalore : Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) announced its sales performance for the month of May 2026 with 33,128 units, reflecting a growth of 7% compared to 30,864 units sold in May 2025. This includes 30,574 units sold in the domestic market and 2,554 units exported.

Commenting on the sales performance, Mr. Sabari Manohar, Executive Vice President, Sales-Service-Used Car Business, Toyota Kirloskar Motor, said, "Our sales performance in May 2026 reflects the positive market acceptance of Toyota's offerings and overall ownership experience. The sustained demand across our product portfolio highlights a growing prefer-



ence for quality, reliability and advanced technologies. This month marked a significant milestone as we crossed 3 lakh Strong Hybrid Electric vehicle (SHEV) sales in India, underscoring the growing

acceptance of SHEV technology and cleaner mobility solutions. This achievement further strengthens our commitment to advancing sustainable mobility through a multi-pathway approach. We

will continue to focus on innovation that aligns with evolving customer needs while delivering long-term value and contributing meaningfully to India's transition towards carbon neutrality."

Tamil Nadu CM Vijay holds roadshow in Tiruchirappalli

TIRUCHY: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay held a roadshow here on Monday and was accorded a rousing reception by the people and TVK workers on his arrival from the state capital.

As soon as Vijay arrived, he was accorded a ceremonial police salute, and Ministers Aadhav Arjuna and S Ramesh, senior officials, Lok Sabha MP Durai Vaiko welcomed him.

Later, he travelled in a van from the airport to the venue of the public meeting, St Joseph College, a dis-



tance of roughly 10 km.

Seated in the front, he waved to the people who were waiting on both sides of the road. Party workers and locals showered flowers

on his vehicle at several places and they enthusiastically shouted 'Vijay'.

Police had made tight security arrangements in view of the visit of the chief

minister. Youth's burnt body found in Coimbatore drain

Vijay is all set to address people on the premises of the college here by 4.15 PM to thank the people of Tiruchirappalli East, from where he won and subsequently resigned his seat so as to retain the Perambur seat in Chennai. On

September 13, 2025, Vijay kick-started his 'I am coming' state-wide campaign in Tiruchirappalli for the 2026 Tamil Nadu Assembly election.

TN: Sports Minister Arjuna reviews facilities at Coimbatore's Nehru stadium, assures support to athletes

COIMBATORE: Tamil Nadu Sports Minister Aadhav Arjuna on Sunday inspected sports infrastructure and training facilities at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Coimbatore, interacting with athletes, coaches and officials to assess their requirements and ongoing development works.

The minister, who was in the city to attend the final of the All India Basketball Tournament, visited the Nehru Indoor Stadium, where he was received by Coimbatore District Collector Pavan Kumar Giriyanavar, officials from the Sports Development Authority of



Tamil Nadu (SDAT), and other district authorities. During the inspection, Arjuna toured various facilities within the stadium complex, including the gymnasium, where he interacted with athletes

and sought feedback on the quality of infrastructure and support available to them.

He later visited the playing areas and engaged with students practising yoga and football, discuss-

ing their training requirements and the improvements needed to strengthen sporting facilities.

The minister also met athletes from disciplines including athletics and kabaddi, listening to their concerns and suggestions regarding infrastructure, equipment and training support. Several athletes took the opportunity to interact with him personally, with many posing for photographs and selfies during the visit.

Among those who met the minister was national sub-junior kabaddi player Keerthana, who said the interaction focused on improving facilities for athletes.

Tamil Nadu: Mandatory biometric attendance comes into effect at Secretariat

CHENNAI: Mandatory biometric attendance came into effect in the Human Resources Management Department at the Tamil Nadu Secretariat on Monday, marking the first phase of a broader initiative that is likely to be extended to other departments in the coming months.

Officials in the Secretariat said the biometric system had initially been introduced on a pilot basis. However, following objections and con-



cerns raised by employees and officers of the Human Resources Management Department, the pilot project was temporarily suspended. Subsequently, the department issued a circular making biometric attendance mandatory

from June 1.

Accordingly, officers and staff members of the department registered their attendance through the biometric system on Monday. Sources said the government is considering extending the system to other departments in a phased manner after assessing its implementation in the Human Resources Management Department. The Tamil Nadu Secretariat is located in two major complexes at Fort St George.

PMK's Anbumani Ramadoss urges TN govt to challenge SC verdict on super-speciality medical seats issue

CHENNAI: PMK President Dr Anbumani Ramadoss has urged the Tamil Nadu government to challenge a recent Supreme Court order directing that 151 unfilled super-speciality medical seats reserved for government doctors in Tamil Nadu be surrendered to the All India Quota, describing the decision as unjust and detrimental to the state's public healthcare system. Police suspended over harassment complaint in Tirunelveli



In a statement issued on Monday, Anbumani said the reserved seats in government med-

ical colleges are crucial for ensuring the availability of highly specialised doctors in Tamil Nadu's

government hospitals. He argued that these seats represent the only reliable mechanism through which the state can retain specialist doctors in public service. According to him, Tamil Nadu has a total of 670 super-speciality post-graduate medical seats, of which 415 are available in government medical colleges. Fifty per cent of these seats, amounting to 215 seats, are reserved for doctors serving in government hospitals. Doctors admitted under this quota are required to execute a bond committing them to contin-

ue working in government hospitals until retirement. Youth's burnt body found in Coimbatore drain Anbumani pointed out that most doctors who complete super-speciality training often prefer employment in private hospitals due to higher salaries and better opportunities. Therefore, he said, the reservation policy has played a critical role in ensuring that government hospitals continue to have access to highly qualified specialists capable of providing advanced and life-saving treatments.

SCR General Manager reviews monsoon safety preparedness



Secunderabad, June 1, 2026: Shri Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, General Manager of South Central Railway (SCR), conducted a high-level safety review meeting at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad, on Sunday to assess the zone's preparedness for the upcoming monsoon season and ensure safe and uninterrupted train operations.

The meeting was attended by Shri Satya Prakash, Additional General Manager, Principal Heads of Departments, and Divisional Railway Managers of Secunderabad, Hyderabad and Nanded divisions through video conferencing.

Reviewing safety measures, the General Manager directed officials to undertake cutting, trimming and notching of trees located near railway tracks and Overhead Equipment (OHE) to prevent disruptions and accidents during heavy rains and strong winds. He stressed the need for field supervisors to remain vigilant and promptly address any issues.

The meeting also focused on preventing operational hazards caused by miscreants, including the placement of metallic objects and construction materials on tracks and OHE infrastructure. Srivastava instructed officials to carry out regular inspections, maintain round-the-clock surveillance at vulnerable locations and complete all pending repair works without delay. He said these proactive measures would strengthen railway safety and operational reliability during the monsoon season.

Obesity, high blood sugar levels rise sharply among Indian adults: NFHS-6

New Delhi, Jun 1: India has recorded a significant increase in obesity and elevated blood sugar levels among adults, according to findings from the National Family Health Survey-6 (NFHS-6), highlighting a growing burden of lifestyle-related diseases across the country.

The survey revealed that 30.7 per cent of women aged 15-49 years were overweight or obese in 2023-24, up from 24 per cent in NFHS-5 conducted during 2019-21. Among men in the same age group, the proportion rose from 22.9 per cent to 27.3 per cent. The findings also pointed to a substantial increase in elevated blood sugar levels. Among women aged 15 years and above, the proportion with high or very high blood sugar levels, or those taking medication to control blood sugar, increased from 13.5 per cent in NFHS-5 to 17.8 per cent in NFHS-6. For men, the figure rose from 15.6 per cent to 20.9 per cent. Among women aged 15-49 years, the highest prevalence of overweight or obesity was reported in the Union Territory of Puducherry at 46.3 per cent, followed by Chandigarh (44 per cent), Delhi (41.4 per cent), Punjab (40.8 per cent), Tamil Nadu (40.5 per cent) and Andaman and Nicobar Islands (38.1 per cent). In contrast, states such as Bihar, Chhattisgarh and Assam recorded comparatively lower obesity prevalence among women. Among men aged 15-49 years, the highest prevalence of overweight or obesity was reported in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands at nearly 38 per cent, followed by Punjab, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Delhi and Goa, all of which reported obesity prevalence exceeding one-third of the male population.

How women's environmental action across the Global South can create a better planet

Climate change has different impacts on men and women, especially in the Global South. Patriarchal culture is the cause behind this. We often do not involve women in responding to environmental problems. To often, we exclude them in discussions on solutions to climate crisis. Patriarchal culture also creates unequal gender relations, with women being considered only capable of managing household and domestic work.

Leaving women out when coming up with environmental solutions puts them in more vulnerable positions. When climate change-related events occurs - such as more extreme weather, forest fires or floods - women and girls bear a heavier burden and experience more severe impacts. Violence against women is also on the rise amid global warming.

However, we need to change the narrative that women are merely "victims" of climate crisis. In reality, women in the Global South countries also possess the abilities and strength to protect the environment. They manifest their power to preserve the environment in various actions, both formal and informal, individual and collective.

WOMEN'S MOVEMENTS ACROSS THE GLOBAL SOUTH Historically, women have played a big part in protecting the environment in Asian and South American countries. The Chipko movement started in 1974, when the Indigenous women and community of Reni village in India fought to protect the forest from logging that threatened their livelihood. They collectively took action by guarding and embracing trees to push back contractors and prevent deforestation.

Their fight went global, making waves worldwide. During the 1985 Nairobi Conference on Women from Third World Countries, women emphasised the importance of nature conservation and women's environmental actions. Testimonies



from the Chipko movement and similar women's movements in other countries were discussed at this conference.

FIGHTING FOR CHANGE IN MEXICO AND BOLIVIA

Besides the Chipko movement, there is a recent example from women in Zapotalito, a village within the Chachahua-Pastoria lagoon national park area in southern Mexico.

They have endured a series of environmental challenges, including dead fish, a dreadful ammonia smell, and a decline in air and water quality due to a dam project and lime oil factory pollution.

The women of Zapotalito worked together to clean the natural canal in the Coaxaca mangrove area. They used shovels and hoes for regular clean-ups in 2016. Even as they fought for change, they continued their daily routines. They cooked food, made tortillas, cleaned houses, cared for children, tended to pets and plants and caught fish for their families to eat, even amid bad environmen-

tal conditions. On another front, the women's movement in Chiquiaca, Bolivia, has been protecting the Tariquia Flora and Fauna National Reserve since 2017 from oil and gas companies' expansion into their precious area. In a bold move in 2019, they actually blocked the entrance to the conservation area for a whopping five months to prevent drilling equipment from being brought in.

The women of Chiquiaca also took their protest to the streets, actively hindering any development on their land. What began as a local movement has grown into a powerful collective action that's still going strong today. It's gained the support of thousands of people in Bolivia.

INDONESIAN FISHERWOMEN'S LEADERSHIP

In Indonesia, fisherwomen in Central Java have been working to sustain their community amidst the climate change since 2020. Rising sea levels have increased flood risks in their

neighbourhoods, forcing them to take action by engaging with policymakers, raising awareness and fundraising to build bridges.

Unfortunately, women in these movements often face threats, intimidation and violence. Their enemies tried to undermine their action, by saying "women should stay silent at home and take care of the kitchen" Some of them received death threats. Despite these challenges, however, they continue their fight to protect their land.

GROWING GLOBAL RECOGNITION

The stories above have shown women are capable of making a difference in environmental activism, from their homes and communities to the national stage. The global community increasingly recognises their efforts too. Since the 1990s, more international policies have emphasised gender as a crucial element in nature conservation and sustainable development. For example, the 1992 Rio Declaration on Environment and Development acknowledges

the vital role of women in environmental management and development. The Beijing Platform for Action, established in 1995, is a resolution that supports gender equality and empowerment of women worldwide. The reports of the High-Level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Beijing Platform for Action in Asia and the Pacific highlight the critical link between environmental change and women's roles as managers and providers of natural resources.

There's also the 2004 United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, which emphasises the crucial role of women in drought-affected areas, particularly in rural regions of developing countries. Recent documents from the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) highlight the pivotal role of local women's movements and Indigenous women in shaping climate policies and actions. Numerous policies also promote women's participation in the sustainable development agenda.

BETTER SOLUTIONS THROUGH INVOLVING WOMEN

Despite being disproportionately affected by environmental damages, women continue to demonstrate their resilience and knowledge in tackling climate change. To empower women's activism, governments worldwide should formulate policies integrating women's roles in conservation and sustainable development strategies within their own nations. As for the public, initiating efforts to document women's activism is crucial. Both government and public actions are essential to avoid oversimplifying women's experiences across diverse countries, and to move beyond the narrative that portrays them solely as victims.

These actions are fundamental in steering clear of oversimplifying the experiences of women across diverse countries. They are also the first steps towards solving environmental problems in new and better ways.

Nvidia announces new AI chip for personal computers

Nvidia has announced a new chip for PCs as it moves into the consumer market for devices integrated with AI technology. "This reinvention of the computer is as big of a deal as the reinvention of the phone into what we now know as the smartphone," Nvidia's chief executive Jensen Huang said as he unveiled the RTX Spark chip. Huang made the announcement on Monday as he delivered a keynote speech ahead of the opening of the Computex technology show in Taipei, Taiwan. Separately on Sunday, the US tightened its rules on selling Nvidia's most advanced chips to Chinese firms. The RTX Spark is "a new superchip... for the era of personal AI agents - offering a new class of computer that moves from tool to teammate," Nvidia said on its website. It will be included in a new line of Windows PCs made by Lenovo, HP, Dell, Microsoft Surface, Asus, and MSI. They are due to be available in the autumn, with models from Acer and Gigabyte to follow. The move marks a



challenge to high-profile names in the PC market like Apple and Intel. Lenovo, HP, Dell and Apple accounted for almost 75% of the world's PC market in the first three months of this year, according to research firm Gartner. A 'paradigm shift' Nvidia has traditionally focused on creating Graphics Processing Units (GPUs) - specialised chips originally designed to rapidly process computer graphics for video games, but now also widely used to power artificial intelligence systems. Charlie

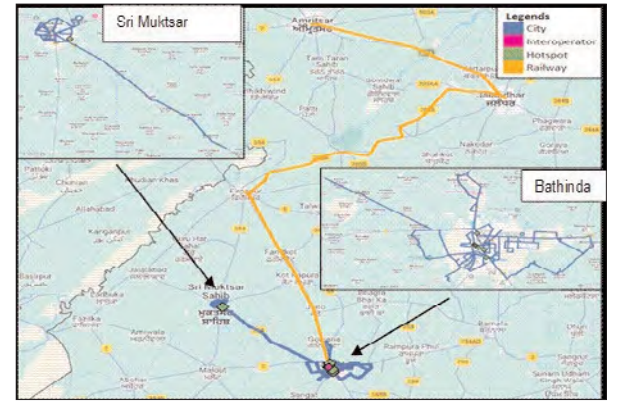
Dai, vice president and principal analyst at technology research firm Forrester said the announcement showed Nvidia making a "paradigm shift" from "component supplier" to "architecture owner in the PC market". "This will directly challenge Intel, AMD, and Qualcomm and raise competitive pressure on performance, efficiency, and AI integration," he said. However, Ian Fogg, Research Director at industry analyst firm FDM CCS Insight said the change was "likely to come

with a significant price tag" and Nvidia would be targeting "those looking for workstation-class performance". Part of the announcement has focused on a partnership with Microsoft to provide what Nvidia claims will be a "robust secure Windows platform" powered by the RTX Spark chip for AI agents - autonomous software programs such as OpenClaw driven by artificial intelligence. "Our goal is to deliver unmetted intelligence to every home and every desk with Windows," said Satya

Nadella, chairman and head of Microsoft. "RTX Spark marks a real breakthrough towards that vision." Semiconductor analyst Dr Ian Cutress said by offering a Windows notebook with Nvidia hardware inside, Nvidia was giving developers, particularly those working with AI, "a reason to stay within its own software and hardware orbit". The boom in data centres that power AI has helped Nvidia become the world's most valuable company, with a stock market valuation of more than \$5tn (£3.7tn). On Sunday, the US moved to close a potential loophole for shipping chips like Nvidia's Blackwell processors. Guidance published by Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) clarified that a licence is needed to export of the most advanced AI chips to subsidiaries of Chinese companies based outside China. Washington has been trying to stop Chinese firms buying the high-end computer chips needed to develop key AI technology.

TRAI Assesses Mobile Network Quality across Bathinda, Sri Muktsar Sahib Cities & Amritsar to Bathinda Rail Route (in Punjab LSA)

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has released findings of Independent Drive Test (IDT) conducted across Bathinda, Sri Muktsar Sahib Cities & Amritsar to Bathinda Rail Route (in Punjab LSA), during the month of March 2026, for information of general telecom consumers. The purpose of this drive test is to assess and verify real time quality of mobile network services (both voice & data) provided by Telecom Service Providers (TSPs). During the IDT, TRAI captures performance of TSPs for key Quality of Service (QoS) parameters like Coverage, Call Drop Rate (CDR), Call Setup Success Rate (CSSR), data Download (DL) and Upload (UL) throughput etc., which are then published to inform Consumers and encourage TSPs to improve their services. These IDTs have been designed to capture on ground mobile network performance of all TSPs across diverse usage environments like cities, hotspots, public transport hubs, etc. In this type of drive testing, live data and voice sessions are established using SIM



cards from all TSPs over 2G, 3G, 4G, and 5G networks. Multiple advanced test handsets are used, and the sessions are monitored and analysed in real-time using advanced Software Systems. TRAI, through its appointed agency, conducted drive tests across City drive - 276.8 KMs, Hotspot locations - 06, Railway - 282.8 Kms during 16th March 2026 to 19th March 2026 in Punjab LSA. These tests were conducted under the supervision of the TRAI Regional Office Jaipur. The observations presented in drive test reports represent the performance of the TSPs on the area/ route under test on the day/ time of conducting the drive test. Drive Test Route Map: The following map pro-

vides overview of drive test routes indicating City drive, Inter-operator calling, Hotspots and Walk tests, as per the legends shown on the map:-

Key Parameters Assessed
Coverage Gap: Percentage of samples, for which signal strength observed less than the minimum prescribed signal strength for respective technology (2G/ 3G/ 4G/ 5G).
Voice Services: Call Setup Success Rate (CSSR), Drop Call Rate (DCR), Call Setup Time, Call Silence Rate, Speech Quality (MOS).
Call Silence Instance: Number of call silence instances occurred during the calls.
Data Services: Download/ Upload Throughput, Latency, Jitter, Packet Drop Rate.

Shivraj Singh Chouhan Launches Nationwide 'Khet Bachao Abhiyan' from Raisen, Madhya Pradesh

Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Rural Development, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, launched the nationwide 'Khet Bachao Abhiyan' from Ramasiya village in Raisen district of Madhya Pradesh, delivering a clear message to farmers that if the soil is protected, agriculture will thrive, farmers will become stronger, and the nation will prosper. He called for the promotion of balanced fertilizer use, soil testing, Soil Health Cards, natural farming, water conservation, and scientific agricultural practices. Launching the month-long campaign, which will run across the country from June 1 to June 30, Shri Chouhan said that the Earth is our mother and protecting its health is a collective responsibility. He appealed to farmers to avoid the indiscriminate use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides and instead apply fertilizers only according to the actual requirements of the soil based on scientific testing. He noted that excessive use of chemicals reduces soil fertility and



destroys beneficial micro organisms present in the soil, directly affecting agricultural productivity and increasing cultivation costs. The Union Minister said that the 'Khet Bachao Abhiyan' is a national resolve to protect Mother Earth. Under the campaign, agricultural scientists, experts from agricultural universities, officials of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, agriculture department teams, and public representatives will visit villages across the country to create awareness among farmers. Farmers will be educated about soil

testing, balanced nutrient management, natural farming, modern sowing techniques, water conservation, and advanced agricultural practices. He emphasized that every farmer must have a Soil Health Card so that fertilizer application can be based on the actual needs of the land. This, he said, will reduce cultivation costs, enhance productivity, and help maintain soil fertility over the long term. Shri Chouhan clarified that while the government provides fertilizers to farmers at subsidized rates, this should not encourage exces-

sive use. Sustainable agriculture, he stressed, depends on the judicious and balanced application of fertilizers. Shri Chouhan stated that making agriculture more profitable remains a key priority of the Government of India. He informed that special field demonstrations would be organized in the region for soybean, paddy, and pulse crops. Farmers will be trained in the use of improved seeds, scientific sowing methods, modern technologies such as laser levellers, and water-efficient farming practices.

India and Oman energize a new Trade Gateway through a landmark Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)

Today, the India-Oman Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) entered into force marking a defining milestone in bilateral economic relations and opening a transformative new chapter in strategic trade and investment cooperation between the two countries. The India-Oman CEPA was signed on 18th December, 2025 in Muscat in the presence of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tariq Al Said. After completion of internal processes by both sides, the Agreement has entered into force on 1st June, 2026. The Agreement was operationalized in the presence of Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal and H.E. Issa Saleh Al Shibani, Ambassador of Oman to India. To mark the entry into force the first consignments availing preferential tariff benefits under the Agreement included agriculture and gems and jewellery

exports from Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai were flagged off. Oman is India's second-largest trading partner in the Gulf region and serves as a strategic gateway to the wider GCC market through its advanced port infrastructure. Bilateral trade between India and Oman reached USD 11.18 billion in FY 2025-26, registering a positive trend from USD 10.61 billion in FY 2024-25. Successfully concluded through a structured negotiation process, the Agreement reinforces India's growing economic and trade footprint and strategic presence across GCC economies, encompassing goods, services, professional mobility, regulatory cooperation, Non-Tariff barrier safeguards, and cooperation chapters, going well beyond tariff reduction to build a long-term economic architecture. Oman is India's second-largest trading partner in the Gulf region and serves as a strategic gateway to the wider GCC and East African markets through its

advanced logistics and port infrastructure. Bilateral trade between India and Oman reached USD 11.18 billion in FY 2025-26, registering continued growth from USD 10.61 billion in FY 2024-25. The India-Oman CEPA represents another major milestone in India's deepening engagement with the Gulf region and reflects India's broader strategy of building resilient, trusted and diversified trade partnerships that support manufacturing competitiveness, employment generation, services exports and integration into global value chains. Speaking on the operationalization of the CEPA, Shri Piyush Goyal said: "The India-Oman CEPA marks a defining milestone in India's engagement with Oman and reflects Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of forging trade partnerships that deliver gains for farmers, fishermen, youth, women, entrepreneurs and MSMEs. This Agreement will be a force multiplier in the Gulf region. With 99.38% of India's

exports receiving duty-free access, the Agreement unlocks new opportunities for our exporters and professionals gain opportunities. Oman is our trusted partner, a bridge for our people and a gateway to the Gulf and East Africa. Our opportunities will be elevated and CECA will strengthen India's integration into regional and global value chains. By delivering significant benefits to labor-intensive sectors, it will support job creation, drive investment and enable Indian enterprises to compete on an equal footing with suppliers from countries enjoying preferential market access." Commerce Secretary, Shri Rajesh Agrawal said "At a time when global trade patterns are being reconfigured by supply-chain diversification, shifting production networks and the emergence of new economic corridors, the CEPA positions India and Oman to leverage these structural changes. By fostering closer integration across trade, services, investment, and logistics.

Ministry of Education observes World No Tobacco Day, felicitates winners of "Towards a Tobacco Free Generation: School Challenge 2025"

The Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education, organized a National Meet of officials, School Heads, teacher representatives from States/UTs, and officials from NCERT, NVS and KVS on 29 May 2026 in New Delhi on the eve of World No Tobacco Day. The event was held to commemorate the winning schools of the MyGov Innovate Campaign, "Towards a Tobacco-Free Generation: School Challenge 2025". Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), graced the occasion and presented awards to the winning schools, lauding their proactive efforts in cultivating healthy, substance-free educational environments. The event was attended by Ms. A. Srijia, Economic Advisor, DoSE&L; Shri Ram Singh, Joint Director, DoSE&L; Prof. Dinesh Prasad Saklani, Director, NCERT;

and senior officials from the Ministry of Education. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Sanjay Kumar congratulated the award-winning schools and appreciated the participation of over 17,000 schools from across the country. He urged all educational institutions to strive towards becoming tobacco-free. Highlighting the importance of sustained tobacco control efforts, he emphasised the need to strengthen demand reduction through continued awareness, sensitisation, and behavioural change initiatives, particularly among children and adolescents. Shri Kumar further underscored the pivotal role of teachers in identifying early behavioural changes among students and safeguarding their mental and emotional well-being. He highlighted the important role of schools in promoting healthy behaviours, fostering well-being, and supporting early preventive interventions. Emphasising the transfor-

mative reach of the school education system, he highlighted that schools connect with nearly 24.69 crore children and can influence 15-20 crore households, enabling the tobacco-free movement to evolve into a nationwide social campaign. He also called for strengthening tobacco-free environments around educational institutions and encouraged schools and families to actively support the campaign's long-term action plan, which aligns with the vision of building a healthier and more developed India. The event also witnessed the launch of DoSEL's Three-Year Action Plan (2026-2029) under the Nasha Mukh Bharat initiative, as well as the Nasha Mukh Vidyalaya (NMV) Portal (<https://tofei.education.gov.in/>). The portal will serve as a key platform for monitoring and documenting the progress of educational institutions in implementing the Nasha Mukh Vidyalaya Abhiyan.

AI 'VOICE CLONING' SCAMS ARE ON THE RISE. HERE'S HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

New York — A California mom says she was scammed out of thousands of dollars this month after receiving a call that sounded like her daughter in distress. She now suspects it was an artificial intelligence-generated hoax. She's one of many who have been targeted by so-called "voice cloning" scams as AI tools allow anyone to create a convincing replica of someone's voice with only a few seconds of real audio. Americans lost more than \$893 million to AI-related scams last year, including voice cloning attacks along with AI-generated phishing emails, romance scams and other hoaxes, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Scammers can mimic anyone from family members and friends to coworkers or professional services workers. Banks including the United Kingdom's Starling and the Commonwealth Bank of Australia have warned customers to watch out for voice cloning scams. Experts say



AI voice replicas have gotten so realistic that most people can no longer reliably distinguish them from real human voices. "For the everyday person, it is just not fair to expect them to be able to spot this stuff," said Henry Ajder, an expert on AI-generated media who consults for governments and companies. "I struggle with it. Most people do." How do AI voice scams work? Scammers can create an AI replica of someone's voice using a short recording of their speech — often pulled from social media or an earlier scam call that was surreptitiously recorded. Social media can also pro-

vide a trove of information about family members and close friends who could be targeted. Fraudsters will typically make it sound like the loved one they're mimicking is in distress, purportedly having been kidnapped or in jail. Then they'll urgently demand money in exchange for their loved one's release. "There was no time to think," Gary Schildhorn, a Philadelphia attorney who was targeted by an AI voice scam mimicking his son, told CNN last year. "It was all, 'I have to react to help my son. He's in trouble.'" In some cases, the AI voice may be more than just a single

recording. Sophisticated attackers could use text-to-speech tools or "voice skinning," which manipulate a scammer's voice so they sound like the person they're imitating in real time. Those techniques facilitate back-and-forth conversations between the target and the AI clone voice, potentially making the scam more convincing. Ajder said. Hackers can also make it appear as if a call is coming from a known number through a tactic known as caller ID spoofing — so you can't necessarily trust that a call that appears to be coming from your mom is indeed her. How to avoid falling victim to AI voice scams Strange pauses or vocal fluctuations were previously considered red flags that a caller's voice might be AI-generated. But those signals may no longer be present now that AI has advanced. Instead of trying to determine whether a voice is authentic, look for other general scam warning signs, Hany Farid, a professor at UC Berkeley and chief science officer at GetReal Security, told CNN last year. Is the person on the other end giving a deadline or introducing a sense of urgency? Are they encouraging you not to tell anyone else what's happening? Are they asking you to move large sums of money in unusual ways? Those are the types of questions experts say to keep in mind. Targets who receive these types of calls should try contacting their loved one through other means, such as via a text message, calling them on another person's phone or reaching out to someone who would know where they are. Deborah Del Mastro, the California mom recently targeted, told ABC7 News that she called her daughter only after sending money to the scammers. Her daughter answered right away and was at work. Families or coworkers can also establish a precautionary "code word" that can be used to verify each other's identity.

US says it struck Iranian radar sites as Kuwait reports missile and drone attacks

The US has said it struck Iranian military sites over the weekend while Tehran said it responded by targeting an American base, marking the third known escalation in a week around the Strait of Hormuz. US Central Command (Centcom) said it launched "self-defence strikes" in response to "aggressive Iranian actions", which it said included a US drone being shot down over international waters. Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) said it had targeted an air base used by US forces for an attack on southern Iran. Meanwhile Kuwait said its air defence system had confronted "hostile" missiles and drones - with its foreign ministry later condemning "heinous and repeated Iranian attacks". Trump urged his critics to "sit back and relax" in a post on Truth Social early on Monday, saying it would "all work out well in the end". He said Iran "really wants to make a deal, and it will be a good one for

the USA". The strikes mark the latest exchange between the two sides after negotiations on a deal to end their months-long war failed to advance over the weekend, with US media reporting Trump had requested changes to its terms. The changes are related to the Strait of Hormuz shipping channel and the removal of highly enriched uranium, the BBC's US news partner CBS News reported. The White House did not respond to a request for comment. On Monday, Iran's foreign ministry spokesman said the US was "constantly changing its views and putting forward new or contradictory demands", which he said would naturally "prolong negotiations". The country's chief negotiator had said on Sunday that Tehran would not agree to any deal unless Iranian rights were fully secured. The US military said it had on Saturday and Sunday conducted "self-defence strikes on Iranian



radar and command and control sites for drones" in the city of Goruk, near Iran's southern coast, and Qeshm, an island in the Strait of Hormuz. In a post on X, Centcom said US fighters struck the Iranian military's air defences, a ground control station and two drones that it said "posed a clear threat to ships transiting through regional waters". No

American personnel were injured in the attacks, it said. Iran's foreign ministry spokesman said the strikes had been a violation of the ceasefire. The IRGC said it targeted the base which it claimed the US had used to strike a communications tower on Sirik Island in the Gulf, around 40 miles (65km) from Iran's southern coastline. Iran's military added

that its response would be "completely different" if US aggression was "repeated", according to IRGC remarks reported by Iran's semi-official Fars news agency. Kuwait's military said early on Monday it was "confronting hostile missile and drone attacks", with state news agency KUNA reporting air raid sirens sounded across the country. Its for-

eign ministry later released a statement condemning "in the strongest terms... the heinous and repeated Iranian attacks, which represent a dangerous escalation and a direct assault" on Kuwait. It said such attacks "undermine" efforts to deescalate tensions in the region and said the country reserved the right to "take whatever measures are necessary" to defend itself. Tehran targeted an air base in Kuwait last week in response to earlier US air strikes, which it said were conducted to prevent Iranian boats and missile strikes from laying mines around the shipping channel. While a ceasefire came into effect on 8 April, Trump has repeatedly suggested the US and Iran are close to a permanent deal and that negotiations are progressing, but so far no formal agreement has been reached. Trump and senior aides met on Friday to make a "final determination" about a framework for extending the ceasefire.

FIVE PATIENTS RECOVER FROM EBOLA IN DR CONGO AND LEAVE HOSPITAL



Health authorities in the Democratic Republic of Congo are celebrating after five patients, who had Ebola and now recovered, were allowed to leave hospital. The current outbreak is suspected to have killed almost 250 people. But those infected can get better and officials stress that people should seek medical help if they believe they have contracted the virus. On Sunday, there was a ceremony for a group of four nurses who were discharged from a hospital in Bunia, the provincial capital of Ituri, the epicentre of the outbreak. "You are living stories that this outbreak can be stopped,"

World Health Organization (WHO) chief Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told the four on a visit to Bunia. "We were really demoralised because we knew that at some point... we were going to die. That was it... I'm telling you, if you have never been isolated, you will not know that it's not easy," Nurse Etienne Ezo told the Reuters news agency as he reflected on his experience. The first survivor, a laboratory worker, to have recovered left hospital last week. Health workers are on the frontline in the battle against the spread of the virus and are often the most at risk.

Israel PM orders strikes on Beirut suburbs as Hezbollah conflict escalates



Israel's prime minister has ordered attacks on the southern suburbs of Lebanon's capital, Beirut, as the conflict with the Iran-backed armed group Hezbollah continues to escalate. Benjamin Netanyahu said "terrorist targets" in the Hezbollah stronghold of Dahieh would be struck in response to attacks on Israeli civilians and other violations of a US-brokered ceasefire announced in April that has failed to end the fighting. A senior Lebanese government official told the BBC that it was relying on US mediation efforts to pressure Israel to end its own violations and prevent further civilian casualties. On Sunday, Secretary of State Marco Rubio spoke to Netanyahu and Lebanese President Joseph Aoun. According to a US official, he proposed that, as a first step, Lebanese officials should pressure Hezbollah to stop its attacks on Israel and that, in return, Israel would refrain from escalation in Beirut. The official said this would create

space for gradual de-escalation and an effective cessation of hostilities. It came after Israeli troops occupying southern Lebanon crossed the Litani river to seize the 900-year-old Beaufort Castle that sits on top of a strategically important ridge. Israeli Defence Minister Israel Katz said their campaign was "not over" and that they were "determined to crush Hezbollah's power". Lebanese Prime Minister Nawaf Salam accused Israel on Saturday of pursuing a "scorched-earth policy and collective punishment". Lebanon was drawn into the war between the US, Israel and Iran on 2 March, when Hezbollah launched rockets into Israel in retaliation for an Israeli strike that killed Iran's supreme leader. Israel responded with an air campaign across Lebanon and a ground invasion. At least 3,371 people have been killed in Lebanon since the start of the war, according to the country's health ministry.

COLOMBIA PRESIDENTIAL RUNOFF PITS LEFTIST SENATOR AGAINST PRO-TRUMP RIVAL



Colombia's presidential election will go to a runoff on 21 June between a leftist and right-wing candidate on opposite ends of the political spectrum, after Sunday's vote produced no overall winner. The right-wing Abelardo de la Espriella, an admirer of Donald Trump, came top in the vote, followed closely by the left-wing senator Iván Cepeda, an ally of the

current president Gustavo Petro. The campaign was plagued with violence, including drone strikes, kidnappings, homicides and the assassination of a presidential candidate at a rally last year. Both men offer differing visions for how to solve Colombia's violent internal armed conflict that has lasted for decades but has resurged in recent years.

Iran attacks damage 20 US military sites since start of war, satellite images show

Iran has damaged 20 US military sites since the start of the war, satellite images and videos analysed by BBC Verify show, suggesting the attacks are more extensive than publicly acknowledged. Iran has targeted key facilities across eight countries in the Middle East since the end of February, causing millions of dollars of damage to state-of-the-art air defence systems, refuelling aircraft and radars. Tehran has targeted both US bases and shared military facilities in retaliation to the US-Israeli strikes across Iran and Lebanon over the past three months. The Pentagon says it has hit more than 13,000 targets in Iran since the start of Operation Epic Fury.



Mojtaba Khamenei, Iran's supreme leader, has sought to highlight his military's success in striking US facilities. In a statement on Tuesday he claimed the Middle East was no longer a "safe place" for American bases. While the White House has repeatedly claimed that Iran's military has been almost wiped out, analysts said that the damage seen at US facilities suggests that Tehran's counter-attacks have been more precise and extensive than

American officials have previously acknowledged. A US defence official declined to comment on BBC Verify's findings, citing "operational security reasons". The US has sought to limit satellite analysis of the conflict by requesting Planet, a major provider, to impose an "indefinite" restriction on new images of Iran and most of the Middle East. The company justified the move, saying

that it wanted to ensure its images were not used "by adversarial actors to target allied and Nato-partner personnel and civilians". BBC Verify has used satellite imagery from other international providers combined with older images from Planet to track the damage caused by Iranian attacks. The facilities are in Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Qatar, Kuwait, Iraq, Jordan, Bahrain and Oman. The actual figure could be higher, with some analysts placing the number of bases hit as high as 28. Among the valuable hardware damaged were three state-of-the-art anti-ballistic missile batteries systems at the Al Ruwais and Al Sader airbases in the UAE and Muwaffaq Salti Airbase in Jordan.

HUGE BLAST KILLS DOZENS IN REBEL-HELD VILLAGE IN MYANMAR

At least 46 people have been killed and dozens more wounded after an explosion in a village in a region of Myanmar under insurgent control, rescue teams have told the BBC. A rescue worker in Kaung Tat, a village in Namkham Township in Shan State, near the Chinese border, said six children including a one-year-old toddler were among the dead. The blast is said to have damaged around 200 homes in Kaung Tat and another 100 in the nearby Pan Lone village. The Ta'ang National Liberation Army (TNLA), which controls the area and has been fighting the military junta, said explo-



sives kept in a warehouse for use in local mining operations had ignited, causing the blast. A source familiar with the situation on the ground previously told the BBC at least 55 people had died. The bodies of all 46 victims, including three Chinese nationals,

were cremated on Sunday evening, with rescue operations expected to resume on Monday. Around 74 injured people were transferred to the nearby Namkham General Hospital for treatment, rescue teams added. The "accidental explosion" occurred

at around 12:00 local time (05:30 GMT) on Sunday, the TNLA said. "Because of this explosion, many local villagers lost their lives and suffered injuries and damage to their homes," the group said, without providing details. Footage from the scene shows a vast crater of earth and rubble surrounded by shattered buildings, with smoke still drifting from charred debris and twisted trees. Taking to social media, one resident said some villagers initially believed the blast was caused by an air strike. "By sheer luck, my phone saved my life," the resident wrote.

Litterbugs now face on-the-spot fines in Tokyo's tourist hotspot



Litterbugs in the Japanese tourist hub of Shibuya will now face an on-the-spot fine of 2,000 Japanese yen (\$13; £9), as new penalties take effect amid the country's tourism boom. The fine collection system kicked in on Monday in Shibuya Ward, a commercial and entertainment centre that is home to the famed Shibuya Crossing. In certain districts, authorities are also handing out fines for food and beverage shop operators who do not install waste bins. Japan welcomed a record 42.7 million foreign visitors in 2025, and its government is trying to soothe the tensions this tourism boom has caused for local communities. Officials say that around Shibuya there's been an increasing number of people, including foreign tourists, openly drinking and littering, public broadcaster NHK reported. As part of the anti-littering campaign - which carries the slogan "if you throw trash, you lose cash" - those found littering in Shibuya will be fined on the spot and made to pay via cash, credit card or QR codes.

Authorities say up to 50 officials will be deployed to patrol neighbourhoods and impose the fines. "We cannot tolerate littering simply because there are no rubbish bins," the Shibuya Ward authorities said in a press release. "We ask for your cooperation in creating a city where everyone can enjoy themselves comfortably." Rubbish bins are notoriously scarce in Japan, partly due to safety concerns after past terror attacks in the country and abroad. In a government survey last year, the lack of public rubbish bins was ranked the biggest inconvenience for tourists, cited by more than 20% of some 4,000 foreign visitors. Tourism has soared in Japan after the Covid pandemic, fuelled by a weakened yen and high social media interest. But the massive influx of tourists is testing the country's urban infrastructure and local populations. In the town of Fujiyoshida, near Mount Fuji, tourism has led to chronic traffic congestion and litter, as well as disruption to local residents' lives.



France seized sanctioned Russian oil tanker with UK help

Poland's controversial 'Highway to Hel' 666 bus revived



Coach operator FlixBus has announced the return of the 666 bus service to the Polish seaside resort of Hel. It resurrects the controversial so-called "Highway to Hel" bus journey formerly run by local company PKS Gdynia. Religious conservative groups fiercely opposed the "satanic" association of 666 with Hel, so in 2023 the number was changed to 669. The new 13-hour route run by FlixBus will connect Kraków to Hel, passing through other major Polish regional towns

and cities including the capital Warsaw. FlixBus spokesperson Aleksander Kalenik told the Polish news service TVN24: "The number 666 was deliberately chosen as a marketing communication element, intended to increase the visibility of the connection on the popular holiday route to Hel." Back in June 2023 a PKS Gdynia spokesperson had told media: "The management board buckled under the weight of letters and requests that were sent to us."



VIRAT KOHLI GIVES MIC DROP STATEMENT AFTER IPL 2026 WIN

For 18 years, Virat Kohli waited for his first IPL title. Now, he has two. At 37 and a half, he still believes in working on his game as he smashed the fastest T20 half-century of his career while fulfilling his long-cherished dream of hitting the winning runs in RCB's IPL-winning chase. Kohli's unbeaten 75 was the cornerstone of RCB's second IPL title, and the legend couldn't be more pleased with a dominant effort throughout the season. "(It is the) stuff you dream of. (I) thought of this moment many times, wanting to hit the winning run," Kohli said at the post-match presentation ceremony. Later, there was also an indirect mention of 15-year-old Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, and how he pushed him to alter his game over the

course of this season. Asked about his 25-ball half-century, Kohli showed why he eternally remains a student of the game. "Such is the demand (that) super young players (are) pushing you to up the ante," he said in jest, but the seriousness of his statement wasn't lost on anyone. "I had to change my mindset, not my game so much, take on bowlers and get extra runs," he added, summing up how 'super young' players like Sooryavanshi pushed him to change his mindset and his approach towards the game at the age of 37.

Everybody Stepped Up

What has pleased Kohli this season is the fact that in the first 10 games, there were eight different cricketers who won the Player of the Match award.

It is no longer a case of the campaign resting on his shoulders. "We've had to wait for so long and then, just to have a group of guys where you feel like you're stepping onto the ground, you don't need to be the one to step up every time," Kohli said. "These guys are behind you (and) around you, who can win games of cricket for you. We have so many Man of the Match awards spread throughout the group as well. You look at the world-class bowling of Hoff (Josh Hazlewood), Bhuv (Bhuvneshwar Kumar), Duff (Jacob Duffy), and Krunal Pandya - you can bank on him as good as ever - Rasikh (Salam) Dar was brilliant this season," Kohli said. The kind of team that the RCB management put on the park during the last two seasons has been a

clincher, feels Kohli. "I felt really relaxed coming in. The team we have gives confidence to see any kind of situation through. (We) knew exactly what to do in the chase." RCB Don't Poke Any Team Very carefully, he also spoke about how they didn't care which team was in the opposition, but at the same time, there was respect for each and every other opponent. "Our first target was to go top of the table. We didn't care what jersey was in front of us thereon. We're respectful, don't poke any team. We have mature professionals, and experience shines through." For him, on big days, it is the duty of the stars to pull the team through. "Come the big situation, you need the big boys to step up. I know it's a chase and they'll look to get me out early, but I knew we



ZEE SECURES RIGHTS TO FIFA WORLD CUP 2026 AND 38 OTHER EVENTS

Zee Entertainment announced on Monday that it has acquired the media rights to 39 FIFA events, including the FIFA World Cup 2026, FIFA Women's World Cup 2027 and FIFA World Cup 2030. The deal will see Zee broadcast FIFA tournaments in India from 2026 through 2034, adding some of football's biggest competitions to its growing sports lineup. Zee's FIFA coverage will begin on June 11, 2026, when the FIFA World Cup kicks off in the United States, Mexico and Canada. The tournament will be shown across Zee's Uni8 Sports channels and streamed on Zee5. Along with live matches, viewers will have access to highlights, analysis programmes, special features and FIFA documentary content throughout the tournament cycle. Betting Big on Football The FIFA rights



deal comes as Zee expands its presence in sports broadcasting with the launch of its Uni8 Sports network. "We are excited to bring one of the world's biggest sporting spectacles to Indian audiences," said ZEEL CEO Punit Goenka. "Football cuts across regions and demographics, and the investments in garnering the media rights and launching dedicated sports channels reflect our clear belief in its long-term potential.

Record-holder Milner retires after 24-year career



Former England international James Milner has announced his retirement after a 24-year Premier League career. The versatile 40-year-old was out of contract after spending the past three seasons with Brighton. Milner played for six teams in England's

top flight and broke the record for most Premier League appearances in February. He started his career with Leeds and went on to win three Premier League titles - two with Manchester City and one with Liverpool - and also helped the Reds win the Champions League in 2019. Milner made his England debut while with Aston Villa in 2009 and ended his international career with 61 caps. "I've been fortunate enough to experience some unforgettable moments, from fighting for survival to winning trophies, playing in Europe, and representing my country at two European Championships and two World Cups," read a state-

ment by Milner, external on social media. "But more than anything, it's the people and friendships I've made throughout the game that I'll cherish forever." Milner made his Leeds debut at 16 in November 2002 and at the time was the second-youngest player to play in the Premier League. The following month he became the youngest player to score in the Premier League and is now third on that list, behind Max Dowman and James Vaughan. Milner missed most of the 2024-25 season through injury but played 22 games in all competitions in 2025-26, making his 658th and final Premier League appearance during Brighton's last game of the season.

BCCI Ends Suspense On Vaibhav Sooryavanshi's India Debut Debate, Makes Stance Clear

BCCI Secretary Devajit Saikia congratulated Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) for their consecutive IPL titles following their five-wicket win over Gujarat Titans (GT) in the 2026 final in Ahmedabad. The BCCI Secretary also praised teenage sensation 15-year-old Sooryavanshi for his exceptional performances throughout the season. The 15-year-old Bihar-born batter had an extraordinary tournament for Rajasthan Royals, finishing as the highest run-scorer with 776 runs at an exceptional strike rate of 237.30. At just 15 years and 65 days old, Sooryavanshi also set a new IPL record as the youngest Orange Cap winner. The previous record was held by



Gujarat Titans opener Sudharsan, who won it at 23 years and 231 days in 2025, while Shubman Gill had set the record in 2023 at 23 years and 263 days. Speaking to reporters, Saikia said, "It was a wonderful season... I hope all the fans have a lovely time during this IPL, and congrat-

ulations to RCB for winning the tournament consecutively twice. Vaibhav Sooryavanshi is a wonderful player coming up, and he has a bright future. BCCI will do everything to get him to the highest level of cricket." Additionally, on the upcoming ICC Women's T20 World

Cup later this month, the BCCI Secretary said, "That is the most challenging thing coming up in the coming days. They (Women in Blue) are already doing well... and I hope they will repeat the same performance they did last year by winning the ODI title." BJP MP Anurag Thakur also congratulated the Rajat Patidar-led Bengaluru for winning the grand finale against the Titans on Sunday night. Speaking to reporters, Thakur said, "I congratulate RCB for winning the IPL for the second consecutive time. The match was happening in Ahmedabad, but many RCB fans had come to watch the match. This was a great victory in cricket... IPL is the biggest league of cricket.

Why Did The UK Revoke HasanAbi's Visa? Streamer Says He Can No Longer Enter The UK

Controversial Twitch streamer and political commentator HasanAbi has recently gotten his UK visa revoked. The streamer shared the update during a livestream on May 31, 2026, and said he currently cannot enter the United Kingdom. The news surprised many viewers because HasanAbi had several events and appearances planned in the country in the coming days. The situation started getting even more attention after HasanAbi spoke about it both on livestream and on X. According to the streamer, he only recently found out about the visa issue and now does not think he will be able to travel to the UK next week. As clips from the stream started spreading online, many fans began discussing what happened and why the decision was made.



HasanAbi says several UK events may not happen anymore. While talking to viewers, HasanAbi explained that he had multiple plans lined up in the United Kingdom before learning about the visa situation. The streamer said he was supposed to take part in events involving Yanis Varoufakis, Zack Polanski, Jeremy Corbyn, and the Oxford Union.

Christian Pulisic Finds Form Before FIFA World Cup As US Beat Senegal 3-2

Christian Pulisic ended his goal drought and Folarin Balogun rifled in the winner as a much-improved United States beat Senegal 3-2 in a pre-World Cup friendly in Charlotte on Sunday. The win - and a slick first-half offensive performance powered by Pulisic and Ricardo Pepi - provided a welcome lift for coach Mauricio Pochettino's co-hosts. The US had entered the clash with African powerhouse Senegal off the back of disappointing losses to Belgium and Portugal, and got the performance they needed to justify high expectations ahead of the World Cup in less than two weeks. Sergino Dest opened the scoring, while Senegal's veteran ex-Liverpool forward Sadio Mane scored a brace in a disappointing loss for the



Africa Cup of Nations finalists, which nonetheless exposed some enduring frailties in the US defense. It was a dream start for the US, with a goal on six minutes. Pepi, making his first start since 2024, turned away from goal and played a blind through ball down the left for Pulisic, who crossed for Dest to blast in from close range. Pulisic was a constant

menace, looking restored from his recent struggles at AC Milan. And it soon got even better for "Captain America", as he ended his five-month goal drought for club or country. Pepi collected a

forward ball and playing a perfectly weighted through ball to Pulisic. Pulisic rounded the keeper and steered it inside the near post, to wild scenes of celebration and relief. He had not scored for Milan since December, and the US since 2024. "I mean it's just great to score again. Hopefully people can stop talking about it. I feel great," said Pulisic. Though the US were pressing and tackling with high intensity, Senegal had their chances. Keeper Matt Turner, in an audition to reclaim the starting position from Matt Freese, escaped a penalty shout as he reached the ball with his fingertips just ahead of an onrushing Mane.

WILLIAMSON TO MISS WORLD CUP QUALIFIER AGAINST SPAIN



England captain Leah Williamson has been ruled out of the Women's World Cup qualifying matches against Spain and Ukraine. The Arsenal defender, 29, will be absent with a hamstring injury, despite having followed a rehabilitation programme that she hoped would enable her to play. Sarina Wiegman's side can qualify for next year's World Cup in Brazil if they avoid defeat in Spain on Friday (20:00 BST). They sit top of their group with four wins from four matches and have a three-point advantage over world champions Spain. England take on Ukraine at Everton's Hill Dickinson Stadium on Tuesday, 9 June (20:00 BST). Williamson, who led England to back-to-back European Championship victories in 2022 and 2025, has started just two Women's Super League games this season. She had

knee surgery following England's Euro 2025 victory and has played only three games for her country since. Liverpool captain Grace Fisk has been called up to the squad to replace Williamson, while Brighton goalkeeper Sophie Baggaley also joins the Lionesses. Baggaley will provide cover as Manchester City's Khiara Keating will miss the Spain game as she follows the return-to-play concussion protocols. Keating missed Sunday's victory over Brighton in the FA Cup final, at which Baggaley was on the bench for the opposition. A further assessment will determine whether Keating can be available for the Ukraine game, though regular number one Hannah Hampton is expected to start. The squad arrive at St George's Park on Monday before travelling to Spain later in the week.

Iga Swiatek Exits French Open, Alexander Zverev Eases Into Quarters

Four-time French Open champion Iga Swiatek exited Roland Garros on Sunday as the top seeds continued to fall at the start of the second week, while Alexander Zverev booked his spot in the quarter-finals. The Polish third seed endured a miserable 25th birthday as she went down 7-5, 6-1 to Madrid Open winner Marta Kostyuk. Since winning Roland Garros in her second appearance at the tournament in 2020, Swiatek had never gone more than two years with-

out hoisting aloft the Coupe Suzanne Lenglen, but after Aryna Sabalenka ended her bid to win a fourth consecutive French Open in the semi-finals last year, she has lost her unbeatable status on clay. Indeed since last winning in Paris in 2024, Swiatek has only lifted three titles in the two subsequent seasons. "It is harder a bit to handle stress for me in, like, (the) last year," she said. "So I feel like today I felt off, you know, and I did mistakes that I didn't want to do, and I wanted to play safe, but the ball flew every-

where. "Suddenly these feelings came back, and I tried to work on it with my dialogue inside, but it was tough today. Yeah, so it all kind of went drastically down, and I played worse and worse." After breaking Kostyuk in the first set to edge 4-3 ahead, Swiatek's serve totally deserted her and she failed to hold again as the Ukrainian hit back to claim the opener and then raced through the second frame. For Kostyuk, reaching a first quarter-final at

Roland Garros was just the latest high mark in a fine clay-court season, in which she claimed the 250-level event in Rouen, as well as a first WTA 1000 title in the Spanish capital. Elina Svitolina next stands between her compatriot and the last four after she fought back to beat Swiss 11th seed Belinda Bencic 4-6, 6-4, 6-0.



LEGENDARY DIRECTOR SV KRISHNA REDDY'S 75TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED GRANDLY IN THE PRESENCE OF SEVERAL FILM CELEBRITIES

Director SV Krishna Reddy receives a World Record recognition from Telugu Book of Records International for composing music for 38 films he directed.

Making video of SV Krishna Reddy's 43rd directorial venture 'Vedavyas' launched Director SV Krishna Reddy, who delivered numerous memorable family entertainers to Telugu cinema, is currently working on his 43rd film, 'Vedavyas.' The film is being presented by noted producer K. Achchi Reddy and produced by Kommuri Pratap Reddy under the banner Sai Pragati Films. The movie marks the debut of Pidugu Vishwanath as a hero, while Korean actress Joon Hyun Ji and Mongolian actor Sharan Bold Segment are being introduced to Telugu audiences. Having completed shooting, 'Vedavyas' is currently in post-production. On the occasion of SV Krishna Reddy's 75th birthday, grand celebrations were held today at the Film Nagar Cultural Center in Hyderabad, along with the launch of the film's making video. During the event, SV Krishna Reddy was honored with a World Record recognition certificate from Telugu Book of Records International for composing music for 38 films he directed. Several



Tollywood celebrities attended the event as special guests. Senior Actor Murali Mohan said: "The atmosphere today feels like a festival. I wish SV Krishna Reddy garu a long and healthy life. He should direct 100 films. The friendship between Achchi Reddy and Krishna Reddy should continue forever. It is commendable that Krishna Reddy garu is making 'Vedavyas,' a film that highlights the greatness of our Vedas and culture." Director SV Krishna Reddy said: "This celebration became grand because

so many producers, directors, actors, and well-wishers joined us. Receiving a World Record recognition for my music on my birthday is a blessing. I thank everyone who made this event successful and request your support for my upcoming film 'Vedavyas' as well." Producer Achchi Reddy said: "We celebrated SV Krishna Reddy garu's birthday, the launch of the 'Vedavyas' making video, and the World Record recognition ceremony in the presence of many close friends and industry colleagues. Our journey across 43 films has been

possible because of the support of actors, technicians, producers, and friends. Producer Kommuri Pratap Reddy has been the backbone behind our confidence and enthusiasm. His trust and affection for Krishna Reddy garu gave us the freedom and support needed to make 'Vedavyas.' We believe this film will be a comeback project for all of us. For the past four to five years, we have been working on this script with a strong desire to showcase SV Krishna Reddy garu's vision and creative power. Esteemed writers like Paruchuri Gopala Krishna and Satyanand encouraged

and supported us during script development. Now that the shoot is complete, we can confidently say that Krishna Reddy garu's vision has come alive on screen. The film features extensive graphics work, with Phantom's CG team contributing significantly. Our cinematographer Sharath, production designer Brahma Kadali, editor Chota K. Prasad, choreographer Suchitra, fight master Prithvi, Anji Master, and many other technicians have done outstanding work. We are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to this project.

M4M (Motive For Murder) Set for OTT Release from June 19, 2026 directed by Mohan Vadlapatla, starring Jo Sharma USA

The suspense thriller M4M (Motive For Murder), which was released worldwide in theaters on May 8 directed/produced by Mohan Vadlapatla starring American Actress Jo Sharma and Sambet Acharya, received an excellent response from audiences, media and critics alike. The film earned impressive ratings, including 9.1/10 on IMDb and 9.6/10 on BookMyShow, along with positive reviews from several leading newspapers, news channels and entertainment websites, with ratings ranging from 3.5 out of 5. Audience from both India and USA, celebrated the movie success marking it as one of best suspense thrillers watched in recent times. Following its successful theatrical run, M4M is now gearing up for its digital premiere. The movie will be available for streaming from June 19 onwards across multiple OTT platforms, including Lionsgate Play, Amazon Prime, Airtel Xstream, JioTV, Tata Play Binge and other partner platforms. A film by Mohan Vadlapatla, M4M (Motive For Murder) successfully combines suspense, mystery, drama and entertainment, delivering an edge-of-the-seat experience that keeps viewers captivated from beginning to end.



The film is particularly well-suited for OTT audiences and is expected to attract viewers who enjoy intelligent thrillers and murder mysteries. Mohan Vadlapatla has done an exceptional job in crafting this suspense thriller. With a gripping screenplay packed with unexpected twists and turns, he keeps the audience guessing about the identity of the killer until the very last minute. The film's engaging narrative, suspenseful storytelling and surprising climax make it a must-watch for fans of mystery and thriller genres. One of the major highlights of the

film is the outstanding performance by Jo Sharma, heroine of the movie who plays the role of an investigative journalist Radha. She has delivered a remarkable performance with natural acting bringing depth, confidence and authenticity to her character. Her screen presence, expressions and powerful acting have been widely appreciated and stand out as one of the strongest elements of the movie. Movie lovers can now experience the mystery, suspense and excitement of M4M (Motive For Murder) from the comfort of their homes starting June 19.

Happy Birthday Nikhil: Swayambhu Making Video Reveals His Stunning Transformation And Intense Preparation

Nikhil Siddhartha's upcoming spectacle Swayambhu is emerging as one of the most technically ambitious films. Directed by Bharat Krishnamachari and produced by Bhuvan and Sreekar under Pixel Studios, with Tagore Madhu presenting the project, the film is being crafted on an epic scale for audiences across the country. The makers of Swayambhu marked Nikhil Siddhartha's birthday with a captivating making video that throws light on the immense effort invested by the actor for the ambitious period spectacle. Rather than focusing solely on the film, the newly released video highlights the demanding journey that shaped Nikhil into the fierce warrior seen in Swayambhu.



'KOTHA MALUPU' SET FOR GRAND RELEASE ON JUNE 12

Trailer Unveiled by Bhanu Chander, Sunitha and C. Kalyan A Romantic Love-Suspense Entertainer Starring Akash and Bhairavi Arthya Kotha Malupu, the latest film starring Akash, son of renowned singer Sunitha Upadrashta, is all set to hit theatres on June 12. The film features Bhairavi Arthya as the female lead and is directed by Shiva Varaprasad Kesanakurthi. Produced by Tati Balakrishna under the Tathastu Creations banner, the movie will be released by Mythri Movie Distributors. The trailer launch event was held grandly at Prasad Labs in Hyderabad in the presence of senior actor Bhanu Chander, singer Sunitha Upadrashta, producer C. Kalyan, actor Raghu Babu and other distinguished guests. Set against a rural backdrop, Kotha Malupu is a romantic love story blended with suspense and entertainment. Akash and Bhairavi Arthya will be seen in the



roles of cousins (bava-maradalu), while Raghu Babu, Prudhvi Raj, Prabhavathi and others play key roles. The film's music is composed by Yashwanth. Speaking at the event, director Shiva Varaprasad Kesanakurthi said, "We have crafted Kotha Malupu as a romantic love-suspense entertainer. Akash and Bhairavi share excellent chemistry on screen. Along with showcasing the scenic beauty of Konaseema, the film offers a compelling story packed with comedy and emotions."

"Audience Will Experience Something New with 'Sing Geetam': Shalini Kondepudi"



I played a strong villain character in 'Sing Geetam'. I have never seen a film in this genre before. The audience will definitely be entertained in a new way: Heroine Shalini Kondepudi Legendary director Singeetham Srinivasa Rao is coming forward with his most ambitious project 'Sing Geetam'. Nag Ashwin has produced the film under the prestigious banners Vyjayanthi Movies and Swapna Cinema. Ayaan, Ahalya Bamru and Shalini Kondepudi have played key roles in the film. Rock star Devi Sri Prasad has composed the music. The teaser and songs of 'Sing Geetam', which have already been released, have received a good response. 'Sing Geetam' is set to

release in theaters worldwide on June 11. On this occasion, heroine Shalini Kondepudi shared the features of the film in a press conference. **How did the journey of Sing Geeta begin?** -Earlier, I had done films like Jayamma Panchayathi, Shubham, and My Dear Donga. I came to know through people I know that there was a character with negative shades in this film. I decided to do any role in Singeetham's film. I went for the audition. I got the okay a month after the audition. -There has never been a film in this genre before. Everything in this film is musical. Every artist needs to be able to sing in a certain rhythm.

Rashmika Gets Career's Highest Remuneration In Bollywood?

Rashmika Mandanna is the National crush, and she needs no introduction to the Bollywood audiences. Although Rashmika made her debut in Hindi even before Pushpa was released, the film altogether took her craze to the next level. Rashmika has done a few films in Hindi, out of which Chhaava stood out in the recent past, apart from the pan-India films. Now, she seems to have hiked her remuneration. If the reports are true, Rashmika will receive 15 Cr rupees in remuneration for the film, which is the highest ever in her career. The proj-

ect in the discussions is Cocktail 2, the sequel of the super successful film in Hindi. In the second part, Rashmika will share the screen space along with Shahid Kapoor and Kriti Sanon. Shahdi gets a big paycheck worth 35 Cr rupees reportedly, and Kriti also equals her remuneration with Rashmika. Rashmika is relatively junior to Kriti Sanon, but both are getting the same amount, which is interesting. Meanwhile, Rashmika is not in a hurry to sign back-to-back films in Hindi, even though she is enjoying stardom in the North. She is making sure to win the

hearts of audiences with characters that remain with audiences forever. Even in Telugu, Rashmika has not charged as much as she is reportedly charging in Hindi. However, the fact is that Rashmika would be a value addition for whatever the project is! Rashmika Mandanna is once again proving why she is one of the most dedicated actresses in the Indian film industry. For her upcoming heroine oriented Pan India film Mysaa, the actress has reportedly fallen in love with the script and is ready to go all out for the role. The project is set to present her in a never-seen-before action-packed avatar,

marking a striking new phase in her career. The film's next action-packed schedule will begin soon in Kerala and will continue for 16 days. To prepare for this physically demanding segment, Rashmika is currently undergoing rigorous training in Bangkok. Sources say she is training for nearly eight hours every

