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28-06-2026

Total pilgrims - 91,793
Tonsnes - 31,221
Hundi kumbh - 4,90 CR
Laddu sale - 4,38 Lac
Annaspradams - 3,13 Lac
Medical treatment - 3,515
Waiting Compartments - Out side line at Sila thoranam.

Approx. Darsan Time for Sarvadaashanam (with out SSD tokens) - 18 - 24 H.

India strongly condemns Pakistan air strikes on Afghan territory



New Delhi (TSIT): The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Monday stated that India strongly condemns Pakistan's air strikes on Afghan territory that have resulted in several civilian casualties, including women and children. "India strongly condemns Pakistan's air strikes on Afghan territory that have resulted in several civilian casualties, including women and children. This blatant act of aggression by Pakistan is an assault on Afghanistan's sovereignty and a direct threat to regional peace and stability," stated the MEA. "It reflects Pakistan's persistent pattern of reckless behaviour and its futile attempt to externalise internal failures through desperate acts of violence beyond its borders. India conveys its condolences to Afghan families that have lost loved ones, prays for early recovery of those injured and reiterates its unwavering support for Afghanistan's sovereignty and territorial integrity," it added.

8 new RS members take oath; Kharge re-appointed LoP



VP & Rajya Sabha Chairman CP Radhakrishnan with 8 newly-elected members of the Rajya Sabha who took oath on Monday....

NEW DELHI (TSIT):

Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge and BJP leader Tarun Chugh were among the eight newly-elected members of the Rajya Sabha who took oath on Monday. Rajya Sabha Chairman CP Radhakrishnan administered the oath of office to the new members. Kharge was also re-appointed as the Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha with effect from June 26. Holding a copy of the Constitution in his hand, Kharge took the oath separately in Radhakrishnan's chamber. The Congress chief later said that he will continue to raise the concerns, aspirations and the voice of people in the House with sincerity and conviction,

apart from holding the government accountable. Radhakrishnan congratulated Kharge and said the Upper House would benefit from his long experience. Radhakrishnan later administered oath/affirmation to seven other newly elected/re-elected members in the Rajya Sabha chamber - Mansingh Meraman Parmar, Tarun Chugh, Alka Singh, Jitendra Meghijibhai Kanzariya, Rajendra Hiralal Jain, M Nagaraja and Adhikarimayum Sharda Devi. Four members took oath/affirmation in Hindi, one in Kannada, one in Punjabi and one in Manipuri. While two members are from Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur and

Rajasthan sent one member each to the Upper House. Congress Parliamentary Party chairperson Sonia Gandhi, Wayanad MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, general secretaries K C Venugopal, Mukul Wasnik, Jairam Ramesh and Naseer Hussain were present during Kharge's oath-taking. Kharge's wife, daughter and granddaughter along with her spouse were also present, sources said. Health Minister J P Nadda, who is also the Leader of the House, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju, Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal and Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Hariwansh were also present on the occasion, along with Praful Patel and Rajya Sabha Secretary General P C Mody.

CM Vijay tells TN officials to act without political interference



Chennai (TSIT)

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay on Monday directed district collectors and superintendents of police to effectively tackle crimes by identifying the root cause and maximise public safety. Stressing the need to crack down on drug trafficking and protect natural resources from plunder, he said no wrongdoer, regardless of their standing, should escape swift and impartial punishment.

Addressing the first two-day joint conference of collectors, SPs and senior police officials since his TVK government assumed office in May, Vijay said the officials "could act without political interference." "District collectors

and Superintendents of Police should actively monitor and take action against drug trafficking and smuggling of mineral resources," Vijay said at the Secretariat here. "Collectors and SPs should take steps to prevent criminal incidents by identifying the root cause. A change should be brought about in the behaviour of those who disturb law and order," he said in his opening remarks.

Women's safety should be ensured without any compromise and special arrangements should be made for their protection. Special attention should also be given to the safety of students and children, he said. "Shops near schools should be continuously monitored. Periodic checks should be conducted if necessary. Those involved in drug-related crimes should be immediately arrested and punished," the CM said.

Dipke slams Centre's 'apathy' towards student suicides; Wangchuk's fast enters day 2



NEW DELHI (TSIT):

The protest by the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) at Jantar Mantar in Delhi entered its tenth day on Monday, with CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke highlighting the recent cases of student suicides and criticising the government's alleged lack of response to the families affected. In a series of posts on X, Dipke named students - Pradeep Meghwal, Aakansha Chaturvedi, Amaira Kumar and

CJP PROTEST:

Dipke slams Centre's 'apathy' towards student suicides; Wangchuk's fast enters day 2



NEW DELHI (TSIT):

Kahaan Patel, saying their families were being made to "beg for justice". He alleged that no government representative had contacted them to express regret over the deaths of their children. "I really don't understand how people in power can be not just so indifferent, but so arrogant that they don't even feel the need to reach out to families who have lost their children," Dipke said. "You can't bring their children back, but the very

least you can do is express regret and apologise to their families. Is that too much to ask?" he added. Dipke also shared a video of his interaction with the father of NEET aspirant Kahaan Patel, who died by suicide on June 18. Patel's father travelled from Gujarat to Jantar Mantar to voice his concerns with Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. In the video, Patel's father questioned how his son was being portrayed and emphasised that the family wanted people to truly understand who he was. Activist Wangchuk, who is on the second day of his hunger strike, called on people to join the fast in support of the CJP and the pressing issues in Ladakh. "This is the second day of my fast in support of CJP and Ladakh. You can also join us. Come here for a day-long fast.

Chandrababu Naidu orders simplified govt services

DIRECTS COMPLAINTS TO BE RECEIVED THROUGH MANA MITRA PLATFORM



Visakhapatnam (TSIT)

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Monday directed officials to simplify government services and make them more accessible to the public. During a review meeting at the RTGS Centre in the State Secretariat, he stressed the need to streamline service delivery, with officials informing him that procedures for 11 public services are being simplified in the first phase. The Chief Minister instructed officials to strengthen the public grievance redressal system by

enabling citizens to register complaints through Mana Mitra WhatsApp, including voice messages. He also directed officials to resolve mobile network connectivity issues in around 3,000 locations across the state within three months and asked senior officials to undertake regular field visits to identify and resolve public issues promptly. The meeting also reviewed the Navachetana child development programme, the PGRS grievance redressal mechanism, RTGS operations, and the use of Artificial Intelligence and other technologies in governance.

Ram temple donations case: All eight accused sent to 14 days judicial custody

The accused were produced before Special Judge, Anti Corruption Court, Rajat Verma through video conferencing after their earlier judicial custody expired, Special Prosecution Officer Umesh Dubey said.

AYODHYA (TSIT):

All eight accused arrested in connection with the alleged embezzlement of donations at the Ram temple were on Monday remanded to 14 days judicial custody by a local court, case officials said.



earlier judicial custody expired, Special Prosecution Officer Umesh Dubey said. Police did not apply for the custody of the accused, he added. The eight had earlier been remanded to three days' judicial custody till Monday by a special remand magistrate.

PM Modi salutes Indian diaspora in Seychelles

New Delhi (TSIT):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday hailed the Indian community in Seychelles as a "living bridge" connecting the two countries, applauding its contribution to the island nation's development while preserving India's rich cultural heritage, as he wrapped up a landmark three-day State Visit marked by major diplomatic achievements and enhanced people-to-people engagement.

Interacting with members of the Indian diaspora in Victoria, Modi highlighted the community's pivotal role in strengthening the longstanding historical and cultural relationship between India and

Seychelles at a time when the two countries are expanding cooperation in maritime security, sustainable development, digital connectivity and regional stability in the Indian Ocean. The Prime Minister received a rousing welcome upon his arrival at his hotel in Victoria, where members of the diaspora greeted him with traditional Kutch folk dances, sacred mantra chants and the waving of the Indian Tricolour, reflecting the community's enduring emotional and cultural ties with India. Addressing the gathering, Modi praised the diaspora for keeping Indian traditions alive despite living far from their ancestral homeland. He noted with appreciation that festivals



such as Deepavali and Navratri continue to be celebrated enthusiastically in Seychelles and remarked that the community's fondness for Indian cuisine, including samosas, symbolised its strong cultural connection with India. He said the Indian community had

served as a vital link in reinforcing the friendship between the two countries and acknowledged its contribution to Seychelles' development over the years. Later, in a series of posts on social media platform X, the Prime Minister wrote, "Had a wonderful interaction with

members of the Indian community in Seychelles. They are making effective contributions to Seychelles' progress. At the same time, their connection with India is still very strong." The diaspora outreach was one of the highlights of Modi's State Visit, which witnessed several historic milestones in bilateral relations. The Prime Minister attended the Golden Jubilee celebrations of Seychelles' Independence as the Guest of Honour, coinciding with the 50th anniversary of diplomatic ties between India and the Indian Ocean nation. In another landmark moment, Modi became the first Indian Prime Minister to address an Extraordinary Sitting of the National Assembly of Seychelles,

underlining the growing strategic importance of the partnership and India's commitment to the Indian Ocean region. During the visit, the Prime Minister was also conferred the 'Guardian of the Blue Horizon', Seychelles' highest honour for leadership in environmental conservation and sustainable development, adding another prestigious international recognition to his global efforts on climate action and sustainability. During bilateral talks with Seychelles President Patrick Herminie, the two leaders reviewed the full spectrum of cooperation and discussed expanding collaboration under India's Vision MAHASAGAR initiative.

Centre targets \$100 bn textile exports by 2030, says Union Minister Textiles Giriraj Singh

Addressing the media in Tirupur after interacting with representatives of the knitwear industry, Singh said Tamil Nadu had been assigned an export target of US\$ 21 billion, of which Tiruppur alone is expected to contribute US\$ 11.5 billion.

COIMBATORE: Union Minister for Textiles Giriraj Singh on Sunday (June 28) said the Centre has set an ambitious target of increasing India's textile exports from the current US\$ 38 billion to US\$ 100 billion by 2030, with Tamil Nadu expected to play a pivotal role in achieving the goal. Addressing the media in Tirupur after interacting with representatives of the knitwear industry, Singh said Tamil Nadu had been assigned an export target of US\$ 21 billion, of which Tiruppur alone is expected to contribute US\$ 11.5 billion.

"India's economic growth, rapid infrastructure development and the signing of Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) have created unprecedented



opportunities for the textile industry. These agreements will significantly enhance the global competitiveness of Indian textile products," he said.

The minister said work on the PM MITRA Mega Textile Park at Virudhunagar in Tamil Nadu was progressing

and announced that the Centre would soon roll out a new scheme to modernise textile machinery and accelerate the adoption of advanced manufacturing technologies.

He said the government's focus was to position India as a global leader in the production of next-generation tex-

tiles, particularly those based on recycled and natural fibres, while fostering a new generation of entrepreneurs in the sector.

"The textile industries in Tamil Nadu, Gujarat and Maharashtra stand to benefit substantially from India's Free Trade Agreements. These states will witness significant growth as India's textile exports reach new heights," Singh said. Responding to demands raised by industry representatives, the minister assured that the Centre would extend support for the establishment of hostels for women workers, the creation of new industrial clusters and wider adoption of modern manufacturing technologies in Tirupur.

Any correspondence in official offices should be done through e-office: District Collector Adarsh Surabhi

Wanaparthy(TSIT):The collector ordered that all correspondence between the respective government offices in Wanaparthy district should be done through e-office only and that the officials and staff of all offices should be trained accordingly. He explained that e-office is very useful for speedy resolution of files, transparency and accountability and is also environmentally friendly. He said that through this office it will be easy to know which file is pending with which officer and staff and how many days it has been pending. For the clearance of files in the district with accountability and transparency, the officers and staff of all



departments in the district should learn how to do e-office and shift to this office from July 1. He clarified that no file that comes physically to him will be accepted. Additional Collector Local Bodies N Khemna Naik, Additional Collector Revenue Vinod Kumar, district officials and others participated.

Coalition Government Takes Employee-Friendly Decisions

Employee Union Leaders Meet Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu to Express Gratitude



The South India Times, Visakhapatnam :

Employee unions have welcomed the Andhra Pradesh Cabinet's recent decisions aimed at improving the welfare of government employees. Among the key decisions are the extension of the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) to employees appointed through various recruitment notifications issued before September 2004, and the enhancement of the retirement age from 60 to 62 years for employees of government corporations and residential educational institutions, bringing them on par with regular government employees.

Following these Cabinet decisions, representatives of various employee associations have been meeting Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu to convey their appreciation. On Monday, leaders of several employee unions, led by former MLC Ramakrishna, met the Chief Minister at the State Secretariat and thanked him for the employee-friendly initiatives.

The union leaders said the government's decisions had brought great relief to

thousands of employees and assured the Chief Minister that they would never forget the support extended to them. They described the coalition government as an employee-friendly administration committed to safeguarding the interests of its workforce.

Responding to the delegation, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu said that just as the government had stood by its employees, employees should also extend their full cooperation in achieving the government's development goals and ensuring efficient public service delivery.

Representatives from the APREI Society, residential educational institutions under various welfare departments, and the DSC-2003 Teachers' Forum attended the meeting. Among those present were Gurukulam JAC leaders Damacharla Madhusudana Rao, Prabhakar, Rammohan Rao, and Ramesh, along with Mopidevi Siva Shankara Rao, Guru Brahmam, and Rajesh from the DSC-2003 Teachers' Forum

Collector reviews second-day Pulse Polio follow-up drive

Mahabub Nagar 29 June : As part of the second-day Pulse Polio follow-up campaign, District Collector Khushboo Gupta, along with Trainee Assistant Collector Sai Shivani and District Medical & Health Officer Dr. A. Srinivasulu, visited X Houses under the Old Palamoor Urban Primary Health Centre jurisdiction and administered polio drops to children who had missed vaccination on the designated Pulse Polio Day. Speaking on the occasion, the District Collector directed the health staff to conduct door-to-door surveys and ensure that every child aged 0-5 years receives polio drops without fail. She emphasized that no eligible child should be left



uncovered and called upon parents and the community to extend full cooperation in making the Pulse Polio programme a complete success. The programme was attended by District Immunization Officer Dr. Shailaja, State Consultant Dr. Mohammed Abdul Wasse, Deputy District Medical & Health Officer Dr. Shashikanth, Dr. Puluri Vidya, Dr. Mamatha, DPO Seetharam, MPHEO Subhash, and other officials and health staff from the Medical and Health Department.

Centre Discriminating Against Telangana in Paddy Procurement

Madhira (TSIT): Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka on Monday accused the Centre of discriminating against Telangana in paddy procurement despite the state being the country's largest producer of rice. Speaking to the media along with Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao at Jagannathapuram in Chinthakani mandal, he said the proposed Rythu Aashirvada Sabha scheduled for June 30 had been postponed due to heavy rains.

Bhatti said the decision was taken to avoid inconvenience to farmers and the public, adding that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy would release the next tranche of Rythu Bharosa assistance to farmers in Hyderabad on Tuesday.

He criticised BRS leaders



for making "baseless" allegations over the Rythu Bharosa and farm loan waiver schemes. He said the previous BRS government had disbursed Rs.72,000 crore under the Rythu Bandhu scheme over 10 years, while the Congress government had released

Rs.36,000 crore under Rythu Bharosa in just two-and-a-half years. The Deputy Chief Minister said Rs.9,000 crore would be credited to farmers' accounts within nine days to support the ongoing kharif cultivation. He also claimed that Telangana was procuring all major crops at

the Minimum Support Price and alleged that the Centre was discriminating against the state in paddy procurement. He asserted that the Revanth Reddy government was committed to strengthening the agriculture sector and improving farmers' welfare.

TDP MP Vijay Chinthakayala's Oath Echoes Mangalagiri Weavers Legacy

Hyderabad / Visakhapatnam, June 29, 2026: On a historic day for Andhra Pradesh in the nation's capital, newly elected Telugu Desam Party (TDP) leader Vijay Chinthakayala Ayyannapratrudu took oath as a Member of the Rajya Sabha on June 25. He was joined by fellow TDP MPs Sana Satish Babu and Bhashyam Rama Krishna, alongside Jana Sena Party's Lingamneni Ramesh, marking a significant sweep for NDA in Rajya Sabha.



ship of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and TDP Minister Nara Lokesh, MP Vijay marked the occasion by wearing a traditional Mangalagiri cotton shawl,

bringing national attention to one of Andhra Pradesh's most cherished handloom traditions.

The shawl carries a significance far beyond ceremonial attire. Every thread of that shawl traces its origins to Mangalagiri, the historic temple town in Guntur district and the Assembly constituency represented by Andhra Pradesh IT, Electronics and Human Resources Minister Nara Lokesh. Mangalagiri cotton carries over 500 years of recorded history.

Foundation Stone Laid for Rs.98.68 Cr Road Over Bridge Between Gunadala & Vijayawada



The South India Times. Visakhapatnam: In a major boost to rail-road infrastructure, the South Coast Railway's Vijayawada Division laid the foundation stone for the construction of a Road Over Bridge (ROB) in place of Level Crossing Gate No. 316 between Gunadala and Vijayawada stations on Monday. The project aims to enhance public convenience and ensure seamless movement of both road and rail traffic. The foundation stone was laid by Vijayawada Member of Parliament Kesineni Sivanath in the presence of Vijayawada Central MLA Bonda Umamaheswararao, K. Simon, Chief Project Manager, Gati Shakti Unit, P.E. Edwin, Additional Divisional Railway Manager (Infrastructure), Vijayawada Division, and other senior railway officials.

The ROB will be constructed at an estimated cost of Rs.98.68 crore, fully

funded by the Railways. The bridge will have a total length of 920 metres and a 24-metre-wide carriageway, including service roads, providing improved connectivity between Gunadala, Nunna and Vijayawada. Once completed, the ROB will eliminate delays caused by the closure of the level crossing gate, ensure safer and uninterrupted movement of road users and trains, reduce travel time and traffic congestion, and significantly improve connectivity in the region. The project is also expected to strengthen urban infrastructure and contribute to the socio-economic development of the Vijayawada region. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by P.V. Ramana Rao, Deputy Chief Engineer, Gati Shakti Unit, who reaffirmed the Railways' commitment to completing the project on schedule for the benefit of the public.

VSN Construction Donates Rs.10 Lakh to TTD



Kakinada-based VSN Construction donated Rs.10 lakh to the TTD Sri SV Pranadatanam Trust on Monday. The cheque was handed over to TTD Executive Officer Sri Muddada Ravichandra at the EO's office in Tirupati. VSN Construction Managing Partner Sri R.S. Shanta Ram and representatives Smt. Durga Kamakshi and Sri Jasti Srinivasa Rao were present.

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For SBFC Finance Limited

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II, KARNATAKA
4th Floor, BSNL Building, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore - 560 001
O.A. No.1008/2021
Between: State Bank of India ...Applicant
And Mr. Revu Surya Prakash & Others ...Defendants
SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993, TO THE DEFENDANT
WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an Application U/S 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you for recovery of sum of **Rs.3,00,38,178/-** (Rupees Three Crore Thirty Eight Thousand One Hundred Seventy Eight only) as on 06.07.2021 together with current and future interest and other reliefs. You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **31.07.2026 at 10.30 a.m.**, in person or by a Pleader/ Advocate duly instructed as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case of default, the Application will be heard and determined in your absence. Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this **20.06.2026**
Sd/- Registrar (DRT II)
Authorised to Issue Summons
The Defendant/s
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Date: 30.06.2026
Place: ANDHRA PRADESH
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PUBLIC NOTICE
The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from ICICI Home Finance Company Limited ("ICICI HFC") and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address/ of Secured Asset/ Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Padamati Ramesh (Borrower), Gangadhara Hymavathi (CO-Borrower), D No 79-8-18-33 Yatha Veedhi Vt Agharam, Dharmapuri Vizianagaram Vizianagaram- 535004 Andhra Pradesh, LHPVM00001466013	All That Residential Building On Site For An Extent Of 132 Sq.Yds Along With RCC Slab House Plant Area 675 Sft In The Lane Of D.No. 9-18-398, House Tax Assessment No. 1093027514, Covered By Sy.no. 132/1 At Yatha Veedhi, Vanthithodi Agharam, Vizianagaram Municipality Of Vizianagaram Sub Registration District Bounded By The Following Boundaries As Under Boundaries of 1st Schedule: East: House Of Ravva Appalaraju, South : Road, West : Vacant Site Of Chodavarapu Pydithalli, North: Road, Extent : 32 Sq.Yards. Boundaries Of 2nd Schedule: East : House Of Chodavarapu Akkunaidu. South: Road, West : Vacant Site Of Padamati Ramesh, North: Canal, Extent : 100 Sq.Yards..	11-06-2026 Rs. 9,29,420.18/-	03/06/ 2026
2.	Padamati Ramesh (Borrower), Gangadhara Hymavathi (CO-Borrower), D No 79-8-18-33 Yatha Veedhi Vt Agharam, Dharmapuri Vizianagaram Vizianagaram- 535004 Andhra Pradesh, LHPVM00001466147	All That Residential Building on Site For An Extent Of 132 Sq.Yds Along With RCC Slab House Plant Area 675 Sft In The Lane Of D.No. 9-18-398, House Tax Assessment No. 1093027514, Covered By Sy.no. 132/1 At Yatha Veedhi, Vanthithodi Agharam, Vizianagaram Municipality Of Vizianagaram Sub Registration District Bounded By The Following Boundaries As Under Boundaries of 1st Schedule: East: House Of Ravva Appalaraju, South : Road, West : Vacant Site Of Chodavarapu Pydithalli, North: Road, Extent : 32 Sq.Yards. Boundaries Of 2nd Schedule: East : House Of Chodavarapu Akkunaidu. South : Road, West : Vacant Site Of Padamati Ramesh, North: Canal, Extent : 100 Sq.Yards.	11-06-2026 Rs. 8,81,447/-	03/06/ 2026
3.	Hari Mallikarjunarao Taradi (Borrower), Sony Taradi (CO-Borrower), Flat No B3-406 Dolphin Heights Apartments, Desannopeta, Dolphin Heights, Vizianagaram- 535002 Andhra Pradesh, LHVNM00001290401	An Undivided and Unspecified Share Measuring of 38.78 Sq.Yards Out of 345 Sq.Yards Plot No. 11, 12 in S.No. 123/2(P) in Pedatadivada Village in Pedatadivada Grama Panhayat Denkada Mandalam Bhogapuram Sub Dist And Vizianagaram District. Schedule-B: The Residential Flat No., 303 in Second Floor With The Total Plinth Area Of 950sq.ft (Including Common Aread) In Proposed Three Storied Building Under The Name And Style Of " Srinivasa Residency". Bounded By- North By: Common Corridor, South By: Open To Sky, East By: Open To Sky, West By: Flat No. 302.	17-06-2026 Rs. 11,70,448.76/-	08/06/ 2026

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.
Date: June 30, 2026
Place: Vizianagaram
Authorized Officer
ICICI Home Finance Company Limited

Central Tribal University to hold first convocation in Visakhapatnam today

Visakhapatnam, June 30: The Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh will hold its first Convocation Ceremony in Visakhapatnam on Tuesday, with the President of India attending as the chief guest. The President will confer degrees on 373 graduates and present Gold Medals to 13 meritorious students.

Addressing a joint press conference on Monday, Chancellor Madan Lal Meena and Vice-Chancellor Prof. T. Srinivasan said the convocation would honour students who completed various undergraduate and



postgraduate programmes between 2020 and the 2025-26 academic year. Established in 2019 with its headquarters at

Vizianagaram, the Central Tribal University commenced academic activities in 2020. The university currently offers eight post-graduate and five undergraduate programmes under the Schools of Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences, and Management. Of the 373 graduates, 200 are from the School of Sciences, 82 from the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and 91 from the School of Management.

Farmers' Welfare is Government's Top Priority: Minister Atchannaidu



The South India Times. Visakhapatnam: In a major boost to rail-road infrastructure, the South Coast Railway's Vijayawada Division laid the foundation stone for the construction of a Road Over Bridge (ROB) in place of Level Crossing Gate No. 316 between Gunadala and Vijayawada stations on Monday. The project aims to enhance public convenience and ensure seamless movement of both road and rail traffic. The foundation stone was laid by Vijayawada Member of Parliament Kesineni Sivanath in the presence of Vijayawada Central MLA Bonda Umamaheswararao, K. Simon, Chief Project Manager, Gati Shakti Unit, P.E. Edwin, Additional Divisional Railway Manager (Infrastructure), Vijayawada Division, and other senior railway officials. The ROB will be constructed at an estimated cost of Rs.98.68 crore, fully funded by the Railways. The bridge will have a total length of 920 metres and a 24-metre-wide carriageway, including service roads, providing improved connectivity between Gunadala, Nunna and Vijayawada.

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Andhra Pradesh Agriculture Minister Kinjarapu Atchannaidu on Monday said the NDA coalition government is committed to restoring the agriculture sector and ensuring the welfare and prosperity of farmers. He inaugurated the Eruvaka Pournami celebrations by ploughing a field with bullocks at Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University (ANGRAU) in Guntur. Addressing the gathering, the Minister said the government is giving top priority to providing quality seeds, fertilizers and scientific farming practices to enhance farmers' income. He stated that



there is no shortage of fertilizers in the State and that more than 1.5 million fertilizer bags have been distributed through a dedicated mobile app within just 20 days. He urged farmers to adopt market-oriented crop planning instead of depending on a single crop. The

Minister said the government is also promoting horticulture, dairy and other allied sectors to improve farm incomes. District Collector Sai Kanth Varma, public representatives, university officials, scientists and farmers attended the programme.

Justice Raghunandan Rao's Contribution to Constitutional Values and Rule of Law Will Be Remembered: Chief Justice Lisa Gill

The South India Times Chief Justice of the Andhra Pradesh High Court, Justice Lisa Gill, praised the distinguished services of Justice Raghunandan Rao, stating that his contribution to upholding constitutional values and the rule of law will remain memorable. She was speaking at the ceremonial farewell held in the First Court Hall of the High Court on Monday to mark his retirement. Justice Gill said that after an accomplished career as an advocate,

Justice Raghunandan Rao upheld the Constitution and the rule of law with exemplary integrity as a judge. His landmark judgments on constitutional issues, complex civil disputes, taxation matters, and public interest litigations have served as valuable precedents for the judiciary. She noted that Justice Raghunandan Rao disposed of nearly 25,000 cases during his tenure, significantly strengthening public confidence in the judicial system.

Vice-Chancellor Dr. P. Chandrasekhar Inaugurates Selfie Point at Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences



The South India Times Vice-Chancellor of Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences, Dr. P. Chandrasekhar, on Monday inaugurated the specially designed "I Dr. NTR UHS" selfie point on the university campus. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Chandrasekhar said that Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences has earned nationwide recognition for excellence in medical education, healthcare, and research. He stated that the selfie point has been established to further enhance the university's identity and strengthen the emotional bond between the institution and its students, faculty, alumni, and visitors.

He said the selfie point has been thoughtfully designed to reflect the pride and sense of belonging associated with the university while serving as a memorable landmark for everyone connected with the institution. It is expected to further promote the university's image and reinforce its unique identity. Following the inauguration, university officials, faculty members, and staff gathered at the selfie point to take photographs and celebrate the occasion. The programme was attended by the University Registrar, Deans, faculty members, administrative officials, and staff.

Rehabilitation Drive Aims for Drug-Free Visakhapatnam

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Andhra Pradesh Home and Disaster Management Minister Vangalapudi Anitha lauded the efforts of the Visakhapatnam City Police in working towards a "Drug-Free Visakhapatnam" by identifying individuals addicted to drugs and alcohol, providing them with treatment, rehabilitation, and sustainable livelihood opportunities. Speaking as the chief guest at the "Rehabilitation of Drug and Alcohol Addicts" programme held at the Police



Commissionerate AR Grounds Conference Hall on Monday, the Minister appreciated the initiative led by City Police Commissioner Dr. Shankhabrata Bagchi.

She said the rehabilitation programme is helping recovering addicts reintegrate into society with dignity by ensuring proper treatment and employment. Addressing

the gathering, Dr. Shankhabrata Bagchi said that police personnel from the Control Room and police stations identify drug and alcohol addicts and counsel them about the harmful effects of substance abuse. Those willing to undergo treatment are referred to de-addiction centres, including Green Valley Foundation, SEED Organisation - New Life Integrated Rehabilitation Centre, and the Drug De-addiction Centre at King George Hospital (KGH).

ADITYA BIRLA CAPITAL LIMITED
Registered Office : Indian Rayon Compound, Veraval, Gujarat-362266.
Corporate Office : R-Tech Park, 12th Floor, Nirlon Complex, off Western Expressway, Goregaon East -Mumbai - 400063.

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE
30 Days E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (54 of 2002).
On account of the amalgamation between Aditya Birla Finance Ltd. and Aditya Birla Capital Ltd. vide the Scheme of Amalgamation dated 11.03.2024 duly recorded in the Order passed by the National Company Law Tribunal - Ahmedabad on 24.03.2025, all SARFAESI actions initiated by Aditya Birla Finance Ltd. in relation to the mortgaged property mentioned below, stands transferred to Aditya Birla Capital Ltd., the amalgamated company.
Accordingly the **Authorized Officer of Aditya Birla Capital Limited** / Secured Creditor had taken possession of the following secured assets pursuant to notice issued under Sec. 13(2) of Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI) for recovery of the secured debts of the secured creditor, for the dues as mentioned herein below with further charges and cost thereon from the following Borrowers and Co-Borrowers. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers and Co-Borrowers that e-auction of the following property for realization of the debts due to the **Aditya Birla Capital Limited** will be held on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is"** basis
DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION : 12 AUGUST 2026 & LAST DATE OF RECEIPT OF KYC & EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT (EMD) : 11th August 2026

Sr No	Name of the Borrower(s) & Co-Borrower(s)	Description of Properties /Secured Assets	Reserve Price (In Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (In Rs.) / Incremental Value (In Rs.)	Demand Notice Date & Total Amt (In Rs.)
1	M/S. KAMALI COTTONS THROUGH ITS PROPRIETOR MRS. THOTA LAKSHMI, MRS. MRS. THOTA LAKSHMI, MR. VENKATA DHAMODAR THOTA, THOTA ANJANI VENKATA KRISHNA MOHAN, SAI KIRAN THOTA Loan A/c no. ABVJWST500000717827	West Godavari District - Rajahmundry Sro - Rajahmundry Prakash Nagar Panchayat - Present Rajahmundry Municipal Area -Jaya Sri Gardens R.S.No.220 - Plot No.31 - In This Conveyed An Extent Of 230 Sq. Yards Of Property With All Easement Rights Being Bounded By :- East : Site Of S.Kandaswami Nadar; 40.3 Fts., South :Javaharlala Nehru Road; 51.3 Fts., West : Road; 40.3 Fts., North : Remaining Site Of Plot No.31; 51.3 Fts., Along With Existing Construction And Buildings.	Rs. 2,05,00,000 (Rupees Two Crores And Five Lakhs Only)	Rs. 20,50,000 (Rupees Twenty Lakhs and Fifty Thousand Only) Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees twenty five thousand only)	09 MARCH 2026 & RS. 57,04,781.77/- (RUPEES FIFTY SEVEN LAKH FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY ONE RUPEES AND SEVENTY SEVEN PAISA ONLY) DUES AS ON 06 MARCH 2026

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditor's website i.e. <https://abfi.adityabirlacapital.com/Pages/Individual/Properties-for-Auction-under-SARFAESI-Act.aspx> or <https://BidDeal.in>. Contact Details - Aditya Birla Capital Limited. Authorized Officer - Komal Patil (9867895795), Jahnu Laskar (970603075), Harsh Kumar (9176547103), LingaSwamy Bathini (9000014111), Raghuvra Neerukonda (9642299899), Sunder Cornelius (952231674) and Srikanth S. (9864002027) and Dilipanjose NS (8056375928), Apoorva Danthi (993099725).
Date: 30.06.2026, Place : Rajahmundry

Authorised Officer, Aditya Birla Capital Limited

IDFC FIRST Bank Limited
(erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)
CIN : L65110TN2014PLC097792
Registered Office: KRM Towers, 8th Floor, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai - 600031. TEL: +91 44 4564 4000 | FAX: +91 44 4564 4022.

APPENDIX IV [Rule 8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property)
Whereas the undersigned being the authorized officer of IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with [rule 3] of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notices calling upon the Borrower/ Co-borrowers and Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the demand notice appended below within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice together with further interest and other charges from the date of demand notice till payment/realization. The Borrower/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors and public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this notice.

LOAN ACCOUNT NUMBER	BORROWER/S/ CO-BORROWER/S & GUARANTORS NAME	DESCRIPTION OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTIES	DEMAND NOTICE		DATE AND TYPE OF POSSESSION TAKEN
			DATE	OUTSTANDING AMOUNT (RS.)	
4113694 & 4254426	1. ARUNODAYA NOTEBOOK MANUFACTURERS PRIVATE LIMITED 2. VENKATA RAJASEKHAR SANAM (IN THE CAPACITY OF AVAILABLE LEGAL HEIR OF LATE SANAM VENKATA SESHAGIRIRAO), 3. VENKATA RAJASEKHAR SANAM, 4. SANAM NAGA MANI 5. SANAM NAGA MANI (IN THE CAPACITY OF AVAILABLE LEGAL HEIR OF LATE SANAM VENKATA SESHAGIRIRAO)	ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL TO AN EXTENT OF 1355 SQ. YARDS (1132.78 SQ. METERS) OF SITE ALONG WITH 4673 SQ. FT. PLINTH AREA OF R.C.C BUILDING THEREIN BEARING R.S. NO. 173, 174, 175 AFTER GOT SUBDIVISION GOT R.S. NO. 175/2, 176, 177 AFTER GOT SUBDIVISION GOT R.S. NO. 177/2 AND 180, PLOT NO. III, ASST. NO. 36105, DOOR NO. 55-10-2, SITUATED AT PATAMATA, AUTONAGAR INDUSTRIAL AREA, VIJAYAWADA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AREA, WITH IN THE JURISDICTION OF PATAMATA SUB REGISTRAR, VIJAYAWADA REGISTRATION DISTRICT, KRISHNA DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH-520007, and BOUNDED AS:- EAST: COMPOUND WALL OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, WEST: PLOT NO. II OF M.R. KOTESWARA RAO, NORTH: P.W.D. IRRIGATION CANAL, SOUTH: MUNICIPAL ROAD	18.03.2026	Rs. 5,11,80,984.55/-	Possession 25-06-2026
124206078	1. SRI YASHWANTH TRADERS 2. GANGASANI VASANTHA KUMARI 3. GANGASANI SRINIVASA REDDY	ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF AN EXTENT OF 2434.43 SQ. YARDS OR 2035.49 SQ. METERS OF SITE WITH BUILDING IN R.S.NO. 42 & 43 PART, 42/1B, PLOT NO. 14 SHED NO.14, NEAR DOOR NO. 30-19, A PIIC-IALA, KONDAPALLI IDA, DISTRICT: KRISHNA, ANDHRA PRADESH-521228, and BOUNDED AS: EAST: 60 FT. ROAD, WEST: 40 FT. ROAD, NORTH: 60 FT. ROAD SOUTH: PLOT NO. 13	28.02.2026	Rs. 2,71,93,104.86/-	Physical Possession 25-06-2026

The Borrower/ Co-borrowers/ Guarantors 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 IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited) for an amount mentioned in the demand notice together with further interest and other charges from the date of demand notice till payment/realization.
Date: 25-06-2026 Place: ANDHRA PRADESH

IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)

Authorised Officer

ICICI Home Finance
Registered Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400005
Corporate Office: ICICI HFC Tower, JB Nagar, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri East, Mumbai - 400059
Branch Address: 54-20-1B, Unit No. 4, Third Floor, Surya Prakash Square, Guranak Colony, Revenue Ward No. 2, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh- 520007
Branch Address: North Side, 1st Floor, Plot No. A 36, 2nd Block, 76-1-4; Lalitha Bhaskar Enterprises, Gandhi Purnam-II, Rajamahendravaram, AP - 533103
Branch Address: Supriya Towers, Upper Ground Floor, D. No. 5-37-155, 4/15 Brodipet, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh- 522002

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset/ Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Manchiganti Saibabu (Borrower), Manchiganti Srinivasarao (Co-Borrower), Manchiganti Pavan Kumar (Co-Borrower), D No. 2-122 Andhra Pradesh Chintalathota Vuyuru Machilipatnam- 521245 Andhra Pradesh. LHVJW00001362920	The Property Is Rcc Roofed House With Site In An Extent of 232.sq.yards 193.981 Sq.feets Situated In R.S. No. 27-1-1 Bearing D.no. 5-82 of China Ogirala Village And Gram Panchayath, Vuyuru Revenue Village And Mandal, Krishna District, Bounded By East: Site of Paladugu Satyanarayana. South: Site of Chittineni Ramadharan. West: Site of Chittineni Satyanarayana Others. North: Site of Manchiganti Ramababu. Within The Above Boundaries An Extent of 232.sq.yards Site With Rcc Roofed Building With All Easement Rights And Anything Attached To The Earth, Both Present And Future.	11-06-2026 Rs. 12,91,743/-	06/03/2026
2.	Vani V Chowdary (Borrower), Manikalya Rao V (Co-Borrower), D No. 8 141 Yeper Village Post Pedapadu Mandal, Krishna Hanuman Junction. 521105. Andhra Pradesh. LHRJY00001288318	Property Situated At West Godavari District, Vatluuru S.R.P. Limits Pedapadu Mandal, Epuru Gram Panchayat, Epuru Village, R.S. No. 131/4, An Extent of 2316.0 Sq.yards Out of Which Southern Side 1348.6 Sq.yards In Which An Extent of 596.0 Sq.yards In Easternside Equivalent To 498.333 Sq.mtrs Site Bounded By East: Land Belongs To Vendor i.e. Kethineedi Tejomurthy. South: Land Belong To Vendor i.e. Kethineedi Tejomurthy. North: Site Belongs To Kethineedi Dharmendra Kumar.	11-06-2026 Rs. 10,14,166/-	06/08/2026
3.	Venkatesh Kommanaboyina (Borrower), Radha Kommanaboyina (Co-Borrower), Barrack No. 3 1st BN TSSP Police Line Yousufguda, Hyderabad, Near Peddhammabadi Temple, Hyderabad, 500044. Telangana. LHGTR00001292123	All The Piece And Parcel of Property Situated In Guntur District, Narasarpet Tea. Dist., Amaravathi Sub-District, Within Tadikonda Mandal, Pamulapadu Village Panchayat Area Pamulapadu Village D.no. 313/C, 313/C1, 313/D1, 313/E1, 316/B, 316/B1, 316/C1, 334/1, Out of it Ac. 7-8-18.1/2 Cents of Land In An Extent of Plan From Crda With L.P. 11/2016/GNT In The Name of " Sri Bhamara Estates" And Divided Into Plots In Which An Extent of 183 Sq.yares of Site Bearing Plot No. 14 Is Bounded By East: Site Belongs To Plot No. 29-30/0". South: Site Belongs To Plot No. 15-55". West: 40ft Wide Road-30/0". North: Site Belongs To Plot No. 13-55/0". Within These Boundaries An Extent of 183 Sq.yards or 153.00 Sq.mtrs of Vacant Site.	11-06-2026 Rs. 2,83,297/-	06/08/2026
4.	Shaik Arif Basha (Borrower), Shaik Rehana (Co-Borrower), Flat No. A6 G1 Colors Park AP Challavari Palem Nallapadu Guntur Guntur- 522006. Andhra Pradesh. LHGTR00001508080	All The Piece And Parcel of The Property Situated In Guntur District, Guntur Sub District Within The Guntur Municipal Corporation Are Guntur City, Sangadigunta, Factories Ward, Lanchester Road, 1st Line In Municipal Old Ward No. 14, New Ward No. 24, Block No. 9.10 T.S.no. 650.651 In An Extent of 393.83 Sq.yards of Site In Northern Side In An Extent of 373 Sq.yards of The Site Is Being Bounded By (Nearest D.no. 19-7-236.237) East: 18 Ft Wide Municipal Road. South: Site Belongs To Shaik Sufiya. West: Property of Muthilal Hariprasad & Brother of Balance Site And This Property of Compound Wall. North: Property of Davood Sahed. Within These Boundaries An Extent of 373 Sq.yds or 311.87s Sq.mtrs of Vacant Site.	11-06-2026 Rs. 64,69,282/-	06/08/2026
5.	Shaik Arif Basha (Borrower), Shaik Rehana (Co-Borrower), Flat No. A6 G1 Colors Park AP Challavari Palem Nallapadu Guntur Guntur- 522006. Andhra Pradesh. LHGTR00001509581	All The Piece And Parcel of The Property Situated In Guntur District, Guntur Sub District Within The Guntur Municipal Corporation Are Guntur City, Sangadigunta, Factories Ward, Lanchester Road, 1st Line In Municipal Old Ward No. 14, New Ward No. 24, Block No. 9.10 T.S. no. 650.651 In An Extent of 393.83 Sq.yards of Site In Northern Side In An Extent of 373 Sq.yards of The Site Is Being Bounded By (Nearest D.no. 19-7-236.237) East: 18 Ft Wide Municipal Road. South: Site Belongs To Shaik Sufiya. West: Property of Muthilal Hariprasad & Brother of Balance Site And This Property of Compound Wall. North: Property of Davood Sahed. Within These Boundaries An Extent of 373 Sq.yds or 311.87s Sq.mtrs of Vacant Site.	11-06-2026 Rs. 45,871.9/-	06/08/2026

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.
Date: June 30, 2026
Place: Vijayawada, Hanuman Junction, Guntur

Authorized Officer
ICICI Home Finance Company Limited

Bandhan Bank Limited
CIN: L67190WB2014PLC204622
Registered Office: DN - 32, Sector - V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata - 700091

[Appendix IV-A, Rule 8(6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, Guarantor(s) and Mortgagee(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to Bandhan Bank (Secured Creditor), the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **July 17, 2026**. The necessary details as mentioned herein below:

Loan Account Nos.	Name & Address of the Borrower/ Guarantor(s)/Mortgagee(s)	Total Outstanding Dues (₹) as on below date	Schedule of the Immovable Property
68210000000061 (Overdraft)	1. M/s. Durgambika Poultrys (Borrower) Door No. 2/12/9/1 Shivaganeshnagar, Appughar Ward 17 Village, Visakhapatnam V Mandal, Dist- Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh-530017. 2. Mr. Eagala Durga Venkatha Prasad Rao (Proprietor, Guarantor & Mortgagee), M/s. Durgambika Poultrys Door No. 36-93-351/3 Indira Nagar, Kancharapalem, Dist. Visakhapatnam(Urban), Andhra Pradesh-530008. And also at, Flat No. 005, Ground Floor, "Pride Homes-II", Northern side, Atchhiyapeta Main Road, Ward No. 26, Maharajupeta South Ward, Covered by Block No. 24, T.S. No. 674/2, 675, 676/1B, Dasannapeta, Vizianagaram Municipality, Dist: Vizianagaram, Pin: 535002. 3. Mrs. Eagala Krishna Veni (Guarantor & Mortgagee), M/s. Durgambika Poultrys, Door No. 36-93-351/3 Indira Nagar, Kancharapalem, Dist: Visakhapatnam (Urban), Andhra Pradesh-530008. 4. Mrs. Eagala Paparatnam (Guarantor) W/o Eagala Durga Venkatha Prasad Rao, M/s. Durgambika Poultrys, Door No. 36-93-351/3 Indira Nagar, Ancharapalem, Dist. Visakhapatnam (Urban), Andhra Pradesh-530008.	₹75,61,651.00 as on May 31, 2022	Undivided and unspecified share of measuring 43 sq. yards out of 1405.5 sq. yards together with under construction residential unit bearing Flat No. 005 in Ground Floor RCC slab building constructed having plinth area of 1090 sq. ft. (including common areas and balconies) along with 80 sq. ft. for car parking in the stilt floor building constructed in the name and style of "Pride Homes-II", situated on the Northern side Atchhiyapeta Main Road, Ward No.26, Maharajupeta South Ward, covered by Block No.24, T.S. No.674/2, 675, 676/1B of Dasannapeta, Vizianagaram Municipality Vizianagaram Registration Sub District of Vizianagaram District and bounded by. Boundaries of the site: North: Zerothyth Land, East: House of Pusapati Suryanarayana Raju, South: Drain, Atchhiyapeta Municipal Main Road in Dasannapeta, West: Site and its compound wall belonging to Sri Yidukondala. Boundaries of the Flat: North: Open to sky, East: Corridor, South: Open to sky & Lift, West: Open to sky.

The necessary detail and auction schedule as mentioned herein below:

Borrower Name	Reserve Price/Earnest Money Deposit (in ₹)
M/s Durgambika Poultrys	The reserve price will be ₹34,47,900 (Rupees thirty four lakh forty seven thousand nine hundred only) Earnest Money Deposit: 10 % of the reserve price will be ₹3,44,790 (Rupees three lakh forty four thousand seven hundred ninety only) which is to be deposited through DD in favour of "Bandhan Bank Ltd." payable at Kolkata/at Par. Details of any encumbrances, known to the Bandhan Bank Ltd., to which the property is liable: NIL

Auction Schedule Details
Date & Time of Physical Inspection of the Property On **July 01, 2026 to July 02, 2026** from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, subject to prior appointment by contacting the Authorised Officer
Last Date, Time & Venue for Bid Submission Till **July 16, 2026** latest by 4:00 PM at 12th Floor, Adventz Infinity, BN-5, Sector V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata, West Bengal 700091 addressed to The Authorised Officer, Bandhan Bank Ltd.
Date, Time & Venue for Public Auction (e-auction) On **July 17, 2026** between 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes each at web portal containing e-auction bid form, declaration etc. are available in the website of the Service Provider as mentioned below.
Bid Incremental Amount (in ₹) ₹5,000 (Rupees five thousand only)

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in the Bank's/Secured Creditor's website i.e. <https://bandhan.bank.in>, and Bank's approved service provider **M/s e-Procurement Technologies Limited (AuctionTiger)** at their web portal: <https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net/EPROC/>.
The auction will be conducted online through and Bank's approved service provider **M/s e-Procurement Technologies Limited (AuctionTiger)** at their web portal i.e. <https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net/EPROC/>.
For any other assistance, like inspection of the property under auction by the intending bidders may contact **Mr. Pradipta Biswas (Mobile: 9830063050)** Authorised Officer of the Bank during the office hours of the working days from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM.
This notice should be considered as statutory 15 days' notice to the Borrower under proviso Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002.

Date: June 30, 2026
Place: Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Bandhan Bank Limited

EDITORIAL

330 Million: Why The Biggest Number In India's AI Boom Is The Most Useless One

Every few weeks a new number arrives to tell us that India has won the artificial intelligence race before it has properly begun. That we are the largest market for this X, or the fastest growing for that Y, and the second-largest base of users for nearly every model that matters. The figures are real. The story made with them is unreal. Markets exist to price things, and the market for Indian AI has the price wrong in both directions at once. The visible side is overpriced. The durable side is underpriced. We are sold a supply side story while the demand side waits in the shade, holding both the real opportunity and the real danger.

Let me start with what is overpriced. According to Sensor Tower's State of AI 2026 report, ChatGPT counts roughly 330 million monthly users in India and Gemini around 229 million. Those figures get offered as proof of demand. They measure footfall. Appetite shows itself only when there is a price to pay, and the price in India today sits close to zero, because the frontier labs are subsidising access in a land grab for the world's largest pool of users. The narrow gap between the two leaders gives the game away. It exists because Android's installed base does the distribution work that genuine preference does elsewhere. The top of our market has been won by distribution and subsidy wearing the costume of demand. Early in my career, putting a new dishwasher liquid product into Indian kitchens, I watched free samples by the tons flowing off retailers in a week. The number that mattered arrived a month later, when a home-maker reached for it again and paid with her own money. The first number flattered the internal review. The second one paid the salaries.

WhatsApp owns near total reach in this country and has spent a decade in search of the commerce that was meant to follow. Vast usage, thin value. The capital now flooding into AI infrastructure rests on the same head-count story, on a subsidised price that still awaits its first real test. The day a real price appears, we will learn how much of that 330 million was appetite and how much was a free sample.

Turn the picture over, because the underpriced side is the richer one. Value in this technology is born at the point of use, in the hands of someone solving a real problem. Models commoditise by the quarter. The last-ing surplus lives in deployment against the messy, multilingual, high-friction problems that fill Indian life be it credit for the borrower with a thin file, advice for the small farmer or public services in a dozen languages that a model trained abroad meets as strangers.

This is the terrain where India is strong and where capital, mesmerised by the supply side, keeps its eyes elsewhere. The abundant thing draws the attention. The scarce thing sits unpriced. That gap is the textbook shape of a mispricing. The clearest evidence hides inside the same data everyone celebrates. The positions worth watching grow on session depth, paid conversion and word-of-mouth, far from the headlines that cheer downloads. One cohort that opens its wallet tells you more about this market than three hundred million who only opened the app. That wallet reports demand. The download reports distribution.

The Post-War Middle East May Already Be Splitting Into Two New 'Camps'

A fragile US-Iran detente is in place with the possibility that it may hold. Qatar and Pakistan are the two mediators. In an interview recently to Financial Times, Qatar's Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, said regional countries are seeking to establish a new regional security framework with Tehran aimed at restoring long-term stability. Qatar is one of the Arab Gulf states that has usually had a more accommodative and conciliatory position regarding Iran, with which it also shares the Pars gas fields. Qatar is almost entirely dependent on the Strait of Hormuz for its exports and imports. But Qatar also hosts the US military's Central Command. This position, therefore, propelled it into the role of a mediator in the current conflict in West Asia. Mediation is also one of the tools of Qatar's official foreign policy. That is why the Prime Minister's words matter. A regional security makeover will surely be one of the outcomes of this war. The US has till now been a key security partner of the Gulf states, with Iran being a major threat perception for these countries. There has, however, been an increasing perception, at least since the outbreak of the Arab Spring, that the US was not as invested in Gulf security and was increasingly pivoting to the Indo-Pacific to contain an assertive China. If the current administration of US President Donald Trump allayed these concerns for a while, then the Iran war has helped reignite them. American bases and military equipment in the Gulf countries, for instance, became a liability for these countries as Iran repeatedly targeted them during the war. Moreover, reports emerged that the US, in fact, moved some equipment out of these



states to Israel. Influences and analysts the Gulf states openly criticised the US for failing to protect its Gulf allies in the manner they needed. Now, The Wall Street Journal, quoting American officials, has again published a report that amidst the damage suffered by its base in Bahrain, the Pentagon is considering reducing its military footprint in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia and shifting some of its operations to Israel. In any case, the current detente, if it endures, speaks of a drawn down US presence in the region as well as highlights the limits of American power. A resilient Iran, with sanctions lifted, able to sell its oil and gas freely on the global market, the unfreezing of its assets and funds running in the billions of dollars, as well as a \$300 billion fund for its reconstruction, in charge of the Strait of Hormuz (together with Oman), will emerge stronger from the war than

any other country in the region, even if weakened economically and militarily. Most Gulf states will thus look for alternatives - as they have for a while - even as they continue their security partnership with the US. While most, if not all of them, will try to work out some kind of agreement with Iran to deter any future attacks, the mistrust now runs deep. In such a scenario China becomes a natural choice for many of the GCC states, as well as for Iran, of course. Over the years, China has strengthened its partnership with Iran, reflected in the support it offered in the current war, as well as with the GCC states, both at an individual level and as a bloc. China sources most of its energy needs from this region - in fact, more from the GCC than from Iran. Hence, China's role in the region is certain to expand. But while China is a major economic partner and may export

arms, it is doubtful that it will enter into any military alliance with any of them, which, in turn, will make the countries look for a regional security architecture. Here, two distinct groups may emerge. Qatar, which has already faced Israeli attacks on its territory last year and also has an uneasy relationship with many of the other Gulf states, may well choose to deepen ties with Iran. In any case, Qatar has pursued close ties with Iran, which made it a trusted mediator for the Iranians, as opposed to Pakistan, which actually represented US interests. Qatar has had its own share of run-ins with countries like Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Sharing the Pars gas fields with Iran as well as its dependence on Hormuz will be incentive enough to pursue closer relations with the Persian state, together with Oman. This will also neutralise any threats from Iran

should conflict reignite there. Therefore, we may see a closer Qatar-Oman-Iran trilateral partnership emerging in the coming days. As opposed to this, another grouping already in the making will be of Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and Egypt. The Saudi-Pakistan partnership goes back decades but received a new lease of life with the mutual defence pact signed last year. Ironically, this was driven by Israel's attack on Qatar, reflecting that the Saudis saw a challenge in Israel, too, along with the Iranian one. Even though the Saudis had entered a 'truce' with Iran in 2023 brokered by China, the current war has laid bare the huge trust deficit between them. This is also reflected in the joint statement issued after the GCC meeting with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio in Bahrain last week. Iran's nuclear programme still poses a threat to GCC countries and will continue

to do so till any definite resolution is achieved. The Saudis, also suffering from Iranian attacks and by the closure of Hormuz, will try to hedge strategically through defence alliances, like that with Pakistan, which, for all practical purposes, is largely one-sided. For instance, while Pakistan moved fighter jets and military personnel to Saudi Arabia during the war in preparation for any potential military activity, no Saudi effort was witnessed during Pakistan's recent conflict with Afghanistan. Egypt is also dependent on the Saudis economically, as is President Al Sisi for his presidency, which gives the Saudis enormous leverage over it; so, a formal alliance between the two is quite possible. This grouping may be favorable to Kuwait too, which shares a border with Saudi Arabia and is closely aligned with it both economically and security wise.

Is Haryana Sahitya and Sanskriti Academy living up to the expectations of the litterateurs?

— Dr. Satyawan Saurabh

(Dignity of honour, stagnation of literary activities and questions raised on the system)

Literature is the purest voice of a nation's soul, and writers are tireless seekers of that voice. They write the history of time in words, shape emotions into culture, and provide direction to society's consciousness. Their pen not only creates but also cultivates the thoughts of generations. Therefore, honoring a writer is not a formality of a government program, but a public declaration of society's cultural maturity and sensitivity. In this context, the current functioning of the Haryana Sahitya and Sanskriti Academy appears to be surrounded by many questions. Long-awaited literary figures were finally honored, but the manner in which this process was conducted caused more disappointment than joy. The experiences that emerged during conversations with several honored literary figures were not merely expressions of personal dissatisfaction, but rather pointed to a system where formality seems to prevail over empathy, and administrative procedures over intimacy. The value of an honor is measured not by the amount of money it carries, but by the respect it carries. A citation isn't just a paper document; it's a public tribute from society to a creator's years of dedication. Therefore, every word, every signature, and every formality carries symbolic significance. Some of the honor letters circulating on social media surprised many literary figures. They

lacked the signature of any competent official. Simply printing a name and designation may fulfill administrative requirements, but it cannot replace the intimate dignity of the honor. Signatures are not mere lines of ink; they are living symbols of an organization's acceptance, responsibility, and respect. When these are absent, the dignity of the honor appears incomplete. If there were any administrative or legal reasons behind this, the Academy had a responsibility to clarify them with the literary figures. Institutions build trust not only through decisions but also through dialogue. Lack of dialogue often breeds distrust, and distrust is the biggest challenge for any cultural institution. Haryana's literary community still remembers the occasions when literary figures were honored in the august atmosphere of the Raj Bhavan. Awards were not merely presented there, but the prestige of literature was celebrated. Each literary figure on stage felt like a respected representative of the state's cultural consciousness. Today, more than the grandeur, there is a lack of intimacy, and this pain is what stirs the hearts of literary figures. The concern isn't limited to the awards ceremony. Over the past four years, numerous questions have been raised about the academy's literary activities. For the years 2023, 2024, 2025, and the current year, 2026, there has been no regular process for awards and honors, no consistent invitation for manuscripts, no extensive literary workshops, no planned programs for young writers, and no strong environment for

statewide literary dialogue. If the flow of creative activity slows down within the premises of any literary academy, it's natural for the literary community to express concern. The Sahitya Akademi is not merely an institution that distributes awards. Its true essence is that of a vibrant cultural university, where ideas are exchanged, new talents find direction, the experiences of senior writers reach the new generation, and language and culture are constantly cultivated. If this role is limited, the institution's usefulness itself comes into question. Another serious question arises regarding the participation of literary figures. Many writers have felt that the active participation of literary figures in the Academy's decision-making process is not at the expected level. The soul of any literary institution is its writers, poets, critics, researchers, and translators. If these individuals begin to feel excluded from decision-making, the institution's literary character gradually begins to shrink into an administrative form. This article is not an attack on any particular individual, but a humble plea for introspection within the system. The strength of democratic institutions lies in accepting and learning from criticism. If writers are raising questions, they should be viewed not as disagreement but as an opportunity for improvement. It is essential that the Academy establish a timely process for awards and honors, restore the dignity of the awards ceremonies, establish regular dialogue with literary figures, and publicize a well-thought-out calendar of liter-

ary activities throughout the year. Literary workshops, book discussions, young writers' conferences, folk literature festivals, research seminars, and literary campaigns at the school and college levels should be organized in every district. This is the hallmark of a strong literary academy. A writer doesn't seek recognition. They only expect respectful treatment for their labor, dedication, and creativity. Their greatest reward is society's trust, and their greatest honor is their dignity. If this is hurt, it becomes not just an individual's pain, but the pain of the entire literary community. Haryana's literary tradition is incredibly rich and glorious. This land has produced numerous writers whose writings have elevated national literature to new heights. It's natural to expect the same level of respect from a literary institution with such a glorious tradition. The Academy needs to rise above administrative formalities and understand the soul of literature, prioritize the respect of literary figures, and establish itself not just as an office, but as a powerful center of cultural consciousness. The need today is not to stir up controversy, but to revive trust. Respect isn't just bestowed, it's also experienced. Unless writers feel honored, even the most lavish events will feel empty within. It is hoped that the Haryana Academy of Literature and Culture will embrace these questions positively and, through introspection, develop a work culture in which the self-respect of the writer, the dignity of literature, and the respect for culture reign supreme.

— Dr. Priyanka Saurabh

The imperative of expanding the UN Security Council in a multipolar world order India's permanent membership bid and the structural challenges of the reform process When the United Nations was established in 1945, after the end of World War II, the world's political, economic, and strategic circumstances were completely different from today. The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) was formed in accordance with the global power structure of that time, granting permanent membership and veto powers to five countries—the United States, Russia (then the Soviet Union), Britain, France, and China. At that time, this arrangement was considered appropriate for ensuring global peace and security. But nearly eight decades later, the world has completely changed. Colonialism has ended, many new nations have emerged, the center of the global economy is shifting towards Asia, and international politics is moving from a unipolar to a multipolar system. The pressing question is: if the world has changed, why is the structure of the UN Security Council still based on the realities of 1945? Today, the demand for Security Council expansion is not merely an attempt to rectify historical injustices, but has become an essential requirement to maintain its legitimacy, representativeness, and functional credibility. Global challenges such as the Russia-Ukraine war, the Gaza crisis, terrorism, climate change, cybersecurity, and artificial intelligence have made it

clear that the current Security Council appears incapable of making effective and timely decisions on many issues. At such a time, the question of India's permanent membership has become not just a matter of national prestige, but an issue of democratization and balance in the global governance system. India's claim rests on several solid foundations. Representing the world's largest population and largest democracy, India has today become a major center of global politics, economics, and diplomacy. India's role in the global economy is steadily growing, and it is projected to be among the top three economies in the coming years. India has made significant progress in areas such as digital innovation, space science, green energy, healthcare, and artificial intelligence. India has emerged not only as a regional power but also as an active and responsible participant in global decision-making. India's contribution to UN peacekeeping operations further strengthens its credibility. For decades, India has contributed thousands of soldiers, medics, and police personnel to various peacekeeping missions. Many Indian soldiers have made the supreme sacrifice in the service of world peace. This contribution is not merely a military presence, but a testament to India's commitment to international responsibility. Ironically, the country that has been the most committed to implementing the UN's objectives remains deprived of permanent membership on the Security Council. India's foreign policy

also strengthens its claim. Ideas like "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam," "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas," and "One Earth, One Family, One Future" are not mere slogans but a reflection of India's global vision. During its presidency of the G20, India gave prominence to the voices of the Global South and played a key role in securing permanent membership for the African Union in the G20. The "Vaccine Maitri" program during the COVID-19 pandemic and humanitarian assistance during natural disasters further strengthened India's image as a responsible global power. Although India's case is strong, the process of Security Council reform is beset by several structural challenges. The primary challenge is the amendment of the UN Charter. This requires a two-thirds majority in the General Assembly, as well as the approval of all five current permanent members. This means that the consent of the beneficiaries of the system to be changed is also essential. This is the greatest irony of the reform process. The second major challenge is the veto system. If new permanent members are granted veto power, decision-making could become more complex. If they are not granted veto power, permanent membership would cease to have equal rights. No global consensus has yet emerged on this dilemma. The Security Council's inaction due to veto power in issues such as Russia-Ukraine and Gaza have highlighted the limitations of this system. Regional politics also hinder the reform process. India's bid is

opposed by Pakistan. Japan's bid is opposed by China and South Korea, while Germany and Brazil also face opposition in their respective regions. This is why the Uniting for Consensus group opposes the expansion of permanent membership and advocates only for an increase in the number of temporary members. This clearly demonstrates that reform is not merely a matter of merit, but also of geopolitical competition. The current five permanent members also support reforms tailored to their own strategic interests. None wants changes that would diminish its power or influence. This is why, despite decades of recognition of the need for reform, no concrete progress has been made. This situation also calls into question the credibility of the United Nations. However, it must be understood that simply adding new permanent members will not be a sufficient solution. Transparency, accountability, and democratic representation are also essential to the functioning of the Security Council. Reform will remain incomplete without curbing the abuse of veto power, effective participation of developing countries, and greater balance in the decision-making process. If only members are added and the functioning remains unchanged, the fundamental problems of the Security Council will persist. The world today is not the world of 1945. The center of global power has shifted, the role of developing countries has increased, and the global South no longer seeks to be mere spectators but policy-makers.



May IIP Growth Surges To 5.1% As Power Output Spikes, Manufacturing Stays Strong

India's Index of Industrial Production (IIP) growth in March stood at 5.1% in May, bolstered by high electricity and gas production. Notably, the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has revised the base year for Index of Industrial Production (IIP) from 2011-12 to 2022-23. This is the second set of data under the revised base year. Manufacturing production increased 5.5% year-on-year, compared with 6.1% month-on-month.

On the other hand, mining production declined 1.6% year-on-year in May, though the contraction narrowed compared with a 3.8% month-on-month decline. Manufacturing production grew 5.5% year-on-year in May Electricity output increased 9.9%, improving significantly from 4.6% in April, while water supply output rose 5.5% against 6.6% month-on-month. The top three positive contributors for



the month of May 2026 under manufacturing were – Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers (14.5%), Manufacture of electrical equipment (20.8%) and Manufacture of basic metals (4.6%). Among use-based sectors, capital goods production remained a key growth driver, rising 12.9% compared with 12% month-on-month, signalling continued strength in investment activity. Consumer

durables output growth accelerated to 7.2% from 5.6% in the previous month, while consumer non-durables production increased 3.6% compared with 0.2% earlier. Primary goods output growth improved to 2.6% from 0.8% month-on-month, whereas intermediate goods production growth moderated to 5.8% from 10.3% in the previous month. Infrastructure goods output rose 5.9%

year-on-year, reflecting steady momentum in core industrial activity. "The Quick Estimate of IIP stands at 122.7 against 116.7 in May 2025. The indices of Industrial Production for Mining & Quarrying, Manufacturing, Electricity & Gas Supply and Water Supply, Sewerage & Waste Management for the month of May 2026 stand at 112.9, 122.6, 129.6 and 145.1 respectively," an official government press release stated.

US Stock Market Today:

Nasdaq Up 1.2% As Big Tech Stocks Jump; Meta, Amazon, Alphabet Gain Over 2%

Wall Street indices recovered from a rocky week as tech shares gained and America and Iran agreed to pause hostilities and let traffic pass through the Strait of Hormuz. S&P 500 opened 0.55% higher at 7,394.38, tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite jumped 0.8% to open at 25,484.94, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average opened 0.35% higher at 52,056.30.

Nasdaq jumped over 1% minutes after the opening bell to trade at 25,586.20 as big tech stocks lifted sentiment. Nvidia shares broke their five-day long losing streak and surged over 1% to \$194.78, whereas Micron Technology extended losses to slide over 4% to \$1,085.65. All was green on the magnificent seven front as Meta Platforms Inc., Amazon.com Inc.,



Google-parent Alphabet and Tesla Inc. gained over 3%. Apple Inc. and Microsoft Corp also rose 0.24% and 1.44% to \$284 and \$378.63, respectively. "We continue to believe strongly that the action in the tech sector will continue to be the main driver in the stock market going forward," Matt

Maley at Miller Tabak told Bloomberg news. Advanced Micro Devices declined sharply after opening in the green by over 1% to \$513.81 and Sandisk Corp. slumped over 5% to \$1,981. The Dollar Spot Index was little changed, while the euro rose 0.2% to \$1.1405, British pound

rose 0.3% to \$1.3243, and the Japanese yen fell 0.1% to 161.93 per dollar. Oil prices edged higher with Brent crude trading 1.07% up at \$72.76 per barrel and the West Texas Intermediate up 1.37% to \$70.21 per barrel. Bitcoin, the largest traded cryptocurrency, rose 0.8% to \$60,025.57.

Ai+ Smartphone announces next sale of Nova 2 Neo and Nova 2 Pro following complete sell-out during first sale

June 2026: Ai+ Smartphone has announced the next sale of its recently launched Nova 2 Neo and Nova 2 Pro after both smartphones witnessed a complete sell-out during their first sale on Flipkart on June 26. The devices were unveiled on June 22 at India's Got Nova, the brand's flagship launch event hosted by renowned Gadget Guru Rajiv Makhni featuring comedian & Youtuber Samay Raina alongside Madhav Sheth, CEO, Ai+ Smartphone. The event also brought together leading technology creators, reviewers, members of the media and consumers as part of Ai+ Smartphone's Open Review Program, reinforcing the brand's commitment to transparency and community-led product development. The strong consumer response marks another milestone for the growing Nova Series. The next sale of the Nova 2 Neo and Nova 2 Pro will commence on June 30 at 12pm on Flipkart. The Nova 2 Neo and Nova 2 Pro have been developed to cater to a broad spectrum of consumers from first-time 5G smartphone users to those seeking a more performance-oriented everyday smartphone. Combining



dependable hardware with Android 16-based NxtQuantum OS, the devices deliver a clean software experience, reliable performance and long-lasting battery life across their respective price segments. Commenting on the response, Madhav Sheth, CEO, Ai+ Smartphone and Founder, NxtQuantum Shift Technologies, said: "The response to the Nova 2 Neo and Nova 2 Pro has been extremely encouraging. Seeing both devices sell out during their very first sale reinforces our belief that consumers are looking for smartphones that deliver dependable performance, thoughtful design and a clean soft-

ware experience at accessible price points. Earlier this year, the Nova 2 and Nova 2 Ultra also received an exceptional response, and we're pleased to see the Nova Series continue building strong momentum. With the next sale beginning on June 30, we look forward to bringing the Nova experience to many more consumers across the country." The Nova 2 Neo is powered by the MediaTek Dimensity 6300 5G processor and features a 120Hz HD+ display, a 6000mAh battery and Android 16-based NxtQuantum OS. The Nova 2 Pro, powered by the MediaTek Dimensity 7100 processor, offers a 144Hz

FHD+ display. Both the devices have 48MP SonyIMX582 Camera with fast charging and a premium design for users. The successful debut of the Nova 2 Neo and Nova 2 Pro further strengthens the momentum of the Nova Series as Ai+ Smartphone continues to expand its portfolio with products focused on delivering dependable performance, thoughtful design and a clean software experience for a wider range of consumers. About Ai+ Smartphone Ai+ Smartphone is a next-generation brand built in India, delivering reliable and high-performance mobile experiences.

Powered by NxtQuantum OS, India's first sovereign mobile operating system. The brand focuses on delivering a clean design, ensuring long battery life, and maintaining trusted software performance, all while keeping prices accessible without compromising the user experience. From redefining smartphones to pioneering AIoT products as part of the company's Connected Ecosystem, Ai+ Smartphone is creating a new standard for trust, immersive experience, and accessibility. Rooted in a privacy-first architecture and a commitment to equitable access, Ai+ Smartphone stands for more than specs – it stands for India's next era of user-owned, future-ready technology. AboutNxtQuantum Shift Technologies NxtQuantum Shift Technologies is a deep-tech Indian company building secure, sovereign digital platforms for a digital-first world. Founded by Madhav Sheth, the company develops NxtQuantum OS, India's first sovereign operating system, and is committed to building technology that is authored in India and globally competitive.

Asian shares are mixed as tech stocks fall in Japan, South Korea

Hong Kong: Asian markets were mixed on Monday, June 29, as selling of artificial intelligence-related shares pulled benchmarks in Japan and South Korea lower, though gains for other stocks helped offset those losses. US futures advanced and oil prices gained, though they remained close to the levels they were at before the Iran war began in late February. Tensions between the US and Iran escalated over the weekend as Iran launched fresh drone and missile attacks on Bahrain and Kuwait in response to new US airstrikes, adding to uncertainties clouding the global economic outlook. Tokyo's Nikkei 225 shed 1% to 68,704.70, after falling 4.2% on Friday. SoftBank Group, the multinational investment holding company which invests in OpenAI, sank 5.9% following a 12.5% drop on Friday. South Korea's Kospi lost 2% to 8,246.50. It was down 5.8% on Friday. Samsung Electronics sank 6%, while memory chipmaker SK Hynix fell 4.5%. Taiwan's Taix, also a beneficiary of the global AI boom thanks to its many tech companies including chipmaker TSMC, gained 1.1% as it recovered some losses



from its 3.6% decline on Friday. Japan's and South Korea's markets have soared as many of their Big Tech firms were lifted by demand for computer chips and other high-valued components used in artificial intelligence. Recent worries over AI valuations have trimmed some of those gains. Hong Kong's Hang Seng gained 2.1% to 23,153.89, while the Shanghai Composite index edged 0.2% higher to 4,034.08. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 rose 0.4% to 8,798.00. India's Sensex was nearly unchanged. On Friday, the worries over AI rolled through Wall Street, though shares ended mixed. The S&P500 lost less than 0.1% to 7,354.02 and the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite dropped 0.2% to 25,297.62. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell

0.1% to 51,876.11. Micron Technology's shares dropped 6.7%, Intel was down 3.4%, Nvidia fell 1.6% and AMD, or Advanced Micro Devices, fell 2.1%. In other dealings early Monday, Brent crude, the international standard, was up 0.7% to \$73.27 a barrel. It sold for about \$72 a barrel before the war began. Benchmark US crude gained 0.8% to \$70.02 a barrel. There's still plenty of risk facing the oil market over on US-Iran re-escalation, ING commodities strategists Warren Patterson and Ewa Manthey said in a commentary Monday, as more questions were raised about the safety of ships in the Strait of Hormuz following attacks on vessels. Oil traders have been "too optimistic" about the timeline for a recovery in Persian Gulf supplies.

MCAP OF 6 OF TOP-10 MOST VALUED FIRMS CLIMBS RS 88,678 CR

New Delhi: The combined market valuation of 6 of the top-10 most valued companies went up by Rs 88,678.1 crore in a holiday-shortened last week, with ICICI Bank emerging as the biggest winner. Last week, the BSE benchmark Sensex climbed 297.57 points, or 0.38 per cent, and the NSE Nifty went up by 42.9 points, or 0.17 per cent. "Markets ended the holiday-shortened week with modest gains, advancing in three of the four trading sessions. Sentiment remained constructive, supported by easing crude oil prices, improving geopolitical developments in West Asia, and selective buying by foreign institutional investors (FIIs)," Ajit Mishra, SVP, Research, Religare Broking Ltd, said. While Reliance Industries, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, State Bank of India, Bajaj Finance and Larsen & Toubro were the gainers, Bharti Airtel, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), Life Insurance



Corporation of India (LIC) and Hindustan Unilever faced erosion from their valuation. The market valuation of ICICI Bank jumped Rs 29,588.75 crore to reach Rs 9,95,610.74 crore, the most among the top-10 firms. HDFC Bank added Rs 24,718.3 crore, taking its valuation to Rs 12,25,981.44 crore. The valuation of Reliance Industries surged Rs 12,043.96 crore to Rs 17,83,926.92 crore and that of Bajaj Finance climbed Rs 11,580.28 crore to Rs

6,10,081.53 crore. The market capitalisation (mcap) of State Bank of India rallied Rs 9,322.93 crore to Rs 9,64,738 crore, and that of Larsen & Toubro edged higher by Rs 1,423.88 crore to Rs 5,80,550.83 crore. However, the mcap of

Bharti Airtel tumbled Rs 35,615.21 crore to Rs 11,27,348.09 crore. The valuation of LIC eroded by Rs 21,188.74 crore to Rs 5,35,537.56 crore, and that of TCS declined by Rs 11,143.71 crore to Rs 7,58,206.42 crore. The mcap of Hindustan Unilever dipped by Rs 5,321.83 crore to Rs 5,10,624.92 crore. In the ranking of the top-10 most valued firms, Reliance Industries retained the number one rank, followed by HDFC Bank, Bharti Airtel, ICICI Bank, State Bank of India, TCS, Bajaj Finance, Larsen & Toubro, LIC and Hindustan Unilever. Last week, the BSE benchmark Sensex climbed 297.57 points, or 0.38 per cent, and the NSE Nifty went up by 42.9 points, or 0.17 per cent.

HDFC Bank Appoints Ex-Finance Secy Rajiv Kumar As Part-Time Chairman

HDFC Bank has appointed former finance secretary Rajiv Kumar as the part-time Chairman for three years, according to an exchange filing on Monday. The appointment comes after Atanu Chakraborty, the former part-time chairman quit citing practices that he said were not aligned with his personal values and ethics. In his resignation letter he clarified that his decision was based on matters of principle and that there were "no other material reasons" behind his exit, causing a stir in the banking world. Keki Mistry has been serving as the part-time chairman of HDFC Bank in the interim, after being appointed post Chakraborty's abrupt exit in March 2026. Mistry's appointment was always envisaged as a stop-gap arrangement rather than a long-term solution. The chairman's role is expected to remain independent, and Mistry's long association with the HDFC group



could potentially raise conflict-of-interest considerations if the arrangement were to continue indefinitely. Rajiv Kumar: New HDFC Part-Time Chairman, Ex-Finance Secy, Election Commissioner & More Kumar retired as Finance Secretary of India in February 2020. Post retirement Mr Kumar also briefly served as Chairman of Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB). An Ex IAS officer from the 1984-batch, Kumar also played a key role in the 2019 con-

solidation of 10 public sector banks into four, led banking reforms, bank recapitalisation and governance initiatives in the financial sector. Kumar also strengthened governance, risk management, and regulatory oversight across banks by institutionalising specialised monitoring for large exposures and implementing technology-driven risk assessment systems. He placed equal emphasis on depositor protection and financial stability, including enhancing deposit insurance coverage from

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Rs 1 lakh to Rs 5 lakh. Kumar has either sat on or chaired most of the bodies that touch the country's financial architecture including the Central Board of Reserve Bank, the Financial Stability and Development Council, the Financial Sector Regulatory Appointments Search Committee among others. Beyond the financial sector, the new HDFC part-time Chairman has also served as the 25th Chief Election Commissioner of India.

Oppressed, Ignored, Embarrassed: Iran's FIFA World Cup Journey Ends In Chaos

The FIFA World Cup 2026 might not have seen Iran earn a ticket to the knock-outs, but their journey will not be forgotten. Whilst it is normal to see the finalists and other top teams being remembered, Iran's exceptional case under extraordinary circumstances is sure to earn them a spot in fans' memories for a long time. The Asian giants came to the World Cup amidst hostilities between their country and the United States of America, the nation where they were scheduled to play their football. Political tensions back home ensured that Iran's participation in the World Cup remained uncertain until their eventual arrival. Despite the immense political and logistical pressures weighing on the squad, Iran remained competitive until the final moments of the Group G fixtures. In fact, the Asian side did not lose a single group game and remained in the hunt for a spot in the Round



of 32. Whilst their journey in the competition culminated in absolute chaos, the start was driven by pure adrenaline under unprecedented conditions. The 'Oppression And Embarrassment' Iran began their campaign with a 2-2 draw against New Zealand in Los Angeles. However, right after the final whistle, the squad was ordered to leave the United States immediately and fly

back to their base camp in Tijuana, Mexico. The team management and captain Mehdi Taremi blasted the decision, stating they had been denied permission to stay overnight for proper physical recovery. Furthermore, severe visa complications heavily restricted the travel of key team officials, media personnel, and administrative staff, leaving the team func-

tionally isolated without its standard federation support system on US soil. Due to extreme political uncertainty and immigration concerns, Iran had to completely abandon their initial base camp in Tucson, Arizona. They relocated to Tijuana, forcing the squad into exhausting five-hour travel bottlenecks at the border, as all three of their group games were scheduled to be

held on US soil. During official post-match press conferences, FIFA officials also repeatedly tried to stop captain Mehdi Taremi and midfielder Mohammad Mohebi from answering media questions regarding the Iranian team's treatment at the World Cup and the political hurdles they had to face. Taking on Egypt in their final group game, Iran conceded in the fifth minute to Mahmoud Saber, with the goal momentarily pushing the Asian side out of the qualification spots. Ramin Rezaeian scored a brilliant equaliser from a tight angle in the 14th minute. At 1-1, Iran found themselves back in the mix, but they needed a win to guarantee Round of 32 qualification. In intense stoppage time, Iran's Shojae Khalilzadeh fired the ball into the back of the net, sparking wild celebrations on the bench. For a brief moment, Iran had sealed a spot in the knockouts.

India Coach Ends Silence On Decision To Deny Vaibhav Sooryavanshi His T20I Debut

India assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate has declared Vaibhav Sooryavanshi ready for international cricket but also made it clear that the 15-year-old batting sensation will have to go through the same process that other players in the side have followed before being handed their debut. Sooryavanshi's omission from the T20 series against Ireland has become a major talking point after the T20 world champion Indian team ended up being white-washed 0-2, the second loss being by just one run here on Sunday. "He (Sooryavanshi) is absolutely ready to play international cricket, there is no doubt about that but also Sanju Samson is a guy who went a long way to win us the World Cup three months ago," Ten Doeschate said when the inevitable query on Sooryavanshi came up during the post-match press conference. "He has got a fairly good IPL, and it is



important to give players confidence and message to the players, we want to give guys a long run in the team. "We are all excited to see Vaibhav play, but he has to go through the same process, but certainly no question about how good he is," he asserted, echoing a view that was expressed by batting coach Sitanshu Kotak at the beginning of the series. Sooryavanshi finished as the top scorer in this year's IPL with a jaw-dropping strike rate of over 230. He amassed 776 runs to

be adjudged the Most Valuable Player as well as the Emerging Player of the season. The anticipation surrounding his inclusion in the playing XI is expected to grow further as India now head to England for a T20 series beginning July 1 in Chester-le-Street. If he makes his debut during this tour, he will become India's youngest international debutant, surpassing a record held by the great Sachin Tendulkar, who made his debut as a 16-year-old.

In Protecting Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, Team India Exposed Its Biggest Flaws

The decision to shield a young prodigy often seems like a masterstroke of man-management. However, India's embarrassing defeats against Ireland in both T20Is have proved that protective parenting in international cricket can sometimes leave the rest of the family looking incredibly vulnerable. By keeping 15-year-old sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi on the bench, the team management didn't just delay a highly anticipated debut, they ended up highlighting structural cracks in India's top-order blueprint. Vaibhav Sooryavanshi arrived in Ireland with the cricketing world at his feet. Having just dismantled bowling attacks of the high-



est order in the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 season, scoring 776 runs to earn the Orange Cap and breaking Chris Gayle's record for the most sixes in a single season. These numbers made it almost impossible for the Ajit Agarkar-led selection committee to keep him off the roster in the shortest format. But, when

the team sheets were handed out for the two T20Is, his name was nowhere to be found. The team management's logic was clear, protect the teenager. The green, damp pitches of Ireland offered significant swing, extra bounce, and seam movement, conditions drastically different from the true, batting-friendly tracks

of the IPL. The decision-makers might have felt that throwing a 15-year-old into the deep waters in these unfamiliar conditions could hurt his confidence. While trying to protect their youngest asset, India instead exposed the technical limitations of their established top three - Abhishek Sharma, Sanju Samson, and Ishan Kishan. India chose to persist with this experienced trio, hoping their recent subcontinent exploits would carry over. Instead, the move backfired, illustrating a harsh truth. Abhishek, Samson, and Ishan have looked virtually unstoppable on true, bouncing, or spin-friendly home wickets where they can hit through the line.

Gautam Gambhir Not Spared After Ireland Loss. Slammed By Iceland Cricket, Sanjay Manjrekar

India head coach Gautam Gambhir has become the critics' favourite punching bag after the national team was swept in the two-match series against Ireland. India, who entered the series as heavy favourites, were beaten in both matches as Ireland completed a white-wash against Shreyas Iyer's men. The nature of the defeat has given critics plenty of ammunition to target the Indian team, from Iyer's elevation as skipper in place of Suryakumar Yadav to the decisions made by head coach Gambhir regarding team selection. As the reigning T20 World Champions suffered a humiliating series loss, Gambhir became the focal point of criticism on social media. Pouncing on



the trend, Iceland Cricket mocked the India head coach on social media, stating they would not want him on their coaching staff given the "results" he achieved in Ireland. "We can confirm that we do not wish to add Gautam Gambhir to our coaching staff. He clearly has talent, though. To take those Indian players and deliver

those results in Ireland takes truly remarkable gifts," Iceland Cricket wrote on X (formerly Twitter). Sanjay Manjrekar, the former India batter, took a more analytical approach to break down the deficiencies in Gambhir's strategy. He argued that India need a pure middle-order batter rather than overloading the team with

part-time all-rounders. His post read: "It was too little earlier... under Gambhir, it is too many. The 'all-rounders'. India need a PURE middle-order batter, pronto!" During a panel discussion on the broadcaster's post-match show, Manjrekar also highlighted how Indian batters lack the depth required to excel on pitches that offer assistance to bowlers, contrasting them with the batter-friendly pitches typically rolled out in India. For Manjrekar, Shubman Gill is precisely the type of batter India need to succeed in challenging conditions. "Shubman Gill... just for people to understand, this is a guy who is a T20 batter now and had a tremendous IPL as well.

Cape Verde Rocked By Rape Allegations Against Captain Days Before FIFA World Cup 2026 Clash vs Argentina

Cape Verde, which has become the biggest underdog story of the FIFA World Cup 2026, will face defending champions Argentina in the Round of 32 on Saturday (IST). However, their inspirational campaign, which has captured the imagination of many, has been rocked by rape allegations against Cape Verde captain Ryan Mendes. The forward, who plays in Turkey, is being investigated by New Zealand police over an alleged rape in an Auckland hotel, according to NZ Herald. "The complainant was working as a FIFA-mandated team support worker, a role defined and overseen by the sport's world governing body," the report stated. Another news report by Globo, of Brazil, stated Mendes is accused of



allegedly sexually assaulting the woman-a Brazilian-who worked as a translator with the team in New Zealand during a FIFA series tournament in March this year. The publication stated that the woman alleged Mendes entered her room and sexually assaulted her. After the alleged incident, she underwent a sexual assault examination. The woman also reportedly

informed three Cape Verde officials about the incident. In a statement to USA TODAY, FIFA said it takes "any allegation of misconduct" seriously and was in contact with New Zealand authorities. "Please understand we cannot comment further at this stage," the statement said. The Cape Verde team did not respond to a request, the publication added.

Did Broadcaster Blur South Korea Coach's Face After World Cup Fiasco?

With the 2026 FIFA World Cup expanded to 48 teams, Asian giants South Korea were widely expected to go far in the tournament. However, the national team failed to progress past the group stage after missing out on a spot among the eight best third-placed teams. South Korea's elimination was confirmed following a decisive defeat to South Africa in their final group-stage game. As the team bowed out of the tournament, a video went viral on social media from head coach Hong Myung-bo's press conference, showing South Korea's flagship public broadcaster KBS blurring his face. The video showed Hong, addressing the media after the game, had his face blurred. It was also reported that KBS visited



the team's hotel in Monterrey to investigate whether their accommodation played a role in the poor showing against South Africa in their final group-stage match. However, the video seems to be fake as no such act of Hong's face being blurred was seen in the original broadcast video. Hong became the primary target of criticism after the South Korean team failed to secure a spot in the Round

of 32. The 57-year-old decided to resign after the team's swift elimination drew harsh condemnation from the country's president, Lee Jae-myung, who called the coach "incapable" and ordered a complete review of the national team programme. South Korea had won their opening match against the Czech Republic before losing their subsequent two Group A matches to South Africa and Mexico.

New Zealand Thrash England In 3rd Test To Deny Ben Stokes A Fairytale Finish



An injury-hit New Zealand overwhelmed England by 160 runs in the third Test at Trent Bridge on Monday as Ben Stokes's last match in international cricket ended with a thumping defeat. Victory meant New Zealand won a three-match campaign 2-1 - just their fourth series success in England in 20 attempts and only the second time they had triumphed after being 1-0 down following their 1999 success in England. This was also England's seventh defeat in nine Tests and a first series loss at home in three or more Tests since 2012. The Test was upstaged by England captain Stokes dramatically announcing his retirement from international duty on Sunday. The 35-year-old all-rounder said he felt "burnt out" after

four years as England skipper, although Stokes added he would continue to play for county side Durham. His decision came after he had returned to England action after being omitted from a crushing 253-run defeat in the second Test, having broken a midnight curfew following the hosts' win in the series opener. "It would have been great to go out with a series win, that's in a perfect world," Stokes told the BBC. "But I'm very happy with what I've managed to achieve as a player and a captain. "There's quite a few emotions knowing you're not going to be doing this anymore." New Zealand's win was just reward for their professional application, the Black Caps outplaying England in all departments in Nottingham.

Neymar Loves Facing Japan. The Numbers Behind Brazil Star's Incredible Record

For most footballers, a Round of 32 tie is just another knockout game. For Neymar, it's a reunion with his favourite opponent. As Brazil prepare to face Japan at the FIFA World Cup 2026, all eyes will once again be on the Selecao's record goalscorer, whose extraordinary record against the Asian giants borders on unbelievable. Nine goals. Five matches. No country has conceded more international goals to Neymar than Japan. In fact, he has scored more against them than he has managed against Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador or the United States.

The timing could hardly be better for Brazil. The 34-year-old only recently returned to the national team after an absence of nearly 1,000 days, making his first World Cup appearance of the tournament in Brazil's comfortable 3-0 win over Scotland. Now comes an opponent that has repeatedly brought out the very best in him. Japan have witnessed almost every version of Neymar's evolution. They faced the teenage Santos sensation in 2012, the newly-crowned Confederations Cup superstar in 2013, the Barcelona magician who

scored four goals in a single match in 2014, and later the experienced Paris Saint-Germain forward who continued finding the net against them in both 2017 and 2022. His four-goal demolition of Japan in Singapore remains one of the finest individual performances of his international career, while his spectacular volley in the 2013 Confederations Cup clash was later voted the greatest goal he scored for Brazil. Across 129 international appearances, Neymar has rewritten Brazil's record books, overtaking Pele to

become the country's all-time leading scorer with 79 goals. This World Cup also places him in elite company, alongside Pele, Ronaldo and Cafu as one of only four Brazilians to feature at four FIFA World Cups. History, though, offers Brazil one more reason to smile ahead of the knockout clash. Whenever Neymar has lined up against Japan, goals have almost always followed. With nine already to his name against the Samurai Blue, Brazil will hope their returning superstar has saved another big performance for the stage that matters most.



