

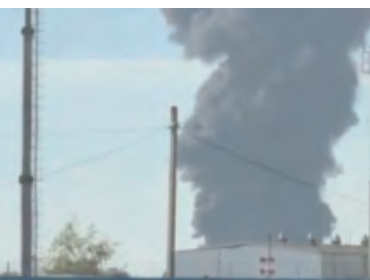


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Operation Kavach: Hyderabad Police conduct massive midnight raids across 562 hotels and lodges



Hyderabad, June 6: In a major effort to strengthen internal security and curb anti-social activities, the Hyderabad City Police launched a large-scale security operation titled "Operation Kavach". The coordinated Friday midnight raids covered 562 hotels and lodges across the city, with nearly 5,000 police personnel participating in the extensive search operation, said the police officials. The inspections were carried out between 11:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. under the direct supervision of Hyderabad City Police Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar. According to officials, the top boss personally visited several lodges in the busy areas surrounding Nampally Railway Station and Ameerpet. The police chief reviewed room allotment procedures and register maintenance practices. He also checked identity verification processes. Apart from this, the police chief also interacted with guests to verify their personal details. He also inquired about the reasons for visiting the city. According to officials, the operation was conducted across all seven zones of the Hyderabad Commissionerate. Khairatabad recorded the highest number of inspections with 119 establishments, followed by Shamshabad with 92.

Koheda Fruit Market to Become a Global Landmark, Says CM Revanth Reddy

HYDERABAD, TSIT BUREAU:

Chief Minister A.Revanth Reddy on Saturday unveiled an ambitious vision for transforming Telangana into a hub of modern agriculture, trade and global investment, while laying emphasis on the construction of the international-standard Koheda Fruit Market and the proposed Bharat Future City.

Addressing a public meeting at Koheda, Chief Minister said farmers of Rangareddy district had long supplied fruits, vegetables and milk to Hyderabad, and rapid real estate growth had adversely impacted agricultural activities in the region. With Hyderabad emerging as a global city with a population of over 13 million, he said the State government was committed to creating world-class infrastructure to meet the growing needs of citizens.

Recalling a tragic incident in which temporary market sheds collapsed during strong winds, injuring several farmers, Revanth Reddy said he had promised to establish a permanent and modern fruit market for farmers. Fulfilling that commitment, the government is



constructing a state-of-the-art fruit market spread across 240 acres at Koheda.

He said the facility would serve as a comprehensive marketing hub for fruits, vegetables and dairy products and would provide better infrastructure, storage, logistics and trading facilities for farmers and traders. The Chief Minister expressed confidence that the Koheda Fruit Market would emerge as a landmark institution and bring national and international recognition to Telangana.

To strengthen horticulture, he announced plans to encourage cultivation of fruits and vegetables across the State and revealed that a tomato processing and sauce manufacturing unit would be established in the Kandukur region to support local farmers.

Chief Minister also strongly backed the Bharat Future City project, stating that it would attract some of the world's leading companies and generate large-scale employment opportunities. He said the project would be developed as a future-ready economic hub while ensuring environmental sustainability.

Criticising opposition parties for allegedly obstructing major development projects, Revanth Reddy said the government would move ahead with Bharat Future City, the Regional Ring Road, airports at Warangal and Adilabad, the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme and the Tummidihatti project. He directed officials to ensure that operations at the Koheda Fruit Market begin by December and that the project is completed within two years. Assuring uninterrupted funding, he said the government would provide financial support through a fast-track mechanism.

4 former AIADMK ministers join ruling TVK, deepening crisis in opposition party

CHENNAI (TSIT)

In a fresh setback to the AIADMK, which has been grappling with internal dissent and a string of defections since its disappointing performance in the Assembly elections, four former ministers and senior leaders joined the ruling Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) at the party's headquarters in Chennai on Saturday. Former ministers and ex-MLAs Udumalai K. Radhakrishnan, M.C. Sampath, Kadambur C. Raju and N.R. Sivapathi formally joined TVK in the presence of the party's General Secretary N. Anand and General Secretary for Election Campaign Management Aadhav Arjuna. Their induction marks one of the most significant defections from the AIADMK since the formation of the Vijay-led government. The latest development comes amid continuing turmoil within the principal opposition party following its poor showing in the April 23 Assembly

elections. The AIADMK has struggled to contain internal divisions, with several leaders and cadres expressing dissatisfaction over the party's direction after the electoral setback.

The crisis first became evident when a group of 25 AIADMK MLAs defied the party whip and supported Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay during a confidence motion in the Assembly. The rebellion triggered intense political speculation and exposed deep cracks within the party ranks. Although the rebel faction later reconciled with AIADMK General Secretary Edappadi K. Palaniswami, the party has continued to witness an exodus of leaders and workers. Four rebel legislators had earlier resigned from the AIADMK and joined TVK, setting the stage for further defections. Since then, several district-level office-bearers, former legislators and grassroots functionaries have crossed over to the ruling party.



US and Iran trade strikes near Strait of Hormuz as talks hit a wall



WASHINGTON/ TEHRAN (TSIT):

Tensions between the United States and Iran moved dangerously close to reopen conflict on Friday as both sides exchanged another round of military strikes around the Strait of Hormuz, the narrow waterway that serves as one of the world's most vital oil transit routes.

U.S. forces targeted Iranian drones and radar installations after Iran launched missiles at American bases in the Gulf while a ceasefire was being tested. At the same time, in another flashpoint, clashes between Israeli forces and the Iran-backed Hezbollah have intensified despite a ceasefire agreement reached by the Israeli and Lebanese governments. While the truce remains officially in place, its implementation on the ground appears increasingly fragile.

The US Central Command (CENTCOM) said in a statement that Iranian forces launched a wave of ballistic missiles and drones toward the Strait of Hormuz and nearby Gulf states. American forces intercepted six of the seven missiles aimed at Kuwait and Bahrain, while the seventh reportedly fell short before reaching its target, according to initial assessments. No US personnel was harmed, it said.

"Iranian claims of damaging U.S. 5th fleet headquarters in Bahrain are false," CENTCOM added. Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps had said it struck "enemy bases in the region."

Nearly 150 students of aided school in Kerala's Wayanad fall ill; 38 hospitalised

WAYANAD (TSIT):

Nearly 150 students of an aided upper primary school at Kollady in this north Kerala district are undergoing treatment for fever and vomiting over the last three days, official said.

The children are students of the Mar Baselios Aided Upper Primary School and of them 38, who continued to show discomfort, have been admitted to the Bathery Taluk hospital, they said. The District Medical Officer (DMO) said that there was currently no need to be worried and that as a precautionary measure, a week-long holiday has been declared for the school. A special ward has been set up at the Bathery Taluk hospital for the treatment of the children,



the official said.

Apart from the students, a teacher at the school has also reported physical discomfort, the DMO said. Panchayat officials who visited the hospital stated that the current health condition of the children was satisfactory.

They said that some children had started showing symptoms

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since June 1, but the exact cause for their physical discomfort has not yet been confirmed. The doctors said that the Health Department had collected samples and sent them for testing to know the reasons behind the children's discomfort.

Won't accept Ramalinga Reddy's resignation: CM Shivakumar

BENGALURU (TSIT):

Karnataka Chief Minister D K Shivakumar on Saturday ruled out accepting the resignation of senior Cabinet colleague Ramalinga Reddy, asserting that the issue would be resolved internally through discussions. Shivakumar's remarks came amid efforts by the Congress lead-



ership to defuse the crisis triggered by Reddy's resignation announcement. "Under no circumstances will we accept his resignation," Shivakumar told reporters, signalling the government's determination to retain the senior leader in the Cabinet.

India remains world's fastest-growing economy despite global uncertainty: Rajnath

NEW DELHI (TSIT)

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday said that at a time when many countries are facing economic uncertainty, India continues to stand out as the world's fastest-growing major economy. He further said that India's economy grew by 7.7 per cent in FY 2025-26, with growth accelerating to 7.8 per cent in the fourth quarter, underscoring its resilience and the underlying strength built over the last 12 years through the mantra of 'Reform, Perform, Transform'.

Defence Minister Singh took to social media 'X' and said, "At a time when many countries are facing economic uncertainty, India continues to stand out as the world's fastest-growing major economy. India's economy grew by 7.7 per cent in FY 2025-26, with growth accelerating to 7.8 per cent



in the fourth quarter, underscoring its resilience and underlying strength built over the last 12 years through the mantra of 'Reform, Perform, Transform'.

"Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, India has combined economic growth with stability, confidence,

sustainability, and credibility. His unwavering commitment to nation-building, focus on innovation, infrastructure, and entrepreneurship, and ability to steer the country through unprecedented global challenges have transformed India into a confident, resilient, and globally respected

economic power. As India marches towards the vision of 'Viksit Bharat', this remarkable growth story continues to create new opportunities and strengthen the aspirations of 140 crore Indians."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday also hailed the latest growth figures, stating that the expansion reflected the "inherent strength" of the economy, the "success of reforms" and the "hard work of 140 crore Indians."

"India's growth momentum remains strong! GDP growth rate of 7.7 per cent in FY 2025-26 and 7.8 per cent in Q4 of FY 2025-26 reflect the inherent strength of our economy, the success of reforms and the hard work of 140 crore Indians. We shall leave no stone unturned to further 'Ease of Living,' 'Ease of Doing Business' and increase opportunities for our youth," PM Modi posted on X.

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Telangana Ideal Destination for Semiconductor Investments Says Minister Sridhar Babu



Hyderabad, TSIT: Telangana is emerging as one of the most favorable destinations in India for the establishment of semiconductor industries, and Malaysia-based companies should be encouraged to explore investment opportunities in the state, said IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu.

The Minister made these remarks during a meeting with a high-level Malaysian delegation led by Penang Deputy Chief Minister YB Jagdeep Singh Deo at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat on Saturday. The discussions focused on strengthening cooperation between Telangana and Penang (Malaysia) in key sectors such as semiconductors, electronics manufacturing, artificial

intelligence, innovation, and human capital development.

Sridhar Babu said the Telangana government is working in a planned manner to build a world-class semiconductor ecosystem capable of meeting future requirements and addressing emerging global challenges. He highlighted that Hyderabad is rapidly evolving into an international hub for chip design, electronics, and advanced technologies. Minister emphasized that Telangana offers immense opportunities across several high-growth sectors, including semiconductors, electronics manufacturing, advanced manufacturing, emerging technologies, life sciences, biotechnology, clean energy, aerospace, defence, and precision engineering.

Food Adulteration Must Be Curbed, Says Dr.Pallepadu Damodar

Hanamkonda, TSIT: Stressing the need for stringent measures to curb food adulteration, Dr.Pallepadu Damodar, President of the South Indian States Consumer Coordination Committee, expressed concern over the increasing adulteration of essential food products such as cooking oils, chilli powder, and ginger paste.

Speaking during an awareness drive organized as part of the International Food Quality Protection Festival celebrations in Hanamkonda, Dr. Damodar said consumers must remain vigilant about the quality of food products they purchase. The awareness campaign was conducted at various business establishments, hotels, and supermarkets to educate consumers on food safety.

He pointed out that adulteration in cooking oils through the mixing of inferior-grade oils poses serious health risks, including heart-related ailments. Similarly, the use of harmful artificial colors and husk powder in chilli powder can lead to cancer and gastrointestinal disorders. He also highlighted concerns over ginger paste being adulterated with potato starch, reducing its quality and nutritional value. Dr. Damodar further alleged that under the guise of



"blended oils" and "refined" or "double refined" labels, inferior oils are being sold at inflated prices. He urged consumers to be aware of such practices and make informed purchasing decisions.

Addressing the gathering, Consumer Council National General Secretary Sambaraju Chakrapani criticized multinational companies for printing arbitrary Maximum Retail Prices (MRPs) on essential commodities and then offering discounts of 30 to 40 percent or "buy one get one free" schemes. He alleged that such promotional offers are often used to push substandard and adulterated products, particularly cooking oils and chilli powders.

Chakrapani advised consumers to exercise caution and not be misled by attractive discounts and free gift

schemes while purchasing food items.

Food Safety Officer Brahmaji, who participated in the programme, urged consumers to immediately report any suspicion of food adulteration. He assured that complaints received from consumer organizations would be acted upon promptly and that suspected food samples would be sent for laboratory testing.

Brahmaji also revealed that nearly 685 temporary food licenses had reportedly been issued in the past month through some internet centers without adequate awareness among applicants. He cautioned consumers to be careful while ordering food online and advised food business operators to obtain proper licenses to ensure accountability and legal action in case of violations.

MEPA Telangana Extends Financial Support to Orphaned Sisters

Hanamkonda TSIT: Demonstrating its commitment to social responsibility and community welfare, the Mudhiraj Employees and Professionals Association (MEPA) Telangana extended financial assistance of Rs. 60,000 to two orphaned sisters, Shruti and Soumya, from Venkatapuram BC Colony in Duggondi Mandal of Warangal district. Sisters lost their father, Jeerra Raju Mudhiraj, recently, while their mother Kavitha had passed away due to cancer nearly 15 years ago. Shruti is currently pursuing her first year of B.Tech, while Soumya has recently completed her Class 10 education. Following the loss of both parents, the sisters have been living under the care and support of their maternal uncles,

Mudrapoyna Sadanandam and Mohan. A video of the sisters appealing for help after losing their parents went viral on social media, drawing widespread attention. Moved by their plight, MEPA Telangana Founder and State President Puli Devender Mudhiraj mobilized support from 102 donors and raised Rs. 60,000 for the family. On Saturday, Puli Devender Mudhiraj visited Venkatapuram BC Colony and handed over the financial assistance to Shruti and Soumya in the presence of their family members and community representatives. Speaking on the occasion, Devender Mudhiraj urged members of the Mudhiraj community to unite and support families facing hardships in their respective villages. He emphasized that the community should strive to progress from being recipients of aid to becoming contributors who help others in need. He also expressed heartfelt gratitude to all the donors who contributed towards supporting the sisters. Expressing their gratitude, Shruti, Soumya, and their uncle Sadanandam thanked the donors and MEPA Telangana for standing by them during a difficult period. They said the support had given them hope and confidence to continue their education and build a better future.



Massive Arrangements Underway for Fish Prasadam Distribution at Nampally

Hyderabad, TSIT: State Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnab Prabhakar has directed officials to ensure robust and seamless arrangements for the annual Fish Prasadam distribution programme to be held on June 8 and 9 at the Nampally Exhibition Grounds, anticipating the arrival of lakhs of devotees from across the country.



Minister, along with Fisheries Minister Vakiti Srihari, Rajya Sabha MP Anil Kumar Yadav, Fisheries Corporation Chairman Mettu Saikumar and SATS Chairman Shivasena Reddy, inspected the arrangements at the Exhibition Grounds and reviewed preparations being made by various departments.

During the inspection, Ponnab Prabhakar reviewed queue lines, distribution counters and barricading arrangements. He instructed officials to install sufficient fans and coolers for devotees waiting in queues

and ensure uninterrupted drinking water and power supply throughout the programme. Waterproof generators have also been kept ready as a precautionary measure.

Minister directed police officials to maintain continuous surveillance through the control room and CCTV cameras, prevent overcrowding and stampedes, and implement comprehensive traffic management measures to avoid congestion in the Nampally area. SHE Teams will also be deployed, while public

announcements will be made to create awareness against pickpocketing and other inconveniences. Medical camps, ambulances and CPR teams will be stationed at the venue to provide immediate assistance in case of emergencies. Fire engines will remain on standby, and officials have been instructed to continuously monitor electrical installations across the venue.

Ponnab Prabhakar said the government is committed to ensuring that every devotee

receives the Fish Prasadam without any inconvenience. He stated that the Fisheries Department has arranged around 1.4 lakh Murrel (Korraminu) fishlings for the event and that all departments have been instructed to work in close coordination until the distribution concludes.

Speaking on the occasion, Fisheries Minister Vakiti Srihari said the Bathini family has been distributing Fish Prasadam under government supervision for the past 176 years, and all arrangements are being made to ensure the programme is conducted successfully. He assured that every devotee standing in the queue would be provided the Prasadam.

Rajya Sabha MP Anil Kumar Yadav said officials are working round the clock under the directions of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to ensure the smooth conduct of the event, which attracts hundreds of thousands of people every year.

Chief Secretary Reviews NEET Arrangements Paddy Procurement and CM's District Tours

Hyderabad, TSIT: Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao on Saturday conducted a video conference with District Collectors to review preparations for the smooth conduct of the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) scheduled for June 21, paddy procurement operations across Telangana, and arrangements for the forthcoming district visits of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy.

During the review meeting Chief Secretary emphasized the need for foolproof arrangements to ensure the successful conduct of the NEET examination. He directed Collectors to coordinate closely with all concerned departments and provide a hassle-free environment for candidates on the examination day.

Principal Secretary, Health, Christina Zongthu, informed meeting that nearly 72,956 students are expected to appear for the examination at 208 centres spread across 24 cities in the State. She said comprehensive arrangements relating to infrastructure, transportation, security,



power supply, drinking water and other essential facilities are being made to ensure smooth conduct of the test.

Additional Director General of Police Mahesh Bhagwat stressed the importance of close coordination between the police and district administrations. He instructed officials to put in place robust security arrangements at all examination centres and maintain constant vigilance. He also cautioned against rumour mongering and misinformation, directing officials to actively monitor social media platforms and promptly counter any false information that could affect the examination process.

Director General of the National Testing Agency (NTA), Abhishek Singh, informed the meeting that

enhanced security measures are being implemented this year. He said that, for the first time, the Indian Air Force will be engaged to transport question papers, underscoring the importance attached to maintaining the integrity

and security of the examination. Reviewing paddy procurement operations, Ramakrishna Rao directed Collectors to remain on high alert in view of forecasts predicting rainfall in several parts of the State.

P. Naresh Yadav Felicitated as Treasurer of Telangana State Judicial Employees Association



Hyderabad: Sri P. Naresh Yadav was felicitated by the Judicial Employees Association of the City Civil Courts in Hyderabad and Secunderabad following his election as Treasurer of the Telangana State Judicial Employees Association.

The felicitation ceremony was led by S.V. Subbaiah Garu, National Secretary and President of the City Civil Court Employees Association, along with General Secretary R. Uday Kumar Garu, Organizing Secretary Rakesh Kumar, Treasurer Manish, Vice President K. Anitha Garu, and other association members including Shraavan and Dasu. The event highlighted the contributions of the newly elected treasurer and reaffirmed the association's commitment to supporting judicial employees across Telangana. Members expressed confidence in Sri Naresh Yadav's leadership and dedication to the welfare of the employees in the judicial system.

Kishan Reddy Guides BJP Mahankali District Training Camp

Hyderabad TSIT: Union Minister and senior BJP leader G.Kishan Reddy participated as the chief guest in the valedictory session of the BJP Secunderabad Mahankali District Training Classes held at the Vaishya Satram in Yadagirigutta.

Addressing party leaders and cadre, Kishan Reddy provided guidance on strengthening the organization at the grassroots level and effectively taking the policies and welfare initiatives of the Central Government to the people. He emphasized the importance of discipline, dedication and public service in building a strong and vibrant party structure.

The Union Minister called upon BJP workers to remain actively engaged with the public, understand local issues and work towards resolving them. He highlighted the achievements of the Narendra Modi-led government and urged party functionaries to spread awareness about various developmental and welfare programmes implemented



by the Centre.

Kishan Reddy also stressed the need for continuous training and ideological orientation of party workers to enhance organizational effectiveness. He encouraged leaders and activists to work unitedly to further strengthen the BJP across Telangana.

The training programme was attended by district office-bearers, mandal-level leaders, elected representatives and a large number of BJP activists from the Secunderabad Mahankali district. The event concluded with a call for greater public outreach and organizational expansion in the region.

'Stree Ride' Initiative Launched to Promote Women's Empowerment Through Employment



Hyderabad TSIT: In a significant step towards women's empowerment and economic independence, the Women Safety Wing launched the 'Stree Ride Women Drivers Initiative' in Hyderabad on Saturday. Programme aims to create sustainable employment opportunities for women while enhancing their participation in the transportation sector.

As part of the first phase of the initiative, 50 women bike riders, four women auto drivers, and one woman cab driver were provided specialized training to enable them to pursue professional driving careers. Officials said increasing women's participation in public and private transport services would boost the sense of safety and confidence among women passengers, particularly at bus stations, railway stations, and urban transit hubs.

Training programme was conducted under the leadership of MAWO CEO Jay Bharati. Supporting the initiative, Zippi CEO Prasanna Narayana and Mahindra Auto provided vehicles, while Bigili, Zippi, and MAWO collaborated to create employment opportunities for the trained women drivers.

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Whereas the Authorized Officer of CLX CAPITAL SERVICES PVT. LTD. (Clx), a Non-Banking Financial Company duly incorporated and registered under the Companies Act, 1956, having its Registered Office at: W2/14, 1st Floor, West Patel Nagar, Delhi, 110008, under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act, 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "Act") and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) of the Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice to the following borrowers and co-borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower/Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 as per under mentioned Date. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of "Clx" and interest other charges thereon. The attention of the Borrower is invited to provisions of sub-section (5) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset.

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Amount of Demand Notice: Rs. 76,94,445.56/- as on 12-mar-2026

Details of Property: All That The House Bearing No. 12-11-69, (Old Nos. 12-10-498 To 500), (Comprising Of Ground Floor, And First Floor), Admeasuring 150 Sq. Yards, Or 125.4 Sq. Meters, Situated At Upper Basthi, Namalagundu, Secunderabad, And Bounded On Boundaries: North: House No. 12-10-462 To 463 (New No. 12-11-73), South: 15' Wide Road, East: House No. 12-10-498 (New No. 12-11-68), West: House No. 12-10-501 (New No. 12-11-70).

Place: Telangana, **Date:** 05.06.2026 **Authorised Officer, Clx Capital Services Pvt. Ltd.**

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ICI Home Finance Company Limited (ICI HFC) conducted several e-Auctions for the sale of the mortgaged property mentioned below, however, all such e-Auctions failed. Now, an interested buyer has approached ICI HFC with an offer to purchase the said property for an amount of Rs. 16,00,000/-. 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 ICI Home Finance Company Ltd., will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", by way of Private Treaty as per the brief particulars given hereunder:

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MULUGU TO BE DEVELOPED AS A MODEL TOWN AND TOURIST HUB: MINISTER SEETAKKA

Mulugu, June 6: State Panchayat Raj, Rural Development, Rural Water Supply and Women & Child Welfare Minister Anasuya Seethakka said the government is committed to transforming Mulugu into a model town by providing modern infrastructure and promoting it as a major tourist destination. On Saturday, the Minister laid foundation stones for several development projects in Mulugu town. These include road widening, divider construction, and central lighting works from National Highway-163 to Erukalawada at a cost of Rs.6.50 crore, road widening and infrastructure



development from NH-163 to SC Colony costing Rs.5.75 crore, and internal CC roads and drainage works in the eastern part of the town at a cost of Rs.5.95 crore. She also inaugurated culvert construction works worth

amenities through planned urban development. She directed officials to complete all municipal projects on schedule and ensure quality standards. The Minister announced plans to develop major junctions, including Gattamma Junction, the bus stand area, the government hospital vicinity, the MRO office surroundings, and the area opposite the Collectorate, on the lines of tourist-friendly junctions at Ramappa, Jangalapalli, and Medaram. She further revealed that a proposal for a ring road is under consideration to meet future urban needs and ease traffic congestion.

LOSS OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENT
I, Panjala Ramanjaneyulu Goud (son of Panjala Narayana; resident of Bibinagar village & Mandal, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District), wish to inform the public that the original document (bearing number 8649/2024) for my plot in Devalamma Nagaram village, Choutuppal Mandal, was lost somewhere while I was traveling by motorcycle from LB Nagar to Choutuppal. I request anyone who finds it to please contact me at 9885688199.

NAME CORRECTION
I, MOHD ABDUL NASIHA RIZWANA, R/o. Plot No. 62, VTC, Medipally, Medchal-Malkajgiri Dist - 500 039, my son passport my name wrongly mentioned NASIHA RIZWANA hence change my name as MOHD ABDUL NASIHA RIZWANA for all purpose.

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TENDER NOTICE No. 63 to 74
DRM_W_HYB_26 dt. 04/06/2026
On behalf of the President of India, Divisional Railway Manager/Works, Hyderabad Division, South Central Railway, Secunderabad invites Open Tenders for the following works through e-procurement upto 15.00 hours of 29/06/2026.

Tender No. : 63_DRM_W_HYB_26
Name of the work: HYB Division: Annual repairs/maintenance of quarters and service buildings under the jurisdiction of SSE/W/NGD and SSE/W/ADEN/Estates-I/HYB for a period of one year (2026-2027) Approx Value (₹): 3,19,21,672 EMD (₹): 6,38,400

Tender No. : 64_DRM_W_HYB_26
Name of the work: HYB Division: Annual repairs/maintenance of quarters and service buildings of SSE/W/O-II and SSE/W/WS/SLGD under the jurisdiction of ADEN/Estates-I/HYB for a period of one year (2026-2027) Approx Value (₹): 2,26,22,271 EMD (₹): 4,52,500

Tender No. : 65_DRM_W_HYB_26
Name of the work: HYB Division: Annual repairs/maintenance of quarters and service buildings of SSE/W/SLGD under the jurisdiction of ADEN/Estates-I/HYB for a period of one year (2026-2027) Approx Value (₹): 2,27,59,869 EMD (₹): 4,55,200

Tender No. : 66_DRM_W_HYB_26
Name of the work: HYB Division: Annual repairs/maintenance of quarters and service buildings under the jurisdiction of SSE/W/KCG and SSE/W/WS/ADEN/Estates-I/HYB for a period of one year (2026-2027) Approx Value (₹): 2,97,07,003 EMD (₹): 5,94,200

Tender No. : 67_DRM_W_HYB_26
Name of the work: HYB Division: Annual maintenance of service buildings and quarters SSE/W/MLY under the jurisdiction of ADEN/Estates-I/HYB for a period of one year 2026-2027 Approx Value (₹): 2,38,39,094 EMD (₹): 4,76,800

Tender No. : 68_DRM_W_HYB_26
Name of the work: Annual maintenance of service buildings and quarters S S E / W / G O C / S S E / W / W S C under the jurisdiction of ADEN/Estates-I/HYB for a period of one year (2026-2027) Approx Value (₹): 8,06,000

Tender No. : 69_DRM_W_HYB_26
Name of the work: HYB Division: Annual repairs/maintenance of quarters and service buildings under the jurisdiction of SSE/W/IRSET & SSE/W/SO-I OF ADEN/Estates-I/HYB for a period of one year (2026-2027) Approx Value (₹): 2,04,86,564 EMD (₹): 4,09,700

Tender No. : 70_DRM_W_HYB_26
Name of the work: HYB Division: ADEN/KCG - Annual repairs/maintenance of quarters and service buildings including stations, circulating areas, yards, foot over bridges, gardens/parks under the jurisdiction of ADEN/KCG for a period 01.07.2026 to 30.06.2027 Approx Value (₹): 2,80,71,992 EMD (₹): 5,61,400

Tender No. : 71_DRM_W_HYB_26
Name of the work: HYB Division: ADEN/KRNT - Annual repairs/maintenance of quarters and service buildings including stations, circulating areas, yards, foot over bridges, gardens/parks under the jurisdiction of ADEN/KRNT for a period 01.07.2026 to 30.06.2027 Approx Value (₹): 2,10,53,994 EMD (₹): 4,21,100

Tender No. : 72_DRM_W_HYB_26
Name of the work: HYB Division: A D E N / M E D - Annual repairs/maintenance of quarters and service buildings including stations, circulating areas, yards, foot over bridges, gardens/parks under the jurisdiction of ADEN/MED for a period 01.07.2026 to 30.06.2027 Approx Value (₹): 2,11,74,999 EMD (₹): 4,23,500

Tender No. : 73_DRM_W_HYB_26
Name of the work: HYB Division: ADEN/NZB - Annual repairs/maintenance of quarters and service buildings including stations, circulating areas, yards, foot over bridges, gardens/parks under the jurisdiction of ADEN/NZB for a period 01.07.2026 to 30.06.2027 Approx Value (₹): 60,00,000 EMD (₹): 1,20,000

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FORM No. IV
BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II,
1st FLOOR, TRIVENI COMPLEX, ABIDS,
AT: HYDERABAD

O. A. No. 389 of 2026

Summons under sub-section (4) of Section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993

Between:
Bank of India
Banjara Hills Branch
VIS
Sri. Itaboleina Rajkumar Yadav and others
...APPLICANT
vs.
Sri. Itaboleina Rajkumar Yadav and others
...DEFENDANTS

To,
1. Sri. Itaboleina Rajkumar Yadav,
S/o. Late Itaboleina Balah, H.No. 186/RT,
Sukal Cottage, Vijaya Nagar Colony,
Hyderabad, Telangana-500057
And also, at
Sri. Itaboleina Rajkumar Yadav,
S/o. Late Itaboleina Balah, H.No.672,
Sadar Bazar, Near Hanuman Temple,
Bollaram, Secunderabad, Telangana-500057

SUMMONS BY PAPER PUBLICATION FOR SHOWING CAUSE AS TO WHY THE RELIEF PRAYED SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED

Whereas, OA No.389 of 2026 was listed before Hon'ble Debt Recovery Tribunal-II.

Whereas, this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons to the said Applicant under section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs.28,52,477.33/-

In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the Defendants are directed as under:-

(i) to show cause within 30 days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;

(ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;

(iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;

(iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of your business any of the assets over which security interest is created and / or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;

(v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by way of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the Bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.

You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before the Hon'ble Debt Recovery Tribunal - II on 06.07.2026 at 10.30 AM failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 1st day of June, 2026.

BY ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL
REGISTRAR
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
HYDERABAD.

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
(through https://ireps.gov.in)

C/E-C-III/SC Construction Organisation, S.C. Railway, Secunderabad, respectively, invites e-tender on behalf of the President of India for the following works:

S.No. : 01 NIT No. : 30-CAO-C-SC-2026 Date: 30/05/2026 Name of work: SCR Construction Organization: Katapadi-Tirupati Doubling - Proposed construction of SSE/Works, SSE/P.Way, SSE/S&T, ADEN, ADEE/TRD offices and Rest house of Track machine staff in between Katpadi and Tirupati stations. Estimated Cost(₹): 7,92,62,201.29 EMD (₹): 15,85,300/- Completion Period: 12 (Twelve) Months Date of Opening: 26.06.2026 15:00hrs.

S.No. : 02 NIT No. : 31-CAO-C-SC-2026 Date: 30/05/2026 Name of work: SCR Construction Organization: Gudur-Renigunta Tripling - Construction of SSE/Works, SSE/P.Way, SSE/S&T, SSE/TRD ADEE/TRD office buildings in between Gudur and Renigunta stations and Officers Rest house at Gudur station. Estimated Cost(₹): 9,29,76,324.64 EMD (₹): 18,59,500/- Completion Period: 12 (Twelve) Months Date of Opening: 26.06.2026 15:00hrs.

S.No. : 03 NIT No. : 32-CAO-C-SC-2026 Date: 30/05/2026 Name of work: SCR Construction Organization: Guntakal Division - Gudur-Renigunta - Tirupati Doubling-Proposed construction of platform No.6&7, Extension of Platform No. 4 & 5, VIP siding platform under Non Interlocked working period of Renigunta yard and construction of C&W office building at Renigunta station. Estimated Cost (₹): 8,66,20,806.04 EMD (₹): 17,32,400/- Completion Period: 12 (Twelve) Months Date of Opening: 26.06.2026 15:00hrs.

S.No. : 04 NIT No. : 33-CAO-C-SC-2026 Date: 30/05/2026 Name of work: SCR Construction Organization: Guntakal Division - Gudur-Renigunta - Tirupati Doubling-Proposed construction of platform No.6&7, Extension of Platform No. 4 & 5, VIP siding platform under Non Interlocked working period of Renigunta yard and construction of C&W office building at Renigunta station. Estimated Cost (₹): 8,66,20,806.04 EMD (₹): 17,32,400/- Completion Period: 12 (Twelve) Months Date of Opening: 26.06.2026 15:00hrs.

S.No. : 05 NIT No. : 34-CAO-C-SC-2026 Date: 30/05/2026 Name of work: SCR Construction Organization: Guntakal Division - Gudur-Renigunta - Tirupati Doubling-Proposed construction of platform No.6&7, Extension of Platform No. 4 & 5, VIP siding platform under Non Interlocked working period of Renigunta yard and construction of C&W office building at Renigunta station. Estimated Cost (₹): 8,66,20,806.04 EMD (₹): 17,32,400/- Completion Period: 12 (Twelve) Months Date of Opening: 26.06.2026 15:00hrs.

S.No. : 06 NIT No. : 35-CAO-C-SC-2026 Date: 30/05/2026 Name of work: SCR Construction Organization: Guntakal Division - Gudur-Renigunta - Tirupati Doubling-Proposed construction of platform No.6&7, Extension of Platform No. 4 & 5, VIP siding platform under Non Interlocked working period of Renigunta yard and construction of C&W office building at Renigunta station. Estimated Cost (₹): 8,66,20,806.04 EMD (₹): 17,32,400/- Completion Period: 12 (Twelve) Months Date of Opening: 26.06.2026 15:00hrs.

Chief Administrative Officer, A413 Const., Secunderabad
For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at https://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

New traffic out post at bus stand in gate

Karimnagar, June 6, TSIT: Police Commissioner Goush Alam inaugurated the new traffic out post booth at Karimnagar bus stand in-gate (In-Gate) on Saturday with the aim of regulating traffic and protecting passengers. The programme was organized under the patronage of Traffic ACP Yadagiri Swamy. Speaking on the occasion, the Police Commissioner stated that this new out post booth will contribute a lot to control and continuously monitor the traffic problems in the areas around the busiest bus stand in the city. It is suggested that traffic personnel should always be alert so that passengers and motorists



do not face any trouble. As part of the programme, CP has handed over special cooling glasses to the traffic personnel who are standing on the roads and doing their duty without even bothering them. He said that these are useful for the staff to protect their eye health from the intense sun. On this occasion, the CP mentioned that the health of the staff is equally important along with the performance of duties. Traffic ACP Yadagiri Swamy along with traffic inspectors Sanjeev, Anjaiah, sub-inspectors and police personnel participated in the event.

Nelkondapalli Buddhist Stupa Set for International Makeover

Khammam (TSIT): The Telangana government has accelerated efforts to transform the historic Nelkondapalli Buddhist Mahastupa into an international tourist destination. A comprehensive master plan is being prepared for the development of the heritage site following the initiative of Revenue, Housing and Information & Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy. With 2.50 crore already sanctioned for the project, the government



has initiated the process of preparing a Detailed Project Report (DPR) to assess the infrastructure requirements and overall expenditure needed to upgrade the site to international standards.

GRAM SABHAS KEY TO RESOLVING PUBLIC ISSUES, SAYS COLLECTOR CHITRA MISHRA



Karimnagar, June 6: District Collector Chitra Mishra emphasized the importance of greenery, sanitation, and public participation in village development, stating that Gram Sabhas play a crucial role in identifying and resolving local issues. Addressing a Gram Sabha organized under the Public Governance Progress Plan at Baddipalli village in Kothapalli mandal on Saturday, the Collector urged villagers to bring their problems to the notice of authorities for timely resolution. She stressed the need to prioritize sanitation measures in view of the monsoon season, including repairing damaged pipelines and cleaning water storage tanks. The Collector advised residents to make use of government-provided healthcare services, identify and remove dilapidated buildings, and conserve rainwater through the construction of recharge pits. She noted that villages focusing on greenery, sanitation, safe drinking water, and healthcare have earned recognition and awards at the national level.

Builders threaten statewide agitation over Rs.20,000 crore pending bills

Mahabubnagar, June 6: The Builders Association of India (BAI) has warned of a massive statewide agitation if the Telangana government fails to clear pending bills owed to contractors. The association claimed that outstanding payments across the state have touched nearly Rs.20,000 crore, pushing many contractors into severe financial distress. A preparatory meeting and press conference were held in Mahabubnagar on Thursday to mobilize support for the proposed "Chalo Hyderabad" Maha Dharma scheduled for June 18 under the slogan "Our Bills - State Development." Several contractors from the joint Mahabubnagar district participated in the meet-



ing. Association leaders alleged that the present Congress government has continued the delayed payment policy followed by the previous administration. They said contractors are being awarded new works despite a shortage of funds, while bills for completed projects remain unpaid, forcing many into debt. The leaders expressed concern that prolonged financial hardship has pushed some contractors to extreme distress. They noted that road contractors, particularly in the Roads and Buildings Department, are facing difficulties due to pending bills running into thousands of crores. The association demanded the immediate restoration of the Bill Monitoring System (BMS) and transparent payment of bills based on seniority rather than recommendations.

BAJAJ FINANCE LIMITED
Registered Office: Bajaj Finance Limited, C/o Bajaj Auto Limited Complex Mumbai Pune Road Akurdi Pune 411035
Branch Office: Bajaj Finance Ltd Floor Main Road Tandur Kamataka Tandur 751 Telangana 501141

Demand Notice Under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of M/s Bajaj Finance Limited, hereby gives the following notice to the Borrower(s) Co-Borrower(s) who have failed to discharge their liability i.e., defaulted in the repayment of principal as well as the interest and other charges accrued there on for some loan(s)/Loan(s) Against Property advanced to them by Bajaj Finance Limited and as consequence the loan(s) have become Non Performing Assets (N.P.A.s). Accordingly, notices were issued to them under section 13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and rules there to their last known addresses, however the same have been returned un-served undelivered, as such the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s) are hereby intimated/informed by way of this publication notice to clear their outstanding dues under the loan facilities availed by them from time to time.

Loan Account No./Name of the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) & Addresses	Description of Secured Immovable Property	Demand Notice Date and Amount
LAN : P75HPBL 8205639 1. Shahbaz Traders thr. Its Prop. Khayyum R/o. H No 6-7A63 Yadgir Road Ravallypally Kodangal Vikarabad Telangana 509336 Email id: shaikhyayum993@gmail.com Also at, R/o. H-No.8-4, Open Plot, S/o. No. 84/62, Ravallypally (Vil & G.P), Kodangal (Mand), Vikarabad (Dist) 509336, 2. Phutkap Babu S/o Balappa R/o. 5-16 Ravallypally Village Kodangal Mandal Ravallypally Mahabubnagar Telangana 509336 Email id: shaikhyayum993@gmail.com, 3. Phutkap Kaleefa W/o Babu R/o. 5-16 Ravallypally Ravallypally Mahabubnagar Telangana 509336 Email id: shaikhyayum993@gmail.com, 4. Phutkap Fayyaz S/o Babu R/o. 5-16 Ravallypally Ravallypally Mahabubnagar Telangana 509336 Email id: shaikhyayum993@gmail.com, 5. Khayyum Khayyum S/o Babu R/o. 5-16 Ravallypally Ravallypally Mahabubnagar Telangana 509336 Email id: shaikhyayum993@gmail.com	All the piece and parcel of the open place in Sy No. 84/G2 admeasuring area 60X48 = 320 Sq.Yards situated at Raavallypally Village & G.P. Kodangal Mandal, Vikarabad Dist 509336 along with proportionate share in common areas Bounded as: East: Land of Bhemappa; West: Plot of Edji Shankarappa; North: Ravallypally Road; South: Place of Bhemappa	19.05.2026 Rs. 66,97,710/- (Rupees Sixty Six Lakhs Ninety Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Ten Only)

This step is being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrower(s)/Co-Borrowers, Guarantors are advised to make the payments of outstanding dues with future interest within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice. In the event of non-payment of dues by any other right remedy available with Bajaj Finance Limited further steps for taking possession of the Secured Assets / Mortgage Property will be initiated as per provisions of Sec 13(4) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. The parties named above are also advised not to alienate, create third party interest in the above-mentioned properties. On which Bajaj Finance Limited has the charge.

Date: 07.06.2026, Place: Telangana
Sd/-, Authorised Officer, Bajaj Finance Limited

ICICI Home Finance Corporate Office: ICICI Home Finance Company Limited ICICI HFC Tower, Andheri - Kurla Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai - 400059, India
Branch Office: C.No- 4-116/1/307, 3rd Floor, Raichandani Square, Kokapet, Narsimbal Municipality, Hyderabad.

Notice for sale of immovable assets through Private Treaty

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

ICICI Home Finance Company Limited (ICICI HFC) conducted several e-Auctions for the sale of the mortgaged property mentioned below, however, all such e-Auctions failed. Now, an interested buyer has approached ICICI HFC with an offer to purchase the said property for an amount of Rs. 75,00,000/- 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", by way of Private Treaty as per the brief particulars given hereunder:

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) Legal Heirs. Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Inspection	Date & Time of Auction	One Day Before Auction Date	Surfaesi Stage
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
1.	Rafia Begum (Borrower) Mohammed Moizuddin (Co-Borrowers) Mohammed Mukram Uddin (Co-Borrowers) Lan No. LHNDH00001556771	All That The House Property Bearing Mch No 9-4-97/36 On Plot No: 36 Situated at Hakeemshah Colony Hakeemshah Colony Golconda Hyderabad Telangana	Rs. 64,97,215/- June 04, 2026	Rs. 75,00,000/- Rs. 75,00,000/-	16. 2026 11:00 AM To 03:00 PM	24. 2026 02:00 PM To 03:00 PM	23, 2026 Before Auction Date 04:00 PM	Physical Possession

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link: https://BidDeal/In) of our auction agency Value Trust Capital Services Private Limited. The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) RTGS/ Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before June 23, 2026 before 04:00 PM. The Prospective Bidder(s) must also submit a signed copy of the Registration Form and Bid Terms and Conditions form at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before June 23, 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.

The general public is requested to submit their bids higher than the amount being offered by the interested buyer mentioned above. It is hereby informed that in case no bids higher than the amount being offered by the aforementioned interested buyer is received by ICICI HFC, the mortgaged property shall be sold to the said interested buyer as per Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the sale or submission of bids, kindly contact ICICI Home Finance Company Limited on 9920807300 or Value Trust Centralised HelpDesk No. 6200-22-6200. 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.icicifhc.com
Date : June 07, 2026
Place : Hyderabad
Authorized Officer, "ICICI Home Finance Company Limited"
CIN Number - U65922MH1999PLC120106

Union Bank of India ASSET RECOVERY BRANCH (79170), VIJAYAWADA, Located at 4th Floor, Andhra Bank Building, RR Apparao Street, Vijayawada, AP - 520001
E-mail: arb.vijayawada@unionbankofindia.bank.in

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

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 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) /Co-obligant (s)/ Mortgageor(s) / Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to secured creditor, Union Bank of India, the Constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer, will be sold through e-auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 24-06-2026, for recovery of outstanding dues and other expenses due to the Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch, Vijayawada from the following Borrowers and Guarantors. EMD shall be deposited and Linked/Map the EMD amount with the Property ID before End Time of Auction. It is advisable to deposit and Link/Map the EMD amount with the property ID well in advance to avoid any technical glitch.

E-AUCTION DATE & TIME : 24-06-2026, 12.00 NOON TO 05.00 PM
(with 10 min unlinked auto extensions)

1) Borrower(s) /Co-obligant(s)/Mortgageor(s)/Guarantor(s) : Borrowers : 1 a) M/S SVVH Logistics, D.No 12-2/34, T-1, Mythili Apartment, Seelarama Nagar, Patamatlankal, Vijayawada. 1b) Admin Office / M/S SVVH Logistics, Shop No. 6, Pushkara Complex, Lorry Stand, Bhanupuram, Vijayawada. -520012. 1c) Mr. Kotturu Sunil, S/o. Vijaya Kumar (Partner) Flat No. 102, First Floor, "Vijayanthi Nilayam" H.No. 8-3-315/6/6A/6B, Plot No. 5, Maruthi Nagar, Yellareddy, Hyderabad, Telangana. 1d) Mr. Edara Lenin Babu, S/o.Sambasiva Rao (Partner) Flat No. 401, Elite Heights, LIC Colony, Vijayawada, NTR District, AP - 500008. Co-Borrower/Guarantors : 2a) Mr Kotturu Sunil, S/o. Vijaya Kumar, Flat No. 102, First Floor, "Vijayanthi Nilayam" H.No. 8-3-315/6/6A/6B, Plot No. 5, Maruthi Nagar, Yellareddy, Hyderabad, Telangana. 2b) Mrs. Kotturu Amino, W/o Sunil, Flat No. 102, First Floor, "Vijayanthi Nilayam" H.No. 8-3-315/6/6A/6B, Plot No. 5, Maruthi Nagar, Yellareddy, Hyderabad, Telangana. 2c) Mrs. Ganne Vijayalakshmi, W/o Venkata Ratnam (Late), D.No 8-3-222/C/1/36 (A-32) Ward No. 8, Block No. 3, Lakshmi Nagar Colony (Old Layout) Madhura Nagar (New Layout) Yellareddy, Hyderabad, Telangana. 2d) Mrs Edara Sunitha, W/o. Lenin Babu, Flat No. 401, Elite Heights, LIC Colony, Vijayawada, NTR District, AP - 500008.

Amount Outstanding : Rs. 2,75,06,411.96 (Rupees Two Crore Seventy Five Lakhs Six Thousand Four Hundred Forty One and Ninety Six Paise only) as on 31.03.2026 along with subsequent interest and expenses

Description of The Properties : 1. EMD of the mortgaged Property No. 102 located in First Floor of "Vijayanthi Nilayam" with an Plinth Area of 1050 Sq. Ft. with an undivided, specified and indivisible share of land to the extent of 35.00 Sq. Yds. Out of total extent of 337.50 Sq. Yds. Situated at H.No. 8-3-315/6/6A/6B, Plot No. 5, Maruthi Nagar, Yellareddy, Hyderabad, Telangana. Owners of Property: Mr K Sunil S/o Vijaya Kumar & Mrs. K Amisha W/o Sunil (Regd. Sale Deed Document No. 4325/2012 dated 16.10.2012) **Boundaries of Residential Flat : East: Open to Sky; West: Open to Sky; North: Open to Sky; South: By Corridor & Flat No. 101. Boundaries of Land : East: By H No. 8-3-315/5; West: By H No. 8-3-315/7; North: By Neighbours House; South: By 30 Ft Wide Road**

Reserve Price (Rs.) : 52,20,000/- EMD (Rs.) : 5,22,000/- Bid Increment : Rs. 55,000/-

2. EMD of Residential Building with GF + 2 Upper Floors located at H.No. 8-3-222/C/1/36 (A-32), Plot No. 36 of lakshmi Nagar Colony Layout (Plot No. A-32, A Block of Madhura Nagar Layout) in Sy. No. 124 & 125 part situated at Ward No. 8, Block No. 3, Lakshmi Nagar Colony (Old Layout), Madhura Nagar (New Layout), Yellareddy, Hyderabad, Telangana. **Extent of site: 267.00 Sq.Yds.** Owners of the Property: Sri Ganne Venkata Ratnam (Late) S/o Yeggaiah (As per Regd. Sale Deed Document No. 2314/1979 dated 03.08.1979. **As per Sale Deed: East: By Plot No. 35; West: By Plot No. 37; North: By 60 Ft Wide Road; South: By Plot No. 33. As per Actuals: East: By House on Plot No. A - 31; West: By House on Plot No. A - 33 (TLR Luxury Ladies PG Hostel) North: By 60 Ft Wide Road; South: By House on Plot No. A - 29**

Reserve Price (Rs.) : 2,59,20,000/- EMD (Rs.) : 25,92,000/- Bid Increment : Rs. 2,60,000/-

For auction related queries contact Mr. N Girish Prasad (Dealing Officer) : 9573621034 and Mr. B. Gopi Krishna, Chief Manager : 8074945928 and Mr. Chandan Sharma, Authorised officer : 7382994042

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Date: 06-06-2026
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Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch, Vijayawada

Governor Calls for Compassionate Approach in Medical Services at NRIIMS Convocation



Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Andhra Pradesh Governor Justice Syed Abdul Nazeer called upon young doctors to pursue their profession with a humanitarian outlook and a commitment to lifelong learning while serving society. He was addressing the 6th MBBS Convocation Ceremony held at NRI Institute of Medical Sciences (NRIIMS), Sangivalasa, in Bheemunipatnam Mandal, where he conferred degrees on 188 MBBS graduates. Speaking on the occasion, the Governor said that

medical education does not end with the award of a degree and emphasized the need for continuous learning to meet evolving healthcare challenges. He noted the growing prevalence of lifestyle and non-communicable diseases and urged doctors to create awareness among the public about healthy living practices. Justice Abdul Nazeer highlighted the role of digital health initiatives and modern medical technologies in bridging healthcare gaps between rural and urban areas.

Collector Conducts Extensive Inspection of Public Welfare Programmes

The South India Times // Nagar Kurnool: District Collector Hemanta Keshav Patil conducted an extensive inspection in Achampet town on Saturday morning and directed officials to give top priority to urban sanitation, improve healthcare services, and expedite the construction of Indiramma houses. As part of his visit, the Collector reviewed sanitation activities in various wards of the town. He inspected road cleanliness, garbage collection, drainage maintenance, and the performance of sanitation workers. Interacting with local residents, he stressed the need for continuous monitoring by officials to ensure a clean environment and protect public health.



vent the stagnation of wastewater and ensure proper drainage management. He also inspected ongoing drainage works and issued necessary directions for their effective execution.

In view of the monsoon season, the Collector instructed officials to pre-

Later, the Collector visited Indiramma housing construction sites and reviewed the progress of the works. He instructed officials to speed up construction so that beneficiaries could move into their homes at the earliest. Emphasizing quality standards, he directed officials to provide all necessary technical support to benefi-

ciaries and ensure that every eligible family receives the benefits of government welfare schemes. The Collector also inspected the Government Hospital in Achampet, where he reviewed various departments and assessed the medical services being provided to patients. He examined the availability of medicines, staff attendance, hospital cleanliness, and the validity of stocked medicines.

He instructed medical officers to ensure that snakebite and dog-bite medicines, along with other essential drugs, are always available. The Collector emphasized that patients should receive quality healthcare services without inconvenience and directed doctors and medical staff to maintain punctuality and remain accessible to patients at all times.

Two Teenage Boys Die in Road Mishap Near Rangareddyguda

RANGAREDDY : A fatal road accident claimed the lives of two teenage boys near Rangareddyguda village on the outskirts of Shadnagar in Rangareddy district on Saturday.

According to preliminary reports, the boys were traveling on a motorcycle when the vehicle allegedly struck a JCB and subsequently collided with an MSN bus. The collision proved fatal, leaving the motorcycle badly damaged and resulting in the instant death of both riders.

Residents in the area said the victims were believed to be around 16 years of age. Their identities were yet to be confirmed officially. Upon receiving information about the accident, police personnel rushed to the scene and initiated an inquiry. Further investigation is underway to determine the circumstances that led to the mishap.

Veerlapalli Shankar Urges Fast-Track Land Acquisition for Lakshmidivipalli Reservoir

RANGAREDDY (TSIT): Shadnagar MLA Veerlapalli Shankar has urged State Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy to expedite land acquisition for the Lakshmidivipalli Reservoir, a key part of the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme.



The MLA submitted a formal representation during Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's recent visit to the erstwhile Mahabubnagar district, highlighting the importance of completing pending reservoir, canal, and tunnel works to strengthen irrigation, improve drinking water supply, and promote regional development.

The project requires 2,919 acres for the reservoir, pump house, and associated infrastructure, with estimated compensation of Rs.350.84 crore. Shankar appealed to the

government for timely approvals and fund release to ensure smooth execution. Speaking to reporters, the MLA noted that the Chief Minister had reviewed the scheme's progress at Somasila and directed officials to fast-track the land acquisition process. Shankar expressed confidence that the reservoir work would gain momentum soon. He also criticized the previous BRS government for leaving the project incomplete despite heavy investments, limiting benefits to farmers in the region.

Rs. 10 Crore Allocated for Vizianagaram Infrastructure Development: VMRDA Chairman



Visakhapatnam (TSIT) The Visakhapatnam Metropolitan Region Development Authority (VMRDA) has allocated Rs.10 crore for infrastructure development works in Vizianagaram Municipality, aiming to transform the town's landscape and improve civic amenities, said VMRDA Chairman M.V. Pranav Gopal. The Chairman laid the foundation stone for the development works at the Rythu Bazaar Junction in Vizianagaram. Addressing a gathering on the occasion, he said the funds would be utilized for nearly 100 development projects, including construction of roads, drains, culverts, and installation of streetlights across all municipal wards. Pranav Gopal stated that under the guidance of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and with the support of Municipal Administration Minister Ponguru Narayana, VMRDA is prioritizing infrastructure development across all constituencies within its jurisdiction. He also assured that a modern park on the lines of Visakhapatnam's UDA Park would be developed in Vizianagaram if suitable land is allotted. He instructed officials to complete the ongoing works within the stipulated timeframe and emphasized the need for environmental conservation through large-scale plantation drives.

ing as a rapidly developing urban center. He noted that road connectivity projects are being expedited to ensure quicker access to the upcoming Bhogapuram International Airport. Apart from the Rs.10 crore development package, plans are also underway to construct two major connecting roads to the town, he added. The Commissioner further stressed the need to transform Vizianagaram Municipality into a "Net Zero" municipality and announced that a "No Vehicle Day" would be observed every Friday as part of environmental sustainability initiatives.

MLA Aditi Vijayalakshmi Gajapathiraju lauded the efforts of the VMRDA Chairman and Metropolitan Commissioner for their commitment to the development of Vizianagaram. She expressed gratitude to VMRDA for sanctioning Rs.10 crore for civic infrastructure projects and appreciated the State Government's efforts to attract investments and create employment opportunities for the youth of North Andhra. Following the foundation stone ceremony, the dignitaries participated in a tree plantation programme at Gandhi Park to mark World Environment Day. Among those present were VMRDA Chief Engineer Vinay Kumar, Vizianagaram Municipal Commissioner Balaswamy, BJP leader Rajesh Varma, municipal officials, and public representatives.

VMRDA Metropolitan Commissioner N. Tej Bharat, said Vizianagaram is emerg-

GITAM Celebrates World Environment Day with Tree Plantation Drive

THE SOUTH INDIA TIMES, VISAKHAPATNAM: The Department of Environmental Science under the School of Science at GITAM Deemed to be University celebrated World Environment Day on June 5 with a series of awareness and plantation activities. GITAM Vice-Chancellor Dr. Errol D'Souza and Registrar Prof. D. Gunasekaran participated as chief guests and planted saplings on the university campus. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Errol D'Souza emphasized the need to reduce plastic usage, highlighting the environmental damage caused by plastic waste. He stated that GITAM is committed to strengthening its reputation as a green campus through initiatives such as solar power generation, rainwater harvesting, and efficient waste management. He also called upon industries and the public to actively participate in environmental conservation efforts and encouraged the planting of trees in vacant spaces. Prof. Anantha Rama Krishna of the School



Yogandhra-2026 Movement Launched Across Andhra Pradesh

Visakhapatnam : The Andhra Pradesh Government on Saturday formally launched the Y o g a n d h r a - 2 0 2 6 Movement, a statewide initiative aimed at promoting yoga and healthy lifestyles among people of all age groups. Registrations through the Yogandhra Portal commenced from village and ward secretariat levels across the state, with nearly 2,000 Yoga Master Trainers already enrolling for the programme. Training sessions for the trainers have also begun in various districts. As part of the campaign, Health, Medical and Family Welfare Minister Satya Kumar Yadav will inaugurate a state-level yoga event at the historic Lepakshi temple premises in Sri Sathya Sai District on Sunday. Simultaneously, yoga programmes will be conducted in five districts, while a series of competitions and awareness activities highlighting the role of yoga in healthcare and wellness will be organized for students and the general public. State Health and Family Welfare Commissioner G. Veerapandian said the activities would continue uninterrupted until June 20 and would be conducted in four stages—village/ward, mandal, district and state levels. Competitions at the village and ward level will be held from June 7 to 9, followed by mandal-level events from June 10 to 12, district-level contests from June 14 to 16, and the Yogandhra Grand Finale from June 18 to 20. Winners at each level will qualify for the next stage. Besides yoga asana and pranayama demonstrations, the programme will feature synchronized group yoga events and creative competitions such as yoga songs, short films, photography, quizzes, slogan writing and essay writing. Separate categories have been created for juniors (10-18

GVMC Summer Sports Coaching Camps Conclude Successfully

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) The Summer Sports Coaching Camps organized by the Greater V i s a k h a p a t n a m Municipal Corporation (GVMC) concluded successfully. GVMC Commissioner Ketan Garg said in a statement on Saturday. The camps were conducted from May 25 to June 5 across ten zones of Visakhapatnam city between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. With the objective of promoting the physical and mental development of children, training was imparted in various sports disciplines. Around 12,000 students received coaching under the guidance of experienced trainers during the camp period. Special nutritional support was also provided to all participating students.



The valedictory ceremonies were held on June 6 in all ten GVMC zones. Commissioner Ketan Garg stated that Additional Commissioner P. Nallanayya, all Zonal Commissioners, and Sports Director E. Appala Raju continuously monitored the camps and ensured their smooth and successful conduct through meticulous planning. The closing events

were attended by Pendurthi MLA Panchakarla Ramesh Babu, Bheemili MLA Ganta Srinivasa Rao, and Visakhapatnam North MLA Vishnu Kumar Raju. The legislators congratulated the students and felicitated coaches, sports experts, and representatives of sports associations who contributed to the success of the camps. Speaking on the occa-

sion, the MLAs said that the initiative had played a significant role in promoting sportsmanship among youth and encouraging a healthy lifestyle.

They expressed hope that more students would excel in sports and achieve recognition at national and international levels in the future. Among those present at the concluding ceremonies were GVMC Additional Commissioner P. Nallanayya, Sports Director E. Appala Raju, Donacharya Awardee I. Venkateswara Rao, District Sports Association Secretary Suryanarayana, former corporator Peddisetti Ushasri, Zonal Commissioners, office-bearers of various sports associations, coaches, sports trainers, and students.

Janasena Candidate Lingamaneni Ramesh Files Nomination for Rajya Sabha

The South India Times, V i s a k h a p a t n a m : Lingamaneni Ramesh, the Rajya Sabha candidate nominated by the Janasena Party, filed his nomination papers on Saturday. He submitted the nomination documents to Returning Officer R. Vanitha Rani at the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly premises in Amaravati. Leaders of the NDA alliance parties attended the nomination filing process and signed as proposers, extending their support to the candidate. Lingamaneni Ramesh submitted one set of nomination papers for the Rajya Sabha election. The nomination filing ceremony was attended by Assistant



Returning Officers M. Akhil Kumar and P. Vijay Kumari, Minister Kollu Ravindra, MLC Konidela Nagababu, MLAs Nakka Anand Babu, Pulavarthi R a m a n j a n e y u l u (Anjibabu), N. Eswara Rao, along with several alliance leaders and party representatives. The leaders expressed confidence in Lingamaneni Ramesh's candidature for the Rajya Sabha seat.

AI-Based System to Monitor Newborn Health Parameters in Andhra Pradesh

• Pilot Project Launched in Mangalagiri; Statewide Rollout Planned Based on Results • Health Minister Satya Kumar Yadav Announces Initiative

VISAKHAPATNAM (TSIT):

In a major step towards leveraging artificial intelligence in public healthcare, Andhra Pradesh will introduce an AI-based system to identify and monitor key health parameters of newborn babies, Health, Medical and Family Welfare Minister Satya Kumar Yadav announced on Friday. Under the initiative, an AI-powered application called "Shishu Maapan", developed by the Wadhvani AI Foundation, will be integrated with the mobile application currently used by ASHA workers. The technology will enable automatic measurement and recording of a new-

born's weight, height, head circumference, chest circumference and mid-upper arm circumference through a simple mobile phone video, without physical touching the baby. The Minister said that around 1,000 newborns from the Mangalagiri Assembly constituency will be included in the pilot phase. Video-based health data of these infants will be collected from the catchment areas of Indiranagar, Koppurao Colony, Kaza and Yerrabalem Urban Health Centres, as well as Pedavaddapudi Primary Health Centre, to build a robust AI database. Training pro-



grammes for ASHA workers and Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANMs) have already commenced in phases to facilitate the implementation of the project. Based on the outcomes of the pilot programme, the AI-enabled newborn monitoring system will be expanded across the state. At present, ASHA workers are required to conduct six home visits within 42 days of a child's birth—on the 3rd, 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th and 42nd days—to record the infant's growth parameters. The process involves carrying weighing

machines, infantometers and measuring tapes and often takes 10 to 15 minutes per household. Health officials noted that the procedure can be challenging, particularly when infants are uncooperative during measurements. The new AI-based system is expected to significantly reduce the workload of frontline health workers while improving the comfort of newborns and the accuracy of health assessments. By simply placing a smartphone near the infant and capturing a short video, the required measurements can be generated and recorded automatically within a few seconds. State Health and Family

Welfare Commissioner G. Veerapandian said the technology would help identify growth-related issues at an early stage and automatically alert concerned medical officers for timely intervention. He expressed confidence in the accuracy of the AI-driven measurements and said the system would strengthen newborn healthcare services. Minister Satya Kumar Yadav stated that the initiative reflects the government's commitment to adopting advanced technologies to deliver quality healthcare services and improve maternal and child health outcomes across Andhra Pradesh.

Ramalinga Reddy has withdrawn his resignation, claims Cong gen sec Surjewala

BENGALURU: Congress general secretary and Karnataka in-charge Randeep Singh Surjewala on Saturday claimed that senior leader Ramalinga Reddy had withdrawn his resignation from the ministerial position after discussions with the party leadership. He attributed the episode involving Reddy's announcement on resignation to a misunderstanding and asserted that the veteran leader would continue to serve as a minister in the Congress government.



Surjewala also hit out at the BJP alleging that it was attempting to exploit the controversy. The Congress leader charged that the opposition had hoped to gain political mileage from the "brief turmoil" in the newly formed state government.

Nearly 150 students of aided school in Kerala's Wayanad fall ill; 38 hospitalised. "There was some misunderstanding and he will continue to work as a loyal soldier and Minister of the party," Surjewala told reporters,

addressing speculation surrounding Reddy's resignation announcement. Reddy on Friday announced his resignation after being allotted the Major and Medium Irrigation Department instead of the Bengaluru Development portfolio.

The Congress leader described Reddy as one of the party's most experienced leaders and said the entire top leadership had intervened to resolve the issue. Calling Ramalinga Reddy an asset to the Congress, Surjewala said Chief Minister D K Shivakumar, former chief

minister Siddaramaiah, Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president B K Hariprasad and he himself spoke to Reddy after reports of his resignation emerged.

"He has already, I think, informed you that he has withdrawn his resignation," Surjewala said. Taking a swipe at the BJP, the Congress leader said the opposition had "prematurely celebrated" the developments within the ruling party.

"The BJP is actually in a state of shock because they thought they had found an issue in the smooth transition of power and were hoping to gain some political capital from everything they had lost in the eyes of the people," he said. Referring to BJP state president B Y Vijayendra and Leader of Opposition R Ashoka, Surjewala said the opposition would continue to face rejection from voters. "Let me tell both Vijayendra and Ashoka that you will repeatedly get a clean defeat in the court of the people."

Precautionary Measures Ordered to Safeguard Lives During Godavari Floods



Bhadradi Kothagudem (TSIT): Precautionary measures must be taken in coordination with all departments to prevent loss of life and property during possible Godavari floods, said District Collector Ankit. Reviewing flood preparedness at the IDOC office on Saturday along with Bhadrachalam Sub-Collector Mrinal Shrestha, Additional Collector Venugopal and other officials, the Collector directed authorities to identify flood-prone villages in advance and make arrangements to shift residents to safer locations. He instructed officials to keep boats, rafts, life jackets, ropes, torches, hand microphones and rescue teams ready for emergency operations.

The Collector stressed the need for continuous monitoring of Godavari water levels and timely dissemination of flood warnings. He directed officials to collect contact details of residents in vulnerable villages and strengthen communication systems. Departments were asked to ensure uninterrupted supply of electricity, drinking water, medical services and essential commodities during flood conditions. He ordered the establishment of a 24-hour flood control room at the Bhadrachalam Sub-Collector's office and preparedness of control rooms at mandal and district levels. Special focus was sought on the safety of pregnant women, elder-

ly persons, children and persons with disabilities, with advance relocation to safer places wherever necessary. Officials of the health department were instructed to keep 108 ambulances, emergency medicines and anti-venom supplies ready. The Collector also emphasized sanitation measures, drainage maintenance and provision of safe drinking water in low-lying areas. People were advised not to cross overflowing streams and causeways. The Collector directed all departments to prepare action plans to tackle flood situations up to the 73-foot level in the Godavari and warned that strict action would be taken against officials found negligent in discharging their duties.

BRS slams CM Revanth Reddy's Palamuru visit, seeks project completion timeline



Hyderabad, June 6: Modern technological collaboration and knowledge transfer can significantly enhance education and employment opportunities for young people, said Jagdeep Singh Deo, Deputy Chief Minister of Penang State, Malaysia. Speaking at a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing ceremony held at The Leela Hotel, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, Jagdeep Singh Deo emphasized the importance of international partnerships in fostering innovation and skill development. The agreements were signed between BICUS, Vardhaman College of Engineering, and Healthcare Triangle. He noted that the collaboration would create greater educational and

career prospects for Indian youth in Penang, particularly in emerging fields such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Data Science, Cloud Computing, and Cybersecurity. According to him, mutual cooperation in these advanced technologies will play a crucial role in strengthening innovation ecosystems in both regions. Highlighting Penang's reputation as a leading regional innovation hub, Jagdeep Singh Deo said the new partnerships would further reinforce the state's position as a center for technology-driven growth and research. He also pointed out that Penang's rapidly growing medical tourism sector would benefit from advancements in healthcare IT.

Hyderabad Among India's Top Five Cities for Diamond Sales: Damas Jewellery CEO



Hyderabad, June 6: Diamond prices tend to remain more stable compared to gold prices, according to Anantha Narayanan Hariharan, CEO of Damas Jewellery. He made these remarks while inaugurating the SGL Diamond Experience Centre at Pranava One, Irrum Manzil, along with Srinivasan, Chairman of Emerald, the world's second-largest diamond company. Speaking on the occasion, Hariharan said that Hyderabad ranks among the top five cities in India for diamond sales,

reflecting the city's growing demand for premium jewellery and gemstones. He noted that experience centres such as the one launched by SGL help customers better understand diamond quality and grading, making the buying process more transparent and trustworthy. Chirag Soni, Director of SGL, said the newly launched facility is the largest diamond experience centre in South India. The centre enables customers to examine diamond quality, certification, and grading through advanced technologies

and expert guidance. He added that anyone can book an appointment and visit the centre to learn how diamonds are tested, evaluated, and graded. Such initiatives, he said, play an important role in increasing public awareness about diamonds and helping consumers make informed purchasing decisions. Soni further explained that while automated grading systems are already being used to assess diamond quality, the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) is expected to provide deeper and more accurate analysis in the future. Among those present at the event were Shirin Bandukwala, Co-Founder of SGL, Varun Shetty, National Head of SGL, and Vasundhara, Founder of Vasundhara Diamond Group, along with other distinguished guests from the jewellery industry.

75-Year-Old Hyderabad Resident Walks Independently Again After Bilateral Knee Replacement at Medicovert Hospitals, Chandanagar

Hyderabad, 06 June, 2026: Proving that age is no barrier to regaining mobility and independence, doctors at Medicovert Hospitals, Chandanagar, successfully performed bilateral total knee replacement surgery on a 75-year-old Hyderabad resident, helping him return to an active and pain-free life.



Mr. Raghavendra, a resident of Hyderabad, had been suffering from severe osteoarthritis in both knees for several years. The condition had progressively worsened, making simple daily activities such as walking, climbing stairs, and getting up from a chair extremely painful and challenging. Like many elderly patients, he was reluctant to undergo surgery due to concerns about his age and existing health conditions, including hypothyroidism and a previous stroke.

After a comprehensive evaluation and careful medical optimization, the Orthopaedics team led by Dr. Sashivardhan, Orthopaedic Surgeon at Medicovert Hospitals, Chandanagar, recommended bilateral total knee replacement

surgery. The procedure was performed successfully, and the results were remarkable. Mr. Raghavendra was encouraged to stand and walk with full weight-bearing support on the very first day after surgery. With structured rehabilitation and physiotherapy, his recovery progressed smoothly. Within a month, he was able to

walk independently without any external support, significantly improving his quality of life. In a touching gesture that reflected his gratitude and confidence, Mr. Raghavendra donated the walker he had used during his early recovery period back to the hospital so that it could benefit another patient beginning a similar journey.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Sashivardhan said, "Many elderly patients continue to suffer from advanced knee arthritis because of misconceptions that they are too old for surgery or that recovery will be prolonged and difficult. Modern joint replacement techniques, enhanced pain management protocols, early mobilization, and personalized rehabilitation have made it possible for even elderly patients with associated medical conditions to achieve excellent outcomes."

Doctors emphasized that severe knee arthritis should not be accepted as an inevitable part of ageing. Patients experiencing persistent knee pain, stiffness, and mobility limitations should seek timely consultation with an orthopaedic specialist to understand the treatment options available.

Mr. Raghavendra's journey serves as an inspiring reminder that freedom from pain, restored mobility, and renewed independence are achievable—even at 75 years of age.

Apollo Honours Organ Donors, Transplant Survivors on World Transplant Day

Hyderabad, June 6: Apollo Hospitals Hyderabad marked World Transplant Day with a special programme titled "A Key That Opens New Hope - Celebrating the Gift of Life" at a city hotel on Saturday, bringing together donor families, transplant recipients, healthcare professionals and dignitaries to promote awareness on organ donation and transplantation. Telangana Director General of Police C.V. Anand attended the event as the chief guest, while Dr. Sreebhushan Raju, Professor and Head of Nephrology at Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS), was the guest of honour. Dr A. Narendra Kumar, Director of Medical Education, Telangana, and Prof. James Neuberger, Associate Medical Director, Organ Donation and Transplantation, NHS Blood and Transplant, also addressed the gathering. The programme



focused on encouraging ethical organ donation practices and raising awareness about both living and deceased donor transplantation. Donor families were felicitated for their selfless contributions, while transplant recipients shared inspiring accounts of their journey towards recovery and renewed life.

Apollo Hospitals highlighted its leadership in transplant care, stating that it has performed over 27,500 solid organ transplants since launching transplant services in 1984. These

include more than 21,500 kidney transplants, 5,000 liver transplants and 400 heart-lung transplants.

Dr Sharath Putta, Head of the Department of Liver Transplant, said Apollo continues to set benchmarks in transplant medicine through its network of 28 hospitals across 15 states, advanced transplant ICUs, ECMO-supported critical care facilities and comprehensive post-transplant follow-up programmes. Several senior specialists, including liver, heart, lung and kidney

transplant surgeons and physicians, participated in the event and stressed the importance of organ donation in saving lives. They noted that advances in transplant medicine have significantly improved survival rates and quality of life for recipients.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr Tejasvi Rao Veerapalli, CEO, Apollo Hospitals Telugu States, described organ donation as one of the greatest gifts a person can offer, providing critically ill patients with a second chance at life. He called for greater public awareness and participation in organ donation programmes to bridge the gap between organ demand and availability. He also acknowledged the role of government initiatives such as Jeevandan and the Green Channel support provided by the police, stating that these measures have strengthened the organ donation ecosystem and enabled timely transplants, ultimately saving more lives.

Technology Transfer to Create New Education and Employment Opportunities: Penang Deputy Chief Minister



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out that Penang's rapidly growing medical tourism sector would benefit from advancements in healthcare IT, including Electronic Medical Records (EMR) and Digital Health Solutions. Such technological integration, he said, would contribute significantly to the development of health tourism in the region.

The Deputy Chief Minister further stated that technology and healthcare companies from Hyderabad would find it easier to expand their operations in Penang through these collaborations. The agreements are also expected to facilitate joint research initiatives, innovation programs, academic exchanges, and internship opportunities for students and professionals. Among those present at the event were Dr. Nageswara Rao Pulipati, representative of BICUS; Dr. Vijayender Reddy, representative of Vardhaman College of Engineering; and Suresh Venkatachari, Chairman of Healthcare Triangle, along with other distinguished guests.

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw rides Kolkata Metro, announces 60 new-generation trains



Kolkata: Union Railway Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw traveled on the Kolkata Metro, interacting with passengers and railway staff during his visit. The Minister announced that around 60 new-generation Metro trains will be introduced into the Kolkata Metro network over the next four to five years. He said these modern trains will enhance Metro services and strengthen urban mobility across the city. Shri Vaishnaw also highlighted ongoing Metro expansion projects, noting that they will significantly improve connectivity and commuter convenience, further supporting Kolkata's growing transportation needs.

EDITORIAL

The Supreme Court's Bihar SIR Verdict and a Fresh Citizenship Crisis

In The Origins of Totalitarianism, Hannah Arendt refers to citizenship as "the right to have rights". The absence of citizenship deprives one of not just the right to vote and access entitlements, but also of the very foundation to claim them. The Supreme Court's judgment on the special intensive revision (SIR) of voter lists in Bihar in 2025 (Association for Democratic Reforms v. Election Commission of India), delivered on May 27, 2026, must be read and critiqued in this light. On the surface, the judgment, amongst other questions, was concerned with whether the Election Commission (EC) had constitutional and statutory powers to conduct the SIR in Bihar. The court has upheld it. Yet embedded within the judgment is an issue with far-reaching consequences: its direction that all persons deleted from the 2003 Bihar SIR on grounds of 'doubt' be referred to the "Competent Authority" under the Citizenship Act, 1955, for a determination of their citizenship status. In doing so, the Supreme Court has potentially subjected lakhs of people to a citizenship trial.

The 2003 SIR: an arbitrary baseline

The EC used the 2003 SIR as the eligibility "base year" for inclusion in the 2025 SIR. Individuals whose names had appeared in this eligibility list did not need to furnish any document; those who could not be traced to it were required to produce any document from a prescribed list. The court accepted this classification in favour, on the ground that the 2003 SIR was the product of an intensive revision and thus enjoyed a "higher degree of reliability". The court, while accepting the '2003 SIR' as the baseline, has in practice rendered all subsequent inclusions in the state's electoral rolls as 'irrelevant'. What this means is that everyone deleted from the 2003 SIR list in Bihar on the ground of 'citizenship under doubt' will have to face a citizenship determination process. Take, for instance, a migrant worker from a remote district in Bihar who is working in another state and was deleted from the 2003 SIR due to a lack of proper documentation. For 22 years, the EC did not act on that exclusion. The state acknowledged his continuous citizenship. But now, this deletion from the 2003 rolls – a sheer bureaucratic accident – becomes the basis for referring him to the Competent Authority to determine whether he is a citizen.

Echoes of the Assam NRC

The Supreme Court has opened a Pandora's box by referring all excluded individuals to the Competent Authority, raising an uncomfortable parallel with the National Register of Citizens (NRC) exercise in Assam. The Assam NRC, which used a different cut-off date, had placed the burden of proving citizenship on individuals. The exercise resulted in mass exclusion, leaving lakhs in limbo over their citizenship status. The Supreme Court's order means that the citizenship status of 'deleted' individuals would next be governed by the mechanism set out under the Citizenship Act, 1955, and the newly enacted Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025. The burden of proof will shift squarely onto the individual.

Why Operation Blue Star Remains A 'Ghallughara' For Sikhs After 42 Years

Every year in the first week of June, something shifts in the air over Amritsar. It is not the security cordons, not the police flag marches, not the official advisories. It is something older and heavier, the return of a memory, mourning and an unfinished chapter of 1984.

In government records, it is called Operation Blue Star. Among millions of Sikhs across Punjab, the diaspora in Canada, Britain and California, it is remembered as a "Ghallughara", a collective wound linked to faith, identity and dignity. The choice of that word is not incidental; it is an argument.

The word Ghallughara has deep historical meaning in Sikh memory. It is generally used for a large-scale massacre or collective destruction faced by the Sikh community. Sikh history remembers the Chhota Ghallughara of 1746 and the Vadda Ghallughara of 1762, when thousands of Sikhs were killed during a period of persecution. Operation Blue Star was carried out in June 1984 inside the Sri Darbar Sahib complex in Amritsar. The official position was that the operation was meant to flush out armed militants led by Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale and others who had taken positions inside the temple. Punjab in 1984 had been bleeding through a very tense period of militant violence. The state had a security problem that required resolution. That much is not in dispute. But the choice of place and timing left a deep scar. For Sikhs, military action inside the holiest Sikh shrine was not seen only as a security operation, but as an emotional rupture linked to faith and dignity. The Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC), the apex gurdwara management body, along with the Akal Takht, the highest temporal seat of the Sikhs, have, this year as in past years, appealed for the anniversary to be observed as Martyrdom Week, peacefully, within Panthic maryada, with remembrance and ardas. Akal Takht's officiating Jathedar, Giani Kuldeep Singh Gargaj, has stressed unity and decorum. SGPC president Harjinder Singh Dhani had



appealed to Sikhs and gurdwara management committees to observe the anniversary as Martyrdom Week from June 1 to June 6, to remember what the SGPC called the June 1984 Ghallughara. These are not the words of a community bent on separatism. They are the words of institutions trying to hold together a community that has real and legitimate reasons for grief. There is another layer: law and order. For the Punjab Police, the anniversary is one of the most sensitive days in Amritsar's annual security calendar. Over the years, senior police officers, often up to DGP level, have personally reviewed arrangements in Amritsar. This year, the Amritsar Commissionerate Police also conducted a flag march across the city. Praveen Kumar Sinha, IPS, Special Director-General of Police (Law and Order), said the official objective is to ensure that remembrance remains peaceful. In several past observances, pro-

Khalistan slogans have been raised after ardas at the Akal Takht by activists of radical Sikh outfits. Traditionally, Dal Khalsa has given calls for Amritsar Bandh and taken out remembrance marches a day before June 6. For the 42nd anniversary in 2026, the organisation announced two-day events, including an Amritsar Bandh on June 6 for business, commercial and educational institutions, and a remembrance parade on the evening of June 5 from Burj Akali Phoola Singh. The one thing that unifies this diverse landscape is the memory of 1984, not as a political programme, but as a wound. That wound will not heal because it is inconvenient. It will heal when it is recognised. Recognition does not mean capitulation; it means engagement. It means accepting that communities remember trauma through faith, emotion and lived experience. Healing cannot come by imposing official language on wounded memory.

1984 must be remembered with dignity. But its pain must not be used by those who want Sikhs and India to remain enemies forever. This is where leadership matters. The SGPC, Akal Takht, scholars, politicians, and the Indian government all have a role to play. Peaceful mourning is not a threat. But grief must not be turned into a call for violence. The difference between remembering and inciting must be respected by everyone. The government must also understand that healing cannot happen in a single statement or ceremony. It requires real, ongoing conversation with Sikh thinkers, farmers, youth, diaspora communities, and religious leaders. It requires honest language. It requires justice, for which Sikhs are waiting far too long. It requires putting real investment into Punjab, so its young people have a future worth staying for. So the real question is not just what this word "Ghallughara" means; the real question is why,

after more than forty years, it still hits so hard. It hits hard because Sri Darbar Sahib and the Akal Takht are not just structures. They are the heart of Sikh faith, identity, and dignity. And it hits hard because June 1984 did not end in June. It was followed by November 1984, when thousands of Sikhs were killed in organised violence across India, violence that many survivors and Sikh groups call genocide. That second blow deepened the wound and the feeling of betrayal. For many Sikhs, Operation Blue Star remains a Ghallughara because it struck their holiest place, damaged the Akal Takht, took lives, and broke something deep inside the community. Punjab does not need more anger. It needs responsible remembrance, justice that is honest, and reconciliation that is real. The goal is not to forget. The goal is to understand. Because a wound does not heal with silence. It heals with recognition.

Beyond Opposition:

What the CJP Moment Reveals About Our Political Crisis

As we witnessed on June 3, the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) movement moved visibly beyond the digital sphere and entered physical political space through its public press conference and growing national attention. What began as student anger around education and institutional accountability now appears to be opening into something politically larger. The upcoming June 6 mobilisation demanding Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation, along with social activist Sonam Wangchuk joining the movement, suggests different strands of public dissatisfaction – education, unemployment, ecological anxiety, democratic centralisation – are beginning to converge. It is understandable that many feel hopeful watching young people organise collectively again. In a political atmosphere marked by fatigue, cynicism, and endless polarisation, students attempting to reclaim public questions beyond electoral calculations carries significance. Much of contemporary public life has become deeply individualised. Politics increasingly appears either as media spectacle or as endless digital outrage with very little sustained collective participation. Against this backdrop, any attempt by young people to create democratic energy inevitably generates attention and expectation.



The movement has already attracted predictable criticism. Some see it as another version of AAP-style politics – morally charged, anti-establishment in language, but eventually vulnerable to the same institutional compulsions of centralised leadership, electoral pragmatism, and media management. Others argue such movements fragment opposition politics and indirectly benefit dominant formations by dispersing anti-incumbency.

The need for distributed democratic participation

These concerns are not entirely misplaced. Indian political history repeatedly shows how movements emerging from moral frustration eventually confront the structural realities of institutional politics. Electoral mobilisation requires money, organisation, visibility, technological infrastructure, and carefully managed

narratives. Contemporary media systems reward concentrated visibility and recognisable faces rather than distributed democratic participation. This problem is not unique to India. Across the world, politics operates through sophisticated ecosystems of digital messaging, branding, and algorithmic amplification. Public opinion is continuously shaped through social media infrastructures that reward immediacy, outrage, and emotional reaction. Professional consulting firms, data analytics operations, and massive funding networks increasingly shape how narratives circulate and political identities are constructed. In such a system, collective democratic reasoning weakens while emotional polarisation becomes easier to manufacture. Simultaneously, societies have become more individualised in ways that make col-

lective politics harder to sustain. Consumer culture trains individuals to imagine freedom primarily through personal mobility and individualised aspiration rather than through collective democratic life. Digital culture intensifies this by turning citizens into continuously reacting individuals rather than participants within durable social structures. The result is not simply political fragmentation, but erosion of the social conditions necessary for collective imagination itself. This is where the significance of the CJP moment lies. The issue is not whether it succeeds electorally or confronts the same contradictions that earlier anti-establishment movements faced. The more important question is whether political mobilisation can move beyond reactive opposition and confront the deeper social crisis underlying the present moment.

Dramas are being created daily to garner views

GROWING SOCIAL MEDIA SENSATIONS, SCRIPTED CONTROVERSIES AND THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE AUDIENCE



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The digital revolution has completely transformed the world of communication and expression. Today, anyone with a smartphone and an internet connection can share their thoughts, talents, and experiences with the world. YouTube, Instagram, Facebook, and other social media platforms have provided recognition, employment, and popularity to millions. This is a positive change that has broken the monopoly of traditional media and given ordinary citizens the opportunity to express themselves. However, with this change, certain trends have also developed that are becoming a matter of concern. Chief among these is the blind race for views, likes, and followers. Today, the measure of success on social media is often not the quality of the content, but its popularity. The number of views, comments, and shares of a video are considered the key to its success. In this environment, some content creators have resorted to methods that rely more on drama and sensationalism than reality to attract audiences. Over the past few years, numerous videos have gone viral on social media depicting alleged fights, family disputes, conflicts between friends, relationship breakdowns, public debates, or emotional events. These events are often so dra-

matic that viewers naturally become suspicious. It seems as if the entire sequence of events is pre-planned, the dialogue is written, and the cameras are set up solely to record the script. Often, the alleged altercation occurs right in front of a camera or CCTV. Characters repeatedly glance at the camera, events unfold in a film-like manner, and the video eventually goes viral. Viewers are forced to wonder whether this was a real accident or a well-planned drama designed to gain popularity. The economic structure of social media helps explain this trend. Attention is the most valuable asset on digital platforms. The more people view content, the greater its reach, and the greater the potential financial gain. Advertising, brand collaborations, sponsorships, and other business opportunities increase with popularity. Some people assume that creating controversy is the easiest strategy, as it increases views. This is why genuine creativity often takes a back seat, replaced by artificial drama. Creating informative content, conducting research, or presenting useful information takes time and effort. In contrast, a controversial video or sensational event can capture the attention of millions of people in a matter of hours. As a result, some content creators choose the easy way out. The biggest impact of this trend falls on the younger generation. Teens and young adults are the most active users of social media. When they see controversies, fights, and sensationalism becoming increasingly popular, they may develop the impression that the path to success lies not in talent, hard work, and knowledge, but in attention-seeking activities. This thinking can prove detrimental to society in the long run. This increasing dramatization on social media is not just a question of entertainment, but also of social values. When arti-

ficial controversies become the focus of discussion, important topics like education, health, the environment, employment, science, and social justice are marginalized. Society's collective attention shifts from these issues to events that have little relevance to real life. However, it's also true that not every viral video or public controversy can be called scripted without evidence. Conflicts, strained relationships, and public events occur in real life. With the increasing availability of cameras, many real events are recorded. Therefore, it's important to adopt a balanced approach when drawing conclusions about any video. It's unfair to blame an individual or group based solely on speculation. But when similar patterns are repeated, when every controversy has the potential to go viral, when every altercation unfolds in front of the cameras, and when the people involved later appear to derive economic or social benefit from the controversy, it's natural to raise questions. In a democratic society, asking questions and fact-checking is both the right and the responsibility of the audience. This is where the importance of media literacy comes in. Today, it's not enough to be literate; it's also essential to be digitally literate. People must understand how social media content is created, how algorithms work, and what factors make content viral. If viewers understand these processes, they will be better able to distinguish between sensationalism and reality. YouTube and other platforms also have a significant responsibility. If their algorithms only promote content that is more controversial and provocative, content creators will follow suit. Platforms must develop policies that encourage knowledge, creativity, social utility, and positive dialogue. A healthy digital culture can only develop when quality is valued as much as popularity.

K'taka Minister Reddy expresses optimism over party discussions on resignation issue

Bengaluru, June 6 : Minister for Water Resources, Ramalinga Reddy, on Saturday said he is optimistic about ongoing developments within the Congress party in Karnataka and expressed confidence that the confusion surrounding his decision would be resolved by the evening as his resignation had not been accepted as yet by the leadership.



Speaking to reporters at his residence in Koramangala, Bengaluru, Reddy said senior leaders had already intervened and discussions were underway to resolve the matter amicably. "AICC General Secretary and Karnataka in-charge Randeep Singh Surjewala has discussed

the matter with me. I and Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar met at a hotel and discussed all issues. I have briefed everything to Surjewala. Congress State President B.K. Hariprasad has also called me and told me that we should move together," Reddy said. He further said that CM Shivakumar and

Surjewala are expected to meet again to discuss the issue and take a final call. "Let me see what decision they take. They are saying they will not accept the resignation," he added. Clarifying his position, Reddy said there had been no change in his stand and that he was waiting for the outcome of the leadership

discussions. "Both CM Shivakumar and Surjewala are meeting. I will wait for their call," he said.

On portfolio allocation, the minister said he had not specifically sought the Bengaluru Development portfolio and had limited familiarity with the currently assigned irrigation department. He added that his entry into the Cabinet was based on party decisions and not personal lobbying.

"I became a minister for the first time in 1993. I never lobbied for any post with any Chief Minister," he said.

Reddy also said he remained hopeful that the ongoing discussions would bring clarity soon. "I have not lost patience at any point.

Minister Ramalinga Reddy met the president of KPCC, B.K. Hariprasad, and discussed the current political situation

Bengaluru: Minister Ramalinga Reddy met the new president of KPCC, B.K. Hariprasad, and discussed the current political situation.

The two, who met at the MLA's residence, had a comprehensive discussion on various organizational issues including further strengthening the Congress party in the state and the upcoming Bangalore Metropolitan City GBA elections.

On this occasion, the two senior leaders emphasized the need to further strengthen the organization by providing more opportunities to the party's grassroots loyal workers, youth and women.

They expressed the opinion that the government and the party should work



in coordination to make Bangalore a city of international standard, clean, beautiful, with smooth traffic system, environment-friendly and people-friendly. In addition, they exchanged views on further intensifying the party's organizational activities from today, targeting the 2028 Assembly elections and the 2029 Lok Sabha elections.

On this occasion, BBMP's immediate past mayors and members Manjunath Reddy, Ramachandrappa,

Huchappa, KPCC general secretaries and MEI. Presidents S. Manohar, Prakash, Anand Kumar M.S., Kushal Haruve Gowda, Puttaraju, along with party leaders, well-wishers and activists were present.

Save Sankey Initiative Marks World Environment Day with Distribution of Thousands of Saplings

Bengaluru : As part of World Environment Day celebrations, thousands of saplings were distributed around Sankey Tank under the Save Sankey Initiative, jointly organized by Voice of Sadashivanagar, the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA), and Sanjay Foundation.



The programme was held near Gate No. 2 of Sankey Tank, where Voice of Sadashivanagar member Shilpa Jatti, environmentalist Prasanna, and Sanjay Belwal of Sanjay Foundation distributed saplings to the public. Local residents, environmental enthusiasts, students, and volunteers participated enthusiastically in the event. A tree plantation drive was also conducted near 13th Main Road, Sai Sudha Medicals, and the Low-Level Park in Sadashivanagar. Students and teachers from NPS School, Sadashivanagar, and Nagasena School,

Sadashivanagar, took part in planting saplings and pledged their commitment to environmental conservation.

Speaking on the occasion, Shilpa Jatti said that the Save Sankey Initiative has been continuously working towards the protection of Sankey Tank. She noted that while a sewage leakage into the lake had earlier been stopped, sewage water is once again entering the lake through the same inlet. She urged authorities to take immediate and effective measures to prevent further pollu-

tion and protect the lake's ecosystem. Environmentalist Prasanna emphasized the importance of environmental conservation, lake protection, and safeguarding Bengaluru's green cover. He pointed out that every individual requires the support of seven trees for a healthy environment, whereas today there is only one tree for every seven people. He stated that the BDA has set a target of planting one crore saplings, while the Sanjay Foundation aims to plant 15 lakh saplings.

A Rare Gift on World Environment Day: Chithrakoota Aushadhi Vana with Over 250 Plant Species Inaugurated in Kundapura

KUNDAPURA : On the occasion of World Environment Day, a new chapter combining a green revolution with a health revolution has been scripted at the Chithrakoota Ayurveda Chikitsalaya in Alooru Taluk, Kundapura, a proud Ayurvedic institution of the coastal region. With the noble objective of contributing uniquely to the environment and passing down the Ayurvedic heritage to the next generation, the Chithrakoota Medicinal Plants Garden (Aushadhi Vana) and the Vanamahotsava program, featuring over 250 rare species of medicinal herbs, concluded successfully. Gururaj Ganthole, MLA of Byndoor Assembly Constituency- famously known as the Barefoot Saint- inaugurated this exceptional medicinal garden and wholeheartedly praised the eco-friendly initiative of the Chithrakoota institution.



Speaking on the occasion, he remarked, "As we usually read in books, there are two models. One is going to the Himalayas to experience them. The other is bringing the

Himalayas to oneself. Dr. Rajesh Bayari, the head of Chithrakoota, has chosen the second model. By staying in his own hometown and utilizing local resources and nature, he has demonstrated that a global-level achievement can be accomplished even in a rural area. The Chithrakoota Ayurveda institution is a prime example of this."

Continuing his address, the MLA appreciated, "We feel tenfold prouder looking at the treatment system and the divine environment created here by the doctor. This is a wonderful model. All the doctors and staff serving here belong to this very rural region, and it is highly commendable that they treat patients with utmost sensitivity and love. Without the pomp of any large advertisements, patients from across the country and

abroad are seeking out this institution in this rural pocket today, solely through the word-of-mouth publicity of those who recovered here."

On this occasion, Range Forest Officer Dileep Kumar, renowned physician Atul Kumar Shetty, Chandraiah Acharya (Trustee of Kalikamba Temple), Chithrakoota chief Dr. Rajesh Bayari and Dr. Anulekha Bayari were present.

Rare and endangered medicinal plants that are not easily found anywhere else have been collected and preserved in this garden. It is the dream of the renowned Ayurveda expert and head of Chithrakoota Institution, Dr. Rajesh Bayari, to provide pure Ayurvedic treatment to patients using completely natural herbs free from any chemicals, thereby bestowing good health upon the entire world. Currently, Dr. Bayari's team of doctors is providing excellent treatments to patients using the invaluable herbs from this very garden. For more information regarding the garden and Ayurvedic treatments, contact 8762220168.

Virohan Announces Rs.2 Crore Scholarship to Promote Healthcare Education Among Women



Bengaluru : Virohan, India's leading healthcare education company, today announced the launch of the Virohan Women in Healthcare Initiative, a Rs.2 Crore scholarship pool designed to bring more women into India's growing healthcare sector.

Every eligible female applicant whether enrolling in a 4-5 year bachelor's

degree or a 1-year university certificate program through Virohan will receive a Rs.50,000 scholarship. Students with 75% or above in Class 12 would qualify for Rs.1,00,000 and those with 90% or above for Rs.2,00,000 scholarship, applied upfront against the program fee.

Commenting on the initiative, Nalin Saluja,

Co-founder and CTO, Virohan, said: "Healthcare is a profession of respect, stability, and purpose and one where women have always played a central role. The Virohan Women in Healthcare Initiative is built on the belief that more women should have access to it. The world is facing a significant shortage of healthcare professionals and India has the talent to meet that demand, both at home and globally.

What we have found is that awareness is the biggest barrier. Students don't know allied and healthcare paths exist, and parents don't know the industry demand and career progression these roles offer. This scholarship is our way of saying: the opportunity is real, the universities are ready, and we want more women to seize it."

Contribute to the progress of society and the country by adopting innovation, continuous learning and professional skills: Naveen Manjunath



Bengaluru: Graduates should adopt innovation, continuous learning and professional skills. "Through this, we should make a meaningful contribution to the progress of society and the country," said Naveen Manjunath, Head of Campus Hiring, Tata Elxys. He spoke at the graduation ceremony at Sai Vidya Institute of Technology, Rajanukunte. Principal of the institution, Dr. T. N. Manjunath, said that the efforts of the faculty and the continuous support of the parents are commendable for the academic success of the students. On this occasion, he recalled the commitment of the institution to create technically competent and socially responsible engineers. Prof. M. R. Holla emphasized that "honesty, hard work and continuous learning are essential to achieve success in life." The program was presided over by Prof. M. R. Holla. Managing Trustee Sri Srinivasa Raju, Vice President Dr. A. M. Padma Reddy and Principal Dr. T. N. Manjunath were present.

Construct a Wooden Walkway at Jakkur Lake: Maheshwar Rao

COMPLETE JAKKUR RAILWAY FLYOVER WORK WITHIN A WEEK

Bengaluru : Chief Commissioner Maheshwar Rao instructed officials to prepare plans for the construction of a wooden walkway at Jakkur Lake.

Speaking during an inspection visit to Jakkur Lake, the railway flyover project, and surrounding areas within the jurisdiction of Bengaluru North City Corporation, he directed Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) officials to take necessary steps for constructing a pedestrian bridge near the railway track adjoining Jakkur Lake. He also instructed officials to formulate a plan for developing a wooden walkway around the lake area.

A 10 MLD capacity Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) is currently under construction by BWSSB near Jakkur Lake. He directed officials from the Corporation, BWSSB, and BDA to discuss and prepare a blueprint regarding the widening of the road between the lake and the STP, as well as the con-



struction of a pedestrian pathway, and submit a detailed report.

Officials were instructed to develop an alternative road by connecting the road alongside Jakkur Lake with the BDA layout road. He noted that there is also a proposal to construct a railway underpass at the same location and directed officials to hold detailed discussions and take appropriate action.

Railway Flyover Work to be Completed Within a Week: The 600-metre-long Jakkur Railway Flyover project is nearly complete, with only asphalt laying work remaining. Officials were directed to complete

the pending work within a week and make the flyover ready for public use. He also instructed them to undertake road widening, provide free-left turn facilities, and implement other measures to ensure smooth traffic movement in the area.

Complete White Topping Work Expediently:

The White Topping work being undertaken on the Raitha Santhe Road is almost complete, with only minor works such as chamber adjustments and pedestrian pathway improvements remaining. Officials were instructed to complete all pending works within a week.

FIVE GTTC STUDENTS SELECTED BY GERMANY'S RHEINBAHN AG

Minister Patil Hands Over Letters of Intent Under Indo-German Ausbildung Programme

Bengaluru : In a major step towards building a skilled migration corridor between Karnataka and Germany, five students of the state-run Government Tool Room and Training Centre (GTTC) have been selected by Rheinbahn AG, Düsseldorf one of Germany's leading public transport operators for placement under the German Ausbildung (dual vocational training) programme commencing September 2026.

The Letters of Intent (LoIs) issued by Rheinbahn AG were formally handed over to the five selected candidates by the *Dr. Sharanprakash R. Patil, minister for skill development & medical education* at a felicitation ceremony held at Vikasa Soudha in the presence of senior offices of skill development department.

The Ausbildung programme is a



globally respected German model of vocational education that combines structured classroom instruction with paid, hands-on training at the workplace, leading to an internationally recognised qualification. Under this initiative,

the selected GTTC candidates will undergo training with Rheinbahn AG in Düsseldorf, gaining world-class industry experience along with a formal German certification. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Patil said, "This is a proud moment

for the state. Our youth have the talent and the discipline to compete with the best in the world. Through partnerships like this, our government is committed to opening global doors for our skilled young men and women. This first batch is only the beginning of a much larger journey."

Subodh Yadav, principal secretary to skill development said the department was committed in creating meaningful global employment pathways for the skilled youth of Karnataka. "This Ausbildung placement with Rheinbahn AG is a significant milestone in that direction. We look forward to scaling this model to benefit many more candidates from across the State in the coming years." Managing Director of GTTC Siddalingappa Pujari was also present.

The Future of Indian Real Estate Lies in Sustainable Communities, Not Just Smart Cities

Bengaluru: The future of Indian real estate will be defined not merely by technological advancements but by the creation of sustainable and resilient communities. Today's homebuyers are increasingly seeking developments that offer green spaces, efficient water management, renewable energy solutions, and a healthier living environment. As urbanization continues to accelerate, devel-



opers must move beyond conventional construction and focus on building integrated ecosystems that promote environmental responsibility and long-term quality of life. Sustainable communities

not only enhance resident well-being but also create enduring value for investors and stakeholders. The next phase of real estate growth will be driven by developments that successfully balance economic progress with ecological sustainability. E. Lakshminarayana Reddy, Founder and CEO EARA Group* said, "For me, sustainability is not something added at the end.

Anbumani says Mettur water release unlikely, seeks input subsidy of Rs 5,000 per acre of Kuruvai

CHENNAI: PMK president Anbumani Ramadoss on Saturday urged the Tamil Nadu government to immediately announce a comprehensive Kuruvai package, including an input subsidy of Rs 5,000 per acre, stating that the opening of the Mettur Dam for Kuruvai cultivation this year appears unlikely due to dwindling water levels and poor inflows.

Anbumani noted that water is traditionally released from the Mettur Dam on June 12 every year to support Kuruvai cultivation in Cauvery delta districts, including Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, Nagapattinam and Mayiladuthurai. However, the dam, which has a total storage capacity of 93.47 TMC, currently holds only 41.60 TMC of water, with the water level standing at 79 feet, he noted.

He said that for water to be released for irrigation,



the reservoir level should exceed 90 feet and receive inflows of at least 1.5 TMC per day. According to him, the reservoir requires an additional 12 TMC of water and inflows of around 18,000 cusecs to sustain irrigation throughout the Kuruvai season. Anbumani pointed out that the four major Cauvery reservoirs in Karnataka - Krishna Raja Sagar, Kabini, Harangi and Hemavathi together hold only 33.45 TMC of water, which is just 29.08 per cent of their combined storage capacity of 114.57 TMC. Given the low storage levels, he said Karnataka is unlikely to release water to Tamil

Nadu in the immediate future.

Recalling that Kuruvai cultivation covered 6.13 lakh acres last year, Anbumani warned that the cultivated area could fall below 3 lakh acres this season if water is not released from Mettur on schedule. Such a situation would result in income losses for farmers and affect employment opportunities for agricultural labourers, he said.

To mitigate the impact, he urged the state government to support farmers in undertaking Kuruvai cultivation using ground-water resources. He called for the immediate announcement of the Kuruvai special package, including subsidised seeds, fertilisers and micronutrients for farmers across Tamil Nadu.

Anbumani also demanded that the scheme be extended to all eligible farmers without any acreage cap.



Honble Minister for Natural Resources launched a mega tree plantation drive, distributed safety equipment and inaugurated district mineral foundation fund projects on World Environment Day

Edappadi's elephant trade with DMK to become CM triggered exodus: Aadhav Arjuna

CHENNAI: Launching one of the sharpest attacks yet on AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami, State PWD Minister Aadhav Arjuna on Saturday alleged that the AIADMK leader had attempted to form a government with the support of the DMK after the Assembly election results, calling it 'elephant trade' in apparent tit-for-tat over horsetrading charges.

Addressing party workers at the TVK headquarters in Panaiyur during a mass induction programme, Aadhav said Palaniswami remained AIADMK general secretary only on paper and claimed 90 per cent of the cadre would soon join the ruling party, claiming that 50 per cent have already jumped ship. "One person is acting as AIADMK general secretary on paper. He accused us of horse-trading. But he himself tried to become Chief Minister with the support of the DMK after the election results. That unholy wish of EPS pushed many of you towards the TVK.



It is EPS and Stalin who conducted elephant trading," Aadhav charged.

In a politically charged assertion, the minister claimed that TVK's electoral success in the 2026 Assembly polls was largely made possible by support from AIADMK cadres. "All AIADMK cadres are in TVK. Our victory would not have been possible without their votes. They stood with us and ensured our win," he said. He called the AIADMK the "mother organisation" of TVK and said there was no difference between the two parties. "I wholeheartedly welcome all AIADMK mem-

WRD report warns Tamil Nadu govt of mounting irrigation woes

CHENNAI: Amid concerns over the delayed progress of the southwest monsoon and declining storage levels in key reservoirs, the Water Resources Department (WRD) has submitted a detailed report to Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay, highlighting the State's water situation ahead of the crucial Kuruvai cultivation season. The report, which has also been forwarded to the Water

Resources Minister, the Chief Secretary and senior disaster management officials, outlines the status of Tamil Nadu's reservoirs and Cauvery water availability, warning of potential challenges for irrigation if monsoon conditions do not improve in the coming weeks. The assessment assumes significance as farmers in the Cauvery Delta districts await the customary opening of the

Mettur Dam on June 12 for Kuruvai cultivation. However, current storage levels indicate mounting challenges for irrigation planning. As per the report, the Mettur Dam, Tamil Nadu's primary source of Cauvery irrigation, is presently holding 41.817 thousand million cubic feet (TMC) of water, accounting for 44.74 per cent of its total storage capacity. On the corresponding day last year,

Forging the Future of Freight Mobility with 9,000 HP Electric Locomotive

Indian Railways has taken a major leap in freight mobility with the dedication of the Loco Manufacturing Shop at the Rolling Stock Workshop in Dahod, Gujarat by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. This moment marked a pivotal milestone in the ongoing transformation of freight transport. The facility, designed to produce 1,200 cutting-edge electric freight locomotives with a powerful 9000 HP capacity, stands as a testament to India's engineering prowess and industrial ambition.

At the dedication ceremony, the first electric locomotive from this workshop was ceremoniously flagged off, marking the dawn of a new era in freight transportation, one characterised by higher speeds, greater hauling power and a deep commitment to sustainability. With the ability to haul 4,500 to 5,000 tonnes even on steep gradients, these locomotives are set to be game-changers in heavy-duty freight movement. Proudly built under the Make in India initiative, these locomotives are equipped with advanced IGBT-based propulsion technology, ensuring superior energy efficiency and operational performance. Together, these features position Indian Railways at the forefront of modern, reliable and eco-friendly freight logistics.

Power That Transforms Freight Logistics

The 9000 HP locomotive is the most powerful single-unit electric engine ever developed for Indian Railways. Until now, freight locomotives have typically operated at 4500 or 6000 HP capacities. While 12,000 HP engines do exist, they are created by coupling two 6000 HP units. In contrast, the Dahod-built locomotive offers a unified, high-powered solution that can haul significantly longer and heavier freight trains with ease. This leap in capacity means fewer trips are needed for the same volume of goods, resulting in faster turnaround times, reduced congestion and improved freight efficiency.

Reducing Congestion, Lowering Costs

The increased hauling power of the 9000 HP locomotive offers a solution to one of Indian Railways' big-

gest challenges: congestion on high-density freight routes. With fewer locomotives required to pull heavier loads, rail traffic can be optimised, thereby easing pressure on busy corridors. Moreover, by replacing multiple smaller engines with one high-performance locomotive, Indian Railways stands to reduce operating costs, manpower requirements and energy consumption. These gains will ultimately translate into lower logistics costs for industries, contributing to more competitive pricing and streamlined supply chains.

Reviving Dahod: A Regional and National Asset

The decision to manufacture these advanced locomotives in Dahod is not just a strategic industrial move, it is a revival of the region's railway heritage. Once a major hub for railway works, Dahod had seen a decline after key railway work was shifted elsewhere. In 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi envisioned Dahod's resurgence as a railway manufacturing powerhouse. Today, that vision has materialised with the setting up of a world-class facility in partnership with Siemens India, selected through a transparent tendering process. The factory is equipped to produce both Broad Gauge locomotives for Indian Railways and Standard Gauge locomotives for export. This dual capability strengthens India's positioning in the global rail manufacturing market. With 89% of the components made in India, the project aligns perfectly with the 'Make in India' and 'Make for World' visions. High-quality, cost-effective production makes these locomotives highly exportable, opening new doors for India in international railway supply chains.

Green Manufacturing, Cleaner Future

What sets the 9000 HP locomotive apart is its deep integration of sustainability. The manufacturing process itself is powered by green energy, earning the facility a Green Manufacturing tag. The locomotive design includes regenerative braking, which feeds electricity back into the grid when brakes are applied, further reducing the carbon

footprint. These features make the locomotive a strong contributor to India's climate commitments and environmental goals, moving the nation closer to a greener future in transportation.

Safety, Comfort and Smart Engineering

From factory-fitted Kavach (India's indigenous train collision avoidance system) to modern driver cabins with air-conditioning, low noise and minimal vibration, the 9000 HP engine is engineered with safety and comfort in mind. Toilets feature electronic locks that can only be accessed when the engine is stationary, ensuring operational discipline. Onboard cameras on all sides provide enhanced monitoring and security.

Training for Tomorrow

A highlight of the Dahod facility is its focus on skill development through immersive training technology. A virtual digital model of the locomotive has been developed to enhance training for mechanics and drivers. Using VR headsets, trainees can interact with a highly realistic simulation of the locomotive, allowing them to explore and familiarise themselves with every component in a safe, immersive environment.

Employment, Empowerment, and Skill Development

Around 85% of the jobs created through the infrastructure development are held by local youth. Skill development is embedded into the project, with training modules designed to upgrade the technical capabilities of the workforce. The factory's presence is already catalysing infrastructure development and ancillary industries in the region, driving long-term economic growth. The 9000 HP locomotive will turn out to be the linchpin of a bold new freight ecosystem. Its power, efficiency and design sophistication promise to make Indian Railways more competitive, more sustainable and better equipped for future demands. By combining the strengths of technology, regional development and global vision, the Dahod-built locomotive is set to redefine the trajectory of freight transport, not just in India, but on the world stage.

Several common mistakes can exacerbate sinus problems

New Delhi: Sinus infections, often triggered by preceding illnesses such as the cold or flu, can be both disruptive and persistent. While these infections typically run their course in about a week, some individuals experience prolonged and intensified sinus issues, indicating chronic sinusitis. Seeking timely consultation with a sinus specialist becomes crucial in such cases. Complicating matters, common mistakes made during a sinus infection can exacerbate the condition. As the cold and flu season approaches, sinusitis becomes a prevalent concern for both adults and children, leading to sinus inflammation. Fortunately, natural remedies offer relief; however, it is essential to navigate self-care treatments cautiously, avoiding certain practices and approaching others with care. In this article, we explore the mistakes that can worsen sinus issues and provide guidance on managing them naturally.

Common Mistakes that Aggravate Sinus Infections

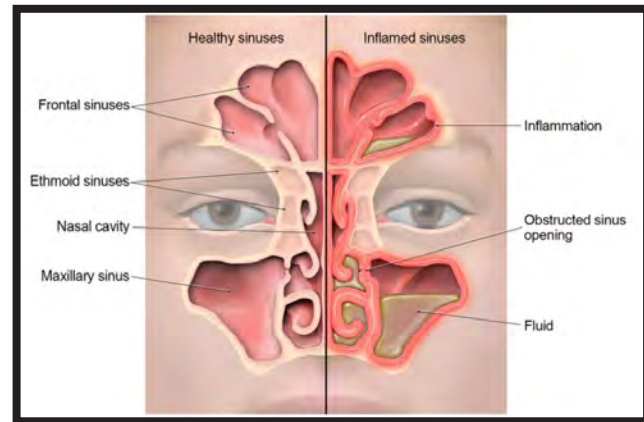
Common mistakes during sinus infections can inadvertently exacerbate symptoms and prolong discomfort. It's crucial to be aware of these pitfalls to ensure effective self-care during sinusitis.

Not Using a Humidifier

Sinus infections often worsen in colder seasons when the air becomes dry. Winter's chilly and dry conditions not only impact the skin but also lead to the drying out of nasal passages, exacerbating sinus discomfort. To address this, consider using a humidifier or vaporizer to add moisture to the air. This helps prevent your sinuses from becoming excessively dry and irritated, providing relief from discomfort.

Excessive Use of Nasal Spray

While over-the-counter nasal sprays provide tempo-



rary relief from sinus infection pressure, prolonged and improper usage can have adverse effects. The main chemical in these sprays may contribute to worsening sinus infections. If your sinus infection persists beyond a week, it is crucial to consult with an ENT specialist to ensure appropriate management.

Insufficient Sleep

Ample sleep is a crucial aspect of overall well-being, particularly when combating a sinus infection. Ensuring a minimum of eight hours of sleep supports your immune system in its battle against the infection. Additionally, resting during the day and conserving energy aids in a quicker recovery from sinus infections.

Inadequate Hydration

Staying well-hydrated is crucial when dealing with a sinus infection. Increased water intake supports mucus production, helping to keep the mucus thin and easier to expel. Proper hydration during a sinus infection contributes to relieving congestion and facilitating better breathing.

Minimize Sinus Irritants

Sinus discomfort isn't solely linked to dry air; various factors like seasonal allergies, fragrances, smoke, and airborne particles can exacerbate sinus issues, particularly during an infection. While you can't control all environmental factors, ceasing the use of perfumes or quitting smoking can lead to

noticeable relief. The toxins in smoke can aggravate sinusitis, making it crucial to minimize exposure for improved sinus health.

Effective Home Remedies for Sinusitis Relief

Sinusitis can often be alleviated using natural remedies, some of which might be familiar advice passed down through generations. These approaches work to calm irritated sinus passages, promoting better mucus flow and providing relief from nasal congestion.

Relieve Sinus Congestion with Steam

One of the most effective at-home remedies for sinus infections involves warming and moisturizing your sinus passages. Inhaling steam is a soothing method that clears your sinuses. Simply stand in the shower or sit in the bathroom while the shower is running. Alternatively, place a warm washcloth over your nose and cheeks as you lie on your bed. For a potent steam treatment, boil a pot of water, remove it from the heat, and put a towel over your head. Bend over the pot to inhale the steam, keeping your eyes closed and maintaining a safe distance from the hot water. As the liquid cools, adjust your proximity for comfort. Enhance the experience by adding a drop or two of essential oils; eucalyptus oil can aid in nasal decongestion, while lavender or chamomile essential oil brings a calming effect.

Yoga to Drain Mucus

If you find yourself amid a sinus infection, certain supported yoga poses can provide relief without exerting undue pressure on your sinuses. Poses like Legs Up the Wall (Viparita Karani) and Supported Bridge Pose (Setu Bandhasana) are beneficial. These poses promote gentle inversion, helping to drain mucus from the sinus passages and potentially alleviating discomfort associated with sinusitis. Engage in these poses mindfully and listen to your body for a soothing experience during a sinus infection.

Nasal Irrigation for Relief

To alleviate symptoms and potentially prevent sinus infections, consider nasal irrigation as a beneficial method. Nasal irrigation involves using a saltwater solution to flush out germs and congested mucus from the sinus passages. It's also known as nasal wash, nasal douche, or lavage, and often involves a tool like a neti pot. Studies, including one featured in the Canadian Medical Association Journal, suggest that irrigation can improve sinus-related symptoms. However, it's crucial to exercise caution by using distilled or sterile water to avoid the rare risk of introducing parasites into the sinus passages. If using tap water, ensure it's sterilized by boiling for 3 to 5 minutes and then cooling before nasal irrigation.

Enhance your sinus health naturally by incorporating more fruits and vegetables into your diet. These nutrient-rich foods, such as onions, apples, green tea, and red wine, contain powerful antioxidants like quercetin. This natural plant component serves as an antioxidant, and specifically for sinus issues, it has the remarkable ability to stabilize cells that release histamine.

PM, EAC discuss steps to boost growth amid global turmoil

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday discussed with the members of the Economic Advisory Council various measures to further boost India's economic growth amid global turmoil, official sources said. The members of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) also gave their assessment of the impact of the West Asia conflict on India and the world. The Prime Minister and the EAC members discussed various ideas and measures to further boost India's economic growth in times of global turmoil, they said. Various reforms to improve ease of living and ease of doing business were also discussed at the high-level meeting, the sources said. The EAC is an independent body that gives advice to the Government of India, specifically to the Prime Minister, on economic and related issues. Two principal secretaries to the Prime Minister — PK Mishra and Shaktikanta Das — attended the meeting besides the members of the EAC. At present, the EAC comprises a chairman, three full-time members and 11 part-time members.



S Mahendra Dev is the chairman, while full-time members are Sanjay Kumar Mishra, Sanjeev Sanyal and Shamika Ravi. There are 11 part-time members: Rakesh Mohan, Sajjid. Z. Chinoy, Neelkanth Mishra, Nilesh Shah, TT Ram Mohan, Soumya Kanti Ghosh, KV Raju, Chetan Ghate, Pami Dua, Pulak Ghosh and Gaurav Vallabh. The terms of reference of EAC include analysing any issue, economic or otherwise, referred to it by the Prime Minister, and advising him thereon, addressing issues of macroeconomic importance and presenting views thereon to the PM. These could be either suo-motu or on reference from the Prime Minister or anyone

else. They also include attending to any other task as may be desired by the PM from time to time. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today expressed deep pain over a mishap in Ferozepur district, Punjab. The Prime Minister extended his condolences to those who have lost their loved ones and wished a speedy recovery to the injured. Shri Modi announced that an ex-gratia of Rs. 2 lakh from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF) would be given to the next of kin of each deceased. The Prime Minister added that the injured would be given Rs. 50,000. "Deeply pained to hear about a mishap in Ferozepur district, Punjab. My condolences to those who have lost

their loved ones. Wishing a speedy recovery to the injured. An ex-gratia of Rs. 2 lakh from PMNRF would be given to the next of kin of each deceased. The injured would be given Rs. 50,000: PM @narendramodi" Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today chaired a meeting of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister noted that they deliberated on a wide range of issues relating to India's economic transformation and long-term development priorities. Shri Modi stated that perspectives were also shared on adding more momentum to the reforms journey and ensuring 'Ease of Living' as well as 'Ease of Doing Business.' "Chaired a meeting of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister. Deliberated on a wide range of issues relating to India's economic transformation and long-term development priorities. Also shared perspectives on adding more momentum to the reforms journey and ensuring 'Ease of Living' as well as 'Ease of Doing Business.' Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi

today praised a splendid accomplishment by India's young hockey players. The Prime Minister congratulated the Indian Men's U18 Hockey Team on winning the Men's U18 Asia Cup 2026. Shri Modi noted that the team displayed exceptional skill and teamwork throughout the tournament, culminating in a memorable victory in the final. The Prime Minister observed that this triumph also reflects hockey's growing popularity among the youth, and extended his best wishes to the team for their future endeavours. "A splendid accomplishment by our young hockey players! Congratulations to the Indian Men's U18 Hockey Team on winning the Men's U18 Asia Cup 2026. The team displayed exceptional skill and teamwork throughout the tournament, culminating in a memorable victory in the final. This triumph also reflects hockey's growing popularity among our youth. My best wishes to the team for their future endeavours." Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today congratulated the Indian Women's U18 Hockey Team on securing the Bronze Medal at the U18 Asia Cup 2026.

US stocks slump as fears over Big Tech shake Wall Street

Stock markets suffered a sharp drop on Friday, with the tech-heavy Nasdaq index undergoing its biggest one-day drop since April 2025. With fears mounting that gains so far this year may be unsustainable, a surprisingly strong US jobs report for April sparked a sell-off, with the major US markets ending the week in the red. The data stoked fresh fears among investors that the Federal Reserve will keep interest rates higher for longer, especially as inflation remains stubborn. The Nasdaq index fell by more than 4%, the S&P 500 closed 2.6% lower and the Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 1.35%. Digital assets also suffered a sharp sell-off on Friday. Bitcoin, the biggest cryptocurrency, dropped sharply as investors rushed to offload riskier assets across the board. The sudden drop showed how much investors fear high interest rates. While a strong jobs market is usually good news for the economy, it means the Federal Reserve is less likely to cut borrowing costs anytime soon. David Doyle, head of economics at Macquarie Group, said Friday's jobs report was potentially "too good", especially against a backdrop of high inflation. He said the figures raised the likelihood the Federal



Reserve will raise interest rates this year, contributing to the stock market sell-off. It meant investors who had been holding out for rate cuts were forced to quickly change their plans. However, Friday's sell-off did not mark a global market panic. Instead, it saw investors shifting away from tech stocks, which critics have warned are overvalued and could crash in the same way the dotcom bubble did in the early 2000s. Major investment funds pulled money out of AI and microchip companies, share prices of which have soared in recent years. Instead of leaving the market entirely, investors piled into traditionally safer investments. Sectors such as healthcare, utilities and consumer

staples, including Kraft Heinz and Keurig Dr Pepper, saw a boost as traders looked for stability. The sharp drop highlights how vulnerable big tech stocks have become. With a handful of tech companies accounting for such a large chunk of the stock market, any shift in investor sentiment can easily drag the entire market down. Reacting to the market's drop, US President Donald Trump criticised the negative reaction to Friday's jobs report. He said "too much emphasis is placed on inflation". "I hope the market starts to learn that when you have good numbers the market should go up not down," Trump added. Meanwhile, tech and politics will be the major focus next week.

Kriti Sanon Joins Shahid Kapoor as the Face of Vogue Eyewear

Vogue Eyewear emphasises that self-expression and style are ever evolving as we continue to discover oneself in the journey of life. Kriti Sanon joins Vogue Eyewear as its new female Brand Ambassador, alongside talent powerhouse Shahid Kapoor, who continues his longstanding association with the brand. Strengthening its connection with a new generation that values individuality, confidence, and self-expression, the brand unveils its latest campaign, 'Vogue Eyewear Journeys' - fashionable, relatable, and thoughtful. A National Award-winning actor with pan-India appeal, Kriti Sanon brings a contemporary perspective to Vogue Eyewear. Known for her inimitable personal style and strong connection with a young, fashion-conscious audience, she reflects the brand's spirit of playfulness with authenticity. Rooted in the idea that fashion isn't static; instead, is an evolving journey that



mirrors self-discovery, the campaign brings this philosophy to life through a visually engaging narrative, where the protagonists encounter different versions of themselves across moments in time and is emphasized poetically with apt voice over - "when you meet you, you find you". The campaign also transitions seamlessly between these parallel selves, through windows that also allude to one's

perspective, capturing the fluid and deeply personal nature self-discovery and expression through style. "Vogue Eyewear is on trend, versatile and resonates perfectly with my personal style. I'm excited to join them with their latest campaign that explores constant reinvention, as we explore new aspects of our own personality. The campaign beautifully captures this journey of self-discovery and how style

play a key role in self-expression" says Kriti Sanon. "What I've always appreciated about my journey with Vogue Eyewear is how naturally it aligns with my own sense of style... unforced, evolving, and personal. This campaign captures that spirit. Having Kriti join the brand adds a fresh dynamic; she has a strong, individual point of view that complements it beautifully," says Shahid Kapoor. Each frame in the campaign positions eyewear as an integral accessory, seamlessly complementing the transitions of various selves and reinforcing its role in everyday fashion. Conceptualised by Network Advertising, the campaign is directed by Emmy Nominated - Suraj Wanvari and captured by ace photographer - Prasad Naik. It has been launched through an integrated roll-out across digital, social media, print, and OOH platforms, reaching audiences nationwide.

GOLD ENDS LOWER AMID SHIFTING SIGNALS FROM WEST ASIA

New Delhi: Gold prices slipped to Rs 1.59 lakh per 10 grams in the national capital on Friday, June 5, capping a roller-coaster week, as frequently shifting signals from West Asia kept investors on edge. According to local marketmen, the yellow metal of 99.9 per cent purity fell Rs 400 to Rs 1,59,900 per 10 grams (inclusive of all taxes) after briefly reclaiming the Rs 1.60 lakh level a day earlier. The decline followed a week of sharp swings, with the precious metal swinging between gains and losses in almost every session. During the week, gold has shed Rs 3,000, or nearly 2 per cent, highlighting the uncertainty gripping precious metal markets. Silver prices witnessed an even steeper fall. Extending losses for the third consecutive session, the white metal slumped by Rs 5,000 to Rs 2,60,700 per kilogram. On a weekly basis, its losses widened to Rs 14,000, or 5.09 per cent. Analysts said bullion prices were pressured by weakness in global mar-



kets and a stronger rupee after the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced measures aimed at attracting foreign capital and supporting the domestic currency. "Gold prices in the domestic market declined on Friday, tracking weakness in the international market and additional pressure from a sharp recovery in the rupee," Saamil Gandhi, Senior Analyst of Commodities at HDFC Securities, said. While investors balanced lingering geopolitical uncertainties against growing expectations that US interest rates could remain elevated

for longer, he added. In the international markets, spot gold fell marginally to USD 4,470.79 per ounce, while silver slipped over 1 per cent to USD 72.89 per ounce. "Spot gold is edged lower on Friday and on course for a second consecutive week of losses, as a confluence of hawkish macro signals and stalled geopolitical diplomacy keeps sentiment fragile," Kaynat Chainwala, AVP Commodity Research, Kotak Securities, said. The yellow metal offered a brief respite in the preceding session as softer bond yields, a weaker US dollar, and cautious diplomatic optimism around Washington-Tehran

talks lifted the metal. However, the gains were unravelled quickly once Hezbollah rejected the US-brokered Israel-Lebanon ceasefire, reminding market participants that the region's conflict architecture remains deeply fractured, she added. On the domestic front, the RBI kept its benchmark repo rate unchanged at 5.25 per cent, as expected, and announced a raft of measures to attract foreign capital and support the rupee amid growing risks to growth and inflation from the prolonged West Asia conflict, elevated energy prices and global supply-chain disruptions.

BTS is releasing limited edition hotteok-flavored Oreos

K-pop group BTS made waves in March with their first concert together in nearly four years. Now the famed pop band is teaming up with Oreo, one of America's most famous cookie brands, for a limited-edition flavor. Limited-edition releases help the more-than-century-old Oreo brand maintain its cultural relevance, and the BTS partnership could help it capitalize on the increasing popularity of Korean pop culture. The collaboration also provides an extra boost to BTS as the band retakes the global stage after the years-long hiatus during which the K-pop landscape saw massive changes. The BTS cookie, on sale June 1, will be filled with a sweet creme that was curated to taste like hotteok, a brown sugar-stuffed pancake popular in South Korea, which the seven band members ate growing up, according to a press



release. Their cookie wafer will be purple, a nod to the color associated with BTS and its fan base, known as ARMY. The wafers are engraved with one of 13 designs, three of which spell out a message to fans when put together, as well as a design with the seven band members' names — RM, Jin, Suga, J-Hope, Jimin, V and Jung Kook, another with a BTS light stick and more. The crossover with BTS is "much bigger than a US activation," said Matt Foley, Oreo's vice president of marketing. BTS'

cookies will be sold in more than 80 countries, according to the company. That's more than the four non-US countries where Selena Gomez's horchata-inspired cookies were made available. Don't call it a comeback BTS, which debuted in 2013, has been on hiatus since 2022 while the members completed mandatory military service in South Korea. The group returned this year with the largest-ever concert in Seoul, South Korea, as part of a promotional tour for their fifth studio album.

ONE MEAL CAN CHANGE LIVES:

Hunger Free World by Malabar Group Highlights the Transformative Impact of Daily Meal Outreach

June 6, 2026: On World Hunger Day, Hunger Free World, a humanitarian initiative by Malabar Group, highlighted the impact of its Street Meal Distribution Programme through the Rehabilitation Impact Report: Impact Stories, How a Daily Meal Opens the Door to a Transformed Life. The report documents how daily meal outreach, operated on the ground by Thanal, has enabled rescue, medical support, shelter access, dignity restoration, and family reunification for vulnerable individuals living on the streets. The Street Meal Distribution Programme was created to address hunger through regular access to nutritious meals. Over time, the initiative has also become a bridge to deeper care, as daily outreach allows field workers to build trust, observe changes in health and behaviour, identify distress, and connect beneficiaries to rehabilitation sup-



port. The report reinforces the programme's central belief that a meal, when delivered with consistency and human attention, can become the beginning of a larger intervention. The programme currently operates across 20 states in India and in nine countries, including six GCC countries, the USA, the UK and Zambia, reaching 1,43,000 beneficiaries through its two major interventions: Micro Learning Centres and the Street Meal Distribution Programme. Commenting on

the initiative, M. P. Ahammad, Chairman, Malabar Group, said, "A meal may appear simple, but when it is delivered consistently and with human attention, it becomes much more than food. Through Hunger Free World, we have seen how regular outreach builds trust, and that trust often becomes the foundation for rehabilitation, healthcare access, emotional support, and dignity restoration. These stories reinforce the importance of sustained engagement with



vulnerable communities, where compassion and continuity can meaningfully change the direction of a person's life." Across the Street Meal Distribution Programme, several lives have shown how a consistent meal can open the door to deeper care. In Nagercoil, an elderly man who had been receiving meals near a bus stand found his way to a care home after sharing his wish for a safer life with the distribution driver. In Kumbakonam, months of reg-

ular meal support helped restore dignity to a bedridden man through hygiene care, clean clothing, and rehabilitation support. In Chennai, sustained twice-daily meal outreach helped a woman living in distress gradually accept support and move to a care facility. The programme has also enabled a moving family reunification from Udipi to Chennai, where regular meal interactions helped the team trace a man's identity and reconnect him with his wife and children.

Ukrainian drones target St Petersburg in attack Russia calls 'unprecedented'

Russian authorities say Ukraine has launched an "unprecedented attack" on and around St Petersburg, as the city hosts the final day of Russia's annual economic forum. More than 140 drones were shot down over the surrounding Leningrad region, governor Aleksandr Drozdenko said, while the city's governor, Alexander Beglov, urged residents to remain indoors for the first time since the war began more than four years ago. Ukraine's president said his forces had hit Russia's arsenals and a naval base in what he called a just response to Russian attacks. It comes a day after Vladimir Putin told the forum there was no point in meeting Volodymyr Zelensky, who had called for direct talks on ending the war. The commander of one of the Ukrainian units involved in the drone strikes told the BBC that it was very easy to hit targets inside Russia. "We fly in Russia like



it's our own territory. Almost no resistance, not hard to reach a target," Yevhen Karas, commander of the 413th regiment Raid of Ukraine's Unmanned Systems Forces, said. Governor Drozdenko said Ukraine's attacks had caused a fire at an unspecified military facility, and that residents had been evacuated. He also said buildings had

sustained "insignificant" damage. Zelensky said his country's drones had covered a distance of 1,000km (620 miles) to the St Petersburg region, targeting "the enemy navy's arsenals and a base in Kronstadt". The main outpost of the Russian Navy's Baltic Fleet is located in Kronstadt. According to Zelensky, an oil depot 500km (310 miles) away, in the

southern Krasnodar region, was also hit as part of Ukraine's "long-range sanctions" - a euphemism for strikes on Russia. The Ukrainian president said it was "time to end this war", but accused Russia's leader of wanting to "keep fighting". These latest attacks follow Ukrainian strikes on the outskirts of St Petersburg as Putin's flagship economic

forum was getting under way just days earlier. The major forum, designed to attract foreign investment into the country, drew thousands of guests from 130 countries, including a low-key US delegation - the first for many years. In his open letter to Putin on Thursday, Zelensky called for a ceasefire and face-to-face negotiations with the Russian leader to end the war, which began with Russia's full-scale invasion in 2022. He wrote that it would be "wrong to simply wait" for the conflict to once again become the focus of US attention. President Donald Trump has been involved in efforts to mediate an end to the conflict, but the war with Iran has recently taken precedence. Speaking at the economic forum on Friday, Putin refused the request for a meeting with Zelensky and reiterated his position that a truce would only allow Ukraine to regroup. He said he would only end the war

when Russia's goals had been met. Russia's long-standing position is that Ukraine should withdraw from the Donetsk, Luhansk, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions it has largely seized, as well as abandon efforts to join Nato. Ukraine has refused to give up any territory, arguing that concessions to Moscow would embolden it to invade again in the future. In the Russian-occupied Luhansk region of eastern Ukraine, the Moscow-installed authorities say they have suspended coach services on two motorways following a campaign of Ukrainian drone strikes targeting Russian logistics. They urged local residents not to use them "for security reasons". The Russia-backed administration also banned commuter train services and transportation of groups of children within Luhansk. Putin has said Russia is in full control of the so-called "Luhansk People's Republic".

MAN DIES AFTER SHARK ATTACK IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA, POLICE SAY



A male diver has died after being bitten by a suspected 4.5m (14.8ft) shark in Western Australia, according to local authorities. The 35-year-old, who has not been named, was spearfishing with family off Michaelmas Island, south-east of Perth, when he was attacked at 11:25 local time (03:25 GMT) on Saturday, police said. He was taken by boat to shore where he was met by paramedics, who were unable to revive him. Police said they would prepare a report for the coroner, in a statement shared by local media. The BBC has contacted officials to confirm the reports. The

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) said it was assisting police and local authorities with the incident. It has also urged residents to report any shark sightings, local media report. It comes less than a month after a father-of-two died after a separate shark attack in Western Australia. Steven Mattaboni, 38, was attacked by a 4m (13ft) shark at Horseshoe Reef, north-west of the popular Rottnest Island near Perth. Shark attacks around Australia are more common than in many other parts of the world, though they are often not fatal.

Palestinian baby killed by Israeli gunfire in West Bank, health ministry says



A seven-month-old baby boy has been killed by Israeli gunfire in the occupied West Bank, the Palestinian health ministry has said. The ministry identified the infant as Sam Fahd Abu Haikal, adding that his parents were also injured in the shooting in the Tel Rumeida area, south of the city of Hebron. The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) said its troops on Friday "perceived a vehicle accelerating toward them" and one of the soldiers "responded with single shots toward the vehicle". "As a result, three Palestinians were injured and evacuated for medical treatment," the IDF said, adding that "the incident is under review". It also expressed "deep sorrow for any harm caused to uninvolved individuals". The baby's grandmother said the family were driving in the area and stopped their car when

they saw Israeli military vehicles and soldiers in the distance, Reuters reported. She said shots were then fired toward them, which they initially believed were warning shots. "One bullet struck my grandson, traversed his face and crossed his head, striking his mother's cheek where it lodged," the grandmother said. She added that the bullet had also grazed the father's finger, and that the mother was in hospital. More than 1,000 Palestinians have been reported killed in the West Bank since the war in Gaza broke out following the Hamas-led attack on Israel on 7 October 2023. In the Hamas-led attack, about 1,200 people were killed and 251 abducted into Gaza. More than 70,600 people have been killed in Israeli attacks in Gaza since then, according to the Hamas-run health ministry.

TRIBUTES TO BUFFY AND TED LASSO STAR ANTHONY HEAD AFTER DEATH AGED 72



British actor Anthony Head, best known for his roles in TV shows including Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Ted Lasso, Merlin and Little Britain, has died at the age of 72. Head found international fame as Rupert Giles in hit supernatural teen show Buffy in the late 1990s. "He passed away peacefully of complications due to pneumonia, surrounded by his

family," his daughters Emily and Daisy said. Sarah Michelle Gellar, who played the eponymous Buffy, led tributes to Head, writing: "Thank you to Daisy and Emily who not only shared their dad with me, but with the world." His daughters' statement said "it is with heavy hearts that we announce the death of our extraordinary father".

US AND IRAN EXCHANGE STRIKES IN GULF IN LATEST TEST OF CEASEFIRE

The shaky ceasefire between the US and Iran has been tested further, with American forces targeting Iranian drones and radar sites, and Iran firing missiles at US bases in the Gulf. The US military said the attacks were in response to four Iranian "one-way attack drones" launched towards the Strait of Hormuz, which it said "posed an immediate threat to regional maritime traffic". The drones were shot down, US Central Command (Centcom) said. Tehran called the US strikes a "flagrant" violation of the ceasefire agreement between the two countries. Iran retaliated by firing ballistic missiles at two US air bases in Kuwait, and US Navy facilities in Bahrain, Iran's Irib news agency reported. Bahrain and Kuwait both condemned the attacks, saying



the drone and missile fire had been successfully repelled. Centcom said initial assessments showed that of the seven Iranian missiles fired at the two Gulf states, six were intercepted and one did not reach its target. The United Arab Emirates and Qatar also denounced the Iranian attacks on their Gulf neighbours. The Iranian foreign ministry said in a statement that the US strikes on radar

installations in Sirik and Qeshm island were a "flagrant" violation of the ceasefire and "an attack on the national sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Islamic Republic of Iran", according to news agencies. "The US attack demonstrates this country's complete disregard for the principles of international law and the United Nations Charter," the statement added. Iran's

Islamic Revolution Guard Corps (IRGC) said it had hit "enemy bases" as retaliation to the American strikes. There have been several such exchanges of fire, threatening the ceasefire that has been in place since April. However, even with the conflict between the two nations continuing, the US has granted visas to Iran's World Cup football team, ahead of their first match in Los Angeles on 15 June. It is the first time the competition will see a host nation receive the team of a country it is at war with. The attacks occurred as ceasefire negotiations between the US and Iran stalled, with a deal to end the war failing to advance, and US media reporting that President Donald Trump had requested changes to the terms of an agreement.

Armenia braces for election as Russia piles pressure on pro-West government

Armenia votes on 7 June under mounting Russian economic pressure, as Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan seeks re-election on a promise of European integration. The election has drawn significant international attention to the small South Caucasus nation of three million people, which has steadily grown closer to the West while still intertwined with Russia, its largest trading partner. The rapprochement with the West is largely Pashinyan's doing. Since coming to power in 2018, the prime minister has steered his country away from Moscow, passed a law to launch the process of joining



the EU, and accelerated the peace process with neighbouring Azerbaijan via a US-brokered agreement. The latter has won him US President Donald Trump's endorsement. Pashinyan also hosted a large summit of EU leaders and Ukrainian

President Volodymyr Zelensky in the capital, Yerevan, earlier this year. Yet despite these successes, Pashinyan's domestic support has fallen from 54% in 2021 to around 30% today. The main reason is Nagorno-Karabakh, a mountainous

enclave inside Azerbaijan that was home to 100,000 ethnic Armenians until Azerbaijan took it by force in 2023. Pashinyan's critics have never forgiven him for making concessions in favour of peace with Azerbaijan, like refusing to campaign for the release of former leaders of Nagorno-Karabakh who are in jail in the neighbouring country. The peace deal with Azerbaijan, too, remains deeply divisive, with one recent poll showing 44% of public opinion in support and 41% opposed. Pashinyan's critics now form several opposition parties and alliances.

The cash-in-the-sofa saga that just won't go away for South Africa's president



Just like Watergate in the US, South Africa's "Farmgate" scandal started with a break-in but has since spiralled into something that could threaten the future of the sitting president. Cyril Ramaphosa now faces the possibility of being removed from office as MPs have taken the unprecedented step of setting up a committee that will recommend whether or not he should be impeached. This issue first came up in parliament in 2022, but last month, the county's highest court ruled that MPs had violated the constitution by blocking moves to impeach Ramaphosa. At that time, the president's African National Congress (ANC) controlled more than half the seats in parliament, but after the 2024 election, he no longer has that majority to rely on. What is Ramaphosa actually accused of doing? It all started back in 2020 with a robbery at the president's private farm in Phala Phala, Limpopo province. Thieves broke in and allegedly stole \$580,000 (£430,000) in US dollar bills that had been stuffed into a sofa. But details only came

out two years later when the country's former spy chief, Arthur Fraser, highlighted the alleged theft in an explosive dossier that he sent to the police. Fraser, a close ally of former President Jacob Zuma, who Ramaphosa replaced, accused the head of state of hiding the theft from the police and tax authorities. At the time Ramaphosa said there was "no basis for the claims of criminal conduct". As the stolen cash was in foreign currency, it meant that exchange control laws could also have been contravened. The reserve bank looked into the issue and found that there were no violations of the exchange control act and the public protector, who investigates allegations of abuse of power, found no wrongdoing on the president's part. But parliament also began an impeachment process and established an independent panel to investigate the allegations. It came to some damning findings, including saying there was "substantial doubt about the legitimacy of the source of the currency that was stolen" and concluding that Ramaphosa "has a case to answer".



Lebanon says three soldiers killed in Israeli attack on car

GIANT BANQUETS RILE RADICAL LEFT IN FRANCE



Three-and-a-half-thousand hungry Alsations wolf down platters of charcuterie and periodically burst into noisy chorus. No, it is not the police dogs' annual convention, but the latest iteration of a feasting phenomenon that is sweeping provincial France. The Alsace town of Colmar - famous for its half-timbered medieval centre - was the scene last weekend of one of the banquets géants - huge banquets whose pop-

ularity in the country has suddenly become a hot political issue. Run by a company called Le Canon Français (The French Cannon), the banquets are massively attended - 81 (£70) buying you four courses of local gastronomy, all the wine you can drink, and several hours of sing-along camaraderie. But not everyone is cheering. For the radical left party La France Insoumise (LFI - France Unbowed),



ANDREEVA WINS FRENCH OPEN AS CHWALINSKA FAIRYTALE ENDS

Russian teenager Mirra Andreeva was already a tennis phenom at age 15. At 19, she's a Grand Slam champion. The eighth-ranked Andreeva ended the run of 114th-ranked Polish qualifier Maja Chwalinska with a 6-3, 6-2 victory in the French Open final on Saturday. Andreeva became the youngest player to win the women's singles title since Monica Seles, who was 18 when she landed her third straight French Open in 1992. Chwalinska was attempting to become the first qualifier to capture the Roland Garros title. When Andreeva executed a backhand cross-court winner on her first match point, she dropped on her knees to the clay to celebrate. Alexander Zverev plays Flavio Cobolli in the men's final on Sunday to conclude the wildest Grand Slam in recent memory. Andreeva has been considered a Grand Slam contender since she burst onto the scene as a 15-year-old at the 2023 Madrid Open, when she became the third-youngest

player to win a main-draw match at a WTA 1000 tournament and made the quarterfinals. Lately, Andreeva has had to contend with playing under neutral status and without her country's flag due to the war with Ukraine. When she beat Marta Kostyuk in the semifinals, her opponent refused to shake her hand, as has been the custom for Ukrainian players facing Russians ever since the war started in 2022. Andreeva has now gone a step further than her coach, Conchita Martinez, who lost the 2000 French Open final to Mary Pierce. Pierce was due to present the winner's trophy to Andreeva. The final was played under mostly sunny skies but wind was a factor in the first Grand Slam final for both players. Chwalinska double-faulted on the opening point of the match but she was the first player to hold serve in the fifth game. Eventually, though, Andreeva found a way to hit through the wind and an answer to Chwalinska's array of spins

and drop shots. There was a strong Polish presence in the Philippe-Chatrier crowd. When Chwalinska was introduced, fans held aloft red-and-white Polish flags and chanted her name: "Ma-ja, Ma-ja." Andreeva had little support from the crowd, although there was a shout of "Davai Mirra" - "Go Mirra" - in Russian late in the match. In men's doubles, top-seeded Marcel Granollers and Horacio Zeballos retained their title with a 6-4, 6-2 win against Harri Heliövaara and Henry Patten. Chwalinska had enjoyed a transformative few weeks in Paris regardless of Saturday's result. No qualifier had previously won the French Open, while Chwalinska's defeat means Britain's Emma Raducanu remains the only qualifier to win a Grand Slam title after her 2021 US Open success. Having not played a top-20 opponent on her way to the final, Chwalinska found Andreeva to be a huge step up in class.



"Will Cover All Expenses": BCCI Set To Take Big Step To Help Vaibhav Sooryavanshi

The BCCI has allowed Vaibhav Sooryavanshi's parents to travel with the 15-year-old sensation during the tour of Ireland and England, according to a report by Sportstar. Sooryavanshi received his first national team call-up after a sensational show in IPL 2026 where he emerged as the top run-scorer with 776 runs. The report claimed that BCCI felt that the "presence of family would help him adjust to the demands of international cricket and life on the road". "As he is a child, we have decided to allow his parents to accompany him to Ireland and England, so that they can be with him and help him settle in the new environment. The Board will cover all their expenses," BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia told Sportstar. The youngster is currently in Sri Lanka with the India A team for the upcoming tri-nation series. Earlier, BCCI chief selector Ajit Agarkar said he had high hopes for teenage batter Vaibhav Sooryavanshi



after giving him a maiden T20I call-up to tours of Ireland, England, and the Asian Games, adding the youngster had 'picked himself' into the squad with his explosive IPL 2026 performances. Sooryavanshi had a stellar IPL 2026 for the Rajasthan Royals and was the leading run-getter in the competition with 776 runs, including a hundred and five half-centuries. He also bagged the most valuable player and emerging player of the competition awards in the competition. "What do you say, we've seen what he can do. You saw, even towards those playoffs, almost single-handedly carried the

Rajasthan Royals. For a young kid, I don't need to talk about how well he's batting or how well he's playing. It's not just this season. He's obviously made a great start last season. "To back it up for a young kid in a competition that's as competitive and has a high-pressure environment, and how explosive he can be, and a game-changer that he can be. So we've, like everyone else that's watched cricket, or at least watched T20 cricket in India, we've got high hopes of him, and I think he just has picked himself really," said Agarkar in the press conference at the BCCI HQ on Saturday.

BILLAM-SMITH FIGHT SET TO PROCEED DESPITE LEGAL CHALLENGE

Zuffa Boxing's first show in the UK, featuring Chris Billam-Smith, appears set to go ahead on Saturday despite legal action from rival promoter Boxxer. Former WBO cruiser-weight champion Billam-Smith is scheduled to fight Canadian Ryan Rozicki at the Bournemouth International Centre as the headline bout, with fellow Britons Jack Massey and Sam Hickey both on the undercard. The event is due to be shown on Sky Sports, but promoter Boxxer claims to have contractual rights involving fighters on the bill and says they are appearing without "consent or authorisation". BBC Sport understands that Zuffa does not accept the



claims by Boxxer and plans to proceed with the event as planned. "Boxxer can confirm it is seeking urgent injunctive relief against Zuffa Boxing and Sky Sports concerning the pro-

motion and proposed participation of fighters who remain subject to binding contractual obligations to Boxxer," said a statement from Boxxer. "Boxxer have ensured that all parties

involved are fully aware of the contractual obligations owed to Boxxer by the fighters being promoted for Saturday's event. Despite this, those fighters continue to be advertised and promoted without Boxxer's consent. "As a result of the conduct it has witnessed in recent months, Boxxer has been left with no option but to seek further relief from the English courts." Zuffa Boxing, which was founded by UFC president Dana White and backed by Saudi Arabian funding, is looking to rival the sport's established promoters. Billam-Smith signed a multi-fight deal with Zuffa Boxing in April after previously being promoted by Ben Shalom's Boxxer.

Suryakumar Yadav Slams 24-Ball 48 Just Hours After Losing India T20I Captaincy

Suryakumar Yadav shared a hug with Shreyas Iyer just hours after losing the Indian cricket team T20I captaincy. Shreyas replaced Suryakumar as India's T20I captain ahead of the series against Ireland and England on Saturday. The two cricketers met each other just few hours later during the T20 Mumbai League match between Triumphs Knights MNE and SoBo Mumbai Falcons. Suryakumar is the captain of Triumphs Knights MNE and although Shreyas did not feature in the match for SoBo Mumbai Falcons, he was present at the ground. The two cricketers greeted each other before the game and shared a hug while they were joined by Rohit Sharma. Later, Suryakumar slammed 48 off just 24 deliveries with



the help of 3 fours and 4 sixes. "I am so happy for Shreyas for becoming the captain of the Indian T20I team. We have played all our cricket together here in Mumbai and it feels amazing that the last three T20 captains of India have all come from Mumbai," SKY said at the toss. Earlier, chief selector Ajit Agarkar said Shreyas Iyer was a stand-out candidate with the experience

to become the new men's T20I skipper, while admitting it was a tough call to move on altogether from Suryakumar Yadav despite him leading the team to winning the World Cup three months ago. Suryakumar, 35, has struggled with the bat in recent months, managing only 242 runs in nine T20 World Cup innings, with his unbeaten 84 against the United States the

lone standout. His form dipped further in IPL 2026, where he scored just 270 runs in 13 innings at an average of 20.76 as Mumbai Indians finished ninth in the ten-team points table. With Shreyas taking over, Suryakumar has been totally omitted from the squads for tours of Ireland, England and the Asian Games. Iyer, 31, last played a T20I in December 2023 but boasts of strong captaincy credentials in the IPL. He led Kolkata Knight Riders to the title in 2024, guided Punjab Kings to a runners-up finish in 2025, and steered Delhi Capitals to the final in 2020. "I mean, with regards to Shreyas, obviously, we've seen what he's done over the last few years, leading different franchises, obviously, won once, finals twice.

Chad Gable Returns And Makes Peace With Rey Fenix

WWE is building another storyline as Chad Gable returns to the backstage area at SmackDown. Fans have been wondering when Gable would appear again after being absent from television, and his comeback quickly became one of the biggest talking points of the night. Over the past few months, tensions between Chad Gable and Rey Fenix had become a major part of WWE programming. The match between them had an intense drama that kept fans invested. OG El Grande Americano lost to El Grande Americano at Noches de Los Grandes in a AAA mask vs. mask match. After losing his mask, his true identity was revealed. Because of this history, many viewers expected another confrontation when Gable returned. One of the most notable



aspects of Gable's return was that he appeared as himself rather than under any alternate presentation. The WWE star entered the arena and addressed the WWE universe directly. Instead of focusing on future matches or championship opportunities, Gable spoke about the recent issues that had surrounded him and Rey Fenix.

"Fearless, Focused, Deeply Indian": Gautam Adani On R Praggnanandhaa's Historic Norway Chess Triumph

India chess star R Praggnanandhaa climbed a new peak on Friday. The 20-year-old Praggnanandhaa, pitted against some of the best in world chess, came out victorious in the Norway Chess tournament - a first for any Indian. It's a feat that had eluded even Indian chess legend Viswanathan Anand and reigning world champion D Gukesh, among others, since the tournament's inception in 2013. Competing in Norway Chess for only the second time, Praggnanandhaa endured a slow start in the elite six-player field before gathering momentum in the second half of the event. His campaign was highlighted by a remarkable achievement - defeating seven-time Norway Chess champion and World No. 1 Magnus Carlsen twice in classical chess - a rare



accomplishment that underlined his determination to bounce back from the disappointment of an underwhelming Candidates Tournament in Paphos earlier this year. Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adani termed the win as "fearless,

focused, deeply Indian." "Congratulations to Praggnanandhaa on becoming the first Indian to win the Norway Chess tournament - one of the ultimate tests of endurance, intellect and temperament in the world of chess. To defeat the world's

absolute best on one of chess's grandest stages is a remarkable feat. But what makes it even more special is the spirit with which Pragg plays. Fearless - Focused - Deeply Indian," Adani wrote in a post on X. Congratulations to Praggnanandhaa on becoming the first Indian to win the Norway Chess tournament - one of the ultimate tests of endurance, intellect and temperament in the world of chess. Praggnanandhaa ensured that India's challenge remained alive, ultimately carrying it all the way to the title. The result was made possible after American Grandmaster Wesley So, who led the standings with 15.5 points heading into the final round, was held to a draw in his classical game against Alireza Firouzja, sending their contest into an Armageddon tie-break.

'PAVLOVA' BACK ON ENGLAND COURSE AS FOREST EYE GLORY



Nottingham Forest's Tash Pavelin and Jayda Pechova are rarely apart. They live together, share the defensive circle on court, and have played side by side for the past three seasons. They were also together when they found out in late May that both have been selected for the 2026-27 England Vitality Roses programme, which puts them in the frame for the Commonwealth Games next month. Affectionately nicknamed 'Pavlova' by fans, Pavelin and Pechova will be operating in tandem when Forest - in their second season - contest their first Netball Super League semi-final on Saturday against East Midlands rivals Loughborough Lightning. This is a hectic time of year for elite-level netballers. Amid it all, the England selection was a real tonic. "We were in the gym, waiting for the emails to come through," said 28-year-old Pavelin. "We were both refreshing our phones so much, and then we literally found out five minutes

apart. We were just so happy for each other." Amid Forest's build-up to their first taste of the playoffs, England's call provided a poignant moment particularly for Pechova, who had been longing for a return to the international stage. The Nottingham Forest goal keeper, only 21, is no stranger to the soaring highs and brutal lows of professional sport. Young SPOTY nominee, England call... then a big shock in 2022, aged 18, Pechova was nominated for the BBC's Young Sports Personality of the Year award and recognised as one of England's brightest prospects. Her first senior cap followed in 2023 against New Zealand. Then in 2024, having earned a scholarship with Bath University, Team Bath were disbanded as part of a major Netball Super League restructure. Pechova - just like Pavelin, who was also a Bath player - had no time to mope. Instead, she moved her life to Nottingham to join newly established Forest.

CHARLES LECLERC BEATS LEWIS HAMILTON AS FERRARI SHINE IN MONACO F1 PRACTICE

Charles Leclerc made local knowledge pay on Friday when he topped the times for Ferrari in opening practice for his home Monaco Formula One Grand Prix ahead of team-mate seven-time champion Lewis Hamilton. The two Ferraris were half a second faster than third-placed four-time champion Max Verstappen of Red Bull ahead of the Mercedes duo of championship leading Italian teenager Kimi Antonelli and George Russell. World champion Lando Norris was sixth for McLaren,

without troubling the leading pace-setters, ahead of Audi's Nico Hulkenberg, Oscar Piastri in the second McLaren - on a weekend when the team is celebrating its 1000th Grand Prix - and Gabriel Bortoleto in the second Audi. Pierre Gasly was 10th for Alpine in an interesting session interrupted by two red flags as the drivers familiarised themselves with the singular challenges of driving F1's new hybrid era cars on the classic barrier-lined Mediterranean street circuit. It was a near-perfect

start to the weekend for Ferrari and Leclerc, who became only the second Monegasque to win his home event when he triumphed in 2024, justifying expectations this time that they were favourites to break a long winless run since Mexico two years ago. The session began in bright sunshine with home hero Leclerc out early only to lock up and run off on his first lap, recovering to pursue his team-mate's early fastest lap on the 'green' track following overnight rain.



RAM CHARAN'S PEDDI STRONG HOLD ON DAY 2, COLLECTS HUMONGOUS 181.8 CR WORLDWIDE IN 2 DAYS

The unanimous positive response from audiences has emerged as the biggest driving force behind Mega Power Star Ram Charan's Peddi. After opening to highly encouraging reviews and exceptional word-of-mouth, the film has taken the global box office by storm, grossing a phenomenal 135.36 crore worldwide on its opening day, including premiere shows.

Directed by Buchi Babu Sana and produced by Venkata Satish Kilaru under the Vriddhi Cinemas banner, in association with Mythri Movie Makers and Sukumar Writings, Peddi has demonstrated strong hold on its second day.

The film collected an impressive 46.44 crore gross worldwide on Day 2, taking its cumulative two-day total to a humongous 181.8 crore. Notably, the second-day figures are bigger than the collections of several major blockbuster films, underlining the film's extraordinary box-office strength.

In North India, footfalls witnessed a significant surge from the second day onwards, indicating that the

film's positive word-of-mouth is spreading rapidly across regions. The overwhelming response from Hindi-speaking audiences has surprised many trade analysts and further reinforced Peddi's pan-India appeal.

Ram Charan's performance continues to receive widespread acclaim from audiences and critics alike.

Social media is flooded with appreciation for the actor's striking transformation, commanding screen presence, and emotionally powerful portrayal. Many viewers are hailing it as the finest performance.

The overseas market has also played a crucial role in the film's sensational run. In North America, Peddi has already crossed the \$2 million milestone and is now racing towards the coveted \$3 million mark, reflecting the immense excitement surrounding the film among international audiences. Advance bookings for the weekend remain phenomenal, with most centers reporting excellent occupancies and several locations witnessing packed houses. With strong audience appreciation, robust advance sales, and exceptional word-of-mouth, Peddi is poised for an even bigger surge in the days ahead.

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'RANABAALI' COMPLETES 100 DAYS OF SHOOT

Ranabaali starring Vijay Deverakonda and Rashmika Mandanna, has successfully completed 100 days of shooting and is gearing up for a grand worldwide release on September 11.

"Ranabaali" is a massive pan-India project directed by Rahul Sankrityan, featuring Vijay Deverakonda and Rashmika Mandanna in the lead roles. The film is being presented by T-Series and produced under the banner of Mythri Movie Makers by producers Naveen Yerneni and Y. Ravi Shankar on a massive budget. Set against a 19th-century backdrop, the story is based on real historical events that took place during British rule between 1854 and 1878. Recently, the film completed its 100-day shooting schedule. A recent schedule was filmed in Gandikota, which lasted for a week. During this schedule, emotional scenes between Vijay Deverakonda and Rashmika Mandanna were shot. According to the makers, around 90% of the filming has now been completed, and they are satisfied with the output. A recently released birthday glimpse of Vijay



Deverakonda featured high-energy action sequences that received a strong response from movie lovers. With huge pan-India expectations, the makers are currently in full swing preparing for the worldwide release on September 11.

'Balan The Boy' Trailer Unveiled Across Languages

Ajay Devgn, Suriya Sivakumar, Naga Chaitanya and Raj B.Shetty extend their warm wishes to Balan The Boy trailer across languages; an emotionally charged journey of identity and survival set to release in theatres on 19th June Ever since its successful showcase at the Marché du Film during the Cannes Film Festival, Balan The Boy has made a remarkable impact. The film has been generating curiosity ever since its announcement and the release of its first poster. As anticipation around the film continues to grow, leading stars from across the Indian film industry came together to unveil the trailer in multiple languages. Ajay Devgn, Suriya Sivakumar, Naga Chaitanya and Raj B.Shetty shared the trailer of the film in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu and Kannada respectively. The



actors took to their social media extending their best wishes to the trailer and the film. The trailer offers a glimpse into a deeply human and emotionally resonant cinematic experience rooted in themes of identity, belonging, and survival. Packed with suspense, emotion, and intrigue, the trailer promises a compelling and thought-provoking journey.

'The Night of the Stars' musical event to be held grandly on June 12th under the baton of Kalyani Malik and Geetha Madhuri

The prestigious music festival "The Night of the Stars", jointly organized by Scene Setters and Assembly, will be held on June 12, 2026 at the Assembly in the Financial District, Hyderabad. Noted music director Kalyani Malik, renowned playback singer Geetha Madhuri, as well as Saket, Vinootna, Kashyap, Aditi, and Bhargavi will entertain the audience with their amazing musical performances. The event is being organized by popular YouTuber Nikhil Vijayendra Simha. Speaking at the media conference organized on this occasion, Nikhil Vijayendra Simha said. Greetings to everyone. Thank you to everyone who came to support us. We all grew up enjoying songs as sweet memories and nostalgic feelings since childhood. We are organizing this program with the idea of bringing those nostalgic songs to the audience once



again. It is very happy that this musical live show is being held under the auspices of Kalyani Malik garu after almost 23 years. This program will be organized on June 12 at the Assembly venue. Special thanks to Srikanth garu for providing us with this venue. Also, thanks to Kalyani Malik garu, Geetha Madhuri garu, Saket garu, Vinootna garu, and Aditi garu. All of them are making this celebration even more grand. We want you all

to attend this program and enjoy this musical celebration with us. For tickets, we request you to contact the District App and the phone numbers we have provided. Kalyani Malik said... Hello everyone. I felt so happy and excited when my first film was released, and I am also feeling the same while hosting this show. I am very happy to be participating in this program with all our singers. I definitely

want everyone to come to this musical event on June 12th. This show will definitely entertain the audience. Singer Geeta Madhuri said... Hello everyone. I am getting a lot of calls about this show being organized by Kalyani Malik for the first time. Everyone is asking about this program with interest. Kalyani garu has many fans. I love live music shows. I am very happy to be a part of such a special program. Another special thing is that this program is being held in the Assembly Financial District. This venue is very amazing. Tickets are available on the District app. You can also contact the organizers through the phone numbers given or through social media. I am very happy that Kalyani Malik garu's songs are going to be sung on this stage. Singers, organizers and other representatives related to the program participated in this media conference.

Arunachala creations, Harsh Roshan next titled Thella Kaagitham; First Look Out Now



Young and talented actor Harsh Roshan is all set to begin an exciting new chapter in his career with his next film under the Arunachala Creations banner. Backed by producer Krishna Kommalapati, the project comes after the actor's impressive success with acclaimed films like Court and Band Melam. With a strong focus on emotions, romance, and relatable storytelling, the makers are promising a refreshing cinematic experience for audiences. The film has been titled Thella Kaagitham, and its first-look poster was unveiled today, generating considerable buzz among movie lovers. Thella Kaagitham is described as a heart-warming musical love story that revolves around youthful emotions and memorable relationships. The first-look poster offers a glimpse into the film's

"If Theatres Are Not Given, Suicide Is My Only Refuge": 'O Andala Rakshasi' movie Hero and Filmmaker Sheraz Mehdi Expresses Anguish

Sheraz Mehdi, the hero and filmmaker of 'O Andala Rakshasi', expressed deep anguish over the challenges faced by small-budget films in the Telugu film industry. Speaking at a press meet held at the Telugu Film Chamber, he alleged that a "mafia-like system" is systematically destroying small films by denying them access to theatres. Mehdi stated that not only was his film denied theatres during its original release, but even its re-release failed to secure screening venues. "If theatres are not given, suicide is my only refuge," he said emotionally, highlighting the severe difficulties faced by independent filmmakers. He alleged that quality films are being deliberately sidelined and claimed that O Andala Rakshasi did not receive even a single theatre in the Nizam region. "This is happening



strategically. Good films are being killed, and small films are being eliminated," he remarked. Mehdi further revealed that he is continuing his fight through legal channels and vowed to pursue justice until the issue is resolved. He pointed out that wider theatrical releases are essential for films to become eligible for OTT platform acquisitions, making theatre access crucial for a movie's commercial survival. Describing the situ-

ation of small films as "extremely unfortunate," Mehdi said such conditions are rarely seen elsewhere in the world and are not prevalent even in Bollywood. He also criticized certain regulatory and financial burdens on filmmakers, including censorship-related requirements and charges such as ADCC fees, which he said place additional pressure on small producers. The film's team expressed concern that without adequate theatre access and equal opportunities, emerging talent and independent cinema would struggle to survive. They appealed to the government and industry leaders to protect small films and ensure a level playing field within the industry. "The fight will continue until justice is done," Mehdi asserted, calling for urgent reforms to support small and independent filmmakers in Telugu cinema.

Ayesha's Birthday Special Poster Released from Sudigali Sudheer's "Sudheer's Joker"

Actor Sudigali Sudheer is all set to entertain audiences with his upcoming film "Sudheer's Joker." Bigg Boss fame Ayesha is making her debut as the female lead with this movie. The film also stars Abhirami, Murali Sharma, Ajay Ghosh, Ramesh Indira, Vishnu Oi, and Muralidhar Goud in prominent roles. The movie is being produced by Vijay Donkada and Sridhar Makkava, while P.S. Sunil Puppala is directing the project. On the occasion of actress Ayesha's birthday, the makers unveiled a special birthday poster and extended their warm wishes to her. In "Sudheer's Joker," Ayesha will be seen playing the character of Shalini, a role through which she is expected to impress audiences with both her charm and performance. Recently, the film's "Banger" teaser, released on the occasion of Sudigali



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