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CM Vijay urges PM to reject Mekedatu dam approval, cites SC verdict

Chennai : Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, C. Joseph Vijay, has written to Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, urging the Union government not to grant any statutory or administrative approval to Karnataka's proposed Mekedatu Dam project, contending that it would violate the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT) Award and the Supreme Court's 2018 judgment on the Cauvery water-sharing dispute.

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'IT'S A HELL OF A SITUATION': SPAIN GRAP- PLES WITH DEVASTATING WILDFIRES



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26-07-2026

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YOUNGSTERS KNOW HOW TO MAKE GOVT YIELD, THANK NEW GENERATION FOR MORALE: AKHILESH

New Delhi, July 28 : Samajwadi Party (SP) chief Akhilesh Yadav on Tuesday asserted that the country's youth had demonstrated their ability to make the government respond to public demands, saying the recent student movement over examination irregularities compelled the Centre to concede several demands.

Participating in the debate on the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026, in the Lok Sabha, Akhilesh Yadav, referring to the recent protests against the alleged NEET paper leak, said the government's initial approach had reflected arrogance before it eventually gave in to public pressure. "We were watching the protest. The government was arrogant in the belief that it would not bow down. After the win, youngsters raised a slogan -- 'sarkaar jhukti hai, jhukane wala chahiye' (The government yields; it just takes someone to make it yield).

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DELHI HIGH COURT ORDERS

WINDING UP OF PAYTM PAYMENTS BANK: RBI

Mumbai (TSIT) : The Delhi High Court has ordered the winding up of Paytm Payments Bank Limited (PPBL), months after the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) revoked the bank's licence over persistent regulatory violations, marking the final step in the lender's closure process, the central bank said on Tuesday. In a statement, the RBI said the High Court, through orders dated July 8 and July 22, 2026, directed that PPBL be wound up under the provisions of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, read with the Companies Act, 2013. "By an Order dated July 08, 2026 read with the Order dated July 22, 2026, the High Court of Delhi has ordered that PPBL be wound-up under the provisions of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 read with the provisions of Companies Act, 2013," the central bank stated. The court has appointed Ginkumar M. Nair, former Chief General Manager of State Bank of India, as the Official Liquidator of Paytm Payments Bank.



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India emerges as world's 2nd-largest supplier of seafarers

New Delhi (TSIT):

India has emerged as the world's second-largest supplier of seafarers, contributing as many as 311,936 maritime professionals to the global shipping industry, according to the BIMCO-ICS Seafarer Workforce Report 2026.

The report estimates that India now accounts for 12.16 per cent of the global seafaring workforce, ranking behind only the Philippines and ahead of China, the Russian Federation and Indonesia.

In 2015, India contributed only 5.2 per cent of the world's seafarers and ranked fifth globally, behind China, the Philippines, Indonesia and



the Russian Federation. India's global share has more than doubled over the past decade. India's strength is particularly evident in the officer cadre. The country now supplies 140,718 officers, accounting for 13.41 per cent of the world's officer workforce, while 171,218 ratings represent 11.29 per cent of the global ratings serving aboard merchant vessels. Overall, Indian seafarers today constitute one of the largest and most skilled maritime workforces supporting global trade.

CM Naidu Calls for faster execution of Amaravati capital works

'Speed, Quality and Timely Delivery Must Be the Hallmarks of Every Project'



Visakhapatnam (TSIT):

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has directed officials and construction agencies to accelerate development works in Amaravati, stressing that all projects must be completed on schedule without compromising quality.

Reviewing the progress of capital city projects, the Chief Minister said the government is committed to ensuring speed, quality

and timely delivery. He urged contractors to treat the construction of Amaravati as a prestigious opportunity and assured them of adequate financial support for smooth execution. Naidu reviewed 95 projects worth Rs.50,999 crore and instructed officials to achieve at least 7.92 per cent of the planned work every month to keep projects on track. He also called for close coordination among departments on land acquisition, fund-

ing, statutory approvals and project design to avoid delays.

The Chief Minister said Amaravati should be developed as an integrated urban region along with Vijayawada and Guntur. He also emphasised increasing green cover and adopting sustainable development practices. Naidu said he would personally monitor the progress of the projects to ensure their timely completion.

CM REVANTH'S DEFENCE OF HYDRAA SHAMEFUL: KTR

Hyderabad, July 28 : Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president K.T. Rama Rao on Tuesday termed as "shameful" the defence of HYDRAA by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy even after the High Court's strong observations. He accused the Congress government of using the agency as an instrument of political intimidation, selective demolitions, and extortion rather than lawful governance. Calling upon the Chief Minister to respect the judiciary, KTR said it was shameful that



Revanth Reddy continued to defend the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA). "Respect the High Court. Respect democracy. A government that refuses to respect judicial institutions has no moral authority to speak about the rule of law," he said while speaking to reporters in New Delhi.

CM Revanth Seeks 11.56 Lakh PMAY-G Houses for Telangana

Hyderabad TSIT BUREAU:



Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday urged the Union Government to sanction 11,56,915 houses to Telangana under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) and sought the inclusion of additional livelihood-oriented works under the Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajivika Mission (VB-G-RAM-G) to meet local needs.

Chief Minister made the request during a meeting with Union Minister for Rural Development and Agriculture Shivraj Singh Chouhan at Krishi Bhavan in New Delhi. Revanth Reddy informed the Union Minister that the Telangana Government has accorded top priority to providing housing for the poor through the Indiramma Housing Scheme. He said the previous government had failed to effectively utilise the PMAY-G

scheme, leaving lakhs of eligible rural families without permanent homes over the past decade. Chief Minister said a survey conducted using the Union Rural Development Ministry's Awaas+ app had identified 11,56,915 eligible rural beneficiaries and requested the Centre to allocate houses to Telangana at the earliest.

Highlighting the impact of El Niño conditions and deficient rainfall, Revanth Reddy urged the Centre to expand the scope of the VB-G-RAM-G scheme by

including works suited to local requirements. He proposed activities such as construction of vegetable trellis structures, fodder plots, mulberry cultivation, silkworm rearing sheds, kitchen gardens, bamboo plantations, water-retention trenches, moisture conservation works for orchards and restoration of flood-damaged agricultural lands. The Chief Minister also pointed out that beneficiaries constructing Indiramma Houses are eligible for up to 90 days of employment under the

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS). In view of the growing demand for employment, he requested the Union Minister to approve additional works under the rural employment programme to generate more livelihoods while meeting local developmental needs.

Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan was requested to consider the State Government's proposals favourably to strengthen rural housing, employment generation and agricultural resilience in Telangana. Members of Parliament Dr. Mallu Ravi, Vem Narendar Reddy, Porika Balam Naik, Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, Ramasahayam Raghuram Reddy, Suresh Shetkar, Gaddam Vamshi Krishna and M. Anil Kumar Yadav, along with Chief Minister's Advisor Ramakrishna Rao and Secretary (Coordination) Advait Kumar Singh, were present during the meeting.

New Delhi (TSIT):

Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Tuesday said the entire nation and parents of injured students want answers on who approved the use of pellet guns and AK-47s on protesters during the agitation against exam irregularities. Participating in the debate on the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026, in the Lok Sabha, Priyanka Gandhi called for accountability of those in government.

"The students are disillusioned. Money is overshadowing merit. They want the system that is endangering their future to be improved," she said.

The students only demanded accountability and removal of those who were responsible for irregularities, but they were



met with the use of force, she said, referring to the alleged NEET paper leak. "The examination system has itself failed. Over 750 crore students have been hit by 152 paper leaks in the last decade but not a single mafia was punished," said Priyanka Gandhi, alleging that the government has weakened the sectors that have potential to generate jobs.

To restore the faith of the youth in the decayed

system, drastic steps need to be taken, and efforts like PR and narrative change will fail, she said, expressing concern over the 'rousing welcome' given to the former Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Parliament premises with in days of his resignation.

She earlier narrated the anger and frustration of the mother of a girl who was injured in police action during the students' protests.

Special Intensive Revision

25 June, 2026 onwards

Election Commission of India

Election Commission of India is conducting Special Intensive Revision of Electoral Rolls from 25 June, 2026 onwards to include eligible citizens, and to ensure no ineligible citizen is included in the Electoral Rolls

Hurry!

Submit the filled-in enumeration forms, before 3 August, 2026 to your BLO.

Details to be filled in the Enumeration Form

Latest Passport size photo, Aadhaar number (optional), Phone number, and details of Parents and Spouse.

(The details of your parents or grandparents mentioned in the **Special Intensive Revision conducted in 2002.**)

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Same details should be mentioned in the current Enumeration Form.

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Visit <https://voters.eci.gov.in> and Fill the **Enumeration Form**, and upload. Share the acknowledgment with your BLO.

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Political Parties Urged to Support SIR Process

RANGAREDDY (TSIT) Shadnagar Tehsildar Chenna Nagaiah has appealed to political parties to cooperate in completing the pending voter mapping and digitisation under the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls.

Addressing a meeting of political party representatives, Nagaiah said the voter mapping process for 2,294 electors in Shadnagar Rural is still pending and must be completed by August 3. He urged party leaders and booth-level representatives to assist election officials in completing the exercise on time.

He added that 100 per cent digitisation has



already been completed in 28 polling stations in the Shadnagar Assembly constituency, while work in the remaining areas is being expedited with the support of political parties.

Shadnagar Market Committee Vice-Chairman Mohammed Ali Khan Babar, BSP leader Doddi Srinivas, BRS leader Laxman Naik and representatives of various political parties attended the meeting.

Rythu Nestham promotes technology-based farming

Warangal (TSIT): State Agriculture and Marketing Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao said the government is promoting technology-based farming practices to make agriculture easier and more profitable for farmers.

Addressing farmers and officials during the 100th episode of the "Rythu Nestham" programme through Rythu Vedikas across the State, the Minister said farmers should adopt crop diversification and select crops based on soil quality, water availability, yield poten-



tial and market demand. He advised farmers to shift towards dryland, horticulture and oil palm cultivation in view of changing weather conditions and avoid excessive use of fertilizers.

Lions International 320A Confers LIFE Awards on Telangana Padma Awardees

Hyderabad, TSIT: Lions Clubs International, District 320A (Hyderabad), honoured five eminent 2026 Padma Awardees from Telangana with the prestigious LIFE (Lions International Fellow of Excellence) Awards during its Annual Installation Function held recently in Hyderabad. The event was attended by nearly 800 delegates and recognised the awardees for their outstanding contributions in the fields of medicine, science, engineering, arts and culture.

The awardees honoured were Dr. Palkonda Vijay Anand Reddy for excellence in Oncology and Cancer Care, Dr. Guduru Venkat Rao for



Gastroenterology, Dr. K u m a r a s w a m y Thangaraj for Science and Engineering, Dr. Deepika Reddy for Arts and Culture, and Dr. K r i s h n a s w a m y Balasubramanian for Science and Engineering.

An overview of the achievements of the Padma awardees was presented by Past International Director Sunil Kumar R., Chairman of LIFE Awards

2026, who lauded their exceptional contributions to society and the nation.

The LIFE Trophies and citations were presented by senior Lions International leaders, including Past International Director Premchand Bafna, Past International Director Sunil Kumar R., Past International Director Dr. G. Babu, and District Governor Suresh Jagnani.

Mobis India Foundation Distributes Personalised Mobility Devices to 90 Wheelchair Users in Telangana



Hyderabad, TSIT: Mobis India Foundation, the CSR arm of Hyundai Mobis in India, on Tuesday distributed personalised mobility devices to 90 wheelchair users in Telangana as part of its "Accessibility & Freedom Empowering Wheelchair Users with Mobility Assistive Devices" initiative, marking Disability Pride Month.

The programme was organised in collaboration with NeoMotion, an IIT Madras-incubated assistive technology company, which supplied the customised mobility devices.

Telangana Minister for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Senior Citizens and

Transgender Persons, Adluri Laxman Kumar, attended the event as the chief guest and handed over the mobility devices to the beneficiaries.

The Hyderabad distribution is the third phase of the Foundation's 6.3-crore nationwide initiative, under which 600 wheelchair users across eight States and Union Territories will receive NeoFly wheelchairs and NeoBolt motor-powered attachments. The project aims to improve independent mobility, accessibility and quality of life for persons with disabilities. Each beneficiary received a customised NeoFly wheelchair designed to enhance posture, comfort and mobility. The wheelchair can be fitted with the NeoBolt

motor-powered attachment, enabling users to travel longer distances independently. Developed and patented at IIT Madras, the devices are designed to address the mobility challenges faced by wheelchair users in India.

Speaking on the occasion, Jeong Won Lee, Managing Director, Mobis Technical Center of India, said the Foundation remains committed to creating an inclusive society where persons with disabilities can live with greater independence, dignity and confidence through access to appropriate mobility solutions.

Addressing the gathering, Minister Adluri Laxman Kumar said mobility is essential for education, employment, healthcare and social inclusion. He appreciated Mobis India Foundation for supporting persons with disabilities and said such public-private partnerships play an important role in building an accessible, equitable and barrier-free Telangana.

MLA and Collector distributed blankets to the students of the Tribal Boys' Ashram High School



Warangal, TSIT, Mattewada Surender, July 28 : Wardhannapet MLA KR Nagaraju and District Collector Dr. Satya Sharada visited the Government Tribal Boys Ashram High School in Parvatigiri mandal. On this occasion, they inspected the food items, vegetables, rice and essential goods

provided to the students and checked their quality standards. The accommodation, cleanliness, drinking water and other facilities provided to the students were examined and necessary suggestions were made.

He greeted the students warmly and inquired about their edu-

cation, health and needs. Also, the District Collector and MLA personally inspected the quality of the midday meal provided to the students and had a joint meal with the students and inquired about the quality, taste and cleanliness of the food.

The concerned officials were directed to take steps to ensure that all the facilities are provided better to the students. During the visit to school recently, the students asked the MLA for blankets, and on T u e s d a y , Vardhannapedata MLA KR Nagaraju along with Dr. Satya Sharada distributed the blankets to the students.

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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	KARIM NAGAR/ LNKRNOHL-12210020587	RAMESH VENUVANKA (BORROWER) SRILATHA VENUVANKA(CO-BORROWER)	03-Jul-2026	09-Jul-2026 Rs. 8,34,994 as on 08-Jul-2026

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY/SECURED ASSET:- "ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE PROPERTY BEARING AN OPEN PLOT ADMEASURING 368.91 SQ. YARDS OR 309.88 SQ.MTRS., IN SY.NO.148/01 148/R, SITUATED AT GUNTURUPALLY LOCALITY OF BOMMAKAL VILLAGE AND GRAMPANCHAYATH KARIMNAGAR RURAL MANDAL, KARIMNAGAR DISTRICT, AND UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF SUBDISTRICT REGISTRATION AND DISTRICT REGISTRATION KARIMNAGAR. THE FOLLOWING BOUNDARIES ARE EAST : OPEN PLOT OF OTHERS AND HOUSE OF GADAVENI RAJIAH, WEST : HOUSE OF RADHARAPU JAMPAIAH., NORTH HOUSE OF BATTU RAMCHANDRAM., SOUTH: 12 FEET WIDE ROAD."
Date: 29-07-2026
Place: Karimnagar, TG

Sd/- Authorized Officer
NIWAS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

Canara Bank
A Government of India Undertaking
Tribhanga Syndicate

NARAYANPET BRANCH
H No. 115, HIGH SCHOOL ROAD,
CHORASTHA BAZAR , Narayanpet

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s), Guarantor (s) and other Parties that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of NARAYANPET Branch, Hyderabad of Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", on 18-08-2026 for recovery of Rs 21,97,124.41 (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Ninety Seven Thousand One Hundred Twenty Four and Forty One paise), plus interest and bank charges there on, due to the Narayanpet Branch of Canara Bank from Sri. LAXMAN CHARY

DATE & TIME OF AUCTION : 18-08-2026 & 11.30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
(With unlimited extension of 05 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)
THE EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT SHALL BE DEPOSITED ON OR BEFORE 17-08-2026 by 5:00 P.M

Details and full description of the properties: All that RCC roofed residential building(ground floor) in part of Residential House No. 1-6-74/13/B on plot no. 9 in Survey no. 259, situated at Ashok Nagar, Palibuzurg Narayanpet Town & Mandal, Mahabubnagar District Telangana 509210. Bounded by:Boundaries of the property North : 4' Lane & House of Bheemappa Gajjibouli, South : Plot no. 10 belong to Narayan Rao, East : 12' Wide Road, West : 12' Wide Road.

Reserve Price: Rs.36,88,000/-
EMD: Rs 3,68,800/-

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or may contact Chief Manager, NARAYANPET Branch, of Canara Bank, Ph. No. 08546-282527 Mobile : 832848168 during office hours on any working day.
Property Can be Inspected with Prior Appointment with Authorized Officer on 17-08-2026 before 5: 00 PM

Other terms and conditions: **Bidding Process:**(a) Auction / bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website https://ebkxray.in. Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings. (b) Bidder has to register in the portal and go through E KYC (DigiLocker KYC, Selfie KYC and Penny Drop KYC). Bank Account Details are to be registered in the Portal itself. (c) EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited through the Wallet Provided in the Ebkxray Portal Only (d) Before starting the Bidding Process. Buyers to Ensure the following documents are readily available 1. Email ID 2. Mobile Number 3. Aadhar and PAN Saved in Digi Locker 4. Aadhar KYC 5. Valid Bank Account with online Credentials. (n) The intending bidders should register their names at portal and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E-auction from the service provider. M/s PSB Alliance(Ebkxray) Contact:8291220220 E-mail: support_ebkxray@psballiance.com Website :https://ebkxray.in
General Guidelines: i) EMD Deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. The EMD shall not carry any interest. ii) Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiples as mentioned above. The bidder who submits the highest bid (above the Reserve price) on closure of "Online auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favor of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor. iii) The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorized Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again. iv) For sale proceeds of: 50, 00,000/- (Rupees Fifty lakh only) and above, TDS shall be payable at the rate 1% of the sale amount, which shall be payable separately by the successful buyer. v) All charges for conveyance, stamp duty/GST, registration charges, etc. as applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only. vi) For further details contact Branch (Details given in the notice) or Service Provider Authorized Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the e-auction without assigning any reason therefor.

DATE: 27-07-2026, PLACE: Narayanpet
SD/- AUTHORISED OFFICER,CANARA BANK.

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II HYDERABAD
1st Floor, Triveni Complex, Abids, Hyderabad-500001

OA No. 269 of 2026
Summons under sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule (2A) of rule 5 of the DRT (Procedure) Rules, 1993.
INDIAN BANK
Vs.
M/S INDIRAMMA ENTERPRISES

To
1) M/s Indiramma Enterprises Rep by its Prop. - Mr. Thamtam Jagadeesh Kumar, Plot No.A-20/1/P3, Road No.1, TS/IC, Nalagonda, Uppal Mandal. Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Telangana-500076

SUMMONS
Whereas O.A.No.269 of 2026 was listed before the Hon'ble Presiding Officer on 15.06.2026 Whereas the Hon'ble Tribunal was pleased to issue summons/notice of the said Application under Section 19(4) of the Act (OA) filed against you for Recovery of Debts of Rs.68,97,081.00/- together with current and future interest and other reliefs. In accordance with sub-section (4) of Section 19 of the Act, you, the defendant(s) are directed as under:-
(i) To show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;
(ii) To disclose particulars of properties or assets other than the properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;
(iii) You are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such specified by applicant under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;
(iv) You shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;
(v) You shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposits such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institution holding security over such assets;
You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and appear before Registrar on 10.08.2026 at 10.30 A.M, failing which the application shall be decided in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this 09th Day of July, 2026.
REGISTRAR
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Hyderabad

STATE BANK OF INDIA
MINI RACPC NALGONDA BR-64115
NALGONDA DISTRICT.

POSSESSION NOTICE (SYMBOLIC)
Under Rule 8(1) & (2) (For Immovable Property)

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the authorized officer of the **State Bank of India, Kondamalappally Br-21379, Nalgonda Dist** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Sec 13(2) of the Act and Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice Dated 18.05.2026** and calling upon the following **Borrower: Applicant: 1) Ananthula Nagaraju, S/o Ananthula Yadaiah. Applicant: 2) Ananthula Dhanalakshmi, W/o Ananthula Nagaraju, R/o. H.No.11-21/1, Angadipeta X-Road, Pedda Adiserlapally Village & Mandal, Nalgonda District, Telangana-508243. A/c. No. 62510656835 Home Loan** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.14,85,198.79 (Fourteen Lakhs Eighty Five Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Eight Rupees and Seventy Nine Paise) as on 18.05.2026 + interest & expenses** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrowers/guarantors having failed to repay the entire amount, Notice is hereby given to the borrowers/guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on **24.07.2026**.
The borrower/guarantor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **State Bank of India, Kondamalappally Br-21379, Nalgonda Dist.** for an amount of **Rs.14,85,198.79 (Fourteen Lakhs Eighty Five Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Eight Rupees and Seventy Nine Paise) as on 18.05.2026 + interest & expenses** thereon.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY
Whereas the Borrower is the Sole and Absolute owner and Possessor of House Bearing Municipal Door No.11-21/1, Plot No.76 & 77, Block No.10 (Old), Block No.11 (New), Sy.No.139/LUU, 139/A, 139/EE, 139/A, and Extent of 363 Sq.Yards or 303.515 Sq.Mtrs, Angadipeta X-Road Pedda Adiserlapally Village & Mandal Nalgonda District. **Property Standing in the Name of Smt. Ananthula Dhanalakshmi W/o Ananthula Nagaraju, Sale Deed Doc No.4070/2017 Date:26.05.2017. Bounded By: NORTH: 24'-0" Feet Internal Road, SOUTH: 21'-0" Feet Internal Road, EAST: Plot No.84&85, WEST: Plot No.76 in Part.**

Date : 24.07.2026
Place : NALGONDA

Sd/- Authorised Officer
State Bank of India

Indian Overseas Bank
Adarsh Nagar Branch 5-9-305A, Paiga Plaza Building, Basheer Bagh, Hyderabad 500029 (TS) Telephone : 040-23421559, Cell:8925951301, Email : iob1301@iob.bank.in

Demand notice to Borrowers / Mortgagees/Guarantors
Under Sub-section (2) of section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, 2002

To, 1) **Borrower :MARIA MANJU PASCAL,** :Permanent Address: 3-6-348/27A, CHANDRA NAGAR, HOTEL VEG PARK BACKSIDE, BASHEERBAGH, HIMAYATHNAGAR, HYDERABAD-500029, Communication Address: 3-6-348/27A, CHANDRA NAGAR, HOTEL VEG PARK BACKSIDE, BASHEERBAGH, HIMAYATHNAGAR, HYDERABAD-500029
2) **GUARANTOR :PASCAL MARIYAN,** :Permanent Address: 3-6-348/27A, CHANDRA NAGAR HOTEL VEG PARK BACKSIDE, HYDERABAD 500029, Communication Address: 3-6-348/27A, CHANDRA NAGAR, HOTEL VEG PARK BACKSIDE, HYDERABAD 500029, Dear Sirs
Re.: Your Credit facilities with Indian Overseas Bank, HYDERABAD-ADARSH NAGAR Branch
1. You, the above-named borrowers of our bank have availed the following credit facilities from our HYDERABAD-ADARSH NAGAR Branch: The details of credit facilities with outstanding dues are as under

Sl. No	Nature of Facility	Limit	Rates of Interest (including overdue interest) & rests interest & rests)	Last Interest Debit Date(Mandatory)	Total dues* as on 27/07/2026 (in Rs.)
1	RSUBH	2800000.00	10.20	27-07-2026	2817801.73
2	Total	0			2817801.73

* With further interest from last interest debit date at contractual rates/rests will become payable from the date mentioned above till date of payment.
The Above named guarantors referred under Sl.Nos 2, have executed guarantee and thereby guaranteed payment on demand of all moneys and discharge all obligations and liabilities then or at any time thereafter owing or incurred to Indian Overseas Bank by the borrowers for the aggregate credit limits of **Rs.2817801.73** together with agreed interest, charges etc.
The credit facilities were secured by the assets mentioned below by way of mortgage/ hypothecation/ hire purchase/ lease (as applicable) standing in the name of the borrower Nos 1. They were also secured by mortgage of properties in the name of borrower / mortgage mentioned in Sl.No 1. They were also secured by mortgage of properties in the name of mortgagor / guarantor Nos 2, herein above. The guarantors mentioned under Sl. Nos 2, of you have given personal guarantee for the credit facilities as given above. You have acknowledged from time to time the liabilities mentioned herein above through various documents executed by you.
2. The details of securities in favour of the Bank for the aforesaid credit facilities are:

Nature of security	Particulars of securities
1.Mortgage	All that the Residential house on plot bearing No.19 West Part, admeasuring 100.0 Sq. Yds or 83.6 Sq Mtrs with a Plinth area of 627.5 Sq. Ft of RCC Roof in Ground Floor, in Sy Nos, 580 & 581 of "KUSHI GARDEN EXTENSION" situated at DAMMAIGUDA H/o NAGARAM VILLAGE, DAMMAIGUDA Municipality, KEESARA Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri, Telangana State 500078 and bounded by: North : Plot No. 20, South: Plot No. 18, East: 25'-0" WIDE ROAD, West: 30'-0" WIDE ROAD

** The Bank reserves its right to proceed against the agricultural land security Nos. 6 above through available legal course of action.
3. Consequent upon defaults committed by the above named borrowers in payment of the principal debt / interest as per agreed terms, loan account mentioned above have been classified as **Non-Performing Asset on 26/07/2026 (date of classification as NPA)** as per Reserve Bank of India guidelines and directives. Despite our reminders for regularization of your account, you have not repaid the overdue loans including interest thereon.
4. Since you the above named borrowers referred under Sl. Nos 1, have failed to meet the liabilities in respect of the credit facilities duly secured by various securities mentioned above and upon classification of your account as a Non-Performing Asset, we hereby recall our advances to Sl.Nos 1, of you and give you notice under sub-section (2) of section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and call upon you to pay in full and discharge your liabilities to the bank aggregating to **Rs.2817801.73**, as detailed in para 1 above, with further interest @ 10.20% compounded with monthly/ half yearly as agreed, from the date mentioned above, within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice.
5. The above-named mortgagor / guarantor Nos 2, have given undertaking for repayment / guarantee for the credit facilities taken by the borrowers and have also mortgaged the properties herein mentioned to secure the above said credit facilities. Since the borrowers have committed defaults in repayment, the mortgagors/guarantors have become liable to pay to us in terms of the guarantee, the amounts due to the Bank as per the loan / credit facilities aggregating to **Rs.2817801.73** together with further interest @ 10.20% compounded with monthly/ half yearly as agreed and we hereby invoke the guarantee against the mortgagors / guarantors who have given non-agri securities enforceable under the SARFAESI Act namely 2, of you and call upon you to pay the said amount within sixty days from the date of receipt of this notice. Please be advised that the Guarantors liability is co-extensive with the liability of the borrowers.
6. We further give notice to the borrowers namely 1, and mortgagors / guarantors who have given non-agri securities enforceable under the SARFAESI Act namely 2, that failing payment of the above amount in full with interest and charges etc till the date of payment, we shall be exercising all or any of the rights vested on us, under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act.
7. Please note that in law the borrowers and guarantors are jointly and severally liable to repay the dues with further interest and charges etc.
8. Please note that interest will continue to accrue at the rates and rests as agreed for each credit facility until full repayment.
9. Your attention is also invited to sub-section (13) of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you are restrained from transferring/alienating/shifting any of the secured assets referred to above by way of sale, lease or otherwise, without obtaining our prior written consent. Please also note that non-compliance / contravention of the provisions contained in the said Act or Rules made thereunder, is an offence which is punishable with imprisonment and/or fine as provided under section 29 of the said Act.
10. The guarantors referred under Sl.Nos 2, have given personal guarantee to secure the loans of the said borrowers and as such we advise you to prevail upon the borrowers to repay the dues as per our demand since we have the right to initiate action against you simultaneously in accordance with law, for recovery of our dues based on your personal guarantee.
11. We also put all of you on notice that if the account is not regularized/ repaid within the stipulated time and in case of the Bank classifying you as a willful defaulter as per RBI Guidelines, the Bank reserves its rights to publish your photograph in newspaper(s) with your name, address, details of default, dues etc., in accordance with RBI Guidelines besides initiating all recourses available to the Bank for recovery.
12. We also advise you that this demand notice is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or remedies which we have for recovery of the above said dues as well as our right to make further demands in respect of sums due and payable by you.
13. Further, your attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to you, to redeem the secured assets.

Place: Hyderabad
Date: 27/07/2026

Authorised Officer
Indian Overseas Bank

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar Reviews Prajavani Reaffirms Government's Commitment to Resolving Public Grievances

Hyderabad, TSIT: Hyderabad District In-charge Minister and Telangana Minister for BC Welfare and Transport, Ponnam Prabhakar, on Tuesday said the State Government's primary objective is to ensure the speedy resolution of public grievances through the Prajavani grievance redressal programme. Minister inspected the Prajavani programme held at Praja Bhavan, where he



personally received petitions from citizens and spoke directly with con-

cerned officials over the phone, directing them to take immediate action to

resolve the grievances.

He reviewed complaints relating to land disputes, sanction of Indiramma houses, 2BHK housing, revenue, municipal administration, welfare and other departments. The Minister instructed officials to ensure that every eligible applicant receives justice and that grievances are addressed promptly and transparently. Ponnam Prabhakar also examined petitions received through Pravasi Prajavani, which caters to Telangana residents facing

issues abroad related to employment, jobs and other concerns. He directed the concerned departments to coordinate effectively and resolve such cases at the earliest. The Minister further reviewed the daily inflow of petitions, their disposal status and the department-wise action being taken. He instructed officials to examine every representation responsibly and ensure that all grievances are resolved within the stipulated timeframe without causing inconvenience to the public.

Telangana to Institute State Television Awards Focus on Transparency and Telangana Identity



Hyderabad, TSIT: Telangana Government will institute the Telangana State Television Awards (TGSTA) to recognise excellence in the television industry, with emphasis on promoting quality content, creativity and Telangana's cultural identity. Roads & Buildings and Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy announced on Tuesday.

Chairing a review meeting at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat, the Minister reviewed the proposed award guidelines, categories, logo, nomenclature and venue for the inaugural awards ceremony with members of the Television Awards Committee.

Minister said the awards are being introduced to encourage outstanding contributions by television artists, technicians, producers, directors and other professionals. He stressed that the award selection process should be completely transparent and based solely on merit.

Komatireddy Venkat Reddy said the award name and logo should reflect the spirit, language, culture and heritage of Telangana. He also revealed that the committee had proposed instituting a special legacy award in the name of former Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao for works reflecting Telangana's history and culture. He said a final decision would be taken after discussions with Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy.

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Minister said awards would be presented in categories including non-fiction programmes, daily serials, children's films, documentaries, educational films and socially relevant productions, besides individual honours for directors, actors, writers, music directors, cinematographers, editors, art directors, costume designers, makeup artists, dubbing artists and technicians.

He also directed the committee to include male and female news channel anchors and presenters among the award categories, recognising their contribution to the television industry.

Seed Companies Assure Timely Payments to Cotton Seed Farmers After Government Review



Hyderabad, TSIT : Seed companies have assured Telangana Government that all pending dues to cotton seed farmers and organisers will be cleared within the stipulated timelines following a high-level review Meeting chaired by Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao and Excise Minister Jupally Krishna Rao at the State Secretariat on Tuesday.

Meeting was convened with representatives of seed companies, the Seed Companies Association and cotton seed organisers after Gadwal MLA Bandla Krishna Mohan Reddy raised concerns over

delayed payments to seed farmers.

Reviewing the issue, Minister Tummala sought an explanation from company representatives regarding the pending dues. The companies assured that all outstanding payments from the previous year would be cleared by August 2026.

They informed the ministers that higher seed inventories this year had created financial pressure but reiterated their commitment to honour payments to organisers and farmers. If necessary, they said, bank mortgage loans would be availed to ensure timely disbursement.

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Invited to Ujjaini Mahankali Lashkar Bonalu Jathara

Hyderabad, TSIT: Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka was formally invited to the historic Ujjaini Mahankali Lashkar Bonalu Jathara during a programme held at Jyotirao Phule Praja Bhavan on Tuesday. Hyderabad In-charge Minister Ponnam Prabhakar also attended the event. On the occasion temple representatives felicitated both leaders with traditional shawls, ceremonially read out the Rajapatra (royal invitation), and formally invited them along with their family members to participate in the Ujjaini Mahankali Lashkar Jathara festivities.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MUTHINENI MADHAVI (OLD NAME),
R/o. H.No: 11-24-81, MV Colony, Deshaipet Road, Warangal Dist-506002.
have Changed My Name as **MUTTANI MADHAVI (New Name),**
W/o. MUTHINENI KISHORE for all purpose.

CAUTION NOTICE

Public Caution Notice Regarding Property Sale
Notice is hereby given to the general public that I, S. Venkateswarlu, owner of the property located at Survey No. 550, Plot Nos. 26 & 27, measuring a total area of 153 Square Yards, situated in Miryalaguda Colony, Nalgonda District (Document No. 6436/2025).
Boundaries of the Property:
North: 33 Feet wide road South: Plot No. 24, P. Vasudeva Murthy's house East: 33 Feet wide road West: Plot No. 26 & 27 (Part)
I intend to sell the above-mentioned property. If anyone has any rights, interest, mortgage, debt, dispute, or objections regarding this property, they are requested to submit their claims along with relevant supporting documents to the address/contact below within 7 (seven) days from the date of publication of this notice.
If no objections are received within the specified period, it will be presumed that there are no disputes regarding the property, and the sale will be finalized. Any objections raised after the deadline will not be entertained.
Name: S. Venkateswarlu
Phone: 9866046611
Date: 28-07-2026
Place: Miryalaguda

ICICI Home Finance
Registered Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400051
Corporate Office: ICICI HFC Tower, JB Nagar, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri East, Mumbai- 400059
Branch Address: 2nd floor, Plot No.141, VDO Colony, Gattah Centre, Khammam, 507001.
The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from ICICI Home Finance Company Limited ("ICICI HFC") and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset/ Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Talari Yashoda (Borrower), Talari Rajkumar (Co-Borrower), H.No: 11-11-171, 5 Sriramam Khammam By Park Road Sri Ramgiri Khammam 507002, LHKH4A00001302795	All That Residential House Site Plot Bearing No 7 Part An Extent of 193.33 Sq.Yds Within Khanapuram Village, Revenue S.No. 304/A, Situated At Street No. 2, Vengal Rao Colony, Khammam Telangana 507002. Bounded By: North By: Plot No. 7 Part of The Vendor, South By: House of Dandi Kamal, East By: Road, West By: 30 Ft Wide Road.	14-07-2026 Rs. 99,1994/-	04-07-2026

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.
Date: July 29, 2026
Place: Khammam
Authorized Officer, ICICI Home Finance Company Limited

BAJAJ FINANCE
Branch Address: BAJAJ Finance Ltd 2nd Floor BAJAJ Finance Limited, Jachhera, Mahabubnagar, Telangana, 509001.
Registered Office : BAJAJ Finance Limited, C/o BAJAJ Auto Limited Complex Mumbai Pune Road Akurdi Pune 411035

POSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)
(As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of BAJAJ Finance Limited (the Secured Creditor) under the Act and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand by registered post ("Notice") calling upon the Borrowers/Co-borrowers mentioned here under to repay the amount mentioned in the notice U/s. 13(2) of the said Act within a period of 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors named below having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/ Mortgagors/Guarantors and public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on me under Sec. 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The borrowers in particular and public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property and any dealing with this property will be subject to the charge of the Bajaj Finance Limited, for the amount mentioned herein below along with interest thereon at contracted rate. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

No.	Loan Account No./Name of the Borrower(s) Mortgagor(s) Guarantor(s)	Description of Property Schedule of Property	Date of Notice U/s.13(2) and U/s.13(2) Notice Amount and Date of Possession
1	LAN: PM60P BS106 86737 1. Sai Ram Agencies thr its Prop. Araveeti Kumari Vasantha R/o. 1-3/1, Jachhera, Gandhinagar, Jachhera, Mahabubnagar, Telangana, 509001. Email id: saram@gmail.com, Also at, R/o. H.No. F-3/1, 1-3/2 & 1-3/3, Block No.1, Assessment No. 119300004, 119300005,119300006, Badepally (Village & Municipality), Jachhera(Mand), Mahabub Nagar(Dist), Telangana 2. Maram Balakrishna S/o Maram Bikshamaiah, R/o. 1-2 Badepally Jachhera, Mahabubnagar 509001 Mahabubnagar, Telangana. Email id: saramagencies26084@gmail.com, Also at, R/o. 4-8-300/165 Shubhadeva Colony Hayath Nagar Rangareddy Hayath Nagar Andhra Pradesh 501505. 3. A Vasantha Kumari C/o Maram Balakrishna, R/o. 1-62 Badepally Jachhera Mahabubnagar 509001, Telangana, Email id: saramagencies26084@gmail.com, Also at, R/o. 1-3/1, Vidya Nagar Colony Club Road P.O. Sri Jachhera Dist. Mahabubnagar, Telangana, 509001, Email id: saram@gmail.com	All the piece and parcel of Badepally Village and Municipality, Jachhera Mandal, Mahabubnagar District, Assessment No. 119300004, 119300005,119300006 in Block No 1 admea suring an extent of 90 Sq Yards of site along with RCC roofed building bearing H No. 1-3/1, 1-3/2 and 1-3/3 with all easement rights included by Boundaries. East: 20' 0" wide Road; West: 20' 0" wide Road; North: 35' 0" wide Road; South: House of Sakali Sataiah	16.04.2026 Rs. 95,84,604/- (Rupees Ninety Five Lakhs Eighty Four Thousand Six Hundred Four Only) 27.07.2026 at 12:30 PM to 01:30 PM

Date: 28.07.2026, Place: Telangana
For BAJAJ Finance Limited, Authorised Officer

IKF Home Finance Limited
Equinox by Phoenix-Tower 3, 10th Floor, Diamond Hills, Lumbini Avenue, Rai Durg, Gachibowli, Hyderabad Telangana - 500081
DEMAND NOTICE

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTS IN OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 ("the Act") AND THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002 ("The Rules")
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of IKF Home Finance Limited (the Secured Creditor) under the Act and in exercise of the powers conferred under Sec. 13(12) of the Act read with Rule 3 issued Demand Notice(s) under Sec. 13(2) of the Act, calling upon the following borrower(s) to repay the amount mentioned in the respective notice(s) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The undersigned reasonably believes the borrower(s) is / are avoiding then service of the Demand Notice(s), therefore the service of notice is being affected by affixation and publication as per Rules. The contents of Demand Notice(s) are extracted herein below :-

Sl. No.	Name & Address of the Borrower/s & Co-Borrower/s	Loan Amt	Dt of Demand Notice & O/s. Amt.	Description of the Property / Secured Asset
1	Loan Account No. LXSHP03725-260016821 1. Mr./Mrs. Chima Udayamma 2. Mr./Mrs. Chima Yakub Add: H.No. 1-163, Vi Mdi Nadigudem Dst Suryapet, Nalgonda, Telangana, India-508234	Rs. 6,40,000/-	Rs. 7,30,288/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Thirty Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Eight Only) as on 13-07-2026	The residential House bearing No.1-163, (Assessment No.190) to an extent of 240 Sq Yards equivalent to 200.64 Sq Meters having RCC Plinth area 200, ACC SFT 100 Sft situated at Nadigudem Gram panchayat, Block No.1, Nadigudem Revenue of Nadigudem Mandal, Suryapet District. Boundaries by : North by Grama panchayat Road, South by House of Moluguri Venkanna, East by Gram panchayat and West by place of Moluguri Sataiah
2	Loan Account No. LXBHN02824-250012305 MR./Mrs. Tuti Naveen MR./Mrs. Tuti Mamata Add: 3-14, Vasallamari, Kondapur, PO Vasallamari, Nalgonda, Telangana, India-508116 Also At : H. No 1- 22 Kondapur Village, (M. Thurkapalli Mandal, Yadadri Bhongir District, -508116	Rs. 9,60,000/-	10,79,289.62/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Seventy Nine Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Nine and Sixty Two Paise) as on 13-07-2026	All that the Gramakantam G.P House bearing No.1-22/ Part, (with Assessment No. 22), consisting of One Hall with Dining and open kitchen, one pooja room, two bed rooms and open place along with Toilets with RCC Roof Plinth area 868 Sft in all measuring an extent of 100 Sq yards or equivalent to 83.612 Sq.Mtrs. situated at Kondapur Village, M. Thurkapalli Mandal, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District under G.P Kondapur, Boundaries by North by CC Road, South by Plot of Tuti Kistaiah, East by house of B.M. Maisamma and West by G.P House bearing No.1-22/ Part (with Assessment No.22) of Donor.
3	Loan Account No. LNDNS04324-250011507 1. Mr./Mrs. Vidhya Shekhar 2. Mr./Mrs. Vidhyala Mamatha Add: 5-40, Nallavally Village, Yacharam, K.V. Rangareddy, Nallavally, Rangareddi, Telangana, India-501509	Rs. 12,00,000/-	Rs.13,31,233.12/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Thirty One Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Three and Twelve Paise) as on 13-07-2026	All that the residential house No.5-40, admeasuring area-159 sq.yards or equivalent to 122.93 sq.mys, having plinth area 645 sq.feet of R.C.C. Roof, property situated at Nallavally Village, Yacharam Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, under the Nallavally Gram panchayat, and under SRD Ibrahimpatnam, Ranga Reddy District, Bounded as follows North by Road, South by House of Guniganti Sathiahai, East by Road and West by House of Ratnala Venkataiah.

The borrower/s are hereby advised to comply with the Demand Notice(s) and to pay the demand amount mentioned therein and hereinabove within 60 days from the date of this publication together with applicable interest, additional interest, bounce charges, cost and expenses till the date of realization of payment. The borrower/s may note that IKF Home Finance Limited is a secured creditor and the loan facility availed by the Borrower/s is a secured debt against the immovable property / properties being the secured asset(s) mortgaged by the borrower(s). In the event borrower/s are failed to discharge their liabilities in full within the stipulated time, The Secured Creditor shall be entitled to exercise all the rights U/s. 13(4) of the Act to take possession of the secured asset(s) including but not limited to transfer the same by way of sale or by invoking any other remedy available under the Act and the Rules thereunder and realize payment. The Secured Creditor is also empowered to ATTACH AND / OR SEAL the secured asset(s) before enforcing the right to sale or transfer. Subsequent to the Sale of the secured asset(s), the Secured Creditor also has a right to initiate separate legal proceedings to recover the balance dues, in case the value of the mortgaged properties is insufficient to cover the dues payable to the Secured Creditor. This remedy is in addition and independent of all the other remedies available to the Secured Creditor under any other law.
The attention of the borrower/s is invited to Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets and further to Section 13(13) of the Act, whereby the borrower/s are restrained / prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the secured asset(s) or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business) any of the secured asset(s), without prior written consent of the Secured Creditor and non-compliance with the above is an offence punishable under Section 29 of the said Act. The copy of the Demand Notice is available with the undersigned and the borrower/s may, if they so desire, can collect the same from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.
Sd/-
Place : Nalgonda, Rangareddy
Date : 28.07.2026
Authorized Officer
for IKF Home Finance Limited

ICICI Home Finance
Registered Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400051
Corporate Office: ICICI HFC Tower, JB Nagar, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri East, Mumbai- 400059
Branch Address: 1-9-388, 2nd Floor, Surya Arcade,Kushiguda Main Road, E.C.T., Hyderabad, Telangana- 500062
Branch Address: Ground Floor, Usha Kiron Complex, S.D.Road, Hyderabad- 500003, Branch Address: Surya Plaza, Shop No.2-10-874/2C, 1st floor, Waddepally Village, Subedar, Boni Colony, Hanamkonda, Warangal, Telangana - 506001.
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1.	Naleboina Paresmah (Borrower), Naleboina Anitha (Co-Borrower), Nallaboyaina Yellaiah (Co-Borrower), H.No 17-1-382 Meadk Siddipet Medak 502103, NHZDS00000907097	All That Part And Parcel of Open Land Admeasuring 205.33 Sq.Yds or 171.68 Sq.Mts In S.No. 1006, Situated At Madhira, Lingareddydpalle Vill., Prashanthnagar GP., Siddipet Md., Sangareddy, Medak Pin 502103 Telangana. Bounded By: North By: Open Land of Chandrareddy, South By: Open Land Of Adarsha Handlooms Waivers Co-Op Production Society, East By: 21 Feet Road, West By: Open Land of Adarsha Handlooms Waivers Co-Op Production Society.	14-07-2026 Rs. 12,79,596/-	04-07-2026
2.	Nalla Naveen (Borrower), Nalla Jayasri (Co-Borrower), Nalla Mounika (Co-Borrower), Nalla Srinivas (Co-Borrower), H.No: 1-47-1, Veeravally Bhuvanagiri, Flat, Bhongir, Bhongir 508116, LHHEC00001636958	All That The Part And Parcel of North Part of The Open Plot In S.No. 325 Admeasuring 100 Sq.Yds or 83.6 Sq.Mts Situated At Veeravally Village Bhongir Mandal Yadadri Bhuvanagiri Dt. Telangana-508116. Bounded By- North By: Plot of Sayulu, South By: South Part of The Open Plot, East By: 15 Wide Road, West By: 20 Ft Wide Road.	16-07-2026 Rs. 2,06.18, 21.14/-	09-07-2026
3.	Nalla Naveen(Borrower), Nalla Jayasri (Co-Borrower), Nalla Mounika (Co-Borrower), Nalla Srinivas (Co-Borrower), H.No: 1-47-1, Veeravally Bhuvanagiri, Flat, Bhongir, Bhongir 508116, LHHEC00001636958	All That The Part And Parcel of North Part of The Open Plot In S.No. 325 Admeasuring 100 Sq.Yds or 83.6 Sq.Mts Situated At Veeravally Village Bhongir Mandal Yadadri Bhuvanagiri Dt. Telangana-508116. Bounded By- North By: Plot of Sayulu, South By: South Part of The Open Plot, East By: 15 Wide Road, West By: 20 Ft Wide Road.	16-07-2026 Rs. 89,935/-	09-07-2026
4.	Pulipaka Mallesh(Borrower), Pulipaka Padma (Co-Borrower), 2-85 Saidapur Yadadri, Yadadri Yadagirigutta, Nalgonda (Document No. 6436/2025)	All That The Part And Parcel of Gp Dilapidated House Bearing No. 4-68/Part, (Now In The Shape of Open Plot) Asmt No. 431, Admeasuring An Area of 100 Sq.Yds or 83.6 Sq.Mts Situated At Gramakantam Saidapur Yadagirigutta Md., Yadagirigutta Bhuvanagiri Telangana- 508114. Bounded By- North By: Land of G. Jai Ramulu, South By: 25 Wide Road, East By: Dilapidated H.No. 4-68/Part of Sk. Fareed, West By : House of K. Venkatesh.	16-07-2026 Rs. 15,51,043.36/-	09-07-2026
5.	Pulipaka Mallesh (Borrower), Pulipaka Padma (Co-Borrower), 2-85 Saidapur Yadadri, Yadadri Yadagirigutta, Nalgonda (Document No. 6436/2025)	All That The Part And Parcel of Gp Dilapidated House Bearing No. 4-68/Part, (Now In The Shape of Open Plot) Asmt No. 431, Admeasuring An Area of 100 Sq.Yds or 83.6 Sq.Mts Situated At Gramakantam Saidapur Yadagirigutta Md., Yadagirigutta Bhuvanagiri Telangana- 508114. Bounded By- North By: Land of G. Jai Ramulu, South By: 25 Wide Road, East By: Dilapidated H.No. 4-68/Part of Sk. Fareed, West By: House of K. Venkatesh.	16-07-2026 Rs. 51,867/-	09-07-2026

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.
Date: July 29, 2026
Place: Sangareddy, Bhongir, Nalgonda
Authorized Officer, ICICI Home Finance Company Limited

ICICI Home Finance
Registered Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400051
Corporate Office: ICICI HFC Tower, JB Nagar, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri East, Mumbai- 400059
Branch Address: D. No: 16-11-20/6/6/1/1, 1st Floor, Opp. TV Tower, Malakpet, Near Musarambagh Metro station, Dilshuknagar, Hyderabad, Telangana- 500036.
Branch Address: Part A of 2nd floor, MIG, Dharmareddy Colony, Opposite Jntu, Kphb, Hyderabad -500072
The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from ICICI Home Finance Company Limited ("ICICI HFC") and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset/ Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Ghulam Ilyas (Borrower), Afeefa Azeem Fatima (Co-Borrower), 9 4 51 35 20 Ias Colony Hakeempet Tolichowki Golconda Hyderabad Telangana Hyderabad 500008, LHDSK00001622884	All That The House Bearing Municipal No. 9-4-51/35/20, Admeasuring 100 Sq.Yds or 83.61 Sq.Mts Situated At Hakeempet Hyderabad Telangana 500014. Bounded By- North By: Neighbour's House, South By: Neighbour's House, East By: Neighbour's House, West By: 20 Ft Wide Road.	14-07-2026 Rs. 22,30,838.78/-	04-07-2026
2.	Sai Sree Savarala (Borrower), Padmavathi Savarala (Co-Borrower), Dolfine Estates 5th Floor 509 Survey No: 32 And 33 P Janapriya Phase-III Miyapur 500050 Hyderabad 500019, NHHYD00000766833	All That The Semi-finished Flat No. 509, In Block- A, 5th Floor, Built Up Area of 975 Sq.Fts Including Common Area Along With An Undivided Share of Land Admeasuring 35 Sq.Yds Out Of Total 5082 Sq.Yds or Ac. 1.02 Gnts In, SyNo:32(P) & 33(P), of "Dolfine Estates" Hafeezpet Village Serilimgampally Mandal & Mplty R R Dist-500050. Bounded By- North By: Land Belonging To Engineering Syndicate (Existing Apts), South By: 40 Feet Wide Road , East By: Land Belonging To Engineering Syndicate (Existing Apts), West By: Land Belonging To Engineering Syndicate (Existing Apts).	16-07-2026 Rs. 13,77,316/-	09-07-2026
3.	N Balakrishna (Borrower), Kuppala Nagaviswaja (Co-Borrower), 2 31722 Road No 1 Inside Shivaji Nagar Arch. Lingampalli, Lingampalli, Flat, Lingampalli, Hyderabad 500019, LHDSK00001624781	All That The Part And Parcel of Semi-Finished Villa No. 100 On Plot No.100 Admeasuring 239.16 Sq.Yds or 199.93 Sq.Mts Having Ground Floor, First Floor And Terrace Floor With A Total Built Up Area 3325 Sq.Fts Forming Part of Synos.6, 336, 337 & 338 At Ndr's Vipasa of Shankarpally Village & Md, Rangareddy, Telangana- 500050 And Boundaries For Villa No. 100. Bounded By- North By: Villa No. 99, South By: Villa No. 101, East By: 30 Ft Road, West By: Villa No. 109.	16-07-2026 Rs. 1,67,14,973/-	09-07-2026
4.	N Balakrishna (Borrower), Kuppala Nagaviswaja (Co-Borrower), 2 31722 Road No 1 Inside Shivaji Nagar Arch. Lingampalli, Lingampalli, Flat, Lingampalli, Hyderabad 500019, LHDSK00001624793	All That The Part And Parcel of Semi-Finished Villa No. 100 on Plot No.100 Admeasuring 239.16 Sq.Yds or 199.93 Sq.Mts Having Ground Floor, First Floor And Terrace Floor With A Total Built Up Area 3325 Sq.Fts Forming Part of Synos.6, 336, 337 & 338 At Ndr's Vipasa of Shankarpally Village & Md, Rangareddy, Telangana- 500050 And Boundaries For Villa No. 100. Bounded By- North By: Villa No. 99, South By: Villa No. 101, East By: 30 Ft Road, West By: Villa No. 109.	16-07-2026 Rs. 7,55,510/-	09-07-2026

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.
Date: July 29, 2026
Place: Hyderabad
Authorized Officer
ICICI Home Finance Company Limited

L&T Finance Limited
Registered Office: L&T Finance Limited, Brindavan Building Plot No. 177, Kalina, CST Road, Near Mercedes Showroom Santacruz (East), Mumbai 400 098
CIN No.: L67120MH2008PLC181833
Branch office: Hyderabad

DEMAND NOTICE
Under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (Herein after referred to as The Act)
We have issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the Act to you all (Borrower/s, Co-borrower/s & Guarantor/s) through Registered Post Acknowledge Due, as you have defaulted in payment of interest and principal installments of your loan account, and have failed and neglected to clear the said outstanding dues. As a result, the loan account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset (NPA) in the book of account in accordance with the directives relating to asset classification issued by the Reserve Bank of India. The Notice has been returned as "undelivered" and therefore we are now issuing this notice to you all under 13(2) of the Act and hereby calling upon to repay the amount mentioned in the notice appended below to the L&T Financial Limited, within the period of 60 days from the date of this Paper Notification together with further interest and other charges from the date of Demand Notice till payment or realization. In case you are not discharging your liabilities under the terms of this notice, we shall be constrained to exercise all or any one of the rights conferred under Section 13(4) or Section 14 of the Act. "This is without prejudice to any rights available to us under the Act and/or any other law in force from time to time."

Loan Account Number	Borrower/s & Co-Borrower/s Name	Demand Notice date / NPA date / Outstanding Amount		Description of the Immovable Property (Mortgaged)
		NPA Date	Outstanding Amount (₹) As On	
H1680701022104 2646, H16807010 221042646L	1. Akula Vikram 2. Shweta Shrinani 21, Nivedita	Demand Notice Date: 24.06.2026 NPA Date: 01-08-2025	Rs. 4224007.59/- (Rupees Forty-Two Lakh Twenty-Four Thousand Seven and Paise Fifty-Nine Only.) As On Date 23.06.2026	Schedule - I All That The Flat No. 503 In Fifth Floor Of 9Star Hills Sri Shreeman, Having Plinth Area Of 1175 Sq.ft, Including Common Area And 100 Sq.ft, Car Parking) Along With Proportionate Undivided Share Of Land Admeasuring 39 Sq.Yards Out Of 600.00 Sq.Yards On Plot Bearing Nos. 143 Amp; 144 In Survey Nos. 61, 62, 64, 65, 67, 68/1, 69/1, 70, 70/1, 71, 72, 72/1, 72/1, 73, 76, 77, 85, 87/1, 86, 94, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125 & 126, Situated At Puppallaguda Village, Gandipet Mandal, Manikonda Municipality, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana, And Bounded By: Boundaries East By Flat No. 502 West By Open To Sky North By Corridor And Flat No. 501 South By Open To Sky

Date: 29.07.2026
Place: Hyderabad
Sd/-
Authorized Officer
For L&T FINANCE LIMITED

Andhra Pradesh Partners with AstraZeneca India to Establish Genomic Solutions Centre in Amaravati

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) In a significant step towards advancing cancer care through genomic research and precision medicine, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with AstraZeneca India to establish an Integrated Genomic Solutions Centre in Amaravati. The agreement, signed in the presence of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, aims to launch India's first Integrated Precision Oncology initiative. Representatives of the State Health Department and AstraZeneca India exchanged the MoU during a formal ceremony. The project will be implemented in collaboration



with Strand Life Sciences, a Reliance Group company, and Qure.ai, combining expertise in genomics, artificial intelligence, and healthcare technologies. The proposed Integrated Genomic Solutions Centre will provide advanced genomic testing and biomarker analysis for patients suffering from lung and breast cancers.

By leveraging Artificial Intelligence (AI), Next-Generation Sequencing (NGS), and advanced genomic diagnostics, the initiative seeks to identify cancer at an early stage and enable personalized treatment tailored to each patient's genetic profile. As part of the initiative, AI-enabled chest X-ray screening systems for

early detection of lung cancer will also be introduced in government hospitals across Andhra Pradesh. The technology is expected to facilitate faster screening, accurate diagnosis, and timely treatment, significantly improving patient outcomes. Addressing the gathering, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu said

the partnership reflects the State Government's commitment to making world-class healthcare accessible to all citizens. He emphasized the need to promote quantum-enabled research in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology sectors and highlighted the role of precision medicine in combating diseases such as cancer. The Chief Minister noted that environmental factors, including pollution, are contributing to the increasing incidence of cancer and stressed that early diagnosis and timely treatment could substantially improve survival rates. He also said the healthcare system should increasingly adopt pre-

YSRCP Demands Lokesh's Resignation Over Alleged DSC Irregularities

Visakhapatnam : The YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) has demanded a comprehensive Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) probe into the alleged irregularities in the DSC-2025 teacher recruitment process and called for the resignation of Andhra Pradesh Education Minister Nara Lokesh, holding him morally responsible for the alleged lapses. The demand was made during a massive protest rally organized by the YSRCP Student and Youth Wings in Visakhapatnam on Tuesday. The protesters also sought immediate release of pending fee reimbursement and Vasathi Deevana dues, implementation of the promised unemployment allowance, and a



thorough investigation into the alleged NEET examination paper leak. The rally commenced from the Mahatma Gandhi statue opposite the GVMC office and concluded at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar statue near the LIC Building. Addressing the gathering, YSRCP Visakhapatnam District President K.K. Raju alleged that the State

Government had committed serious irregularities in the DSC recruitment process and demanded a CBI inquiry to uncover the truth. He accused the government of failing to fulfill its election promises, including unemployment allowance, educational reforms, improved opportunities for students, and timely disbursement of fee reimbursement.

CPI Urges Andhra Pradesh Government to Protect Farmers from El Nino Impact



Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Communist Party of India (CPI) National Secretary K. Ramakrishna on Tuesday urged Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu to take immediate measures to safeguard farmers affected by the El Niño-induced rainfall deficit and promote the cultivation of alternative crops. Ramakrishna met the Chief Minister at the State Secretariat in Amaravati and submitted a memorandum highlighting the worsening drought-like conditions across the State. He pointed out that 21 districts had recorded 54 percent below-

normal rainfall, while 249 mandals were experiencing severe rainfall deficiency. Expressing concern over the hardships faced by farmers due to inadequate rainfall, Ramakrishna requested the State Government to formulate an action plan to support alternative cropping patterns and provide necessary assistance to the farming community. He also urged the government to take urgent steps to prevent drinking water scarcity in affected regions. Responding to the representation, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu said the State Government had already focused on addressing the challenges posed by El Niño. He informed Ramakrishna that a statewide awareness campaign would be launched from August 3 to educate farmers on coping with the prevailing climatic conditions and adopting suitable agricultural practices.

Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan Orders Action Over Poor Quality of Development Works in Pedapenki

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan has expressed serious displeasure over the poor quality of development works undertaken in Pedapenki village in Parvathipuram Manyam district and directed officials to initiate immediate action against the contractor responsible for the sub-standard execution. The Deputy Chief Minister instructed the district administration and the concerned officials to withhold the contractor's bills until further orders. The directions were issued following reports of cracks developing in several cement concrete (CC) roads constructed in the village. After the issue came to his notice, Pawan Kalyan deputed the State Chief



Quality Control Officer to conduct an on-site inspection of the works. The inspection reportedly revealed quality deficiencies in the construction of five CC roads. Based on the findings submitted by the Quality Control team, the Deputy Chief Minister ordered strict action against the contractor responsible for the lapses. Pawan Kalyan also reviewed the progress of various development works in Pedapenki with the Parvathipuram Manyam District Collector

and officials of the Panchayat Raj Engineering Department. He directed them to expedite the completion of the remaining road works and the construction of magic drains in the village. Emphasising that the government is committed to providing quality infrastructure to the public, the deputy Chief minister said negligence in executing public works would not be tolerated under any circumstances. He instructed officials to ensure that prescribed quality standards are strictly followed in every development project. He further advised the local MLA to closely monitor the execution of development works in Pedapenki to ensure quality, transparency, and timely completion of all ongoing projects.

Efforts Underway to Protect Rs.2,000-Cr Gajuwaka Land from Bank Attachment: Deputy Speaker Raghurama Krishna Raju

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Andhra Pradesh Deputy Speaker and Chairman of the Assembly Petitions Committee, K. Raghurama Krishna Raju, has said that all efforts will be made to protect 174.43 acres of land worth nearly 2,000 crore in Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam district, from being attached by banks. Speaking to the media after chairing a meeting of the Assembly Petitions Committee at the Assembly Committee Hall on Tuesday, Raghurama Krishna Raju said the State Government had allotted the land to AP Refractories Limited in 1981 for establishing an industrial unit. However, following the company's insolvency, the land now faces the risk of bank attachment. He said the committee held



detailed discussions on both the AP Refractories land issue and the pending Rehabilitation Cards (R-Cards) related to families who had surrendered land for the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant. The committee would convene another meeting with senior government officials and bankers in the first week of August to explore measures for resolving the issue and safeguarding the valuable land. The Deputy Speaker addressed the media in the presence of MLAs Palla Srinivasa

Rao, Konathala Ramakrishna, Gurajala Jagan Mohan, and Vishnu Kumar Raju. Speaking on the occasion, Palla Srinivasa Rao, a member of the Assembly Petitions Committee, said the valuable AP Refractories land, located adjacent to National Highway-16, was at risk of being lost due to the company's financial collapse. He expressed strong objections to the ongoing process of attaching land that had originally been allotted for industrial development.

Ministers Review Arrangements for Prime Minister Modi's August 1 Visit



Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Ahead of the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on August 1, a high-level review meeting was held under the chairmanship of Andhra Pradesh Minister for Education, IT & Electronics Nara Lokesh to assess the preparations for the inauguration of the Alluri Sitarama Raju International Airport in Vizianagaram district, a prestigious infrastructure

project developed by the State Government. Minister for Housing, Information & Public Relations Kolusu Parthasarathy, along with fellow ministers and senior government officials, participated in the meeting. During the review, the ministers assessed the arrangements related to media coordination, publicity and communication campaigns,

protocol management, reception of dignitaries, dissemination of information, and inter-departmental coordination. Officials were directed to ensure seamless coordination among all departments and make comprehensive preparations for the successful conduct of the Prime Minister's visit and the airport inauguration ceremony. The meeting emphasized the importance of meticulous planning and effective execution to ensure that all logistical, administrative, and communication arrangements are completed well in advance of the Prime Minister's visit. Senior officials were instructed to work in close coordination to ensure the event is conducted smoothly and successfully.

LV Prasad Eye Institute Conducts Awareness Programme in Vijayawada

Vijayawada (TSIT) Parents and teachers should not ignore signs such as children struggling to read letters on the classroom blackboard or squinting to see distant objects, as these could be early symptoms of myopia (nearsightedness), said Shobhik Chal, Optometrist at LV Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI). Speaking at a myopia awareness programme organized at the Kode Venkatadri Chowdary Campus of LV Prasad Eye Institute in Vijayawada, Shobhik Chal said myopia has become one of the fastest-growing eye disorders affecting children worldwide. Although the exact causes are not fully understood, both genetic and environmental factors are believed to contribute to the condition. He noted that changing lifestyles, prolonged use of



smartphones, tablets, computers, and other digital devices, coupled with reduced outdoor activities, are major factors contributing to the increasing prevalence of myopia among children. He emphasized that parents and teachers must be aware of the condition and identify its early warning signs to ensure timely medical intervention. Myopia usually begins during childhood and tends to worsen as children grow older.

South Coast Railway GM Honours Four Employees with Safety Awards

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) General Manager of South Coast Railway, Sandeep Mathur, presented Safety Awards to four railway employees in recognition of their outstanding vigilance and timely actions that helped avert potential accidents and ensured safe train operations. This is the first Safety Award presentation by the General Manager since the formation of the South Coast Railway Zone. The awardees include Shri M. Ramesh Babu, Station Superintendent, Chirala (Vijayawada Division); Shri Shivam Dixit, Pointsman, Yerpedu (Guntakal Division); Shri M. Praveen Kumar, Senior Assistant Loco Pilot, Guntakal Division; and Shri Ch. Ram Mohan Rao, Train Manager,



Visakhapatnam Division. Shri M. Ramesh Babu detected broken iron strips securing iron coil rolls in a goods train and immediately alerted railway officials, enabling the train to be stopped and inspected before any mishap occurred. Shri Shivam Dixit identified a slack fish plate and a weld crack on the Down

Main Line at Yerpedu Yard, allowing maintenance teams to rectify the defect in time. Senior Assistant Loco Pilot Shri M. Praveen Kumar noticed a red-hot wheel caused by a hot axle on a passing goods train and promptly alerted the Loco Pilot through walkie-talkie, preventing a possible accident.

Simhachalam Giri Pradakshina Held in a Grand Manner

• Lakhs of devotees participate in the 32-kilometre sacred pilgrimage • Simhagiri reverberates with Govinda chants • Massive arrangements made for security, medical services and transportation

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) The annual Giri Pradakshina Mahotsavam of Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple, Simhachalam, a symbol of spiritual grandeur, commenced on Tuesday with great religious fervour and grandeur. Organised on the occasion of Ashadha Pournami, the holy festival witnessed the participation of lakhs of devotees who arrived from Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Odisha, Chhattisgarh and other regions. From the early hours of Tuesday, devotees began the sacred Giri Pradakshina after breaking coconuts at Tholipavanch. Chanting

“Govinda... Narasimha...”, devotees are undertaking the 32-kilometre sacred walk around Simhagiri. The entire city of Visakhapatnam has been immersed in a spiritual atmosphere. According to estimates of the temple administration and district authorities, more than 6 lakh to 10 lakh devotees are participating in this year's Giri Pradakshina. The grand event, which continues throughout Tuesday and the night, will conclude by Wednesday morning. The sacred pilgrimage will be completed after devotees reach the hilltop and have darshan of Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narasimha



Swamy. The members of the Poosapati royal family of the erstwhile Vizianagaram Samsthanam continue to serve as hereditary trustees of the Simhachalam Devasthanam. At present, Goa Governor

Poosapati Ashok Gajapathi Raju is serving as the hereditary trustee. Representatives of the temple, chief priests, district officials and public representatives performed special prayers and formally commenced the festival as per tradi-

tion. Later, with the arrival of the Lord's Rajaratotsavam procession at the foothills, the number of devotees increased significantly. The Giri Pradakshina, which started from Tholipavanch, is progressing through Adavivaram, Kambalakonda, Hanumanthavaka, Zoo Park, Appughar Beach, Venkojipalem, Seethamadhara, Madhavadhara, NAD Junction and Gopalapatnam, before returning to Simhachalam. Elderly people, women, youth and children participated in large numbers in the sacred walk. The entire route echoed

with devotional songs, Harinama Sankirtanas and chants of Govinda. **Extensive Arrangements for Devotees** To ensure that devotees do not face any inconvenience, the district administration, GVMC, police department and the Devasthanam jointly made elaborate arrangements. Along the 32-kilometre Giri Pradakshina route, 33 medical camps, 26 ambulances and emergency medical teams have been kept ready. Thousands of drinking water packets, butter-milk centres and temporary toilets have been arranged. More than 100 voluntary organ-

isations are providing services to devotees by distributing food, breakfast, fruits and beverages. In view of the huge gathering of devotees, elaborate security arrangements have been made with thousands of police personnel. The entire Giri Pradakshina route is being continuously monitored through drone cameras and CCTV surveillance systems. Special traffic arrangements have been made to prevent congestion, and traffic restrictions are being implemented in several areas from 6 AM on Tuesday to 2 PM on Wednesday. For the convenience of devotees, hundreds of special

APSRTC buses are being operated from different parts of the city. Special queue lines have been arranged to provide quick and free darshan to devotees who complete the Giri Pradakshina. Considering the heavy rush of devotees, all Arjitha Sevas at the temple have been temporarily cancelled for two days. Devotees strongly believe that performing Giri Pradakshina around Simhagiri on the auspicious day of Ashadha Pournami removes all sins, fulfils wishes and provides the spiritual benefit equivalent to performing a pilgrimage around the earth.

Skyroot Aerospace Founders Meet CM Revanth Discuss Space Innovation and Industry Collaboration



Hyderabad TSIT: The founders of Skyroot Aerospace, Mr.Pavan Kumar Chandana, Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), and Mr. Naga Bharath Daka, Co-founder and Chief Operating Officer (COO), called on Telangana Chief Minister A.Revanth Reddy at the Delhi Camp Office on Tuesday.

During the meeting, the Skyroot Aerospace leadership briefed the Chief Minister on the company's historic achievement of successfully launching Vikram-1, India's first privately developed orbital-class launch vehicle, on July 18, 2026. The milestone places India among only three countries—alongside the United States and China—to achieve private-sector orbital launch capability.

The discussions focused on Telangana's rapidly expanding aerospace and space tech-

nology ecosystem, advanced manufacturing, research and development, innovation, and opportunities for deeper collaboration between the State Government and the private space industry.

Congratulating the founders on their landmark accomplishment, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy praised their contribution to strengthening India's position in the global space sector. He reaffirmed the Telangana Government's commitment to promoting innovation, supporting startups, and building a world-class ecosystem for aerospace and high-technology industries in the State.

The meeting underscored Telangana's continued emphasis on emerging technologies and its vision of becoming a leading destination for space, aerospace, and advanced manufacturing investments in India.

Telangana to Strengthen Advanced Eye Care Services in Government Hospitals Minister Damodar Rajanarasimha

Hyderabad, July 28 (TSIT): Telangana Health, Medical and Family Welfare Minister Damodar Rajanarasimha on Tuesday said the State Government is committed to providing high-quality and advanced eye care services to every citizen through government hospitals.

Minister said all 35 Government Medical Colleges in the State have Ophthalmology Departments offering specialised eye care services. Routine eye examinations, optometry services and cataract surgeries are being conducted regularly across government hospitals to improve access to quality treatment. He noted that Sarojini Devi Eye Hospital in Hyderabad continues to serve as the State's premier centre for ophthalmic care, providing advanced treatments including retinal surgeries, laser procedures, squint correction surgeries, corneal transplantation, ocular cancer treatment, plastic and reconstructive eye surgeries, and glaucoma management.

To further strengthen the referral system for eye care across



Telangana, the Health Department has completed a gap assessment and prepared plans to establish dedicated ophthalmic operation theatres and provide essential medical equipment in district-level government teaching hospitals. The programme will be implemented in a phased manner.

Minister also reviewed the partnership between the Health Department and LV Prasad Eye Institute to strengthen ophthalmic services in government hospitals. Discussions were held on expanding the pilot programme for newborn eye screening, currently

being implemented in Bhadradri Kothagudem district with the support of LV Prasad Eye Institute, to other districts in phases. He appreciated the institute for its valuable contribution to public eye care.

Damodar Rajanarasimha further said the government is examining the establishment of regional cornea collection centres (eye banks) in collaboration with LV Prasad Eye Institute to promote corneal donations. He also emphasised training RBSK (Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram) personnel to enhance eye screening and optometry services for

students studying in government residential schools. Minister announced that a special workshop will be organised in August to identify further collaboration opportunities between government teaching hospitals and LV Prasad Eye Institute for strengthening eye care services across the State. The meeting was attended by Health, Medical and Family Welfare Principal Secretary Dr. Christina Z.Chongthu, Director of Medical Education Dr. Narendra Kumar, Director of Public Health Dr. Ravinder Naik, Srikanth Reddy and representatives of LV Prasad Eye Institute.

Assembly Committees Hold Inaugural Meetings Speaker Stresses Accountability and Ethics



Hyderabad, TSIT: Inaugural Meeting of Telangana Legislative Assembly's Government Assurances Committee, Rules Committee and Ethics Committee were held at the Speaker's Chamber in the Assembly building on Tuesday.

The meeting were attended by Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar and Minister for Legislative Affairs D.Sridhar Babu. The Government Assurances Committee meeting was attended by Chairman Patlolla Sanjeeva Reddy and members J. Anirudh Reddy and Jare Adinarayana. The Rules Committee, chaired by the Speaker, was attended by members Danam Nagender, Thudi Megha Reddy and Bhukya Murali Naik. The Ethics Committee, chaired by Revuri Prakash Reddy, was attended by member G. Madhusudan Reddy. Also present were Legislative Council Secretary Dr. V. Narasimha Charyulu and Assembly Secretary Rendla Tirupathi.

Addressing the meetings, Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar said parliamentary committees are the backbone of a vibrant democracy and play a crucial role in ensuring accountability and effective governance. He said the Government Assurances Committee must closely monitor the implementation of

assurances given by the Government on the floor of the House, while the Rules Committee should ensure the smooth, efficient and democratic functioning of the Legislature.

Speaker emphasised that credibility of a Legislature depends not only on the laws it enacts but also on the conduct, integrity and commitment of its members. He urged the Ethics Committee to function impartially and uphold the highest standards of parliamentary ethics, thereby strengthening public confidence in democratic institutions.

Legislative Affairs Minister D. Sridhar Babu congratulated the newly appointed committee chairpersons and highlighted the importance of the Assembly Rules Book in conducting legislative business. He suggested that the Rules Committee prepare a revised and modernised rulebook to enhance the efficiency of the Assembly. Minister also proposed that committee members undertake study visits to other State Legislatures to examine best practices and adopt suitable reforms in Telangana. He said the Ethics Committee should play a key role in safeguarding the dignity and decorum of the House and make recommendations that would help establish the Telangana Legislative Assembly as a model legislature.

Mahabubabad Speeds Up Government Land Resurvey Across 70 Villages

11 Villages Completed; Boundaries of Public Lands Being Demarcated

Mahabubabad District Correspondent July 28 : The Mahabubabad district administration has accelerated the government land resurvey programme, with 11 of the 70 identified villages already completed, Additional Collector (Revenue) K. Anil Kumar said on Tuesday. Inspecting the ongoing resurvey at Kalvapalli village in Danthalapalli mandal, Anil Kumar said the exercise focuses on the identification and demarcation of government lands, habitation areas, canals, roads, tanks and other public properties to ensure



accurate land records and prevent encroachments. He said the resurvey is being carried out under the directions of District Collector Sneha Shabarish, IAS, in accordance with State

Government guidelines. Government surveyors and licensed surveyors have been deployed to conduct the exercise systematically and complete it within the stipulated timeframe.

Thummala urges farmers to shift from paddy cultivation



Sircilla (TSIT): State Agriculture and Marketing Minister Thummala Nageswara Rao has advised farmers to cultivate dryland and horticultural crops instead of paddy considering the prevailing weather conditions and declining water availability. Participating in the 100th episode of "Rythu Nestham" through video conference from Hyderabad, the Minister interacted with farmers and agriculture officials. He said technol-

ogy is being used to make farming easier and more profitable, and advised farmers to select crops based on soil conditions, water availability and market demand. District Collector Garima Agrawal, who attended the programme from Marupaka Rythu Vedika, said the district received 36 per cent less rainfall compared to last year. She suggested farmers cultivate crops like ragi, pearl millet, foxtail millet, sorghum, sesame and maize instead of paddy.

Comprehensive plan for the development of village panchayats

Bhadradri Kothagudem (TSIT) : Collector Ankit attended the meeting held at the Julurupadu Mandal Parishad office as the chief guest. A comprehensive review was conducted on the development programs undertaken by various departments in the 23 village panchayats under Julurupadu mandal, the implementation of government welfare schemes, the formulation of comprehensive development plans of village panchayats, and future activities. The steps to be taken for the development of villages and the goals to be achieved were discussed extensively with the mandal level officials and sarpanches. Collector Ankit said that compared to last year, there has been

a rainfall deficit of about 40 millimeters in the district. He said that although there has been more than normal rainfall in the last four years, the conditions are different this year. He said that after almost 25 years, conditions such as high temperatures and increased heat content in the air are being seen due to the El Nino effect.

Keeping these conditions in mind, he said that the departments of agriculture, irrigation, animal husbandry, education and other departments are preparing action plans in coordination. He revealed that after extensive discussions in the two-day mandal level meetings, an action plan will be prepared to effectively deal with the impact of El Nino in the

coming year. He said that in the last season, along with paddy, maize cultivation was also done in large quantities, and about 42 thousand metric tons of paddy and 70 thousand metric tons of maize were purchased. He suggested that farmers should focus on cultivating oil palm, maize, pulses and other wet crops as an alternative to paddy. He said that farmers have the opportunity to get a stable income for about 25 years through oil palm cultivation. He also directed that the cultivation of crops that have high demand in the market such as cotton and vegetables should be encouraged, and that the agriculture department officials should organize awareness programs for farmers at the field level.

Union Bank conducts customer outreach in Saifabad



Hyderabad (TSIT): Union Bank of India, Regional Office, Saifabad, conducted a "Shop to Shop" customer outreach programme on Tuesday under the leadership of Regional Head D. Aparna Reddy to strengthen customer engagement and create awareness about the bank's products and services.

Employees from all cadres, including branch managers, officers, clerical staff and sub-staff, participated in the initiative by visiting shops, business establish-

ments, commercial centres and government offices. They interacted with customers and provided personalised financial guidance based on their banking needs. The outreach programme highlighted the bank's latest high-yield deposit schemes, competitive MSME and retail loan products, insurance policies and enhanced secure mobile banking applications. The initiative aimed to improve customer awareness and expand access to Union Bank's financial services.

TRP to hold first Palamuru flag hoisting event

Jogulamba gadwal TSIT.: The Telangana Rajyadhikara Party (TRP) is set to organise its first-ever party flag hoisting celebration in the erstwhile Palamuru district at Enugonda in Mahabubnagar town on July 29. The event will be led by TRP founder and State President Teenmaar Mallanna, who is expected to receive a grand welcome from party cadres and supporters.



drum performances, and cultural processions. Teenmaar Mallanna will travel in the party's campaign vehicle, greeting the public along the route.

According to party leaders, the programme marks a significant milestone in the expansion of the Telangana Rajyadhikara Party in the erstwhile Palamuru region and is expected to witness the participation of a large

number of party workers, supporters, youth, and BC community members from across the district.

Preparations for the event are being carried out under the leadership of Palamuru District TRP President Munnuru Jaipal Reddy. A review meeting on the arrangements was held under the supervision of TRP State General Secretary and In-charge of the erstwhile Palamuru

district, Vemulawada Madan Mohan, who inspected the preparations and reviewed the rally route, public participation, logistics, and organisational arrangements.

Among those present during the preparatory programme were district leaders Anjaneyulu, Dandu Vijayudu, State Secretary Medinti Shivaveer, and several party functionaries from the erstwhile Palamuru district.

Party leaders appealed to the public, particularly youth, farmers, women, and BC community members, to participate in large numbers and make the flag hoisting ceremony and the reception to Teenmaar Mallanna a grand success.

Suryapet Additional Collector Reviews SIR Digitisation, Urges Climate-Resilient Farming

Suryapet (TSIT): Additional Collector B. Hari Singh on Tuesday inspected the Penpahad Tahsildar's Office and reviewed the progress of Special Intensive Revision (SIR) electoral roll digitisation. He directed officials to complete the process accurately and within the deadline as per Election Commission guidelines. The Additional Collector examined digitised SIR forms and instructed staff to ensure error-free data entry. He later reviewed the progress with Tahsildar, Booth Level Officers and supervisors. Participating in an El Niño awareness programme, Hari Singh advised farmers to adopt climate-resilient farming



practices due to the expected rainfall deficit. He urged farmers to reduce water-intensive crops like paddy and cultivate millets, sorghum, pulses and vegetables.

He also suggested adopting drip and sprinkler irrigation methods for efficient water use and following Agriculture Department advisories. Tahsildar Rajashekhara, MPDO A. Janayya, officials, sarpanches and farmers participated in the programme.

Collector stresses teachers' professional ethics

Siddipet (TSIT): District Collector K. Haimavathi has stressed that teachers must maintain professional ethics, punctuality and responsibility to ensure the overall development of students.

During a surprise visit to Zilla Parishad Boys' High School in Siddipet, the Collector inspected school functioning, attendance records, teacher diaries and classroom activities. She expressed displeasure over reports of some teachers leaving the school without signing attendance registers and not maintaining mandatory teacher diaries.

The Collector interacted with students to assess the quality of teaching and directed District Educational Officer Ramesh to conduct a detailed inquiry into the school's functioning and teaching practices. Officials were instructed to examine classroom instruction, lesson plans and teacher performance and submit a report.



257 houses planned for Nallamala displaced families

Nagarkurnool (TSIT): District Collector Hemanta Keshav Patil has directed officials to expedite the rehabilitation of families living in the Nallamala Reserve Forest by completing housing and infrastructure works at the Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) Colony in Bacharam village of Peddakothapally mandal. Reviewing the project at a District Monitoring Committee meeting, the Collector instructed officials to complete the tender process and begin construction of 257 houses for families from five villages in the Achampet Assembly constituency. He said the government is committed to providing quality housing and essential civic amenities to every displaced family.



The Collector also directed Revenue officials to speed up the allotment of agricultural land and issue land documents by August 10. Each beneficiary family will receive five acres of agricultural land and a 250-square-yard house site. Officials were instructed to ensure roads, drinking water, electricity, sanitation, drainage and streetlights are completed before families move into the colony.

Services of Jaipal Reddy in Telangana's Formation Unforgettable: Bandi Ramesh

HYDERABAD TSIT : On the occasion of the eighth death anniversary of former Union Minister Sri Jaipal Reddy, who made significant contributions to the creation of Telangana state, tributes were paid in a grand manner under the leadership of Kukatpally A Block President Nagireddy. The programme was organised at Venkateshwar Nagar in Balanagar. TPCC Vice-President, Kukatpally Congress Party In-charge and Chairman of the Telangana State Kamma Corporation Sri Bandi Ramesh attended as the chief guest. He garlanded the portrait of Jaipal Reddy and paid floral tributes. Speaking on the occasion, Bandi Ramesh said that Jaipal Reddy had strongly



raised his voice in Parliament in his distinctive style for the achievement of Telangana state. With vast political experience and sharp analytical ability, he earned a special place in national politics and was a true people's leader. Known as a political strategist and troubleshooter, Jaipal Reddy had the rare ability to find practical solutions to even the most complex problems with skill and clarity.

Collector urges farmers to choose dryland crops



Siddipet (TSIT): District Collector K. Haimavathi has appealed to farmers in the district not to cultivate paddy during the upcoming season, as the El Niño phenomenon is expected to result in deficient rainfall from the last week of August through September and October, leading to a significant decline in groundwater levels. She advised farmers to switch to dryland crops instead.

On Tuesday, during the 100th episode of the "Rythu Nestham" programme, held via video conference from Hyderabad, State Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao addressed farmers and officials across all Rythu Vedikas in the state. He provided guidance on crop diversification, the impact of El Niño, prevailing weather conditions, rainfall forecasts, groundwater status, and oil palm cultivation. District Collector K. Haimavathi participated in the programme as the chief guest from the Rythu Vedika at Narmetta village in Nangunur Mandal.

Speaking to the farmers after the programme, the Collector said that due to the impact of El Niño, the district had not received the expected

rainfall during June and July. Although light showers are currently being experienced, meteorologists have forecast a rainfall deficit from the end of August through September.

She observed that farmers in the district traditionally depend on paddy cultivation and urged them to reduce its acreage in favour of crops requiring less water. She explained that the amount of water needed to cultivate one acre of paddy could instead support the cultivation of five acres of dryland crops.

The Collector cautioned that although some farmers may currently believe sufficient water is available, groundwater levels are declining daily. Since paddy requires large quantities of water during its peak growth stage in late August and September, there is a high risk of crops drying up if rainfall remains inadequate. She therefore strongly urged farmers to avoid paddy cultivation this season. To safeguard farmers' incomes, she recommended cultivating red gram, pulses, finger millet, pearl millet, foxtail millet, and other millets. She also advised farmers not to leave their lands fallow and suggested castor cultivation as an alternative.

SP Janaki stresses quality policing and crime control



Mahabubnagar (TSIT BUREAU): ahabubnagar Superintendent of Police Daravat Janaki conducted the annual inspection of Devarakadra Police Station on Tuesday and directed officers to

ensure quality policing while maintaining strict vigilance over crime control. During the inspection, she reviewed station records, case registrations, pending investigations, cleanliness, beat

policing and the overall functioning of the police station. The SP instructed officials to handle every complaint transparently, impartially and in accordance with the law, ensuring prompt justice for the public.

Janaki also reviewed grave offences, rowdy and suspect sheets, execution of warrants and preventive policing measures. She directed investigating officers to expedite pending cases, maintain official records properly and strengthen surveillance on habitual offenders.

Yashaswini Reddy launches village development works

Palakurthy (TSIT): Palakurthy MLA Yashaswini Reddy on Wednesday laid the foundation stone for several development works in Upparigudem village of Peddavangara mandal, with a focus on strengthening infrastructure and promoting women's welfare.

The MLA performed Bhoomi Puja for the construction of a CC road at a cost of 27 lakh and a Mahila Samakhya Bhavan at a cost of 10 lakh. She said the State Government is committed to providing quality infrastructure in villages while ensuring



better facilities for women's groups.

Yashaswini Reddy said development programmes are being implemented based on local needs to improve rural living stan-

dards. Local Sarpanch Dumpala Sridevi Shyam, public representatives, Congress leaders, officials, women's association members and villagers attended the programme.

Farmers urged to opt for alternative crops.



Mancherla, July 28, TSIT: District Collector Kumar Deepak urged farmers to take up alternative crops and reduce dependence on paddy cultivation in view of the El Niño impact and water scarcity.

Speaking at a subsidised seed and fertiliser distribution programme at Kasipet, the Collector advised farmers to choose low-water-consuming crops and make use of government subsidies. He said the

Rythu Bharsa scheme would apply only to cultivated lands.

He also inspected the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya in Kasipet and directed officials to expedite construction works and ensure nutritious food and proper hygiene for students.

At Dwarakapura village in Tandur mandal, Mr. Deepak reviewed the land survey and re-survey process. He said the exercise would help resolve land disputes, establish clear boundaries and ensure accurate land records through transparent mapping.

The Collector later participated in a subsidised seed distribution programme at the Rythu Vedika in Tandur and urged farmers to follow government guidelines and utilise subsidised seeds and fertilisers effectively.

Parks, grand entrances should reflect the prestige of the city : Commissioner T. Venkanna

Warangal, TSIT, Mattewada Surender, July 28 : GWMC Commissioner T. Venkanna said parks and grand entrances should reflect the city's prestige. GWMC Commissioner T. Venkanna on Tuesday made a surprise inspection of the beautification works being carried out at parks, central medians, nurseries and grand entrances under the horticulture department of the city under the auspices of the Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation (GWMC).

The commissioner first visited the public gardens and examined the management of the plants there. The officials were directed



to keep the park free of weeds and keep the walkways free of any litter.

Several suggestions have been made regarding the maintenance of the parks suggesting that continuous monitoring should be done to ensure a pleasant environment for the

people visiting the parks.

Later, they inspected the nursery run by GWMC at Ellapur. Horticulture Officer Lakshmareddy learned the details of the plants being grown for distribution on the occasion of Vanamahotsavam.

He ordered to grow all

kinds of plants in the nursery in a healthy manner and keep them fully prepared for the Vanamahotsava programmes. Next, the beautification works being done at Ellapur Karimnagar Grand Entrance were inspected. It is suggested that the entrance should be beautified with attractive ornamental plants and flower plants to symbolize the city. The officials were directed to further develop the green environment to make it a pleasant experience for everyone coming into the city. The commissioner inspected the newly developed greenery area at Hasanparthi Animal Birth Control (ABC) center and planted saplings there.

Tummala promotes technology-driven farming

Suryapet (TSIT): Telangana Agriculture and Marketing Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao on Tuesday said the State Government is committed to promoting technology-driven and scientific farming through the 'Rythu Nestham' initiative. Addressing the 100th episode of the programme virtually from Hyderabad, he said it is providing farmers with direct access to agricultural experts, scientific guidance and modern farming technologies through Rythu Vedikas across the State. The Minister urged farmers to cultivate crops suited to prevailing weather conditions, promote horticulture, adopt crop rotation and explore the commercial potential of oil palm cultivation. He advised farmers to



use fertilisers judiciously and select crops based on soil quality, water availability and market demand. He also directed agriculture officials to remain in close contact with farmers and provide continuous technical support. At the district-level programme in Nadigudem mandal, District Collector Tejas Nand Lal Pawar said the initiative is helping farmers make informed cultivation decisions.

RR Jewellers unveils 2026 festival collection



Hyderabad (TSIT): R.R. Jewellers celebrated its 16th anniversary with the launch of its 2026 Festival Collection at its Kondapur showroom, marking another milestone in the brand's journey. Founded by Radha Ghantasala in 2007, the brand has grown from a home-based venture into a

reputed jewellery name known for affordable designer gold jewellery.

The new collection features gold, diamond and precious gemstone jewellery, blending traditional craftsmanship with contemporary designs for the festive season. Digital influencer Mounesha Chowdary unveiled the collection

as the chief guest and appreciated the brand's craftsmanship and innovative designs.

Speaking on the occasion, founder Radha Ghantasala said the anniversary reflects the trust of customers and the brand's commitment to quality, affordability and timeless elegance. Over the years, R.R. Jewellers has served more than 80,000 customers across 25 countries and redesigned over 1.25 lakh jewellery pieces. The company said it will continue offering lightweight, ready-to-wear jewellery while introducing new collections regularly to meet evolving customer preferences.

Nalgonda (TSIT): District Collector B. Chandrashekhar has advised farmers to cultivate low-water (semi-dry) crops in view of prevailing weather conditions and the expected shortage of irrigation water. Participating in the 100th episode of the "Rythu Nestam" programme from Domalapally Rythu Vedika, he said there was little chance of rainfall in September and warned that Srisailem, Nagarjuna Sagar and AMRP projects may not receive adequate inflows due to poor rainfall in Karnataka and Maharashtra.

The Collector suggested that farmers who have already sown cotton and red gram should take up



intercropping to reduce cultivation costs. He also encouraged cultivation of horticultural crops and vegetables using drip irrigation, which is available under government subsidy. He said the government is also creating marketing facilities for semi-dry crops such as foxtail millet, little millet and basil (sabja).

State Agriculture

Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao, who addressed the programme from Hyderabad, said "Rythu Nestam" provides farmers with timely guidance on weather, crop planning, fertilizers and modern farming practices. He urged farmers to adopt scientific methods and suitable crops to overcome the challenges posed by El Niño conditions.

Focus on alternative crops : Dist Collector

Medak, July 28 (TSIT) District Collector Pratima Singh said that farmers should focus on alternative crops. She visited the oil palm nursery in Chelmeda village, Nizampet mandal, along with the Horticulture Officer, Agriculture Officer, and MPDO. On this occasion, District Collector Pratima Singh said that farmers should focus on alternative crops. She stated that this year, the district has set a target of cultivating oil palm on 2,500 acres. She informed that

meticulous plans are being made for the cultivation of oil palm on 2,500 acres. She explained that seeds are brought from Malaysia, Thailand, and Indonesia to the oil palm nursery here, grown into saplings, and then distributed to farmers. District Agriculture Officer Devakumar, Horticulture Department Officer Pratap Singh, Rajireddy, and other officials from the Agriculture and Horticulture departments participated in this program.



Keralam CM VD Satheesan urges Tamil Nadu counterpart Vijay to ease curbs on construction material transport



THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: Keralam Chief Minister VD Satheesan has written to Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Joseph Vijay, urging him to reconsider the restrictions imposed on the inter-state transportation of construction materials, particularly stone aggregates, saying the move could delay several strategically important National Highway projects in Keralam. In his letter, Satheesan highlighted the longstanding relationship between the two states, describing it as one founded on "geographical proximity, cultural affinity and a long tradition of mutual cooperation." He said both governments have consistently worked together in the spirit of cooperative federalism for the welfare and economic development of their people.

Referring to the Tamil Nadu government's Gazette Notification dated July 9, Satheesan said the new regulations governing the inter-state transportation of rough stones and other construction materials had significantly disrupted the supply of stone aggregates from the districts of Tirunelveli, Tenkasi and

Kanniyakumari to Keralam. "These districts have traditionally been the principal source of stone aggregates required for the execution of several National Highway projects in Kerala," the Chief Minister wrote, adding that Keralam has limited availability of suitable stone aggregates for large-scale infrastructure works and therefore depends heavily on supplies from neighbouring Tamil Nadu. He cautioned that the restrictions had adversely affected the supply chain, disrupted construction activities and posed a serious risk of delays in completing several nationally significant infrastructure projects. Satheesan further noted that the National Highway projects would not only improve connectivity within Keralam but also strengthen logistics, trade and tourism across southern India.

He said the projects would provide seamless connectivity to the Vizhinjam International Seaport and the International Container Transshipment Terminal at Vallarpadam, enhancing the region's economic competitiveness. While acknowledging Tamil Nadu's objective of ensuring sustainable management of natural resources, Satheesan expressed confidence that a balanced solution could be found. He urged Vijay to consider granting suitable relaxations or evolving an appropriate mechanism to facilitate the uninterrupted transportation of stone aggregates meant exclusively for ongoing National Highway and other nationally important infrastructure projects in Keralam, expressing hope for a positive response and continued cooperation between the two states.

Over 72,000 applications for medical seats in TN exceed NEET qualifiers



CHENNAI: A total of 72,627 candidates have applied for undergraduate medical admissions in Tamil Nadu for the 2026-27 academic year, with the number of applicants exceeding the total number of students who qualified in the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) from the State. The online application process for MBBS and BDS admissions closed on Sunday after the Directorate of Medical Education and Research (DME) extended the deadline by 29 hours in the interest of students. Initially,

70,485 candidates had submitted their applications. Following the extension from 10 am on July 26 to 3 pm on July 27, another 2,142 candidates registered, taking the total number of applications to 72,627.

According to official data, 61,306 candidates from Tamil Nadu qualified in NEET this year. However, the number of applications received for medical counselling is significantly higher than the number of NEET-qualified candidates from the State. Explaining the higher application count, a DME official said, "Many applicants could be students belonging to TN families residing in other states for employment who appeared for NEET outside Tamil Nadu but remain eligible to seek admission in the State.

Southern Railway earns Rs 43.44 cr more from Vande Bharat train services in April-May 2026

CHENNAI: Southern Railway earned Rs 162.96 crore from Vande Bharat train services during April and May of the 2026-27 financial year, according to a Daily Thanthi report. With 15.21 lakh passengers travelling on the premium trains during the two-month period, it marked a significant increase over the corresponding period last year.

The revenue is higher than the Rs 119.52 crore earned from 11.41 lakh passengers during April and May of the 2025-26 financial year, marking an increase of Rs 43.44 crore.

Vande Bharat trains are being operated to connect major cities across India. Southern Railway, which comprises the Chennai,



Tiruchy, Madurai, Salem, Palakkad and Tiruvananthapuram divisions, introduced its first Vande Bharat service between Chennai and Mysuru in 2022.

At present, Southern Railway operates Vande Bharat trains on routes

including Chennai Central-Mysuru, Chennai Egmore-Tirunelveli, Chennai Central-Vijayawada, Coimbatore-Bengaluru, Chennai Egmore-Nagercoil, Madurai-Bengaluru and Mangaluru-Tiruvananthapuram.

Tamil Nadu government asks bus passengers to avoid speaker mode, use earphones

CHENNAI: In a bid to make travel on State-run buses more comfortable, the Tamil Nadu government has directed all State transport corporations to discourage passengers from using mobile phones in speaker mode or playing music and videos aloud during journeys. In a circular issued to



the managing directors of the Metropolitan Transport Corporation (MTC), State Express Transport Corporation (SETC) and all

Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporations, Transport Department Secretary L Nirmal Raj directed them to immediately implement passenger etiquette guidelines and create awareness among commuters. Recently, CMRL decided to crack down on on-board noise with stricter penalties. In a

social media post, it announced that passengers travelling on the Chennai Metro or waiting at stations could face a fine of up to Rs 2,500 for playing music or videos without headphones, using speaker mode or creating disturbances. The circular said drivers should ensure that loud music is

not played inside buses, as mandated under Rule 5(10) of the Motor Vehicles (Driving) Regulations, 2017. It also cited Rule 228 of the Tamil Nadu Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, under which any act causing inconvenience or disturbance to fellow passengers is considered misconduct.

Democratic Responsibility, Civic Activism and the Real Essence of Dissent: Navigating Future Leaders in a Constitutional Democracy

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Democracy is far more than a constitutional framework or an electoral mechanism; it is a living philosophy sustained by the participation, vigilance and constitutional consciousness of its citizens. The legitimacy of any democratic government rests not merely upon the mandate it receives through elections, but equally upon its willingness to remain accountable to the people throughout its tenure. Democratic responsibility therefore belongs not only to governments but also to every citizen who exercises rights with responsibility and performs duties with integrity.

The Constitution of India begins with the powerful expression, "We, the People of India," signifying that sovereignty ultimately belongs to the people. Every constitutional institution—the Legislature, Executive and Judiciary—derives its authority from the Constitution and exists to serve the people. In such a constitutional order, civic activism becomes not an act of confrontation but an expression of participatory democracy. Citizens who engage in public discourse, raise constitutional concerns, demand transparency, or seek institutional accountability contribute significantly to democratic governance.

One of the most misunderstood concepts in modern democracies is dissent. Dissent should never be equated with disloyalty, anti-national sentiment or political hostility. The essence of constitutional democracy lies in the acceptance that disagreement is both inevitable and necessary. A democracy without dissent gradually transforms into conformity, while a democracy that protects peaceful dissent continues to evolve through dialogue, reform and institutional correction.

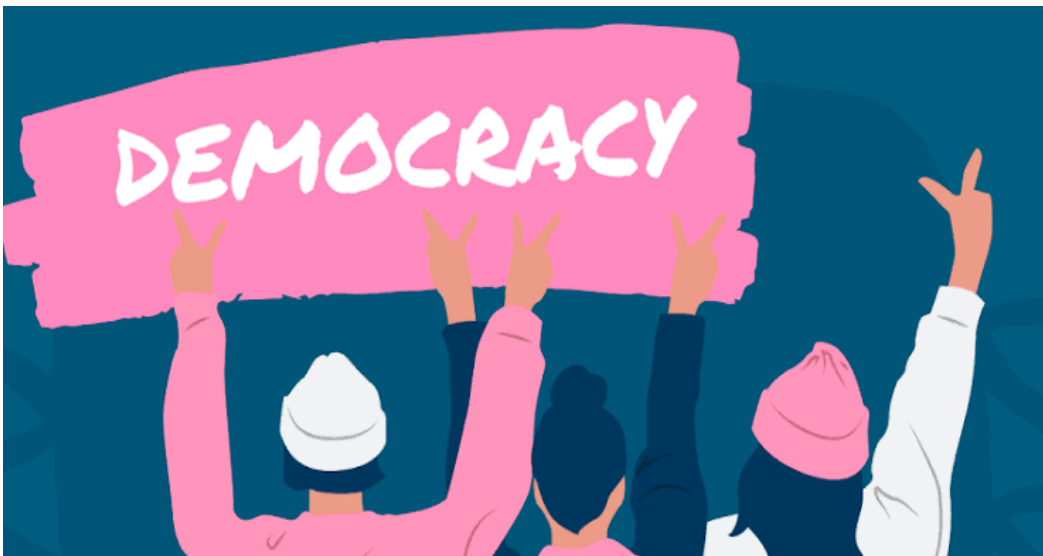
The recent NEET-related pub-

lic engagement by students and Generation Z reflects the spirit of responsible democratic participation. When young citizens peacefully raise concerns and seek accountability through constitutional and legal means, they strengthen democracy and encourage transparent, responsive governance.

The framers of the Indian Constitution deliberately incorporated safeguards to ensure that citizens could question governmental actions. Article 19(1) (a) guarantees the freedom of speech and expression, Article 19(1)(b) protects the right to assemble peacefully, and Article 19(1)(c) secures the freedom to form associations. Together, these rights provide constitutional legitimacy to peaceful civic activism. Nevertheless, these freedoms are subject to reasonable restrictions under Article 19(2) in the interests of sovereignty, security of the State, public order, decency and morality. Constitutional jurisprudence has consistently recognised that restrictions must remain reasonable, proportionate and consistent with democratic values.

The Supreme Court of India has repeatedly emphasized that democracy flourishes through informed criticism. Judicial observations have consistently affirmed that dissent is the safety valve of democracy, for without the freedom to question authority, democratic institutions lose their capacity for self-correction. Constitutional governance requires governments that are prepared to listen and citizens who are willing to participate responsibly.

Indian history offers several remarkable examples where peaceful civic activism reshaped public policy and strengthened constitutional governance. The Indian freedom struggle itself remains one of history's greatest examples of organised constitutional resistance against injustice. Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy of Satyagraha demonstrated that peaceful dissent rooted in moral conviction possesses the power to transform political systems. The Salt March of 1930 was not merely a protest against taxation but a profound assertion of civil liberty and participatory citizen-



ship.

Similarly, the JP Movement of 1974 led by Jayaprakash Narayan mobilised students, youth and civil society against corruption and misuse of governmental power. The movement eventually became a catalyst for restoring democratic accountability after the Emergency of 1975. The Emergency itself remains one of India's most significant constitutional lessons, illustrating how suspension of civil liberties, press censorship and excessive executive power can endanger democratic institutions. The restoration of democracy reaffirmed that constitutional vigilance by citizens remains indispensable.

Several public movements in independent India have translated civic activism into meaningful legal reforms. The Right to Information Movement, initiated by grassroots organisations, culminated in the enactment of the Right to Information Act, 2005, revolutionising governmental transparency. The nationwide public response following the Nirbhaya incident in 2012 resulted in substantial amendments to India's criminal justice framework relating to offences against women. Environmental movements, anti-corruption campaigns, consumer rights activism and public interest litigations have similarly demonstrated how constitutional participation can influence legislation and governance without undermining democratic stability.

The constitutional significance of civic activism is not

unique to India. Throughout the world, peaceful public participation has repeatedly strengthened democratic institutions. The American Civil Rights Movement, led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., challenged racial segregation through non-violent constitutional methods and ultimately resulted in landmark civil rights legislation. In South Africa, Nelson Mandela's lifelong struggle against apartheid transformed one of the world's most oppressive political systems into a constitutional democracy founded upon equality, dignity and reconciliation.

The Solidarity Movement in Poland during the 1980s demonstrated how organised civic resistance contributed to democratic transition in Eastern Europe. Likewise, the peaceful demonstrations that accompanied the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 symbolised the triumph of democratic aspirations over authoritarian control. More recently, youth-led climate justice movements across Europe, Australia and other regions have compelled governments to reconsider environmental policies and sustainable development commitments. These international experiences reveal a common constitutional principle: societies progress when institutions remain responsive to lawful public participation rather than suppressing it.

At the same time, history equally warns against the dangers of intolerance towards dissent. Democracies weaken when criticism is viewed solely through the lens of political

rivalry instead of constitutional engagement. Suppression of independent media, restrictions on peaceful assemblies, misuse of emergency powers and shrinking civic spaces have often resulted in institutional distrust across several democracies worldwide. The resilience of democracy therefore depends not only upon constitutional text but also upon constitutional culture.

In the twenty-first century, civic activism has acquired an entirely new dimension through digital technology. Social media platforms have expanded democratic participation beyond geographical boundaries, enabling citizens to mobilise public opinion, disseminate legal awareness and engage directly with policymakers. However, digital democracy also presents serious challenges, including misinformation, deepfakes, online radicalisation, hate speech and cyber manipulation. Freedom of expression in the digital era must therefore be accompanied by digital responsibility. Constitutional rights cannot be divorced from constitutional ethics.

For India's youth, democratic responsibility extends well beyond exercising the right to vote. Young citizens today inherit one of the world's most vibrant constitutional democracies. Their responsibility is to preserve democratic institutions through informed participation, constitutional literacy and ethical leadership. They must learn to distinguish criticism from hostility, debate from misinformation and activism from extremism. Universities,

law schools and educational institutions must nurture constitutional values that encourage critical thinking while reinforcing respect for democratic institutions.

Law students, advocates and future legal professionals occupy a particularly significant position within this democratic framework. They serve not merely as interpreters of law but also as guardians of constitutional governance. Their role includes promoting legal literacy, providing legal aid, strengthening access to justice, defending fundamental rights and encouraging constitutional dialogue within society. A legally informed citizenry remains the strongest defence against arbitrary governance.

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar repeatedly cautioned that constitutional democracy cannot survive solely through written provisions. He emphasised the concept of constitutional morality, reminding future generations that institutions ultimately function according to the character, ethics and democratic commitment of those who administer and participate in them. Constitutional morality demands tolerance, respect for diversity, institutional accountability and unwavering adherence to the rule of law.

The relationship between rights and duties assumes particular significance in this context. While the Constitution guarantees extensive Fundamental Rights under Part III, it also imposes Fundamental Duties under Article 51A, reminding citizens that democratic participation must be accompanied by civic discipline, respect for constitutional institutions, protection of public property, promotion of harmony and development of scientific temper. Rights empower citizens; duties sustain democracy.

In contemporary India, where democratic debates increasingly unfold through television studios, digital platforms and public forums, constitutional maturity has become more important than ever before. Public disagreement should inspire dialogue rather than division, and political differences should never diminish mutual constitutional respect. Democracy

prosper when institutions remain transparent, governments remain accountable, media remains responsible and citizens remain vigilant.

The future of India will largely be shaped by today's young citizens. Their leadership must not be driven by populism, misinformation or emotional polarisation, but by constitutional values, legal reasoning and ethical public service. Future leaders should understand that democracy is not measured by the absence of criticism but by the willingness to accommodate differing opinions within the constitutional framework.

History consistently demonstrates that many of the world's greatest democratic reforms emerged from individuals who questioned injustice through peaceful constitutional means. From Gandhi to Mandela, from Martin Luther King Jr. to the architects of democratic transitions across Europe, every generation has shown that constructive dissent can strengthen rather than weaken national unity. Ultimately, democracy survives not because governments possess authority, but because citizens possess constitutional consciousness. Civic activism guided by legality, democratic responsibility rooted in constitutional morality and dissent exercised with dignity together form the true pillars of a resilient republic. The real essence of democracy lies not in silencing different voices but in ensuring that every lawful voice has the opportunity to be heard, respected and considered. A nation becomes stronger when its citizens are informed, its institutions remain accountable, and its democracy welcomes dialogue over domination. The future belongs to those leaders who understand that constitutional patriotism is demonstrated not merely by defending the nation, but by defending the values upon which the nation stands.

"A democracy does not fear the voice of its people; it flourishes when every responsible voice is heard, every constitutional value is upheld, and every citizen becomes a guardian of justice."

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Gen Z Can Topple A Minister. Why
Can't They Enter Parliament?

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Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation carries an irony that Delhi's political durbars should not miss. A politician whose ascent began in student politics has been forced out of the Education Ministry by students who had no party office, no famous surname, or invitation to the national high table. The Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) converted an insult into an identity and an examination scandal into a larger argument about fairness. The ruling NDA government first treated the agitation as a policing problem. It then negotiated, conceded the protesters' principal demands, and accepted Pradhan's resignation. Pralhad Joshi, another senior Cabinet hand, has been given additional charge of Education. The resignation matters. But India must understand the larger message: young people should not have to besiege Parliament to be heard inside it. Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy put the argument in memorable political shorthand: India's youth should not merely march from Jantar Mantar towards Parliament; they should be enabled to move from sadak se Sansad, that is, from the street into the legislature itself. Not Yet A Generational Transfer The immediate official response has been administrative continuity: one veteran replaces another, at least temporarily. Yet the crisis was not merely about who occupied Shastri Bhawan. It was about the distance between those designing India's education system and those living through its examinations, coaching factories, paper leaks, delayed recruitment, and precarious passage from degree to employment. The next full-time Education Minister should, therefore, be chosen with more imagination. So should the next minister responsible for information technology. These min-



istries govern the terrain on which Gen Z lives: education, artificial intelligence, data, online speech, platform work, skills, and employment. In fact, many in the Congress and the INDIA alliance are now suggesting that a future Opposition-led government should entrust the education portfolio to a Gen Z leader. Young Country, Old House India possesses the world's largest Gen Z cohort. More than 500 million Indians, roughly 35% of the population, are between 10 and 29. Yet, only four members elected to the present Lok Sabha were identified as Gen Z. That is less than one per cent of a House whose average age is 56 and which is among the oldest Lok Sabhas India has elected. The mismatch is not cosmetic. Representation influences what receives urgency. India permits a citizen to vote at 18 but requires that person to wait until 25 to contest for the Lok Sabha or an Assembly, and until 30 for the Rajya Sabha or a Legislative Council. The

argument is older than the Republic. In the Constituent Assembly, Shibban Lal Saxena had warned against excluding exceptional young Indians, while BR Ambedkar defended higher age requirements, particularly for the Upper House. The founders made their judgment in the conditions of 1949. But does respect for their wisdom does not require every threshold to remain frozen for eternity? The world, after all, has evolved. Singapore permits citizens aged 21 to contest parliamentary elections. Since its Prime Minister must command a parliamentary majority, a 21-year-old is theoretically eligible for the office. Singapore has not had a 21-year-old prime minister, but the relevant point is simple: its law does not declare political adulthood to end at the voting booth. The Indian contradiction is difficult to defend indefinitely. A citizen can vote at 18, graduate soon afterwards, sit for the civil services at 21 and, in exceptional cases, acquire substan-

tial administrative responsibility before becoming legally eligible to contest an Assembly or Lok Sabha election. The Republic is willing to trust a 21-year-old with the machinery of the state, but not yet with the possibility of securing a popular mandate. Can Parliament Act? Reddy has repeatedly proposed lowering the minimum age for contesting assembly elections from 25 to 21 and has spoken of an Assembly resolution urging a constitutional amendment. Telangana cannot make this change alone: Articles 84 and 173 prescribe the qualifications, so Parliament must act. But a state government can create the political pressure that makes Parliament act. Reddy has announced that a special session of the Telangana Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council will be convened in the first week of August to adopt a resolution seeking 21 as the minimum age for contesting the Lok Sabha and State Assemblies,

and 25 for the Rajya Sabha and Legislative Councils. The resolution is to be forwarded to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Union government. The proposal retains a distinction between the directly elected Houses and the Upper Houses, while lowering both thresholds. It is more considered than a blanket demand to abolish every age qualification. The argument draws deliberately on Rajiv Gandhi's decision to lower the voting age from 21 to 18 through the 61st Constitutional Amendment. The amendment's statement of objects argued that politically conscious young people should be allowed to become part of the political process. Another Congress-era precedent comes to mind. Under PV Narasimha Rao, the eligibility age for offices in urban and rural local bodies, including mayoral and Zilla Parishad leadership positions, was lowered from 25 to 21. This helped create space for very young representatives in local government,

including the election of a 21-year-old mayor in Thiruvananthapuram. younger candidates later. The unfinished step lies in Parliament and the assemblies. But parties need not wait for a constitutional amendment. They can commit a meaningful share of tickets in every state to candidates below 35. They can open district and state organisations to credible internal elections, and place young legislators in portfolios with real authority rather than confining them to youth affairs, sports, and ceremonial responsibilities. Open The Gates, Not Merely The Gallery Lowering the candidacy age to 21 would be a start, not a cure. Indian politics is expensive, dynastic, and organisationally closed. Without changes in campaign finance, internal party democracy, and candidate selection, lowering the threshold may simply allow younger members of established political families to enter four years earlier. A youthful surname is not a youth revolution. Nor should the CJP be romanticised. A successful protest is not automatically a programme for governance. Virality is not organisation, and irreverence is not ideology. Young politics can be intolerant, impulsive, and vulnerable to manipulation, just as old politics can be cynical and complacent. The answer is not to hand the Republic to one generation. It is to stop excluding that generation from meaningful power. Political parties should publish the age profile of their candidates, set measurable youth targets for tickets, and finance first-generation entrants who do not possess family wealth or an inherited constituency. Legislative fellowships should lead somewhere more consequential than research assistance.

When will non-BJP governments be held accountable for paper leaks?



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Competitive exams in India are not just a means of employment, but also the dreams of millions of youth, the hopes of families, and the foundation of social justice. Any exam is considered meaningful only when it respects talent, hard work, and fairness. But when a question paper is leaked, not just one exam is affected, but the credibility of the entire system is questioned. Unfortunately, the first response to such incidents in the country is not a solution, but rather a political one. A cycle of blame and counter-allegations ensues, and the future of students becomes a subject of political debate. In the past few years, incidents of paper leaks have surfaced in many states across the country. Some affected teacher recruitment exams, others police recruitment exams, some Public Service Commission exams, and other competitive exams. These incidents have made it clear that paper leaks are not a problem limited to a single state, a single party, or a single examination body. It challenges the entire examination system. Yet, political parties present this issue according to their own interests. When irregularities occur in a national-level examination, the opposition holds the central government and the concerned minister accountable, demanding their resignation. This is a natural part of democracy. It is the opposition's duty to demand answers from the government. But this question becomes even more important when repeated incidents of paper leaks occur in non-BJP-ruled states. The same political parties that advocate for morality and accountability at the center often dismiss these as

mere administrative lapses. This is where the debate about double standards begins. Morality in a democracy doesn't mean it applies only to the opposition. If demanding the resignation of a government is justified, then the same criteria should apply equally to every government. Accountability cannot be determined by party. If a paper leak in a BJP-ruled state is a government failure, how does the same incident become solely the fault of officials in non-BJP governments? If a minister's resignation is demanded in one place, why is the same demand considered inappropriate in another? In fact, the bar for morality in Indian politics often shifts between power and opposition. While in opposition, every party espouses the highest standards of accountability, but upon coming to power, the same party begins citing investigations, procedures, and administrative reasons. This trend is not limited to any one political party. Almost all parties have fallen victim to this political expediency from time to time. Therefore, the problem lies not with any particular party, but with political culture. However, it is equally true that the opposition's responsibility is not only to raise questions but also to set a better example during its rule. If a party demands the resignation of BJP governments, it should adopt the same ethical standards in its own states. Democracy builds credibility only when principles do not change with the change of power. The biggest loss from a paper leak is to the student who has worked hard for years. Thousands and even lakhs of rupees are spent on coaching, books, application fees, and accommodation. Families cut back on their own needs to invest in their children's education. Cancellation of an exam not only means a new date, but also mental stress, financial loss, and deep uncertainty about the future. Sometimes, students face the risk of overstaying their age limit. In such a situation, statements from political parties cannot heal the wounds of students. Paper leak incidents also demonstrate that simply enacting laws is not enough. If deficiencies persist in question paper storage, printing, transportation, digital security, and monitoring of

examination centers, criminals will find new ways to commit them. Therefore, robust technical systems, transparent processes, and timely investigations are essential. The perpetrators must face swift and severe punishment so that no one dares to commit such crimes in the future. Along with this, accountability must be established at the highest level. This does not mean that immediate resignation is the only solution for every incident. However, if papers are continuously leaked in a department, if security systems repeatedly fail, and if serious oversight negligence is revealed, the moral responsibility of the minister and top officials cannot be denied. High office confers not only authority but also greater responsibility. This question arises in the context of non-BJP governments because political discourse often highlights incidents in BJP-ruled states, while similar incidents in other states receive relatively little discussion. If the principle of equality is accepted in democracy, then there should be equal discussion and accountability. The public does not care about the party in power; it cares about whether the future of its children is secure. The role of the media is also crucial in this context. If the media presents events solely from a political perspective, the real problem will be overlooked. Journalism's responsibility is to uncover the facts, monitor the direction of investigations, and give prominence to student voices. The media must question both the ruling party and the opposition with equal rigor. This is the very essence of democracy. Social media has also added a new dimension to this debate. Political propaganda often overshadows facts. Supporters defend their respective parties and blame their opponents. As a result, even discussions on serious issues like paper leaks devolve into political polarization rather than solutions. This further undermines student confidence. The need of the hour is to completely modernize the examination system. Systems such as digital encryption of question papers, secure distribution, artificial intelligence-based monitoring, scientific selection of examination centers, and independent audits should be strengthened.

One Crisis, 4 Wins: How China Might Just Have Hit A Geopolitical Jackpot

There is now a near-unanimous consensus that the Iran war has benefited China immensely. Against the sniggering commentaries of the initial days of the war, when it was believed that China would be hit hard, the more recent reports on how it has impacted China are far more sobering, if not outright envious. But China can hardly be blamed for accruing benefits from the shortsighted, ill-thought-out war. There are four broad areas in which China is reportedly benefiting. A Distracted America The first is military. The ongoing Iran war is being perceived as a gamechanger in the Indo-Pacific security architecture as the US continues to pivot to the Middle East, pulling out missile systems, long-range missiles, and interceptors from places like South Korea and Pacific Islands and transferring them to the Middle East to replenish depleting stockpiles there. This leaves China with greater military clout in the region and also helps it mount a narrative - especially around Taiwan - about the unreliability of the US as an ally. The war also helps China study American war manoeuvres, strike patterns, weapons systems, operational capabilities, etc., which are useful for any potential future conflict over Taiwan or in the Indo-Pacific. It's The Oil, Silly Secondly, the closure of the Strait of Hormuz early into the war and the destruction of energy facilities have caused disruptions in energy supply chains on a scale hitherto un witnessed. About 25% of crude oil and a fifth of



LNG have disappeared from global energy markets. This has benefited China in two ways. One, the energy shortfall has accelerated the push for renewables. Countries such as Pakistan and Vietnam have increased the deployment of renewable energy and the use of electric vehicles. China is the largest manufacturer of electric vehicles, solar panels, and wind turbines, and is leading global clean energy chains, with exports soaring to \$21.9 billion just by March 2026. On the other hand, China has judiciously engaged in building massive strategic energy reserves. Over the years, it has sourced sanctioned Iranian oil at massively discounted prices, especially after the 2021 agreement with Iran for an estimated \$400 billion, which has been a lifeline for Iran, more so after the war began and a blockade was imposed on the country's ports. According to data from the US Energy Information Administration (EIA), China holds an estimated 1.2 to 1.4 billion barrels of total crude oil in combined commercial and strategic stockpiles. With decreasing demand

and sustained pipeline LNG supplies, Chinese firms have been reselling LNG to countries facing severe shortfalls because of the war, like Vietnam, South Korea and the Philippines. Both these things increase China's strategic leverage regionally and globally. The Age Of The Yuan A third reason, and one tied to the above, is the process of de-dollarisation and the promotion of the Chinese yuan. This process has been underway for a while now and is projected to only accelerate. Just like the sanctions on Russia accelerated the use of the yuan in Sino-Russian trade, so did the sanctions on Iran facilitate the use of the Chinese currency in settling cross-border trade. Sanctions aside, other countries, too, have tried to hedge their exposure. For instance, in 2023, China and Saudi Arabia signed a local currency swap agreement worth \$7 billion as part of efforts to boost trade using their currencies and reduce reliance on the dollar. In 2024, Saudi Arabia signed on to the mBridge project, launched in 2021 between the central banks of China, Hong Kong,

Thailand, and the UAE, to develop a new system for cross-border payments using central bank digital currencies. India, too, paid in yuan for Russian oil shipments earlier and for Iranian crude this year under a US sanctions waiver. Given how tied the Iranian economy is to China's, and in order to deliberately undermine the US dollar, Iran also announced that it would collect shipping "tolls" for passage through the Strait of Hormuz in yuan. China's Cross-Border Interbank Payment System (CIPS) has reportedly seen daily transactions increase by over 50%, from \$85 billion to \$130 billion during the war. Pulling Its Diplomatic Weight Fourthly, the Iran war has seen China's diplomatic clout increase. In any case, much of the Global South, at least Africa and the Middle East, sees China as a natural leader and the only alternative to the US. The Iran war has helped project and promote that image. The war began on February 28, 2026. Soon after, China's Special Envoy to the Middle East, Zhai Jun, began engaging in shuttle diplomacy in the region to facilitate mediation and advance de-escalation efforts. This was just what Li Hui, the Chinese government's special representative for Eurasian affairs, had done during the Russia-Ukraine war. While nothing changed on the ground in the latter case, it did project and promote China's image as a peace-loving and peace-seeking country. China has also opposed a UNSC resolution to open the Strait of Hormuz.



Chipmakers In Freefall: SanDisk, AMD, ASML, Micron Slip Up To 12% On China DUV Challenge

The semiconductor and chipmaker rout has deepened on Tuesday, with major American players like Micron Technology Inc., Nvidia Corp., Advanced Micro Devices Inc., Sandisk Corp., and ASML Holding N.V. falling up to 10% at open. Traders have been dumping chip stocks ever since China announced that it has begun manufacturing its own immersion deep ultra-violet (DUV) lithography machines. The breakthrough directly impacts Dutch firm ASML's near-monopoly over critical chipmaking technology. ASML's stock traded 5% lower at \$1,566.35. Memory giant Sandisk was hit the hardest, and dived 11.5% to a low of \$1,128.36 within minutes of the Wall Street opening bell. Micron plunged over 8.6% to a low of \$817.02, AMD traded 8.2% lower at \$452.54. Intel Corp slid over 6% to a low



of \$85.75, Qualcomm Inc. was down 4% to \$164.10. Nvidia Corp. was somewhat insulated compared to other semi peers, but still fell 2% to \$193.57. American Depository Receipts (ADRs) of newly-listed Korean giant SK Hynix fell 9% to \$130.54. The ADRs have fallen nearly 24% in just the last 5 days. China's jolt came at an already volatile time for AI-linked semiconductor companies and chipmakers, with investors engag-

ing in frequent selloffs over concerns regarding sky-high valuations, AI revenue. China Threat: Explained Chipmaking relies on lithography machines that use precisely focused light to etch microscopic circuits onto silicon wafers. Therefore, China's announcement triggered a sharp selloff of semis across global chip equipment stocks with ASML shares sinking more than 7% on Monday — its worst day since June 8.

RUPEE RISES 35 PAISE TO 95.64 AGAINST US DOLLAR IN EARLY TRADE

Mumbai: The rupee extended its upward momentum, rising 35 paise to 95.64 against the US dollar in early trade on Tuesday, July 28, driven by lower crude oil prices amid easing geopolitical tensions. Forex traders said a weak US dollar index and positive equity market sentiment further boosted the Indian currency. At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 95.75 and gained further to trade at 95.64 against the greenback, up 35 paise from its previous closing level. The rupee appreciated sharply by 54 paise to close at 95.99 against the US dollar on Monday, after rising 20 paise in the preceding session on Friday. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading down 0.06 per cent at 101.31.



Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, was trading 1.43 per cent lower at USD 87.10 per barrel in futures trade. Analysts said oil prices eased as the US and Iran refrained from attacking each other's targets for the third consecutive day and mediators achieved progress in getting both sides back to negotiations. US President Donald Trump said Iran had asked for more discussions, reaching out directly "because we've been hit-

ting them very hard." Iran has said there are no direct talks underway. On the domestic equity market front, Sensex rose 14.66 points, or 0.02 per cent, to 76,850.44, while the Nifty was up 27.10 points, or 0.11 per cent, to 24,023.45. Foreign Institutional Investors offloaded equities worth Rs 1,688.23 crore on a net basis on Monday, according to exchange data. Analysts said oil prices eased as tensions in West Asia appeared to

moderate, with the United States and Iran refraining from attacking each other's targets for a third consecutive day. Market sentiment was also supported by reports that diplomatic efforts had made progress towards bringing both sides back to negotiations. US President Donald Trump said Iran had sought further discussions, claiming it had reached out directly after sustained US strikes. Tehran, however, denied that any direct talks were currently taking place. Domestic equity markets also traded in positive territory during early deals. The BSE Sensex gained 14.66 points, or 0.02 per cent, to 76,850.44, while the NSE Nifty rose 27.10 points, or 0.11 per cent, to 24,023.45. Despite the rupee's strength, foreign institutional investors (FIIs) remained net sellers, offloading equities

worth Rs 1,688.23 crore on Monday, according to exchange data. The Indian currency opened at 95.75 in the interbank foreign exchange market before strengthening further to 95.64 against the greenback. The rally follows Monday's sharp 54-paise gain, after the rupee had also advanced 20 paise in the previous trading session. Foreign exchange traders attributed the rupee's continued recovery to declining global oil prices, a weaker dollar index and improved investor sentiment in Indian equities.

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Dreame Technology Redefines Hands-free Cleaning with the Launch of the Dreame D30 Ultra Robot Vacuum

New Delhi, India, 28 July 2026: Dreame Technology, a global leader in smart home innovation, today announced the launch of the Dreame D30 Ultra Robot Vacuum in India. Combining advanced 25,000Pa suction, intelligent MopExtend™ technology, and a fully automated maintenance station with AceClean DryBoard™ washboard auto-cleaning, the Dreame D30 Ultra sets a new benchmark for truly hands-free home cleaning. The newly launched product will be available on Amazon at INR 52,999. It will also be available on Dreame India's official website, Croma, and select retail stores starting 1 August. Manu Sharma, Managing Director, Dreame India, said, "As Indian households increasingly embrace smart living, there is a growing expectation for home appliances that can proactively adapt to users' needs and make cleaning hands-free. The Dreame D30 Ultra has been designed to address this shift by combining powerful cleaning performance with intelligent automation, enabling users to spend less time on routine chores and more time on what matters most. With features tailored for modern homes, the Dreame D30 Ultra reflects Dreame's commitment to



making advanced home care technology more accessible and practical for consumers across India."

Dreame D30 Ultra Product Highlights

Designed to tackle the realities of everyday home cleaning, the Dreame D30 Ultra intelligently transitions across different floor types, reaches difficult edges and corners, keeps carpets dry during mopping, and automates routine maintenance, from dust collection and mop washing to drying and washboard self-cleaning, delivering a next-generation home cleaning experience with minimal manual effort. It also combines intelligent automation with powerful cleaning performance, making it an ideal solution for consumers seeking a truly hands-free home cleaning

experience.

Key features include:

75 Days of Hands-Free Dust Collection: The Dreame D30 Ultra features a fully automatic base station with a 3.2L dust bag, enabling up to 75 days of hands-free dust collection while automating mop washing and drying, water refilling, accessory usage monitoring, and consumable reminders, significantly reducing everyday maintenance. **Powerful 25,000Pa Vortexmax™ Suction:** Powered by Dreame's advanced Vortexmax™ suction technology, the Dreame D30 Ultra delivers 25,000Pa suction power for effective removal of dust, debris, pet hair, and fine particles across hard floors and carpets. Users can further customise cleaning performance through

five adjustable suction levels. **Mopping Reimagined with MopExtend™ Technology:** Featuring intelligent edge recognition, MopExtend™ automatically extends and retracts the mop to reach edges, corners, up to 4cm (1.57 inches), and skirting boards with greater precision, ensuring more comprehensive floor coverage while minimising manual touch-ups. **10.5mm Intelligent Mop Lift with Smart Carpet Cleaning:** The Dreame D30 Ultra automatically raises its mop pads by up to 10.5mm to keep carpets dry while seamlessly transitioning between hard floors and carpeted surfaces. Users can further personalise carpet care through multiple intelligent carpet cleaning modes.

Smart Pathfinder™ Navigation with Precise Obstacle Avoidance: Equipped with Smart Pathfinder™ Navigation and Single-Line Laser obstacle avoidance, the Dreame D30 Ultra accurately maps homes, creates efficient cleaning routes, supports multi-floor mapping, and intelligently navigates around furniture and everyday household obstacles. **AceClean DryBoard™ Washboard Auto-Cleaning:** Featuring Dreame's AceClean DryBoard™ technology with 20 precision spray nozzles, the Dreame D30 Ultra ensures efficient mop washing by evenly distributing water across the washboard, improving cleaning performance while reducing residue build-up and simplifying maintenance.

Ujjivan Small Finance Bank and Tata AIG join hands to expand insurance access across India

Vishakhapatnam, July 2026: Ujjivan Small Finance Bank announced a partnership with Tata AIG General Insurance Company Limited to offer a wide range of general insurance solutions to its customers across India. Tata AIG's comprehensive portfolio of insurance solutions will be made available through Ujjivan Small Finance Bank's network of over 700 branches and banking touchpoints across 26 States and Union Territories, covering 300+ districts and serving a wider customer base across the country. The partnership will enable customers across retail, MSMEs, vehicle finance and housing segments to access insurance solutions tailored to their evolving financial and protection needs. Tata AIG will deploy teams at key branch locations to support customer engagement, policy servicing and hands-on assistance. Commenting on the partnership, Hitendra Jha, Head of Retail Liabilities,



TASC & TPP, Ujjivan Small Finance Bank, said, "Our strength lies in the deep trust we have built with the diverse customer segments we serve. This collaboration brings together Ujjivan's strong customer relationships and extensive distribution network with Tata AIG's expertise in insurance, enabling us to make quality protection more accessible and convenient. We are committed to delivering seamless, customer-centric solutions that are integrated into everyday banking, while expanding the reach of

insurance to the aspirational communities. Together, we look forward to building a long and successful partnership that creates lasting value for our customers." Commenting on the partnership, Ezhilarsan Ramalingam, Head – Bancassurance at Tata AIG, said, "At TATA AIG, we are committed to making insurance simpler and more accessible to customers as part of their daily financial journeys. Our partnership with Ujjivan Small Finance bank is another step in this direction. By combin-

ing Ujjivan Small Finance Bank's strong customer franchise with TATA AIG's insurance expertise, we are well placed to offer relevant and innovative insurance solutions that address customers' protection needs across health, motor, housing, and MSME. Together, we will leverage the bank's extensive distribution network along with our strong protection capabilities to make insurance more accessible and strengthen financial resilience across diverse customer segments in India."

UBER BIKE LAUNCHED IN WARANGAL; FIRST RIDE FREE FOR NEW USERS

Hyderabad: Uber has launched its Uber Bike service in Warangal, Telangana. The service is aimed at helping people with daily commuting, short-distance travel, and first- and last-mile connectivity. For a limited period, Uber is offering the first Uber Bike ride free for all new users in the district. Affordable travel, flexible earning With the launch of Uber Bike, riders can book bike taxis through the Uber app for trips such as commuting to work or college, running errands, or visiting friends and family. The company said the new service will also create flexible earning opportunities for local drivers. MLA welcomes Uber Bike service Wardhannapet Assembly Constituency MLA K. R. Nagaraju welcomed the launch. He said the service would make travel easier for residents while also generating income opportunities for local drivers. The MLA also highlighted the importance of road safety and appreciated Uber for distributing free helmets as part of the launch. Uber said



it aims to become a trusted travel option for the residents of Warangal. Uber has launched its motorcycle ride-hailing service, Uber Bike, in Warangal, bringing a fast, affordable, and convenient travel option to residents across the city. The launch marks the company's debut in Warangal, aimed at serving commuters traveling to work, college, daily errands, or social visits while offering flexible earning opportunities for local drivers. To celebrate the rollout, Uber announced that all new riders in Warangal will get their first Uber Bike ride for

free for a limited period. The promotional offer is intended to allow local residents to experience the bike taxi service firsthand when booking trips through the Uber mobile app. K. R. Nagaraju, Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Wardhannapet Assembly Constituency in Telangana, attended the launch and welcomed the platform to the city. Nagaraju noted that Warangal is expanding rapidly, creating a growing demand for accessible, affordable, and reliable mobility options for its citizens. Emphasizing the cru-

cial role of road safety, Nagaraju stated that wearing a helmet during the golden hour after a crash can make a critical difference in saving lives. He appreciated Uber for making safety a core part of its Warangal debut by distributing free helmets to drivers alongside the platform's standard safety measures. Speaking on the expansion, Rishant Ghosh, Director of Consumer and Growth at Uber India and South Asia, highlighted the importance of bike taxis for everyday urban travel. Ghosh explained that two-wheeler rides have proven to be an affordable option for short trips and first- and last-mile connectivity across Indian cities, adding that the platform aims to become a trusted mobility choice for Warangal residents. Uber confirmed that all trips booked through Uber Bike in Warangal will include a suite of built-in safety features. These safety tools feature a Driver Realtime ID Check, an in-app emergency SOS button, a dedicated 24X7 Safety Line.

HONG KONG ACTIVIST ALLOWED TO STAY IN UK AFTER DEPORTATION THREAT



Former Hong Kong opposition leader Wu Chi-wai has been allowed to stay in the UK with his family for six months, after initially being detained at the border. Wu had arrived at London's Heathrow Airport last Wednesday, where he was detained for nearly 10 hours and initially refused entry, he told BBC Chinese. He said he was later told he could stay for only one week, after which he would have to report to the airport to be deported. But on Monday, the UK Border Force approved his entry and granted him a standard stay of six months, he said. The 63-year-old was the leader of the now-defunct Democratic Party and one of the most recognisable faces of the city's quashed pro-democracy movement. Wu is one of the so-called Hong Kong 47, a group of high-profile pro-democracy leaders who were sentenced to jail after a controversial national security trial. He was released in June after spending more than five years in prison for subversion and other convictions. Wu told

BBC Chinese that his son and wife moved to the UK in 2022 and 2023, and the only communication he had with them since then was through monthly phone calls and letters. He had hoped to reunite with his family in the UK during his recent visit, he added. Ahead of his departure, Wu said he had consulted staff at the British Consulate General in Hong Kong, asking if there would be any problems with his entry. "The information I received was that there would be none," he said, adding that consular staff said they would explain his criminal record and itinerary to the UK Border Force. The Border Force said he was not considered a "genuine visitor" who was solely visiting family, he said. Wu denies that he had intended to apply for political asylum in the UK - a claim that was previously reported in the media. Rights group Hong Kong Watch, which had called on UK authorities to allow Wu to stay in the country, said in a statement that it welcomed the recent news.



■ People trapped in Japanese mall hit by earthquake, with others missing after factory chimney collapse

'IT'S A HELL OF A SITUATION': SPAIN GRAPPLES WITH DEVASTATING WILDFIRES

For the past week, firefighters have been tackling a series of wildfires ravaging the Spanish countryside, threatening dozens of communities and forcing more than 70,000 people to evacuate their homes. Three fires in the Madrid region have caused special concerns, with a new heatwave expected to hit Spain from Wednesday, fuelling fears that firefighting efforts could be hindered. "It's a hell of a situation," said Madrid regional leader Isabel Díaz Ayuso, as she visited affected areas on Monday alongside Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez. Sánchez spoke on Tuesday of highly challenging hours and days ahead but of light beginning to appear "at the end of the tunnel". Temperatures are expected to approach 40C in



some regions in the coming days, with the heatwave forecast to last at least until Sunday. Spain's state meteorological agency Aemet has warned the "fire danger level will continue to rise to extreme levels, hindering firefighting efforts". Ayuso confirmed that four municipalities remained under lockdown orders while another 12 were evacuated. She had earlier described the

wildfires as "the biggest natural catastrophe in the history of Spain" and of flames turning the area into a "war zone". In the Madrid region alone, more than 56,500 people have been evacuated since the fires broke out last week. A further 27,797 people have been ordered to stay at home. Further evacuations have taken place in Ávila, Toledo and Valencia. Ayuso wrote on X that the situation

was now "improving little by little" and some residents may soon be allowed to return home. Interior Minister Fernando Grande-Marlaska told Spain's La 1 TV channel that firefighting efforts on Monday night had resulted in "relatively positive progress". "This morning, we are very satisfied with the work done. We are going to consolidate the work that has been done," he said. He maintained that "we must be positive; we have the emergency under control" but conceded that "weather conditions are not helping us at all". "The climate emergency is worsening year after year, and we are required to be united to fight against fire, as well as in prevention and reconstruction," he told reporters during a briefing in Madrid.

ON THE FRONT LINE OF ECUADOR'S DRUGS WAR, POLICE FIGHT GANGS, GUNS AND CORRUPTION



=In the Ecuadorian city of Durán, riddled with drugs and rival gangs, Police Captain Jean Carlos Bustamante knows exactly what he is up against – not just the criminals who kill and sometimes dismember their rivals, but also the enemy within. "We have many, many bad people inside our unit, inside the state, inside politics," he says. "We have many, many guys that are corrupt. They are in the pay of the gangs." The only police officers he can trust, he says, are the ones right beside him - members of his hand-picked team. At 34, Captain Bustamante is the oldest among them and moves like the special forces officer he used to be. With the sun setting, he leads his team into a hardscrabble neighbourhood where windows are sealed off behind metal grills, and lips are sealed by fear. This is the heart of gangland, controlled by a group called Los Aguilas (Spanish for The Eagles). I ask what happens if local people speak out against the gangs. "They kill them," the captain replies. "So that's why they never say nothing." He's heading for an abandoned house where he believes weapons have been hidden (gunmen don't keep

their guns at home). He and his team line up, hugging the wall, heavily armed, and tightly packed. A battering ram gets them through the door. They find two handguns – one rusty but the other ready to be fired - and ammunition for an assault rifle. The captain says he's happy with the result. "The first reason is because we are safe," he says. "The second is that there are two guns less for the gangs." But this is a small victory, in a war of attrition. He admits the gangs have "many weapons and much more money than the state". He knows the risks only too well – having lost three close friends fighting the gangs. He has also lost his fear he says, "years ago", but his parents have not. "My mum says be careful, maybe you can die there," he tells me. "My dad calls all the time and asks 'my son, are you good? Tell me that you are good.'" A line can be traced - in dollars and in broken lives - from the back streets of Durán to the hotspots of London, and other capital cities. Around 70% of the cocaine reaching Europe and the US is funnelled out of Ecuador, according to the country's President, Daniel Noboa.

Gironde wildfires pick up as French region braces for new 40C heatwave

Firefighters in France are working around the clock to contain wildfires that have been raging in the Gironde region, while bracing for another sharp rise in temperatures. "The fire is like David against Goliath," said Eric Brocardi, spokesman of the national firefighters' federation. Four of his colleagues had died in recent weeks across France, he said, and 2,000 had been deployed in the Gironde to contain the flames, which for days have ravaged the countryside between the coastline and Bordeaux. "Weather conditions were unfavourable," a local official warned, as this summer's fourth heatwave was expected to start by Wednesday, bringing temperatures in the area to 40C. Bordeaux, which has a population of 260,000, is not currently under threat, according to officials. But Commander Rémi Lassourelle, who is leading the firefighting response in the Gironde region, is worried about the western edge of the wildfire. "We are frightened about the impact on Bordeaux and the metropolitan area," he



said. One of the wildfires burning on Monday was 15km (9 miles) from the periphery of Bordeaux, where the air quality has deteriorated dramatically in recent days. "By Sunday evening everything had really begun to empty out," a holidaymaker from Essex told the BBC, adding that the air was "really smoky" with bits of ash. "People were staying indoors, so it was eerie, and very sad." The majority of residents and tourists were wearing masks and the smell of smoke clung on to clothes for days, she said. A firefighter "got a round of applause" as he walked through the Marché Chartrons square in

Bordeaux where restaurants were having to close their doors because of the ash in the air, she added. "The city has been very quiet," said Graham White, president of the Bordeaux British Community. "The shops, restaurants and cafes are fairly empty... Interestingly on Sunday when there was still smoke, there were people brave enough to sit outside on terraces." White, who has been living in the area for several years, said this sort of event had not occurred before and was "something significant". But some news reports had suggested the situation in Bordeaux was "akin to being the next Great Fire of

London", which was not the case, White added. President Emmanuel Macron, who visited the fire-ravaged area in the Gironde region on Monday, said the country was facing a "completely unprecedented wildfire... the 'toughest since World War Two'". Health Minister Stéphanie Rist said the government was being "very vigilant" in terms of air pollution and urged people in the affected areas to stay indoors. On Tuesday morning the Gironde prefect ordered a new evacuation of all camping sites near the coast at Lacanau, while those in the nearby town were allowed to stay put but told to prepare for sudden evacuation. About 4,000 tourists told to leave the area are in addition to the 220,000 people evacuated around France in recent days. An estimated 240 homes and houses have been destroyed, officials have said. By midday on Tuesday firefighters were already intervening in various parts of the region to tackle fires that were picking up again. A 23-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of starting a fire in the Var region.

'A narcissist': Victim's family hits out at Kohberger for challenging murder conviction



The family of one of the victims of Bryan Kohberger has hit out after it emerged that he was challenging his conviction for four murders of students in the US state of Idaho. Kohberger was sentenced last year to four consecutive terms of life in prison after pleading guilty to charges of murder in the November 2022 killings. In recent days, Kohberger told the New York Times he was taking back his plea, which was made to avoid the death penalty. He said it had rested on "false promises and blatant disinformation". The family of Kaylee Goncalves, one of the stu-

dents who was killed, said that Kohberger was a "narcissist" who appeared to have changed his position. "He chose not to leave his fate - or the facts of the case - to a jury," their statement from the Goncalves family said. "He never cried foul, never claimed he was uninformed or pressured, and never suggested there were problems with the discovery materials he and his counsel had reviewed for two years that should have been challenged." The Goncalves family went on to say "the real tragedy" was the amount of attention that Kohberger was now receiving at the expense of the victims.

ZELENSKY TO PRESS TRUMP ON AIR DEFENCES WHILE IN WASHINGTON

Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelensky is due to hold important talks with US President Donald Trump at the White House, where he is hoping to firm up commitments to bolstering Kyiv's anti-ballistic missile defences. Zelensky has arrived in the US at a significant stage in Russia's full-scale war in Ukraine, with Moscow's mayor saying the capital was targeted by 390 drones in a matter of hours overnight. The Ukrainian leader is expected to press Trump over support he gave earlier this month for Kyiv to be given a licence to produce Patriot interceptor missiles. Russia has escalated deadly ballistic missile attacks on Ukraine's capital recently, and Zelensky has said interceptors are urgently needed. Patriot



missiles have been at the top of Zelensky's wish-list for some time, but after the wars in Ukraine and the Middle East, these US air defence interceptors are in very short supply. Promising a licence is one thing, but co-producing the highly sophisticated PAC-2 and PAC-3 interceptors on Ukrainian soil is another, because it involves a lengthy political, legal and

technical process. A delegation from US manufacturer Raytheon visited Kyiv last week and Zelensky said the defence firm had expressed "readiness to take our partnership to an even higher level". After he speaks with Zelensky, Trump will have another important meeting with Israel's Benjamin Netanyahu. It is the first time the two have met in person since the war on

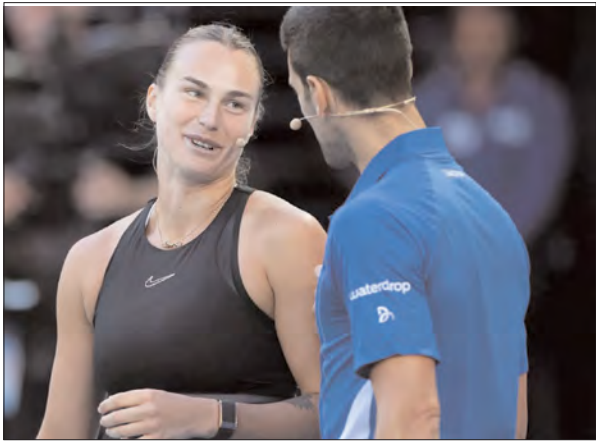
Iran started in late February. Zelensky and Netanyahu are in Washington to attend the funeral of Senator Lindsey Graham, who died this month aged 71. The Ukraine war appeared to coincide with the US-Israel war with Iran at the weekend, when Ukrainian forces targeted an Iranian cargo ship in the Caspian Sea. Kyiv has described Iran as a "direct accomplice to Russian aggression against Ukraine" and Zelensky has said Ukrainian intelligence has evidence that Russia has shared satellite imagery with Tehran, enabling Iran to attack US military facilities and Gulf states. Trump has said he will "find out if that's true. I'll ask Putin about it", while saying if true, it had no impact at all.



US walks out of UN Security Council meeting during France's remarks

NOVAK DJOKOVIC, ARYNA SABALENKA TEAM UP FOR ALL-STAR US OPEN MIXED DOUBLES PAIRING

Serbian tennis legend Novak Djokovic and women's number one Aryna Sabalenka top the list of pairings entered for the US Open mixed doubles. However, both men's world number one Jannik Sinner and second-ranked Carlos Alcaraz have not entered the competition which was heavily revamped last year. Reforms featured a shorter scoring format in the earlier rounds and a new scheduling slot -- played over two days -- before the singles draws in an attempt to encourage the top players to enter. Italian doubles specialists Sara Errani and Andrea Vavassori, who criticised the changes, will defend the title they won last year, which came with a \$1 million winners' cheque. Djokovic, 39, and 28-year-old Sabalenka are certain to feature among the initial six pairings selected according to world rankings when the deadline



for entries closes on August 17. "Anytime you can bring women and men together on the same team, you showcase tennis at its best," said US Tennis Association CEO Craig Tiley. "This is exactly what the mixed doubles championship does. "We are proud to again bring the world's top players together in a format that will provide exciting entertainment for our fans." Wimbledon champi-

on Sinner -- who did not enter last year's mixed doubles -- is "prioritising" his health ahead of the final Grand Slam of the year and is also bypassing the Canadian Open, which runs from August 2-13. Alcaraz, who did play last year with Emma Raducanu, is recovering from a wrist injury that ruled him out of both the French Open and Wimbledon.

Geneva To Host D Gukesh vs Javokhir Sindarov World Chess Championship Match



The FIDE World Championship Match 2026 between reigning champion Gukesh D and challenger Javokhir Sindarov will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, from November 25 to December 15. Both Gukesh of India and Uzbekistan's Sindarov will be just 20 years old when the match begins, making it the youngest World Championship contest in history. The clash also signals a generational shift in world chess, with two of the game's brightest young stars battling for its biggest prize after emerging

from an era dominated by seasoned champions.. FIDE Interim President Viswanathan Anand welcomed the announcement. "Several countries expressed a strong interest in hosting the FIDE World Championship Match, including India, the United States and Cyprus," said Anand. The World Championship match will be contested over 14 classical games, with the first player to reach 7.5 points crowned world champion. If either player reaches the winning mark before all 14 games are completed.

BCCI DECIDES TO NOT RENEW 2TWO INDIA COACHES' CONTRACTS AFTER ENGLAND SERIES

Winds of change are sweeping through Indian cricket. After the tours of Ireland and England, where India lost two T20I series and an ODI series, the BCCI was expected to conduct a review. It has now been confirmed that the BCCI will not renew the contracts of assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate and fielding coach T Dilip. The development was shared by BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia. "Assistant coach Ryan Ten Doeschate's two-year contract with Indian men's team ended on June 10. Fielding coach T Dilip, who was given a one-year extension after his original term ended, also had his contract ending on June 8," BCCI secretary Saikia told PTI in an exclusive interaction. "The BCCI continued with the duo till the end of India's tour of United Kingdom. However, the BCCI is not giving them any extension. There is no question of accepting resignation as the contract has ended," the secretary cleared the air. A few reports have claimed that Subhdeep Ghosh will be the new



Indian fielding coach. However, Saikia said: "BCCI is in talks with two or three candidates to finalise the new fielding coach for the Indian men's team." Assam's Ghosh, who has been in the system for last six to seven years since the time of Rahul Dravid at the NCA, is the favourite right now. It must be mentioned that Ten Doeschate intended to leave as when he was brought on board on Gautam Gambhir's insistence, he

was promised fielding coach's job but was given no specific role in last two years. In case of Dilip, his extension for one year before the 2025 Test series in England was on insistence of a senior superstar but no one was happy with his performance. It would have been a miracle had he been given any further extension after poor show during the recent white ball tour of UK. India will measure success at the upcoming

Glasgow Commonwealth Games not just by medals but by the "knowledge it acquires" ahead of hosting the centenary 2030 edition in Ahmedabad. India's Chef de Mission Rohit Rajpal has said. The 23rd edition of the quadrennial extravaganza beginning on July 23, have been significantly scaled down, featuring only 10 sports -- nine fewer than Birmingham 2022, where India finished fourth with 61 medals (22 gold, 16 silver and 23 bronze). The non-playing captain of India's Davis Cup team, Rajpal in an interview to PTI said the off-field agenda assumes unprecedented significance so that they leave no stone unturned for 2030. "This time, both the Games side and the non-Games side are equally important," Rajpal said from Glasgow after reviewing preparations ahead of the opening ceremony. "There will be knowledge-transfer programmes on the sidelines so we can match or better things when we host the next Games in India. We will also be taking back the flag and the baton."

HARVARD PLANS ON HOLD, WORLD JUNIOR SQUASH CHAMPION ANAHAT SINGH AIMS FOR OLYMPIC GLORY

Newly-crowned junior squash world champion Anahat Singh has revealed that she placed her academic goals at the prestigious Harvard University on hold this year to give herself the best chance of winning a medal at the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics. Anahat's original plan was to follow in her elder sister Amira's footsteps and pursue higher education at the Harvard. But bolstered by the title triumph in her fifth and final attempt, the 18-year-old now wants to put all her energies into preparing for the upcoming Asian Games and the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics in a couple of years' time. Anahat has been living out of the suitcase for as far as she can remember, juggling top level squash and school. Having graduated from school only a couple of months ago, Anahat has now chosen to focus on the sport to take her game to the next level. "I was supposed to go to college this year, but I decided to take a gap year because of the Asian Games coming up. And now I under-



stand that this year is really important for me regarding squash and, the build up to the LA 2028 (Games)," Anahat told PTI in an interview referring to her plans for squash's Olympic debut. "So, yeah, I mean, just focusing on this year, outside of school, because I've been doing that for the last 12 years (smiles). I'm just focusing on squash for a year and just making sure that I'm at my peak going in to LA 28," she said. World title confidence-boosted ahead of Asia Having got the monkey off her back with a world junior title in her fifth and final appearance, Anahat's next big assignment is the

Asian Games in Japan in September-October. If Anahat is to win gold, she will have to find ways to upstage higher-ranked players like world number five Sivasangari Subramaniam from Malaysia and sixth-ranked Satomi Watanabe from Japan. Considering the challenge ahead, the triumph in Canada that included wins over three Egyptians, will give Anahat more confidence against the world's best players. A gold in Japan would secure her automatic qualification to the Olympics. "It (the win at world juniors) definitely adds a lot to my confidence to get into this event.

Roberto Mancini Named Italy Football Team Head Coach For Second Time

Roberto Mancini has once again been tasked with revitalizing an Italy team in crisis, almost exactly three years after he bolted on the national team. Italian soccer federation Giovanni Malago announced Mancini as the new Italy coach on Tuesday, adding that Claudio Ranieri will become the new technical director after Paolo Maldini stepped down the previous day -- just 16 days after being appointed. The 61-year-old Mancini led the Azzurri to the European Championship title in 2021 but shockingly resigned as Italy coach in August 2023, taking over Saudi Arabia's national team two weeks later. "Time was running out ... I believed the person who should become the new coach of Italy is Roberto Mancini, for a whole list of reasons," Malago said. "There will be a press conference tomorrow with both Claudio Ranieri and Roberto Mancini." The Italian national team is in crisis after failing for a third straight time to qualify for the World Cup, prompting the resignations of FIGC president Gabriele Gravina and coach Gennaro Gattuso in April.



Why Sanju Samson Quit Following Virat Kohli's Lifestyle Advice After 1 Year

Virat Kohli remains the ultimate benchmark for cricketers worldwide. Since making his India debut, Kohli has transformed not only how batters approach the game, but also how elite athletes manage their lifestyle. From eliminating gluten to spending countless hours in the gym, he raised cricketing fitness standards to an unprecedented level. Although it has been over a decade since the Indian icon underwent this transformation, even younger players struggle to match his discipline. Sanju Samson recently shared an intriguing anecdote, revealing that he once asked Kohli for lifestyle advice, only to give up on it after about a year. Speaking on JioStar's show Believe, Samson praised the intensity Kohli brings to the gym and recalled receiving advice on maintaining the



diet and routine required for international cricket. He admitted to implementing Kohli's suggestions, but confessed he soon lost track. "We all know how Virat bhai is. He is very clear and very straightforward with everyone. If you need to do something, he will tell you exactly what is required. The way he carries himself in the gym, there is a different fire in that guy, and I really love that about him. We both

were working out together in the gym during an Indian team camp, and I asked him, 'Paaji, what should I do? Tell me something too!,' he said. "He told me that lifestyle plays a huge role. If you want to become an international cricketer, you must maintain a different kind of lifestyle. He shared what works for him on his journey and told me, 'This food will help your body recover, this would not.

Zinedine Zidane Appointed As New Coach Of France After Didier Deschamps' Departure



Zinedine Zidane was appointed France coach on Tuesday, as widely expected, following the departure of Didier Deschamps, the French Football Federation. "For me, it's an immense joy... about being able to become the coach of this French team. I don't have any other words," said Zidane. "I'm holding myself back because I have so many emotions inside me. I'm ready for the challenge,

that's what drives me today." Former Real Madrid star Zidane, who was Deschamps' teammate in the 1998 World Cup triumph, has been readying himself for the role since leaving Real Madrid in 2021. "The France job was the

only one I wanted," Zidane said after his unveiling at the FFF headquarters in Paris.

"I've had offers over these four or five years to take charge of a club and I turned them all down for the French national team."

Sarvesh Kushare: Onion Farmer's Son From Nashik Who Earned Historic Commonwealth Games Silver



National record holder Sarvesh Kushare scripted history as he became the first Indian to win a silver medal in the men's high jump event of the Commonwealth Games, losing the gold by the narrowest of margins in an enthralling showdown with Jamaica's Romaine Beckford. After sailing over 2.25m, both the 31-year-old Kushare and Beckford failed to clear the 2.28m mark. But the Jamaican took the gold as he had one less failed attempt than the Indian on count-back. The bronze went to Jack Kimani (2.20m) of England.

The other Indian in the fray, Adarsh Ram, finished fifth with 2.15m. Before Monday, Tejaswin Shankar was the lone Indian to have won a high jump medal -- a bronze in the 2022 Birmingham Games. But Kushare bettered it with his silver. It was Kushare's first medal in the CWG and that too on debut. Tejaswin also competed on Monday and retired after failing to clear 2.05m in his first attempt. The move was a precautionary measure for Tejaswin as he is competing in the men's decathlon starting on Thursday. The 27-year-old, who has a personal best of 2.29m, has not competed in too many individual high jump events in the last two years as he has been focussing on decathlon. Son of an onion farmer at Devargan village in Maharashtra's Nashik district, Kushare used to practice high jump by using makeshift landing pits made of corn husks, cotton, and agricultural waste, prepared by his father and childhood coach.

Ravindra Jadeja Returns To India Squad, Uncapped Star Earns Surprise Call-Up For Sri Lanka Tests

Veteran India all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja marked his return as the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced the squad for the upcoming two-match Test series against Sri Lanka. Having fully recovered from a tennis elbow injury sustained during the 2026 Indian Premier League (IPL) in May, Jadeja makes his comeback to bolster India's spin attack in Subcontinental conditions. The announcement also marks the maiden India call-up for spin-bowling all-rounder Saransh Jain, who comes into the 15-man squad as a replacement for Washington

Sundar, who was unavailable for selection due to a hamstring injury sustained during the ODI series in England. A seasoned campaigner for Madhya Pradesh with 181 First-Class wickets to his name, Jain secured his spot following impressive performances for India A against Sri Lanka A recently. Saransh has established himself as a reliable bowling all-rounder over 54 First-Class matches, proving to be a mainstay for Madhya Pradesh and earning recognition at the India A level. Operating primarily as a right-arm off-spinner, he has claimed 181 wickets at an average of

27.30 and a controlled economy rate of nearly 3.01 runs per over, with best innings figures of 6/75. With the bat, the left-handed lower-middle-order hitter offers vital depth, having amassed 2,223 runs across 85 innings at an average of 31.75. He has registered 14 half-centuries and two First-Class century (top score of 103), making him a well-rounded utility player who can fill in the void left by Washington Sundar. In a press release, the BCCI said: "The Men's Selection Committee has selected India's squad for the two-match Test series against Sri Lanka. Ahead of the series, the

team will play a four-day practice match in Colombo, starting on 7 August." The BCCI also said that Sai Sudharsan and Jasprit Bumrah's availability will be subject to fitness clearance from the BCCI COE. Washington Sundar was not available for selection for the first Test.



Making Video Titled The Origin of Agadha Released

Under the banner of Sri Adi Varaha Productions, presented by Ajay KR and produced by Kashi Visalakshi Balusu, acclaimed filmmaker M.S. Raju has directed the upcoming film Agadha. The film stars Kamakshi Bhaskarla, Shravan Reddy, Ulka Gupta, Jovika Vijaykumar, Bhanu Chander, Sijju, Vanitha Vijaykumar, Roshan Basheer, Shreya Rani Reddy, Viva Raghava, Robert Master, Arna Muller, and Kanakavva in pivotal roles. Agadha is all set for a grand theatrical release on August 14. The film's teaser has already been trending on YouTube. The makers have now unveiled a special making



ing video titled "The Origin of Agadha," offering fascinating insights into the making of this ambitious project.

Speaking on the occasion, M.S. Raju said: "No matter how many films I have produced or directed, I never

feel completely settled. Every film is a new experience and a fresh challenge. Throughout my career, films like Devi, Manasantha Nuvve, Okkadu, Varsham, and Nuvvostanante Nenoddantana challenged me immensely in terms of story and screenplay. Agadha has been another such challenge. From the moment I conceived this story, I knew it would demand an extraordinary journey. I wanted to create episodes that audiences had never experienced before. I travelled across several states, visited remote villages steeped in superstition, and met people living amidst such beliefs. During one such visit, I witnessed a woman performing rituals believed to expel evil spirits. That encounter inspired the character of Mahadevi. To balance her powerful presence, I created the equally compelling character of Simha. After considering many actors, I found Simha in Shravan Reddy. A film of this scale requires strong production support. Sri Adi Varaha Productions and producer Kashi Visalakshi Balusu stood firmly behind me, allowing me to focus entirely on filmmaking. The role of Ulka is portrayed by an actress from Mumbai. Jovika and Sijju have delivered outstanding performances. Nani's cinematography is exceptional. We conducted extensive research for both the story and screenplay. I wanted actors who would truly own their characters, and I was fortunate to find such an incredible cast.

RANBIR GIVES YRF AN UNEXPECTED DHOOM 4 TWIST?



Ranbir Kapoor has reportedly decided to opt out of Dhoom 4 after being dissatisfied with the film's revised script. The project was initially expected to be directed by Ayan Mukerji. However, following the underperformance of War 2, the makers are said to have reworked the screenplay. Despite the changes, reports claim that Ranbir Kapoor was not convinced by the new version of the script and chose to step away from the project. His decision has come as a surprise to Yash Raj Films, as he was considered a key part of the film's plans and was supposed to play the main villain. With Kapoor no longer attached, the production house is now reportedly exploring other casting options to move the project forward. No official announcement has been made by either Ranbir Kapoor or Yash Raj Films regarding these reports, and details about the film's future remain unconfirmed. Fans are now waiting to see who will be approached to lead the project and whether the film will proceed with a new cast.

Srinidhi Shetty Unveiled as Swarna in Aadarsha Kutumbam House No: 47 - #AK47



With Venkatesh as Chittibabu receiving a terrific response, the makers of director Trivikram Srinivas' Aadarsha Kutumbam House No: 47 - #AK47 now present the next member of this family. Srinidhi Shetty steps into the role of Swarna, Chittibabu's wife, a cheerful middle-class homemaker whose lively bond with him adds to the film's warmth and fun. Nivetha Pethuraj and comedian Satya also make brief appearances, adding to the entertaining vibe of the teaser.

With the character introductions creating good excitement, the makers will next unveil Yuvina Parthavi as Sampoorna and Raja Prajwal as Sarwa. Written & Directed by Trivikram, Produced by S. Radha Krishna (Chinababu) under Haarika & Hassine Creations, written and directed by Trivikram Srinivas, featuring music by Thaman S, cinematography by Ravi K. Chandran, editing by Sreekar Prasad, the film is all set for a grand worldwide theatrical release on October 2, 2026.

Aakasamlo oka tara unveils first single 'chitti chitti cheema' on dulquer salmaan's birthday



The makers of Aakasamlo Oka Tara unveiled the film's first single, "Chitti Chitti Cheema", today on the special occasion of leading man Dulquer Salmaan's birthday. Composed by GV Prakash Kumar, Chitti Chitti Cheema is a heartwarming melody that captures the emotional soul of the film. Sung from the heroine's perspective, the song reflects a woman's dream of reaching the stars and the quiet, unwavering support of the man who stands beside her. It beautifully celebrates an extraordinary bond that goes beyond conventional love. Penned by Sreemani and soulfully rendered by Ramya Behara, the song uses striking metaphors such as a tiny ant carrying sugar, a Kondapalli doll crossing mountains, and a kite soaring only against the wind to symbolize resilience, hope, and the silent strength behind every dream.

Rebel with a Cause: Happy Birthday People's Doctor and Actor Madala Ravi

Madala Ravi started his inspiring journey as a child actor in Erra Mallelu made by his father Madala Ranga Rao, and his song "Nampally Station Kadi" was a blockbuster hit that topped the charts for many decades and won many awards as well. He studied MD in Internal Medicine and DM in Gastroenterology in Russia, and also worked as the managing director for a leading pharmaceutical company. He also served as a cultural secretary for Indian organizations and for cultural affairs in Russia. Coming back to India, he started his production house and produced and acted as a hero in many films like Nenu Saitham, Maa Ilavelu, Broker 2, Panchamukhi, Veeragadha, Aaj Ka Inquilaab, Naag Laxmi, and many more. He continues to work as an actor and filmmaker. On his birthday, we celebrate a man whose life work demonstrates that true impact isn't measured by personal accolades, but by the lives uplifted and the voices amplified.



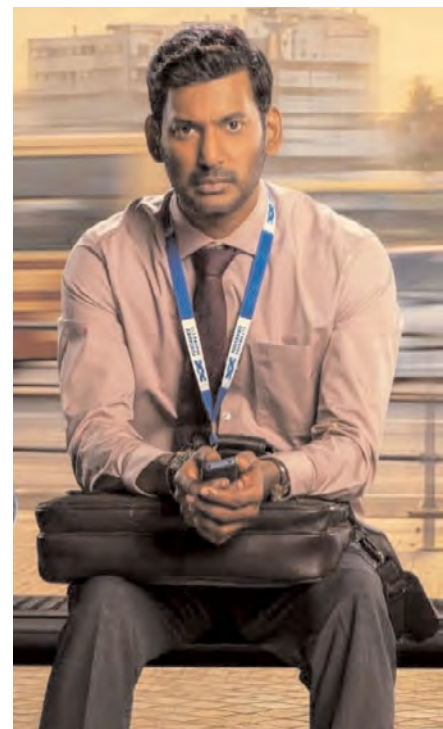
'Objection My Lord' Different. "There is meaning, there is emotion



Telugu ZEE5 is all set to premiere its latest original courtroom thriller, Objection My Lord - Notary Parasuram Chapter 1, on July 31. Ahead of its streaming debut, the platform hosted a grand preview and media interaction in Hyderabad, where the cast and crew came together to share their experiences of bringing the gripping legal drama to life. Produced by Rajkumar Akella under the banner of Dream House Productions and directed by Santhosh Ayyappan, the series stars Srikanth Meka in the titular role alongside Mukesh Rishi, Ananya Sharma, Snehal and Sameer in pivotal roles, with cinematography by Suryaa and music by Arunn Chiluveru. With the first two episodes screened for the gathering, anticipation for the premiere was palpable as the team took the stage.

Vishal's Makutam Unveils the Soulful New Song "Kalatheylaa"

Makutam, the 99th production of Super Good Films, stars Vishal in the lead while also marking his directorial venture. Produced under the banner of the late R.B. Choudary, the film features Anjali and Dushara Vijayan as the female leads. The teaser, first single "The Rise of Linga," and the folk number "Nachake Vachera" have already raised expectations for the film. Continuing the momentum, the makers have now released another beautiful track titled "Kalatheylaa." "Kalatheylaa" is an emotional family-oriented motivational song that highlights heartwarming moments featuring Vishal, Dushara Vijayan, and children. Penned by Rajashree Sudhakar and sung by Krishna Tejasvi, the song is elevated by G.V. Prakash Kumar's catchy and soulful composition. With its appealing melody and emotional visuals, the song is expected to strike a chord with audiences and trend widely on YouTube. The film's cinematography is handled by Richard M. Nathan and Abhinandan Ramanujam, while N.B. Srikanth serves



as the editor. The makers are expected to announce the film's release date soon.

Chennai Love Story" Team Delivers a Cult Love Story to Audiences



Starring Kiran Abbavaram and Sri Gouri Priya in the lead roles, Chennai Love Story has emerged as a grand success with overwhelming appreciation from audiences across all sections. Viewers have been praising the film as a beautiful love story, while the movie has also been performing exceptionally well at the box office. Within just three days of its release, the film grossed ₹40.1 crore. To celebrate this success, the makers organised a grand success meet in Hyderabad with Yuva Samrat Naga Chaitanya as the chief guest.



RAASHII KHANNA PUSHES THE BOLDNESS QUOTIENT HIGHER

Raashii Khanna has had a packed year, juggling multiple projects, Tamil films Dharman and Rowdy And Co, Hindi releases Bridge and Talaakhon Mein Ek, alongside the Amazon series Farzi 2. Amid this busy schedule, she took a break to share some stunning pictures on social media on Tuesday morning. The photos show her in sleek black outfits,

exuding bold confidence with sultry expressions, soft glam makeup, and effortlessly tousled hair, proving her style game is as strong as her work ethic. On the Telugu front, Raashii appeared this year in Ustaad Bhagat Singh, while her last Telugu release, Telusu Kada, didn't perform well at the box office. With her plate full across languages, fans are now eager to see when she'll return to Telugu screens with a solid hit. Raashii Khanna turns heads with her effortless charm in her latest photo shoot, striking the perfect balance between elegance and glamour. Dressed in stylish ensembles with minimal accessories, the actress lets her confidence and radi-

ant smile do the talking. Every frame reflects her graceful screen presence and fashion-forward appeal, making the pictures an instant hit among fans. The actress has steadily built a strong presence across Telugu, Tamil and Hindi cinema. Known for blending commercial entertainers with performance-oriented roles, she continues to remain one of the most sought-after faces in the industry. On the work front, Raashii has a busy slate ahead. She was seen in Ustaad Bhagat Singh, and now working in Rowdy & Co., Bridge, and an untitled Hindi film directed by Aneez Bazmee, further strengthening her presence across both big-screen and OTT platforms.