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Total pilgrims : 70,216
Tonsures : 27,606
Hundi kanukalu : 4.77 CR
Laddu sale... 4.08 Lac
Annaprasadams..2.78 Lac
Medical treatment...3,673
Waiting Compartments...Outside line at Silathoranam.

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Markets extend losing streak to 5th day; Sensex sheds 332 points, Nifty slips below 23,800

Mumbai (TSIT): Indian equity benchmarks extended their losing streak to a fifth consecutive session on Friday, marking their longest stretch of declines since the first week of January, as investors remained cautious amid concerns over the inflation and growth outlook in the backdrop of elevated crude oil prices. The Sensex declined 332 points, or 0.43 per cent, to close at 76,059.77, while the Nifty fell 102.15 points, or 0.43 per cent, to settle at 23,767.45. Commenting on Nifty technical outlook, experts said that the 23,800–24,000 region now stands as the immediate resistance band.

CM Naidu Turns Teacher at Fourth Parents-Teachers Meeting, Urges Students to Help Build a Greener AP

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu stepped into the role of a teacher during the Fourth Parents-Teachers Meeting held at the Government Upper Primary School in Rampachodavaram, Polavaram district, on Friday. Interacting closely with students, parents and teachers, the Chief Minister personally reviewed students' progress report cards and explained their academic performance, attendance and health details to parents, underscoring the importance of parental participation in their children's education. Emphasising the need to make educational information easily accessible to parents, Mr. Naidu directed the District Collector to ensure that report cards of students studying in residential Ashram schools are delivered to their homes. He also reviewed the use of smart boards in classrooms and interacted with students on their learning experiences.

During the interaction, several tribal mothers lauded the State government's 'Talliki Vandanam' scheme, stating that the financial assistance provided for every child has significantly eased their economic burden and enabled them to continue their children's education with greater confidence. They also expressed satisfaction over the visible improvements in government schools, including enhanced infrastructure, better teaching standards and hygienic, nutritious mid-day meals, which have encouraged more parents to enrol their children in government educational institutions. The women further highlighted the benefits of the 'Stri Shakti' free bus travel scheme, saying it has made travelling to nearby towns easier, enabling them to run small businesses and supplement their family incomes, thereby strengthening their economic independence.

Education Minister Nara Lokesh informed the Chief Minister that the government had extended the benefits of the Talliki Vandanam scheme to eligible Anganwadi staff in response to their financial concerns. The Chief Minister appreciated students who have been nurturing saplings on the school campus. Officials explained that each plant carries a QR code tag, allowing anyone to scan it and access information about the tree. The students have also been issued Green Passports to encourage environmental stewardship. Calling upon students to play an active role in increasing Andhra Pradesh's green cover, Mr. Naidu urged them to protect and nurture the plants they have adopted and contribute towards building a greener and more sustainable State. Earlier, the Chief Minister and Education Minister Nara Lokesh received a traditional welcome from tribal women upon their arrival. They paid floral tributes to the statue of freedom fighter Alluri Sitarama Raju and offered prayers to Goddess Saraswati before participating in the programme. The event concluded on a warm note with the Chief Minister and the Minister taking selfies with the tribal women.

Resignation of Dharmendra Pradhan non-negotiable: CJP to union ministers

New Delhi (TSIT):

Union Ministers J.P. Nadda and Dr Jitendra Singh held discussions with the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) spokespersons in the national capital on Friday, in a fresh bid to address their grievances over the NEET paper leaks and demands regarding the resignation of the Education Minister.

The meeting, lasting nearly two hours, however, remained inconclusive, with CJP staying firm on one of its demands.

"Talks happened in a cordial atmosphere. We heard their grievances in detail,"

J.P. Nadda and Dr Jitendra Singh represented the government while the CJP was represented by two of its spokespersons, Saurav Das and Ashutosh Ranka. The talks took place at the Constitution Club of India.

Speaking to the media after the meeting, Union Minister Nadda said, "The meeting went on for almost two hours. They had three main demands and five reform suggestions. We have told them that we will meet them again tomorrow."

SC to closely monitor Centre's road map for NEET reforms; seeks detailed affidavit

New Delhi (TSIT):

The Supreme Court on Friday said it would "very closely monitor" the Centre's road map for institutional reforms in the National Testing Agency (NTA) and measures to prevent future paper leaks, while directing the Union government to file a comprehensive affidavit detailing its proposals, including the feasibility of shifting NEET to a computer-based testing (CBT) mode, cybersecurity safeguards and examination security protocols.

A Bench of Justices P.S. Narasimha and Alok Aradhe, hearing a batch of petitions seeking structural reforms in the conduct of the NEET-UG examination following the alleged 2026 paper leak controversy, posted the matter for further hearing on July 27 after Solicitor General Tushar Mehta sought a few days' time to present a "holistic view" of the reforms being undertaken.

Appearing for the Centre, SG Mehta submitted that there had been "some development" and requested that the matter be taken up after a few days so that the government could place a comprehensive picture before the top court. However, the Justice Narasimha-led Bench said the proposed affidavit must specifically address the institutional reforms required to strengthen the examination system.Referring to the recommendations of the high-powered committee headed by former ISRO Chairman K. Radhakrishnan, the Supreme Court said the government should indicate the proposed structure of the NTA's governing board, how transparency and stakeholder participation would be ensured, and the manner in which domain experts, including institutions such as the IITs.

Impact of NEET stir: Centre to likely announce 'major overhaul' of National Testing Agency

New Delhi, July 24 : Coming on the heels of the Centre's announcement of a proposed Bill to deal with exam malpractices, the Union Ministry of Education is likely to soon make a major announcement regarding significant reforms in the National Testing Agency (NTA).

Sources privy to the matter said that around 47 officials associated with the NTA are expected to be removed and action may also be initiated against some of them, as part of a complete structural overhaul of the testing agency.

The NTA revamp is part of a wider review of processes to contain paper leaks, especially after the massive students' agitation led by the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP).

According to sources, the announcement is expected to focus on measures to improve the functioning of the NTA. The agency has been under intense scrutiny following allegations of the NEET paper leak and growing demands for examination reforms. One of the key changes expected to be introduced include tweaking of the NTA's outsourcing methods in order to ensure a leak-proof system, sources said a day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced major steps such as fast-track courts to ensure speedy justice in paper leak cases.A committee of experts will suggest the changes to refresh the NTA as a more efficient organisation, sources said.

The NTA conducts at least 20 national-level examinations, including JEE, NEET and CUET.

Sources also said that the restructuring of the NTA is expected to be completed within the next month. Earlier on Friday, the Union Cabinet approved a Bill and related provisions aimed at setting up fast-track courts and giving harsher punishment in cases of paper leaks and exam malpractices, official sources said.

The proposed legislation is expected to be introduced in Parliament next week, sources added.

The development comes close to Prime Minister Modi's announcement on Thursday that a Bill containing provisions for strong action will be introduced in Parliament.

As suggested in the Bill, the proposed fast-track courts will be mandated to complete trials and deliver judgments within three months, sources said. Earlier in a video message, the Prime Minister said that the Central government has prepared a comprehensive draft Bill to introduce stricter provisions and stringent punishments in paper leak cases.

Rahul accuses Centre of 'lying' on pellet use during CJP

New Delhi (TSIT) :

Scaling up his attack on the students' stir, Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Friday accused the Centre of "speaking lies" over the alleged use of pellet guns on students protesting under the banner of the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) at Jantar Mantar.

Rahul, with pellet gun victim Sahil by his side, claimed that the latter suffered grievous injuries in the police crackdown during the CJP's 'Chalo Sansad' march on July 20, asserting that pellet guns were used to crush peaceful dissent.

Showing his injuries to the press, Rahul said this was "visual proof" of a brazen crackdown on students and demanded that the Centre, rather than deflecting, come clean on the issue. "The government has been denying that pellets were fired. But here is the proof," said the Congress MP while lifting the victim's T-shirt to show alleged pellet wounds on his face, right arm and upper body.

Pellets allegedly hit the 19-year-old Sahil during Monday's protest march and subsequently treated in hospital, having suffered injuries to his eye.

Rahul, intensifying his tirade against the Centre, claimed that pellets were fired at Sahil when he was waving the Tricolour and demanding his rights as a student.

Prez Murmu, Romanian PM discuss strengthening cooperation across key sectors

Bucharest (TSIT): President Droupadi Murmu and Romanian Prime Minister Ilie Bolojan held a meeting at Victoria Palace in Bucharest on Friday, during which they discussed strengthening of bilateral ties across several key sectors. The two leaders discussed boosting cooperation in trade, investment, clean energy, connectivity and emerging technologies, a statement released by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) mentioned.

Secretary (West) at the MEA, Sibi George, and other officials were also present during the meeting. "President Droupadi Murmu held wide ranging discussions on India-Romania bilateral relations with H.E. Mr. Ilie Bolojan, Prime Minister of Romania at Victoria Palace in Bucharest," the President's Secretariat posted on X.

Earlier in the day, President Murmu addressed the India-Romania Business Forum in Bucharest.

President Murmu is on a State Visit to Romania, the first by an Indian President to Romania after three decades. Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Nimuben Jayantibhai Bambhaniya, and Members of Parliament Dinesh Sharma and Vijay Baghel are also accompanying the President on in this visit.

Bangladesh President Mohammed Shahabuddin resigns

Dhaka, July 24 : Bangladesh President Mohammed Shahabuddin stepped down from office on Friday with the Speaker of the national Parliament formally accepting his resignation letter, the local media reported. Shahabuddin, who assumed office in April

2023, was the only top constitutional office holder to hold the post since the July 2024 demonstrations. Although his tenure was due to end in April 2028, he resigned almost two years before its conclusion. Speaking to Bangladesh's leading newspaper .

Make Bogapuram Airport Inauguration a Historic Event: Minister Nara Lokesh

Visakhapatnam : Andhra Pradesh Minister for Education, IT and Electronics Nara Lokesh has directed public representatives and officials of North Andhra to make the inauguration of the Alluri Sitarama Raju International Airport at Bhogapuram a historic and grand event. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will dedicate the airport to the nation on August 1. Minister Lokesh inspected the arrangements at the airport on Friday evening and later held a review meeting. He said nearly three lakh people from the districts of Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram, Srikakulam, Anakapalli and Parvathipuram Manyam are expected to attend the airport inauguration and the Prime Minister's public meeting. He instructed officials to make foolproof arrangements and urged alliance leaders to work in coordination to ensure the success of the event.

Calling for a grand welcome to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Minister Lokesh said arrangements should be made for the country's largest-ever Dhimsa dance performance involving around 13,000 tribal artists. About 5,000 buses from 36 Assembly constituencies will transport people attending the public meeting. Mandal-level liaison officers have been asked to ensure that participants face no inconvenience from the time they board the buses until they return home. Adequate arrangements for drinking water, breakfast and meals are also being made for all attendees.

M.T. Krishna Babu, Chief Officer of the Airport Inauguration Arrangements Committee, said one LED screen will be installed for every 5,000 attendees to facilitate viewing of the Prime Minister's address. Senior IAS officers, Joint Collectors and Municipal Commissioners are supervising the arrangements, he added.

Educational Institutions Bandh Successfully Observed in Visakhapatnam

Visakhapatnam : The statewide bandh of educational institutions called by student and youth organisations in protest against the police lathi-charge, use of tear gas, and alleged illegal arrests of students and youth who peacefully participated in the "Chalo Parliament" programme held at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi on the 20th of this month was successfully observed in Visakhapatnam on Thursday. Protest programmes were organised in several educational institutions under the leadership of student and youth organisations, including SFI, AISF, PDSO, PDSU, NSUI, AIDSO, DYFI, AIYF, and PYL. On this occasion, a massive protest rally was held from the Andhra University Main Gate to Maddilapalem Junction, followed by the formation of a human chain. The protesters later reached Dr. V.S. Krishna Government Junior and Degree College and staged a protest along with students. They called for a boycott of classes and obstructed the Parents-Teachers Meeting. Though there was minor tension during the protest, the students acted with restraint and continued their demonstrations peacefully.

Speaking on the occasion, student leaders expressed concern that the repeated NEET examination paper leaks, irregularities, and growing corruption in the examination system across the country have put the future of lakhs of students at stake. They stated that while thousands of students from across the country gathered at Jantar Mantar and held a peaceful rally seeking justice on these issues, the Union Government deployed police forces, resorted to lathi-charge and tear gas, and detained several protesters illegally, which amounted to trampling upon democratic rights. They demanded the immediate resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, taking moral responsibility for the NEET examination paper leaks that occurred in 2022, 2024, and 2026. They also urged the Union Government to ensure justice for students affected by the paper leaks and to take stringent action against those responsible.

The student leaders asserted that student movements cannot be suppressed through lathi-charges, arrests, and detentions. SFI district leaders Ajay, Sai Teja, and Kusumanjali, along with representatives and students from AISF, PDSO, PDSU, NSUI, AIDSO, DYFI, AIYF, PYL, and other student and youth organ-

Priyanka Mohan inaugurates Kisan Fashion

Hyderabad, July 24 (TSIT): Actress Priyanka Mohan on Friday inaugurated the newest outlet of Kisan Fashion Mall at ECIL X Roads in Hyderabad, expanding the retail chain's presence in the city.The inauguration was attended by the company's management, MLAs, MLCs, distinguished guests and a large number of customers and fashion enthusiasts.

Established in 1959, Kisan Fashion Mall has grown from a small textile business into a leading ready-made garment retail chain with outlets across Telangana and Maharashtra. The brand currently operates stores in Nizamabad, Medak, Nirmal, Latur, Parbhani, Suchitra Centre, Beeramguda and several locations in Hyderabad.

The newly launched showroom offers a wide range of apparel for men, women and children through dedicated shopping sections, featuring both traditional and contemporary collections for weddings, festivals, special occasions and everyday wear.Speaking on the occasion, the management said the ECIL X Roads outlet reflects the brand's commitment to offering the latest fashion, quality products and affordable prices under its slogan, "Ekdum Fashion." They expressed confidence that the new showroom would serve as a one-stop shopping destination for families.

Kalasalingam University signs MoU with Sri Lanka's IIDRT

Srivilliputhur, July 24 (TSIT): Kalasalingam University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the International Institute in Development Research and Training (IIDRT), Sri Lanka, to promote international academic collaboration, communication exchange and capacity-building initiatives.

The MoU was signed during the Communication Exposure and Capacity Building Programme-2026, organised by the University's Department of English and the Centre for ENGAGE.

University Pro-Chancellor Dr. S. Arivazagi and Vice President Dr. S. Shasi Anand presided over the programme, while Vice-Chancellor Dr. S. Narayanan and Registrar Dr. V. Vasudevan felicitated the participants. Dr. V. Pandiarajan, Dean of the School of Liberal Arts and

Special Education, delivered the inaugural address, and Dr. B. R. Aravind, Head of the Department and Convenor of the Centre, welcomed the gathering.

The agreement was signed by the University's Vice President along with IIDRT delegates D.A.W. Gunavardana, Director, I.N.P. Perera, Programme Coordinator, and Upul Weerasinghe, Director.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Shasi Anand said the partnership aims to enhance communication skills, professional competencies and international academic cooperation through training, research, knowledge exchange and institutional development. The programme was attended by 26 pre-service teachers from Sri Lanka along with university students, who benefited from the academic sessions.

Tribal Children Are Hidden Gems, Says CM Chandrababu Naidu

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu described tribal children as "hidden gems" and said they can achieve extraordinary success when provided with quality education and the right opportunities. He urged parents and teachers to work together in shaping students' future and encouraged both mothers and fathers to actively participate in their children's education. Addressing the Fourth Parent-Teacher Meeting at the Government Upper Primary School in Rampachodavaram along with Education Minister Nara Lokesh, the Chief Minister said quality education in government schools remains one of the State government's top priorities. He noted that while students had earlier shifted from government schools to private institutions, the trend has now reversed, with nearly 1.10 lakh students enrolling in government schools from private schools, reflecting growing public confidence in the system.

Mr. Naidu said the government is providing IIT coaching to SC and ST students, expanding residential schools in tribal areas and increasing diet charges in hostels by 10 per cent. He also highlighted the Mega DSC teacher recruitment programme and emphasised the need for teachers to upgrade their teaching methods in tune with technological advancements. The Chief Minister reiterated the government's commitment to eliminating ganja cultivation and drug abuse, promoting horticulture crops in tribal areas and creating employment opportunities through industrial development. He urged students to pursue their dreams with dedication, stating that sincere effort can lead to rewarding careers.

Press Clubs Federation condemns attacks on journalists during protests

New Delhi, July 24 (TSIT): The Federation of Press Clubs has condemned incidents of violence and intimidation against journalists during the ongoing student protests at Jantar Mantar in Delhi and elsewhere in the country, stating that attacks on media personnel undermine democratic values and press freedom.In a statement, the Federation said citizens have a fundamental right to protest, but assaulting journalists covering demonstrations—whether by protesters or security personnel—is unacceptable. It expressed concern that some television reporters were allegedly targeted by protesters because they were perceived to represent media organisations supportive of the government. The Federation also urged media organisations to introspect on their editorial practices while ensuring the safety of frontline reporters deployed to cover sensitive events.The organisation further criticised the alleged use of excessive force by the Delhi Police and the Rapid Action Force (RAF) during the protests. It claimed that journalists were among those injured and alleged that at least one reporter from Outlook magazine sustained pellet injuries. The Federation also alleged that some police personnel removed their name badges, describing it as a violation of the Supreme Court's guidelines on police accountability.Calling for accountability, the Federation urged the higher judiciary to take suo motu cognisance of the incidents and sought an impartial judicial inquiry into the alleged use of force against journalists and protesters.

Karnataka, South India Key Drivers of India's Growth Story, Says CM D.K. Shivakumar at Rising Bharat Summit

Bengaluru : Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Friday said South India has emerged as one of the principal engines powering India's economic growth, with Karnataka and Bengaluru playing a pivotal role in the country's rise as a global economic powerhouse. Addressing the Rising Bharat Summit on the theme "The Southern Growth Engine," the Chief Minister said there could hardly be a more appropriate place than Bengaluru to discuss the subject, given the city's global standing in technology, innovation, manufacturing and entrepreneurship.

Drawing parallels with global economic transformations, Shivakumar said England led the Industrial Revolution, Silicon Valley drove the American century and China emerged as a global economic force. "Today, as India rises, South India has become one of the principal

engines powering the country's growth," he said.

The Chief Minister noted that while South India accounts for only about one-fifth of India's population, it contributes nearly one-third of the country's Gross Value Added, underlining the region's importance to the national economy. He said he hopes every region of the country continues to prosper, but stressed that the southern states have a special responsibility in driving India's future growth.

Highlighting Bengaluru's global prominence, Shivakumar recalled former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's observation during the foundation stone-laying ceremony of the Bengaluru International Airport that global leaders increasingly visit Bengaluru before travelling to Delhi, reflecting the city's growing international importance.

He attributed Bengaluru's success to its strengths in talent, technology, manufacturing, innovation and entrepreneurship, describing Karnataka's human capital as its greatest asset. The state, he said, produces large numbers of engineers, doctors, pharmacists and paramedical professionals every year, creating talent not only for Karnataka but for India and the world. He added that leading international universities and organisations continue to seek partnerships with Karnataka because of the quality of its educational institutions.

Emphasising the government's collaborative approach, Shivakumar said Karnataka works closely with industry, academia, the Union Government, other state governments and international partners. Quoting industrialist Henry Ford, he said, "Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."

South Western Railway signs MoU with Rotary International District 319 to save 75 lakh litres of water

Bengaluru: South Western Railway, in collaboration with Rotary International District 319, has decided to save 75 lakh litres of water by implementing a rainwater harvesting system at the city's Krantiveer Sangolli Rayanna railway station. The project aims to save about Rs one crore in water costs every year.

In the presence of Ashutosh Kumar Singh, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), Bangalore Division, South Western Railway, Additional Divisional Railway Manager, Bangalore Division, Praveen Kataraki, and District Governor, Rotary International District 3191, Dr. Anil Gupta, signed the MoU. Speaking later, Ashutosh Kumar Singh said, "We have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Rotary International District 3191. This is the first such agreement that the Railways has signed with any organization. The Rotary organization will collect CSR funds, through which many social programs are being undertaken, including a rainwater harvesting project at Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station. The Railways will not invest any money in this project. We are only providing the necessary space for the implementation of the project. This will help in conserving water and the environment. There is a large enough area for rainwater harvesting at Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station."

Dr. Dr. Anil Gupta said, "This agreement is creating a lasting social impact, which reflects Rotary's commitment. We aim to make railway stations into hubs of better passenger services through community programs related to health, cleanliness and environmental sustainability. Under the agreement, Rotary District 3191 and South Western Railway are jointly organizing health check-up camps, blood donation camps, eye check-up and cataract awareness programs, environmental protection projects, tree plantation and beautification programs, and provision of drinking water facilities.

Dr. Anil Gupta said that various community development programs including cleanliness and sanitation programs, establishment of useful facilities for passengers, education and literacy programs, women and child welfare projects, disaster relief and emergency assistance, and passenger welfare projects will be jointly undertaken. Additional Divisional Railway Manager Praveen Kataraki said, "This collaboration will further improve passenger facilities, create social awareness, and help create a green and clean environment along with a citizen-friendly railway environment.

Shivakumar Invites CEOs to Partner in Karnataka's Next Growth Phase, Unveils Vision Beyond Bengaluru

Bengaluru: Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Friday called upon industry leaders to partner with the Karnataka government in shaping the state's next phase of growth, announcing plans to expand world-class infrastructure beyond Bengaluru, establish an AI University with industry participation, and launch new policies to strengthen the technology ecosystem.

Addressing CEOs at a breakfast meeting, Shivakumar said Bengaluru's greatest strength lies in its talent pool and innovation ecosystem, crediting the city's success to the people and companies that have made it India's technology capital.

"You are the ambassadors of Bengaluru. You are the ambassadors of Karnataka," he told industry leaders, noting that while many had come to the city decades ago, they chose to stay because of the opportunities and talent the city offers. Highlighting Karnataka's economic performance, the Chief Minister said software exports had crossed 4.36 lakh crore and are expected to exceed 5.5 lakh crore this year. "Behind every number is a young engineer getting a first job, a developer solving problems, and a family moving closer to its dreams," he said.

He said Karnataka's Global Capability Centres have evolved from back offices into hubs of innovation, product development and high-value work, adding that Bengaluru continues to lead India's office market absorption.

Recalling his interactions with global leaders at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Shivakumar said companies continue to prefer Bengaluru because of its talent, ecosystem and cost advantages. "Many states are competing, but companies tell us that if it costs them $3.50 elsewhere, they can achieve the same here at nearly $1 because of Bengaluru's talent, ecosystem and human capital."

The Chief Minister announced that within the next 100 days, the government will introduce a policy to encourage industries to establish operations beyond Bengaluru by offering world-class office infrastructure at highly affordable costs, including office space in other cities of Karnataka for as little as fifty cents per square foot.

He said the government has already rolled out new IT, Space Technology and Startup policies focused on DeepTech, digital infrastructure, research, industry-academia collaboration and entrepreneurship. Karnataka has also launched its Quantum Roadmap to accelerate the commercialisation of emerging technologies.

Shivakumar announced that Karnataka is building an AI University in partnership with industry. "Yesterday, we had detailed discussions with Google on this initiative. We don't want government alone to build it. We want to partner with industry. You should take the lead, and the government will stand beside you," he said.

The university, he said, will serve as a centre for learning, innovation, collaboration and public digital access, with the vision of introducing AI education to rural students from Class 6 onwards. He also announced the Bengaluru Robotics and Innovation Zone and the Sustainable Data Centre Policy 2026-31, aimed at creating environmentally sustainable digital infrastructure supported by land, power, water, connectivity and renewable energy.Emphasising balanced regional development, Shivakumar said growth should not remain confined to Bengaluru. "Bengaluru is our crown, but Karnataka is our heart," he said, adding that cities such as Mysuru, Hubballi-Dharwad, Mangaluru and Belagavi should emerge as major technology and investment destinations.

Form No. INC-26

[Pursuant to rule 30 the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014]
Before the Central Government
Regional Director, SWR, Banglore.
In the matter of sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Companies Act, 2013 and clause (a) of sub-rule (5] of rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014
And
In the matter of **BOSCH HOME COMFORT TECHNOLOGY PRIVATE LIMITED**, having its registered office at Wework Galaxy, 43, Residency Rd, Shanthala Nagar, Ashok Nagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560025, India.
Petitioner

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the company proposes to make an application to the Central Government under Section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Extra ordinary general meeting held on 21/07/2026 to enable the company to change its Registered Office from "State of Karnataka" to "State of Maharashtra".

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the company may deliver either on the MCA-21 portal (www.mca.gov.in) by filing investor complaint form or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the Regional Director at the pin 'E' Wing, 2nd Floor, Kendriya Sadana, Kormangala, Banglore-560034, Karnataka within fourteen days of the date of publication of this notice with a copy of the applicant company at its registered office at the address mentioned below:

Registered Office: Wework Galaxy, 43, Residency Rd, Shanthala Nagar, Ashok Nagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560025, India.

For and on behalf of
BOSCH HOME COMFORT TECHNOLOGY PRIVATE LIMITED
Sd/-
Manjur Tamboli
Director
DIN: 10870662

Place: Banglore
Date : 24/07/2026

CFM ASSET RECONSTRUCTION PRIVATE LIMITED

REGISTERED OFFICE: Block No. A/1003, West Gate, Near YMCA Club, Sur No. 835/1+3, S. G. Highway, Makarba, Ahmedabad – 380051.
CORPORATE OFFICE: 1st Floor, Wakefield House, Sprott Road, Ballard Estate, Mumbai-400038.

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WITHOUT PREJUDICE Notice u/s.13(8) of SARFAESI Act, 2002

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Sir,

Ref:- Redemption of debt u/s.13(8) of the SARFAESI Act'2002.

The undersigned being an Authorized officer of **CFM Asset Reconstruction Pvt. Ltd. ("CFMARC")** a company incorporated under companies Act, 2013 and registered with Reserve Bank of India as an Asset Reconstruction Company under section 3 of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act, 2002) having registered office at Block no. A/1003, West Gate, Near YMCA Club, S. No. 835/1+3, S.G. Highway, Makarba, Ahmedabad-380051 Gujarat and corporate office at 1st Floor, Wakefield House, Sprott Road, Ballard Estate, Mumbai-400 001, in exercise of the powers conferred under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002; hereby give you this notice U/s 13 (8) of SARFAESI Act, 2002.

As all of you have committed default in payment of the outstanding dues of Kinfotech Private Limited aggregating **Rs. 30,56,65,726.82/-. (Rupees Thirty Crores Fifty Six Lakhs Sixty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Six and Paise Eighty Two Only)** as on 30.09.2012 with further interest in respect of the advance granted by Assignor i.e. Punjab National Bank (erstwhile United Bank of India) (herein referred to as "Assignor") to Borrower(s), Mortgagor(s) & Guarantor(s) have not paid amount within the stipulated period of 60 days, as mentioned in the Demand Notice dated 25.10.2012 under section 13(2) read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 now stands assigned to CFM Asset Reconstruction Private Limited acting in its capacity as Trustee of CFMARC Trust- 227, vide Assignment Agreement executed and duly registered as on 27.03.2026. The Authorized Officer of the Assignor has taken symbolic possession of the below mentioned secured assets on 07.01.2013.

The undersigned hereby inform you by this notice that the undersigned shall put the immovable properties / secured asset described herein below for sale by inviting tenders from the public by holding public auction/ E – Auction, Swiss challenge auction, or by way of any other admissible mode of auction under SARFAESI Act, 2002 along with the security enforcement rules thereunder, on "As is where is"; "As is what is ", "whatever there is" basis. If you fail to discharge your liability within 30 days from the receipt of this notice, nothing shall constrain the secured creditor from proceeding towards the auction of secured assets by inviting tenders from the public by holding public auction/ E – Auction, Swiss challenge auction, or by way of any other admissible mode of auction under SARFAESI Act, 2002 along with the security enforcement rules thereunder, on "As is where is"; "As is what is " and "whatever there is" basis auction for the sale of secured assets mentioned below, under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act, 2002.

Attention of the Borrower/Mortgagor & Guarantors are invited to S.13(8) of the said Act, in respect of time available to redeem the mortgage in respect of the secured asset by payment of the total outstanding dues. We hereby call upon you all Noticees jointly and severally to pay the outstanding dues **Rs. 116,21,88,568.84/- (Rupees One Hundred Sixteen Crores Twenty One Lakhs Eighty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Eight and Paise Eighty Four Only) as on 23rd July, 2026** with future interest at the contractual rate together with incidental expenses, costs, charges, etc. till the date of payment and/or realization thereof and discharge entire loan liability within the time mentioned above i.e. 30 days from the date of receipt of this notice in the subject matter loan account.

DETAILS OF IMMOVABLE SECURED ASSET

All that piece and parcel of land bearing Survey No. 110, situated at Doddathogur Village, Begur Hobli, Electronic City Post, Bangalore- 560100 standing in the name of Kinfotech Private Limited, **bounded as** East: Survey No. 112 West: Road, North: Road and Lake, South: Private Property. Totally admeasuring 2 Acres 34 Guntas covered thereby comprising all lands and buildings, structures, erections, fixtures and fitting thereon and therein all rights and appurtenances both present and future.

Date : 25.07.2026
Place : Bangalore

Sd/-
Authorized officer
For CFM Asset Reconstruction Pvt. Ltd.
Acting as a trustee of CFMARC Trust- 227

Strict Action Against Violations in Self-Execution Projects: Minister K.J. George

BENGALURU :Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) will initiate strict action, in accordance with regulatory provisions, against Self-Execution (SE) projects that have failed to complete the mandatory electrical infrastructure within the stipulated timeline or have violated the provisions of the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC), said K.J. George, Hon'ble Minister for Energy & Tourism, Government of Karnataka.

In a press statement, the Minister said that under the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) Regulations dated January 12, 2006, Clause 3.2.4 (Self-Execution of Substations), projects with a sanctioned load exceeding 7.5 MVA are required to establish dedicated electrical infrastructure, including substations and associated electrical facilities, at their own cost before availing permanent power supply.

The objective of the Self-Execution framework is to ensure that the required electrical infrastructure is developed simultaneously with large residential and commercial developments. This not only supports reliable power supply in rapidly growing urban areas but also prevents excessive loading on the existing electricity network and avoids unnecessary expenditure of public funds on infrastructure meant exclusively for private developments.

Around 45 such cases have already been identified in Bengaluru, and notices have been issued to the respective project proponents. Penalties of 10 per cent will be imposed in accordance with the applicable KERC Regulations In such cases. Where the mandatory electrical infrastructure is not completed within the stipulated timeline and such non-compliance results in transmission constraints at KPTCL substations, appropriate action, including disconnection of electricity supply, may be initiated in accordance with the applicable legal and regulatory provisions to safeguard reliable power supply to the general public.

KPTCL has also identified projects that initially obtained approvals based on a sanctioned load below 7.5 MVA, but are presently drawing electricity beyond the approved sanctioned capacity without creating the corresponding electrical infrastructure. Such instances place additional stress on the existing public power network and may adversely affect the quality, reliability, and stability of electricity supply to neighbouring consumers.

The matter has been discussed with Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who has directed the department to take appropriate action in the larger public interest. Accordingly, the Minister has instructed Dr. V. Ram Prasath Manohar, IAS, Managing Director, KPTCL, to undertake a statewide review and submit a comprehensive report identifying apartment complexes, townships, layouts, and other development projects that have exceeded their sanctioned electrical load without creating the mandatory electrical infrastructure.

INVENT ASSETS SECURITISATION & RECONSTRUCTION PRIVATE LIMITED.

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Registered Office at Bakhtawar, Suite 'B", Ground Floor,
Backbay Reclamation Scheme Block III, 229, Nariman Point, Mumbai – 400 021

[Appendix – IV-A] [See proviso to rule 8 r/w rule 9]

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIESDATE & TIME OF AUCTION 10/08/2026 AT 10:00 AM

PUBLIC AUCTION CUM SALE NOTICE (UNDER SWISS CHALLENGE METHOD) FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES ("SECURED ASSETS") OF **Mallappa Bhimappa Kali, Mallappa Bhimappa Kali, Lokesh Shivappa Hadapada, Paramesh Kenchappa Kerudi, Raghavendra K N, Renukamma D, Manjunath M R, Muniyappa H, C Bhagya, Sunil Kumar, S Kenchamma, S Kenchamma, Shanta Mohan, Mukudi Raghu, Pramelamma, Ramappa Neelappa Bidari, Ayyappa V** UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO TO RULE 8 AND RULE 9 OF THE SECURITY INTEREST ENFORCEMENT RULES, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the Borrower(s), Co-Borrower(s) and/or Mortgagor(s) in particular that the under mentioned property(s) was mortgaged to Altum Credo Home Finance Limited (hereinafter referred to as "ACHFL") and subsequently, the dues of the below mentioned Borrower(s), Co-Borrower(s) and/or Mortgagor(s) along with underlying security interest were assigned in favour of Invent Assets Securitisation & Reconstruction Private Limited (hereinafter referred to as "INVENT") by ACHFL vide registered Assignment Agreement dated 29.12.2025. Physical possession of under mentioned property(s) had been taken by the Authorised Officer of INVENT under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and now will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" and "No recourse Basis" on **6/10/2023 For Sl.No. 1 and 6/10/2023 For Sl.No. 2 and 9/05/2025 For Sl.No. 3 and 9/05/2025 For Sl.No. 4 and 18/04/2024 For Sl.No. 5 and 8/04/205 For Sl.No. 6 and 7/5/2025 For Sl.No. 7 and 6/08/2025 For Sl.No. 8 and 17/07/2025 For Sl.No. 9 and 21/07/2025 For Sl.No. 10 and 21/07/2025 For Sl.No. 11 and 21/07/2025 For Sl.No. 12 and 19/07/2025 For Sl.No. 13 and 13/08/2025 For Sl.No. 14 and 30/07/2025 For Sl.No. 15 and 01/08/2025 For Sl.No. 16 and 01/08/2025 For Sl.No. 17** for the recovery of dues detailed as under.

The public auction is through Swiss Challenge Method and based on an existing offer in hand (Existing Offeror/Anchor Bidder). Parties interested to buy the property may increase their bid by the Bid Increase Amount mentioned below than the existing offer in hand/Reserve Price. The first right to refusal to match the higher offer will be with the Anchor Bidder and in case the Anchor Bidder fails to match the higher price; the property may be sold to such bidder who has submitted a higher offer.

The description of Borrower(s), Co-Borrower(s) and/or Mortgagor(s) with description of the immovable property(s), known encumbrances and known liabilities (if any) are as under:

Sr./ Lot No.	Loan Code / Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Description of Immovable Property(s) with known encumbrances and known liabilities, if any	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Total Outstanding Amount	Reserve Price (RP) EMD (10% of RP) Bid Increase Amt.	Property in Symbolic or Physical Possession	Date and Time of Property Inspection
1	Loan Code No. 1192020600017 Mallappa Bhimappa Kali (Borrower), Mariyavva Bhimappa Kali (Co-Borrower 1), (Co-Borrower 2), (Co-Borrower 3)	Description: All that Piece and Parcel of property/ Land bearing property No.171/2,PID No.151700301400100460 Kallihalla Village Haveri Taluk and Dist -581110, Measuring 61.88 Sq. Mt. (Total Measurement 147.19 Sq.Mt) bounded as, East - Property of Pakiresh Kale, West - Property of Hulgappa Kale, South - Road, North - Property of Ramangouda Patil.	Dt: 31/07/2023, Rs.400127/- together with further interest thereon from the date of default at contractual / documented rates and other incidental expenses, etc.	Rs. 400127/-	Rs.1229943/- Rs.122994/- Rs.10000/-	Symbolic	02-08-2026 Between 12.00 Noon to 4.00 PM
2	Loan Code No. 1222040100001 Mallappa Bhimappa Kali (Borrower), Mariyavva Bhimappa Kali (Co-Borrower 1), (Co-Borrower 2), (Co-Borrower 3)	Description: All that Piece and Parcel of property/ Land bearing property No.171/2,PID No.151700301400100460 Kallihalla Village Haveri Taluk and Dist -581110, Measuring 61.88 Sq. Mt. (Total Measurement 147.19 Sq.Mt) bounded as, East - Property of Pakiresh Kale, West - Property of Hulgappa Kale, South - Road, North - Property of Ramangouda Patil.	Dt: 31/07/2023, Rs.178382/- together with further interest thereon from the date of default at contractual / documented rates and other incidental expenses, etc.	Rs.178382/-	Rs.1229943/- Rs.122994.3/- Rs.10000/-	Symbolic	02-08-2026 Between 12.00 Noon to 4.00 PM
3	Loan Code No. 1192020100032 Lokesh Shivappa Hadapada (Borrower), MALAVVA SHIVAPPA HADAPADA (Co-Borrower 1), (Co-Borrower 2), (Co-Borrower 3	Description: E.swathu. NO 151700300200200412, Schedule of the Property No.272/A, Kabbur Village, Haveri Tq and Dist-581110, Measuring 14.545 X 97.740 Mts i.e 113.92 Sq Mts.,Boundaries: -, East - Road, West - Property of Siddappa Rudrappa Hadapad, South - Property of Channavva Hadapad, North - Property of Kamalavva Kammar	Dt: 11/11/2024,Rs. 467727/- together with further interest thereon from the date of default at contractual / documented rates and other incidental expenses, etc.	Rs. 467727/-	Rs.719929/- Rs.71992/- Rs.10000/-	Symbolic	02-08-2026 Between 12.00 Noon to 4.00 PM
4	Loan Code No. S119202000025 Paramesh Kenchappa Kerudi (Borrower), Rekha Kerudi (Co-Borrower 1), (Co-Borrower 2), (Co-Borrower 3)	Description: All That Piece And Parcel Of Property No.217, E-Swathu No 151700501200200271, Measuring 9.20+9.20 X 12.80+13,80 Mts L.E 126.36 Sq Mts, Situated At Hullathi Village, Y.T. Honnathi Gram Panchayath, Ranebennur Taluk, Haveri Dist And Bounded On:, East - House Of Gowravva Karabasappa Vaddar, West - House Of Shivappa Kerodi, South - House of Jagadeesha Hanumanthavva Kerodi, North - Road	Dt: 10/12/2024, Rs. 404605/- together with further interest thereon from the date of default at contractual / documented rates and other incidental expenses, etc.	Rs. 404605/-	Rs.731187/- Rs.73118/- Rs.10000/-	Symbolic	02-08-2026 Between 12.00 Noon to 4.00 PM
5	Loan Code No. 1192020100034 Raghavendra K N (Borrower), Kasthuramma N (Co-Borrower 1), (Co-Borrower 2), (Co-Borrower 3)	Description: All that piece and parcel of Property No. Site No. 11, Current door No. 1883/11, measuring 20 X 20 Feet i.e. 400 Sq. Foots, Situated at behind APMC New Chikkanahalli badavane, Davangere, Karantaka and the subject matter of this legal report which is bounded as under, East - House of Manjamma and Shruthi , West - House of Sadashivappa, South - Property of Kallesh, North - By Road	Dt: 7/2/2024, Rs. 424168/- together with further interest thereon from the date of default at contractual / documented rates and other incidental expenses, etc.	Rs. 424168/-	Rs.807840/- Rs.80784/- Rs.10000/-	Symbolic	02-08-2026 Between 12.00 Noon to 4.00 PM
6	Loan Code No. S119202000089 Renukamma D (Borrower), Chandrappa(Co-Borrower 1), (Co-Borrower 2), (Co-Borrower 3)	Description: All That Piece And Parcel Of Property No. 414, E Swathu No. 151200401300101139 Measuring 6X12 Mtrs. I.E. 72.00 Sq. Mtrs. Situated At Hiremegakgere Village, Hiremegalgere Gramapanchayat, Harapanahalli Taluka Vijayanagara Dist. And Bounded On:, East - Property of Poojari Ramappa , West - Property of Poojari Balappa, South - Road, North - Property of Sharanamma	Dt: 11/03/2025, Rs. 723751/- together with further interest thereon from the date of default at contractual / documented rates and other incidental expenses, etc.	Rs. 723751/-	Rs.870188/- Rs.87018/- Rs.10000/-	Symbolic	02-08-2026 Between 12.00 Noon to 4.00 PM
7	Loan Code No. S117202000075 Manjunath M R (Borrower), Y V Shyamala(Co-Borrower 1), Ramachandrappa M A (Co-Borrower 2), Venkatalakshmamma V (Co-Borrower 3)	Description: All That Piece And Parcel Of Immovable Property Bearing No. 191, E-Khatha No. 152800500201721556, Situated At Shinganahalli Village, Thirumani Grama Panchayath Limits, Gadibanda Taluka, Chikkaballapura District, Measuring East To West 9.144 Meters And North To South 12.195 Meters, In All Measuring 111.48 Square Meters And Bounded On., East - Passage Narasimhappa's Property , West - Passage Srinivasa's Property , South - Road, North - Road	Dt: 11/03/2025, Rs.1295998/- together with further interest thereon from the date of default at contractual / documented rates and other incidental expenses, etc.	Rs. 1295998/-	Rs.1130609/- Rs.113060/- Rs.10000/-	Symbolic	02-08-2026 Between 12.00 Noon to 4.00 PM
8	Loan Code No. S119208000004 Muniyappa H (Borrower), Savitha T(Co-Borrower 1), (Co-Borrower 2), (Co-Borrower 3)	Description: All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing No. 145, E Swathu No. 151200400100200150, Measuring 14.630X 6.4008 Mts I.E. 93.65 Sq. Mtrs. Situated At Madihalli Village, Anagigere Grampanchayath, Harappanahalli, And Bounded On:, East - Road, West - House of Channappa., South - House of K Parvathamma., North - House of Ujjapala Pampanna	Dt: 11/03/2025, Rs.1034841/- together with further interest thereon from the date of default at contractual / documented rates and other incidental expenses, etc.	Rs. 1034841/-	Rs.1195236/- Rs.119523/- Rs.10000/-	Symbolic	02-08-2026 Between 12.00 Noon to 4.00 PM
9	Loan Code No. 1172040100092 C Bhagya (Borrower), B Anand Kumar(Co-Borrower 1), (Co-Borrower 2), (Co-Borrower 3)	Description: All that piece and parcel of the immovable Property bearing No. 29, E-Khatha No. 151901102400600029, Situated at Gandlahalli Village, Masthenahalli Gramapanchayat limits, Srinivasapura Taluka, Kolara District Measuring East to West 10.97 meters and North to South 6.40 Meters in all measuring 70.23 Square Meteres and bonded on:, East - Chikkabhyrappa Srinivas House,, West - Road, South - Kote Rajana's House., North - Parvathamma Late Bhyrapp's House	Dt: 10/04/2025, Rs.883223/- together with further interest thereon from the date of default at contractual / documented rates and other incidental expenses, etc.	Rs. 883223/-	Rs.1337220/- Rs.133722/- Rs.10000/-	Symbolic	02-08-2026 Between 12.00 Noon to 4.00 PM
10	Loan Code No. 1182020100229 Sunil Kumar (Borrower), Kiran Kumar(Co-Borrower 1), Rathnamma(Co-Borrower 2), Rangashetty(Co-Borrower 3)	Description: All that piece and parcel of the property No. 112/1, G.1 Asset No. 152200543077000506, situated at Ariyuru Grama Hadya Grampanchayat the property is coming under the limits of Nanjangud Taluka, Mysore District Measuring East to west 15.24 Mtrs and North to South 6.096 mtr and bounded on the :, East - Property of Bhagyamma , West - Road, South - Propery of Lakhsmamma W/o. Channashetty , North - Property of Sannamma	Dt: 10/04/2025, Rs.397510/- together with further interest thereon from the date of default at contractual / documented rates and other incidental expenses, etc.	Rs. 397510/-	Rs.905760/- Rs.90576/- Rs.10000/-	Symbolic	02-08-2026 Between 12.00 Noon to 4.00 PM
11	Loan Code No. 1192040100068 S Kenchamma (Borrower), Satthuru Basavarajappa (Co-Borrower 1), (Co-Borrower 2), (Co-Borrower 3)	Description: All that piece and parcel of property No. 1131, E Swathu No. 151200403100101149 Measuring 4.8768 X 9.144 Mtrs. i.e. 44.59 Sq. Mtrs. Situated at Telgi Village, Telgi Grampanchayath, Harapanahalli and bounded on :, East - Property of Kuldappa Dandyeppa , West - Property of Sathur Huchengeyappa , South - Conservancy , North - Road	Dt: 10/04/2025, Rs.515867/- together with further interest thereon from the date of default at contractual / documented rates and other incidental expenses, etc.	Rs. 515867/-	Rs.771120/- Rs.77112/- Rs.10000/-	Symbolic	02-08-2026 Between 12.00 Noon to 4.00 PM
12	Loan Code No. S119209000012 S Kenchamma (Borrower), Satthuru Basavarajappa (Co-Borrower 1), (Co-Borrower 2), (Co-Borrower 3)	Description: All that piece and parcel of property No. 1131, E Swathu No. 151200403100101149 Measuring 4.8768 X 9.144 Mtrs. i.e. 44.59 Sq. Mtrs. Situated at Telgi Village, Telgi Grampanchayath, Harapanahalli and bounded on :, East - Property of Kuldappa Dandyeppa , West - Property of Sathur Huchengeyappa , South - Conservancy , North - Road	Dt: 10/04/2025, Rs.249353/- together with further interest thereon from the date of default at contractual / documented rates and other incidental expenses, etc.	Rs. 249353/-	Rs.771120/- Rs.77112/- Rs.10000/-	Symbolic	02-08-2026 Between 12.00 Noon to 4.00 PM
13	Loan Code No. S117204000082 Shanta Mohan (Borrower), M Harish(Co-Borrower 1), Mangalagauramma gangadharappa(Co-Borrower 2), (Co-Borrower 3)	Description: All that piece and parcel of immovable Property bearing No. 147/1, Situated at Thimmanahalli Village, Konddenahalli Grama Panchayath limits, Nandi Hobli, Chikkabelapura Taluk, Chikkabalapura District, measuring East to West 57 feet and North to South (22 + 37) / 2 feet and bounded on:-, East - Govt. Road, West - Road, South - Road, North - Govt. School	Dt: 10/04/2025, Rs.984783/- together with further interest thereon from the date of default at contractual / documented rates and other incidental expenses, etc.	Rs. 984783/-	Rs.1274720/- Rs.127472/- Rs.10000/-	Symbolic	02-08-2026 Between 12.00 Noon to 4.00 PM
14	Loan Code No. 1192020100129 Mukudi Raghu (Borrower), MUKUDU HALESHA (Co-Borrower 1), BASAVARAJAPPA MUKUDU (Co-Borrower 2), (Co-Borrower 3)	Description: All that piece and parcel of sie no. 23, Property No. 23, E Swathu No. 151200403400120237, measuring 9.15 X 12.20 Mts i.e. 111.63 Sq. Mtrs. Situated at Huchangidurga Village, Huchangidurga Gram Panchayath, Harapanahalli, and bounded on:, East - Conservancy , West - Conservancy , South - Road , North - Conservancy	Dt: 13/05/2025, Rs.410247/- together with further interest thereon from the date of default at contractual / documented rates and other incidental expenses, etc.	Rs. 410247/-	Rs.1137096/- Rs.11370/- Rs.10000/-	Symbolic	02-08-2026 Between 12.00 Noon to 4.00 PM
15	Loan Code No. 1612020100002 Pramelamma (Borrower), VENUGOPAL(Co-Borrower 1), (Co-Borrower 2), (Co-Borrower 3)	Description: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing No. 373, as per From - 09, Serial No. 10146701, E Swathu No. 151901102300320129, measuring East to West 13.1064 Meter and North to South 7.9248 meter, totally 103.87 Sq. Meters along with 103.87 Sq. Meter Residential Building, situated at Namihalli Village, Nambhihalli Grama Panchayath, Srinivasapura Taluk, Kolar District, and bounded on :, East - Property belongs to Venkatesh , West - Road , South - Property belongs to Chowdareddy , North - Road	Dt: 13/05/2025, Rs.859935/- together with further interest thereon from the date of default at contractual / documented rates and other incidental expenses, etc.	Rs. 859935/-	Rs.1324062/- Rs.132406/- Rs.10000/-	Symbolic	02-08-2026 Between 12.00 Noon to 4.00 PM
16	Loan Code No. S119208000028 Ramappa Neelappa Bidari (Borrower), SHILPA RAMAPPA BIDARI (Co-Borrower 1), (Co-Borrower 2), (Co-Borrower 3)	Description: The property admeasuring an extent of 75.19 Sq. Mtrs., comprised in Property Number 698A, having PID No. 151700500500120851, situated in Halageri Village, Ranibennuru Taluk, Haveri District within the Sub-Registration District office of Ranebennur bounded on the:, East - Property of Hanumanthappa Ni Bidari, West - Property of Shivappa Hanumanthappa Bidari, South - Road, North - Road	Dt: 13/05/2025, Rs.927620/- together with further interest thereon from the date of default at contractual / documented rates and other incidental expenses, etc.	Rs. 927620/-	Rs.1307730/- Rs.130773/- Rs.10000/-	Symbolic	02-08-2026 Between 12.00 Noon to 4.00 PM
17	Loan Code No. S131205000001 Ayyappa V (Borrower), YASHODA MALLAGANAHALLI (Co-Borrower 1), (Co-Borrower 2), (Co-Borrower 3)	Description: All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing as per from -09 and from -11 A E-Khata Property No. 177/172/1, E Swathu No. 151901102600120087, Khatha Serial No. 9780647, Situated at Lakshmisagara Village, Lakshmisagara Grama Panchayath limits Yeldur Hobili, Srinivaspura Taluk, Kolara District, Measuring East to West 16.764 meters and North to South 7.62 Meters in all measuring 127.74 Sq. Meters and bounded on :, East - Road , West - Road , South - Property belongs to Munivenkataswamy, North - Road	Dt: 13/05/2025, Rs.759013/- together with further interest thereon from the date of default at contractual / documented rates and other incidental expenses, etc.	Rs. 759013/-	Rs.1554786/- Rs.155478/- Rs.10000/-	Symbolic	02-08-2026 Between 12.00 Noon to 4.00 PM

Last Date & Time for submission of 29A Declaration alongwith Self Attested KYC:	**26.07.2026,** upto 4.00 PM
Last Date & Time for submission of bid:	**08.08.2026,** upto 12.00 PM
Date & Time of bid opening:	**08.08.2026,** at 2.00 PM
EMD Remittance Account Details:	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) shall be paid either through Demand Draft/ Pay Order in favour of "Invent Assets Securitisation & Reconstruction Pvt. Ltd. Payable at Mumbai" or deposited through RTGS/NEFT fund transfer to credit Account No. 0062009300142324, Name of the Beneficiary: Invent Assets Securitisation & Reconstruction Pvt. Ltd, Name of the Bank: Punjab National Bank, IFSC Code PUNB0006200.
Address at which the tender to be Submitted and Place of Auction and Contact No.	Bakhtawar, Suite 'B', Ground Floor, Backbay Reclamation Scheme Block III, 229, Nariman Point, Mumbai – 400 021.

The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided on www.inventarc.com Secured Creditor's (INVENT) website.

Date : 21.07.2026
Place: Karnataka

For Invent Assets Securitisation & Reconstruction Private Limited
Authorised Officer

EDITORIAL

NTA Sacks 47 Staffers as Protests Draw Large Numbers Across States

The march to the parliament on July 20, brutally cracked down upon by police, has snowballed into a larger show of anger and protest against the system. After holding talks with the Union government, the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) said on Friday (July 24) that it will give another national call for protest if Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan doesn't go in the next 1-2 days.
"We have told them we can't wait a lot more time on this. If Pradhan does not leave his seat within the next 1-2 days, then one more national call for protest will be given. This one will be much bigger than July 20, and it will be national. We have explained all this, and we think they have understood it, that everyone in the country only wants Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation. Nothing less will work for us," said CJP spokesperson Ashutosh Ranka at Jantar Mantar after the talks with the government. "Who is accountable for the kids who lost their lives due to NEET paper leak? We know the answer. Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation, or his removal from office, is a non-negotiable. Without that, this protest and its nationwide counterparts will continue. We told them that while people may have different views on education reform, everyone across the country believes that Pradhan must resign," Ranka added. He said that the government has again called the CJP at 3:30 pm on Saturday (July 25).
"We told them very clearly, and in writing, our three main demands: 1. 'Dharmendra Pradhan istifa do' – this is non-negotiable. He must resign, or he he must be removed from the cabinet, 2. Compensation for those who lost their lives do to NEET paper leaks, 3. Withdraw all FIRs, and guarantee that no FIRs are filed in the future. In addition, we have a five-point agenda and we want the government to consider it and talk bout it but after our three main demands are met. Government said they in principle agree to demands 2 and 3," said CJP chief spokesperson Saurav Das. As protesters throng New Delhi's Jantar Mantar where the CJP's members are sitting in while pressing for their demands, including that of the resignation of education minister Pradhan, the authorities have shut down central Delhi Metro stations, the internet in key areas and also access points. This has not kept people from turning up in large numbers – not just in Delhi but in solidarity protests in cities across the country. Lok Sabha leader of opposition Rahul Gandhi has slammed the Delhi university for appealing to students to stay away from the movement demanding accountability from the government over question paper leaks and saying that their participation may invite "legal action."
After meeting the CJP delegation on Friday, Union minister J.P. Nadda said that the govt listened to their concerns, and the issues were discussed from various perspectives."We heard their demands and conveyed that we would get back to them," said Nadda.
Environmentalist Sonam Wangchuk has ended his hunger strike after 26 days. The CJP delegation had earlier left Jantar Mantar to hold talks with the Union government.
Leader of opposition Rahul Gandhi has said that the opposition will not agree for any discussion in the Parliament till Pradhan is sacked.

Big Problems That Have Turned NEET Into A Trauma Machine For 22 Lakh Students

Every public conversation about NEET focuses on the same question: how do we prevent the next leak? That is the right question about the wrong problem. The examination's integrity crisis is real and urgent. But it sits atop seven deeper systemic failures that will continue to damage students, families, and India's healthcare future regardless of how tamper-proof the examination becomes.
A foolproof examination delivers a perfectly fair result on an imperfectly designed game. The seven angles explored here go further than the examination - into the coaching ecosystem that has colonised the preparation process, the curriculum that misaligns with the profession it gates, the equity chasm between the student who has a physics teacher and the student who does not, the psychology of the drop year, the absence of career counselling, the question of what NEET actually selects for, and the vast healthcare workforce India needs that MBBS alone cannot produce. Fixing the exam without addressing these is the administrative equivalent of repainting a structurally compromised building. The Coaching Industrial Complex: A ?58,000 Crore Shadow System

India has built, entirely outside any policy framework, a parallel education system that has effectively privatised the gateway to public medical education. The NEET coaching industry - centred in Kota, Hyderabad, Patna, and Chennai, but now franchise-spread across every tier-two city - is estimated to be ?58,000-crore big. It serves one function: to prepare students for a single examination designed by a government body using a public school curriculum.
The paradox is stark. NEET is based on the NCERT syllabus - free, public, and universally available. In theory, a student who has studied their Class 11 and 12 NCERT textbooks with a competent teacher should be able to compete. In practice, a student without coaching is statistically non-competitive. The average NEET qualifier from the general category has received between ?8 lakh and ?25 lakh worth of coaching. The examination has not measured ability against curriculum; it has measured ability against coaching exposure. The meritocracy it claims to enforce is, in practice, a proxy measurement of parental income.
The Kota model - residential coaching factories where students live in dormitories, study 14 hours a day, and are ranked weekly against their cohort - has produced a documented mental health crisis alongside its toppers. Kota's student suicide rate has been reported to be among the highest of any educational cluster in India. The city's coaching institutes generate ?2,000+ crore in annual revenue and a generation of psychologically depleted young adults.
What Reform Looks Like: A National Preparatory Resource Programme delivering free, structured, AI-personalised NEET preparation to every student with a smartphone - NCERT-anchored, teacher-supported, and available in 22 scheduled languages. DIKSHA and SWAYAM already provide partial infrastructure; a NEET-specific free preparation pathway, formally endorsed and resourced, would reduce the coaching premium over three examination cycles. Simultaneously, coaching institutes must be brought under a regulatory framework - mandated counselling infrastructure, student-to-counsellor ratios, and mental health disclosure requirements - as a condition of operating.

THE EXAMINATION-PROFESSION MISMATCH

There is a question that Indian medical education has never seriously asked: does a high NEET score guarantee a good doctor? Evidence from comparable international systems suggests the answer is: not reliably, and not sufficiently.
NEET in its current form is a test of high-speed recall and pattern recognition across a fixed, memorisation-heavy syllabus. It measures a student's capacity to retrieve information under time pressure and to identify the correct answer from four options. Medicine requires a substantially different cognitive profile: clinical reasoning under uncertainty, communication with distressed human beings, ethical judgment in ambiguous situations, empathy that does not deplete under sustained exposure to suffering, and the intellectual humility to say "I do not know." Not one of these competencies is assessed by NEET. Not one appears in the preparation process that generates a NEET rank.
The United Kingdom's UCAT (University Clinical Aptitude Test) evaluates verbal reasoning, decision-making, quantitative reasoning, abstract reasoning, and situational judgment - the last being a structured assessment of how a candidate responds to ethically complex clinical scenarios. Australia uses a similar instrument. The MCAT in the United States tests biological sciences, chemistry, physics, and critically, a dedicated section on Psychological, Social, and Biological Foundations of Behaviour. All of these systems have recognised, through decades of research, that the attributes that make a person a good doctor are not coterminous with the attributes that make them a fast and accurate memoriser.
What Reform Looks Like: A two-stage NEET. Stage One: the current knowledge assessment, streamlined to 120 questions with an emphasis on application over recall. Stage Two (for the top 15 lakh qualifying Stage One): a Situational Judgment Test assessing ethical reasoning and clinical scenario response, adapted from the UCAT SJT model and developed in Indian linguistic and cultural contexts. Stage Two scores carry 30% weightage in the final merit list. This does not make NEET softer. It makes it more accurate - a better predictor of who will actually serve patients well.

NEET AS A GEOGRAPHY AND LANGUAGE EXAMINATION

When a student from a rural district of Bihar - whose Class 12 school has three teachers for eight subjects, no functional laboratory, and physics taught by a commerce graduate - appears on the same merit list as a student from a Kota institute with subject-specialist coaching eight hours a day, the merit list does not measure merit. It measures access. NEET, in its current form, is as much a test of geography and family income as it is of intellectual ability. The language dimension compounds this. NEET is available in thirteen languages, but its question papers in regional languages have historically been translated with inconsistent quality, producing ambiguities and errors that penalise candidates who take the examination in their mother tongue. A student answering in Tamil or Bengali is not competing on equivalent terms with a student answering in English, because the English paper has been the design document and all translations have been derivative. This is not a minor administrative inconvenience. It is a structural disadvantage embedded in the examination architecture that systematically filters out students whose intellectual capabilities are expressed in languages other than English or Hindi. Tamil Nadu's decade-long resistance to NEET - backed by successive state governments of different political persuasions - is frequently misread as political obstructionism. It is better understood as a rational response to empirical evidence: the state's own data showed that NEET systematically reduced the representation of rural, government-school, and first-generation-learner students in medical college admissions compared to the previous Class 12 board-based selection method.

11 Years Later, Houthis Have Returned To Finish Unfinished Business With Pakistan

Pakistan may soon find out that its mediation efforts in the Iran-US war have hidden costs attached to it and that its worst nightmare yet may be unfolding. As the Houthis finally join the war, Pakistan may face the spectre of having to step in militarily - a possibility it had tried to escape till now, successfully.
To put things in perspective, we need to go back in time to March-April 2015. Intense discussions were on in the Pakistani Parliament on whether to join the war in Yemen against the Ansarallah Houthi militias. The Saudis had put together an Arab coalition to wage war against the Houthis as they overran the capital Sanaa, threatening the internationally recognised government of President Abdur Hadi Mansour. In what was a rare occasion, the Saudis, feeling directly threatened by the Houthis, who were backed, armed, and funded by Iran, began bombing the rebels. However, they also demanded that their client state, Pakistan, join the war.

A Decades-Old Relationship
This, of course, was not unusual. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Pakistan's long defence and economic ties are well-known. Their military cooperation, which began way back in the 1960s, has seen them operate in the same theatre of war earlier - in 1969, when in a joint air operation they had repelled a South Yemeni incursion into Saudi Arabia's southern border. In the 1970s and the 1980s, up to 15,000 Pakistani troops were stationed in the kingdom. During the 1990-1991 Persian Gulf War, Pakistan sent troops to protect the Kingdom. It is widely believed that the two countries also have a nuclear understanding whereby Pakistan provides a nuclear cover for the Kingdom.
Initially, Pakistan was ambivalent. But soon, the Nawaz Sharif government announced its decision to join the war, albeit with widespread opposition. While Nawaz Sharif was beholden to the Saudi royal family - when his second term as Prime Minister ended after a military coup in 1999, he went into exile in Saudi Arabia - many Pakistanis protested against the decision. The main opposition party then, of former cricketer Imran Khan, had already warned the government against joining the Saudi coalition, as did Pakistani editorials and civil society. For one, many Pakistanis had by then become fed up with the Saudi role in the Wahhabisation of Pakistani society, which had led to a lot of sectarian bloodletting between the Shias and Sunnis. Secondly, Iran was a neighbour, and what was happening in Yemen was - as it is now - a proxy war between Tehran and the Saudis, and there was no appetite to alienate Iran. Finally, Pakistan itself was reeling from terror attacks and Baloch insurgency, and joining the Yemen war, it was felt, would strain the army.
So, though the government had agreed otherwise, on April 10, 2015, Pakistan's Parliament passed a resolution for strict neutrality in the Yemen war, refusing an active combat role - as the Saudis had wanted - while calling for a diplomatic and peaceful resolution. However, the Pakistani Parliament did pledge to stand "shoulder to shoulder" with Saudi Arabia if its territorial integrity or holy sites were directly threatened.
A Rock And A Hard Place
This did little to assuage the Saudis or their Arab coalition. Grants were cut, jobs grew sparse, many Pakistani workers began to be repatriated back home, and the Saudis and Emiratis, who had also actively intervened in Yemen, began pivoting towards India. Clearly, refusal to join the war had cost Pakistan dear, but, on the other hand, it helped improve its relations with Iran. Nevertheless, Pakistan stood its ground, pivoting towards China to fill in the gap created by the lack of Arab largesse. When discord broke out again between Qatar on one hand and Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and Bahrain on the other, Pakistan, expectedly, desisted from taking sides, walking a diplomatic tightrope.
Matters got worse when Imran Khan assumed power. He turned towards Turkey, with which the Saudis and Emiratis had strained relations due to its support for the Muslim Brotherhood. But Khan, together with Turkish President Erdogan and the then Malaysian Prime Minister, Mahathir Mohammed, mulled floating a Muslim platform parallel to the Saudi-led Organization of Islamic Cooperation.

THE GREAT PICKAXE CHALLENGE:

Can Trump Really Destroy Iran's Most Guarded Nuclear Fortress?

The war in Iran is at a critical crossroads. Ever since the fragile ceasefire broke when the US struck 80 targets in Iran on July 8, the scale and scope of the conflict have escalated rapidly. With the war not giving the US a decisive victory, President Donald Trump is now contemplating two options. Option 1 is to insert ground forces along the Southern Coast of Iran, possibly on Kharg Island and areas that dominate the two shoulders of the narrow Strait of Hormuz. However, most analysts opine that it would be a suicide mission, with landed troops being vulnerable to strong Iranian retaliation due to close proximity to Iran's mainland and the open and flat terrain that offers hardly any cover. The second option being considered is the destruction of a newly constructed nuclear facility buried deep in the Pickaxe Mountain, in close proximity to the Natanz Nuclear Plant.
As per American intelligence estimates, this may be the place where Iran has kept 450 kilograms of highly enriched (60%) Uranium, which has been one of the points of contention in the current war. In fact, President Trump has expressed publicly more than once his desire to take out this facility. Speaking on a TV show on July 13, he said, "We have eyes on it, and Pickaxe Mountain is a possible target for a nice big fat shot right in the front door." He repeated it again on July 22, saying, "We'll be hitting the area pretty soon, and very heavily." The option to

strike the Pickaxe nuclear facility is not only tricky but also poses difficult questions. Can the US military destroy the Pickaxe nuclear facility? If yes, can this be the decisive blow that the US could consider a victory to walk away from the war? What are the precedents of such operations, and did they succeed at delivering a decisive blow? To answer some of these questions, it is important to explore the Pickaxe Mountain facility and the military options available to the US to 'obliterate' it completely. An Underground Fortress Pickaxe Mountain, also known in Iran as Kuh-e Kolang Gaz La, is a mid-size mountain around 1,680 metres above sea level and is a part of the Zagros Mountain Range. The nuclear site is a fortified underground facility, located around 220 km south of Tehran and about 2 km from Natanz, Iran's primary nuclear enrichment facility. The entire complex is spread around one square kilometre of mountainside, constructed in a manner that gives very few options for a direct strike via air.
To provide physical security, there is an extensive security fence around the mountain. Additional defences also include a hardened tunnel layered with reinforced concrete. The alignment of tunnels is designed in a manner such that they run horizontally and vertically at different angles, making it impossible for a direct strike to destroy the facility. A direct strike may thus seal off the entrance or bury part of the tunnel, but not more. Compared to other nuclear sites in Iran, Pickaxe is considerably newer as its construction started only after July 2020, after a sabotage operation destroyed an advanced centrifuge production plant at Natanz. Ali Akbar Salehi, the then head of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization, had informed the Iranian Parliament's National Security Committee that Iran would build a new centrifuge assembly hall "in the heart of the mountain". which would be more secure than ever.
Most of the assessments based on satellite imagery place the nuclear facility buried at least 100 metres underground, with some estimates putting it at even 145 metres, that too under concrete cover. This means that the minimum depth at which the plant could be located is at a depth of 300 feet. As per assessment based on high-resolution satellite imagery done by the Institute for Science and International Security in February 2026, there was an extensive effort to harden and defensively strengthen two of the tunnel entrances into the facility.

Kritagnya: Anvayaa Kin Care Honours India's Bravest and Turns 10 with Three New Launches for India's Elders

Hyderabad, July 24, 2026: Ten years ago, when most of India's startup ecosystem was chasing food delivery and e-commerce, Prashanth Reddy made a quieter bet. He decided to care for India's parents. Today, that bet has become Anvayaa Kin Care, a platform that supports over 1.5 lakh seniors across 38 cities, has delivered more than 80 lakh hours of home care, and has managed over 5,000 medical emergencies with a 97% lives-saved record. On July 24, Anvayaa marked its 10th anniversary not just by looking back, but by looking forward with the launch of three new services designed to address the full spectrum of a senior's life: their body, their wellbeing, and their faith.

Kritagnya: Celebrating 10 years of Anvayaa & Founders' vision.

Anvayaa named the evening Kritagnya, a Sanskrit word that means gratitude and it was a fitting frame for everything the night held. This was not a corporate milestone event. It was a thank you: to the families who trusted Anvayaa with their parents, to the Care Managers who showed up every single day, to the families who made a phone call when asking for help felt hardest, and to a decade of quiet, unglamorous work that has genuinely changed lives.

The celebration brought together senior citizens, their families, Anvayaa's Care Managers and employees, partners, and invited guests, a room that, in many ways, told the Anvayaa story better than any slide deck could. The programme included the felicitation of Gallantry awardees & Padma Shri awardees for their contributions to country and a Anvayaa Kritagnya Showcase – a walk of confidence and self-esteem by Anvayaa Elderly Members showcasing a deliberate, joyful reminder that ageing is not the end of self-expression. The evening was attended by Chief Guests Shri Brahmanandam (Celebrated Comedy Actor, Padmashri and Guiness book record holder), alongside Shri. Jayesh Ranjan (Special Chief Secretary, Govt. of Telangana), Shri. S.K. Joshi, (Former Chief Secretary, Govt. of Telangana) and Shri Mahender Reddy (Former DGP, Telangana), and other distinguished guests from across the senior-care ecosystem.

Giving Back to Those Who Kept India Safe

The most quietly powerful moment of the evening had nothing to do with a product launch.

Anvayaa announced lifetime complimentary emergency response assistance for a select group of Gallantry Award and Padma Shri recipients along with Anvayaa's patented Emergency Response System and its senior smartwatch, gifted to their families as a mark of respect and care.

FY27 RoA guidance revised upwards to 1.8% to 2.0%, with Q1 PAT at Rs. 317 Crore

Record high Quarterly NII at 1,186 Crore and PPoP 548 Crore

Secured book share at 50.4% of Gross Loan Book

Deposits at 48,129 Crore up 24.6% YoY, CASA book at 12,930 Crore up 37.8% YoY

Newer business lines of Gold and Vehicle loan both grew past 1,000 Crore of GLB

Started Mutual Fund distribution and Co-Branded Credit Card offering for deposit customers

Healthy disbursement of 9,245 Crore up 41.4% YoY

Branch Count increases to 814 as of Jun'26

Asset quality with GNPA / NNPA at 2.17%/ 0.34% down 36 bps / 37 bps YoY

Ujjivan Small Finance Bank ltd. [BSE: 542904; NSE: UJJIVANSFB], today announced its financial performance for the quarter ended June, 2026. Summary of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Business Performance – Q1FY27

· Deposits at 48,129 Crore, up 24.6% YoY / 5.4% QoQ

· CASA at 12,930 Crore up 37.8% YoY with CASA ratio at 26.9%

· Cost of Funds for Q1FY27 at 6.9%, down 71 bps YoY / down 11 bps QoQ

ASSETS

· Gross loan book at 42,903 Crore, up 28.9% YoY / 5.5% QoQ

· Secured book at 21,638 Crore, grew 42.7% YoY / 7.8% QoQ and book share at 50.4%

· New business lines – Gold and Vehicle Loan now at 1,020 Crore and 1,036 Crore respectively

· Highest Q1 disbursement at 9,245 Crore up 41.4% YoY

COLLECTION AND ASSET QUALITY

· Portfolio at Risk at 3.58% Jun'26 versus 4.81% Jun'25

· GNPA / NNPA improved sequentially at 2.17% / 0.34% Jun'26 vs 2.27% / 0.43% Mar'26

· Provision coverage ratio at 85% as of Jun'26 vs 73% as of Jun'25 and 81% as of Mar'26

· Stable Micro Banking Bucket-X collection efficiency at 99.68% for Q1FY27

FINANCIALS

· Highest ever quarterly NII at 1,186 Crore up 38.6% YoY, NIM at 8.5% in Q1FY27

· Cost to Income for Q1FY27 at 62.0% improved by 497 bps versus 67.0% in Q1FY26

· Highest quarterly PPOP at 548 Crore, up 52.0% YoY

· Q1FY27 PAT of 317 Crore up 206.7% YoY

· Q1FY27 RoA at 2.2%, up 131 bps YoY with RoE at 18.2% up 1,145 bps YoY

CAPITAL AND LIQUIDITY

· Capital adequacy ratio at 20.36%

· Strong liquidity with Average LCR for Q1FY27 at 132%

Floating provision of ~181 Crore continues to be on books. Of this 30 Crore is earmarked toward Tier II capital, 130 Crore is earmarked for PCR calculation and ~21 Crore is earmarked for Other Provisions

Ms. Carol Furtado, ED Ujjivan Small Finance Bank said "Despite ongoing global market uncertainties, domestic high-frequency economic indicators have shown stability. RBI maintained its policy repo rate at 5.25% with a neutral stance, projecting a re-calibrated real GDP growth for FY27 at 6.6% and inflation staying within defined band with full year of 5.1%, while noting that the banking sector remains resilient with healthy credit demand and steady deposits.

The bank delivered another quarter of diversified business growth along with branch expansion, taking branch count to 814 as of Jun'26. Deposit grew by 24.6% YoY/ 5.4% QoQ to 48,129 Crore and Gross Loan Book reached 42,903 Crore, growing 28.9% YoY / 5.5% QoQ.

NESTLÉ INDIA DELIVERED ROBUST 25.4% SALES GROWTH LED BY STRONG VOLUME GROWTH ALL FOUR PRODUCT GROUPS RECORDED STRONG DOUBLE-DIGIT GROWTH

Vizag, 24th July, 2026: Commenting on the results, Mr. Manish Tiwary, Chairman and Managing Director, Nestlé India, said: "We delivered a strong quarter with sales growth of 25.4% led by volume growth. Sales stood at INR 6,363.3 crore, powered by continued consumer trust in our brands and a strong focus on execution. Exports delivered 35.6% growth, despite ongoing geopolitical headwinds. During the quarter, we further accelerated operational cost savings, and continued to step up investments behind our brands with advertising spends increasing by over 40%, with a healthy EBIDTA margin of 24.2%. Profit After Tax for the quarter stood at Rs. 975.1 crore, up 47.9% over the corresponding quarter. All four product groups delivered strong double-digit growth, supported by high double-digit growth across channels. The Confectionery product group recorded another strong quarter of volume led double-digit growth that was bolstered by premiumisation and e-commerce, with strong underlying transaction across powerhouse brands. KITKAT continued to gain market share. The Powdered and Liquid Beverages product group recorded another quarter of strong and consistent performance, marking the 20th consecutive quarter of double-digit growth. This performance was powered by increased coffee penetration, accelerated premiumization, and deeper category relevance across consumer segments, supported by sustained brand-building that continues to strengthen our equity and by an expanding footprint.

Over the past year, NESPRESSO has expanded its presence across Delhi NCR, Mumbai and Bengaluru through a range of retail formats, including boutique, pavilion and pop-up. The launch of the NESPRESSO pavilion in Bengaluru this quarter marks another step in taking the brand closer to discerning consumers, meeting them in the spaces and moments where they seek premium coffee experiences. The Prepared Dishes and Cooking Aids product group recorded strong double-digit growth, driven by sharper engagement with urban consumers, continued expansion in rural markets and focused innovations. This translated into gains in both market share and penetration. The Milk Products and Nutrition product group recorded strong, broad-based performance built on underlying volume growth across key brands and channels. The delivery was supported by disciplined brand investments in strengthening category fundamentals, including digital activation, consumer-needs oriented portfolio refinement and continued focus on execution excellence across the portfolio. The Pet Food business delivered strong double-digit growth, supported by portfolio expansion, wider distribution and sharper consumer engagement. We strengthened our presence in cat food with the launch of FELIX Gravy Lover and PRO PLAN Cat, addressing evolving pet parent needs across mainstream and premium offerings. Nestlé Professional continued its robust momentum and delivered double-digit volume-led growth, evolving its portfolio into a total solution provider for operator needs across all channels in the Out-of-Home space. General Trade continued to deliver strong double-digit growth across town classes, with rural markets leading the momentum. Rural distribution touchpoints expanded during the quarter, strengthening direct reach and improving the quality of coverage. This progress was underpinned by technology-led interventions, including DMS adoption at the sub-distributor level, which helped deepen retailer engagement and improve execution across rural markets. Even as we delivered strong business performance, we remained focused on building the capabilities, partnerships and value chains that strengthen our business for the long term. This is especially evident in our sustainability journey, particularly in the work we are doing to build a more resilient dairy value chain. Across our milk procurement network, we continue to work closely with dairy farmers to promote climate-resilient and resource-efficient practices that are meaningful on the ground. These efforts help strengthen livelihoods, reduce environmental impact and create a dairy ecosystem that is more productive, resilient and future-ready.

Hindware Italian Collection Launches 2026 Ceramic Tiles Collection with an All-new Range of Designs and Surfaces

Hyderabad, July 24th 2026: Hindware Italian Collection unveiled its 2026 Ceramic Tiles Collection in Morbi, Gujarat, introducing an extensive range of new designs and finishes across ceramic wall tiles and elevation tiles. As part of the launch, the Company also inaugurated its new Experience Centre, reinforcing its commitment to delivering an immersive product discovery experience for customers, architects, designers and channel partners. The Experience Center was inaugurated by Mr. Nirupam Sahay, CEO, Hindware Limited, Mr. Pankaj Mediratta, Business Head, Hindware Tiles, and Ms. Arunima Yadav, Chief Marketing Officer Bath & Tiles, in the presence of over 90 channel partners from across the country. Drawing from international design movements, the new collection offers an extensive palette of patterns to seamlessly integrate with diverse interior styles. Homeowners and architects can choose from sharp geometric, classic floral, structured striped, brick, square, and fluid wave designs. Additionally, the collection introduces highly realistic marble-inspired and stone-inspired textures, allowing for premium mate-

rial aesthetics with the structural benefits of high-grade ceramics. Beyond visual versatility, the core of the collection centres on low-maintenance durability. The ceramic wall tiles provide easy-clean properties for indoor environments. Meanwhile, the robust elevation tiles are structurally engineered for exterior facades, balconies, and boundary walls, offering advanced weather protection and resistance to fading caused by seasonal wear and tear. The range includes 300x600 mm wall tiles in glossy, matt and anti-skid finishes, 300x450 mm glossy wall tiles, and elevation tiles in 300x600 mm and 300x450 mm sizes with raindrop and rustic finishes. Complementing the launch, the newly inaugurated 7,200 sq. ft. Experience Centre, strategically located on National Highway, Morbi, has been designed as a comprehensive destination for architects, designers, dealers and customers. The center is curated to showcase the full design variety, surface finishes, and architectural applications of the range in real-world settings, making it easier for customers to visualize how these interior and exterior tiles balance design variety with everyday durability.

Commenting on the launch, Mr. Nirupam Sahay, CEO, Hindware Limited, said, "Our new Ceramic Tiles collection reflects the direction Indian design is moving in today, more expressive surfaces and finishes suited to both interior and exterior spaces.

NMDC strengthens grassroots sports through CSR with launch of Bailadila Kabaddi League - Series 1

Hyderabad, July 24, 2026: NMDC, India's largest iron ore producer reinforced its commitment to inclusive community development with the launch of - NMDC Bailadila Kabaddi League - Series 1, a flagship CSR initiative aimed at discovering, nurturing, and promoting rural sporting talent across the Bailadila region. The four-day tournament, inaugurated at the Hockey Ground in Bacheli, reflects NMDC belief that sports can become a powerful catalyst for youth empowerment, social inclusion, and sustainable rural development. The league brings together young kabaddi players from 26 villages across the Bailadila region, providing them with an organised competitive platform, professional sporting infrastructure, and an opportunity to showcase their talent beyond their villages. Through this initiative, NMDC seeks to encourage a vibrant sporting culture while opening pathways for promising athletes to progress to state and national-level competitions. The inaugural ceremony was graced by Shri Rabindra Narayan, Executive Director, Kirandul Complex, as the Chief Guest. The event was attended by Shri Sreedhar Kodali, Chief General Manager, Bacheli Complex, Shri Bhan Singh Yadav, Chief General Manager (Works), Bacheli, Shri Nandaram Mudami, President, Zila Panchayat, Dantewada, Shri Arvind Kunjam, Vice President, Zila Panchayat, Dantewada, Shri Somdu Kadti, Zila Panchayat Member, along with Sarpanches from participating Gram Panchayats, senior officials from NMDC head office, officers from the Kirandul and Bacheli Projects and members of the Sports Advisory Committee. Organised from 23 to 26 July 2026, the tournament features teams representing villages from both the Bacheli and Kirandul regions. League matches are being conducted at the Hockey Ground, Bacheli, and the Football Stadium, Kirandul, ensuring greater participation and accessibility for communities across the mining belt. As part of the initiative, NMDC has provided sports kits and all essential sporting equipment to every participating team, reaffirming its commitment to creating equal opportunities for aspiring athletes from remote tribal and rural communities. Addressing the gathering, Shri Rabindra Narayan said, "Bailadila Kabaddi League has been conceptualised to strengthen grassroots sports by encouraging young people to pursue their passion in a structured and supportive environment. And this initiative reflects NMDC larger vision of empowering rural youth, promoting healthy lifestyles, and creating opportunities for local talent to emerge from the grassroots".

Vartis Platforms Reports Rs.96.22 Crore PAT in FY26; Revenue Rises to Rs. 366.58 Crore

REVENUE INCREASED 55% YEAR-ON-YEAR TO RS. 366.58 CRORE, WHILE EBITDA MORE THAN DOUBLED TO RS. 124.9 CRORE.

Vartis Platforms, a financial infrastructure company operating across retail credit participation, digital lending, and lending technology, today announced its audited consolidated financial results for the year ended March 31, 2026. The company operates three platforms under the names of LenDenClub, InstaMoney and Vartis One.

The Group reported a Profit After Tax (PAT) of ?96.22 crore in FY26, registering a growth of over 180% from ?34 crore in FY25. Consolidated revenue increased 55% year-on-year to ?366.58 crore, while EBITDA more than doubled to ?124.9 crore, compared to ?50 crore in the previous financial year. During FY26, Vartis Platforms' different platforms facilitated total transaction value of over ?5,000 crore.

The performance reflects the Group's focus on profitable growth, operating discipline, and the development of scalable credit infrastructure across its platform businesses. LenDenClub (Operated by Innofin Solutions Pvt. Ltd.), the Group's Peer-to-Peer (P2P) lending platform, accounted for the largest share of the Group's revenue at 54%, continuing to enable credit investment opportunities for lenders. InstaMoney, the Loan Service Provider (LSP) platform, accounted for 43% of the Group's revenue, expanding its partnerships with institutional lenders to support digital loan sourcing, origination and servicing. Vartis One, the Technology Service Provider (TSP) business, accounted for 2% of the Group's revenue, and the remaining 1% was from other group companies, strengthening its technology offerings for financial institutions through digital lending infrastructure and platform solutions.

The Group also strengthened its AI focus during the year to build products which can improve efficiencies of different platforms. With this strong performance during this FY, the company will focus more on R&D as well as technology strengthening to leverage its platforms by 2030.

Commenting on the results, Bhavin Patel, Co-founder and CEO, Vartis Platforms, said:

"FY26 represents an important step in Vartis Platforms' evolution from a set of lending businesses into an integrated credit infrastructure platform. The growth in revenue and profitability reflects stronger operating discipline, deeper institutional partnerships, and continued investment in underwriting, technology, and risk management.

India's next phase of credit growth will require more than faster distribution. It will require better credit intelligence, transparent operating systems, and responsible capital participation. Our focus is to build that infrastructure with long-term discipline, regulatory alignment, and sustainable profitability. Better profit margins have provided us more leverage to focus on allocating better R&D budgets, which will help us build such infrastructure products stronger and faster."

Looking ahead, Vartis Platforms will continue to strengthen its presence across digital lending infrastructure, accelerate technology-led product development, and expand collaborations with banks, NBFCs and financial institutions. The Group will remain focused on increasing access to formal credit while supporting the evolving needs of India's digital financial ecosystem.

US HITS DOZENS OF COUNTRIES WITH NEW WAVE OF TARIFFS

The US has imposed new tariffs on 60 trading partners in the latest escalation in the trade war reignited by US President Donald Trump when he returned to office last year. Those targeted, including the UK, China and the European Union, will face a tariff of 10% to 12.5% on all goods, accounting for almost all American imports. The tariffs, which replace an identical levy which expires on Friday, are based on claims key economic partners have failed to properly tackle forced labour. But US trade expert Caroline Freund said the move is "not about forced labour" but that Trump is simply "looking for a legal reason to put the tariffs in". The US Supreme Court had ruled earlier this year that many of the tariffs imposed globally under emergency powers were illegally enacted. The 10%-12.5% duties on imports were proposed last month by the White House and over concerns they were not doing enough to tackle forced labour. "Today's action will begin to correct what is both a human rights abuse and distortive trade practice to improve the welfare of workers everywhere," US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer said. The new duties apply to the top 60 US trade partners covering 99.4% of US imports, the Office of the US Trade Representative said. The new tariffs were a "like for like" swap with the regime that expired on Friday, Freund, Dean of the UC San Diego School of Global Policy and Strategy, told the BBC's Today programme.

Asked about the forced labour justification, she said: "I think they were looking for a legal reason to put the tariffs in and that they can maintain them because their goals and Greer has been very clear about this, as has Trump, is about the trade deficit and it is about US manufacturing, it is not about forced labour." The levies are likely to raise costs for businesses and consumers, although its impact could be softened due to the number of exempted goods, said the Asia Society Policy Institute's economic security expert Wendy Cutler.

Tens of thousands evacuated from French tourist spot and near Madrid as wildfires spread

US AND IRAN TRADE MORE STRIKES IN GULF AS FEARS OF ESCALATION MOUNT

Iran says it has carried out drone strikes on US military facilities and bases across the Middle East in retaliation for the 13th consecutive night of American attacks on the country. Explosions were reported along Iran's Gulf coast, and in western, northern and central areas. Four people were killed and five injured in an attack in the southwest, Iranian state media said. Iran later announced strikes on US-allied Kuwait, while sirens sounded in Bahrain and Jordan, and flights were suspended at a major Iraqi airport after a reported drone crash. It comes as Iran condemned the US plan to use frozen Iranian assets to pay for war damages, in a sign of further escalation between the two countries. On Thursday, US President Donald Trump said damages to ships and cargo in the Strait of Hormuz would be paid for by "Iranian Money that the United States has in its possession, and controls". "These damages may be very substantial but, nevertheless, this is the fair and equitable thing to do," he posted on his Truth Social platform. Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi responded by saying that seizing another country's assets to "pay for unrelated future claims is an incendiary precedent". "Ensuing chaos will not be pretty or peaceful," he added. In June, the US and Iran agreed on a 14-point Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to halt military operations and reopen the Strait of Hormuz, as well as to reach an agreement to end the war over the following 60 days. But three weeks after it was signed, Trump declared the ceasefire "over" after Iranian attacks on ships in the strait, and US strikes in response. Point 11 of the MoU detailed that the "United States of America undertakes to make fully available for use the frozen or restricted funds and assets of the Islamic Republic of Iran". As the US pushes to regain control over the Strait of Hormuz, there's growing concern over new threats to shipping in the Red Sea from Yemen's Iran-backed Houthis.

South Africa's president wins bid to temporarily halt impeachment inquiry over 'Farmgate'

A South African court has ruled in favour of President Cyril Ramaphosa's bid to temporarily halt a parliamentary inquiry looking into whether he should be impeached over what has been dubbed the "Farmgate" scandal. In 2022, an independent panel said Ramaphosa might have a case to answer after burglars stole huge sums of cash, hidden in a sofa, from his private farm. The president denied any wrongdoing. At the time MPs voted against establishing an impeachment inquiry, but in May the Constitutional Court ruled that parliament had acted unlawfully by shelving the panel's report. Ramaphosa is now challenging the findings of the panel in a separate court case to be heard in September. The Constitutional Court's ruling in May paved the way for parliament to revive the impeachment process. The make-up of parliament has radically changed over the last four years as Ramaphosa's African National Congress (ANC) party no longer holds a majority and governs as part of a coalition following the 2024 election. The ruling by the Constitutional Court prompted the president to mount a legal challenge, saying the panel had "misconceived its mandate, misjudged the information placed before it and misinterpreted the four charges advanced against me". On Friday, Western Cape high court judge Andre le Grange halted the parliamentary committee from proceeding with its hearings "pending the determination by this court of the applicant's review" - a reference to Ramaphosa's case against the panel. The ruling effectively buys more time for Ramaphosa - time in which the president hopes he will be able to clear his name. In court his legal team had argued that not halting the impeachment committee's work until his other case was ruled on could cause him irreparable reputational harm. Three judges heard the matter: two ruled in his favour. The majority judgement means that until his other case is heard and finalised the impeachment proceedings cannot continue. This whole saga goes back to 2020 when a robbery that took place at the president's private farm in Phala Phala, in Limpopo province. Thieves broke in and stole money - at least $580,000 (£430,000) in US dollar bills - that had been stuffed into a sofa. Details of the theft only came out two years later when the country's former spy chief, Arthur Fraser, highlighted the theft in an explosive dossier that he sent to the police. Fraser, a close ally of Ramaphosa's predecessor Jacob Zuma, accused the head of state of hiding the theft from the police and tax authorities.

'Extremely significant' bomb in car intercepted on way to NI, Irish police say

A car containing an "extremely significant" bomb has been intercepted in the Republic of Ireland as it was being driven across the border for an attack in Northern Ireland, Irish police have said. The vehicle was stopped during an operation targeting dissident republican activities on Wednesday but further details are just emerging. Two people were arrested. Garda Commissioner Justin Kelly confirmed on Friday that officers found an explosive device. Police sources in Northern Ireland believe the New IRA was likely behind the intended attack. The vehicle was stopped on the N2 near Carrickmacross, County Monaghan, at about 15:00 local time on Wednesday. A woman in her 20s, who was the driver of the vehicle, was arrested on Wednesday afternoon and a man in his 40s has since been arrested. Irish broadcaster RTÉ has reported that gardaí (Irish police) sources said the bomb contained a power unit, a detonator and military grade explosives. Bomb was 'not just components or pieces' Speaking to reporters in County Tipperary, Commissioner Kelly said: "Any seizure of this nature is really concerning. "However, we certainly know that there are a small minority of dissident republicans who did not agree with the Good Friday Agreement, they did not put weapons and explosives (out of use), they didn't, you know, go through with the proper process in relation to decommissioning. "So that is something that we continue to deal with. "There's a small minority of these individuals, I would describe them as radicalised republicans, and this is a threat that we're going to continue to face for some time." Kelly said that the bomb was "not just components or pieces," but was "extremely significant". "This was an explosive device and it would have or could have potentially caused significant damage. "This is an intelligence-led operation, so we certainly do have information in relation to the individuals involved." 'Very worrying' Ireland's Minister for Justice Jim O'Callaghan described the seizure as "very worrying". "I think it evidences the fact that there is an ongoing threat in respect of dissident republican activity," he said. The minister added: "I suppose what I'm encouraged about is that the gardaí were able to apprehend the suspect. "The device has been defused. I want to commend the gardaí for the work they did in ensuring that this didn't become a real threat to the public." O'Callaghan said it was "obvious" that "a very serious criminal act" would have occurred if police had not intercepted the suspects. Northern Ireland Secretary Sir Chris Bryant thanked Irish police for their "quick, decisive action". "Intercepting a dangerous device like this undoubtedly saved lives and kept communities safe on both sides of the border. Strong cross-border security cooperation remains as vital as ever." PSNI Assistant Chief Constable Davy Beck said he welcomed the "significant seizure and the arrests" made by Irish police, who he said they work with "very closely on a daily basis". "This underlines our joint commitment to address the threat posed by violent dissident republican groups and keep communities safe.

TECH TITAN ORDERED TO PAY EX-WIFE $644M IN DIVORCE SETTLEMENT

The chairman of corporate giant SK Group has been ordered by a South Korean court to pay his ex-wife 944bn won (£483m; $644m) in a case that local media has called the "divorce of the century". The award, which still needs to be finalised, is below the initial 1.38tn won that chairman Chey Tae-won was told to pay Roh Soh-yeong in 2024. It comes more than a decade after his marriage to Roh - the daughter of a former president - fell apart following the revelation he had fathered a child with another woman. SK Group runs SK Hynix, the semiconductor giant that supplies chips to Nvidia and recently made a record-setting debut on the US stock market. Chey's lawyers said "Chairman Chey Tae-won is deeply sorry in that [the divorce] proceedings so far have caused concern to many people. We will share specific response to the verdict after we closely review the ruling." SK Group is one of South Korea's chaebols - family-owned conglomerates that dominate the country's economy. The verdict comes after deliberation over the division of assets between Roh and Chey, who had been married for 35 years. During the earlier trial in 2024, Roh's legal team had successfully argued that Chey had received significant help from his ex-wife's father, Roh Tae-woo, who had served as the country's president between 1988 to 1993. The court had determined that the strongman had given Chey 30bn Korean won from his slush fund in 1991, and told Chey to pay 1.38tn to his ex-wife.

Four Palestinians and two Israelis killed in West Bank shooting

WISCONSIN OFFICIALS OPEN INVESTIGATION INTO FATAL POLICE SHOOTING

Officials in the US state of Wisconsin have opened a homicide investigation into the fatal shooting of a man by a police officer. The police chief in Madison, Wisconsin, told reporters on Thursday that he would cooperate with state investigators. "We will not hide from any aspect of this investigation," John Patterson said. Police have said that Corey Ruiz, 38, was shot on Wednesday after he pulled out a knife during a struggle with four officers. Bystander footage of the incident has circulated on social media and has sparked protests. Madison Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway said the shooting will be "rigorously investigated." "It does not matter who you are or what your past is; you should not lose your life as a result of an encounter with law enforcement," she said. The state Justice Department's Criminal Investigation Division will investigate the shooting, since the incident involves police officers. They will also release the name of the officer who fired their weapon, Chief Patterson said. None of the officers involved in the incident were wearing body cameras at the time. The incident came after police were called about an individual trying to enter parked vehicles in the neighbourhood, he said. Ruiz is said to have fled the scene on a bike before officers tracked him down. Ruiz fell or was pulled from the bike by four officers, and is accused of pulling out a knife and injuring one officer in the melee. An officer then tried to control Ruiz with a taser, which was deployed unsuccessfully, Patterson said. The injured police officer fired three shots at Ruiz, who later died in hospital. All the officers involved have been placed on administrative leave, Patterson said. Patterson said that bystander footage from the scene shows "one perspective" of what happened, and added that "not all perspectives are online right now". Patterson was interrupted by a group of protesters during Thursday's news conference, who questioned the investigation and called for more transparency. Eleven years ago, a white police officer fatally shot Tony Robinson, a biracial man, on the same street where Ruiz was killed.

LPL 2026: JAFFNA KINGS FRANCHISE AGREEMENT TERMINATED; SLC, IPG ASSUME DIRECT CONTROL OF TEAM

Organisers of the Lanka Premier League (LPL) have terminated the franchise agreement with the owners of Jaffna Kings, with Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) and tournament rights holder IPG taking full financial and operational charge of the franchise to keep the tournament running as scheduled. The decision comes days after Jaffna Kings co-owner and former India Under-19 batter Manjot Kalra was arrested by Sri Lanka Police's Special Investigations Unit (SIU) for the Prevention of Offences Relating to Sports on suspicion of match-fixing on the day LPL 2026 commenced. Kalra was signed as a co-owner of the Jaffna Kings franchise along with entrepreneur Mayank Goel. IPG said the termination occurred due to the franchisee's inability to fulfil its financial obligations. Subsequently, all rights to the Jaffna Kings franchise reverted to IPG, which has taken over full operational control of the team alongside SLC. The organisers confirmed that the ongoing sixth edition of the LPL will proceed as scheduled, with Jaffna Kings continuing under the same name and without any changes to the squad, format, or fixtures. "The termination follows the franchisee's inability to fulfil its financial obligations under the terms of the franchise agreement. As a result, all rights relating to the Jaffna Kings franchise have reverted to IPG, which, together with Sri Lanka Cricket, has assumed full operational control of the team. "To ensure the uninterrupted operation of the franchise, IPG and Sri Lanka Cricket have taken complete responsibility for all player, coaching staff, and support staff contracts. The organisers also confirm that all logistical arrangements for the team have been secured, ensuring the squad remains intact for the tournament," said IPG in an official statement.

Commonwealth Games 2026: Indian Boxing Builds On Bright Start As 3 IIS Pugilists Enter Ring

Indian boxing has made an encouraging start to its Commonwealth Games campaign, with Lovlina Borgohain already assured of a medal after progressing directly to the women's 75kg semi-finals. Attention now turns to the next set of Indian contenders, with IIS-supported boxers Sachin Siwach, Preeti Pawar and Kapil Pokhariya. Sachin Siwach will be the first of the IIS trio to step into the ring, opening his men's 60kg campaign on 25 July, according to a press release. One of India's most accomplished amateur boxers, the 26-year-old enters Glasgow in exceptional form after creating history as the first Indian male boxer to win gold at the 2025 World Boxing Cup Finals. He has continued that momentum this year with gold medals at the Grand Prix Usti nad Labem in the Czech Republic and the BOXAM Elite International Tournament in Spain, before claiming silver at the 2026 Asian Boxing Championships. Known for his technical precision and ring control, Siwach will be among India's strongest medal contenders in Glasgow.

PETITION TO REPLAY FIFA WORLD CUP FINAL STORMS INTERNET, SPAIN STAR REACTS

The FIFA World Cup 2026 final concluded with Spain securing a 1-0 victory against Argentina to win the title for the second time in their history. While the match ended with Spain clearly being the dominant side, the sending-off of Argentina midfielder Enzo Fernandez enabled La Roja to shift the momentum in their favour. Disheartened Argentina fans, however, have started an online petition demanding the final be replayed. The petition has reportedly garnered over 80,000 signatures. Now, this development has even reached Spain defender Pedro Porro. Speaking to Sport, Porro was asked what he thought about the online petition demanding a replay. He insisted he had not read anything about the matter, dismissing it as "just things said from the outside". The Tottenham Hotspur player further stated that these matters do not concern him personally. According to reports in Argentina, their fans believe several decisions went against the team in the final, and they want any replay handled by a different referee. Spain secured the 1-0 win after extra time, with Barcelona forward Ferran Torres scoring the decisive goal. The petition states that FIFA should review what happened in the final to guarantee transparency and sporting fairness. However, there is no precedent for a World Cup final ever being replayed. Speaking on his personal ambitions, Porro said he still has a lot left to achieve. "There is still a lot for me to achieve," he said. "I am a player with great ambition, and I always seek to learn more. Everyone who knows me knows that I aspire to more." After an intense two-month period, Porro returned home from the World Cup, stating: "I was really looking forward to coming back." "Seeing all these people with me is the greatest gift, even winning the World Cup for them and for all the people who support me every day," he added. As FIFA investigates Argentina's conduct after the World Cup final, Spain coach Luis de la Fuente has described the incidents as "intolerable and unacceptable." FIFA asked one of its disciplinary prosecutors Monday to report back on testy on-field confrontations after Spain's 1-0 win in extra time Sunday to dethrone the defending champion. Argentina midfielder Leandro Paredes physically tangled with Spain players Eric Garcia and Gavi, and Spain captain Rodri was hit in the stomach as he ran past Argentina defender Nahuel Molina. "It cannot be allowed," De la Fuente told Spanish public broadcaster TVE on Thursday, adding he did not see the incidents at the time while "celebrating with other people." "In any case, I find it intolerable and unacceptable from players of that caliber, whom I had been praising in the days before and who have a magnificent coach," the Spain coach said. FIFA has given no details of the remit for its investigator, or if witness statements could be sought from Spain players and staff. Argentina assistant coach Roberto Ayala apologized Wednesday for his confrontation with Dani Olmo, which he described as a shove and not a punch. De la Fuente praised his players in the TVE interview for how they handled the situation at MetLife Stadium. "I want to highlight our behavior in the face of that kind of aggression and provocation," the coach said. "Our players always kept their composure and behaved like true professionals." The Spain squad stood in a guard of honor for Argentina players walking to the podium to get their medals from U.S. President Donald Trump. Minutes later, when Rodri lifted the trophy, most of the Argentina squad turned their backs on the ceremonial moment.

Jaspreet Kaur: From an overweight software engineer to breaking powerlifting record at Khelo India Para Games 2025

A thunderous ovation reverberated across the JLN Stadium weightlifting auditorium as Punjab's Jaspreet Kaur set a new national record in powerlifting at the Khelo India Para Games 2025. Competing in the 45kg category, the 30-year-old from Punjab lifted an incredible 101kg on Sunday, surpassing her own previous best of 100kg recorded just a week earlier at the nationals. Jaspreet's journey to the top is nothing short of inspirational. Once an overweight software engineer who graduated from NIT Kozhikode, her mental resilience got her to lose 40kgs as she forayed into the sporting arena. "Doctors told me that my lower spine was getting pressed and that I needed to lose weight," Jaspreet told SAI Media. "That was a wake-up call. I was weighing 80kg at the time during 2020 and my job as an engineer wanted me to sit for several hours. I was scared if it would lead me to be wheelchair-bound." For Jaspreet, powerlifting is more than a sport - it's a lifeline. "The game has chosen me, rather than me choosing the game. My weight loss gave me powerlifting, and powerlifting gave me confidence. Now, I want to win a medal for India in the LA 2028 Paralympics and make headlines, just like my coach Rajinder sir did back at the Athens 2004 Paralympics where he won the bronze in para powerlifting," she said. Jaspreet explained she has a tilted spine and being overweight causes the spinal points in the lumbar region to get pressed. As a result, she started getting misbalanced in the leg which was not impacted by polio. Struck by polio at the age of three, Jaspreet Kaur, who walks with the help of callipers now, returned to Punjab after quitting her job in 2020 and started her weight loss journey. Studies were also a key priority. "I started preparing for UPSC once I returned home and in seven months, cleared the pre-exams," she added. Her transformative fitness journey, over the course of one and a half years, relied solely on a disciplined diet. "I was my own nutritionist and I did all the studies and research on nutrition. My only goal was to lose weight and fix my hip issues. I cut down fast food and sugar, drank warm water twice a day and ensured proper nutrition with desi ghee and four meals daily. Staying hungry weakens the liver, so I was careful," she elaborated. It wasn't until the end of 2022 that she stumbled upon Paralympics in general while reading newspapers. With a hunger to participate in the Games, Jaspreet called up fellow Punjab-based para-powerlifters and Paralympians Rajinder Singh Rahelu and Paramjeet Kumar. Inspired by their achievements, she decided to give the sport a shot. In her first nationals that same year, she lifted 70kg and clinched gold, earning a spot at the prestigious Sports Authority of India National Centre of Excellence in Gandhinagar.

India Star's Honest Confession On Vaibhav Sooryavanshi: "Smacked Us Like Anything In IPL"

The monkey was finally off Vaibhav Sooryavanshi's back as the youngster smashed a terrific fifty, his first in international cricket, against Zimbabwe in the first T20I in Harare on Thursday. The southpaw came out all guns blazing and smashed a historic half-century in just 18 balls. Though he fell on the very next delivery, he had virtually sealed the game for India by then in the paltry chase of 126 runs. The teenager smashed four fours and several sixes as the visitors took a 1-0 lead in the three-match series. The game also saw the return of pacer Mayank Yadav, who was named the Player of the Match for his bowling figures of 2 for 18 in four overs. After the contest, Mayank lavished praise on Sooryavanshi, recalling the 15-year-old batter's sensational hitting against his IPL franchise, Lucknow Super Giants, earlier this year. "His batting is unbelievable. When I bowled to him, he played some shots that you can't expect from such a young player with so little experience. He always gives you a new experience and it's great to watch him," said Mayank. "I think he can go very far because the talent he has at this age is fabulous. I never imagined a 15-year-old guy would come and smash everyone like that. It's a great feeling to be in his team now because in the IPL, when we were playing against him, he smacked us like anything," he added. Talking about Sooryavanshi's maiden international fifty, the fast bowler said, "I think it will be a very special moment for him. He didn't have very good matches in the last couple of series and now he has got his first half-century for the country. That's always a very special moment for any player, and especially for a 15-year-old kid.

West Indies Star Declines Selection, Refuses To Play Against Pakistan

West Indies head coach Darren Sammy has claimed that pacer Alzarri Joseph declined selection for the two Test home series against Pakistan beginning in Tarouba on Saturday. While announcing the squad for the series, Cricket West Indies said Joseph was unavailable due to personal reasons, Sammy divulged more details on the subject. "Yeah, it is a big loss. Mr Joseph has declined selection. That's the reality of the situation," Sammy said at a press interaction ahead of the series opener. "He was selected. I mean, he's now coming back from injury. And for reasons since, he has declined the selection. That is a decision that is way over my head. I leave that with the directors to come up with whatever solutions where contracted players get to decline selection," said the coach. Joseph has played 42 Tests for the West Indies, picking 130 wickets. He has played across formats for the regional team. Despite Joseph's absence, Sammy remains confident of his side's bowling abilities. The attack includes Shamar Joseph, Kemar Roach, Jayden Seales and allrounders Justin Greaves and Keemo Paul. Spin options include Jomel Warrican, rookie Joshua Bishop and captain Roston Chase. "What I could tell you (is that) we have a bowling line-up that we've seen that could take 20 wickets.

Estoril Open: Andrey Rublev Surges To Dominant Win; Jaime Faria Reaches Quarterfinals

Andrey Rublev lost just two games to earn his most comfortable win of the season on Thursday, beating lucky loser Timofey Skatov 6-1, 6-1 for a dominant and emphatic victory in the Estoril Open in Portugal. Top seed Rublev started his campaign at the ATP 250 event high in confidence, having captured his first title of the year and 18th overall on the clay in Bastad. Under the Portuguese sun, the 28-year-old hit through the World No. 163 Skatov and sealed victory in just 59 minutes when he struck his 26th winner off a Skatov second serve. The No. 14 player in the ATP Rankings, Rublev, has now won his past five matches and is into his seventh tour-level quarterfinal of the season, according to the ATP Win/Loss Index. "I am happy to be here. It is my first time," Rublev said. "The conditions are not easy to play in, but I feel great that I was able to win in straight sets, to be able to spend the least time on court and be as fresh as possible for tomorrow." Rublev will next meet Frenchman Luca Van Assche, who overcame eighth seed Pablo Carreno Busta 6-3, 4-6, 6-2. Carreno Busta was trying to advance to his first ATP Tour quarterfinal since Winston-Salem in 2024, but it was Van Assche who had the answers down the home straight. The 22-year-old Van Assche holds a 0-3 record in the last eight at tour-level events but will hope to change that and reach his first semi-final when he plays Rublev. Earlier this season, Van Assche lifted an ATP Challenger trophy on clay in Parma. In other action, Portugal's Jaime Faria delighted home fans with a 6-2, 6-4 victory against Peruvian qualifier Gonzalo Bueno.

India's F1 Push: Sports Ministry Grants NSF Status To Motor-Sport Body FMSCI

The Sports Ministry has provisionally granted the status of National Sports Federation (NSF) to the Federation of Motor Sports Clubs of India (FMSCI), a significant upgrade for the body that is coordinating with the government to bring Formula 1 back to the country. The FMSCI had applied for recognition on June 11 this year and the approval of its request means that it would now be eligible for financial grants from the ministry. "...the request of Federation of Motor Sports Clubs of India (FMSCI) for provisional recognition as National Sports Federation (NSF) has been considered and it has been decided to grant provisional recognition to FMSCI as an NSF with effect from the date of issue of this letter," the Ministry order dated July 23 stated. The Ministry has asked FMSCI, which is based in Chennai and headed by Arindam Ghosh, to amend its constitution/Memorandum of Association (MoA) to conform with the provisions of the National Sports Governance Act and the rules framed in it within stipulated time-lines. FMSCI has been in regular talks with the ministry on not just the issue of recognition but to also chart the way forward for F1's India comeback. To grant recognition to the body which came into existence in 1971, the government has relaxed some norms related to the minimum state units affiliation required for NSF status. The Ministry also stated that it will revoke the recognition if the body fails to comply with its guidelines on financial probity, anti-doping measures, governance structure or if it indulges in misrepresentation of facts. Last month, Sports Minister Manuskh Mandaviya had announced that a Task Force would be instituted "as soon as possible" to assess the challenges and benefits of hosting major motorsport events here. The Task Force will evaluate the economic, tourism, and investment benefits arising from hosting major motorsport events in India and also identify key priorities, infrastructure requirements, and operational needs for the sustainable development of the sector.

COOL BIRTHDAY POSTER FROM VIJAY ANTONY'S NANNA KUTTI

Versatile Star Vijay Antony, who is known for selecting meaningful and content-oriented films, is all set to entertain audiences with another emotional story. Following the positive response to his socially relevant film Vanda Devullu, he is now coming up with Nanna Kutti, an action-family drama directed by Mu. Maran. The film is produced by Meera Vijay Antony under the Vijay Antony Film Corporation banner, with Ramanjaneyulu Javvaji of Sarvanth Ram Creations serving as co-producer. The shoot has been completed successfully.

On the occasion of Vijay Antony's birthday, the makers released a new poster that highlights the heart-warming bond between a father and his daughter. The poster features Vijay Antony in a simple and relatable avatar, carrying his daughter's school bag and lunch box while sharing a cheerful smile with her. It perfectly reflects the film's emotional core and family-friendly theme. The earlier promotional material had already created good interest, and this birthday special poster has further increased the excitement surrounding the film. Nanna Kutti features Preethi Asrani, Lithanya, Bhagavathi Perumal, Haripriya Isai, Aruvi Madhan, Chithra Lakshmanan, Sreeja Ravi, Vettai Muthukumar, Jenson Divakar, Muruganandam, Munnar Ramesh, Lissy Antony, Kumar Natarajan, Vijayan, Praveena, Haritha, and several others in key roles.

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The film's cinematography is handled by Rajeev Rajendran, while Vijay Antony has composed the music and taken care of the editing. A. Raja is the production designer.

Packed with action, family emotions, touching drama, soulful music, and an engaging narrative, Nanna Kutti promises to deliver a heartwarming and memorable experience on the big screen.

NARA ROHITH NEW FILM

Rohith Nara is currently starring in a psychological horror thriller set against a police backdrop, with Raam Ganni directing the project. The film is produced by Kalyana Chakravarthy Manthina and Bhanu Kiran Pratapa under the Sapta Aswa Media Works banner, with Vijay Krishna Lingamaneni presenting it. Hansika Motwani plays the female lead. Marking Rohith Nara's birthday, the makers unveiled the film's title along with its striking first-look poster. The film has been powerfully titled Kapaali, which means the one who wears a skull. Interestingly, the first-look poster is designed to perfectly reflect the essence of the title. Rohith Nara sports an intense and determined expression as he gazes upward, suggesting that his character is confronting an unseen force. His thick beard and haunting eyes immediately command attention. Adding to the eerie atmosphere, twisted tree branches rise like a crown from his head, symbolizing a mystical connection. Behind him, mysterious ancient symbols form a circular pattern, reinforcing the film's occult and mythological undertones. The tagline, "A Journey Into The Unknown," perfectly complements the unsettling visual. In the foreground stands a terrifying female figure with glowing red eyes, hinting at a powerful supernatural presence. Beside her are police officers, including one carrying a rifle, while a police transport vehicle is positioned atop a glowing ritual circle.

FARIA ABDULLAH TURNS HEADS IN CUSTOM DENIM SAREE

Faria Abdullah is making a bold style statement, and this look proves it. The actress was recently spotted for Dance Ikon Season 2, dressed in a custom-made denim saree paired with a statement belt, layered bracelets, and chunky boots. The edgy, high-fashion twist on a traditional saree gave the outfit a striking, modern look, and fans could not stop admiring her confidence.

On the work front, Faria was last seen in the film Gaayapadda Simham. She is now gearing up for her next project, a Tamil film titled Sigma, keeping fans excited for what's coming next.

VICTORY VENKATESH, NANDAMURI KALYAN RAM, ANIL RAVIPUDI#VENKYANIL5 (#NKRAR2)-FIRST SCHEDULE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED

Victory Venkatesh, Nandamuri Kalyan Ram and blockbuster director Anil Ravipudi have teamed up for the much-awaited #VenkyAnil5 (#NKRAR2). Produced by Sahu Garapati on a grand scale under the banner 'Shine Screens', this ambitious film is presented by Suresh Productions, Smt. Archana and Zee Studios.

The first schedule of this film has been successfully completed. A special set was built in Hyderabad for this schedule. Venkatesh, Nandamuri Kalyan Ram, Keerthy Suresh and Kriti Shetty participated in the shooting. In this schedule, a crucial talkie part and a wonderful song were shot. Many important scenes were shot. These episodes will be the highlights of the film.

The already released Kalyan Ram poster has received a wonderful response. Anil Ravipudi's creative promotions have already raised expectations.

Keerthy Suresh is playing the female lead opposite Venkatesh in this film, while Kriti Shetty is acting opposite Kalyan Ram.

A strong technical team is working on this film. G.V. Prakash Kumar is composing the music, Sameer Reddy is handling the cinematography, Tammiraju is editing, and A.S. Prakash is the production designer. S. Krishna is the executive producer.

#VenkyAnil5 / #NKRAR2

Anil Ravipudi is a trademark entertainer of mark entertainment, family emotions, festival. This The film is set to have a grand release for Sankranthi 2027.

'KARMAKHYA' TRAILER IS AMAZING. LADY SUPERSTAR VIJAYASHANTI

Karmakhya' is a thriller directed by Abhinaya Krishna starring Samaira, Samuthirakani and Abhirami in the lead roles. Vaddepalli Sri Vaninath and Yashwanth Raj are producing this film under the banner of My Film Productions PVT LTD. The first look, teaser and songs that have already been released have received a wonderful response. The film will be released grandly on July 31. The makers have recently launched the trailer. Lady Superstar Vijayashanti was the chief guest at this event.

Speaking at the trailer launch event, Lady Superstar Vijayashanti said... Hello everyone. I really liked the title of this film. When I first heard the title 'Kamakhya', it seemed very powerful. Kamakhya Ammavaru is powerful. I thought it would definitely be a success. But for some reason, they have now named it 'Karmakhya'. The name of the Ammavaru is also in it. Abhi doesn't need to shave his head.

The film will definitely be a hit. Recently, people are coming into the industry with good subjects. In fact, there is courage and subject in small films.

A Mother's Happiness Should Never Need Permission: On the Eve of Vijay Antony's Birthday, Telugu ZEE5 Announces Vanda Devullu's OTT Premiere

On the eve of Vijay Antony's birthday, Telugu ZEE5 has announced the OTT premiere of Vanda Devullu, an emotionally moving family drama inspired by true events. Following an appreciated theatrical run, the film is now set to make its digital premiere on Telugu ZEE5 this August. The official streaming date will be announced soon. The announcement comes at an exciting time for Telugu ZEE5, as Parimala & Co. has emerged as a favourite among family audiences after its recent premiere on the platform. Starring Jayaram and Urvashi, the entertainer exceeded expectations with its quirky humour and relatable characters, striking a chord with both family viewers and comedy lovers alike. Its success further reinforces Telugu ZEE5's commitment to bringing rooted, relatable and wholesome family entertainment to audiences. Now, Telugu ZEE5 looks to carry that momentum forward with Vanda Devullu—another film that brings families together, but with a completely different emotional core.

Inspired by true events, Vanda Devullu revolves around a widowed mother who has spent years putting her son and family ahead of herself. In her mid-forties, when she finally considers getting married again and finding companionship, her decision faces resistance from relatives, villagers and a society that believes a mother's life should always revolve around her family.

Pranitha Subhash Serves Glamour In Elegant White Look

ranitha Subhash is turning heads once again with her latest photo, and this time she looks absolutely stunning in a white outfit paired with statement jewellery. The actress-turned-model has been giving back-to-back glamour doses lately, proving that her style game is stronger than ever. Interestingly, Pranitha has stayed away from films for nearly two years now. But that hasn't stopped her from staying in the spotlight.

RAKUL PREET SINGH DITCHES VINTAGE FOR CLASSY LOOK

Rakul Preet Singh is all set to amaze fans in her upcoming role as Surpanakha in the much-awaited epic Ramayana, directed by Nitesh Tiwari, starring Ranbir Kapoor as Lord Rama, Sai Pallavi as Sita, and Yash as Ravana. Rakul joins a stellar ensemble cast, and her casting as Surpanakha has already got fans curious about her look and screen presence in the mythological drama.

Meanwhile, for a recent photoshoot, Rakul skipped the usual vintage, traditional vibe and went for something bold and classy instead. She rocked a ruched, high-neck teal bodycon dress with a sleek high ponytail and statement earrings, giving off a modern, chic energy rather than the expected old-world glam.

In other news, the Ramayana trailer, expected to premiere on July 24, has now been postponed. Producer Namit Malhotra announced the decision just hours before the makers were set to take the stage at the Ramayana panel at San Diego Comic-Con 2026, revealing that the trailer will now launch globally at a later date following the team's partnership with Sony Pictures Entertainment. Rakul Preet Singh and Jackky Bhagnani may come from the same film industry, but the actor says marriage has not turned them into creative advisers for each other. Instead, the couple has found common ground away from cinema, building businesses rooted in fitness, nutrition and preventive wellness.Speaking at the News18 Rising Bharat Summit, Bengaluru Edition, Rakul opened up about her marriage, her entrepreneurial partnership with Jackky and the health-focused ventures she has developed over the past decade.Reflecting on nearly two-and-a-half years of marriage, Rakul said the transition into this new phase of their relationship had felt surprisingly natural.

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