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SCAN FOR
E-PAPEROM NAMO
VENKATESAYA

14-07-2026
Total pilgrims - 75,485
Tonsure - 30,939
Hundi kankulu - 4,36 CR
Laddu sale - 3,70 Lac
Annaprashadam - 2,99 Lac
Medical treatment - 3,928
Waiting compartments - Out side line
at Silahgram.

Approx. Daran Time for Saneeratanam
(with out SSD Toleen) - 5: - 10 H.

**Delhi court restores Umar
Khalid's two weekly
e-mulakats with family**

NEW DELHI (TSIT): A Delhi court has allowed jailed activist Umar Khalid to have two video meetings (e-mulakats) with his family every week after his counsel claimed it was reduced to one from May 2026 without any reason. Additional Sessions Judge Sameer Bajpai noted that he had been availing the facility for the past six years without violating prison rules. The court passed the order on an application moved by Khalid, who has been facing trial in the larger conspiracy case related to the 2020 northeast Delhi riots. In the order dated July 13, the court said, "Since the applicant has been using two e-mulakats in a week for the last six years and has not violated any rule of the Delhi Prisons Rules, the applicant is allowed to have two e-mulakats per week for the purpose of talking to his mother and other family members".

**Trump to feature
on new US \$1 coin**



Washington (TSIT): The US Mint will begin striking a new \$1 coin featuring President Donald Trump to commemorate 250 years of American independence, Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said on Wednesday. The coin carries a portrait of Trump on one side. The word "Liberty" appears above the portrait, while the dates 1776-2026 are engraved below it. The words "In God We Trust" appear beside Trump's portrait. Two stars flank the image. The reverse features an eagle with outstretched wings, holding an olive branch in one talon and arrows in the other. A shield bearing the number 250 appears at its centre.

Education shapes Telangana's future: CM Revanth Reddy

Govt schools being strengthened with better infrastructure & teacher reforms

Hyderabad TSIT:

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Wednesday said education alone determines the future of individuals, enhances self-respect and brings happiness to parents, asserting that the future of Telangana is being shaped inside classrooms.

Speaking after inaugurating the newly constructed building of the Government Girls' High School at Kothakota, the Chief Minister said his government had accorded top priority to strengthening public education and improving infrastructure in government schools across the State. "Education fills our lives with light, strengthens our self-respect and brings joy to our parents. I firmly believe that Telangana's future lies in its classrooms, which is why I have retained the Education portfolio with



me," Revanth Reddy said. He alleged that the previous government had neglected the Education Department and failed to provide adequate infrastructure in government schools. After the People's Government assumed office, senior officials were appointed to the department and several long-pending administrative issues were addressed, he said.

Chief Minister said teacher promotions and transfers were completed on priority to resolve problems in the

school education system. He added that the decline in enrolment in government schools was largely due to a lack of basic facilities.

Appreciating local MLA Madhusudhan Reddy for taking the initiative to construct the school buildings and provide necessary amenities, Revanth Reddy said the problems in the education sector could not be resolved without strengthening government schools.

He said Telangana was currently ranked 18th in education and called upon teach-

ers, students, parents and officials to work collectively to place the State among the top two in the country.

The Chief Minister said the government was also focusing on equipping students and youth with technical and employment-oriented skills. Industrial Training Institutes had been upgraded into Advanced Technology Centres to improve technical education and create better employment opportunities. He said countries such as Germany and Japan offered significant opportunities in blue-collar and skilled professions and that Telangana youth should be trained to benefit from such global employment prospects. Revanth Reddy announced that Young India Kits would be distributed to nearly 27.5 lakh students by Independence Day.

Bengaluru should become heart of India: Shivakumar



Bengaluru (TSIT):

Karnataka Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Wednesday said the State Government is committed to protecting the rights of apartment owners by ensuring complete ownership of their properties through the proposed Karnataka Apartment (Ownership and Management) Act, 2026.

Addressing representatives of Apartment Associations, the Chief Minister said the proposed legislation has been drafted to safeguard the interests of property buyers and resolve long-pending issues related to apartment ownership, registration and management. He invited apartment owners and

other stakeholders to submit suggestions on the draft law before August 6.

Shivakumar said the government has launched an e-Khata revolution by bringing property services to citizens' doorsteps. Of Bengaluru's nearly 40 lakh properties, around 26 lakh have already been issued e-Khatas, making it one of the largest digital property record initiatives in the country.

The Chief Minister said the government is also addressing problems related to the transfer of property documents and will engage with developers to ensure a smooth and hassle-free process for apartment owners. He added that reforms have been introduced to improve drinking water supply through the Cauvery Phase-V project, groundwater recharge initiatives and underground drainage facilities in apartment areas. Emphasising decentralisation, Shivakumar said the government has created five city corporations to improve civic administration and ensure faster resolution of local issues.

Iran's IRGC claims attacks on US military facilities in Bahrain, Jordan

Tehran (TSIT) :

Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) said on Wednesday that it conducted retaliatory strikes against the US military facilities in Bahrain and Jordan, attacking their military infrastructure, aircraft shelters, key command centres and strategic drones, local media reported. In a statement, the IRGC said its Aerospace Force targeted the US military base at al-Azraq in Jordan in response to renewed US aggression against Iran.

Amaravati to emerge as AP's economic growth hub: CM Naidu

Visakhapatnam (TSIT)

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Wednesday said the State Capital Amaravati should be developed as an inclusive, world-class city that attracts people from all regions of the State and serves as the engine of Andhra Pradesh's future economic growth. Reviewing the progress of the Amaravati 2.0 Integrated Master Plan and the Land Pooling Scheme (LPS-2) with senior officials and representatives from Singapore, the Chief Minister stressed that the capital city's planning should focus on creating employment opportuni-



ties while building a strong and sustainable economy.

During the meeting, the Singapore delegation presented the project's scope, implementation strategy and phased development plan. They briefed the Chief Minister on the proposed area plan, infrastructure development, investment framework and other key components of

the master plan. Naidu said Amaravati is being designed as an internationally competitive city with comprehensive connectivity through the proposed Inner Ring Road and Outer Ring Road network.

He noted that despite challenges posed by El Niño conditions, the Pattiseema Project had ensured adequate water resources for the capital

region by diverting Godavari waters into the Krishna River.

The Chief Minister emphasised the need to develop Amaravati as a creative city capable of driving innovation, investment and economic activity. He said the government aims to achieve global benchmarks in urban development while enhancing per capita income through sustainable economic growth. Highlighting the State's commitment to environmentally responsible development, Naidu said Amaravati would adopt green energy and green building practices to create a sustainable and climate-resilient capital city.

KTR meets Kumaraswamy, seeks revival of CCI at Adilabad

Hyderabad (TSIT) :

Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) Working President K. T. Rama Rao on Wednesday met Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H. D. Kumaraswamy in New Delhi and urged the immediate revival of the Cement Corporation of India (CCI) plant at Adilabad. Rama Rao, who led a delegation of farmers and representatives



of the CCI Sadhana Samithi, reminded Kumaraswamy of the assurance given by Union Home Minister Amit Shah in 2019 to revive

the plant. KTR said that instead of allowing this valuable public asset to be reduced to scrap, the Centre must act decisively. Spread over nearly 2,300 acres with an installed capacity of 4 lakh tonnes, the CCI plant can be revived with an investment of around Rs 2,000 crore, he said.

ECI modifies SIR schedule for Delhi, Punjab, Karnataka and Telangana



New Delhi (TSIT):

The Election Commission of India (ECI) has revised the schedule for the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Karnataka, Telangana, Punjab and Delhi. According to a letter issued by ECI Under Secretary Sandeep Kumar, the final electoral rolls for Punjab and Telangana will now be published on October 12, while Delhi and Karnataka will publish their final rolls on October 19.

The revised schedule extends house-to-house

verification by Booth Level Officers (BLOs), polling station rationalisation, and the period for filing claims and objections. In Punjab and Telangana, BLO visits will continue until August 3, while in Delhi and Karnataka, they have been extended until August 8.

Draft electoral rolls will be published on August 10 in Telangana, August 13 in Punjab, and August 17 in Delhi and Karnataka. The ECI has directed all Chief Electoral Officers to complete the revision process as per the revised timeline.

TN, Kerala to launch joint drive against narcotics along border

CM VIJAY EXTENDS FULL SUPPORT, SAYS HOME MINISTER RAMESH CHENNITHALA

CHENNAI (TSIT):

In a major joint initiative to crack down on drugs, Tamil Nadu and Kerala have decided to jointly intensify anti-narcotics operations along their shared border.

Kerala Home Minister Ramesh Chennithala said on Wednesday that Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay has assured full support for coordinated enforcement, intelli-



gence sharing, and awareness campaigns to curb drug trafficking. After meeting the chief minister at the

Secretariat, Chennithala said Vijay and him discussed the growing drug menace across southern states and the need

for a united response. He said Kerala had sought Tamil Nadu's cooperation in strengthening surveillance along border areas.

He also said ports, airports, and railway networks would remain under close watch as part of the coordinated strategy to curb drug trafficking across the two states. The Kerala minister said he has invited Vijay to participate in a major anti-drug awareness

programme in Kerala alongside actor Mohanlal, the State's anti-drug campaign ambassador. Recalling that Mohanlal and Vijay had acted together in the film, 'Jilla', he expressed confidence that their joint participation would strengthen public awareness.

Pointing out that Chief Minister Vijay had already launched an anti-drug campaign in Tamil Nadu and reiterated his government's commitment to

eliminating narcotics, Chennithala said that a recent meeting of Directors General of Police of southern states evolved a common strategy to combat drug mafia. Highlighting Kerala's ongoing anti-drug campaign, Operation Toofan, Chennithala said the State had conducted the drive successfully for the past 43 days, during which more than 6,000 people were arrested, around 5,500 cases registered, and more than 100 accused put in jail.

Journalists' issues will be resolved: Ponguleti

Hyderabad (TSIT): State Revenue and Information Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy has assured that the problems of journalists across Telangana will be addressed and accreditations will be issued to all eligible working journalists. Receiving a memorandum from the Journalists Welfare Association at the Secretariat on Wednesday, he said Collectors and District Public Relations Officers (DPROs) have been directed to issue accreditations to eligible working, veteran and freelance journalists as per government rules. Information Commissioner Mukunda Reddy said the responsibility for issuing accreditations rests with Collectors and DPROs. The association warned of a state-wide agitation if the orders are not implemented.

NABARD marks 45th Foundation Day



Siddipet (TSIT): The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) celebrated its 45th Foundation Day in Siddipet on Wednesday, highlighting its contributions to rural development, agriculture, women's empowerment and financial inclusion. Addressing the programme, speakers praised NABARD's role in strengthening rural infrastructure, Self-Help Groups, Farmer Producer Organisations and employment generation. Telangana Grameena Bank presented a 10-crore loan sanction cheque under various development schemes, while outstanding partner institutions were honoured with appreciation certificates. Officials also stressed cyber safety and called for greater coordination among banks, government departments, NGOs and farmers' organisations to accelerate rural development.

CanFin Homes Ltd
H.No.15-12-14 (New), Old H.No. 6-2-14, Ground Floor, Plot No.10 And 11, Sy.No.284 And 285, Sri Krishna Nagar, Khanapuram Havali, Beside Mithal Potam Street, Khammam-507002. Ph: 9742-28955, Cell No. 762679213. e-mail:khammam@canfinhomes.com, web:www.canfinhomes.com
CIN No. L85110KA1987PLC008699

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE
[Rule 8 (1)] [For Immovable Property]

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Limited, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers under the said Act and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated 04-05-2026 calling upon the borrowers **Mr. Lavadya Ravi, S/o. Lavadya Ramoji (Applicant) and Mrs. Lavudyasathi, W/o. Lavadya Ravi (Co-Applliant)** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.27,15,887/- (Amount Thirty One Lakhs Seventy Two Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Four only)** with further interest at contractual rates, till date of realization within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 (of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002) on this the **13th day of July of the year 2026.**

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Can Fin Homes Limited for an amount of **Rs.27,79,237/- (Amount Twenty Seven Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Seven Only)** and interest thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of house no.1-10-128/1/11A/2/1, SY.No.175 of Plot No. 47 part and 48 Sq. with an extent of 100-00 Sq. yds, equals to 83-61 Sq. meters, situated at new market road, near ramalayam temple, Ambedkar Nagar, Suryapet Dist and **Bounded by: East:** land of K.Venkatanarasimharao, **West:** 30 ft wide Road, **North:** Plot No.47 part, **South:** Plot No. 48 part.

Date: 13-07-2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Khammam **Can Fin Homes Limited**

Northern ARC Capital Ltd
Head Off: 10TH FLOOR - PHASE 1, IIT- MADRAS RESEARCH PARK, KANAGAM VILLAGE, TARAMANI, -CHENNAI 600113

(RULE - 8 (1))
POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Northern Arc Capital Ltd under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 11th May 2026 calling upon the **1. SRIKANTH ELLABOINA** address: House No. 3-24, Sangam Model, Mondari, Warangal, Andhra Pradesh – 506331. **2. SANVI DAIRY FORM GHATE**, address House No. 3-24, Sangam Model, Mondari, Warangal, Andhra Pradesh – 506331. **3. MEGHANA MIRALA** address House No. 3-24, Sangam Model, Mondari, Warangal, Andhra Pradesh – 506331. (Co Borrower), to repay the amount mentioned in the notice **INR 2325665.42/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Five and Paise Forty Two Only)** as on **11th May 2026** along with interest from **12th May 2026** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Guarantor/Co Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on this possession notice dated **15/7/2026.**

The Borrower/Guarantor/Co Borrower and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Northern Arc Capital Ltd for an amount of **INR 2325665.42/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Five and Paise Forty Two Only)** as on **11th May 2026** along with interest from **12th May 2026** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY
All that the A.C. Sheets Roof House with open place bearing G.P.H. No: 3-24/6 of Mondari Revenue Village and Grampanchayathi, situated at Gollapally (Hamlet Village), Mandal: Sangem, Warangal District, having with an extent of 357.70 Sq. Yards (or) 299.07 Sq. Mtrs., with its plinth area of 417.00 Sq. feet, within the Revenue and Registration District Warangal, and it is in the Jurisdiction of Sub-Registrar Warangal (Rural). And bounded by: East: Open place of Dudaiah, West: 20'-00" Wide Road, North: House and Open place of V. Ashok & Bondaiah, South: H.No. 3-24 (Part) of Donor Gifted to E. Rakesh.

Place: Warangal, Andhra Pradesh **Authorised Officer**
Date: 15/07/2026 **For Northern Arc Capital Limited**

Mahesh Kumar Goud Slams Centre Over Education Policies Backs 'Chhatron Ki Goonj' Campaign

Hyderabad, TSIT: Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud on Wednesday accused the Union Government of commercialising education and jeopardising the future of students through repeated examination irregularities and paper leaks. Addressing the "Chhatron Ki Goonj" programme held at Boinpally in Hyderabad, Mahesh Kumar Goud said the Centre had transformed education into a business, leaving lakhs of students and youth uncertain about their future. The event was attended by Government Whip Dr. Balmuri Venkat, MLA Ganesh, Corporation Chairpersons, former Union Minister Venugopal Chary, Congress frontal



organisation leaders, students and youth in large numbers. Mahesh Kumar Goud alleged that repeated question paper leaks in competitive and recruitment examinations had severely eroded public confidence in the country's education system. Referring to the NEET examination controversy and other national-level test paper leak incidents, he said stu-

dents and parents had lost faith in the credibility of the examination process. He criticised Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan for not accepting moral responsibility despite serious allegations and evidence related to examination irregularities. He said the Centre's failure to initiate action against the Minister was deeply unfortunate.

Government Clarifies No Private Institutions Will Be Allowed on Telugu University Campus

Hyderabad, TSIT: Telangana Government has categorically clarified that no private individual or private institution will be allotted space on the campus of Suravaram Pratap Reddy Telugu University, bringing an end to speculation that had triggered protests by students, faculty and employees over the past 15 days.

The assurance came during a Meeting held at the State Secretariat between senior officials of the Higher Education Department and university authorities. After a detailed review of the report submitted by the



university, officials reiterated that government universities are not meant for the allotment of land or space to private entities and that the Telugu University campus would remain exclusively for academic and cultural purposes.

The government also reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening the university by expanding programmes related to Telugu language, litera-

ture, culture, arts and higher education. Officials assured that no decision would be taken that compromises the interests of students and appealed to them not to be misled by rumours or unnecessary apprehensions.

Following the government's clarification, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Nityananda Rao visited the students' protest camp at the Nampally campus, where demonstrations had been continuing for the past 15 days. He conveyed the government's decision to the agitating students, who welcomed the announcement and celebrated the outcome.

Call for strict action against food adulteration



Karimnagar (TSIT): Dr. Pallepapu Damodar, President of the Southern States Consumer Coordinating Committee, has urged the government to take stringent action against food adulteration to protect public health. During a joint inspection by Anti-Food Adulteration Department officials and consumer associations at a supermarket in Sitarampur, samples of various food items, including chilli powder, were collected for quality testing. Consumer leaders demanded action against substandard products and called for mobile food testing laboratories and representation of consumer bodies in District Food Advisory Councils. Officials assured that appropriate action would be taken based on the laboratory test results.

Bandi Ramesh's Birthday Celebrated with Grandeur at NKNR Gardens



Hyderabad:The birthday celebrations of Sri Bandi Ramesh, Congress Incharge for Kukatpally Constituency, TPCC Vice President, and Chairman of Telangana State Kamma Corporation, were held with great enthusiasm and a massive turnout at NKNR Gardens in Kukatpally on Wednesday.Leaders and workers from the Congress party, Kamma community organisations, and various social groups gathered in large numbers to felicitate him.

District Collector Dr. Satya Sharada conducted a review on SIR with every funding of political parties



WARANGAL, July 15, TSIT : District Collector Dr. Satya Sharada held a review meeting with the representatives of political parties on the implementation of the Special Comprehensive Voter Amendment (SIR) programme on Wednesday. On this occasion, the

Collector said that a special comprehensive voter survey is being conducted in accordance with the guidelines of the Election Commission to conduct the voter list amendment process in a transparent and impartial manner. Booth Level Officers (BLOs) have been conduct-

ing house to house survey to hand over enumeration forms to every eligible voter.

On this occasion, the Collector suggested that the digitization process should be completed within the deadline and the representatives of the political parties should cooperate for that. She said that cooperation should be provided so that the name of every eligible person is registered in the voter list.

In this meeting G Sandhyarani, Additional Collector Local Body, YV Ganesh, DRO Vijayalakshmi, ZP CEO Ram Reddy, Warangal Narsampet RDOs Suma, Umarani and concerned district officials participated.

67.36% Enumeration Completed in Shadnagar Constituency

Digitisation of Forms Underway in SIR Process



Shadnagar, July 15: Shadnagar Revenue Divisional Officer Saritha said that 67.36 per cent of the enumeration forms have been digitised in the Assembly constituency as part of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. As of 8 a.m. on Wednesday, digitisation had been completed for 1,64,634 of the total 2,44,426 voters in the constituency, while 79,792 forms remain pending. The constituency also recorded 3,527 Un-enumerated Forms (UEFs) and 3,234 no-mapping cases.Among the mandals, Kondurg registered the highest digitisation rate at 80.39 per cent, followed by Chowdergudem (79.43 per cent), Farooqnagar Rural (75.34 per cent), Keshampet (74.78 per cent), Kothur (69.67 per cent), Nandigama (69.64 per cent) and Shadnagar Municipality (40.95 per cent). Saritha directed officials to expedite the digitisation process and complete the voter list revision within the stipulated timeframe.

Police crack Dubbak burglary case



Siddipet (TSIT): Siddipet police have solved a major burglary case in Dubbak with the arrest of a habitual offender and the recovery of about 80 tolas of gold, 5.5 kg of silver, 1,300 in cash and rolled-gold ornaments. The theft took place on June 28 when the house owner was away from a pilgrimage. Acting on CCTV footage and technical surveillance, six special teams arrested the accused, Chikkudu Krishna alias Vengali Bikshapathi, who allegedly has 63 burglary cases against him. Police Commissioner Rashmi Perumal commended the investigation teams and urged citizens to install CCTV cameras and inform police before leaving homes unattended for long periods.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, NAGOOR SHARIFF SHAIK, S/o. SHRI SHAIK MOULALI, R/o. VPO Santha magalur, Teh-Santhamagalur, District-Prakasam (AP) PIN: 523302, have changed my name from NAGOOR SHARIFF SHAIK to NAGOOR SHARIFF SHAIK for all future purposes vide affidavit dated 14th July 2026 before the Notary Public Telangana.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for information that the Construction Project by **M/S. JANAPRIYA ENGINEERS SYNDICATE PVT. LTD.,** Survey nos. 663(P), 668(P), 671(P), Kagra, Medchal- Malkajgiri District, Telangana, has been accorded Environmental Clearance (EC) by the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Telangana under the provisions of the E C Identification No. : SEIAA/TS/D/MDCL- 44/2018, Date of Issue EC - 19/03/2018, as amended from time to time. The copy of the said Environmental Clearance is available with the Telangana State Pollution Control Board (TSPCB) and on the SEIAA, Telangana website for information of the general public.

Sd/-
FOR M/S. JANAPRIYA ENGINEERS SYNDICATE PVT. LTD.,
(Authorised Sign)

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
TRIVENI COMPLEX, 3rd FLOOR,
AT ABIDS HYDERABAD

SA.NO. 440 OF 2024

BETWEEN
Mr. Ragam Narsing Rao Yadav
...Applicant

AND
Union Bank of India
Asset Recovery Branch & Ors
...Respondents

To
2. M/s. Sankaralal Jai Narayan
Rep. by Sri Jai Narayan, Proprietor
R/o.H.No.30-31, G-2, Pathange
Residency, Near AK Bhavan,
Nimboldiadda, Kachiguda,
Hyderabad.

3. Mr.Peniriyala Shiva Kumar
S/o.P. Jainarayan, H.No.30-31, G-2,
Pathange Residency
Near AK Bhavan, Nimboldiadda
Kachiguda, Hyderabad.

.... (Respondent No.2 and 3)

NOTICE BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

Kindly take notice that in the above said SA No.440/2024 the Applicants has filed the present Securitization Application as Respondent No.2 and 3 in the main SA. That on 15-06-2026 Honourable DRT-II has ordered notice to you by way of Paper Publication. The matter is posted to 27-07-2026 for your appearance.

Kindly make it convenient to appear before the court on 27-07-2026.

Take notice that in case of default the petition will be heard and determined in your absence.

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POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8 (1) and (2)]

Whereas, The Authorized Officer of the Secured Creditor mentioned herein, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Act), 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with (Rule 3) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice calling upon the borrower(s) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s) and the public in general that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of NHFL has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on the date mentioned against each property.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrower(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the NHFL for the amount mentioned below and interest and other charges thereon.

Loan Account Number	Borrower(s) & Property Details	Amount & Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Possession Status
LNKRN0HL-02230029111	1.RAVIKIRAN GASIKANTI (BORROWER) 2.DAVU PRAMEELA(CO-BORROWER)	Rs. 6,90,539/- (Rupees Six Lakh Ninety Thousand Five Hundred ThirtyNine Only) DATE: 16-Apr-2026	14-Jul-2026	SYMBOLIC POSSESSION

PROPERTY BEARING :- All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property Bearing Roc Roofed House Bearing Door No.9-46, Having A Area 344.25 Sft. Total Area 272.56 Sq.yards Or 228.95 Sq.mtrs., In Syno.755, Situated At Priyadarshini Locality Of Bommakal Village And Grampanchayath, Karimnagar Rural Mandal, Karimnagar District, And Under The Jurisdiction Of Sub-district Registration And District Registration Karimnagar. Boundaries: East: House Of Md. Vazeeruddin And House Of Muntaz And Fathima., West: 15 Feet Wide Road., North: House Of P. Chandraiah, P. Srinivas And P. Surender., South: House Of Munhar Khan And Open Place Of Others.

Date: 17-07-2026 **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Place: Telangana **NIWAS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED**

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HYDERABAD CIRCLE OFFICE, 10-3-163 & 10-3-163/A, PLOT NO. 85, BESIDE RAIL NILAYAM, S. D. ROAD, SECUNDERABAD - 500026.E-mail: cb2752@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE

e-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT,2002 READ WITH RULES 8(6) & 9 OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described Immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Constructive/ Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of DPDO (Defense Pension Disbursement Office) Branch Hyderabad, presently with Asset Recovery Management Branch Hyderabad for follow up, Canara Bank Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 13-08-2026 for recovery of Rs. 3,85,16,705.71/- (Rupees Three Crore Eighty Five Lakh Sixteen Thousand Seven Hundred Five and Paise Seventy One Only) as on 30-06-2026 plus unapplied interest v.t.e.f01-07-2026 and Bank charges, costs there on, due to the Asset Recovery Management Hyderabad Branch of Canara Bank from M/s Fortune Agri Biotech Represented By Its Partners Mr. Kamur Mohammed Junaid S/O Kamur Mohammed Shakeel & Mrs. Neeha Fatima W/O Kamur Mohammed.

DATE & TIME OF AUCTION : 13-08-2026, 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. (With unlimited extension of 5minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale) THE EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT SHALL BE DEPOSITED ON OR BEFORE 12-08-2026 by 5:00 pm.

Details and full description of the property: All that part and parcel of the property consisting of ACC roofed houses with bearing no. 2-15, Admeasuring 1303 Sq Yards, H.no: 2-15/1 admeasuring 1300 Sq Yards, H.no: 2-15/1A Adm 1300 Sq Yards, H.no: 2-15/1B Admeasuring 1300 Sq Yards Totally admeasuring 5203 Sq Yards in Sy.No. 3 to 5 of Rasheedguda Village, Hameedullah Nagar Gram Panchayat Shamshabad Mandal, Ranga Reddy District Bounded By: North: Land of Veerappa, South: Land of Mohammed Mubasheer & Others,East: Road, West: Land of Muthyam Reddy. (Property in the name of Mr. Kamur Mohammed Junaid & Mrs. Neha Fathima) CERSAIID: 400081526600

Reserve Price: Rs. 3,96,45,000/- Bid Multiples :Rs. 1,00,000/- EMD Rs 39,64,500/-

"No Encumbrances Known to Knowledge of the Bank. However, the intended bidders are required to make independent enquiries regarding encumbrances, title of the properties, claims/rights/dues affecting the properties prior to submitting the bid." For further details Mr. V Sandeep Kumar (Name of Nodal Officer & its team ARM Branch, Hyderabad Ph. No: 040-27725283/260 may be contacted during office hours on any working day. The service provider Banknet (M/s PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd), (Contact No. 7046612345 / 6354910172 / 8291220220 / 9892219848/8160205051.Email: support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com).

Mode of Auction : E-auction
Details of Auction service provider: M/s. PSB Alliance (BAANKNET)
Contact Mobile No. 8291220220 E-mail: support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com Website: www.banknet.com
The property can be inspected Date & Time: On 07-08-2026 between 10.00 AM and 5.00 PM
DATE: 14-07-2026, PLACE: HYDERABAD SD/- AUTHORISED OFFICER,CANARA BANK.

GENERAL NOTICE

It is hereby inform to the general public that, Abdul Khadeer S/o. Abdul Jabbar has approached to TGB (AMC) Jadcherla for housing loan. But, original registered sale deed bearing No. 1097/77, which was last link document to the said property was lost by him, while he was travelling from his residential house at Jadcherla to Jadcherla Railway Station on Motor Cycle, and not traced-out till today and he was lodged a complaint to the Police Station at Jadcherla. But, their efforts are not in vain and they issued Missing Certificate

If, anybody have any rights, claims or objections over the said property to inform to the below addressed Advocate within 7 days from date of this paper publication. Otherwise, the Bank will be confirmed that, there are no rights, claims or objections over the said property from the general public and initiate loan process.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

Vacant house plot bearing No. 12 admeasuring 200 Sq.Yds. situated within the limits of Block No. 11, BADEPALLY village, Jadcherla mandal, Mahabub nagar district. **Boundaries:** North: Vacant place, South: 15 feet Road, East: Others land, West: Plot No. 11 of Chandrakala. **Ayazul Parda Saradhi, M.A., LL.B Advocate & Notary**
H.No. 7-4-171, Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Nilayam, Sri Venkateswra Colony, Mahabubnagar Town, Mobile No. 94415 64972

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF HON'BLE XXII ADDL. CITY CIVIL COURT AT CHENNAI
I.A. No. 9 of 2026 in O.S. No. 6065 of 2024

Mr. Sunil Surana, S/o. Late Dr. P.C. Surana, No.77, Perumal Mudali Street, Sowcarpet, Chennai-600 079.
... **Petitioner/Plaintiff** Vs.

1. **M/s. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd.**, Rep. by its Director, P.B. No.688, 4 & 6, Currimbhoy Road, Ballard Estate, Mumbai - 400 001.
2. **M/s. Data Software Research Company Private Limited**, Rep. by its Director, Capital Issue Division 19, Pycrofts Garden Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai - 600 006.
3. **Bushpa Surana, W/o. Late Dr. P.C. Surana, No.77, Perumal Mudali Street, Sowcarpet, Chennai - 600 079.**
4. **Mrs. Anitha, D/o. P.C. Surana, No.3, Vada Malai Maistry Street, Sowcarpet, Chennai - 600 003.**
5. **Mrs. Sunitha Metha, D/o. P.C. Surana, No.32, Veerappan Street, Sowcarpet, Chennai - 600 003.**
6. **Ankita Chordia, D/o.P.C. Surana, 3, Venkatrayan Lane, Chennai - 600 003.**
... **Respondents/Defendants**

M/s KFin Technologies Limited, Rep. by its Director, Selenium Tower B, Plot Nos. 31 & 32, Financial District, Nanakramguda, Serilingampally Mandal, Hyderabad - 500 032
... **Proposed Respondent / Proposed 2nd Defendant**

Notice is hereby given to the above-named Proposed Respondent, M/s. KFin Technologies Limited, Rep. by its Director, Selenium Tower B, Plot Nos. 31 & 32, Financial District, Nanakramguda, Serilingampally Mandal, Hyderabad - 500 032, that the Petitioner/Plaintiff herein has filed I.A.No.9 of 2026 in O.S.No.6065 of 2024 before the Hon'ble XXII Addl. City Civil Court, Chennai, praying to implead the said M/s. KFin Technologies Limited as the 2nd Defendant/Proposed Respondent in the above Original Suit.

The Proposed Respondent, M/s. KFin Technologies Limited, is hereby called upon to appear before the Hon'ble XXII Addl. City Civil Court, Chennai, either in person or through an authorised counsel/representative, on 30-07-2026 failing which the said I.A.No.9 of 2026 in O.S.No.6065 of 2024 will be heard and disposed of ex-parte against the Proposed Respondent.

N. Selvarajan, Advocate
Counsel for the Petitioner/Plaintiff
Place: Chennai

IN THE HONBLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, AT BENGALURU
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001

CASE No.O.A.NO. 72/2024

Between:
IDBI BANK LIMITED
Retail Recovery-RBG
No. 58, IDBI House,
Mission Road, Bangalore - 560 027
...**Applicant**

And
(1) Sri Rishikesh Choudhury & Others
...**Defendants**

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 TO THE DEFENDANTS

Whereas the Applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs.35,97,541.00** together with current and future interest and other reliefs. You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of this summons/notice or on **20.08.2026 at 10.30 A.M.** in person or by a Pleader/ Advocate duly instructed as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case of default the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THIS TRIBUNAL ON THIS 08TH DAY OF JULY 2026.

By Order Of The Tribunal,
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II
Bengaluru

TO,
1. M/s Landstar Homes
Partnership Firm
Represented By Partners:
A) Mr K Uma Maheswara Reddy
B) Mrs Lakshmi Rangaswamy
No. H-108, Sriam Spurti
AECS Layout, Brookefields
Bengaluru - 560037
...**Defendant No 2**

3. Mr K Uma Maheswara Reddy
S/o Mr K Veera Reddy
Aged About 44 Years, "Ravana"
No. 330/2, 1st Cross, SR Layout,
Mrugesh Palya, Bengaluru-560017
Bangalore
...**Defendant No 3**

4. Mrs. Lakshmi Rangaswamy
W/o Mr. Chennan Rangaswamy
Aged About 41 Years
#H-108, Sriam Spurti, AECS Layout
Brooke Fields, Kundalahalli
Bengaluru-560037
...**Defendant No 4**

5. Mrs. R Audi Lakshmi
W/o Mr R Pratap Kumar Reddy
Aged About 48 Years, R/at Flat No. A-4
Samhita Ritz Apartment, Rahath Bagh,
Nagavara Palya, CV Raman Nagar Post,
Bengaluru-560093
...**Defendant No 5**

6.Mr. K Parameshwara Reddy
S/o Sri Sundarama Reddy
Aged About 56 Years
R/at No. 2-3-140/a Blossom House,
Adarsh Nagar, Road No.1, Nagole,
Hyderabad
...**Defendant No 7**

Uttam and Tummala Review Pending Sitarama & Seethamma Sagar Project Issues

Hyderabad, TSIT: Telangana Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy and Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao held an extensive review meeting at the State Secretariat on Wednesday to discuss pending issues relating to the Sitarama Lift Irrigation Scheme and the prestigious Seethamma Sagar Multipurpose Project, with a focus on expediting clearances and project execution.

Following the meeting, Minister Tummala said the State Government would continue to pursue the Government of India for the early grant of environmental clearance for the Seethamma Sagar Project. He explained that work on the project has remained stalled since March 2023 due to legal issues linked to the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and



Climate Change (MoEFCC), which is currently under the consideration of the Supreme Court.

He said the State Government, in coordination with Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy, would continue discussions with Union Ministers, Central departments and senior officials to resolve the issues at the earli-

est. Once environmental clearance is obtained, the project works will resume immediately, benefiting thousands of farmers in Khammam and Bhadradi Kothagudem districts through assured irrigation. ministers also discussed a proposal to enhance the storage capacity of Domalavagu, located between Pump House-1 and Pump House-

2 of the Sitarama Lift Irrigation Scheme, from 0.20 TMC to 0.50 TMC. Tummala said the enhancement would improve the efficiency of the lift irrigation system by ensuring a more reliable water supply between the pumping stations. Uttam Kumar Reddy reportedly responded positively and assured necessary action.

The meeting also reviewed the proposal to install escape regulators at suitable locations between Pump Houses 1, 2 and 3 along the Sitarama Main Canal. The regulators are intended to safely regulate excess floodwater during the monsoon season and protect the canal system from damage. Uttam Kumar Reddy directed officials to undertake the required technical studies for the proposal.

TPCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud Secures Funds for Key Development Projects

Hyderabad TSIT: Reaffirming his commitment to the development of the united Nizamabad district, TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud has facilitated the sanction of funds for several key infrastructure and tourism projects through the State Government.

As part of these initiatives, 50 lakh has been sanctioned for the renovation of the Rajiv Gandhi Auditorium located at Tilak Garden in Nizamabad city. The auditorium will be upgraded with modern amenities to better serve as a venue for cultural, social and public events. In another



major boost to tourism, 4 crore has been sanctioned for the construction of a Tourism Guest House at the renowned Limbadri Gutta in Balkonda constituency. The project is expected to strengthen religious tourism, attract more visitors and generate employment opportunities for local youth. Additionally, 50 lakh has been approved

for the construction of a Tourism Guest House at Siddula Gutta in Armur, providing improved accommodation and facilities for pilgrims and tourists visiting the popular destination.

Congress leaders from the district expressed gratitude to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud, Tourism Minister Jupally Krishna Rao, District In-charge Minister Seethakka, and Government Advisor Shabbir Ali for their support in securing the funds and prioritising the development of the united Nizamabad district.

Collector reviews engineering hostels



Husnabad (TSIT): District Collector K. Haimavathi on Wednesday inspected temporary hostel facilities for students of Satavahana Engineering College and assured that all essential amenities would be provided until the permanent campus is completed. During her visit to the Telangana Social Welfare Residential School, TTC building and SC Girls' Hostel, she reviewed accommodation arrangements for new and second-year students. The Collector said drinking water, toilets, beds and quality food would be ensured in coordination with the college management. She also interacted with students to address their concerns. Revenue and college officials accompanied her during the inspection.

District Collector Dr Satya Sharada inspected the management of SIR



WARANGAL, July 15, TSIT : As part of the Special Comprehensive Voter Amendment (SIR) programme, District Collector Dr. Satya Sharada on Wednesday visited Thimmapur (Haveli), Enumamula (Balaji Nagar), under Wardhanapet Constituency Visited Gundla Singaram and Bestham pond areas and observed the performance of Booth Level Officers (BLOs).

House-to-house survey, distribution of enumeration forms, registration of voter details, digitization process were examined and asked how the BLOs are doing the digitization process in their own words.

Speaking on the occasion, the District Collector ordered to complete the verification of voter details, enumeration process and digitization work within the deadline set by the Election

Commission.

It is suggested that every house should be thoroughly inspected at the field level and digitization of every eligible voter's slip should be done to avoid any mistakes in the amendment of voter list.

The District Collector directed the BLOs and Monitoring Officers to conduct the SIR programme in a transparent and efficient manner and complete the targets on time. In this programme Warangal

CP who inspected Police Control Room, Command Control

WARANGAL, July 15, TSIT : Warangal Police Commissioner N. Shwetha inspected the Police Control Room and Command Control Room of Warangal Police Commissionerate along with concerned officials on Wednesday.

On this occasion, the commissioner reviewed the performance of the control room staff, emergency call reception system, monitoring of CC TV cameras, surveillance of different areas of the city and technical systems.

It is suggested that the control room staff should perform their duties vigilantly so that emergency services can be provided to the people more quickly. Similarly, effective use



of modern technology available in command control room to control crime, the officers were directed to work more coordinated in traffic monitoring and law and order management. Police Commissioner was accompanied by Additional DCPs Prabhakar Rao, Srinivas, ACP Jitender Reddy, RI Satish, Clues Inspector Raj Kumar, SI Rohit, RSI Shravan Kumar.

Representatives of the transgender community who paid a courtesy call on Commissioner of Police N. Shwetha

WARANGAL, July 15, TSIT : Warangal Police Commissioner N. Shwetha was paid a courtesy call by the delegation led by State President of Transgender Community Oruganti Laila and Advisor EV Srinivas Rao.

On this occasion, the welfare, safety, employment opportunities, education, health and measures to be taken for the dignified life of the transgender community were discussed.

Speaking on the occasion, Police Commissioner



N. Shwetha suggested that transgenders should take advantage of the welfare schemes provided by the government.

The police department is always there for the transgender community, whatever problems they face.

They promised to provide legal protection as well as necessary assistance. Transgender community advisor EV Srinivas Rao, members Rinsha and Purnima participated in this programme.

FOR ADVERTISEMENT PLEASE
CONTACT: 9948480279, 7330778889

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
1st Floor, Triveni Complex, Abids, Hyderabad.

O.A.No. 507 of 2026

Between:
UCO Bank, Kompally Branch, Venkateshwara Enclave, Shop No.5 & 6, Plot No.7/17, Junction Quthbul, Suchitra, Kompally Quthbulpur, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Telangana-500067. Rep. by its Manager Kum Authorized Officer, ...**Applicant**

And
1. M/s Sri Venkateshwara Pharma, A Sole Proprietary Concern, Represented by its Sole Proprietor, Sri Kongari Upender S/o Sri Kongari Kanakaratnam,
2. Sri Kongari Upender S/o Sri Kongari Kanakaratnam, Aged: Major, Occ: Business, Res: H.No.9-78, Shanthi Nagar, ...**Defendants No.1&2**

Take Notice that the Applicant has instituted an Application U/s 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against you for recovery of an amount of **Rs.30,93,358.79 (Rupees Thirty lakhs Ninety Three Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Eight and Paise Seventy Nine Only)** as on 02.05.2026 (inclusive of interest up to 01.05.2026) in the Cash Credit **A/c No.35460510000068** along with future interest at the rate of 10.10% per annum with monthly rests from 02.05.2026 to the Applicant Bank to till the date of realization of the entire liability and a penal interest as applicable along with the charges, and costs, in accordance with the terms of the loan agreements. You are hereby directed to appear on **05.08.2026 at 10.30 am** before The Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, 1st Floor, Triveni Complex, Abids, Hyderabad-500001, in person or by an Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted. Take Notice that in case of default, the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.

(BY THE ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL)
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the 6th Day of July, 2026.

Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Hyderabad

CanFin Homes Ltd
H.No.15-12/14 (New), Old H.No. 6-2/14, Ground Floor, Plot No.10 And 11, Sy.No.264 And 265, Sri Krishna Nagar, Khanapuram Haveli, Beside Mithai Potlam Street, Khammam-507002. Ph: 08742-298955, Cell No. 7625079213. e-mail:khammam@canfinhomes.com, web.www.canfinhomes.com
CIN No. L85110KA1987PLC008699

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE
[Rule 8 (1)] [For Immovable Property]

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Limited, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers under the said Act and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a **demand notice dated 03-03-2025** calling upon the borrowers **Mr. PAGIDIPALLI VEERABABU, S/o. PAGIDIPALLI KOTAIAH AND Mrs. PAGIDIPALLI PADMA, W/o. PAGIDIPALLI KOTAIAH** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.13,63,019/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Sixty Three Thousand Nineteen Only)** with further interest at contractual rates, till date of realization within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 (of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002) on this the **14th day of JULY of the year 2026**.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Can Fin Homes Limited for an amount of **Rs.13,37,805/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Thirty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Five Only)** and interest thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(All that piece and parcel of Sy.No.74/3/A1 and plot no.7 part, admeasuring 150-00 Sq. yds, equaling to 125-41 Sq. meters, situated at gurralapadu village within in the limits, khammam municipal corporation khammam Dist and bounded by), East: Plot of B Upender, West: 15 Ft wide road, North: Plot no.7 part of M Nagaraju, South: Plot of skabduallah.

Date: 14-07-2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Khammam **Can Fin Homes Limited**

FORM NO.14
[See Regulation 33(2)]
By Regd. A/D, Dasti failing which by Publication.

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I/II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD (DRT 2)
1st Floor, Triveni Complex Abids, Hyderabad 500001

RC/348/2018 **03.07.2026**
NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.

IDBI Bank Ltd.
Versus
Sree Vishnu Constructions and Another

To,

(CD 1) Sree Vishnu Constructions Represented by its sole proprietor Sri T Venu Babu Flat No.207, Ruby Block, My Home Jewel, Madinaguda, Hyderabad-500049.

(CD 2) T Venu Babu S/o T Subba Rao Flat No.207, Ruby Block, My Home Jewel, Madinaguda, Hyderabad-500049

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD (DRT 2) in OA/931/2017 an amount of Rs 8319806.00 (Rupees Eighty Three Lakhs Nineteen Thousands Eight Hundred Six Only) along with pendente lite and future interest @ 15.25% w.e.f. 09.03.2018 till realization and costs of Rs 0 (Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally / Fully/Limited).

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 and Rules there under.

3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of your assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 07/08/2026 at 10:30 a.m. for further proceedings.

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:

(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.

(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 03/07/202

Recovery Officer
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD (DRT 2)

CanFin Homes Ltd
Branch Office: 12-13-416/1, Third Floor, Mani Mansion, Street No-1, Taranak, Hyderabad- Ph No-27005553, web: www.canfinhomes.com, e-mail: taranaka@canfinhomes.com
CIN:L85110KA1987PLC008699

POSSESSION NOTICE
[Rule 8 (1)] [For Immovable Property]

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd. under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers under the said Act and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **demand notice dated 05-05-2026** Calling upon the borrowers **Mr. ANDEPAKA CHATURVEDI, S/o. SATHYANARAYANA (APPLICANT) Mrs BODDUPALLI ARUNA JYOTHI, D/o. LAKSHMANA CHARY (CO APPLICANT)** To repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.3975714/- (Thirty Nine Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand and Seven Hundred Fourteen Only)** with further interest at contractual rates, till date of realization within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned is proceeding to take possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 (of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002) on this **14th Day of July 2026**.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of CAN FIN HOMES LTD for an amount of **Rs. 3975714/- (Thirty Nine Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand and Seven Hundred Fourteen Only)** and interest thereon.

Description of immovable property
SCHEDULE OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY
All at that the Residential Flat Bearing No.205 municipal Door No 4-101/ 22/F2-205, (PTIN No.1200903107), Second Floor of ABHISHEK AVENUE Having plinth area 1000 sqt including common area and car parking along with an undivided share of Land admeasuring 29 Sq Yards or 24.24 Sq Mtrs., (out of 560 Sq Yards) constructed on plot nos 75 and 76 (west part) in survey nos 193,194,195 and 196 Situated at TURKAYAMJAL VILLAGE Abdullapurmet Revenue Mandal Ranga Reddy District under Turakayamjal Municipality S.R.O VANASTHALIPURAM, Telangana Stateand **Bounded by:- BOUNDARIES FOR THE ENTIRE LAND: NORTH : Road, SOUTH : 30' Wide Road, EAST : Plot No.76 East Part, WEST : Plot No 69 and 70, BOUNDARIES FOR THE FLAT NO 205: NORTH : Open To Sky, SOUTH : Open To Sky, EAST : Open To Sky, WEST : Corridor.**

Date: 14-07-2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Hyderabad **CAN FIN HOMES LIMITED**

Pattiseema Project Revitalised Krishna Delta; 36 Irrigation Projects to Be Completed in Three Years: CM Naidu

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Wednesday credited the Pattiseema Lift Irrigation Project with transforming the Krishna Delta into a prosperous agricultural region, stating that nearly 450 TMC of Godavari floodwaters have been diverted to the Krishna River through the project since 2015.

Addressing a public meeting after offering Jala Harathi to the Godavari waters at the sacred Krishna-Godavari confluence near Ibrahimpatnam in NTR district, the Chief Minister said the Rs.1,300-crore Pattiseema project had stabilised irrigation over nearly 1.3 million acres in the Krishna Delta and significantly strength-



ened the state's agricultural economy.

Paying floral tributes to legendary engineer Dr. K. L. Rao on his 124th birth anniversary, Naidu said Rao's vision continues to inspire Andhra Pradesh's irrigation development. He noted that despite criticism during the construc-

tion of Pattiseema, the project was completed within a year, enabling the transfer of Godavari floodwaters that now sustain the Krishna Delta while conserving Krishna River water for Rayalaseema through the Polavaram Right Main Canal. The Chief Minister

accused previous governments of neglecting major irrigation infrastructure, describing such inaction on projects like Polavaram as a betrayal of the state's farmers and development. He said the NDA government had spent Rs.68,000 crore on irrigation between 2014 and 2019 and another Rs.24,000 crore over the past two years. He added that the Polavaram Project, which had reached 72 percent completion by 2019, had now progressed to 89 percent, while alleging that very little work was carried out between 2019 and 2024. Naidu reiterated his government's vision of linking rivers from Vamsadhara to Penna, saying that river interlinking on the lines of India's Golden

Quadrilateral highway network would ensure better utilisation of surplus floodwaters for irrigation, drinking water, and industrial needs while generating long-term economic growth.

Announcing a major irrigation roadmap, the Chief Minister said the government would complete 36 priority irrigation projects over the next three years with an estimated investment of Rs.35,000 crore. These include the Polavaram Left Main Canal, Veligonda Phase-I, HNSS Phase-II, Guntur Channel modernisation, Nagavali-Champavathi river linking, Chintalapudi Lift Irrigation Scheme, Godavari Delta modernisation, and several reser-

voir and lift irrigation projects across the state.

Highlighting Dr. K. L. Rao's contribution to India's irrigation sector, Naidu said the veteran engineer played a key role in landmark projects such as Srisaillam, Nagarjuna Sagar, Hirakud and Kosi dams, besides serving as an international water expert. He said the state government is also implementing the Jaladhara programme to improve groundwater recharge and ensure sustainable water management. Ministers Nimmala Ramanaidu, Anagani Satya Prasad, Satyakumar Yadav, local MLA Vasantha Krishna Prasad, and other public representatives attended the programme.

Andhra Pradesh Showcases Textile Strength at Bharat Tex 2026, Attracts Major Investment Interest



Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Andhra Pradesh has emerged as a key attraction at Bharat Tex 2026, India's largest international textile exhibition, with the State Pavilion highlighting its strengths in handlooms, textiles, apparel manufacturing, investment opportunities and export potential. The four-day exhibition, being held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi from July 14 to 17, has provided Andhra Pradesh with a platform to promote its handloom, textile and garment sectors, along with its One District One Product (ODOP) and Geographical Indication (GI)-tagged products before global buyers and investors.

According to G. Rekha Rani, Commissioner of Handlooms and Textiles, the Andhra Pradesh Pavilion has received an overwhelming response from industrialists, investors, policymakers and government officials from India and abroad. Visitors appreciated the State's textile ecosystem, policy support, infrastructure and growing manufacturing capabilities. Emmiganur MLA Byreddy Jaya Nageswara Reddy visited the pavilion and lauded the State government's efforts in developing textile parks and supporting handloom weavers. He also discussed branding opportunities for Emmiganur's textile products.

Rajya Sabha Member V. Vijayasai Prasad highlighted the increasing global demand for Indian handloom products and suggested leveraging advanced technologies such as Virtual Reality (VR) to promote Andhra Pradesh's traditional textiles in international markets. Leading textile and apparel companies, including Fabindia, the Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC), Arvind Limited, Trident Group, the Handloom Export Promotion Council (HEPC),

Kanchipuram Silk Park, and Wazir Advisors, expressed interest in sourcing, investments, market collaborations and export opportunities in Andhra Pradesh. Discussions also focused on expanding the global market for the State's renowned traditional handloom products, including Uppada Jamdani and Venkatagiri sarees.

On the sidelines of the exhibition, Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) were signed for establishing a Rs.4,000-crore sustainable textile recycling unit and a Rs.100-crore garment manufacturing unit in Visakhapatnam. The proposed projects are expected to generate around 3,000 direct and indirect employment opportunities. The Andhra Pradesh Pavilion was also visited by Dr. M. Beena, Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Government of India; Rohini Sindhuri, Secretary, MSME, Mines, Textiles and Sugar Department, Government of Karnataka; and Basavaraju, Karnataka Textile Development Commissioner. They appreciated the State government's initiatives to strengthen the handloom and textile sectors.

Officials noted that Andhra Pradesh ranks second in silk production, sixth in cotton production, and seventh in jute production in the country. The State is home to more than 15,000 MSMEs, over 140 large textile industries, 35,000 power looms, and nearly 3.6 million spindles, making it one of India's strongest textile manufacturing hubs. The State government reaffirmed its commitment to transforming Andhra Pradesh into a leading national textile and handloom destination through policy incentives, infrastructure development, investment promotion, export expansion and international partnerships.

Andhra Pradesh Government Rebuts 'False Propaganda' on Aquaculture Sector with Data, Says Minister Atchen Naidu

Visakhapatnam : Andhra Pradesh Minister for Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development and Fisheries K. Atchen Naidu on Wednesday accused the previous government of weakening the State's aquaculture sector and spreading misinformation for political gain. He said the present coalition government has revived the industry through policy reforms, financial support and regular stakeholder consultations.

Addressing a press conference at the Fisheries Department Commissioner's Office in Ganguru, Penamaluru mandal, along with



Andhra Pradesh State Aquaculture Development Authority (APSADA) Co-Vice Chairman Anam Venkata Ramana Reddy, the Minister presented statistics to counter what he described as "false propaganda" against the sector. Atchen Naidu said

the Gross Value Added (GVA) generated by aquaculture and allied sectors had increased from Rs.41.75 lakh crore under the previous government to Rs.63.65 lakh crore within two years of the present government's tenure. He claimed that

between 2014 and 2019, the aquaculture sector achieved an annual growth rate of 17.74%, which later declined to 16.7% during the previous administration, and has now recovered to 19% under the current government. The Minister alleged that although the previous government had enacted the APSADA Act, it never convened a full-body meeting of the authority. In contrast, he said, the present government held the first full APSADA meeting after assuming office and has since been conducting review meetings with farmers and industry representatives every fortnight to monitor prices and address sectoral issues.

Press Club protests curbs on journalists

Mahabubnagar (TSIT): The Mahabubnagar District Press Club has condemned the alleged restrictions imposed on journalists during Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's recent visits to Midjil and



Mahabubnagar. The club alleged that senior journalists were summoned to police stations, disrupting their professional duties and preventing them from covering official programmes.

Probe ordered into Tribal Welfare deputations

Karimnagar (TSIT): District Additional Collector (Revenue) D. Srinivasa Reddy has ordered an inquiry into alleged irregular deputations in the District Tribal Welfare Department following complaints from tribal associations. The associations alleged that some officials have remained in Karimnagar for years through political influence despite transfers and promotions, depriving local employees of opportunities. The Additional Collector directed officials to conduct a comprehensive



probe and warned that deputations found to violate rules would be cancelled and departmental action initiated. Tribal leaders, led by Lambadi Rights Struggle Committee State President Gugulothu Raju Naik, warned of intensifying protests if corrective action is not taken.

TTD honours 147 meritorious students with Pratibha Puraskaram

Tirupati (TSIT): Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Chairman B.R. Naidu on Wednesday said TTD is giving top priority to the education and health sectors and is committed to the holistic development of students.

Presenting the Pratibha Puraskaram-2026 awards to 147 meritorious students at Mahati Auditorium in Tirupati, the Chairman said nearly 20,000 students are studying in 33 educational institutions run by TTD. He said the institutions are being equipped with quality teaching, modern infrastructure and value-based education to



help students excel in academics and life.

Naidu said that, following the directions of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, special emphasis is being placed on strengthening education and healthcare. He urged students to uphold discipline, hard work and moral values and strive to become role models for society.

TTD Executive Officer Muddada Ravi Chandra described education as a life-long asset that transforms lives. He said TTD is working to bring its educational insti-

tutions on par with leading corporate institutions by providing qualified faculty, nutritious food, modern facilities and quality education.

TTD Joint Executive Officer Dr. A. Sharath termed the presentation of the Pratibha Puraskarams as a historic milestone in TTD's 150-year history. He said educational institutions are being modernised with an investment of Rs.162 crore, including digital classrooms, computer laboratories, CCTV surveillance and other advanced infrastructure, while also promoting yoga, music, dance and value-based education.

SVIMS Celebrates World Plastic Surgery Day with Grandeur



Tirupati: The Department of Plastic Surgery at Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences (SVIMS) organized the "World Plastic Surgery Day" celebrations on 15.07.2026 (Wednesday) at 12:00 Noon in Sri Padmavathi Auditorium. This information was shared by SVIMS Medical Superintendent Dr. Ram. SVIMS Director and Vice Chancellor Dr. R.V. Kumar, Guest Speaker Dr. P.V. Sudhakar, Head of the

Department of Plastic Surgery Dr. Praveen Kumar Reddy, Principal of Sri Padmavathi Medical College for Women Dr. Umamaheshwar Rao, Head of General Surgery Dr. Mukteshwar Rao, Professor Dr. Srihari, and Dr. Nagaraj from the Plastic Surgery Department jointly inaugurated the program by lighting the traditional lamp.

Speaking on the occasion, SVIMS Director and Vice

Chancellor Dr. R.V. Kumar said that World Plastic Surgery Day is observed every year on July 15th to dispel myths surrounding plastic surgery and to create awareness about its importance among the public. He noted that plastic surgeons and other medical professionals in this field celebrate the day with great enthusiasm.

Dr. P.V. Sudhakar, former Head of the Department of Plastic Surgery at Andhra Medical College & King George Hospital, Visakhapatnam, and retired Professor & Principal, delivered a lecture on the topic "Cleft Lip & Palate: A Lifetime of Learning and Healing - Insights from Four Decades". He explained that Cleft Lip and Palate is a life-long journey requiring continuous care from birth. He detailed important aspects of treatment and recovery through a PowerPoint presentation.

Two Months of Headache, One Sudden Seizure: CARE Hospitals Doctors Remove 4.5 cm Brain Tumour from Hyderabad Woman

Tumour located close to critical brain structures and major blood vessels successfully removed at CARE Hospitals, Malakpet

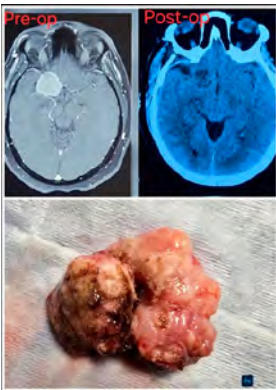
Hyderabad, 15th July, 2026: Doctors at CARE Hospitals, Malakpet, successfully treated a 42-year-old Hyderabad homemaker diagnosed with a 4.5 cm brain tumour located dangerously close to critical brain structures and major blood vessels, helping prevent potentially serious complications, including vision loss and paralysis.

For nearly two months, the woman had been living with a worsening headache on the right side of her head. The pain gradually increased, but it was a sudden seizure that finally brought her to the hospital. An MRI scan revealed a large brain tumour measuring approximately 4.5 cm x 3.5 cm x 3.5 cm in the right sphenoid wing region of the brain. Diagnosed the lesion as a suspected meningioma and advised surgery. The location of the tumour made the procedure particularly

challenging, as it was situated very close to critical brain structures and major blood vessels. According to the treating team, any delay in treatment could have put the patient at risk of permanent vision loss, paralysis and other serious neurological complications.

The neurosurgical team, led by Dr. Bhavani Prasad Ganji, Consultant Neurosurgeon, CARE Hospitals, Malakpet, performed a right frontotemporal craniotomy. The tumour was meticulously separated from the surrounding structures and completely removed, while restoring the normal anatomical planes. Histopathological examination subsequently confirmed it as a meningioma.

Commenting on the successful treatment, Dr. Bhavani Prasad Ganji, said, "The location of the tumour



made the surgery challenging because it was very close to critical structures and major blood vessels of the brain. Meticulous dissection was essential to achieve complete removal while protecting the surrounding anatomy. Any further delay in treatment could have increased the risk of visual loss or paralysis."

The patient spent just one day in the ICU following surgery and was discharged

on the fourth postoperative day. She has since returned home, is seizure-free, and her headache has completely resolved.

Commenting on the successful treatment, Mr. Praveen Kumar Elda, Chief Operating Officer, CARE Hospitals, Malakpet, said, "This case reflects the clinical expertise and coordinated care available at CARE Hospitals, Malakpet. Managing complex neurological conditions requires timely diagnosis, surgical precision and strong multidisciplinary support. We are pleased to see the patient recover well and return home within a short period following surgery."

Dr. Bhavani Prasad added that a persistent or progressively worsening headache should be evaluated, particularly when accompanied by a seizure, vision problems, weakness

or other neurological changes. "Headaches are common and, in most cases, are not related to a brain tumour. However, a change in the pattern or intensity of a headache, especially with a seizure, should not be ignored," he said.

Meningiomas arise from the membranes surrounding the brain and are often slow-growing. Depending on their size and location, they can remain unnoticed for a long period before pressure on nearby brain structures begins to cause symptoms.

The case, doctors said, is a reminder that the pattern and progression of a headache can sometimes be more important than the pain itself. Timely imaging and specialist evaluation helped identify the tumour and treat the patient before permanent neurological complications developed.

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal must clarify: Congress slams govt on US bill for 100 per cent tariffs on India



NEW DELHI: With a bipartisan group of US senators unveiling a bill that seeks to impose 100 per cent tariffs on India for purchasing oil from Russia, the Congress on Wednesday sought clarification from Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal over the issue and claimed that the country is being "humiliated" by the threat of punitive action.

The bipartisan group of US senators has unveiled a bill that seeks to impose 100 per cent tariffs on five countries, including India and China, for purchasing oil from Russia. The bill, brokered by late Republican Senator Lindsey Graham, exempts 15 European nations that buy gas from Russia from the tariffs, arguing that the purchases amount

to a fraction of their total requirement and the countries in question are taking steps to reduce their dependence on Moscow.

Congress's media and publicity department head Pawan Khara said, "Piyush Goyal, who is quick to dismiss reports that India is holding out for a better trade deal with the US, should clarify this. These aren't House Democrats. These are Republican Senators -- backed by Trump himself -- demanding 100 per cent tariffs on India and four other countries for buying Russian oil." "Imagine the humiliation: needing Trump's approval to buy Russian oil, and now being threatened with punitive tariffs for doing exactly that," Khara said in a post on X.

CM Relief Fund is a lifeline: Madhu Mudiraj

Sangareddy (TSIT): Medak Parliament Congress Party In-charge Neelam Madhu Mudiraj said the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) has become a lifeline for poor families facing medical emergencies. On Wednesday, he distributed CMRF cheques worth 60,000, 47,500 and 60,000 to three beneficiaries at the NMR Camp Office. He said the financial assistance helps economically weaker families meet costly medical expenses and prevents them from falling into debt. Madhu Mudiraj urged eligible patients to make use of the scheme and assured that efforts would continue to ensure timely sanction of relief funds.



No Voter Registration of CM Revanth Reddy in Achampet: District Election Officer Hemanta Keshav Patil

The South India Times // Nagarkurnool : District Election Officer and Collector Hemanta Keshav Patil has clarified that the reports circulating on social media regarding the voter registration of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy in the Achampet Assembly constituency are completely false and baseless.

In an official statement, the Collector said that no voter registration has been carried out in the name of the Chief Minister either in the Achampet Assembly constituency or in any other constituency in Nagarkurnool district.

He also dismissed claims of dual enrolment, stating that there is no truth in the allegations that the Chief Minister has been registered as a voter in two different places. Since no voter registration has taken place in his name in the district, there is



no question of printing or distributing any enumeration forms under the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls, he added. The District Election Officer appealed to the public not to believe false and misleading information circulating on social media and advised them not to forward or spread unverified content. He urged citizens to rely only on official information released by the District Election Office or the Election Commission regarding all matters related to the electoral process.

CONDUCT SPECIAL HIV SCREENING CAMPS IN REMOTE VILLAGES AND CHENCHU HABITATIONS: DMHO DR. K. KRISHNA



The South India Times // Nagarkurnool : District Medical and Health Officer Dr. K. Krishna has directed health officials to organize special HIV screening camps in remote villages, Chenchu habitations, and tribal settlements to strengthen HIV/AIDS prevention and control efforts. Speaking at the monthly review meeting on the HIV/AIDS Control Programme held on Wednesday at the Mini Conference Hall of the Nagarkurnool Collectorate, Dr. Krishna reviewed the progress of the programme with ICTC counsellors, laboratory technicians, and representatives of voluntary organizations. He instructed officials to conduct HIV screening tests for high-risk groups, particularly migrant workers, truck drivers, and construction workers.

Collector calls for anti-drug drive



Hyderabad City (TSIT): Medchal-Malkajgiri Additional Collector Vijayender Reddy has directed officials to intensify efforts to curb drug abuse and create greater awareness, especially among youth. Chairing a district-level meeting on Wednesday, he instructed the Welfare Department to conduct monthly awareness programmes in hostels, the Health Department to educate people on the harmful effects of narcotics and provide medical support, and the Police Department to strengthen surveillance and crack down on drug trafficking. He also called for a comprehensive action plan, periodic progress reports and coordinated efforts by all departments to make the district drug-free.

DMHO vows better public healthcare

Hyderabad City (TSIT): Medchal-Malkajgiri District Medical and Health Officer (DMHO) Dr. Anand has said the Health Department is committed to strengthening government healthcare and ensuring quality medical services reach every citizen. In an exclusive interview with The South India Times, he said vacant medical posts will be filled in phases and transparency enhanced through the Aadhaar-Based Attendance System (ABAS). The department is also working to make the district TB-free through awareness drives, screenings and free treatment. Special focus is being given to maternal and child healthcare. Dr. Anand warned that strict legal action would be taken against unauthorised hospitals, clinics, diagnostic centres and illegal medical practices.



BC Study Circle invites Civil Services applications

Jogulamba Gadwal (TSIT): The BC Study Circle has invited applications for its free long-term coaching programme for the Civil Services (Prelims-cum-Mains) Examination 2027. Director Ramulu said eligible graduates below 35 years can apply online from July 17 to August 7. A written



test will be held on August 16 to select 150 candidates,

who will receive 10 months of free residential coaching in Hyderabad from August 24. Selected candidates will also get a monthly stipend of 5,000 for food and 5,000 for study material. BC candidates will receive 75% of the seats, with the remaining allotted to other eligible categories.

Congress committed to Arya Vaishya welfare: MLA

Wanaparthy (TSIT): Wanaparthy MLA Thudi Megha Reddy on Wednesday said the Congress government is committed to the welfare and development of the Arya Vaishya community. Addressing a meeting, he said the community has made significant contributions to business, social service and the state's develop-



ment. He said the government is promoting business growth, self-employment, women's

empowerment and employment opportunities for youth. Citing the appointment of Arya Vaishya leader Madhavi Ramesh as Wanaparthy Municipal Chairperson, he said the government is giving due representation to the community. State Arya Vaishya Mahasabha leaders and district representatives attended the programme.

Ten-day Combing Annual Training Camp for NCC cadets commences on KU campus



Hanumakonda, July 14 (TSIT): "Everyone should be ready for the defense of the country. If one wants to live a high life, one should think positively. If one wants to have young blood who have faith in the country, NCC's participation in the security of the country is now necessary," said Camp Commandant Col SS Ramadurai. Addressing the inaugural of a "Combined Annual Training Camp"

organized by the 10th Telangana NCC Battalion on the Kakatiya University campus, Col Ramadurai said that for the unity of the country, the sense of unity should be strengthened in colleges and schools with new ideas. Stating that it is easy to get jobs in the Indian Army, Central Paramilitary and Police departments by knowing about the pros and cons of the uniform organization, he said through a disciplined

NCC, the youth should dream for a bright future and added that NCC means positivity. The ten-day camp includes weapons training, personality development, fire fighting, awareness on national disaster management, cybercrime, women empowerment, army history, classes by special experts on weapons used by the army, drills, and the selection of Warangal group cadets to participate in the 2027 Republic Day will also be held at Kakatiya University till 22 July 2026, Col Ramadurai added. A ten-day camp is being held for 550 cadets of the combined Warangal and Khammam districts. Deputy Camp Commandant, Lieutenant Col Ravi Sunari made the cadres aware of personality development.

DMHO vows to strengthen public healthcare

Hyderabad (TSIT): Newly appointed Medchal District Medical and Health Officer (DMHO) Dr. Anand has said the government is taking steps to strengthen public healthcare by improving services in government hospitals, filling vacant medical posts in phases and ensuring transparency through Aadhaar-Based Attendance System (ABAS). He said the district aims to become a TB-free zone through awareness campaigns, mobile health services and free treatment for patients. Special focus is also being given to maternal and child healthcare. Dr. Anand warned that strict legal action would be taken against unlicensed hospitals, clinics, diagnostic centres and illegal medical practices, including sex determination tests.

Collector reviews voter revision drive

Nagarjuna Sagar (TSIT): District Collector B. Chandrasekhar on Wednesday directed Booth Level Officers (BLOs) to expedite the Special Summary Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and complete all pending voter mapping without delay. During an inspection in Wards 7, 10 and 12 of Nagarjuna Sagar, he reviewed door-to-door verification and instructed BLOs to contact unavailable voters by phone and record household door numbers accurately. He also directed officials to verify EPIC details, resolve unmapped cases and ensure that every eligible voter has only one entry in the electoral roll. Municipal and revenue officials accompanied the Collector during the inspection.



Cyber Frauds Cost Mahabubabad Victims Rs.8.29 Lakh; SP Urges Immediate Reporting

Mahabubabad TSIT District Correspondent Balne Suman July 15: With cyber fraud cases witnessing a rise in Mahabubabad district, Superintendent of Police Dr. Shabarish, IPS, has appealed to the public to stay vigilant and report cybercrimes without delay. According to district cybercrime data, seven complaints were registered recently, including six financial frauds and one sextortion case, causing a total loss of Rs.8.29 lakh. The frauds involved fake investment websites, Telegram trading scams, unauthorized online banking transactions, UPI collect request frauds, and sextortion using morphed images. The SP advised citizens not to fall for high-return investment offers, avoid accepting UPI collect requests from unknown persons, and never disclose OTPs, UPI PINs, CVV numbers, or banking credentials. He also cautioned people against joining unverified investment groups on social media platforms. Victims should immediately call the National Cyber Helpline 1930 or report the incident through the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal. Prompt reporting can help authorities freeze fraudulent transactions and improve the chances of recovering the lost money.



Andhra Pradesh Government Launched Immediate Rescue Operation in Visakhapatnam Fishing Boat Tragedy: Fisheries Commissioner

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) The Andhra Pradesh Government responded on a war footing to the fishing boat accident off the Visakhapatnam coast, launching rescue operations immediately after receiving the first information and extending comprehensive support to the affected families, State Fisheries Commissioner Ramashankar Naik said on Wednesday. Addressing a press conference at the State Secretariat along with Disaster Management Department Director and RTGS CEO Prakhar Jain and Visakhapatnam Range & Coastal Security Inspector General of Police Gopinath Jetti, the Commissioner presented the official sequence of events and the rescue measures undertaken following

the tragedy.

Naik said the government coordinated the efforts of the Fisheries Department, district administration, Indian Coast Guard, Indian Navy, Marine Police and Disaster Management Department to carry out an extensive search, rescue and relief operation for more than 72 hours. One fisherman was rescued alive and provided with immediate medical treatment, while the government sanctioned Rs.60 lakh as immediate financial assistance to six affected families at the rate of Rs.10 lakh each. An additional Rs.50,000 was sanctioned to the rescued fisherman for emergency medical expenses. He said that after completion of the prescribed legal procedures, each eligible victim's family would receive



Rs.10 lakh as compensation, including Rs.5 lakh ex gratia from the Fisheries Department and Rs.5 lakh insurance assistance under the PMMSY-NFDB Group Accident Insurance Scheme (GAIS).

According to officials, the accident occurred on July 4, when the mechanised fishing boat IND-AP-MM-V5-83, carrying seven fishermen from Visakhapatnam, encountered severe weather and strong

winds around 3:45 p.m. One fisherman went missing immediately, while the remaining six stayed on the partially submerged boat until night before attempting to survive using thermocol sheets. One of them,

Kari Chinna, managed to reach a passing merchant vessel and was rescued, while the other five fishermen went missing. The Commissioner said that immediately after receiving information from family members and fishermen's associations, alerts were issued to the Marine Police, Fisheries Department, Coast Guard, Navy and district authorities. Emergency communication systems were activated the same night, enabling search operations to begin without delay.

As the Coast Guard vessel stationed at Visakhapatnam was under maintenance, additional rescue vessels were mobilised from Kakinada. Beginning on the morning of July 5, the Indian Coast Guard, Indian Navy, Marine Police

and Fisheries Department jointly carried out an extensive search covering a vast stretch of the sea despite adverse weather conditions. Kari Chinna, who was rescued aboard a Panama-registered merchant ship, was provided food, drinking water and first aid before being airlifted by an Indian Coast Guard helicopter to KIMS Hospital in Visakhapatnam. Officials said his condition is stable. Naik said the government extended financial support to the victims' families even before completion of the formal verification process on humanitarian grounds. He added that the State is also strengthening maritime safety measures and emergency response systems to improve preparedness for future incidents.

EDITORIAL

The Growing Drone Wars In Myanmar

The first phase of Myanmar's drone war belonged to the rebels. In the forests, hills, and borderlands, where young fighters had few bullets, fewer heavy weapons, and no air force, small commercial drones became a kind of improvised equaliser. They watched military columns from above, dropped explosives on outposts, guided ground assaults, and gave scattered resistance groups something the junta had long monopolised: the ability to strike from the sky. Now, the war has entered a more dangerous second phase. The military regime, stung by years of drone attacks, has copied the resistance playbook, expanded its own drone fleet, and begun using unmanned aircraft to track, harass, and attack anti-junta forces. In response, resistance groups are no longer only using drones to attack. They are trying to survive them, with jammers, shoot-downs, improvised countermeasures, and, increasingly, reported FPV-style interceptor tactics. Myanmar's civil war is becoming a drone war that is starting to fight itself. Since the February 2021 coup, when the military overthrew the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi, Myanmar has fractured into a nationwide conflict involving the junta, long-established ethnic armed organisations, post-coup People's Defense Forces, and groups aligned with the shadow National Unity Government. The humanitarian toll has been catastrophic. Thousands have been killed and millions displaced. But the military balance has also changed in ways few expected in the first months after the coup. The resistance began with almost nothing. Many of its recruits were students, programmers, engineers, delivery riders, farmers and former urban protesters who fled into jungles and borderlands after the junta crushed street demonstrations. They were outgunned by a military with Russian and Chinese aircraft, artillery, armored vehicles and decades of experience fighting ethnic insurgencies. Commercial quadcopters, agricultural drones, online tutorials, 3D printers, spare parts and cross-border smuggling networks became part of Myanmar's new insurgent logistics chain. ACLED, the conflict monitor, says resistance groups first used drones in December 2021 in Pale township, Sagaing Region. Since then, it has recorded more than 2,100 resistance drone strike events across more than 600 locations. Drones have become the resistance's "entire air force." Specialised units emerged. Federal Wings and Cloud Wings became known for drone operations linked to the Karen resistance ecosystem. Shar Htoo Waw became a hub for drone knowledge, training and adaptation. Some groups used quadcopters and hexacopters; others built fixed-wing drones with longer range. They added cameras, first-person-view features, larger payloads and one-way attack designs. The way anti-junta forces obtain and build this technology is central to the story. It is not a single pipeline. It is a marketplace war. Some drones are imported as commercial or agricultural systems, often through border routes with China and Thailand. The Chin National Army showed The Guardian a fleet of commercial and agricultural drones, saying many were imported from China and some from Western countries; commanders said equipment moved largely through the China and Thailand borders rather than India, where controls were tighter.

CHINA NOW HAS 7 OF THE WORLD'S 10 BIGGEST BANKS

AND THAT SHOULD WORRY INDIA

In July 1990, The Banker, a magazine that has ranked the world's banks since 1970, put Sumitomo Bank at the top of its Top 1000. Japanese banks filled most of the top ten that year. Credit Agricole, Barclays, and National Westminster were the intruders. The ranking read as prophecy. Asia had arrived, capital had shifted east, and the future belonged to Tokyo. Within two years, the Japanese asset bubble had burst, and the decades that followed are now called lost. That history is worth keeping in mind while reading the 2026 edition of the same ranking, published this July. Seven of the world's ten largest banks, measured by Tier 1 capital, are now headquartered in China. Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC), China Construction Bank, Agricultural Bank of China, and Bank of China hold the top four positions, as they have every year since 2019. The Postal Savings Bank of China, a bank assembled in 2007 out of the post office's savings counters, has entered the top ten for the first time. JPMorgan Chase, Bank of America and Citigroup are the only non-Chinese survivors. Twenty-two Chinese banks figure in the top 100. No Indian bank comes anywhere close. What Is China Aiming At? Two questions follow, and they pull in different directions. What does this concentration of banking capital actually buy China? And what, if anything, should its absence worry India? Begin with what Tier-1 capital measures. It is core capital, equity, and disclosed reserves, the cushion a bank holds against loss. A large number signals a large balance sheet, and a large balance sheet signals large lending. The World Bank's series on domestic credit to the private sector by banks makes the point. For China, the figure was 194.3% of GDP in 2024. For India, 41.6%. Chinese banks are enormous because the Chinese growth model runs on bank credit, directed into infrastructure and property, funded by the captive savings of households with few alternative assets. The Postal Savings Bank's arrival



in the top ten is the model in miniature. Hundreds of millions of small depositors, aggregated through post offices, becoming Tier 1 capital. Size, in this sense, is a symptom of the model. The Japanese banks of 1990 were also symptoms of a model. But there is a second reading of the ranking, and it deserves to be taken seriously. Balance sheets are one thing, plumbing is another. The dollar's power does not rest on the size of American banks. It rests on the fact that international payments overwhelmingly clear through dollar accounts in New York, with messages carried by SWIFT, the Belgian cooperative that connects more than 11,000 institutions. SWIFT's own RMB Tracker for June 2026 shows the dollar carrying 51% of global payments by value, the euro 22%, sterling 7%, and the renminbi under 3%. Whoever controls the plumbing can shut it off. In February 2022, Western governments immobilised Russia's central bank reserves, an amount the REPO Task Force estimates at 280 billion dollars and

Moscow puts above 300 billion, roughly 200 billion of it sitting in Euroclear in Brussels. No shot was fired at the reserves, they were simply switched off. A Parallel Pipe Economy Beijing read that episode carefully, in fairness as any large holder of dollar assets would. The response has been the patient construction of parallel pipes. The Cross-border Interbank Payment System (CIPS), launched by the People's Bank of China in 2015, had 1,791 participating institutions by the first quarter of 2026, of which 194 were direct participants. In March 2026 it settled a daily average of 920.5 billion yuan, about 133.5 billion dollars, one fifth higher than a year earlier. The overseas branch networks of the very banks that dominate The Banker's ranking are the nodes of this system. A clearing bank in every financial centre is worth more to renminbi internationalisation than any commune. Add the experiments in central bank digital currencies for cross-border settlement, from which the Bank for International

Settlements pointedly withdrew in 2024. The direction is unmistakable. The distance travelled is short. Under 3% of global payments is not a rival system, and a large share of CIPS traffic still relies on SWIFT messaging to move. A currency that cannot be freely converted, backed by a capital account that cannot be freely crossed, cannot clear the world's trade. What Beijing has built is not an alternative to the dollar system but an insurance policy against expulsion from it. Insurance policies matter. They also cost. A world with two payment plumbings, each side stockpiling against the other's sanctions, settles trade less efficiently than a world with one, and the premium is paid by everyone, most of all by third countries invited to choose sides. Where India Stands Which brings the argument home. Where is India in this ranking? State Bank of India, the country's largest bank, stood 45th globally by assets in S&P Global's April 2026 compilation, at 877 billion dollars. HDFC Bank stood 76th. This is not for want of

official aspiration. The Committee on the Financial System, chaired by M. Narasimham, recommended in its November 1991 report a structure with three or four large banks, State Bank of India among them, that could become international in character. Thirty-five years later, after the mergers of 2017 to 2020 reduced public sector banks from 27 to 12, no Indian bank is international in character in the sense the committee intended. India's Problem Should this be corrected by decree? Here, the two halves of the argument must be held together. Ranks are rank, and chasing a league table is how one ends up with a Sumitomo. The useful question is not how to inflate Tier-1 capital, but what the capital is for. India intends to finance its own infrastructure at a scale of hundreds of billions of dollars a decade, and its capital expenditure carries a multiplier of about 2.45 against roughly 1 for revenue spending. India also intends to be a lender of consequence in its own neighbourhood. When Sri Lanka ran out of reserves in 2022.

'Zalengam Diary' And Roads As New Language In Demand To Divide Manipur

Roads are no longer just roads in Manipur since May 2023 when the Meitei-Kuki ethnic violence erupted in the state bordering Myanmar. Every new bridge, bypass or transport corridor is seen as an attempt at setting a narrative for political geography, but not a development project. Infrastructure is no longer about engineering in the state where territory has become deeply contested. It is now connected with questions about identity, administration, security and competing visions of Manipur's future. The absence of official clarity over the approval, regulation and oversight of several such projects has added to the confusion and even raised questions about transparency. This has only deepened public suspicion and intensified the political significance attached to such projects. On July 10, a 270-foot Bailey bridge was inaugurated in Manipur's Chandel district. That has sparked a new debate over territory, mobility and the Kuki tribes' demand for breaking up Manipur. The Kukis say the bridge is a rural connectivity project that serves the underserved between Chandel district and Kuki settlements in southern Manipur's Churachandpur district. They say they had been cut off following the outbreak of the ethnic violence. The bridge took 18 months to complete at a cost of Rs 3.5 crore, all of it crowd-funded with no government help, Kuki organisations say. The Kuki Inpi Manipur has refuted allegations that the bridge would be used as a route for carrying out

unlawful activities, including drug trafficking. The bridge only restored an essential transport link severed by the violence that killed over 260 and displaced thousands. But the controversy refuses to go away because of one question: how did a project like this evade official scrutiny? In December 2025, a 'ring road' allegedly paved without the state government's approval and passing through forests in six districts was found in Manipur. The matter came to light after the National Green Tribunal (NGT) ordered the Manipur government to ensure no more construction work was done on the ring road. After the NGT order, an umbrella body of civil society organisations of the Meitei community told reporters that the road has been locally referred to as "German Road" and at certain stretches as "Tiger Road". 'German' and 'Tiger' are nicknames of Kuki insurgents. Engineers say the 270-foot Bailey bridge needs specialised steel components, engineered foundations, heavy equipment and professional supervision. They say the cost seems technically plausible if voluntary labour and donated resources were used, but there are no clear answers about the source of the bridge components, engineering certification, statutory approvals and compliance with public safety standards. Soon after the inauguration of the "crowdfunded bridge", several social media accounts that supported the demand for breaking up Manipur into separate territories on ethnic lines, described the bridge as a

major achievement in connecting Kuki settlements in Churachandpur with Chandel, Tengenpual and Moreh along the porous border with Myanmar. The online chatter after the bridge's inauguration showed that infrastructure had become inseparable from the Manipur crisis. The new bridge, called Khulmi, adds another chapter to the long list of controversial projects in Manipur, such as the so-called "Tiger road" or "German road". Named after German H Haokip of the insurgent group Kuki National Front (MC), the 'road' connects Kangpokpi, Churachandpur, Chandel and Tengenpual, mostly bypassing the state capital Imphal, which lies in central Manipur's valley region. Built and upgraded in phases through mountainous terrain, this 'road' connects Kuki settlements that depended on routes passing through the valley. The Kuki tribes show the road as an example of community initiative undertaken through voluntary contributions and crowdfunding. The Manipur government has questioned the legality and strategic purpose of the road and clarified that it had not officially sanctioned the project. It said legal action would be taken for carrying out the illegal project. The NGT's scrutiny showed the matter's seriousness on the implications it would have on the environment. These issues seem connected only with infrastructure, but on closer look they occupy administrative, legal and political spaces because both the bridge and the 'road' point at an engineered change in the

geography of connectivity across Manipur's hill areas. Territory acquires an administrative meaning when it becomes physically connected - since connectivity enables movement of people, goods, institutions, emergency services and governance itself. Infrastructure is not politically neutral in that sense. It decides how territories function and future political possibilities are predicted. These projects have become central to discussions on the Kuki tribes' demand for a separate administration carved out of Manipur. Since May 2023, some Kuki organisations have said coexistence under the existing administrative arrangement is not possible. So, infrastructure connecting the imagined administrative space acquires significance beyond development due to the simple reason that it serves the areas identified by the proponents of the call to break up Manipur. The projects get an ominous vibe when seen with the so-called "Zalengam Diary", whose authenticity is yet to be independently verified. This diary was said to have been recovered from the designated camp of an armed group under the suspension of operations (SoO) agreement after ethnic violence began in May 2023. Reports say it outlines a long-term strategy from the 1980s for achieving a separate "Kuki homeland", described as "Zalengam", through demographic consolidation, political mobilisation, institutional influence, identity politics, infrastructure development and administrative preparedness.

IS SAUDI ARABIA NOW QUIETLY Switching Sides In US-IRAN WAR?

The recent escalation between the US and Iran has a major actor missing - the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA). Iran pounded US bases in Bahrain and Kuwait and surprisingly even in Oman, the friendliest Gulf countries to Iran and ones where a majority of the mediation between Iran and the US has taken place - not only during the current conflict but decades ago, too. But, conspicuously, Saudi Arabia is not in the picture. Instead, it sent a delegation to the funeral of Iran's late Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who was killed in a joint US-Israel strike (much of the West had stayed away from the funeral), while Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister, Prince Faisal bin Farhan, and the Iranian Foreign Minister, Abbas Araghchi, are regularly speaking to each other. In fact, recent Saudi posturing has been a far cry from the initial days of the war. Soon after the US and Israel launched joint attacks on Iran on February 28, reports appeared that Saudi Arabia had been urging for a war against Iran. To an extent, this was surprising, considering that just a couple of years ago, in 2023, Saudi Arabia had entered a China-brokered "truce" with Iran. The two had reestablished diplomatic ties and even exchanged some high-profile visits. The Many Fears In The Kingdom Yet, it was also true that Iran remained the regional hegemon, and its nuclear and ballistic missiles programme was viewed with deep suspicion across the region. Its proxies, scattered around the region, had chal-



lenged almost all regional powers. In fact, the Saudis had waged a war for almost a decade with one of them - the Houthi militias in Yemen, with which the Kingdom shared a border. The Houthis did not hesitate to target strategic facilities inside the Kingdom, including the facilities at Saudi Aramco. With the war going nowhere, the Saudis were compelled to enter into a ceasefire agreement with the Houthis; it was also partially to extricate themselves from Yemen that the Saudis agreed to enter into an agreement with Iran. Given the fragile balance of power in the region, the Saudis, like a number of other Gulf states, could not have not welcomed a regime change in Iran, and expected Israel and the US to execute their goals. It was thus not surprising when reports emerged that even while calling for cessation of hostilities in public, the Saudis, in private, were rooting for war. Iran, however, changed the equation. Learning From Losses On the eve of war,

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi had made a round of all the Gulf states to drum up support in case of any military intervention by Israel or the US. Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman (MBS) even spoke to Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian over the phone. When war did ultimately break out, Iran hit back hard at the US - at its bases across the Gulf region, including in Saudi Arabia, seriously damaging them, to the extent that the US is now reportedly mulling removing them further away from Iran and relocating them to Israel. Iran targeted not just American military bases, but even strategic facilities like the Ras Tanura Refinery, the East-West Pipeline, the Manifa and Khurais oil Fields, and several other such sites. In using asymmetrical warfare, Iran further closed the Strait of Hormuz within a few days of the war, on March 4, 2026. This was the first time in all its history of conflicts that Iran had taken such a step. A fifth of

the world's oil and gas disappeared from the markets, sending oil prices soaring. The Saudis expelled the Iranian military attaché and covertly hit back at Iran. But what did all of this mean for the Kingdom? Iran's moves were catastrophic for Saudi Arabia. Not only did it bring in millions of dollars of losses, resulting in a first-quarter fiscal deficit, but it simultaneously showed that US defence and security protection was not foolproof. The Saudis had spent billions of dollars on defence deals with the Americans. Just last year, a year into President Donald Trump's second term, the Saudis signed a defence agreement with the US, worth a whopping \$142 billion. Ultimately, however, American bases on Saudi territory turned out to be a liability. Saudi Arabia lost out on energy exports and imports through the Strait of Hormuz. Worse, investor confidence has been dented in its NEOM mega-project, as a number of contracts had to be put on hold.



UK–India Free Trade Agreement Comes into Force; Export Consignment Flagged Off

Bengaluru: The UK–India Free Trade Agreement came into force on Wednesday. Describing it as a landmark development, Large and Medium Industries Minister M. B. Patil said the Agreement is expected to provide a major boost to Karnataka's biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, textiles and garments, marine products, engineering goods and machinery sectors. He added that premium coffee grown in Chikkamagaluru and Kodagu, along with the State's spice industry, would also stand to benefit.

The landmark agreement between India and the United Kingdom was signed on 25 July last year. Patil was speaking at a commemorative gathering organised for industrialists to mark the Agreement coming into force. He urged industry leaders to make the most of



the opportunities created by the Agreement and contribute to Karnataka's industrial growth.

Under the Agreement, 99 per cent of Indian products will gain duty-free access to the UK market. Nearly all the sectors in which Karnataka enjoys a competitive advantage fall within its scope. Patil said the Agreement's

Mode 1 services provisions would significantly benefit Bengaluru's IT industry. He added that several British companies are expected to establish their Global Capability Centres (GCCs) in Bengaluru and Mysuru in the coming years. Besides Bengaluru, Belagavi is also expected to benefit substantially from opportunities in

the aerospace sector.

Patil said the Agreement would reduce UK import tariffs on aerospace products from 11 per cent to zero, on automotive products from 110 per cent to zero, on electrical machinery from 22 per cent to zero, and on medical devices from 13.75 per cent to zero. He added that tariffs on certain other products would also be phased out over the next five to six years. He said exports of oilseeds, black pepper, cardamom, Byadagi and Devanur chillies, millets, flowers, fruits, vegetables, fish, coconut, mango, lemon, jasmine, marigold, premium coffee from Kodagu and Chikkamagaluru, and processed agricultural and food products manufactured in Hassan, Bidar and Bengaluru Urban districts would no longer attract import duties in the UK market.

HCG Cancer Centre, Bengaluru, Performs Life-Saving Surgery on 28-Day-Old Infant with Rare 11.3×9.8 cm Fibrosarcoma

Bengaluru : In a landmark achievement for oncology in orthopedics, HCG Cancer Centre, Bangalore, gave a new lease of life to a 28-day-old baby girl battling Infantile Fibrosarcoma, one of the rarest soft-tissue cancers seen in newborns.

The baby was born at another hospital with a small swelling on her right forearm that grew alarmingly within days into a massive tumour measuring 11.3 cm × 9.8 cm, engulfing her tiny forearm and hand. She had already been evaluated at multiple hospitals, where amputation was suggested as the only option, leaving her parents devastated. But at HCG Cancer Centre Bangalore, a multidisciplinary team of over 14–16 super-specialists, supported by engineers and advanced planning technologies, combined their expertise to deliver a life-saving and limb-preserving treatment worth around Rs.30-35 lakhs.



Knowing the family was struggling financially, the hospital reached out for help, and friends, well-wishers, and the HCG team stepped in, contributing funds and support.

When the baby was brought to HCG, she was in a critical condition, with low haemoglobin, functional compromise of the limb, and a rapidly growing, fungating mass. At HCG Cancer Centre, under the guidance of Dr Pramod S Chinder, Director and Head - Orthopaedic Oncology, along with Dr Sunil Kumar H R, HOD Anaesthetist, and the

plastic and reconstructive surgery team conducted a detailed assessment. The tumour was found to surround major blood vessels and nerves, making the limb extremely fragile and the surgery exceptionally high-risk. Genomic testing revealed an NTRK gene fusion, a rare genetic alteration that drives the rapid growth of cancer, with an incidence of just 0.3 per 100,000 population. Given the complexity and rarity of the case, the HCG team consulted and discussed the treatment strategy with internationally renowned orthopaedic oncolo-

gy experts, Dr Marco Manfrini and Dr Laura Campanacci, distinguished International Faculty from the Rizzoli Orthopaedic Institute, Italy. Their expert inputs helped validate the limb-salvage strategy and staged surgical approach, reinforcing confidence in pursuing a function-preserving plan for the neonate.

Given the baby's fragile physiology and the tumour's extreme vascularity, the treatment was planned as a multi-stage approach over one week, ensuring maximum safety at every step. The process began with a critical preparatory step led by Dr Indu Shekar, Interventional Radiologist, who performed super-selective embolisation by guiding micro-catheters through the newborn's tiny vessels to block the tumour's blood supply. This step was crucial as it prevented catastrophic bleeding and made the subsequent surgery significantly safer.

Bidadi Township Project: Committee Formation is Congress's New Drama – Opposition Leader R. Ashok

Bengaluru : The Congress government, which has not abandoned the Bidadi Township project, has now staged a new drama by forming a committee. Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar is indulging in a sympathy-seeking drama, said Opposition Leader R. Ashok. Addressing a press conference, he said: "BJP and JD(S) have never issued any land acquisition orders. Even Congress had opposed this project earlier."

He added that despite farmers launching a fierce agitation against the Bidadi Township, the government sent police who assaulted them. FIRs mention murder and threats. "Forming a House Committee now for this is ridiculous. Once farmers have clearly said they will not give their land, there was no need for any House Committee. This has been done only to escape the beating stick that is coming during the Assembly session," he said.

On HD Kumaraswamy and previous governments Central Minister H.D.



Kumaraswamy had only proposed the project earlier but had not issued any orders. He had only carried out proceedings. Those making allegations should give proper clarification. Those spreading false propaganda that this is Kumaraswamy's "pet dream project" should produce documents. When Kumaraswamy was Chief Minister, Rule 69 discussion was held in the Assembly on the Bidadi issue. He had then replied that the project would not be implemented against the wishes of farmers. Later, during the Chief

Ministerships of Yediyurappa, Sadananda Gowda, and Jagadish Shettar also, the project was not implemented, Ashok said.

"DLF company had shown interest and deposited Rs.400 crore. The BJP government returned the money. If we had any interest, we would have negotiated with the company and done real estate business. Therefore, there is no role for BJP in this. Later, the Central Government brought in a new land acquisition law. Then Chief Minister

Sadananda Gowda said it needed to be thought over. During Jagadish Shettar's time, a meeting was held on 26/7/2012 and a committee was formed. No acquisition took place. That means no decision was taken during BJP's tenure. Let them clarify whether BJP issued 4(1), 51, or 61 award notices. BJP has done nothing in this matter," he said.

At that time, Congress's regional committee under H.K. Patil's leadership constituted a Fact-Finding Committee. "Those who are now implementing the project should release the report of that committee which they had then demanded. That committee report had clearly stated that this layout should not be done. Siddaramaiah too had opposed the Town Shift project in the Assembly, saying farmers would be cursed and they would commit suicide. D.K. Shivakumar had said in the Assembly that this is his district and bringing the project would be an insult to farmers," Ashok recalled.

With One Month To Go, India's FIH Hockey World Cup preparations enter final phase

New Delhi : With just a month left before the FIH Hockey World Cup Belgium and Netherlands 2026 begins, excitement is building as the Indian Men's and Women's Teams intensify their preparations at the national coaching camps currently in progress at the Sports Authority of India (SAI) Centre in Bengaluru.

The prestigious tournament, scheduled to be held from 15 to 30 August, will for the first time see both men's and women's editions being held simultaneously at the same venues.

The Indian Men's Team heads into the World Cup with renewed confidence following encouraging performances during the Rotterdam and London legs of the FIH Hockey Pro League, where they defeated reigning world champions Germany and Paris Olympics gold medalists Netherlands, in addition to victories against Pakistan and a strong showing against England. "The players have



come into the camp fresh (after a break following the Pro League tour of Europe), and you can see it in the energy on the pitch. The sessions have been sharp and competitive, with everyone eager to be back together," said the Indian Men's Hockey Team's Chief Coach, Craig Fulton. "The first few days had been about getting the legs moving again, re-establishing our standards and now we are gradually building the intensity as we prepare for the World Cup."

The Indian Men's Team, champions of the 1975 edition, has been drawn in Pool D alongside England, Pakistan and Wales, with their campaign beginning against Wales on 15 August, followed by the match against England on 17 August and against Pakistan on 19 August.

The match against England, one of the in-form teams currently, promises to be a stern test. Recent battles between the two teams, including at the just-concluded FIH Pro League,

have been close. Having said that, the clash against arch-rivals Pakistan remains the marquee fixture of the first phase of the tournament.

"We're doing strong conditioning work early in the week to build our physical base, before moving into more tactical, unit-based sessions as the week progresses," said Fulton. "We're also doing a lot of small-sided games to keep decision-making sharp under fatigue, alongside daily video reviews to reinforce learning and specific work on our press and counter. It's about improving what we're already good at and continuing to build on those strengths."

The Indian Women's Team, meanwhile, will enter the World Cup on the back of an emphatic campaign at the FIH Nations Cup, where they lifted the trophy with an unbeaten run in the tournament. It gives the team valuable momentum heading into the big tournament.

Karnataka Secures Rs.2,821 Crore Textile Investment Commitments at Bharat Tex 2026



NEW DELHI : Karnataka has secured investment commitments worth Rs.2,821 crore through the signing of 12 Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) at Bharat Tex 2026, paving the way for the creation of 11,020 employment opportunities across the State's textile and apparel sector.

The investments span spinning, apparel manufacturing, textile processing, technical textiles, medical textiles, hygiene products and integrated textile parks, covering districts including Kalaburagi, Chitradurga, Ramanagara, Mysuru, Chamaraajanagara, Udupi, Dakshina Kannada, Chikkaballapura and Kolar. The MoUs were facilitated during the "Investment Opportunities in Karnataka & MoU Signing" session at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, chaired by Smt. Rohini

Sindhuri, IAS, Secretary to Government, Commerce & Industries Department, along with A.B. Basavaraju, IAS, Commissioner for Textile Development and Director of Handlooms & Textiles.

Addressing leading textile manufacturers, exporters, investors and industry leaders, Rohini Sindhuri said Karnataka is rapidly emerging as India's most preferred destination for textile and apparel investments, supported by progressive policies, world-class infrastructure and a complete "Fiber to Fashion" ecosystem. "Karnataka is not merely the garment capital of India. We are a complete Fiber to Fashion ecosystem where tradition, technology, sustainability and manufacturing excellence come together. We invite investors from across India and the world to partner in Karnataka's

next phase of industrial growth," she said.

She highlighted that the proposed Karnataka Textile & Apparel Policy 2026-2031, being formulated under the leadership of Chief Minister Shri D.K. Shivakumar, aims to attract Rs.20,000 crore in investments and create five lakh employment opportunities over the next five years, with special emphasis on Kalyana Karnataka and Tier-II and Tier-III cities.

The proposed policy focuses on creating one of India's most investor-friendly textile ecosystems through single-window clearances, fast-track approvals, plug-and-play industrial infrastructure, targeted incentives, skill development, innovation partnerships and sustainable manufacturing practices.

Rohini Sindhuri said Karnataka already contributes nearly 20 per cent of India's garment production, 12 per cent of garment exports valued at around USD 2.7 billion, and 43 per cent of the country's mulberry silk production, making it one of India's strongest textile manufacturing hubs.

BJP to Intensify Protest Against "Anti-Farmer" Congress Government: B.Y. Vijayendra

Ballari: BJP State President and MLA B.Y. Vijayendra alleged that the Congress government in the state is running an administration that is anti-poor and anti-farmer. Speaking at a press conference held in Ballari.

he criticized the Chief Minister, stating that the CM prioritizes real estate over farmers.

He alleged that during D.K. Shivakumar's tenure as Irrigation Minister, it took 24 months to repair the crest gates of the Tungabhadra Dam, causing immense losses to farmers who were unable to grow a second crop. However, within 24 hours of becoming the Chief Minister, he issued an order related to the Bidadi Township. Vijayendra charged. He noted that farmers are protesting because the Bidadi Township project is forcing them to lose fertile agricultural land. He blamed the "anti-farmer" Chief Minister and the Congress government for creating a situation where farmers and women are forced to protest holding brooms.

Urging the Chief Minister not to play with the lives of farmers and to take decisions in their favor, he demanded the immediate withdrawal of cases registered against the farmers and leaders of various organizations protesting against the Bidadi Township. He also demanded an immediate end to the government's high-handedness against farmers.



Vijayendra announced that on July 17, BJP MLAs, MPs, former MLAs, and former MPs will stage a day-long sit-in protest from morning to evening at Freedom Park in Bengaluru, demanding the withdrawal of cases against farmers and the scrapping of the Bidadi Township project.

Government Completely Fails in Drought Management

Regarding the drought situation, Vijayendra mentioned that the Chief Minister wrote a letter to the Prime Minister stating that there is a severe drought in the state and requesting the central government to send a team of officials to inspect. He expressed sur-

prise that despite such a serious situation, the Chief Minister and ministers have not toured the affected districts.

"Is President's rule in place in Karnataka?" he questioned, calling it highly unfortunate that the state does not even have a full-time Agriculture Minister during such a severe crisis like a drought.

He pointed out that due to the lack of rainfall in Ballari, Koppal, Vijayanagara, Raichur, Kalaburagi, and Bidar districts, the sown crops have not even germinated. Demanding that the government stop playing with the lives of farmers and respond immediately to their distress, he

urged the state to declare a compensation of Rs.50,000 per acre.

Sarcasm Over Cabinet Expansion

Referring to the discussions surrounding the state cabinet expansion, Vijayendra took a sarcastic jibe, noting that MLAs aspiring for ministerial posts are heading towards Delhi. However, he mentioned reports that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has instructed everyone not to visit for three days as he is resting after a 15-20 day tour.

Joint BJP-JDS Struggle in the Assembly Session

Reiterating the demand for the immediate appointment of an Agriculture Minister and calling on the government to address farmers' grievances during the drought, Vijayendra announced that the BJP and JDS jointly fight against the government's anti-farmer policies in the upcoming legislature session starting August 6. Issues such as the Bidadi Township project, the burning problems of North Karnataka, and the plight of farmers in the Cauvery basin will be raised during the session. He stated that it is incorrect for the government to release water to Tamil Nadu at a time when Cauvery basin farmers are out on the streets and there is a shortage of drinking water for cattle. He urged the government to take a stand that protects the interests of the state's farmers.

Ryots lay siege to Amaravathi dam over drinking water release



COIMBATORE: Farmers from the old and new ayacut irrigation regions in Tirupur district on Wednesday laid siege to the Amaravathi Dam, demanding that the state government withdraw its order to release water from the reservoir for drinking water supply and instead allocate it to save standing crops affected by acute water scarcity.

The protest comes as the storage in the 90-foot-high dam has fallen to 50 feet following a deficit in the southwest monsoon. Despite poor inflows, the State ordered the release of water from July 15 to July 21, at a rate not exceeding 414 cubic feet per second, exclusively to meet the drinking water requirements of people in Tirupur.

Opposing the decision, the farmers said nearly 5,000 acres of sugarcane crop had already withered, while coconut plantations were under severe stress. They argued that releasing water under the present conditions would reduce the reservoir level to below 30 feet, making it impossible to supply water for irrigation. They also pointed out that water had already been released on June 19 for the Dharapuram Drinking Water Scheme and contended that the reservoir should not be tapped again for drinking water.

Following nearly three hours of protest, officials from the revenue and water resources departments assured the farmers that water would not be released from the dam immediately and that their demands would be considered. The farmers then called off the agitation. The Amaravathi Dam irrigates 54,637 acres of farmland across Tirupur and Karur districts, including 29,387 acres under the old ayacut system and 25,250 acres under the new ayacut system.

TN govt official sought a bribe? Report it on this WhatsApp number



CHENNAI: Members of the public can now report bribery complaints to the Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption (DVAC) through its WhatsApp number 94981 80936, as the Tamil Nadu government has directed all government offices to prominently display the anti-bribery helpline and awareness message at visible locations across the state.

The Chief Secretary has instructed all government departments, district collectors, local bodies and public sector undertakings to prominently display bilingual (Tamil and English) notice boards carrying the slogan, "Bribe giving and receiving is an offence," along with the contact details of the DVAC. The instructions reiterate earlier government orders and call for strict compliance.

The government has also directed all departments to display the same anti-corruption message on their official websites, with a link to the DVAC portal. Heads of departments have been asked to issue similar instructions to boards, corporations, local bodies and public sector undertakings under their administrative control. The notice boards will carry the DVAC's address, telephone numbers, WhatsApp number, fax number and email ID to enable the public to report corruption. Further, the Inspection Wings and Inspection Cells in district collectorates have been directed to verify during inspections whether the anti-bribery notice boards have been installed and whether the government's instructions are being implemented properly.

Class 12 Vellore student kills self after parents scold her over birthday celebrations

CHENNAI (TSIT): A Class 12 student allegedly died by suicide at her residence near Pallikonda in Vellore district, police said. An investigation is under way to ascertain the circumstances



that led to the incident. According to a Daily Thanthi report, the deceased, Kaviya, was a resident of Iraivankadu near Pallikonda. She was studying in Class 12 at the Government Girls Higher Secondary School in Poigai. According to police, Kaviya had celebrated her birthday a day earlier by distributing sweets to her friends at various places. Later, she was allegedly reprimanded by her parents over the celebrations and stayed back at home the following day while the rest of the family had gone out.

Sleep, once effortless in youth



New Delhi: Sleep, once effortless in youth, is increasingly becoming a struggle for young adults across cities. Long nights and irregular schedules that were once manageable are now leaving many in their twenties exhausted, anxious and dependent on caffeine to function. Doctors report a rise in young professionals experiencing fatigue, brain fog, irritability and mood disturbances directly linked to poor sleep. Insomnia is no longer confined to older age groups. It is emerging as a defining lifestyle issue for a generation navigating constant stimulation and irregular routines.

According to Partap Chauhan, Director of Jiva Ayurveda, the roots of the crisis extend beyond long work hours. "Sleep is not simply about closing your eyes. It reflects how balanced your body rhythms and nervous system are. When daily routines become irregular, the body loses its natural ability to switch off," he explains.

From an Ayurvedic perspective, sleep disturbances signal internal imbalance rather than a standalone disorder. Dr Chauhan notes that excessive mental activity, irregular meals, frequent travel and late-night habits aggravate vata dosha, leading to restlessness and fragmented sleep. Unlike physical exhaustion that once ensured deep rest, mental overstimulation now keeps the nervous system alert

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even when the body feels tired.

Technology has further disrupted natural sleep cycles. Exposure to artificial light at night suppresses melatonin, the hormone that regulates sleep. Scrolling through phones in bed, working late under bright screens or streaming content signals to the brain that it is still daytime. "Your body relies on predictable rhythms," Dr Chauhan says. "When meal times, sleep schedules and activ-

ity patterns constantly change, digestion weakens and the nervous system remains active. Over time, insomnia becomes chronic." Late heavy dinners or skipping meals add to the disruption, as digestion and sleep quality are closely linked in Ayurveda.

Quick fixes such as sleeping pills or alcohol may induce temporary sedation, but experts warn that sedation does not equal restorative sleep. "True sleep repairs tissues and calms the nervous system. Artificial sleep may reduce awareness but does not necessarily heal the body," he adds.

Prolonged sleep disruption can affect immunity, hormonal balance, metabolism and emotional wellbeing. Experts recommend consistency rather than drastic changes. Simple evening rituals such as reading, meditation or gentle oil massage can calm the mind naturally. Reducing screen exposure at night, sipping warm herbal drinks and practising mindful breathing can help signal the body that it is time to rest. While occasional sleepless nights are common, chronic insomnia should not be ignored. Persistent fatigue, irritability, repeated awakenings and dependence on stimulants may indicate deeper issues such as anxiety, hormonal imbalance or digestive disturbances. Early consultation with professionals can prevent the condition from escalating.

Horse-trading unacceptable, says ally CPM's leader P Shanmugam after meeting CM Vijay

CHENNAI: CPM Tamil Nadu State Secretary P Shanmugam on Wednesday said horse-trading in politics was unacceptable irrespective of which party was involved, and asserted that MLAs switching parties soon after being elected was against democratic principles. He also said the party was yet to decide whether it would contest the upcoming local body elections independently or as part of an alliance.

During a press briefing after meeting Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay at the Secretariat, Shanmugam said the CPM had submitted a memorandum on issues including inam lands,



implementation of the Forest Rights Act, renaming a village in Virudhunagar district, the Salem drinking water distribution contract, and the custodial death in Nagercoil.

Welcoming the government's recent order on inam lands, he urged

the State to constitute a separate commission to resolve similar issues across Tamil Nadu. He also appealed to the government to move the Supreme Court against the eviction of forest dwellers and ensure full implementation of the Forest Rights Act, 2006.

MLAs elected by the people should not resign and switch parties within a few days. P Shanmugam, CPM state secretary On the alleged horse-trading of MLAs, he said, "Whoever indulges in horse-trading, it is condemnable. Whether it is the DMK, TVK or any other party, we do not accept it. MLAs elected by the people should not resign and switch parties within a few days." Replying to a question on the local body elections, Shanmugam said the Left parties had not yet taken a decision on contesting alone or in alliance and that the issue would be discussed jointly before a final decision was taken.

Whey protein: Benefits, drawbacks, myths and safety tips you should know

Mumbai, Jan 30: Whey protein is widely regarded as one of the best-quality protein supplements available, as it contains a complete range of essential amino acids that are absorbed quickly by the body. Derived from the liquid part of milk that separates during cheese production, whey is a complete protein, meaning it provides all nine essential amino acids which the body cannot produce on its own. Whey protein is commonly available in three forms — concentrate, isolate and hydrolysate. Whey protein concentrate contains about 70 to 80 per cent protein along with small amounts of fats and carbohydrates. Whey protein isolate offers a higher protein content of 90 per cent or more, with most fats and carbs removed, making it a preferred choice for those watching calorie intake. Whey protein hydrolysate is a pre-digested form that is easier for the body to absorb and is often used in medical nutrition supplements.

One of the major benefits of whey protein is its role in muscle growth and recovery. It is rich in Branched-Chain Amino Acids (BCAAs), especially leucine, which supports muscle protein synthesis and helps athletes and fitness enthusiasts recover faster after workouts. Whey protein can also support



weight management by increasing satiety, which may reduce overall calorie intake and help in weight loss or maintenance.

Apart from fitness benefits, whey protein also provides nutritional support by supplying essential amino acids needed for body repair and immunity. It contains precursors to glutathione, one of the body's key antioxidants. Another advantage is convenience, as it can be easily mixed into shakes, smoothies or added to food. Since whey is digested faster than many whole-food protein sources, it delivers amino acids to the muscles within 30 to 60 minutes, making it particularly useful after exercise.

However, experts caution that whey protein may not suit

everyone. People with lactose intolerance may experience digestive issues such as bloating, gas or discomfort, especially with whey concentrate, which contains more lactose. Individuals with milk allergies may also face adverse reactions. Overconsumption of protein can lead to dehydration and may strain the kidneys, particularly in those with existing kidney problems. Some flavoured protein powders may contain added sugars and extra calories, which can counter weight-loss goals. Certain users have also reported acne breakouts, possibly linked to hormonal responses associated with dairy proteins. Whey protein may also interfere with some medications and antibiotics, and users are

advised to consult a healthcare professional if they are on long-term medication.

There are also several myths surrounding whey protein. Many believe that consuming whey automatically leads to excessive muscle gain, but muscle growth depends on factors such as training, overall diet and genetics. Another common misconception is that whey protein is only meant for bodybuilders, whereas it can be useful for older adults to maintain muscle mass, individuals recovering from illness, or anyone needing a convenient protein source. It is also important to note that all protein powders are not the same, as quality varies based on source, processing methods and purity.

Health experts recommend consuming whey protein within 30 minutes after workouts to optimise recovery. Protein intake should be balanced throughout the day, and while whey can be a helpful supplement, it should not replace whole-food protein sources entirely. Adequate hydration is essential when increasing protein intake. With the supplement market flooded with products of varying quality, choosing trusted brands with clear ingredient lists and quality testing is crucial. When used responsibly, whey protein can be an effective addition to a balanced diet, supporting muscle recovery.

Strait of Hormuz 'faultline' exposes weakness of the US-Iran deal

The fragile "no war, no peace" situation since the US and Iran signed a tentative deal last month now seems to have tipped into war. This on-again off-again truce could again wobble back into life through the efforts of increasingly exasperated Arab and Pakistani mediators, and the preference of both sides to avoid a return to a drawn out, all-out war. But its biggest fault line is the status of the strategic Strait of Hormuz - and Iran is again making it clear that its control over this vital maritime corridor is a big, bright red line that neither military, economic nor diplomatic pressure can break. "We told you: keep your word or pay the price," is how Iran's lead negotiator Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf recently phrased it on social media, quoting the agreement. Tehran has found backing for that word in the very vague details of the deal - known as a memorandum of understanding - which was



drafted in haste in June. It has been understood differently by both sides from the start. Iran sees in point five of the 14-point plan a green light, which gives it sway over the management of this critical maritime corridor. Point five reads: "The Islamic Republic of Iran will make arrangements using its best efforts for the safe passage of commercial vessels." The US reads that as saying Tehran has to open this strategic strait to the free flow of global oil and gas supplies, along with other vital commodities, including ingredients to produce fer-

tiliser. "You can drive a truck through those clauses," an Arab oil executive working in the region said. While the new leadership, which emerged in Tehran from weeks of all-out war and waves of US-Israeli assassinations, appears to be aligned on their broad strategic vision for this new chapter of the Islamic Republic, there are clear and growing signs of splits over how to move forward. "Some want to cash in on battlefield gains through diplomacy and some believe the ceasefire came too soon before Iran had inflicted enough pain on the

US," assesses Robert Malley of the International Crisis Group, who was part of the US delegation that negotiated the landmark 2015 nuclear deal US President Donald Trump pulled out of in his first term. Recent Iranian attacks on three vessels including a Qatari-flagged liquefied natural gas tanker, moving through a shipping corridor close to Oman's coastline to the south, were described by a diplomatic source in the region as the work of a "rogue unit" within the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC). In a system where the IRGC now plays a dominant role, Iran's non-negotiable red line is that vessels must now stick to its designated routes. Last night, far from the thunder of this escalation, its parliament quietly introduced a new bill to manage the strait called the Strategic Action for the Security and Sustainable Progress of the Strait of Hormuz and the Persian Gulf.

From Wimbledon towels to Scotch: What India-UK trade deal could mean for shoppers

In the offices of Welspun Living, the Indian company that makes championship towels for Wimbledon, preparations have been gathering pace to take full benefit of the India-UK free trade agreement (FTA) that came into effect on Wednesday. The home textile manufacturing giant, among India's largest, supplies bed-sheets and towels to several major British high-street retailers. "Many of these brands have been in India in recent weeks to chart a business roadmap for the next few years. We typically did joint forward planning only for our US customers, but now, with the deal, it's happening with UK clients too," Dipali Goenka, CEO of Welspun Living, told the BBC. The FTA between the world's fifth and sixth largest economies removes or reduces tariffs on 98% of Indian exports to the UK and 90% of UK imports into India. The British government has called it "the UK's biggest and most economically significant bilateral trade pact" since leaving the EU, with its GDP estimated to increase by 0.13%, equivalent to £4.8bn (\$6.4bn),



and India's by 0.06%, or £5.1bn per year in the long run because of the deal. Labour-heavy sectors like textiles, garments, footwear, cars and marine products are counting on the agreement's implementation to spur business growth. "I'm expecting our exports to the UK to now grow in double digits," Goenka said. She adds that India was at a disadvantage to countries like Bangladesh and Pakistan because their exports entered

the UK duty-free through the Developing Countries Trading Scheme (DCTS), while India paid 12% tariffs. But that will now change. "If you look at just home textiles, Pakistan's share of UK exports are at around 55%, whereas India's is just 6-7%. That's the gap we can finally cover." The pact could also be a tipping point for British alcohol and spirits companies. The reduction of customs duties on Scotch whisky from 150% to 75% immediately and then

gradually to 40% over 10 years is a "real shift, not a small tweak", says Avneet Singh of Modern Drinks Pvt Ltd, an import house based in the capital Delhi. How much this boosts imports will become clearer in the coming months, says Singh, though he sees momentum building ahead of the new terms of trade taking effect. "The focus has been on getting the operational side ready. That means working closely with UK suppliers to ensure certificates of origin and other trade documentation are in place, reviewing customs and compliance requirements, and co-ordinating with logistics and clearing partners so shipments can benefit from the revised tariff structure from day one," Singh said. So far, it's been a period of "careful preparation rather than rapid expansion", he says. Bigger changes will come once businesses see the actual savings on imported goods. Beyond these few pockets of the industry though, the overall impact of the deal could be "incremental rather than transformational", according to trade experts.

West Asia Tensions and El Niño Risks May Keep Markets Volatile; PL Capital Raises NIFTY Target to 27,019

Mumbai, July 15, 2026: PL Capital, one of India's most trusted financial services organisations, in its latest India Strategy Report titled "West Asia Crisis, El Niño can play a spoil sport", believes that while India's structural growth story remains firmly intact, the domestic economy continues to face near-term risks from geopolitical uncertainty, weather-related disruptions and inflationary pressures. Despite these challenges, improving domestic demand, easing crude oil prices and attractive market valuations continue to provide support to the broader equity market. According to report, the NIFTY Index has witnessed gains of nearly 7.3% in the past two months and 8% from 52-week lows on the back of easing crude oil prices, temporary ceasefire in West Asia, and robust economic performance in India. Credit growth has picked up to 17%, indicating solid demand in sectors such as retail, services, agriculture, and industry, while policies of the Indian government have insulated the economy from global disruption in supply chain and commodity prices. Taking into consideration the improvement in the macroeconomic environment and valuations, PL Capital has raised its one-year NIFTY target to 27,019 from 26,449 before. The company estimates the value of the index at 10% discount to its average 15-year price-to-earnings ratio for FY28 earnings. Despite the rally in the market, which has raised valuations, the NIFTY is trading at a discount of 11.7% to its historical average.



However, report notes that there is an indication that earnings expectation is still under pressure. Earnings expectations for FY27 and FY28 NIFTY have been reduced by 0.9% and 0.4% respectively by PL Capital with their forecast still lower than the overall market expectation. The research firm believes that there could be additional earnings reduction should any adverse geopolitical developments and weather situations negatively affect consumption and earnings of firms. Corporate Earnings in the first quarter of FY27 has generally remained solid amid global uncertainty. Earnings after taxes excluding the oil and gas sector is expected to be up 14% YoY due to good demand in Banks/NBFC, consumer durable, hospitals, metals, renewable and engineering services. Demand for weddings and festivals has generally been strong despite higher prices of gold while good summer demand has resulted in increased sales of air conditioners, beverages and others. Rural demand has remained stable although its sustainability would largely be determined by monsoon

progress. The report also mentions that increased input costs continue to be a major worry, as seen by margin pressures in various sectors. Increased food costs, crude cost increases and disruption in logistics are likely to gradually translate into higher inflation over the second half of FY27. Inflation, despite remaining moderate, is anticipated to increase on account of an unfavourable base effect as well as the growing likelihood of Super El Niño phenomenon in the current monsoon season. Monsoon situation, yet again, continues to be one of the major concerns. While deficit rainfall has reduced from about 40% in June to about 21% currently, unevenness of rainfall persists throughout the country. Sowing in Kharif crops has been almost 21% lower this year compared to last year in crops such as oilseeds, pulses and cotton. If such deficits continue to prevail for the rest of the monsoon period, then agricultural production as well as food inflation would come under pressure. Moreover, the report adds that geopolitical factors will continue to shape the macroeconomic dynam-

ics of India as well. Although reduced oil prices have brought some reprieve for India, there may still be disruptions in global supply chains and commodity prices if tensions escalate in West Asia. Higher spending by the government on subsidies, along with weather issues, may cause further problems for the government's finances, although record dividend payments from the RBI, buoyant GST revenues, and strong industrial production will continue to aid the economy. In terms of monetary policy, PL Capital feels that liquidity in the country will see even more improvement with the FCNR bonds issue planned. However, with higher inflation in food and fuel prices, an interest rate hiking cycle may become unavoidable in the second half of FY27. From the sectorial point of view, PL Capital has a positive outlook on the Banking, NBFCs, Capital Goods, Defense, Telecommunication, Jewellery, Hospitals and Consumer Durables segments based on the favourable trends in domestic demand, infrastructure investment, manufacturing prospects, and credit growth. However, the brokerage is cautious on Auto, Consumer, IT Services, Cement, Chemicals and Oil & Gas companies. Commenting on the report, Mr. Amnish Aggarwal, Co-Head Institutional Equities, PL Capital, said, "India has been showing resilience in the face of an uncertain external environment.

Need LPG cylinder in 10 minutes? Swiggy Instamart says yes

Bengaluru: Quick commerce platform Swiggy Instamart said on Wednesday, July 15, that it has partnered with Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) to roll out on-demand delivery of LPG cylinders, billed as the country's first such service on a quick commerce platform. The service has gone live in its first phase in Bengaluru, allowing consumers to order cooking gas cylinders on the Instamart app for delivery within minutes, the companies said. Unlike conventional LPG bookings, buyers do not need to hold an existing domestic gas connection to place an order. The launch also marks the commercial debut of HP Navya, HPCL's new 10-kg composite cylinder with a translucent body that lets users see how much gas is left. A standard 5-kg metal cylinder will also be available on the platform, the companies said. "Instamart has expanded its consumption use cases well beyond groceries. With HPCL, we are extending that convenience to an essential household service, bringing LPG onto Instamart while adhering to safety and reliability benchmarks," Instamart chief executive officer (CEO) Amitesh Jha



said in a press release. Existing distributor network to handle deliveries Given the safety-sensitive nature of LPG transportation, the companies said the service has been built around HPCL's existing network of authorised distributors rather than Instamart's own delivery fleet. Orders placed on the app will be routed to local HPCL distributors, with the physical delivery carried out only by certified distributor personnel. First-time orders will be treated as fresh cylinder connections, requiring identity verification and proof-of-delivery documentation, the companies said. Subsequent orders will follow a direct swap system, under which the empty cylinder is exchanged for a

new one at the time of delivery. Who Can Order It? One of the biggest highlights is that you don't need an existing domestic LPG connection to buy it. That means students, people living on rent, young professionals, and smaller households can easily order a cylinder whenever they need one. The process is as simple as ordering groceries. Just open the Instamart app, select the cylinder you want, add it to your cart and place the order. If you're buying it for the first time, you'll receive a new cylinder after completing an ID verification. For future orders, simply hand over your empty HPCL cylinder when the new one arrives, and it will be treated as a refill.

Centre clears RS 1.27 lakh crore Semicon 2.0 to boost chipmaking

New Delhi: After the success of the 'Semicon 1' initiative, the Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Wednesday, July 15, approved the 'Semicon 2.0' scheme for the development of a domestic semiconductor design and manufacturing ecosystem, with a total budget outlay of Rs 1,27,500 crore. To date, 12 manufacturing units have been approved with a cumulative investment of over Rs 1.64 lakh crore. These include one silicon fab, one silicon carbide fab, an integrated gallium nitride micro LED display fab and nine packaging units, expected to cater to chip requirements of sectors such as consumer appliances, industrial electronics, automobiles, power electronics, telecommunications, aerospace, etc. Out of the 12 approved proposals, three companies — Micron, Kaynes and CG Semi — have started commercial production and one more is expected to start in 2026. Moreover, 24 semiconductor design projects from start-ups and MSMEs have



been approved for financial support, while 105 star-ups/MSMEs have been granted access to industry-standard Electronic Design Automation (EDA) tools. Recognising the requirement to build on the momentum generated under Semicon 1.0, Semicon 2.0 aims to further the government's commitment towards putting our country on the semiconductor map of the world, according to a Cabinet communique. Semicon 2.0 is aimed at building the semiconductor ecosystem on six pillars. It will build upon the initial success in chip design. With 105 startups already started developing chips, the focus is on deepening

the design ecosystem. Under Semicon 2.0, the aim is to develop IPs and designs of chips and systems with this approach, the communique said. The second pillar is 'Machines and materials.' Companies involved in the manufacturing and R&D of the machines and manufacturing of materials, chemicals and gases that are essential for manufacturing semiconductor will be incentivised. "This will lay the foundation for the sustainable growth of the semiconductor industry. This will also help in developing the precision manufacturing industry in our country," according to the Cabinet communique.

HYDERABAD HOME REGISTRATIONS DIP 13 PC IN JUNE: KNIGHT FRANK



Hyderabad: Residential property registrations in Hyderabad fell 13 per cent year-on-year in June to 5,560 units, as a surge of bookings ahead of a revision in guidance values moderated after being pulled forward to May, according to Knight Frank India. The value of homes registered during the month stood at Rs 4,148 crore, down 10 per cent year-on-year (YoY) and 30 per cent from May, the property consultancy said in a report released on Wednesday, July 15. The decline followed unusually high registrations in May, as buyers rushed to close deals before the revised guidance values kicked in from June 5. For the January-June period, how-

ever, Hyderabad's residential market held firm, with registrations rising 5 per cent YoY to 37,992 units and their value up 6 per cent to Rs 26,400 crore. Premium homes hold value Knight Frank said the June slowdown was broad-based, with registrations across all ticket sizes declining between 12 per cent and 14 per cent YoY. Even so, homes priced above Rs 1 crore accounted for 22 per cent of registrations but 52 per cent of transaction value, reflecting continued demand at the premium end. District-wise, Rangareddy accounted for 49 per cent of June registrations, followed by Medchal-Malkajgiri at 38 per cent and Hyderabad district at 13 per cent.

ASUS STRENGTHENS PAN INDIA RETAIL STRATEGY WITH THE LAUNCH OF NEW EXCLUSIVE STORE IN GUNTUR



Guntur, July 2026: As a step towards strengthening the brand's retail footprint across the country, ASUS India, Taiwanese tech giant today announced the launch of its new exclusive store in Guntur. The new exclusive store is spread across 280 sq. ft. and is set to host an extensive range of electronics and computer hardware, including the ASUS flagship consumer products such as Vivobook, Zenbook, Republic of Gamers (ROG) laptops, Gaming Desktops, All-in-One Desktops, and accessories. This is the

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brand's 9th exclusive store located in Telangana. Talking about the expansion, Jignesh Bhavsar, National Sales Manager –

Consumer PC & Gaming Business, ASUS India, said, "We are delighted to announce the expansion of our retail footprint in India. Telangana, being a vital market for us, the inauguration of the new brand store in the city Guntur will play a pivotal step towards empowering consumers across different regions of the country with a unique experience of our latest innovation. With a strategic retail expansion approach, we will continue to create more interaction and new touchpoints for our users."

TRUMP RETREAT OVER HORMUZ TOLLS SUGGESTS HE IS STRUGGLING TO END IRAN WAR



Donald Trump's latest Iran war demand lasted all of 24 hours and suggests a president searching for unorthodox ways out of a difficult position. On Monday morning, in a social media post announcing the resumption of an American naval blockade on Iranian shipping, he said that all vessels transiting the Strait of Hormuz - including those of US allies - must pay a 20% fee to reimburse the US "for any and all costs necessary to do the job of providing safety and security to this very volatile section of the world". The following day, he abandoned that proposal completely, offering instead that he would strike "trade and investment deals" with America's Gulf allies, implying the US would offer them safe passage through the Strait in return. The abrupt about-face was the latest twist in a conflict that has now last-

ed more than four months and, despite a month old "memorandum of understanding" that secured a temporary ceasefire and set up a framework for negotiations, shows no sign of ending. Trump may be reluctant to escalate the war given its continued unpopularity, the likelihood of rising energy prices and the risks associated with American forces and allies once again coming under Iranian attack. He might find the prospect of ending the conflict without reaching an agreement he can claim is better than the one Barack Obama's administration negotiated in 2015 also distasteful, however. "I think the most likely ending is a non-ending," Rosemary Kelanic, Director of the Middle East program at Defense Priorities, said. "This has turned into a war of attrition, and wars of attrition tend to go on for a long, long period of time."



■ Celebrations as Gibraltar-Spain border fence removed

IRAN THREATENS TO BLOCK MORE TRADE ROUTES AS US LAUNCHES FRESH STRIKES

Iran has threatened to block further trading routes in the region, as the US launched a fresh wave of strikes on military targets. Iran's Revolutionary Guards said the Strait of Hormuz would remain shut until the US ended its "acts of aggression". They also threatened to close off other regional oil and gas export channels. The warning came as the US military's Central Command (Centcom) said it had carried out drone, air and navy strikes on Iran on Wednesday morning, following another seven-hour operation overnight. Fresh hostilities between the US and Iran in recent days have served to underscore the strategic importance of the Strait to the global economy. The renewed attacks have also triggered a sharp rise in oil prices, as tanker traffic



through the vital shipping route has virtually stalled. Wednesday morning's strikes "further degraded Iran's ability to attack commercial shipping in the Strait of Hormuz", Centcom said in a statement. A 90-minute wave was used to target Iran's coastal defences and cruise missile storage and launch sites on Greater Tunb Island, the Centcom officials added. On Tuesday, US President Donald Trump

"massive" trade and investment deals with Gulf states. A previous threat by Trump to bomb Iran's civilian infrastructure, which was made in April, drew condemnation at the time from UN human rights chief Volker Türk, who said: "Under international law, deliberately attacking civilians and civilian infrastructure is a war crime." A renewed US blockade on Iranian ports was imposed on Tuesday evening, which stops vessels from transiting to and from Iranian ports and coastal areas. The blockade had previously been lifted as part of a deal that was struck by the two countries last month - known as a memorandum of understanding - that aimed to end the months-conflict. However, a dispute over the strait has become a key point of contention.

SPECIAL POLICE TEAM TO INVESTIGATE KILLING OF AN ANTI-MIGRANT LEADER IN SOUTH AFRICA



A special police team has begun investigating the killing of a provincial leader of an anti-migrant group in South Africa. Police confirmed that Andile Mvuyelwa Somgxada, the Gauteng province leader of March and March, was shot outside his home east of Johannesburg earlier this month and died several days later in hospital. "It's a retaliation," March and March spokesperson Sandile Dube told the BBC, explaining how the movement believed he was targeted because of its campaign to get undocumented migrants to leave the country. He said other leaders of March and March, which has been organising anti-migrant demonstrations across the country, had recently received warnings or death threats. "This seems like an orchestrated hitman type of killing," Dube told the BBC's Newsday programme, urging the authorities to get to the bottom of the matter and the intimidation the organisation was facing. Acting police chief Lt Gen Puleng Dimpane has announced a multidisciplinary team to investigate the shooting, which he said underscored the seriousness with which the service was treating the case. "We are committed to conducting a thorough investigation to establish the circumstances surrounding this murder and to ensure accountability," he said in statement on Tuesday evening. Immigration - especially undocumented

migration - has become a highly contentious political issue in South Africa, with protesters accusing them of placing pressure on public services, as well as being involved in crime. March and March had set an unofficial deadline of 30 June for all migrants without papers to leave the country. Protesters have promised to stage weekly marches until their demands are met. The South African government has said more than 53,000 foreign nationals have been deported or repatriated since it launched a "migration management" campaign five weeks ago. Xenophobia has long been an issue in South Africa, which is Africa's wealthiest nation and has long attracted migrants searching for better economic opportunities. It has sometimes led to violence - and this current round of demonstrations has seen violence, intimidation and looting. On Tuesday, five people were arrested in Limpopo province for allegedly impersonating immigration officers and unlawfully demanding foreign nationals leave the country. The police said the incident involved a Nigerian national - who was legally in South Africa - being intimidated and forced to close his business by the suspects. Lt Gen Dimpane issued a "stern warning" to those who "continue to intimidate, harass and perpetrate violence against foreign nationals". "The law applies equally to everyone," he said.

Italy's Meloni suffers surprise setback in close vote on electoral reform

Italy's Giorgia Meloni coalition government has lost a crucial vote on an amendment to electoral reform - a significant setback ahead of next year's general election. In a secret ballot in Italy's lower house of parliament on Wednesday evening, MPs rejected a proposal spearheaded by her party, Brothers of Italy (FdiI), by 188 votes to 187 - indicating that several of Meloni's MPs voted against the amendment. In an angry post on social media after the vote, she said the result had been "a missed opportunity for Italians". "The opposition celebrating as if they had won the World Cup, for preventing citizens from choosing their parliamentarians says it all," she added, referencing jubilant scenes in parliament by opposition parties. Meloni did not address calls from the opposition to resign and bring forward the general election, currently planned for autumn 2027. The proposed reform would see Italy move to a fully proportional system which would award a bonus to the party or coalition with



the largest share of the vote, even if they fall short of a majority. Coalitions would also be required to agree on a common platform and a single prime ministerial candidate - something that many parties, which tend to campaign separately, would find unpalatable. The amendment that was rejected in Tuesday's vote was a provision on preference voting, allowing voters to choose preferred candidates from a list. Although that element was rejected, the government can continue to press ahead with the rest of the electoral reform. Meloni has argued the reform would result in less shaky government coalitions and greater stability in Italy. But opposition parties had criticised it as "authoritarian" and an attempt to secure a majority in next year's general election. Since 2022, Giorgia Meloni has led a coalition government made up of centre-right and right-wing parties, plus her own hard-right FdiI. But tensions within the coalition have increased as the parties' individual popularity has declined. They became exacerbated ahead of Tuesday's vote - which FdiI's junior partners had reservations about - eventually culminating in the defeat of the amendment. Meanwhile, centre-left and left-wing opposition parties

are preparing to form a united front against Meloni next year, adding to her concerns. They already teamed up successfully in a campaign against a government-backed referendum on constitutional reform in the spring, which Meloni's camp lost in the first major blow to her government. If she is going to win a safer majority next year, Meloni will have to broaden her appeal either to the centre or towards more extremist groups, such as Roberto Vannacci's fledgling National Future (FN). Vannacci, a former paratrooper, launched FN earlier this year after splintering from Matteo Salvini's League party. The FN is a Eurosceptic, hard-right proponent of remigration - the mass deportation of people with a migrant background. It now polls at around 6%, ahead of the League's 5.6%. Bar an early vote or a reshuffle, if elections are held in September 2027, Meloni will be the first Italian prime minister to have governed for a whole term with just one government since 1946.

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How a former 'street kid' is key to South Africa's police corruption inquiry

The name of controversial businessman Vusimusi "Cat" Matlala has haunted the proceedings of South Africa's major inquiry into alleged police corruption. The 49-year-old has been accused of supplying generous gifts - including 20 impalas, the weight-loss drug Ozempic and personal loans - to help him buy influence and get police contracts. In police custody for more than a year in connection with a separate case, Matlala was due to provide his side of the story before retired Constitutional Court judge Mbuyiseli Madlanga and his panel on Wednesday. But after appearing before the commissioners in person for two hours, it was agreed that he would start his testimony in earnest in September. The revelations at the Madlanga Commission, in progress for 10 months, have gripped South Africans and they are eager to hear how Matlala responds. Dressed in a Fendi shirt and Gucci glasses, Matlala



did give evidence at a parallel corruption inquiry in parliament last November. He said he did not know senior police officers and politicians personally and denied corruption allegations though he admitted to having made donations for activities related to the African National Congress (ANC), the main party in the coalition government. But he has not yet been asked to address the wider allegations made at the Madlanga Commission or the accusation that he was part of a drug trafficking cartel, allegedly known as the Big Five.



Russian attacks kill eight as Ukraine hits Black Sea oil tankers

VENEZUELA GOVERNMENT TO LAUNCH FORMAL TALKS WITH OPPOSITION MEMBERS

Venezuela's interim government says it will start holding formal talks with some members of the opposition from 1 August. The announcement comes just over six months after US troops seized Nicolás Maduro, the Venezuelan leader at the time, in a dawn raid on the capital, Caracas, and took him to New York to face drug-trafficking charges. Former Vice-President Delcy Rodríguez, a Maduro loyalist, has been in power since then with the backing of the Trump administration, much to the frustration of the opposition, which had hoped Maduro's ouster would be followed by a change of government. An opposition statement said the talks would lay down "a route map towards democracy". The plan for formal talks was announced almost simultaneously by a



group of opposition politicians on the one hand, and Jorge Rodríguez, who heads the government-controlled National Assembly, on the other. Jorge Rodríguez, who is the brother of interim president Delcy Rodríguez, cited the devastation created by the recent twin earthquakes which struck the north of Venezuela on 24 June as the reason behind the talks. At least 4,734 people are already

confirmed to have died but the death toll keeps on rising as more bodies are found beneath the rubble. "Only through unity can we move forward with reconstruction and maintain peace," Jorge Rodríguez's brief statement said. The opposition statement was more detailed and expressly referred to the support the United States has lent since the quakes, which it said showed that "Venezuela

is not alone". The opposition group is made up of former lawmakers who were elected to the National Assembly in 2015, the last time opposition parties won a majority in the legislative body. National Assembly elections held since then have either been boycotted by the opposition or widely dismissed as neither free nor fair, as Maduro and his PSUV party tightened their grip on all branches of government. The opposition team will be led by Dinorah Figueroa, who returned to Venezuela in June after almost eight years in exile. Upon landing in Caracas, she told reporters that she had travelled to her home country "on invitation from the [US] State Department" with the aim of pushing for the renewal of the National Electoral Council (CNE).

10 Million Sign Petition To 'Kick Argentina Out' Of World Cup

Defending FIFA World Cup champions Argentina take on England in the second semi-final of the 2026 edition. Before the match, public outrage has grown over Lionel Messi's team's alleged favouritism from referees. According to a report in the South China Morning Post, the online petition demanded Argentina's expulsion from the FIFA World Cup. This comes after allegations of referee favouritism. The statement from the campaign, by argentinaout.com, reads: "It is obvious that FIFA and the referees are biased toward Lionel Messi and Argentina. Why should the rest of the world compete when the winner has already been decided? Kick Argentina out of the World Cup and give everyone else a fair chance." By early Wednesday evening, more than 10 million people had signed the petition. England and Argentina will lock



horns in the latest chapter of one of the game's most compelling rivalries. The history of matches between the nations is peppered with incidents, set against a lingering sovereignty dispute over the Falkland Islands, known in Spanish as the

Malvinas, in the South Atlantic Ocean. The encounter takes place 40 years after Diego Maradona's infamous "Hand of God" goal helped Argentina to a 2-1 win at the 1986 World Cup in Mexico. England captain Harry

Kane, who is competing against Messi and Mbappe for the Golden Boot, said his team would not be distracted by the emotional baggage surrounding the fixture. "From a player's point of view, it's us against a great team, who are smart, who

are tactical, who know how to buy fouls, know how to slow the game down - like many different teams you come up against throughout your whole career," Kane told ITV. Argentina football superstar Lionel Messi made his senior team debut back in 2005, but he has never played against England. It will be the first time Messi will take on England when Argentina take the field during the FIFA World Cup 2026 semifinal on Thursday. It feels unbelievable that despite playing international football for 21 years, it is a bit surprising that Messi has not faced a global powerhouse like England, but this is mainly due to the rarity of the encounter.

FIFA SET TO 'BREAK' FOOTBALL LAWS IN WORLD CUP 2026 FINAL?

After over a month of top action, three teams remain in contention for the title - Spain, Argentina and England. Spain beat France in the first semi-final, while Argentina face England in the second semi-final. The final will be played at the New Jersey Stadium on Sunday. The final will see global superstars such as Tom Cruise, Laura Pausini, Nicole Scherzinger, Robbie Williams and iShowSpeed perform in the closing ceremony. The half-time break in Sunday's World Cup final will see a Super Bowl-style show, headlined by Madonna, Shakira and K-pop boy band BTS. While half-time breaks generally last 15 minutes, with the scheduled programme in between, the half-time break might last between 20 and 25 minutes, according to reports in the BBC and Sky Sports. The laws of the game, governed by IFAB (the International Football Association Board), state that players are entitled to a half-time break "not exceeding 15 minutes". In that sense, this is a break from the traditional law.



According to the BBC, "Half-time of last year's Club World Cup final, also organised by FIFA and held in New Jersey, lasted a total of 24 minutes due to a performance featuring Coldplay, J Balvin, Doja Cat, Tems and Emmanuel Kelly." As the largest sporting event in history reaches its conclusion at the New Jersey Stadium on Sunday, the ceremony will celebrate the 48 teams' unforgettable journey across the three host countries and 16 host cities, FIFA said in a statement. Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony Award winner Jennifer Hudson will deliver a special rendition of the United States

national anthem ahead of the FIFA World Cup 2026 final. One of the world's most celebrated performers, Hudson's powerful performance will set the stage for football's biggest match and the most anticipated moment of the tournament. Produced in creative partnership with Balich Wonder Studio, the closing ceremony will celebrate the passion, emotion and global spirit that have defined the 23rd FIFA World Cup, a game-changing event featuring 48 teams that has shattered records and inspired a new generation of girls and boys around the world to dream.

After ICC's Rule Change, India vs Pakistan Clash Can Happen 3 Times In Cricket World Cup



The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced on Wednesday a revamped format for the men's 2027 one-day international World Cup that could lead to an additional fixture between arch-rivals India and Pakistan. While next year's edition in southern Africa remains a 14-team

competition, the three lowest-ranked qualifiers will now take part in a preliminary round with just one of them progressing to a 12-strong main group stage. That will now feature just two pools of six, with a new 'super seven' stage replacing the previous 'super six' round-robin.

Significantly, there will be no quarter-finals with the tournament denied the further jeopardy and interest that comes with an extra round of clear-cut knockout matches. An additional team in the round-robin phase, however, increases the prospects of an extra match between India

and Pakistan. As such, India and Pakistan could face each other as many as three times - once in the initial group stage, once in the 'super seven' and once more in either the semi-finals or final. The passion for cricket in the sub-continent, which in turn generates huge broadcast rights and commercial revenues for the ICC, makes a match between India and Pakistan the most lucrative in the sport. But India and Pakistan no longer meet outside of ICC events, with political tensions between the bordering nations meaning they are effectively barred by their own governments from facing each other.



Kylian Mbappe Remains Lionel Messi's No. 1 Challenger

Kylian Mbappe and France's bid to clinch the FIFA World Cup 2026 trophy came to an end on Tuesday following a shocking 0-2 defeat to Spain in the semi-final. France, who were aiming to reach their third consecutive World Cup final, were thoroughly outplayed by Rodri and Co. and knocked out of the title race. It was also a disappointing outing for cap-

tain Kylian Mbappe, who had been in fine form throughout the tournament but failed to find the back of the net in the semi-final. Despite drawing a blank and seeing France's title hopes dashed, Mbappe remains firmly in contention for the Golden Boot. The France striker will now have to settle for the third-place playoff while continuing his pursuit of another Golden Boot award in a closely contested race with Argentina superstar Lionel Messi. Mbappe and Messi have eight goals each so far at this year's tournament. Mbappe, who won the Golden Boot at the last World Cup four years ago in Qatar, holds the first tiebreaker with a 3-2 lead on assists. Messi and defending

champion Argentina will play again on Wednesday in the other semifinal match against England. Both players will then have one more match before the award is decided. France will play the loser of the other semifinal match in the third-place game on Saturday in Miami Gardens, Florida. Spain will take on the winner in East Rutherford, New Jersey, in the final. "At the end of the day, you take all the glory when you win," Mbappe said. "When you don't win ... it's part of the game. As the captain, I have to take all the responsibility, and I have no problem with that. We wanted to go to the final. We didn't go." Mbappe had the fewest touches of any forward in the first half with 15.

Should MS Dhoni Take Over As CSK Head Coach? R Ashwin Gives Simple Answer

Former Chennai Super Kings (CSK) and Indian veteran spinner Ravichandran Ashwin believes CSK should begin planning beyond Stephen Fleming's long tenure as head coach, saying the franchise has reached a stage where it needs a fresh direction. On Tuesday, CSK and Fleming decided to mutually part ways, bringing to a close one of the most successful and enduring partnerships in the history of the Indian Premier League (IPL). He stressed that if MS Dhoni is willing to take up the



coach- ing role, he would be the ideal

successor given his deep understanding of the team and his successful partnership with Fleming over the years. Ashwin also noted that any new coach would face uncertainty because Dhoni remains an influential figure within the franchise and continues to play a significant role in discussions surrounding team selection and decision-making.

Atiqa Mir Sizzles In Italy Heat, Beats Two Mercedes F1 Juniors For Pole Position



India's 11-year-old racing prodigy Atiqa Mir gave another compelling example of her precocious talent by out-qualifying two Mercedes F1 junior drivers for pole position in the Champions of the Future Academy Program Round 3 in Viterbo. Despite no testing on a rather technical Leopard Circuit, Atiqa, the first Indian to be backed by Formula 1 Academy, set sizzling pace in qualifying of the karting series. She beat established Mercedes F1

Junior drivers like Niccolo Perico of Italy and Devin Titz of Germany for pole position besides setting an event record, earning the plaudits from one and all in the paddock. Atiqa's special performance in qualifying came after she swept Round 2 of the COTFA series in Greece last month. Post the stellar pole position, Atiqa secured P2 and P3 in the Heats after engrossing battles. In the final, Atiqa started P2 and passed Niccolo for the lead. However, due

to an engine mis-fire, she couldn't hold on to the lead and lost places finally before recovering to finish P6. The results don't reflect Atiqa's sensational speed but she did make a mark with the audacious move for the lead on Lap 1 against Niccolo after outpacing him in qualifying. On Day 2, Atiqa was hit by engine trouble and qualified 27th. The organisers were quick to change her engine but the damage was done by then. A recovery drive followed and she charged through the field in every heat to start the final 18th on the grid. In the Final, Atiqa passed as many as nine karts in only one and a half laps before a fellow driver forced her out of the race with a collision from the side. The errant driver was duly penalised.

OLYMPIC CHAMPION LEE TO RETURN AFTER TWO YEARS OUT



Six-time Olympic medalist Sunisa Lee has announced she is coming back to gymnastics after not competing since the 2024 Olympics. The 23-year-old took team gold with the USA in Paris along with all-around and uneven bars bronzes. She claimed all-around gold, team silver and uneven bars bronze at Tokyo 2020. Lee's return, revealed in a video on Instagram, external comes two years before the Los Angeles 2028 Games. Commenting "I'm back", she said in a voiceover: "I know what I'm capable of. I'm willing to do whatever it takes to get there. Back in the gym. We'll see." The video ends with the words:

"This is more than a comeback, stay tuned." Last year Lee said that as well as dealing with health issues after being diagnosed with a chronic kidney disease in 2023, she had issues with depression and self-doubt between Tokyo and Paris. She said that in the absence of daily gymnastics training, her body was feeling good. Jade Carey, who also won medals in Tokyo and Paris, recently made her comeback after a similar break. Follow American and seven-time Olympic champion Simone Biles, the most decorated gymnast of all time and who has not competed since Paris, has said she was unsure about competing in LA.

Why Has Lionel Messi Never Played Against England In His 21-Year Career?

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like England, but this is mainly due to the rarity of the encounter. England and Argentina last faced each other back in 2005, with their last World Cup meeting taking place in 2002 when England emerged victorious 1-0. Defending FIFA World Cup champions Argentina take on England in the second semi-final of the 2026 edition. Before the match, public outrage has grown over Lionel Messi's team's alleged favouritism from referees. According to a report in the South China Morning Post, the online petition demanded Argentina's expulsion from the FIFA World Cup. This comes after allegations of referee favouritism. The statement from the campaign, by argentinaout.com, reads: "It is

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obvious that FIFA and the referees are biased toward Lionel Messi and Argentina. Why should the rest of the world compete when the winner has already been decided? Kick Argentina out of the World Cup and give everyone else a fair chance." By early Wednesday evening, more than 10 million people had signed the petition. England and Argentina will lock horns in the latest chapter of one of the game's most compelling rivalries. The history of matches between the nations is peppered with incidents, set against a lingering sovereignty dispute over the Falkland Islands, known in Spanish as the Malvinas, in the South Atlantic Ocean.

"Operation Aruna Reddy" Pre-Release Event Held Grandly

The film is all set for a grand theatrical release on July 17



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BOBBY PICTURES' DEBUT PRODUCTION LAUNCHED BY V.V. VINAYAK



Under the banner of Bobby Pictures, producer Sankabattula Nageswara Rao is set to produce his maiden venture, Karunamaya, as Production No. 1. The film stars Chaitanya Shakti and Swathi Sri in the lead roles and is directed by Harshavardhan Parella. Presented by Aradhya Haindavi, the movie is being made as a family emotional drama and is scheduled for release on December 23 this year.

॥ Sri Rama Jayam ॥



With profound grief and heavy hearts, I am to inform that my beloved father **Balasubramanyam N K** (alias Raja 2nd S/o Late Krishna Murthy & Late Saroja) reached the lotus feet of Lord Shiva on **04th July 2026.**

The 13th Day Ceremonies (Subhasweekaram) and Purificatory Puja will be performed as per our tradition. Join us for the prayers and partake in the Prasadam.

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Lunch:

Thursday the 16th July 2026

9.30 onwards

Flat No.B-503, Vasu Sri Sunrise, Anthem Villas lane, Lakshmi Nagar, Gundlupochampally, Kompally, Hyderabad

Lunch follows at the same complex 12.30 onwards

In Grief:
Son - Suraj alias Krishna Murthy

Uncle (Periappa) Kumar alias Venkata Krishnan and all his Family Members

CHARAN'S PEDDI SETS NETFLIX ON FIRE WITH MASSIVE VIEWERSHIP

Mega Power Star Ram Charan's Peddi is proving that blockbuster success doesn't end with a theatrical run. After creating waves at the box office, the sports action entertainer has found an even wider audience on Netflix, where it is rapidly emerging as one of the platform's biggest hits. Helmed by Buchi Babu Sana and backed by Vriidhi Cinemas, the film was celebrated for blending intense action with strong emotional drama. The

positive word-of-mouth during its theatrical release has now translated into exceptional digital viewership, helping the film dominate Netflix charts within just a few days of its arrival. The film is ruling the streaming rankings in India. While the movie is available in all south Indian languages, the Hindi version will be released soon. Peddi has now set a new record among highest viewed south Indian movies on Neflix.



'WELCOME TO WILDLIFE' MOVIE POSTER RELEASED



On the occasion of Shiva Rajkumar's birthday, the poster of the prestigious film 'Welcome to Wildlife' starring 'Kannada Superstar' ShivaRajkumar directed by caarthick Raju (known for blockbusters like Ninu Veedani Needanu Nene and Single)

HERO KIRAN ABBAVARAM'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



"Chennai Love Story" is a hard-hitting love story - Heroine Sri Gouri Priya Audiences will never forget the conversations between Steven and Nivi - Director Ravi Namburii "Chennai Love Story" will earn Kiran Abbavaram immense appreciation - Story Writer & Producer Sai Rajesh "Chennai Love Story" will win your appreciation right from the premiere shows - Producer SKN "Chennai Love Story" is a memorable film in my career, and we have complete confidence in our content - Hero Kiran Abbavaram Hero Kiran Abbavaram

MAHESH BABU'S NEPHEW GETS ENGAGED TO KOREAN GIRL



Superstar Mahesh Babu's family has a fresh reason to celebrate. His nephew Siddharth Ghattamaneni, son of late actor Ramesh Babu, got engaged to his longtime South Korean girl-friend Hyein Kim in an intimate ceremony held recently. The couple got engaged at the home of Mahesh's brother-in-law Galla Jayadev and sister Padmavati, and the celebrations have been making waves online. Hyein Kim, also known as Jinny, dazzled in a sleeveless yellow floral lehenga choli, while Siddharth looked dapper in a green kurta pyjama set. The South Korean beauty completed her look with a maang teeka, statement necklace, bangles and delicate mehendi, blending seamlessly into the traditional festivities. Mahesh Babu's wife Namrata Shirodkar shared adorable pictures from the family-only event, posing warmly with the newly engaged couple. Fans and industry friends flooded social media with congratulatory messages, wishing Siddharth and Hyein a happy new journey together. Unlike his cousin Ashok Galla, Siddharth has always stayed away from films, choosing a private, corporate life instead.

Anakapalli; Grand Release Slated for August 7

Produced by Kandregula Naidu and Thrinadha Rao Nakkina under the Bhavya Sri Movie Makers & Nakkina Narratives banners, Anakapalli is a raw and rustic entertainer directed by Khagesh Tammineni. Vikram Sahidev, Sandhya Vasishtha are the lead pair and Tarak Ponnappa will be seen in a crucial role while Thrinadha Rao Nakkina has not only penned the story and screenplay but also appears in a pivotal role. Kandregula Kumar Raja serves as the co-producer. Anakapalli has already generated considerable buzz with its impressive teaser and chart-worthy songs. The makers have now announced the release of the movie on August 7. Adding to the excitement, leading producer Suryadevara Naga Vamsi has now launched the film's latest romantic track, 'Yelage Pilla',

Highlights
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and extended his best wishes to the entire team. Complimenting the song, he appreciated its catchy tune, the appealing visuals in the lyrical video, and Vikram Sahidev's graceful dance moves. He also wished the film tremendous success at the box office. The newly released 'Yelage Pilla' is a breezy, feel-good romantic number that beautifully captures the chemistry between the lead pair.

Penned by popular lyricist Anantha Sriram, the song is elevated by the soulful vocals of Kapil Kapilan and Davzand. The choreography is elegant and refreshingly simple, with Vikram Sahidev carrying the hook steps effortlessly. Going by the lyrical video, the dance moves have all the ingredients to become a major sensation across social media and reels. The film's previously released songs, 'Ammoru Diginadi' and 'Labbaru Bomma', have already emerged as trending hits on YouTube. With its catchy melody and youthful vibe, 'Yelage Pilla' also looks poised to become an instant chartbuster. The film features cinematography by Maya V, edited by Srikrishna Attaluri, music by Davzand, and dialogues by Uday Bhagavatula. Thrinadha Rao Nakkina has provided the story and screenplay.

