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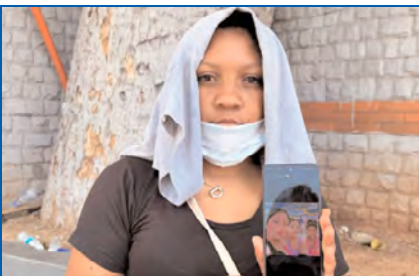
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29-06-2026
Total pilgrims - 95,498
Tonsures - 30,231
Hundi kankalav - 5,63 CR
Laddu sale - 434 Lac
Annaspradams - 2,58 Lac
Medical treatment - 3,372
Waiting Compartments - 21

Approx. Darshan Time for Sarvadarshanam (with out SSD Tokens) - 10-12 H.

Will Sooryavanshi debut? India begin England T20I series



Sports News

CM Revanth defends farm policies, challenges BRS

Hyderabad TSIT BUREAU:

Chief Minister A.Revanth Reddy on Tuesday launched a strong defence of the Congress government's agricultural policies, asserting that his administration had transformed farming into a "festival" and restored the dignity of farmers within 30 months of assuming office. Addressing the Rythu Bharosa programme, the Chief Minister said the government had worked relentlessly since December 7, 2023, to strengthen the farming sector despite inheriting a severe financial crisis. He alleged that while Telangana had a debt of only Rs.69,000 crore at the time of its formation in 2014, the previous BRS government left behind liabilities of over Rs.8.11 lakh crore.

Highlighting government's welfare initiatives,



Revanth Reddy said Rs.20,000 crore had been spent on crop loan waiver benefiting 25.35 lakh farmers, while Rs.36,000 crore had been released under the Rythu Bharosa scheme, including the latest instalment. He added that the annual assistance under Rythu Bharosa had been enhanced to Rs.12,000 per farmer.

Chief Minister said government was spending nearly Rs.1,000 crore every month on free power to agriculture and had already spent Rs.30,000

crore towards free electricity, besides Rs.4,000 crore as bonus for fine variety paddy and Rs.3,500 crore under the Rythu Bima insurance scheme. Overall, he said, the government had spent nearly Rs.1.75 lakh crore for farmers in the last 30 months.

Throwing an open challenge to the BRS leadership, Revanth Reddy proposed a special Assembly session exclusively to debate agriculture and irrigation. He said the Congress government was ready to compare its

achievements in two-and-a-half years with the BRS government's performance during its ten-year tenure.

Launching a sharp attack on the previous government, the Chief Minister alleged that the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project, built at a cost of over Rs.1.02 lakh crore, had become a financial burden after structural failures, while Telangana farmers continued to achieve record paddy production despite the project not supplying water as claimed.

Revanth Reddy also accused the previous government of leaving huge financial liabilities, delaying payments to employees, local bodies, self-help groups and welfare institutions. He said his government had restored financial discipline by ensuring salaries were paid on the first of every month and by clearing pending dues.

PM Modi reviews governance priorities with top bureaucrats, pushes faster reforms and AI adoption

New Delhi (TSIT)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday chaired a high-level meeting of secretaries from all Central ministries, reviewing key policy reforms, administrative efficiency, ease of doing business and the government's long-term roadmap for achieving the goals of Viksit Bharat 2047. The meeting was attended by Cabinet Secretary T V Somanathan, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister P K Mishra, Principal Secretary Shaktikanta Das, the Secretary of the Department of Military Affairs, and secretaries from major ministries and departments. It marked one of the Prime Minister's first full-secretary-level interactions of the current financial year.

According to sources, the review was aimed at aligning the country's top bureaucracy with the government's priorities for the second half of 2026 while accelerating the



implementation of key reforms and governance initiatives.

Improving the Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) featured prominently during the deliberations, with officials examining ways to remove administrative bottlenecks, reduce regulatory burdens, simplify compliance procedures and strengthen India's economic competitive-

ness. The meeting also reviewed measures to improve the Ease of Living (EoL) through citi-

zen-centric reforms and better public service delivery.

Secretaries presented updates on the progress of the government's Viksit Bharat 2047 roadmap, outlining ministry-wise implementation strategies and long-term development targets aimed at transforming India into a developed nation by the centenary of Independence. The Prime Minister also reviewed the progress of the "52 Reforms in 52 Weeks" campaign, assessing the implementation timeline and performance of ministries tasked with delivering governance reforms within a defined schedule.

The adoption of next-generation technologies formed another major area of discussion. Ministries shared updates on the use of artificial intelligence and digital tools to improve efficiency, speed up decision-making and reduce procedural delays across departments.

CM Naidu calls for mineral mapping & value addition to boost revenue

Directs Technology-Driven Monitoring of Free Sand Mining & Transportation



Visakhapatnam (TSIT):

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has directed the Mines Department to undertake comprehensive mineral mapping across the state to identify valuable mineral reserves and maximize revenue through scientific mining and value addition. Reviewing the Mines Department at the Camp Office on Tuesday, the Chief Minister instructed officials to map critical minerals, bulk minerals, rare earth minerals,

and other high-value metal deposits across the state. He stressed that minerals extracted in Andhra Pradesh should undergo value addition within the state through processing industries instead of being exported as raw materials.

The Chief Minister also asked officials to conduct an expert study on the market capitalization of the state's mineral wealth through the Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation (APMDC).

He noted that significant

revenue could be generated by adding value to minerals such as beach sand, rare earth minerals, iron ore, manganese, and alumina. Mr. Naidu suggested developing a dedicated cluster for rare earth minerals found in Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, and Kerala. He emphasized identifying reserves of high-value minerals such as titanium, ilmenite, and monazite, which are essential for manufacturing electronics, magnets, strategic equipment, and nuclear applications.

The Chief Minister further directed the department to study additional gold-bearing blocks in the state, following the identification of gold reserves in Jonnagiri and Chigurugunta in Chittoor district. Officials informed the meeting that 126 locations containing critical, bulk, and other valuable minerals have already been identified, while mining operations have recorded an 18 percent increase in revenue.

Modi speaks to Iran Prez, stresses Strait's importance to India



New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi had a telephonic conversation on Tuesday with President of Iran Masoud Pezeshkian, who briefed him on the recent developments in West Asia and the way forward. The Prime Minister said he reiterated in his interaction with the Iranian leader the importance of freedom of navigation in the Strait of Hormuz for India and the world. Prime Minister Modi welcomed the understanding reached, and reiterated India's consistent position that all issues must be resolved through dialogue and diplomacy, a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said.

US envoys arrive in Qatar for talks to end war in Iran

Dubai (TSIT):

Two United States envoys arrived in Qatar on Tuesday, June 30, for talks with mediators about the implementation of an initial deal to end the war in Iran, an official said. The visit by Steve Witkoff, US President Donald Trump's special Mideast envoy, and Jared Kushner, his son-in-law, comes after a weekend of crossfire in the Persian Gulf over efforts to reopen the Strait of Hormuz to shipping traffic. The envoys won't be having direct negotiations with Iranian diplomats while in Qatar's capital, Doha, said Majed al-Ansari, a spokesman for Qatar's Foreign Ministry. Instead, mediators are working for the time being as go-betweens for the talks, which won't include any high-level officials, he added.

Opposition writes to CJI over EC's voter roll revision, says Jairam Ramesh

New Delhi (TSIT)

The Opposition's INDIA bloc has written to the Chief Justice of India expressing concerns over the Election Commission of India's Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process and other election-related issues, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said on Tuesday. In a post on social media platform X, Ramesh said that 21 political parties and one Independent leader had attended the INDIA alliance meeting on June 8, where it was decided to send a joint representation to the Chief Justice of India on the SIR exercise and other electoral issues.

"Accordingly, a joint letter now signed by 23 politi-



cal parties plus one Independent has been sent to the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India today," Ramesh said. Emphasising the unity among Opposition parties on the issue, the Congress leader said, "The Opposition parties are firmly anchored in SURE—Solidarity, Unity and Resistance."

Ramesh did not disclose the contents of the letter in his post but said it dealt with the Election

Commission's Special Intensive Revision process as well as other election-related matters.

The development comes amid continuing criticism by several Opposition parties over the Election Commission's handling of electoral processes. Opposition leaders have repeatedly raised concerns over voter rolls, electoral transparency and the functioning of the poll panel, while the Election Commission has maintained that its exercises are conducted in accordance with constitutional and legal provisions to ensure accurate and updated electoral rolls. The joint letter marks the latest coordinated initiative by the INDIA bloc as it seeks judicial attention to issues it says have a bearing on the integrity of the electoral process.

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Sanjay Jaju Assumes Charge as Telangana Chief Secretary



Hyderabad, TSIT: Senior IAS officer Sanjay Jaju on Tuesday assumed charge as the new Chief Secretary to the Government of Telangana at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana State

Secretariat. Jaju, a 1992-batch IAS officer, succeeds K. Ramakrishna Rao, who retired from service on Tuesday after serving as the State's Chief Secretary. The Telangana Government had issued orders on June 26 appointing Sanjay Jaju as the new Chief Secretary. Following the assumption of office, Special Chief Secretaries, Principal Secretaries, Secretaries, Heads of Departments, Secretariat officials and staff greeted Sanjay Jaju and conveyed their best wishes. They also felicitated outgoing Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao on the completion of his distinguished service.



Newly appointed Telangana Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju, paid a courtesy call on Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy at the Bodhi Pavilion, MCRHRD, on Tuesday.



AIMIM Legislature Party Leader Akbaruddin Owaisi called on Telangana Chief Minister A.Revanth Reddy at his Jubilee Hills residence on Tuesday and invited him to his daughter's wedding.

Harish Rao Unable to Digest Government's Welfare Initiatives Mettu Sai Kumar

Hyderabad TSIT: Telangana Fisheries Development Corporation Chairman Mettu Sai Kumar launched a sharp attack on BRS leaders, alleging that they were frustrated by every welfare initiative undertaken by the Congress government. Addressing a press conference at Gandhi Bhavan on Tuesday, Sai Kumar



described the BRS as a "Bogus Rashtra Samithi" and claimed that its leaders were unable to tolerate the

government's efforts for public welfare.He alleged that senior BRS leaders, including Harish Rao and K.T. Rama Rao, were constantly targeting Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy instead of engaging in constructive politics. "If the government does something good for the people, why should BRS leaders feel threatened?" he asked.

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Telangana invites global aerospace firms, plans 3 new airports



Hyderabad, June 30: Telangana has announced plans to develop new airports at Warangal, Adilabad and Kothagudem while inviting global aerospace companies to set up manufacturing units in the state. Speaking at Aeromart Hyderabad 2026, Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy said Telangana's aero-

space sector is growing rapidly, supported by world-class infrastructure, skilled manpower and investor-friendly policies. He said the state aims to strengthen its position as a global aerospace and defence manufacturing hub through increased investment, exports and employment opportunities.

Commissioner Srijana Reviews Civic Priorities in Dundigal Under 'One Ward Every Day'



Hyderabad TSIT: Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) Commissioner Srijana continued Corporation's 'One Ward Every Day' initiative by conducting a field inspection in Dundigal Ward under Dundigal Circle of Quthbullapur Zone, where she reviewed civic infrastructure requirements and interacted directly with residents.Accompanied by the Deputy Commissioner and other officials, Commissioner Srijana heard public grievances and assessed key development works required in the ward.During the inspection, she reviewed proposals for the construction of CC roads in KVR Colony, Nagloor and Dundigal Village, issuance of house numbers, requests for property tax reduction, installation of streetlights from IARE College to the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Statue, improvement of sanitation in Sambirpur Village, installation of children's play equipment in available open spaces, removal of encroachments on CC roads in SC Basti, and construction of a compound wall for the Gaglapur Graveyard.

CM reviews Yadagirigutta temple development

Hyderabad, June 30: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy reviewed the development of the Yadagirigutta temple and directed officials to speed up land acquisition and infrastructure works. He approved the release of funds for expansion, asked officials to frame a land allot-



ment policy on the lines of Tirumala, and proposed phased construction of guest houses. The Chief Minister also instructed officials to develop a tourism circuit around Yadagirigutta through the PPP model to boost pilgrimage tourism and local economic growth.

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APPENDIX IV - POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

The undersigned, the authorized officer of Altum Credo Home Finance Pvt Ltd (ACHFL), Under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("SARFAESI Act, 2002") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("Enforcement Rules"), Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorized Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) (collectively referred to as the "Borrowers") mention herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to Borrowers and the public in general that the under signed has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in superseizure of powers conferred upon him under Sub-section(4) of Section 13 of the said act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002. The Borrowers are invited to provision of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in receipt of time available to redeem the secured assets. The Borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby caution not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ACHFL for an amount mention herein under with the interest thereon.

Name of Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s) Loan A/c No.	Date of Demand Notice & Amount (In Rs.)	Date of Possession
Banothu Sathish (Applicant) Banothu Sanja (Co-Applicant) NPA: S16922000044	Rs. 12,20,625/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Twenty Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Five Only) NPA: 28-Feb-2026	4-Mar-2026 27-06-2026

DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSET: The property admeasuring an extent of 256.21 Sq.Yds., bearing house no 4-63, situated in Madhavapur village, within the Sub-Registration District of Mahabubabad. East: G Road West: Place of Boda Nareesh South: Place of Boda Vishnu North: Place of Donor

STATUTORY NOTICE TO BORROWERS / CO-BORROWERS AND GUARANTORS
Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) are hereby put to caution that the property may be sold at any time hereinafter by way of public auction/tenders and as such this may also be treated as a notice under Rule 6, 8 & 9 of Security Interest) Enforcement Rules, 2002.

Date: 01.07.2026
Place: Mahabubabad

Authorised Officer
Altum Credo Home Finance Pvt. Ltd. (ACHFL)

CAN FIN HOMES LTD
Branch Office: D No.15-18-2034a, 3rd floor, Mahashahinagar 3rd street, Near by Housing Board, Siddipet, Telangana-502119. Email: Siddipet@canfinhomes.com Ph: 7625013256. CIN: L810KA181PPLC00869

APPENDIX - IV-A
[See proviso to rule 8 (6)]

Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., Siddipet Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 05-08-2026 (mention date of the sale), for recovery of Rs. 20,85,092/- (Rupees Twenty lakhs eighty five thousand ninety two only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from Renuki Srinivas and Renuki Radhika (Borrowers) as on 30-06-2026, together with further interest and other charges thereon. The reserve price will be Rs. 14,70,000/- (Rupees Fourteen lakhs seventy thousand only) and the earnest money deposit will be Rs.1,47,000/- (Rupees One lakhs Forty seven thousand only)

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
All that the piece and parcel property with bearing Door No. 18-18-2/3M, with assessment no. 1113014952, Flat No. 206 on 2nd floor double bed room of S V Raghavendran Nilayam apartment, with a plinth area of 620 Sq feet, And ex. 9-11 Sq yards, ex. 75-17 sq meters, including proportionate common areas, balconies and thickness of walls and together with undivided share of land admeasuring 27-91 sq yards, ex. 23-33 sq meters from out of total land admeasuring 781.66 sq yards in plot no. 57, 58 and 59, Sy No. 1541. Situated at old GP Prashanth nagar, now merged in siddipet municipality, siddipet district.Land bounded by : North: neighbours property, South: neighbours property East: Nala, West : road flat flat bounded by :North: flat no 205 and 204 South : flat n 207, East: open to sky, West : 5 feet road

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd. (<https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx>)

Link for participating in e-auction : www.bankseuctionauzard.com

Date: 30-06-2026
Place: Siddipet

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
Can Fin Homes Ltd

FORM NO. 14 [See Regulation 33(2)]
OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER / I/ DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD (DRT-1)
3rd Floor, Triveni Complex Abids, Hyderabad 500001

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1953 AND RULE 22 SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE RC/143/2024 CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA 16-06-2026

To
SRI KOTAKONDA VIKRAM BABU KATAKONDA
(CD 1) Sri Kotakonda Vikram Babu Katakonda, S O Krishna Prasad Katakonda S/o. Krishna Prasad Kotakonda, Ooc : City Corporation, Aged About 38 Years, R/o Flat No.303, Skill Arcade Apartment, Sirnagar Colony, Opp Satya Sai Kalyana Mandapam, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-500073. Hyderabad, Telangana-500073

Also At: Kotakonda Vikram Babu, R/o. Flat No. 402, Sri Laxmi Residency Anil Theatre Road, Bodhan, Nizamabad-503185

Also At: R/o. Flat No. 881, Eight Floor, Type B3A, Aliens Space Station, Telpur 13th Floor, Village, Ramachandrapuram Mandal, Sanga Reddy District, Ts-502032.

(CD 2) Smt Kotakonda Mrudula W/o. Vikram Babu Katakonda, Ooc : Housewife, Aged 37 Years, R/o. Flat No.303, Skill Arcade Apartment, Sirnagar Colony, Opp Satya Sai Kalyana Mandapam, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-500073, Hyderabad Telangana-0

Also At: Flat No.402, Sri Laxmi Residency Anil Theatre Road Bodha Nizamabad-503185

Also At: R/o. Flat No. 881, Eight Floor, Type B3A, Aliens Space Station, 13th Floor, Telpur Village, Ramachandrapuram Mandal, Sanga Reddy District, TS-502032.

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-1) in OA/173/2022 an amount of **Rs 8734062 (Rupees Eighty Seven Lakhs Thirty Four Thousands Sixty Six Two Only)** along with pendente lite and future interest @ 9.35% Simple Interest Yearly w.e.i. 03/06/2022 till realization and costs of Rs 120000 (Rupees One Lakh Twenty Thousands 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 Institutions Act, 1953 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 21-07-2026 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 16-06-2026

Recovery Officer
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD (DRT-1)

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PROFORMA 10-1 PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Notice is hereby given to all users of Railway lines and premises situated on the completed section of the under the noted section:

Section: Secunderabad: Construction of the new BG third line between the Kazipet-Balharshah section and energisation of the new OHE for the BG third line between Sirpur Khagaz Nagar (SKZR) and Asifabad Road (ASAF) stations for Public Carriage of passengers and operation of freight services of the South Central Railway that the 25000 Volt, 50 Hz., ac overhead traction wires will be energized on or after 10.07.2026. On and from the same date the overhead traction line shall be treated as live at all times and no unauthorized person shall approach or work in the proximity of the said overhead line.

PROFORMA 10-2
(ACTM Para 21020, Vol II, Part I: correction slip no.32, dated 09.10.2020)
INTRODUCTION OF ac 25KV TRACTION "WARNING TO ROAD USERS"

It is notified for information of the Public that in connection with the introduction of 25 kV ac electric traction over the section below:

Section: Secunderabad: Construction of the new BG third line between the Kazipet-Balharshah section and energisation of the new OHE for the BG third line between Sirpur Khagaz Nagar (SKZR) and Asifabad Road (ASAF) stations, from Km 203.457 to Km 214.653, for the public carriage of passengers in the Secunderabad Division of South Central Railway - Reg.

From the new OHE of the BG Third line with Electrification between Sirpur Khagaz Nagar (SKZR) and Asifabad Road (ASAF) stations from OHE Location no: 203/28 (Km./Ch: 203/447.75m) to 215/02 (Km./Ch.: 215/39.50m) of Sirpur Khagaz Nagar (SKZR) and Asifabad Road (ASAF) stations for Public Carriage of passengers and operation of freight services of the South Central Railway, height gauges have been erected at all the level crossings with a clear maximum height of 4.78m above road level with a view to prevent loads of excessive height from coming into contact or dangerous proximity to live traction wire.

Public are hereby notified to observe the height specified above for the purpose of loading vehicles and to see that the loads carried in road vehicles do not infringe the height gauges under any circumstances.

The dangers of a load of excessive height are as follows:-

i) Danger to the height gauge and consequent obstruction to the road as well as the railway line.

ii) Danger to the materials or equipment carried or the vehicle itself.

iii) Danger of fire and risk of life due to contact with or dangerous proximity to the conductors.

A485 Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/Construction/Secunderabad

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA REVENUE DEPARTMENT DISTRICT COLLECTOR OFFICE, ADILABAD									
FORM - VII									
(In accordance with Section 19(1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (Central Act 30/2013) and State Rule 25(1))									
PUBLICATION OF DECLARATION									
Special Collector File No. G 2/2521/2017					Date : .06.2026				
RDO File No. B/33/2020					Date : .06.2026				
This land acquisition notification is issued for a total land area of 21.18 Guntas situated in Akoli and Khepardur villages of Bhoraj Mandal, Adilabad District, for public purpose specifically for the construction of canals (10L on D-14 and 6L Sub-minor 10L on D-14) for the Inter-State Lohara-Penganga Project. Pursuant to Government Order No. 58 I&CAD (L.A.R&A) dated 25.07.2015, this project has been exempted from the purview of Chapters II and III of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013.									
Therefore, a declaration has been issued for the acquisition of land totaling 21.18 Guntas and situated in Akoli and Khepardur Villages of Bhoraj Mandal, Adilabad District (as detailed in the attached schedule) which is required for the construction of canals (specifically '10L on D-14' and '6L Sub-minor of 10L on D-14') for the inter-state Lohar-Penganga Project.									
SCHEDULE									
Villages: Akoli & Khepardur, Mandal: Bhoraj District: Adilabad									
Sl.No.	Survey No.	Beat No.	Survey No.	Patta / Dry land / Wet land / Extent of enjoyment	Pattadar Name	Cultivator / Rights Holder	Trees / Barewell / Others		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
1. Akoli-Village-Bhoraj Mandal									
(14-L Maiss Distri Bhutari -10L-Minor Canal									
1	17/2	17/1	0.08	Patta Metta	V. Kesava S/o Muttanna	Own	None		
2	23/2	23/1	0.22	Patta Metta	P. Ramesh S/o Champat	*	*		
3	24/2	24/1	0.36	Patta Metta	K. Ramesh S/o Bhumanna	*	*		
4	25/2	25/1	0.11	Patta Metta	J. Somanna S/o Kishanna	*	*		
5	25/2	25/4	0.18	Patta Metta	J. Purshotham S/o Linganna	*	*		
6	26/2	26/1	0.11	Patta Metta	J. Vittal S/o Linganna	*	*		
7	27/2	27/1	0.02	Patta Metta	M. Raju S/o Papanna	*	*		
8	37/2	37/1	0.29	Patta Metta	P. Anitha S/o Kesava	*	*		
9	39/2	39/1	1.04	Patta Metta	B. Ganapathi S/o Gangareddy	*	*		
Total					4.21				
2. Akoli - Village - Bhoraj									
(14-L Mess Distri Bhutari -6L-Sub Mainor 10L -Minor Canal)									
10	1/2	1/1	0.02	Patta Metta	P. Anusuya W/o. P. Ramesh	Own	None		
11	43/2	43/1	0.14	Patta Metta	V. Susila W/o. Ganga Reddy	*	*		
12	43/2	43/1	0.10	Patta Metta	V. Susila W/o. Ganga Reddy	Own	Own		
13	45/1	45/2	0.16	Patta Metta	R. Narayana S/o Vittal	*	*		
14	45	45/1	0.09	Patta Metta	V. Linga Reddy S/o Babu (Court Case Pending)	Vittal S/o. Ling Reddy	*	*	
15	46/2	46/1	0.37	Patta Metta	T. Sunil Rao S/o Rama Rao	Own	*		
Total					2.08				
3. Khepardur Village Bhoraj Mandal									
(14-L Maiss Distri Bhutari -10L-Minor Canal)									
16	11/2	11/1	0.20	Patta Metta	B. Anil S/o. Ambhadass	Own	None		
17	11/3	11/1	0.16	Patta Metta	Vidya Prinka W/o Ganeswar	*	*		
18	12/2	12/1	0.36	Patta Metta	B. Vasanth Rao S/o. Sankar Rao	*	*		
19	29/1	29/1	0.17	Patta Metta	B. Ganesh S/o Ambhadass	*	None		
20	29/1	29/1	0.18	Patta Metta	B. Latha Bai W/o. Sudarshan (Court Case Pending)	*	*		
21	29/1	29/1	0.09	Patta Metta	B. Bapu Rao S/o. Gagaram	*	*		
22	29/1	29/1	1.37	Patta Metta	B. Rama Kala W/o B. Manik Rao	*	*		
23	29/1	29/1	0.09	Patta Metta	B. Gopal Rao S/o Jagannath	*	*		
24	29/1	29/2	0.08	Patta Metta	Sudhakar W/o B.Yaswanth Rao	*	*		
25	35/1	35/1	0.31	Patta Metta	B. Suresh S/o Sankar Rao	*	*		
35/2	35/2	35/2	1.23	Patta Metta					
26	35/1	35/1	0.32	Patta Metta	B. Subhash S/o Sankar Rao	*	*		
27	36/2	36/1	0.08	Patta Metta	B. Raj Kumar S/o Uddav	*	None		
28	37/2	37/1	0.05	Patta Metta	B. Sailesh S/o Kesav	*	*		
29	37/3	37/1	0.25	Patta Metta	B. Ganapathi S/o Gangareddy	*	*		
30	37/1	37/1	0.30	Patta Metta	B. Bhagavandlu S/o Gangareddy	*	*		
Total					6.10				
4. Khepardur Pur Village Bhoraj Mandal									
(14-L Maiss Distri Bhutari -6L-Sub Minor 10L - Minor Canal									
31	16/2	16/1	1.15	Patta Metta	V. Asanna S/o Kishayya	Own	None		
32	16/1	16/1	0.16	Patta Metta	Gali Asanna S/o Pochanna	*	*		
33	17/2	17/1	0.03	Patta Metta	Gali Ashok S/o Asanna	*	*		
34	18/1	18/1	0.26	Patta Metta	V. Narsing S/o Devanna	*	*		
35	18/2	18/1	2.20	Patta Metta	V. Ramesh Devanna	*	*		
36	18/1	18/1	0.28	Patta Metta	V. Bapu S/o Usanna	Own	None		
37	18/2	18/1	0.20	Patta Metta	V. Kavitha W/o. Gajannad	Own	None		
38	24/2	24/1	3.02	Patta Metta	Boyar Sudhakar W/o Yaswanth	*	*		
39	24/1	24/1	0.17	Patta Metta	B. Sanjay W/o. Gopal Rao	*	*		
40	24/1	24/2	0.32	Patta Metta	B. Prasanth Reddy S/o. Gopal Rao	Own	None		
41	25/2	25/1	0.35	Patta Metta	B. Adapa Ramesh S/o Devanna	*	*		
42	29/2	29/1	0.24	Patta Metta	B. Manik Rao S/o. Gagaram	*	*		
Total				8.19	8.19				
Complete Total				21.18	21.18				
This declaration is issued following the examination of objections regarding land acquisition under Section 15 (Central Act 30/2013). An area of 21.18 Guntas has been identified for acquisition in the villages of 1) Akoli and 2) Khepardur, located in Bhoraj Mandal, Adilabad District.									
In accordance with Section 16 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, and based on the request submitted by the Project Administrator, Inter-State Lower Penganga Project, Adilabad, a socio-economic survey is being conducted for families affected by the project whose lands are included in the acquisition; and officials have identified those who are ineligible for the Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) package. The plan for the lands proposed for acquisition is available for inspection at the offices of the Special Collector (Land Acquisition), Adilabad, or the Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO), Adilabad, during office hours on any working day.									
Sd/- Revenue Divisional Officer & Land Acquisition Officer, Adilabad			Sd/- Additional Collector, Adilabad			Sd/- District Collector, Adilabad			
DIPPR.O. No.: 376/LAPP-Publication/2026-27									

Under instructions and on behalf of my
M/S. JONES LTD TO END SCM
Private Limited, Plot No. 19, 1st
Floor, at #101, Plot No 190, 1st Floor,
Al Balaji Enclave, Bhagya Nagar Colony,
Kukatpally, Hyderabad - 500072, I hereby
certify that the said goods and the
title is heretofore given to M/s. JONES
INTERNATIONAL LOGISTICS PRIVATE
LIMITED, its Directors, officers, represent
atives, employees, agents, and all persons
connected with any legal interest in the
goods and materials lying at Shutter No.5,
Kukatpally, Hyderabad, Dist. No.5-98/1B,
Plot No. 234 and 235, Madhapadampally,
Kukatpally-Malkajgiri District, Hyderabad
501401.

I hereby certify that the above company
has been vacated and abandoned the said
goods and materials. Despite repeated requests
and reminders and a final legal notice calling
upon the company to clear the outstanding
dues, the said company has not taken any
action as been taken. Accordingly, M/s. JONES
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LIMITED and any person claiming through
it, its Directors, officers, representatives, and
the aforesaid goods and establish their
claim, if any, within 15 (Fifteen) days from
the date of publication of this Public Notice.
If no claim is made, my said goods by public
auction, my said goods shall be liberty to
dispose of the said goods by public auction,
or sale or any other lawful mode, at
my sole discretion, without responsibility
consequences. M/s. JONES
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LIMITED and/or any person claiming
through it, its Directors, officers, representa
tives, employees, agents, and all persons
connected with any legal interest in the
said goods, if any, shall be dealt with in
accordance with law after adjustment of the
said dues and expenses incurred by my
said person having any objection or claim
over the said goods may communicate the
same, together with supporting documents,
if any, to me at the above address.
Place: Hyderabad, Date: 30-06-2026
K. V. SRINIVASA RAO
Counsel for
M/S. JONES LTD TO END SCM
PRIVATE LIMITED

NIWAS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED (Formerly, Niwas Housing Finance Private Limited) Regd. Office :- Unit No. 305, 3rd Floor, Wing 2/E, Corporate Avenue, Andheri- Ghatkopar Link Road, Chakala, Andheri (East), Mumbai - 400093					
Notice under Section 13 (2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002					
NHFL has sanctioned home loan/mortgage loan/construction loan to the following borrowers against mortgage of residential premises. The repayment of the said loans were irregular and the accounts are finally classified as Non-Performing Asset in accordance with directions and guidelines of National Housing Bank/RBI. NHFL has therefore invoked its rights and issued a notice under section 13(2) of the SARFAESI ACT, 2002 and called upon the below listed borrowers to repay the total outstanding mentioned below within 60 days from the date of the demand notice. The following borrowers are hereby called upon by this publication to pay the total dues mentioned against them plus further charges & interest accrued till payment within 60 days from the date of the said demand notice, failing which NHFL shall resort to all or any of the legal rights to take possession of the secured assets, dispose/sale it and adjust the proceeds against the outstanding amount. The borrowers are also restrained from alienating or creating third party interest on the ownership of the properties.					
Sr. No	Location/ Loan Account Number	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantor	NPA Date	Date & Amount as per Demand Notice	
1	BODUPPAL LNB00DHL-10220027365	MUJEEB MOHD (BORROWER) PRAVEEN BEGUM (CO-BORROWER)	07-Jun-2026	16-Jun-2026 Rs.10,05,592 As on 15-Jun-2026	
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY/SECURED ASSET: "ALL THAT THE PART IN PLOT NO.46/PART, IN SURVEY NO.171, ADMEASURING 100.00 SQ. YARDS OR 83.6 SQ. MTRS., (OUT OF 210 SQ. YARDS), SITUATED AT "HABEEN NAGAR", MAILARDEVPALLY VILLAGE, UNDER GHMC, RAJENDRANGAR CIRCLE, RANGA REDDY DISTRICT, TELANGANA STATE, AND BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: NORTH :- NEIGHBOURS, SOUTH PART IN PLOT NO.46/PART, EAST PLOT NO.46/P (EASTERN PART) OF MR. MOHAMMED ATHER HASSAN, WEST 25' WIDE ROAD."					
2	Hyderabad SR Nagar LNHYD08H-11220027292	SURESH KANUKUNTA (BORROWER) SUJATHA KANUKUNTA(CO-BORROWER)	07-Jun-2026	16-Jun-2026 Rs.7,24,295 As on 15-Jun-2026	
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY/SECURED ASSET: "ALL THAT THE R.C.C HOUSE BEARING NO. 4-171/ (ASSESSMENT NO.1223200639), ADMEASURING 211.75 SQ.YARDS, EQUAL TO 177.04 SQ.MTRS, GROUND FLOOR PLINTH AREA 641.25 S.F.TS, IN SURVEY NO.298/A/2, IN AT SITUATED AT PADAPALLE VILLAGE, MANDAL TOOPRAN, DISTRICT MEDAK, TELANGANA STATE, AND BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: AS PER MEASUREMENT NORTH LAND OF DONOR, SOUTH OPEN PLACE OF KANUKUNTA SHIVAIAH, EAST: ROAD, WEST LAND OF KANUKUNTA SATHAIAH"					
3	SIDDIPET LNSIDLAP-12220027613	BOLLAM YADAGIRI (BORROWER) BOLLAM RAJAVVA(CO-BORROWER)	07-Jun-2026	16-Jun-2026 Rs.2,31,707 As on 15-Jun-2026	
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY/SECURED ASSET: "ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE PROPERTY BEARING NEWLY CONSTRUCTION R.C.C. HOUSE RELATES TO BEARING H.NO. 1-4/56, IN THE LAND ADMEASURING 101 SQ. YARDS OR 84.44 SQ.MTRS., HOUSE PLINTH AREA 909 SFT, SITUATED AT SURAMPALLY VILLAGE, DOULTABAD MANDAL, SIDDIPET DISTRICT, AND UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF SUB-DISTRICT REGISTRATION GAJWEL, THE FOLLOWING BOUNDARIES ARE NORTH: GOVERNMENT SCHOOL, SOUTH: HOUSE OF BOLLAM RAJAIHA, EAST: ROAD, WEST: OPEN PLACE OF DONOR"					
4	SIDDIPET LNSIDLAP-02230029095	MALLAMARI NARSIMULU (BORROWER) MALLAMARI BHAGYALAXMI (CO-BORROWER)	07-Jun-2026	16-Jun-2026 Rs.3,17,841 As on 15-Jun-2026	
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY/SECURED ASSET: "ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE PROPERTY BEARING A TILED ROOF HOUSE WITH OPEN PLACE, BEARING H.NO. 16-80, IN THE LAND ADMEASURING 162.18 SQ.YARDS OR 135.59 SQ.MTRS., HOUSE PLINTH AREA 444.0 SFT, SITUATED AT NEAR S.B.I BANK OF MUSTABAD PROPER & MANDAL, RAJANNA SIRICILLA DISTRICT, AND UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF SUB-DISTRICT REGISTRATION RAJANNA SIRICILLA DISTRICT. BOUNDARIES: EAST G.P. ROAD, WEST : G.P. ROAD, NORTH : HOUSE OF MALLAMARI MALLAIAH., SOUTH : HOUSE OF K. MALLAVVA."					
5	NIZAMABAD LNNIZLAP-02230028831	BONTHA SAYAMMA (BORROWER) BONTHA POSHETTY (CO-BORROWER) BONTHA RAKESH (CO-BORROWER)	07-Jun-2026	16-Jun-2026 Rs.4,79,003 As on 15-Jun-2026	
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY/SECURED ASSET: "ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE PROPERTY BEARING THE EXISTING C.T. ROOFED RESIDENTIAL HOUSE WITH OPEN PLACE BEARING G.P.NO.12-11, ADMEASURING TOTAL SITE AREA 132.00 SQ.YDS. OR 109.80 SQ.MTRS. AND C.T. ROOFED AREA : 728.75 SQ.F.TS., SITUATED AT KOLPOOR (H/O VELMAL) VILLAGE, MANDAL NANDIPET, DIST. NIZAMABAD, WITHIN THE GRAMPANCHAYATHI LIMITS OF KOLPOOR, REGN SUB. DIST. NIZAMABAD RURAL AND REGN. DIST. NIZAMABAD. DOCT NO. 55/2023 DATED. 03.01.2023 SR ARMOOR THE FOLLOWING BOUNDED BY: EAST: HOUSE OF ANTHOLLA NARENDHAR, WEST: PLOT OF AMINOLD POSHANNA, NORTH: GP ROAD, SOUTH: PLOT OF MUDAPOSHANNA					
6	LEAF FINTECH LNLLEALP-05230032093	GUDU BASHA MD (BORROWER) AYISHA BEGUM(CO-BORROWER)	07-Jun-2026	16-Jun-2026 Rs.6,43,981 As on 15-Jun-2026	
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY/SECURED ASSET: "ALL THAT THE HOUSE CONSTRUCTED IN H NO 12-93, WARD NO 12, BLOCK NO -12, B.C COLONY, UNDAVELLI, UNDAVELLI MANDAL, WITHIN LIMITS OF UNDAVELLI GRAMA PANCHAYATH LIMITS, JOGULAMBA GADWAL DT-509153 ADMEASURING 66 SQUARE YARDS OR 594 SFT, SITUATED AT UNDAVELLI, JOGULAMBA GADWAL DIST, TELANGANA STATE. THE FOLLOWING BOUNDARIES ARE NORTH BY : C.C ROAD, SOUTH BY : HOUSE OF MALLIKARJUN, EAST BY: ROAD, WEST BY: HOUSE OF BANGLAHUSSAIN.					
7	KARIM NAGAR LKNRNLAP-05230031709	THEMBARAVENI SHYAM (BORROWER) THEMBARAVENI LAVANYA (CO-BORROWER)	07-Jun-2026	16-Jun-2026 Rs.6,07,551 As on 15-Jun-2026	
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY/SECURED ASSET: "ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE PROPERTY BEARING A G+1 R.C.C. BUILDING BEARING GRAM PANCHAYAT NO. 7-97/1 (BIFURCATED FROM HOUSE NO. 7-97) WITH OPEN PLACE, TOTAL AREA 60.50 SQUARE YARDS EQUIVALENT TO 50.58 SQUARE METERS (PLINTH: G.F. 186.75 SQUARE FEET & F.F. 129.69 SQUARE FEET) IN SURVEY NO. 177/1C, SITUATED AT RAMNAGAR-SIDDIPET ROAD OF THANGALLAPELLI, MANDAL: THANGALLAPELLI, DISTRICT: RAJANNA SIRICILLA AND WITHIN THE LIMITS OF GRAM PANCHAYAT, THANGALLAPELLI, SUB-REGISTRAR OFFICE, SIRICILLA & DISTRICT REGISTRAR OFFICE, KARIMNAGAR AND BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS:- NORTH: H.NO. 7-97 & OPEN PLACE OF TEMBARAVENI VINOD, SOUTH: H.NO. 7-97/2 & OPEN PLACE OF TEMBARAVENI RAMULU, EAST: OPEN PLACE OF THEMBARAVENI SHYAM, WEST: R & B ROAD SIRICILLA- SIDDIPET."					
8	SANGAREDDY LNSRGAREP-12230038478	THUMMALAPALLY VEERESHAM (BORROWER) GANDLA NAVAYSAR (CO-BORROWER)	07-Jun-2026	16-Jun-2026 Rs.5,26,028 As on 15-Jun-2026	
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY/SECURED ASSET: "ALL THAT THE RESIDENTIAL TEENS HOUSE BEARING IN MUNICIPAL HOUSE NO. 5-3&5/108/1, TOTAL ADMEASURING 118.83 SQ. YARDS, OR WHICH IS EQUIVALENT TO 99.35 SQ. MTRS., WITH AN PLINTH AREA 506.64" SQ. FEET, ROOF COVERED WITH TEENS, SITUATED AT SADASIVPET (IN WARD NO 5 AND BLOCK NO.3, SIDDAPUR COLONY), UNDER SADASIVPET MUNICIPAL LIMITS, SADASIVPET MANDAL, SANGAREDDY DISTRICT, TELANGANA STATE. ZPP AT SANGAREDDY, REGISTRATION SUB-DISTRICT SADASIVPET, AND REGISTRATION DISTRICT SANGAREDDY AND BOUNDED BY -NORTH - 3' 0" LANE, AFTER OPEN PLOT OF WALI, SOUTH - 3' 0" LANE, AFTER HOUSE OF SMT. RAZIA BEGUM, EAST:- 3' 0" LANE, AFTER OPEN					

CM Directs Strengthening of Communication Network Across Andhra Pradesh

LAST-MILE CONNECTIVITY THE GOAL – CALLS FOR TELECOM OPERATORS' SUPPORT IN DIGITAL LITERACY

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu said Andhra Pradesh will be developed as a model state in the field of communication infrastructure. He stated that the government's objective is to ensure last-mile connectivity by extending communication networks to remote rural areas and directed officials to further strengthen the state's communication network. Reviewing the communication network with senior officials and telecom service providers at the Camp Office, the Chief Minister stressed that service providers should give special attention to improving mobile cover-



age. He instructed them to establish cell towers and communication infrastructure in remote and uncovered areas. The Chief Minister also asked telecom companies to install more cell towers across the state to strengthen connectivity.

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Secretary Katamaneni Bhaskar informed the Chief Minister that Andhra Pradesh currently has 30,694 cell towers and that 2,310 additional towers are required. Responding to this, the Chief Minister assured that the government would extend all necessary support to telecom

service providers. He directed officials to explore the possibility of completing the installation of the new towers within 100 days and said the government would provide details of geographically uncovered locations. The Chief Minister also stated that Amaravati is being equipped with a fibre-based communication network and that every household in the capital would receive fibre connectivity without the need for repeated road excavations. Officials informed the meeting that Andhra Pradesh currently has 1,69,638 kilometres of fibre optic network and 28.67 lakh broadband connections across the state.

AP Judicial Officers' Association Meets CM Chandrababu

SEEKS REORGANISATION OF JUDICIAL DISTRICTS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW COURTS



The South India Times, Visakhapatnam : Representatives of the Andhra Pradesh Judicial Officers' Association met Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu at the Camp Office on Monday and submitted a memorandum seeking the reorganisation of judicial districts and the establishment of new courts to address administrative and technical issues that have arisen following the reorganisation of districts. The Association requested the Chief Minister to resolve the technical difficulties faced by the judiciary due to the district reorganisation. It also sought the allocation of land for constructing a building for the AP Judicial Officers' Association and highlighted issues related to the welfare of judicial officers.

The representatives urged the government to extend cashless medical treatment facilities to the family members of judicial officers, enhance the soft loan limit, and allot house sites for judicial officers. The Chief Minister responded positively to the representations made by the Association. He enquired about the need for the reorganisation of judicial districts and the establishment of new courts and assured the members that the government would take the necessary steps to address all the issues in a phased manner. The delegation included AP Judicial Officers' Association President G. Chakrapani, Vice Presidents J. Srinivasa Rao and K. Shailaja, General Secretary N. Ramesh Naidu, Joint Secretary A. Krishna Prasad, and Executive Committee members Vennela and Radharani.

VB-G RAM G to Boost Rural Development; AP Secures Rs.13,000 Crore for Asset Creation

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) The Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Grameen) (VB-G RAM G), which comes into effect from July 1, 2026, will usher in a new era of transparent and accountable rural development while putting an end to irregularities in the employment guarantee programme, said Sri Lanka Dinakar, Chairman of the Twenty-Point Programme (Viksit Bharat-Swarna Andhra), Government of Andhra Pradesh. In a statement issued on Tuesday, he said the historic launch of the programme from Mukkavaripalle village in Tirupati district by Union Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, in the presence of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, marks a significant milestone in rural transformation. Dinakar noted that Andhra Pradesh has secured the second-highest allocation in the country, receiving Rs.7,700 crore from the Centre, which, along with the State's contribution of Rs.5,500 crore, will enable the creation

of rural assets worth over Rs.13,000 crore this year. Thanking Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the generous support, he said the new legislation increases guaranteed employment from 100 to 125 days per rural household while retaining the provision for unemployment allowance if work is not provided within 15 days. The Act also allows suspension of the programme for up to 60 days during peak agricultural seasons, ensuring adequate labour availability for farmers without affecting employment opportunities for rural workers. Emphasising transparency, the legislation mandates biometric authentication, GIS-based planning and monitoring, mobile app-enabled real-time dashboards, and weekly public disclosure of information to eliminate fake payments, fraudulent transactions, and misuse of funds. Dinakar said the reforms will ensure efficient utilisation of public money, creation of durable rural assets, and strengthen the vision of Viksit Bharat through empowered villages and accountable governance.

Aparna Constructions donates Rs. 1 crore to TTD

Tirupati: Aparna Constructions & Estates Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad, donated Rs.1 crore to the TTD SV Pranadana Trust. Company representatives Sri Tarun and Sri Ramesh handed over the donation DD to TTD Chairman Sri B.R. Naidu at the Chairman's Camp Office in Tirumala on Tuesday. The Chairman appreciated the management of Aparna Constructions for supporting the noble cause of providing life-saving medical assistance to poor and needy patients through the SV Pranadana Trust.



DRM Conducts Surprise Inspection of Visakhapatnam Railway Station



Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) of Visakhapatnam Division, Shri Lalit Bohra, conducted a surprise inspection of Visakhapatnam Railway Station on Tuesday to review cleanliness, passenger amenities, and train punctuality, reaffirming the Division's commitment to providing safe, efficient, and passenger-friendly railway services. During the inspection, the DRM thoroughly examined cleanliness across station premises, including platforms, circu-

lating areas, waiting halls, toilets, and other passenger facilities. He also reviewed the maintenance of essential amenities and assessed the punctuality of train operations to ensure a comfortable travel experience for passengers. Shri Lalit Bohra interacted directly with passengers at the station and onboard trains to obtain firsthand feedback on cleanliness, punctuality, service quality, and overall travel experience. He instructed the concerned officials to immediately rectify any shortcomings

noticed during the inspection and to ensure continuous monitoring for sustained improvement in passenger services. The inspection was attended by Additional Divisional Railway Manager (Operations) Shri K. Rama Rao and other senior officials of the Visakhapatnam Division. The DRM reiterated the Division's commitment to enhancing passenger convenience and maintaining high standards of cleanliness, safety, and operational efficiency across railway stations.

Prez Murmu urges tribal university to become a hub of leadership and empowerment

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) President of India Droupadi Murmu on Tuesday called upon the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh to emerge as a centre for nurturing self-confidence, leadership and policy-making capabilities among tribal communities.



Addressing the University's first Convocation Ceremony in Visakhapatnam, the President said the institution has a unique responsibility to promote inclusive development through education and community engagement. She said tribal universities must extend their role beyond academics by contributing to education, healthcare, skill development, livelihoods and the

protection of forest rights at the grassroots level. Expressing confidence in the University's future, she said it would play a vital role in the holistic development of tribal youth and the overall progress of the region. The President urged universities to develop

innovative models that enhance tribal livelihoods through forest produce, handicrafts, millets, medicinal plants, eco-tourism and local entrepreneurship. She advised graduates to equip themselves with practical skills, remain connected to their communities, culture and traditions, and contribute meaningfully to society and nation-building.

All Arrangements Completed for President's Visit; Trial Run Conducted Successfully at Central University

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) The district administration has completed all arrangements for the visit of the President of India, Droupadi Murmu, who will attend the First Convocation of the Central University of Andhra Pradesh on July 1 as the Chief Guest. A full-scale trial run was successfully conducted on Tuesday at the University campus in Jantuluru village of Bukkarayasadram mandal to ensure the smooth conduct of the high-profile visit. District Collector O. Anand, Superintendent of Police P. Jagadish, ISW SP Arif, Air Force officials, and other senior officers participated in the exercise. As part of the trial run, the President's convoy route from the helipad to the convocation venue and back was rehearsed, while security arrangements, protocol measures, and other logistical preparations were thoroughly reviewed.



Collector O. Anand directed officials to make special arrangements at the helipad, ensure regular watering to prevent dust, streamline convoy movement, provide a green room, and complete seating and protocol arrangements at the convocation venue without any lapses. He instructed all departments to discharge their responsibilities efficiently and ensure flawless

execution of the programme. SP P. Jagadish said elaborate security arrangements have been put in place for the President's visit. The trial run was attended by Joint Collector C. Vishnuharan, Assistant Collector Suyash Kumar, Tadipatri ASP Rohit Kumar Choudhary, Administrative ASP Nagabhusanam, RDOs, DSPs, and officials from various departments.

CM Chandrababu Naidu to tour Tirupati district from July 1 to 3



Tirupati, June 30: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu will undertake a three-day tour of Tirupati district from July 1 to 3, District Collector Dr. S. Venkateswar said in a press release. According to the schedule, the Chief Minister will arrive at the helipad at Hero MotoCorp in Madanapalem village, Satyavedu mandal, at 4.20 p.m. on July 1. He will inaugurate the company's Second Global Parts Centre at 4.50 p.m. and participate in other programmes before staying

overnight at the Sri City Guest House. On July 2, the Chief Minister will travel by helicopter to Mukkavaripalle in Obulavaripalle mandal, where he will attend a public meeting and launch the VBG Ramji Scheme at 10.20 a.m. After the event, he will proceed to Renigunta Airport and later participate in the Swarna Andhra 2047 – Economic Intelligence for Governance programme at Taj Hotel, Tirupati, at 3 p.m. He will stay overnight at the Tirupati District Collectorate.

AP Attracts Rs.20 Lakh Crore Investments in Two Years; 20 Lakh Jobs Target: Minister TG Bharat

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Andhra Pradesh has attracted Rs.20 lakh crore worth of investments within two years of the coalition government assuming office, marking a new phase of industrial growth in the State, Industries, Commerce and Food Processing Minister T.G. Bharat said on Tuesday. Addressing a press conference at the Secretariat, he said the State Investment Promotion Board (SIPB) has already approved projects worth Rs.7.66 lakh crore, many of which are now being grounded. He attributed the strong investor response to the leadership and credibility of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, which has restored confidence among domestic and global investors. The Minister said the government is committed to creating 20 lakh jobs over the next five years and is



developing a transparent system by linking employment data with Aadhaar. He announced that 175 MSME parks are being established across all Assembly constituen-

cies, while major projects such as the Google AI Data Centre in Visakhapatnam, Quantum Valley in Amaravati, and Electronics Hubs are pro-

gressing rapidly. Bharat said the government has simplified industrial land allotment procedures and issued 900 notices to companies that obtained land but failed to commence projects. He also announced that new policies for Toy Manufacturing, Furniture Manufacturing, and Industrial Housing will soon be introduced to further strengthen the industrial ecosystem. Highlighting the food processing sector, the Minister said the State is working to attract Rs.30,000 crore in investments and has already achieved nearly half of the target. He added that the Andhra Pradesh Government will host a prestigious Global Partnership Summit in November and conduct roadshows across India and abroad to attract more international investments to the State.

Sri Prasanna Venkateswara Swamy Blesses Devotees as Sri Kodandarama on Hanumantha Vahanam



attire of Sri Kodandarama on Hanumantha Vahanam. Devotees offered camphor harathi and chanted "Sri Rama" while receiving the Lord's blessings. Punyahavachanam and Vasanthotsavam will be held in the afternoon. The Lord will bless devotees on Gaja Vahanam at 7 p.m. TTD Deputy EO Sri Harindranath and other officials participated in the festivities.

Tirupati: The annual Brahmotsavams at Appalayagunta continued with great spiritual fervour on Tuesday morning as Sri Prasanna Venkateswara Swamy appeared in the divine

EO directs timely retirement benefits for TTD employees

TTD Executive Officer Sri Muddada Ravichandra directed officials to ensure that employees receive all retirement benefits on the day of their retirement. He spoke at a felicitation programme held at Mahati Auditorium on Tuesday, where 122 retired TTD employees from various departments were honoured for their dedicated service. The EO appreciated the employees for serving thousands of devotees every day and said TTD would further improve the retirement process.



Kharge alleges Centre undermining MGNREGA, seeks answers from PM on pending dues and new rural employment Scheme

New Delhi (TSIT) Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday launched a sharp attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the implementation of the Centre's proposed rural employment programme, alleging that the government has effectively dismantled the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) and deprived rural India of its "right to work."

In a post on social media platform X, Kharge questioned the Centre over pending MGNREGA payments, the funding pattern of the proposed Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM G), and what he described as measures that would adversely affect farmers and rural labourers.

"Mr. @narendramodi, You



have effectively ended MGNREGA, taking away the 'right to work' from rural India," Kharge said, before raising a series of questions directed at the Prime Minister. Citing a reply presented in the Lok Sabha, Kharge alleged that dues amounting to Rs 17,144.13 crore remained pending for 34 states and union Territories

as of March 2026, including Rs 7,846.25 crore in wage liabilities. "Workers have still not received the wages they are entitled to. Why?" he asked.

The Congress chief further alleged that while the Centre was rolling out the new VB-G RAM G scheme from July 1, it had yet to clear pending MGNREGA payments to states. He claimed Karnataka was awaiting Rs 700 crore, Jharkhand Rs 900 crore, while Telangana, Tamil Nadu and several other states were also yet to receive their dues.

Kharge also criticised the proposed funding structure of the new scheme, claiming that unlike MGNREGA, under which the Centre bore the full wage cost, the proposed framework shifts 40 per cent of the total expenditure to states. Referring to information obtained through the Right to Information Act, he

said even BJP-ruled Madhya Pradesh and Bihar, along with Jharkhand, had expressed concerns over the financial burden and sought a review of the funding pattern.

He also objected to the proposed provision for a 60-day "blackout" period during the peak agricultural season, claiming that several states had opposed the move. "Why is the Central government imposing this anti-worker arrangement on farmers and rural labourers?" he asked.

The Congress president further claimed that implementing the promise of providing 125 days of employment would impose an additional burden of Rs 20,037 crore on Madhya Pradesh and Rs 15,939 crore on Bihar, questioning whether the Centre intended to push states into financial distress to implement its new scheme.

Collector urges students to excel in studies



Jogulamba Gadwal, June 30 (TSIT): District Collector Rizwan Basha Shaik urged students to work hard and pursue their education with dedication to achieve success in life. During a surprise inspection of the Government Boys High School in Gadwal, he interacted with Class X students and stressed the importance of the SSC examination. He directed

teachers to provide special coaching to weak students and improve this year's results. The Collector also reviewed staff attendance, Mid-Day Meal records and UDISE updates, directing strict compliance with procedures. He later felicitated student Nandini for her selection to the National Sports Academy at Gachibowli in football.

Rythu Bharosa funds to be credited to farmers in nine days: Ponnam



Husnabad, June 30: Telangana Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar announced that the State Government has begun crediting Rythu Bharosa financial assistance into farmers' bank accounts and aims to complete the process within nine days. Addressing a press conference, he said the government has provided Rs.27,000 crore to farmers

over the past 30 months and is ensuring timely procurement, adequate seed supply, electricity, and fertilizer availability. He urged Agricultural Extension Officers to create awareness on fertilizer use and asked BJP MPs to press the Centre for sufficient supplies. The Minister also participated in the Chief Minister's Rythu Bharosa launch event via video conference.

BJP National President Nitin Nabin's comments are meaningless - Former Minister Satyavati Rathod



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ESIC Medical College Hyderabad opens India's first transgender clinic in an ESIC institution

Hyderabad, June 30: ESIC Medical College & Hospital, Hyderabad, has inaugurated India's first dedicated Transgender Clinic in an ESIC institution, marking a significant milestone in promoting inclusive and equitable healthcare for the transgender community. The clinic was established in collaboration with the Queer Bandhu Parents Association, led by its Founder President, M. Mukunda Mala. It was inaugurated by Dr. Shirishkumar G. Chavan, Dean of ESIC Medical College & Hospital, who reaffirmed the institution's commitment to providing accessible, dignified and



stigma-free healthcare services for transgender persons. To improve access to

medical care, the hospital has also set up a dedicated Help Desk to assist mem-

bers of the transgender community. The Help Desk will provide guidance, counselling, service navigation and facilitate access to healthcare services, helping bridge the gap between the community and the hospital.

Officials said the initiative reflects the joint commitment of ESIC Medical College & Hospital and the Queer Bandhu Parents Association to advancing transgender-inclusive healthcare. The clinic is expected to serve as a model for similar initiatives across the country, promoting equal access to quality healthcare for transgender individuals.

South Central Railway Chief Commercial Manager Dr. B.S. Christopher retires from service

Hyderabad, June 30: Dr. B.S. Christopher, IRTS, Chief Commercial Manager (Passenger Services & Passenger Marketing) of South Central Railway (SCR), retired from service on Monday after a distinguished career spanning over three decades in the Indian Railways and civil services.

Born on July 5, 1967, in Adoni, Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh, Dr. Christopher completed his MBBS from Kurnool Medical College before joining the civil services. He began his career in the Indian Audit and Accounts Service in



1993, later served briefly in the Delhi, Andaman and Nicobar Civil Service, and joined the Indian Railway Traffic Service (IRTS) in 1996.

He initially worked as Assistant Operations Manager

in Palghat Division of Southern Railway and joined South Central Railway in 1999. During his tenure, he served in almost all divisions of SCR, except Nanded, holding key positions including Assistant Operations Manager,

Divisional Operations Manager, Senior Divisional Operations Manager, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager and Chief Passenger Traffic Manager of South Western Railway.

Before his retirement, he served as Chief Commercial Manager (Passenger Services & Passenger Marketing). He received the Railway Board Award in 2008 and the Railway Shivir Award in 2016 for his outstanding contributions. A keen cricketer, Dr. Christopher also represented Andhra Pradesh at the Under-15 state level.

Bhadrachalam MLA Dr. Tellam Venkat Rao performs life-saving surgery on burn victim

Bhadradri Kothagudem: Bhadrachalam MLA and surgeon Dr. Tellam Venkat Rao performed a life-saving surgery on a critically injured burn victim at the Bhadrachalam Area Hospital after the designated surgeon was unavailable, earning praise for his timely intervention.

The patient, Madapa Bhaskar of Sudibaka village in Venkatapuram mandal, had suffered severe electrical burns covering nearly 60 percent of his body. His family reportedly spent around Rs.30 lakh on treatment in Hyderabad after selling their farmland and gold ornaments. When doctors advised another surgery that they could not afford, the family returned to their village.



After learning of their plight, Dr. Venkat Rao advised them to admit Bhaskar to the Bhadrachalam Area Hospital. With the patient's condition worsening and no surgeon available, the

MLA personally entered the operation theatre and, with the support of the medical team, successfully performed a complex five-hour surgery that saved Bhaskar's life.

Doctors and hospital staff reportedly appreciated Dr. Venkat Rao's decision to step in during the emergency, describing it as an example of professional commitment and medical ethics. This is not the first time Dr. Venkat Rao has extended medical help to needy patients.

Earlier, he personally led a team to remove an 8-kg abdominal tumour from an underprivileged woman free of cost. Local residents and the medical fraternity praised his continued dedication to both public service and the medical profession.

Raghavendra Babu enters Telugu Book of Records

East Godavari (TSIT) Koduru Nagasurya Raghavendra Babu, an MBA student from Yerpadu village in Peravali mandal, has earned a place in the Telugu Book of Records for his contribution to environmental conservation. Raghavendra Babu was recognised for conducting a year-long plantation drive and organising awareness programmes on environmental protection as part of World Environment Day initiatives. He said the honour has strengthened his commitment to promoting environmental conservation and inspired him to continue similar activities. Village elders, friends and well-wishers congratulated him on achieving the recognition.

Merlinhawk inaugurates advanced composites facility in Tamil Nadu Defence Corridor

Bengaluru, June 30: Merlinhawk Aerospace Pvt. Ltd., in collaboration with Italy-based Vega Composites, has inaugurated its advanced composites manufacturing facility, Merlinhawk Composites & Engineering Pvt. Ltd., at Shoolagiri in the Tamil Nadu Defence Industrial Corridor.

The facility was inaugurated by Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi, former Chief of Naval Staff, who lauded Merlinhawk's contribution to indigenous defence technologies and its partnership with Vega Composites in advancing composite material capabilities in line with the Atmanirbhar Bharat vision.

The new unit will manufacture advanced composite aero structures and high-performance materials for aircraft, unmanned systems, radar, electronic



warfare systems, and other defence applica-

tions. Equipped with cleanroom layup, auto-

clave curing, precision cutting, and five-axis CNC

machining facilities, it offers end-to-end composite manufacturing capabilities within India.

Merlinhawk Founder and Managing Director R. Ramachandra Rao said the facility strengthens India's ability to design and manufacture advanced aerospace components while supporting both domestic programmes and global supply chains. Vega Composites CEO Roberto Lapini described the venture as a strategic India-Italy partnership that will facilitate technology transfer and create globally competitive manufacturing capabilities.

Aligned with the Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat initiatives, the facility is expected to generate over 200 skilled jobs and enhance the Tamil Nadu Defence Corridor's role as a key aerospace manufacturing hub.

NLC India CMD receives Einstein World Records recognition for free student bus initiative

Neyveli, June 30: Shri Prasanna Kumar Motupalli, Chairman and Managing Director of NLC India Limited (NLCIL), has been honoured with the Einstein World Records Recognition for introducing free bus transportation for school students in Neyveli Township, a welfare initiative that has benefited thousands of students and their families.

The award was presented by Dr. J. Monica Roshinee, Co-Founder of Einstein World Records, at A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Hall in Neyveli on Monday in the presence of NLCIL Functional Directors, senior officials, teachers and students.

Launched in August 2024, the free bus service provides safe, timely and cost-free transportation to students studying in NLC schools across Neyveli Township. The initiative has eased the financial bur-



den on families while improving access to quality education. Teachers highlighted that the scheme has also encouraged more parents to enrol their daughters in schools, promoting girls' education.

Accepting the honour, Shri Motupalli dedicated the recognition to the entire NLC India family, stating that the achievement reflected the collective efforts of employees, teachers, officers and workers. He noted that

around 30,000 students study in Neyveli Township and encouraged them to strive for academic excellence.

The event also recognised NLC officials who earned IPMA Level-C Certification and Quality Circle teams that won Platinum Awards at the Quality Circle Forum of India Convention, highlighting the company's commitment to education, leadership development and social responsibility.

EDITORIAL

SAVING AYODHYA'S RAM
TEMPLE NEEDS TURNING
TO KAUTILYA

When a devotee folds a note and drops it into the hundi at the Ram Mandir, she is not completing a transaction. She is performing something older than any temple's ledger - the surrender of a thing that is hers to a presence that is not. Dana, in the Indian grammar of giving, is not charity. It is closer to yajna: an offering whose entire merit lies in the release, in the giver's hands coming away empty and clean. The gift is consecrated at the very moment it stops belonging to anyone.

When it lands in a counting room, the sacred becomes countable, and the countable becomes vulnerable. That narrow seam, between the offering that is given to God and the institution that must physically hold it, is where every great devotional civilisation has, sooner or later, been tested. Ayodhya has just been tested there, and failed. The facts are still settling, but the shape is clear enough. A Special Investigation Team has reported serious shortcomings in how donations at the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi temple were counted and monitored - weak oversight, poor accountability, gaps wide enough for cash to slip through. Eight people have been arrested, several of them entrusted with the counting itself; CCTV footage is said to show notes being diverted during the tally. The story is both peculiarly Indian - corruption in uniquely opaque systems - and entirely universal. What happened in that counting room is one of the most eternal stories in the history of organised devotion. The error is in not believing this could only happen here. The error is in not recognising how very old, and how very global, the problem is. Consider the institution most often held up as the gold standard of sacred administration. The Vatican has spent four decades cycling through financial scandal: the collapse of Banco Ambrosiano in 1982, with the Vatican Bank as its largest shareholder and its chairman, 'God's Banker' found hanged under a London bridge; the catastrophic London property venture of the last decade, into which the Secretariat of State poured some 350 million euros before selling the building at a 140-million-euro loss; the corruption trial that followed and convicted a cardinal once spoken of as a future pope; a parallel billion-dollar fraud traced through a suppressed Catholic society in Peru. All of this inside a sovereign whose own theology could not be clearer that the wealth it holds is held in trust - that, as the tradition insists, the Church's money is not hers but the Lord's. The conviction did not prevent the theft. Only institutions did: the Vatican's belated financial watchdog, its submission to external money-laundering review, the slow, humbling acceptance that even a holy treasury must be audited by people who assume it might be robbed.

That is the lesson Ayodhya should take, and it is being taken - quietly, and from an unexpected quarter. In direct response to the Ram Mandir affair, the trust that runs Tirupati, the richest temple in the country, has gone to the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and asked it to tear out a decades-old accounting system and replace it with a modern, audited, enterprise platform inside a hundred days. The accountants describe the project, rightly, as a potential template for religious institutions across India.

China's New AI Surveillance System
Has A Chilling New Mission

China's sweeping new law on "ethnic unity", which takes effect on Wednesday, has raised fears among the country's minority groups that it will further erode their culture and rights. The law also allows Beijing to target people overseas, prompting concern in Taiwan and many other parts of the world, including India, which hosts the largest Tibetan community outside China. The move is seen as the latest tool in Beijing's arsenal to suppress its minorities and dissidents. This comes amid growing evidence that China is using advanced AI not only to target its current critics but also to predict who could become one in the future. The Ethnic Unity and Progress Promotion legislation was approved by China's National People's Congress in Beijing in March, with the stated aim of creating a "shared" national identity among the country's officially recognised 56 ethnic groups. However, the main focus appears to be assimilating minorities into the culture of the majority Han Chinese. The law mandates that Mandarin be the language of instruction in schools and official communication. It also provides a legal basis for prosecuting parents or guardians who may instil what it describes as "detrimental" views in children. Fulfilling Xi's Vision The new law cements President Xi Jinping's vision of a powerful China united by a single national identity. Under his rule, Beijing has already taken a harder line on dissent and protests, especially in Tibet, Xinjiang and Inner Mongolia, home to minority groups. In 2020, ethnic Mongolians in northern China staged rare protests against measures to reduce Mongolian-language instruction in favour of Mandarin. In Xinjiang, human rights groups have documented the



detention of a million Uyghur Muslims in what Beijing calls "re-education" camps. In 2022, a UN report accused China of crimes against humanity in Xinjiang, including torture and forced sterilisation of Uyghurs. Beijing dismissed the report as "pure farce" and a tool to smear and slander China. In Tibet, Buddhists are not permitted to worship their spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, who will turn 91 this week. Their monasteries are now controlled by the Chinese authorities, and children are reported to have been sent to state-run boarding schools to be educated predominantly in Mandarin and to inculcate Chinese culture. Speaking in New Delhi, the head of the Tibetan government-in-exile, Penpa Tsering, condemned China's new law as "an instrument of forced assimilation, whose ultimate objective is the gradual erosion of Tibetan lan-

guage, religion, culture and identity". Beijing has defended the new legislation, which puts even foreign citizens' lives at risk. Under Article 63 of the law, people outside China can be held legally accountable for undermining "ethnic unity and progress or inciting ethnic separatism". Beijing's Vice Justice Minister, Hu Weilie, said the law was "legitimate", "lawful" and "necessary". He said the overseas provision had been misinterpreted. However, Taiwan, the UN and the European Union remain unconvinced and have expressed deep concern. In Taipei, an official feared the new law could be used to prosecute the Taiwanese as well as Hong Kongers living in Taiwan who oppose unification. Australia, which has a large Chinese community, has also registered its concern with Beijing. The Case Of Secret "Police Stations" Even with-

out the new law, Beijing had been accused of targeting its dissidents in foreign countries through a network of shadow police stations. In May, a Chinese-origin American citizen, Lu Jianwang, was convicted in New York of helping run the first known secret police station in the US. The court found he operated the station in Manhattan's Chinatown in early 2022 for China's Ministry of Public Security (MPS). He was accused of targeting Chinese dissidents, including Xi Jie, a pro-Democracy activist who fled his country in 2013. In recent months, France has dismantled nine clandestine police stations operated by Chinese nationals on behalf of their government, according to the French interior ministry. These stations were used to monitor the Chinese diaspora, track down government critics, and forcibly send them back to China. Early in

June, two Chinese men were jailed in London for running "shadow police operations" on British soil. The court heard that they assisted in efforts to track down and forcibly return Hong Kong nationals living in Britain. At least 100 such stations have been reported in more than 50 countries, with rights groups accusing China of using the outposts to threaten and monitor Chinese nationals abroad as well as helping Beijing identify pro-democracy activists living in the US. China has denied that the outposts are police stations, saying they are "service stations" providing administrative services to nationals overseas. Finding Future Dissenters In the 2022 Tom Cruise-starring Hollywood film Minority Report, police identify "criminals" for arrest before they have actually committed a murder. Little did the producers know that it would come close to reality,

thanks to China's sustained efforts to achieve mastery in Artificial Intelligence. Leaked documents from a Chinese state-linked company have revealed that Beijing is now trying to develop technology to predict who might become a dissident. Researchers at the US university Vanderbilt have recently found that the Chinese firm Geedge Networks is analysing vast amounts of data on individuals' daily habits, relationships, and browsing histories to predict who might say or do something critical of the government. The company already sells a commercial version of the Great Firewall, the surveillance and censorship software that China uses to control online activity. Geedge is a private company that operates in coordination with the Chinese government. It has already sold its surveillance software to Pakistan, Myanmar, Kazakhstan and Ethiopia.

US' Scott Bessent Has A New 'Doctrine',
And It Leaves India With Hard Choices

On the fifth of December 1791, Alexander Hamilton sent Congress his Report on the Subject of Manufactures. The sentence the United States' Treasury Secretary now quotes back to the world is this one: every nation "ought to endeavour to possess within itself all the essentials of national supply." Read the next sentence, which the present Secretary does not quote. "These comprise the means of subsistence, habitation, clothing, and defence." Hamilton named four essentials, and defence came last. Scott Bessent in his WSJ opinion piece made that first sentence the opening principle of what he called American economic statecraft. The doctrine deserves to be read structurally. On the fifth of December 1791, Alexander Hamilton sent Congress his Report on the Subject of Manufactures. The sentence the United States' Treasury Secretary now quotes back to the world is this one: every nation "ought to endeavour to possess within itself all the essentials of national supply." Read the next sentence, which the present Secretary does not quote. "These comprise the means of subsistence, habitation, clothing, and defence." Hamilton named four essentials, and defence came last. Scott Bessent in his WSJ opinion piece made that first sentence the opening principle of what he called American economic statecraft. The doctrine deserves to be read structurally. Advertisement - Scroll to continue Tariffs, Reimagined Begin with the fact that the doctrine has already outlived its instrument. On the 20th of February 2026, in Learning



Resources, Inc. v. Trump, decided alongside Trump v. V.O.S. Selections, Inc., the Supreme Court held by six to three that the International Emergency Economic Powers Act of 1977 does not authorise tariffs, and struck down the reciprocal duties of April 2025. Within weeks the same wall was rebuilt out of older stone: Section 122 of the Trade Act of 1974, Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974. Bessent's own forecast was that the combination would leave 2026 tariff revenue "virtually unchanged." What settles is a particular answer to an old question, the one every trading nation must answer. What to make at home, what to buy abroad, and what never to depend on a rival to supply. For eighty years the Western answer was institutional. Comparative advantage, as Ricardo set it out in 1817, said buy where it is cheapest. The General

Agreement on Tariffs and Trade of 1947 added the discipline, Article I, the most-favoured-nation rule: a concession granted to one is a concession granted to all. The new answer keeps the vocabulary and discards the discipline. From that single move, four consequences follow for the world. 4 Big Consequences For The World First, non-discrimination is being replaced by reciprocity, which is its opposite. Article I made trade a rule. A bilateral bargain makes it a deal. Once the largest market grants access with conditions, as Bessent puts it, access becomes a lever, and a lever is pulled one counterparty at a time. Second, the arbiter is gone and is not coming back. The WTO's Appellate Body has had no quorum since December 2019, because the United States blocked appointments under three successive Presidents. Nearly sixty members, accounting for about three-

fifths of world trade, now appeal to a stopgap, the Multi-Party Interim Appeal Arbitration Arrangement. The United States is not among them and does not intend to be. A court the strongest party has walked out of is not a court. Third, finance becomes ordinance. Bessent's fourth principle names the dollar an instrument of statecraft. It is candid, and it is also an invitation. Every nation told that the payment system can be switched off will build, slowly and at cost, a way to route around it. To weaponise interdependence is to teach everyone to reduce it. Fourth, mercantilism becomes the norm because imitation is rational. If the largest economy redefines openness as conditional and subsidises its own semiconductors, shipyards, critical minerals and pharmaceuticals, no second nation can keep its own market innocent. Friedrich List argued exactly this in 1841, that the nation and not the individual is the unit, and that prevailing free trade is the ladder the climber kicks away once at the top. The doctrine is contagious by design. India Agrees, But At What Cost? The instructive fact, for Delhi, is that India already agrees with the diagnosis. Atmanirbhar Bharat is Hamilton in another grammar, or more precisely it is Keynes, whose 1933 lecture "National Self-Sufficiency" supplied the case that a nation may rationally pay for the capacity to make what it needs. So the question is not whether the doctrine is sound, but how it cuts. It cuts four ways. It cuts close, first, because India's dependence is sharper than America's.

Pranit More To Everyone Else, How Comedy
And Its Scandals Continue To Fool Us

Every few months, minus special occasions, India finds itself in the middle of a national emergency, involving a comedian. A statement will be made somewhere in a comedy show, or by a comedian. The clip goes viral, and boom goes the dynamite! Social media erupts with all kinds of opinions from across the spectrum. Primetime debates decide the length and breadth of what should be an acceptable speech. Politicians suddenly discover morality. Everyone has an opinion. A recent controversy involved an audience member at comedian Pranit More's show, who suggested that because he had spent Rs 370 on a biryani date, he expected sexual access in return. The remark was widely criticised as reflecting entitlement and a disregard for consent. More himself later apologised, admitting he should have challenged the comment instead of laughing along. The man who made the comment, a 22-year-old Himanshu Jangra, also rendered an apology after his comment invited backlash and he was fired from his company. However, the lore only got bigger. A second clip from the same crowdwork became viral. A doctor in the audience, Dr Sejal, spoke about medical students joking about the private parts of male cadavers during anatomy and post-mortem work, triggering a second wave of criticism, and eventually an apology. The trolling of Dr Sejal started out as many defended Himanshu's comments in a 'tit-for-tat' attitude, but soon it became a larger conversation on ethics of medical professionals. Many (again, rightfully) criticised



her stand and her training in general, including her place of profession, which raised concerns. But the 'ideological' battle remained. Some people have condemned the remarks as vulgar and offensive. Others have defended it in the name of freedom of expression. Such controversies rise and fall in their due time. The country will move on and find something new to outrage over. That is not the point I am trying to make here. This particular controversy has shed light on comedian Pranit More and how he should have behaved during the remarks. The internet has dubbed Pranit More's response at the time of the '370' statement as encouragement. More deserves his fair share of criticism, and many creators have rightfully called him out for choosing to benefit from it first and being apologetic

about it later. But the voice of reason seemed to have a tiny asterisk mark. The morality clause found itself attached to the same ecosystem that once preached that accountability itself was a 'threat' to comedy. A quick archaeological excavation through stand-up routines from back in the day reveal a graveyard of jokes involving women, minorities, sexuality, religion, body image, stereotypes and every other subject that contemporary sensibilities would regard as problematic. Casual sexism, sexual humour, stereotypes about communities, body-shaming and shock value have been staples of the stand-up routine, even in India. The industry's collective memory appears remarkably short. And the difference is not moral. It is timing. Lost in the shouting matches is an inconvenient truth: almost

every major comedian, given a long enough timeline, has said something they would rather not have clipped and circulated today. This is often described as personal growth. Sometimes it genuinely is. But it is also difficult to ignore how frequently these moral awakenings coincide with changing audience preferences. And this is where we as the audience must understand, that comedy, despite its lofty self-image, is one of the most market-sensitive professions in existence. For years, shock humour relied on violating social norms. The joke may not be necessarily clever; it was simply unexpected. In moderation, such humour has always existed and occasionally served a purpose. Satire often requires discomfort. The problem begins when discomfort becomes the entire product. Today, there are jokes that seem to exist solely because somebody, somewhere, will find them offensive. Their primary function is not humour but circulation. They are designed less for audiences in the room and more for clips on social media. I will even go as far as to argue that the most successful comedians are often those who understand that ideology itself has become content. Political correctness is content. Political incorrectness is content. Being offended is content. Being offended by the offended is content. In today's day and age, the internet rewards all of it. However, today, many of the loudest critics of shock comedy belong to a generation of comics who built their own careers on material that would struggle to survive contemporary scrutiny.

Chief Minister D K Shivakumar kicks off SIR process by filling up Enumeration form

There is provision to change the phone number and name during SIR

Bengaluru : Chief Minister D K Shivakumar today kicked off Special Intensive Review (SIR) process in the state by filling up his Enumeration form at his residence.

The Chief Minister, along with his wife Usha Shivakumar, filled up the Enumeration form in the presence of Bengaluru South DC and other officials. Speaking to reporters after signing the form, he said, "The SIR process has started in the state from today. I kick started the process by filling up and submitting the Enumeration form. Along with your name, you have to provide the phone number you had given at the time obtaining the voter's ID. If the phone number has changed, the officials will allow you to update your new phone number. The OTP will come to the phone number that you provide."

One person can sign on behalf of everyone in the family

You are allowed to change the name while submitting the application. Any one person from the family can fill up the enumeration forms and sign on behalf of all family members. The voters can also change their



photo while submitting the application. The government of Karnataka is ready to provide all necessary documentation needed for the SIR process. All the citizens must retain their right to vote, else it would be difficult to get government bene-

fits. When asked about digital illiteracy and difficulty in using the app, he said, "I also don't use any app, I took the help of others. Voters also have the provision to take physical application from BLOs and submit an offline

application. Asked about the importance of SIR process in Karnataka, he said, "Other states are also giving benefits only to certain voters. They are taking the benefits back from those who don't have voting rights.

The same system may be in the state too. We would like to give guarantee benefits to voters of our state, why should we offer the same benefits to people of other states? Our thinking is to pass on benefits only to the people of our state."

Special Team Formed for Comprehensive Survey of Buildings in Chickpet Division: Maheshwar Rao



Bengaluru : Chief Commissioner of the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), Maheshwar Rao, has directed officials to constitute a special team comprising town planners to undertake a comprehensive survey of all buildings in the Chickpet Division.

Chairing a review meeting of various departments at the GBA head office today, he instructed officials to identify unauthorized buildings during the survey, issue notices to the concerned owners, and initiate appropriate action as per the law.

Fire Safety Audit: Considering the risk of fire accidents in sensitive areas such as Chickpet, he directed officials to immediately conduct a fire safety audit to assess firefighting systems, emergency exits, and preparedness measures to be followed during emergencies. Expedite Road

Works: Reviewing the progress of road projects being executed by the Karnataka Road Development Corporation Limited (KRDCL), he instructed officials to resolve land acquisition issues in pending stretches, expedite the process, and ensure that the works are completed within the stipulated time-line.

Prevent Sewage Inflow into K-100 Waterway: Noting that sewage is entering the K-100 waterway at certain locations, he directed officials to take immediate measures to completely prevent the inflow and protect the waterway.

Submit Underground Cable Map: To facilitate better coordination of urban infrastructure projects, he instructed BESCOM officials to submit a comprehensive map of underground utility cables at the earliest.

Gruha Jyothi Door-to-Door Beneficiary Verification Drive from July 1st

Bengaluru: The Energy department will carry out door-to-door verification process for all beneficiaries of the state government's flagship 'Gruha Jyothi Yojane' (GJY) from July 1st.

The Gruha Jyothi Scheme, which was launched in July 2023, is undergoing a verification process. ESCOMs meter readers and ESCOM staff will visit consumers' homes to check records and collect the informations of the beneficiaries. This process will be completed on-site using a mobile application and a declaration form.

Documents Required for Verification:

The Energy department has requested all beneficiaries to keep the following documents ready to show the visiting staff:

Aadhaar Card (For verification only), Pass port size photo of the beneficiaries, Voter ID Card, PAN Card, Tenancy / Rental Agreements (wherever applicable), Ration Card and Caste Certificate

Since an on-site check by the meter reader is the only way to complete this verification process, Energy department has requested all consumers and beneficiaries to extend their full cooperation to the visiting staff to ensure a smooth and quick update.

Verification drive will be commenced in all five ESCOMs jurisdictions. BESCOM, MESCOM, HESCOM, GESCOM AND CESC.

Shivamogga Yodhas edge Gulbarga Mystics by 1 run in thriller



HUBBALLI: Shivamogga Yodhas scored a thrilling 1-run victory over Gulbarga Mystics (VJD) in the DACSS Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 on Tuesday. After the target was revised to 128 in 12 overs from 181, Manish Pandey nearly pulled off a heist, slamming 36 runs in 13 balls (4 sixes, 1 four) including 23 runs in the final over.

For the Yodhas it was sweet revenge after having lost by a huge 95-run margin in the first round match in Mysore.

With their third victory from seven matches, the Yodhas moved to fourth on six points while the Mystics, with their fourth loss, stay third on the same number of points. The Mystics kept losing wickets at regular intervals and eventually found themselves in a difficult situation needing

39 runs from 12 balls and 26 from six. Besides Pandey, Macneil Noronha was the next highest scorer with 34 runs from 20 balls at the top of the order.

Put into bat first, the Yodhas reached a stiff 180-7 with two key partnerships and vital contributions from the top and lower-middle-order. Explosive wicketkeeper-batter Luvnith Sisodia once again gave the Yodhas an aggressive start, adding a 29-ball 53 for the second wicket with Tushar Singh (35, 27 balls, 1 four, 3 sixes) after Macneil Noronha had dismissed the other opener Naveen MG off the third ball of the innings.

Sisodia continued his consistent run and took his tally to 273 runs with three half-centuries and a strike rate of over 163.

Sisodia fell four balls before the end of the powerplay after scoring 31 runs in 18 balls, but by then he had set a good tempo and the Yodhas reached 63-2 at the end of six overs. But Tushar Singh and captain Smaran Ravichandran (19, 19 balls, 2 fours) fell in quick succession and the Yodhas were down to 105-5 in 12.1 overs. Sujay Sateri, however, came to the rescue at the right time to salvage the innings in the company of Yashovardhan Parantap (25, 19 balls, 2 fours). Stroking the ball well and finding the boundaries at regular intervals, Sateri contributed an unbeaten 47 in the crucial 69-run sixth-wicket stand with Parantap that came off 44 balls.

Bengaluru : The Congress government, which is opposing the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, is also creating obstacles in the appointment of Booth Level Officers (BLOs). In many places, by not appointing officers, they are ensuring that SIR does not take place, said Opposition Leader R. Ashok, expressing strong displeasure.

Speaking at a press conference, he said that the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of voter lists has begun as per the directions of the Central Government. However, the Congress government has not properly appointed BLOs. Instead of the required 30 BLOs, only about 10 are visible. Officers are complaining that the government has not provided TA/DA and has not granted permission to attend, he alleged. The purpose of SIR is to ensure that only genu-



ine voters remain in the electoral rolls. In Jayanagar, at 20 places, non-officials and Congress leaders have been appointed as BLOs. In Chamarajpet, when going door-to-door, they have shown photos of Congress MLA Zameer Ahmed Khan. BLOs should not display any party symbols, he stated.

Discrimination in Grants Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar has released

more grants only to areas with Congress MLAs. While Congress MLAs' constituencies receive Rs.100 crore, BJP MLAs' areas get only Rs.40-50 lakh. By practicing such discrimination, they have stalled development. There are more BJP MLAs in Bengaluru. This discrimination must be ended immediately. Minister M.B. Patil has no understanding of Bengaluru. When the BJP government was in power,

more grants were given even to Congress MLAs' areas. I myself got Rs.100 crore sanctioned for Shivajinagar and Hebbal constituencies. If the Congress government continues this discrimination, Brand Bengaluru will never be built, he said.

Rain Deficiency The Congress government in the state is facing a "drought" and is not releasing grants to anyone. In some places there are floods, but there is no money even for relief there. There is no money to take measures for rain deficiency either. They have not even convened officers' meetings to focus on development. Instead, they are only talking about issues like whose property belongs to whom in RSS and Bidadi. Minister Priyank Kharage has never spoken once about his department or the progress in Kalaburagi. Even though I raised several questions in the Assembly, he has not

given proper answers. These people, who cannot even develop Chittapur, are making statements about RSS which is present in 150 countries. If they have the guts, let them speak about their development in the last three years — he challenged. Bengaluru Airport and Metro projects are the result of the efforts of leaders like Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Ananth Kumar. If Congress had done development, they would not have been losing in the last three Lok Sabha elections. Congress has lost in all states, he said. A meeting of in-charges regarding the Greater Bengaluru Election (GBE) was held, where issues like SIR and candidate selection were discussed. It is not clear whether the Congress government will conduct the GBE elections or not. However, the BJP is making preparations with the aim of winning all five major city corporations.

Demanding strict punishment for thieves who stole Sri Ram's hundi, KPCC General Secretary S. Manohar leads special puja

Bengaluru : Demanding strict punishment for thieves who stole Sri Ram's hundi, KPCC General Secretary S. Manohar led a special puja at the Sri Ram Mandir in the "Sri Ram Mandir" ward of Rajajinagar assembly constituency by offering a donation of Rs. 5801 and offering special puja.

Speaking on the occasion, S. Manohar said that according to information reported in the media, serious allegations of misappropriation of cash, gold, silver and other valuables worth more than Rs.200 crore have been discussed in the public sphere and the local police have already arrested about 8-9 people.

He demanded that an independent, impartial and judicial investigation led by Supreme Court judges be conducted to fully uncover the truth of these allegations. The donations made by devotees to the temple



fund have affected the devotion, faith and religious sentiments of crores of Indians. If there is any kind of illegality or malpractice in their management, strict action should be taken against every officer, staff or related person directly or indirectly involved in it, he demanded on this occasion.

Although there are reports prepared by the Uttar Pradesh government's Special Investigation Team (SIT) on the case, it was

demanding that the progress of the investigation and the final facts should be made transparent to the public. He demanded that the investigation should be conducted without any political or administrative influence and legal action should be taken against the guilty, whoever they may be.

At the same time, it was expressed that it is the constitutional and moral responsibility of the governments and related institu-

tions to protect the faith of the devotees. Therefore, a comprehensive judicial investigation should be conducted into the case and the truth should be presented before the people of the country and the relevant responsible officials should bear moral responsibility until the judicial investigation is completed.

Former BBMP Mayor Smt. Padmavati, Rajajinagar Block Congress President Apple Nagaraj, former BBMP Corporation Member Krishnamurthy, G. Mohan, Congress Party Deputy Spokesperson M.S. Anand Kumar, Sudhakar Rao, Youth Congress President Manjunath, Kushal Harave Gowda, Prakash, Puttaraju, Radhakrishna, Sai Naveen, Praveen Rao, Umesh Mohan, Hemanna, Backward Classes President Rohit Revanna and many other Congress party leaders, activists and public were present at this event.

LSBF India partners with KPMG in India to launch industry-focused professional certificate programmes in Data Analytics, AI and Cyber Security

Bengaluru: LSBF Institute of Education has announced the engagement of KPMG in India to deliver select modules for its Professional Certificate programmes in Data Analytics & Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Cyber Security, aimed at equipping learners with industry-relevant skills and practical exposure to emerging technologies.

The collaboration combines LSBF's academic framework with KPMG in India's industry expertise to provide professionals with practical insights, real-world case studies and exposure to current business challenges in the rapidly evolving technology landscape.

According to LSBF, the programmes are designed to bridge the gap between academic learning and industry expectations by offering instructor-led sessions, interactive discussions and practical exercises aligned with contemporary business practices. Participants will also have opportunities to interact with KPMG in India pro-



professionals and gain exposure to real-world scenarios in data analytics, artificial intelligence and cyber security.

The institute noted that India's digital economy is witnessing rapid growth, resulting in increased demand for professionals

skilled in AI, data analytics and cyber security. The initiative seeks to prepare working professionals to address evolving industry requirements by strengthening both conceptual understanding and practical application.

The Professional

Certificate in Data Analytics & AI is a six-month weekend programme covering Python, SQL, Machine Learning, Power BI, Cloud Platforms, Generative AI, Prompt Engineering and AI Ethics. The programme also includes a mentored capstone project based on real-world business applications, enabling learners to develop practical skills in analytics, artificial intelligence and data-driven decision-making.

The Professional Certificate in Cyber Security is also a six-month weekend programme and focuses on cyber risk management, enterprise security frameworks, governance, risk and compliance, digital forensics, vulnerability assessment and emerging cyber threats. Participants will gain hands-on exposure to widely used industry tools, including Wireshark, Nmap, Metasploit, Wazuh, OpenVAS and Python, helping them strengthen practical cyber security capabilities.

Telangana eyes big AI campus as Airtel chief meets Revanth Reddy

Hyderabad: Telangana is exploring the possibility of setting up a large, comprehensive data centre and artificial intelligence (AI) infrastructure campus in the state, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy said on Tuesday, June 30, after meeting Airtel chairman Sunil Bharti Mittal. Mittal met the Chief Minister at the MCRHRD Bodhi Pavilion, where Reddy pressed the his group to expand Airtel's digital, cloud, cybersecurity and AI operations in Hyderabad and suggested that the company move ahead soon with its proposed data centre project at Chandanvelli. The Chief Minister also asked Mittal to designate a senior executive to liaise with the state government on future investment proposals so that issues could be resolved without delay. Airtel's second headquarters in Hyderabad Responding to the over-



tures, Mittal said the Bharti group was considering Hyderabad as a second headquarters for Airtel and assured the Chief Minister that the company would go ahead with plans to expand its data centre capacity and broaden its fibre connectivity network in the state. During the meeting, Revanth Reddy also briefed

Mittal on reforms underway in the state's education sector, including the establishment of the Young India Skill University to train unemployed youth, the upgrade of Industrial Training Institutes into Advanced Technology Centres (ATC) and ongoing improvements to polytechnic colleges across

Telangana. In response, Mittal announced that the Bharti Foundation would extend scholarships to students studying in government schools and ATCs in the state. Sunil Bharti Mittal said the Bharti group was considering Hyderabad as a second headquarters for Airtel.

Why has WhatsApp rolled out usernames by ditching phone numbers?

New Delhi: WhatsApp on Monday, June 29, began allowing users worldwide to reserve usernames, a feature that will let people connect on the messaging platform without sharing their phone numbers, the Meta-owned company said. The reservation process began rolling out from Monday, giving users a head start on claiming a username of their choice before the feature itself becomes functional within the app later this year. Users will be notified in-app once they can begin using their reserved handle. A username, the company said, offers people a way to be reached on WhatsApp without revealing their digits. Users can pick any name of their choosing, independent of handles they may use on other platforms. No directory, no suggestions WhatsApp was at pains to stress that the feature was designed



purely for privacy rather than discoverability. There will be no public directory to browse usernames and the app will not suggest accounts to potential contacts – meaning a person will need to know someone's exact username to reach them for the first time. To add a further layer of security, users will be able to set up a "username key," a code that anyone messaging them for the first time via their username must supply in order for the message to go through. The

key can be changed at any time, the company said, and usernames themselves can be updated within the app. The rollout comes days after Meta chief executive Mark Zuckerberg announced that CRED founder Kunal Shah would take over as WhatsApp's global chief executive, alongside a roughly USD 900 million investment by Meta in the fintech firm. Why it matters WhatsApp's phone-number-based identity has long been flagged as a

privacy weak spot, since contacting someone on the app has traditionally required knowing their mobile number – information that is often tied to bank accounts, government identification and other sensitive records. By decoupling messaging from phone numbers, WhatsApp is moving closer to rivals such as Telegram and Signal, which have offered username-based contact for years, and addressing a long-standing user demand, particularly in regions where unsolicited calls and number-harvesting are common complaints. With India being WhatsApp's largest market by user base, the change is likely to have an outsized impact domestically, even as the company continues to face scrutiny over data privacy and its broader integration with Meta's advertising ecosystem.

Print Expo Chennai and Media Expo Chennai 2026 expand to their largest ever editions as South India's print and visual communications industries accelerate growth

Reflecting the rapid transformation of India's printing, packaging, signage, visual communications industries, Print Expo Chennai and Media Expo Chennai 2026 will return to the Chennai Trade Centre, Tamil Nadu from 9 – 11 July 2026 with their largest combined editions to date. Bringing together more than 200 exhibitors, over 400 brands and upwards of 550 products and solutions across 11,000+ sqm of gross space, the co-located shows are set to become South India's most comprehensive sourcing platforms for the print, advertising, branding, signage and packaging ecosystems. South India continues to be a highly significant market for the printing, signage and visual communications industries, characterised by a large base of established print businesses, strong demand for cost-effective production technologies and a preference for regional sourcing and business engagement. Print Expo and Media Expo have emerged into strategic platforms that bring the complete spectrum of industry solutions closer to the South Indian market. The growing importance of the platform is reflected in



the 2026 edition, where exhibitor demand has resulted in a sold-out show floor, expanded booth sizes and increased participation from companies across India seeking to strengthen their presence in the region. In 2026, the co-located shows have reflected a growth of 20% including the floor space and many new first-time participants. This has resulted in the addition of a new exhibition hangar to accommodate the growing exhibitor numbers and expanded floor area. The growth of the exhibitions mirrors the momentum of the industries they serve. According to IMARC

group, India's commercial printing market is projected to grow from USD 36.53 billion in 2025 to USD 46.65 billion by 2034, driven by urbanisation, digital infrastructure investments and growing adoption of intelligent display technologies. (Source IMARC Group). Sharing his views on the upcoming edition, Mr Raj Manek, Executive Director & Board Member, Messe Frankfurt Asia Holdings Ltd, shared: "South India continues to play a defining role in India's print and visual communications landscape. What we are witnessing today is a strong conver-

gence of printing, packaging, branding, digital signage and automation technologies. The growth of Print Expo Chennai and Media Expo Chennai reflects the industry's confidence in the region and its appetite for innovation-led business growth. The combined platforms offer a unique opportunity for industry stakeholders to discover emerging technologies, build partnerships and access one of India's most dynamic markets." Likewise, Mr Ashok Neelkant, Managing Director, Showcase Trade Fairs and Business Media,

expressed: "India's commercial printing industry continues to evolve in tandem with the rapid growth of packaging, consumer goods and organised retail. South India remains a key growth engine for the sector, accounting for the largest share of the country's commercial printing market and driving investments in advanced printing technologies, finishing solutions, packaging applications and automation. Over the past 16 years, Print Expo Chennai has consistently reflected these industry trends while providing a platform for innovation, business networking and technology adoption. The scale and strength of the 2026 edition underscore the confidence that exhibitors, technology providers and print professionals place in both the exhibition and the South Indian market." Research conducted through exhibitor interactions ahead of the shows reveals a market actively investing in automation, digital printing, print finishing, UV curing technologies, security, RFID solutions, smart identification systems, packaging applications, sustainable production systems, and advanced display technologies.

India's 30,000 Crore Plastic Recycling Industry Gears Up for Asia's Largest Recycling & Sustainability Event – GCPRS 2026

India, June 2026: India's plastic recycling industry, currently valued at approximately ₹30,000 crore and projected to grow to ₹60,000 crore by 2035, is set to witness the 3rd edition of the Global Conference & Exhibition on Plastic Recycling and Sustainability (GCPRS 2026) from July 2 to 5, 2026, at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. Organised by the All-India Plastic Manufacturers' Association (AIPMA), an 80-year-old pan-India apex body, the four-day exhibition and conference is supported by and guidance of the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, NITI Aayog, and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. Under vision of GC chairman Mr. Arvind Mehta and Mr. Sunil Shah - President AIPMA, efforts are always towards strengthening India's sustainability ecosystem through progressive policies, industry collaboration and initiatives promoting responsible resource management and circular economy. Recognised as Asia's largest exhibition dedicated to plastic recycling and sustainability, GCPRS 2026 will bring together over 200 exhibitors from 12 countries across a sprawling

12,000 sq. metre exhibition space, representing the entire value chain of plastic waste management and recycling. GCPRS 2026 is expected to play a pivotal role in accelerating the growth of India's plastic recycling sector while reinforcing the Government of India's vision for sustainability, resource efficiency, circular economy and a carbon-neutral future. The event will serve as a comprehensive one-stop platform for plastic waste management solutions, bringing together technology providers, recyclers, policy-makers, brand owners, entrepreneurs, researchers and environmental experts under one roof. The exhibition will showcase cutting-edge innovations in post-consumer plastic waste management, including collection and segregation systems, automated waste sorting technologies, advanced mechanical and chemical recycling equipment, waste-to-oil and waste-to-energy technologies, end-of-life solutions, and a dedicated recycles marketplace connecting recyclers with brand owners and user industries. A special consultants' clinic will guide entrepreneurs, while an Environment Desk will provide support on Extended Producer Responsibility

(EPR) and regulatory compliance. Designed as a Zero Waste Event, GCPRS 2026 embodies the spirit of the Swachh Bharat Mission, promoting technology-driven recycling solutions to significantly reduce mismanaged plastic waste and strengthen India's circular economy. Among the key highlights of the event are a dedicated Science & Technology Cluster promoting innovative start-ups in the recycling ecosystem, a two-day Sustainability Forum featuring renowned national and international experts, and an exclusive CEO Roundtable that will bring together industry leaders and policymakers to deliberate on India's growing requirement of nearly 3 million tonnes of quality recycles and chart the future roadmap for the sector. The conference will serve as a unique platform for dialogue, collaboration and policy discussions among all stakeholders involved in plastic waste management and recycling. As the flagship event for India's plastic recycling industry, GCPRS 2026 reflects the collective commitment of industry stakeholders towards the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for a Swachh Bharat 2047.

CHINESE TYCOON SENTENCED TO 30 YEARS IN US JAIL

Guo Wengui, who was once believed to be one of China's richest businessmen, has been sentenced to 30 years in jail in the US for running a billion dollar scam. The former property tycoon fled China to the US in 2017, where he reinvented himself as a Communist Party critic and built a loyal online following. But Guo was later convicted on charges of racketeering, fraud and money laundering. New York court judge Analisa Torres said Guo had "preyed on those seeking to bring democracy to China", taking their money to fund his lavish lifestyle. The BBC has contacted Guo's representatives for comment. Guo - who goes by several names, including Miles Guo and Ho Wan Kwok - was sentenced in a courtroom packed with his supporters. US attorney Sean S Buckley told the BBC: "Rather than being satisfied with the many legitimate opportunities afforded to him, Guo exploited



the trust that thousands had placed in him for his own greed." "Today's sentence shows that fame and wealth do not place you above the law, and that fraudsters who victimise families to enrich themselves will be met with significant consequences," Buckley said. Before fleeing China, Guo built a fortune as a property developer and had good ties with the country's government. But he sought asylum in the US after being accused by top Chinese officials of corruption. Guo became a critic of China's Communist

regime and cultivated a wide online following among the Chinese community in the US. Prosecutors said Guo raised more than \$1bn (£760m) from online followers, who joined him in investment and cryptocurrency schemes between 2018 and 2023. The money he raised was used to fund Guo's lavish lifestyle which included a 50,000 square foot mansion, a \$1m Lamborghini and a \$37m yacht, they said. Guo denied the allegations, saying the funds were used for his political activism. He had built ties

with other China critics, including Steve Bannon, a former adviser to US President Donald Trump. Bannon and Guo often appeared in online videos and, in 2020, launched a campaign called the New Federal State of China, with the goal of overthrowing the Chinese Communist Party. Later that year, Bannon was arrested on Guo's yacht in Connecticut. Bannon was charged in an unrelated case with fraud in an alleged scheme to defraud people who funded a not-for-profit company to build a US-Mexico border wall. Bannon entered a guilty plea in a Manhattan court to a first degree scheme to defraud charge and received a sentence of conditional discharge for three years. He also faced federal charges over the wall campaign after he was indicted by a federal grand jury, but the prosecution came to a halt after Trump pardoned him in the final hours of his first White House term.

Bill Changes Put ERP and ASP Readiness in Focus for Indian Enterprises

GSTN's revised 01 August 2026 timeline gives businesses a critical window to strengthen data, API, and dispatch readiness India, June 2026: The recent GSTN advisory extending the implementation timeline for key Bill enhancements from 15 June 2026 to 01 August 2026 has brought ERP, ASP, and enterprise compliance readiness back into focus. The changes include mandatory capture of "Ship To GSTIN" in applicable Bill-To/Ship-To transactions, corresponding updates to e-Invoice and Bill by IRN APIs, and the introduction of a voluntary Bill closure facility. While the revised timeline offers businesses additional preparation time, it also highlights a larger shift in GST compliance - from document-level reporting to transaction-level movement visibility. For enterprises, the impact goes beyond adding one more field in the Bill system. In applicable transactions, missing or invalid Ship To GSTIN details may result in Bill validation failures and additional operational effort, particularly in ERP-integrated and API-driven environments. In high-volume businesses, even small gaps in master data can lead to failed transactions, manual corrections, delayed movement of goods, and reconciliation



issues across invoices, Bills, ERP records, and GST returns. The change is especially relevant for businesses managing multi-location supplies, project-site deliveries, warehouse dispatches, third-party shipping, branch transfers, and complex Bill-To/Ship-To scenarios. Many such transactions depend on accurate consignee details, delivery-location masters, GSTIN mapping, URP treatment, and system-level validation between tax, finance, logistics, and dispatch teams. GSTN has also clarified that where a Ship To GSTIN is not available, taxpayers may use "URP" in the Ship To GSTIN field, wherever applicable. Businesses should therefore review not only

GSTIN master data but also the transaction scenarios where URP treatment may be required. In addition, GSTN has introduced validation controls aimed at improving transaction-level accuracy. These include validation of Ship To GSTIN, consistency checks between GSTIN and state codes, PIN code validations, and restrictions on using the same GSTIN for both Bill-To and Ship-To parties in applicable Bill-To/Ship-To transactions. As a result, businesses should review customer masters, delivery-location data, and ERP mappings well before the implementation date. The voluntary Bill closure facility also brings a new operational control layer. After completion of delivery, businesses will have the option to voluntarily close the Bill, creating a system record of movement completion. This can help reduce open Bill exposure, improve audit trails, and strengthen visibility over delivery status after dispatch. "The revised implementation date should not be viewed as a delay in compliance, but as a readiness window. The real question for enterprises is whether their invoice data, dispatch data, ERP workflows, ASP integrations, and Bill APIs are aligned before the go-live date," said a Cygnet.One tax technology expert.

Manhunt after bomb injures Ukrainian oligarch in Monaco



A manhunt is under way in southern France after a parcel bomb exploded at a residential building in neighbouring Monaco, injuring a wealthy Ukrainian businessman and two others. Vadym Yermolaiev and two others are believed to have been injured in the attack on Monday evening, according to French media reports. Their identities have not been officially announced. Two are in a critical condition in hospital in Nice, Monaco public prosecutor Stéphane Thibault said, adding that a woman was the most seriously hurt. The blast occurred shortly before 21:00 (19:00 GMT) at an apartment building on Rue Révérend Père Louis Frolla, near the border with France. Ukraine's foreign ministry said its embassy in France was in touch with Monaco's authorities and was working to officially identify those reported injured in the blast. Monaco's government said the explosion had been caused by a parcel bomb, while the Minister of State of Monaco, Christophe Mirmand, told AFP news agency the explosive device had appeared to contain

bolts and pellets. Thibault said four other people had been treated by emergency services - one for shock and three for cuts from debris from nearby shop windows as a result of the blast. He said authorities were searching for a single suspect and that the incident was being investigated as attempted murder, not as a terrorist attack. On Tuesday morning, Mirmand told French broadcaster BFM TV the suspect appeared to "have left for France". The Monaco government has said a suspect was seen on a video surveillance system fleeing towards the French commune of Beausoleil on foot after the explosion, where a major police effort to find them is now taking place. Video surveillance images of the moments before the attack showed a man dropping a backpack in the lobby of a building shortly before the explosion, French newspaper Le Figaro reported. More than 100 police and emergency personnel were deployed to the scene of the blast on Monday evening. Harri Richie, who lives around 100m away from the targeted building.



Thousands of anti-migrant protesters march in South Africa amid heavy police presence

Angry Venezuelans accuse government of negligence over earthquake response

"Silencio" the rescuers scream turning towards the road with their fists up in the air, motioning to everyone to remain silent. The vehicles on the road stop plying. People stop talking. The diggers fall silent. A rescuer puts his ear to a hole they've just managed to drill through a concrete slab. Another one shines a torch into it. They're listening to see if they can hear any sounds of survivors calling from under the rubble of a 12-storey building that stood by the side of a busy road in the coastal town of La Guaira. It's one of the areas worst hit by the twin earthquakes that struck Venezuela on Wednesday last week and killed at least 1,700 people. Interim President Delcy Rodríguez has called the earthquakes the "most brutal



natural catastrophe" in Venezuela's history. Standing by the side of the collapsed structure, Miguel Oscar Nunez holds his breath, huddled together with other families who had loved ones in the building. Miguel's only child - 34-year-old son Angel - lived in the building. Moments of anticipation pass by, but the rescuers hear nothing. The

silence ends and work resumes. "My son, like hundreds of others is trapped under the rubble. But we need more support from authorities urgently to dig them out. It's possible that the earthquake has not killed him, but can you imagine if he is killed because of the negligence of the authorities," Miguel Oscar says, anger showing on his face. Kevin

Montilla's home was also in the building. He was away at work, but his wife Luzmary and 16-year-old daughter Jhoerliyzmar were at home when the earthquake struck. "The rescue operation started very late and it's been slow. Initially it was only people who live in the community who came in to help. The police just came to check, but they didn't help. The government's response has been frustrating and impotent," the 34-year-old says. When we visited the site, rescue teams from Venezuela and Colombia were conducting operations. Two diggers, as well as a crane that was lifting up concrete slabs was also there. But the families waiting by the roadside said precious days had been wasted before this effort started.

Flooding hits Ghana's capital killing 13 people - with another storm forecast



At least 13 people have died in Ghana's capital, Accra, after torrential rain resulted in severe flooding, according to the fire service which has been involved in rescue efforts. The government has urged people to stay indoors or move to higher ground, as the meteorological agency warned further rain was expected with a big storm approaching from the east. Much of the water from Sunday night's downpours has begun to recede, but as the recovery operation continues, the Ghana National Fire Service (GNF) said the death toll could rise. Low-lying areas were particularly impacted. Videos circulating on social media show homes and vehicles submerged, while many buildings have been destroyed. Emergency response teams have been deployed to the flood-affected region, including from the police, fire service, the military and the National Disaster Management Organisation. The interior ministry said they had been deployed to monitor the situation and to safeguard lives and property. The GNFS said it had rescued more than 470 people so far. The floods also triggered a major fire at a rubber factory in the city. Some residents have also become trapped at home. The government has called for people to relocate to higher safe grounds and to avoid travelling in flooded areas. "Stay indoors if you are in a safe location," the president's

office said in a statement. "Do not attempt to cross flooded roads, whether on foot or in a vehicle. If your home is being inundated, move immediately to higher ground and call 112 for emergency assistance." According to Mahama, preliminary data indicated that around 140mm of rain descended on Accra. "By comparison, the highest single-day rainfall recorded last year was about 56 mm," he wrote on X, adding the increase pointed to climate change. The Ghana Meteorological Agency also warned that more rain was expected to affect parts of southern Ghana - where Accra is located - on Tuesday morning into the afternoon, raising the risk of further flooding. "Avoid sheltering under trees, stay clear of loose electrical wires, and do not walk or drive through floodwaters," the agency advised. Accra is one of the fastest-growing cities in Africa, with a population of more than four million, according to the World Health Organization (WHO). Resident Philip Mensah said his house had been flooded, telling AFP news agency that his "1970s collection of vinyl records is now underwater". Schoolteacher Patience Naa Adjeley Adjei said she had spent hours trying to keep water out of her room. "I have mopped my room more than eight times," she told AFP. "I can't even step out because my room is flooded, and outside is flooded."

TRUMP LOSES SUPREME COURT BATTLE TO END BIRTHRIGHT CITIZENSHIP

By citing the Fourteenth Amendment to the US Constitution, the Supreme Court definitively slams the door on Donald Trump's efforts to deny birthright citizenship to the children of undocumented migrants and most temporary foreign residents. According to Chief Justice John Roberts, writing for the majority, the language of the amendment - passed shortly after the end of US civil war - is clear: "All persons born or naturalised in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States". Trump and his legal team had argued that undocumented migrants were not "subject" to US jurisdiction. Roberts and the court majority emphatically disagreed. Because the court's majority held that the US Constitution is explicit in this regard, there is little that Trump can do to reverse its ruling - and deny birthright citizenship - short of amending America's founding document. That is an arduous task that has only



been accomplished 27 times in US history. We're waiting to hear from the president about the birthright decision, a defeat for him and his administration. In the meantime, he's posted on social media platform Truth Social about the transgender athletes case we reported on earlier. "The United States Supreme Court just RULED AGAINST MEN PLAYING IN WOMEN'S SPORTS. Wow! That takes that ridicu-

lous situation off the table!!! President DONALD J. TRUMP," he wrote. Three justices dissented from today's decision to uphold birthright citizenship. Justices Clarence Thomas, Neil Gorsuch and Samuel Alito. The three justices cite several reasons for disagreeing with the majority decision. Justice Thomas argues in his dissent that the 14th Amendment is now being "repurposed for political projects" that go beyond

its "sad history" of securing equal right for freed slaves, whom he argues were entitled to citizenship because "they were Americans" with no other homeland or allegiance to another foreign power. Justice Alito used more dramatic language in his dissent, saying the ruling was "one of the most important decisions in the history of the Court, and in my judgment, the Court has made a serious mistake". He says

Tuesday's ruling "confers citizenship on virtually everyone who happens to be born in this country, including the children of 'birth tourists,' women who come here solely for the purpose of giving birth to a child and then promptly return home". Alito argues that "careful analysis" of the 14th Amendment gives citizenship to "only those children who, at birth, owe allegiance solely to this country". We've yet to President Trump, who is likely to be furious at being handed a defeat by the Supreme Court. Trump has, for years, made ending birthright citizenship a corner of his immigration policies. As far back as 2015, Trump - then still a candidate - called for an end to the practice, describing it as "the biggest magnet for illegal immigration". His executive order attempting to end birthright citizenship was signed within hours of his return to the White House last year, and the topic is one he has brought up frequently in both public remarks and

on Truth Social. Just a few weeks ago, for example, he posted that the US "cannot live with the shackles" of birthright citizenship. "It is not economically, or otherwise, sustainable and no other country in the world, of consequence, does it," he added. The US president has reacted angrily in past instances in which the Supreme Court thwarted his policy objectives, such as tariffs. We are likely to hear more of that today. This is a ruling that will be studied in constitutional law classes for years to come. The Supreme Court - a bench reshaped by Trump himself - has delivered a clear message: the 14th Amendment guaranteeing birthright citizenship can't simply be annulled with the stroke of the Presidential pen. The personal and political dimension for Trump cannot be underestimated. This is a court he fundamentally reshaped - and one that has now ruled against one of the signature promises of his political career.



Senegalese MPs move to clip presidential powers as tensions mount

US envoys in Doha to meet mediators but not Iranians, Qatar says

US special envoy Steve Witkoff and President Donald Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner are in Doha to discuss the US-Iran negotiations with mediators, Qatar's foreign ministry spokesman says, but they will not meet Iranian officials there. Majed al-Ansari told reporters that no high-level meetings or direct talks between the two sides were scheduled in the coming days. The US and Iran agreed to stop attacking each other and send delegations to the Gulf state following a four-day exchange of strikes triggered by a dispute over the reopening of the crucial Strait of Hormuz waterway. The strikes threatened the preliminary agreement to end the four-month war between the US,



Israel and Iran. The memorandum of understanding (MoU) brokered by Pakistan and Qatar less than two weeks ago committed the countries to halt military operations on all fronts, including Lebanon, and immediately reopen the Strait of Hormuz, through which about 20% of global oil and gas shipments pass. They also gave themselves

at least 60 days to reach a final deal that covers Iran's nuclear programme, US sanctions and a permanent truce. Pakistani and Qatari mediators said encouraging progress was made at the first round of talks held in Switzerland a week ago, which US Vice-President JD Vance and Iran's Parliamentary Speaker Mohammed Bagher

Ghalibaf attended. They also said a "communication line" had been formed to enable the safe passage of commercial vessels through the Strait of Hormuz. But that failed to prevent the recent exchanges of strikes, which began when Iran attacked a cargo ship on Thursday following efforts to open Oman's territorial waters to both inbound and outbound traffic on the southern side of the strait. Iran had warned vessels that the only route was through its own waters on the northern side. On Sunday night, a US official said both sides would "stand down for now", and that vessels could "move freely" in and around the strait. Technical talks would also "continue on all areas of the MoU", the official added.

VIRAT KARNA: GAVE MY 100% FOR 'NAGABANDHAM'

I worked hard for 'Nagabandham'. It is a great fortune as an actor to do such a huge project. The film has turned out amazingly. It will definitely give the audience a great cinematic experience: Hero Virat Karna

Virat Karna is the hero of the epic adventure thriller 'Nagabandham – The Secret Treasure' directed by Abhishek Nama. Kishore Annapureddy and Nishitha Nagi Reddy have produced this film on a huge budget under the banner of Nick Studios. Nabha Natesh, Aishwarya Menen, Jagapathi Babu, Mahesh Manjrekar, Rishabh Sawhney and other key roles are playing in this film. The promotional content that has already been released has created a sensation across the country. The film will be



released worldwide on July 3. On this occasion, hero Virat Karna shared the features of the film at a press conference.

■ BOTH OF THE FILMS YOU HAVE DONE SO FAR ARE BIG BUDGET FILMS. HOW DID IT FEEL TO DO SUCH BIG FILMS AT THE BEGINNING OF YOUR CAREER?

-I think it's my luck. My first film Pedakapu was also a big budget film. Now Nagabandham has also been made with a very big budget. Regardless of the outcome of Pedakapu, I worked 100 percent as an actor. I did everything that was required for that role. I got good



praise as an actor. I worked twice as hard for this film than that film.

■ HOW DID THE NAGABANDHAM JOURNEY BEGIN?

-Abhishek Nama garu had

prepared this story and was looking for an actor who would be suitable for the role. He thought it would be good if it was a new person who had all the qualities required for the role. At that time, he called me and spoke to me. I liked the story a lot. I was very excited. That's how this journey began.

■ DID YOU PLAN ON A BUDGET OF RS 100 CRORE WHEN YOU STARTED THIS FILM?

No. As the film developed, the budget size increased according to the demand for content.

■ HOW DID YOU PREPARE FOR YOUR ROLE?

-When I heard this story, I got a clear understanding of what my character should be like. It felt like this story was written just for me. When I was told about the roles of Rudra and

Nagasadhu, I felt very excited. I felt like I was waiting for a film like this. I immediately underwent a body transformation to suit the role. I learned horse riding. I also paid special attention to dance. I completely transformed myself to suit the role. In this, Nagasadhu's character took six hours to do makeup.

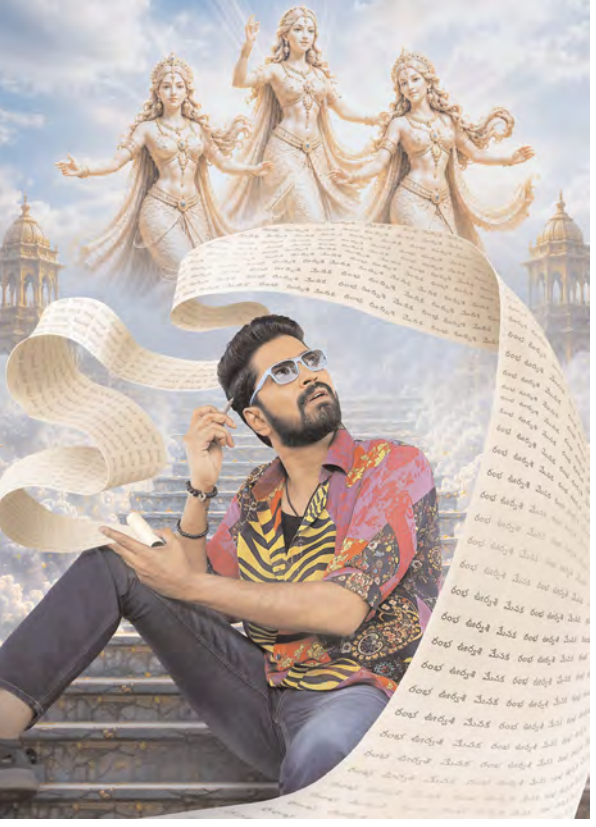
■ WILL THERE BE A SEQUEL TO THIS MOVIE?

Yes. Our director has already said that there will be a part 2 to this movie.

■ HOW DID IT FEEL TO HAVE SUCH A LARGER-THAN-LIFE CHARACTER IN JUST THE SECOND FILM?

-I always wanted to make a mark in the industry. It is a great opportunity for an actor to get such a role. That opportunity came to me with Nagabandham.

Allari Naresh's Ramba Oorvasi Menaka First Look Out



Menaka, the film instantly grabs attention with its quirky title and visually striking first look, promising a wildly entertaining fantasy comedy unlike anything seen before. The first-look poster presents Allari Naresh in a stylish avatar, seated on heavenly steps with a pen and scroll a scroll bearing the names Ramba, Oorvasi, and Menaka in his hand, while celestial nymphs (Apsaras) hover above him amidst the clouds. The creative design, filled with divine elements and humorous undertones, hints at a unique cosmic entertainer packed with fantasy, fun, and Allari Naresh's trademark comedy. The film boasts a strong ensemble cast featuring Vennela Kishore, Naresh VK, Srinivas Reddy, Muralidhar Goud, and several other noted actors who are set to add to the laughter with their hilarious performances. Backed by an experienced technical crew, Raam Reddy handles the cinematography, while Chaitan Bharadwaj composes the music. Brahma Kadali is the production designer, and Chota K Prasad oversees the editing, ensuring the fantasy world is brought to life with top-notch production values. With an eye-catching title, an inventive first-look poster, and an exciting fantasy-comedy premise, Ramba Oorvasi Menaka generates strong buzz. The film is scheduled for a worldwide theatrical release on September 4.

Allari Naresh, Chandra Mohan Chintada, Annappurna Studios, Hasya Movies' Ramba Oorvasi Menaka Striking First Look Unveiled, Theatrical Release On September 4

Known for constantly reinventing himself with unconventional and content-driven films, Comedy King Allari Naresh is now making an entertaining return to the genre that established him as one of Telugu cinema's finest entertainers. His 65th film #Naresh65, marks a fun-filled collaboration with director Chandra Mohan Chintada. The film is being jointly bankrolled

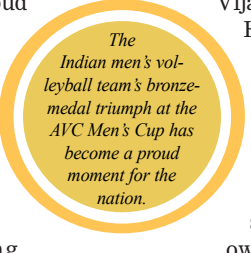
by Razesh Danda and Nimmakayala Prasad under the prestigious Annappurna Studios and Hasya Movies banners. The project ventures into a unique space by merging fantasy with laugh-out-loud comedy. With the intriguing tagline, "Comedy Goes Cosmic," the makers promise a fantasy ride packed with hilarious situations, magical twists, and a refreshing storytelling approach that is set to offer audiences a one-of-a-kind theatrical experience. Marking the birthday of Allari Naresh, the makers unveiled the title and first-look poster of the film. Titled Ramba Oorvasi

VDK: A New-Age Star Powering India's Sporting Dreams

AVC Men's Cup has become a proud moment for the nation. While the players rightly deserve all the applause, sports followers are also acknowledging the contribution of the Prime Volleyball League

and Vijay Devarakonda. Vijay Devarakonda's Hyderabad Black Hawks have been among the active franchises promoting volleyball over the last few seasons. As co-owner, Vijay has often spoken about empowering athletes and

providing them with better opportunities to grow and compete at the highest level. Known for encouraging fresh talent in the film industry, Vijay has carried the same approach into sports. His investments in volleyball and support for local cricket demonstrate a long-term commitment toward helping young athletes achieve their dreams.



India's Got Latent isn't the same anymore, and now we know why



Samay Raina's India's Got Latent is back, but many fans feel the show no longer has the same raw madness that made it blow up in the first place. At first, viewers blamed the change on brand promotions. The new season feels more polished, more commercial and, at times, more like a marketing property than the chaotic comedy show people fell in love with. But a viral post has now pointed

out another reason: the show is no longer just entertainment. It is also a legal operation. Latent Season 2 reportedly has 12 lawyers credited, and their work is not limited to handling one controversy. From talent contracts, content clearance, music licensing and sponsor agreements to platform compliance and legal risk around jokes, every episode has to pass several layers before it reaches the

audience. The post also mentions how Season 1's controversy changed everything. After FIRs, public outrage and legal scrutiny, unscripted comedy no longer remains fully unscripted. Every joke about a public figure, brand, community or real event can become a legal issue. That fear naturally changes how a show is made. And that is exactly why Latent may not feel the same anymore.

Sivaji's powerful first look as Lailam Babu from Sudheer Anand's "Highlesso" released

Sudheer Anand, popularly known as Sudigali Sudheer, is the hero in the film Highlesso, directed by Prasanna Kumar Kota. Produced by Shiva Cherry and Ravikiran under the banner Vajra Varahi Cinemas. This is production number 1 for their banner and Sudheer Anand's fifth film as a hero.

In this film, which is set against a rural backdrop, Shivaji, who impressed with his intense performance in the film Court, will be seen in the role of a powerful villain named 'Lailam Babu'. On the occasion of Shivaji's birthday, the makers released his first look poster and wished him.

The poster shows Shivaji sitting on a stone throne in a black dress, wearing a five-pointed stark black tie, and holding a bottle in his hand, showing the power of his character. Shivaji is going to enter



tain the audience in the most powerful avatar of his career in the role of 'Lailam Babu'. This first look has created more interest in the film.

Natasha Singh and Naksha Sharan are playing the heroines in this film. Popular Kannada actress Akshara Gowda will be seen in a key role in this film. Motta Rajendran, Getup Srinu, and Bevara Duhita Sharanya are playing important roles. A young and talented technical team is working. Anudeep Dev is composing the music, Sujatha Siddharth is handling the cinematography. Chota K Prasad is the editor, Brahma Kadali is the production designer, and Chinta Srinivas is the writer. Hai Lesso will be released in theaters in Telugu, Tamil, Kannada, and Malayalam.

KANNADA FILMMAKER BACKS DEEPIKA PADUKONE'S 8 - HOUR SHIFT



Deepika Padukone has consistently used her voice to advocate for issues that matter, and her stance on an eight-hour workday has sparked a wider conversation around work-life balance in the film industry. As the debate continues to gain momentum, several voices from the industry have come forward in support of the actor. The latest to back her is filmmaker and journalist Indrajit Lankesh. Speaking about the debate, Lankesh said he believes actors, especially mothers, require balanced schedules, adding that productions should be planned around them rather than expecting them to work exhausting hours. Explaining why he

supports Deepika's stand, he said, "If you're shooting with Deepika for 6 hours and then he can shoot another scene for 4 hours because I'll be behind the camera. I can work for the next 4 hours also. But artist cannot. They look tired. So you can plan your scenes, you can schedule accordingly and you can give them a break. You have to give them a break. And especially when you're a mother and you have a kid, you have to because you have to look after the kid. Mother's love is most important. You can have a caretaker or anybody for the kid but mother has to look after this."

Lankesh further praised Deepika for speaking up, saying her decision benefits not just mothers but every actor in the industry.

Krishna Reddy's Allegations Are Completely False: "Spirit Is Not One" Producer Narsamma



The team of "Spirit Is Not One" has strongly condemned the allegations made by Krishna Reddy regarding the film. The producers stated that his recent statements are completely false, baseless, and intended to mislead the public. The film unit clarified

that all aspects of the project, including its production, title change, and banner change, were carried out legally and in accordance with the prescribed procedures. They also asserted that Krishna Reddy's claims regarding his involvement in the project have no truth whatsoever.

Can Dhurandhar Hero Pull Off The VFX-Heavy World?

Ranveer Singh appears to be entering one of the most exciting phases of his career. After impressing audiences with his intense and rugged avatar in Dhurandhar, the actor is now gearing up for another ambitious project, Pralay, directed by Jai Mehta. Recent reports suggest that the film will go on floors in September, with a significant portion of the shoot planned in Australia. What makes Pralay particularly intriguing is its scale. Unlike Dhurandhar, which showcased Ranveer in a raw, grounded, and action-driven role, Pralay is expected to rely heavily on

visual effects and larger-than-life storytelling. The film is reportedly being mounted as a grand cinematic spectacle, requiring extensive VFX work to bring its world to life. This shift presents a new challenge for Ranveer. Over the years, he has proven his versatility in films ranging from historical dramas to commercial entertainers. However, carrying a VFX-heavy film demands a different kind of screen presence, where actors often perform against green screens and imaginary environments before the magic is added in post-production. Fans are already

excited to see how Ranveer adapts to this format. His performance in Dhurandhar reminded audiences of his ability to completely transform into a character, and many believe the same commitment could elevate Pralay as well. With production set to begin soon and expectations steadily rising, Pralay has all the ingredients of a major event film.

