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01-07-2026
Total pilgrims - 78,067
Tonsures - 3158
Hundi kankabai - 4.39 CR
Laddu sale - 4.16 Lac
Annasprasadams - 1.93 Lac
Medical treatment - 2,601
Waiting Compartments - 27

Approx. Darsan Time for Sarvadarshanam (with out SSD Tokens) - 10-15 H.

Shardul Thakur rues not being "utilised properly" on England tour



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Telangana Cabinet Clears Major Welfare, Healthcare and Infrastructure Initiatives

Hyderabad, TSIT BUREAU:

Telangana Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, on Thursday approved a series of significant decisions aimed at strengthening public welfare, healthcare, education and infrastructure while reaffirming the State's commitment to protecting the interests of rural workers.

The Cabinet decided to implement the Centre's new law relating to the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) with effect from July 1, 2026, to ensure uninterrupted employment for rural labourers. However, it strongly objected to the Centre's unilateral decision to introduce the legislation without consulting the States, terming it contrary to the spirit of cooperative federalism. The State also resolved to challenge the law before the Supreme Court and raise the issue



in Parliament.

In a major welfare initiative, the Cabinet approved the extension of breakfast, milk and midday meals served in government schools and junior colleges to teachers, lecturers and support staff. Nearly 1.5 lakh employees will benefit from the decision, which is intended to improve accountability while ensuring quality nutrition in educational institutions.

To strengthen public healthcare, the Cabinet sanctioned 6,278 posts for the newly established TIMS Super Speciality

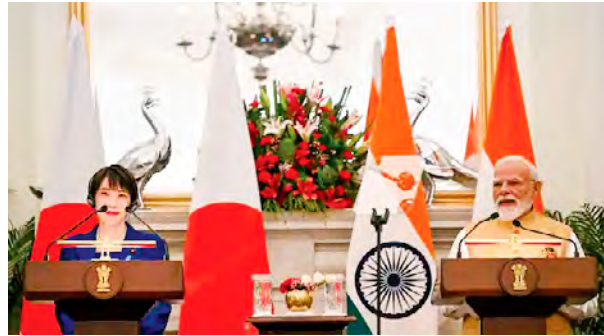
Hospitals at Sanath Nagar, LB Nagar, Alwal and Warangal. The approved posts include 1,494 regular, 549 contract and 4,235 outsourcing positions. The government also decided to develop these hospitals on the lines of NIMS, while Chief Minister Revanth Reddy directed that eligible patients be provided treatment through the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) by issuing Letters of Credit (LOCs).

The Cabinet also accorded administrative approval for Phase-I of the Musi Riverfront Development Project, clearing works

worth Rs.7,345.12 crore for the development of a 21-kilometre stretch. It further approved the creation of 147 new posts and deputation of personnel from other departments for the execution and maintenance of the project.

In another important decision, the Cabinet approved the allotment of 50 acres at Bollikunta in Warangal district and 10 acres at Karkalapahad in Rangareddy district to the Telangana State Warehousing Corporation (TGSWC) for the construction of modern warehouses for essential commodities. To enhance educational infrastructure, the Cabinet allotted 20.18 acres at Peddayipally in Mahabubnagar district and 19.12 acres at Kodad in Suryapet district for the establishment of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas. It also approved the allotment of 5 acres at Chalgai village in Jagtial district for setting up a Kendriya Vidyalaya.

India, Japan sign first defence co-development pact



Japan's Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi (L) listens as India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaks during their joint press statements after their meeting at the Hyderabad House in New Delhi....

NEW DELHI (TSIT) :

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday described his Japanese counterpart, Sanae Takaichi, as his "younger sister" as the two leaders announced a major expansion of the India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership following the 16th Annual Summit in New Delhi.

Addressing a joint press conference after bilateral talks, PM Modi said Takaichi's maiden

visit to India as Prime Minister was "writing a new chapter" in ties between the two countries. Calling Takaichi a "Japan First Prime Minister" and a "visionary leader", PM Modi said India and Japan shared a common vision for a free, open and rules-based Indo-Pacific.

"Our shared priorities are a free, open and rules-based Indo-Pacific. Our technology partnership has become an important pillar of our relationship," PM Modi said.

First defence co-development project signed

In a significant announcement, PM Modi revealed that India and Japan had signed their first defence co-development project, marking a new phase in bilateral security cooperation.

"We will jointly develop defence technologies that will contribute to regional peace, maritime security and a rules-based international order," he said. The move comes as both countries deepen strategic cooperation amid growing security challenges in the Indo-Pacific.

\$10 trillion yen investment target

Highlighting growing economic ties, PM Modi said Japan and India had signed 120 new business agreements over the past year, adding that Japanese investment in India continues to rise. He announced an ambitious target of 10 trillion yen in Japanese investment into India over the next 10 years, aimed at strengthening manufacturing, infrastructure and technology partnerships.

Kharge urges Centre to step up flood relief in Northeast, calls for PM CARES support



New Delhi (TSIT)

Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge on Thursday expressed grief over the devastation caused by floods and landslides across several northeastern states, urged the Centre to intensify relief and rehabilitation efforts, and called for the immediate utilisation of the PM CARES Fund to support affected families.

In a post on social media platform X, Kharge said the floods and landslides in Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya and Sikkim had claimed precious lives and displaced thousands of families, leaving widespread dev-

astation across the region.

"The devastating floods and landslides in Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya and Sikkim have claimed precious lives and left thousands of families displaced and devastated. I extend my heartfelt condolences to the families who have lost their loved ones and stand in unwavering solidarity with every person affected by this tragedy across the Northeastern region," Kharge said.

The Congress chief criticised the BJP-led governments at the Centre and in the affected states, alleging that repeated promises to make the Northeast flood-free had not translated into meaningful action. "All the tall promises by 'Double Engine' NDA Governments to the people of Northeast to make their states 'flood free' have disappeared in thin air, even as flood has become a regular annual feature with little preparedness and scarce long-term mitigation efforts," he said.

Iran warns US, Israel against attack during Khamenei funeral

Tehran (TSIT)

Thursday, July 2, marked the 15th day since Washington and Tehran signed a memorandum of understanding and the 125th day since the outbreak of the war, as Iran warned the United States and Israel against launching any attack during the state funeral of late Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

Ali Abdollahi, commander of Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquarters, warned the United States and Israel against any "miscalculation", saying Iran's armed forces were prepared to respond decisively to any threat or aggression, Reuters reported. The warning came as authorities stepped up security and finalised preparations for the six-day funeral ceremonies, which are expected to draw millions of mourners and foreign dignitaries from



dozens of countries.

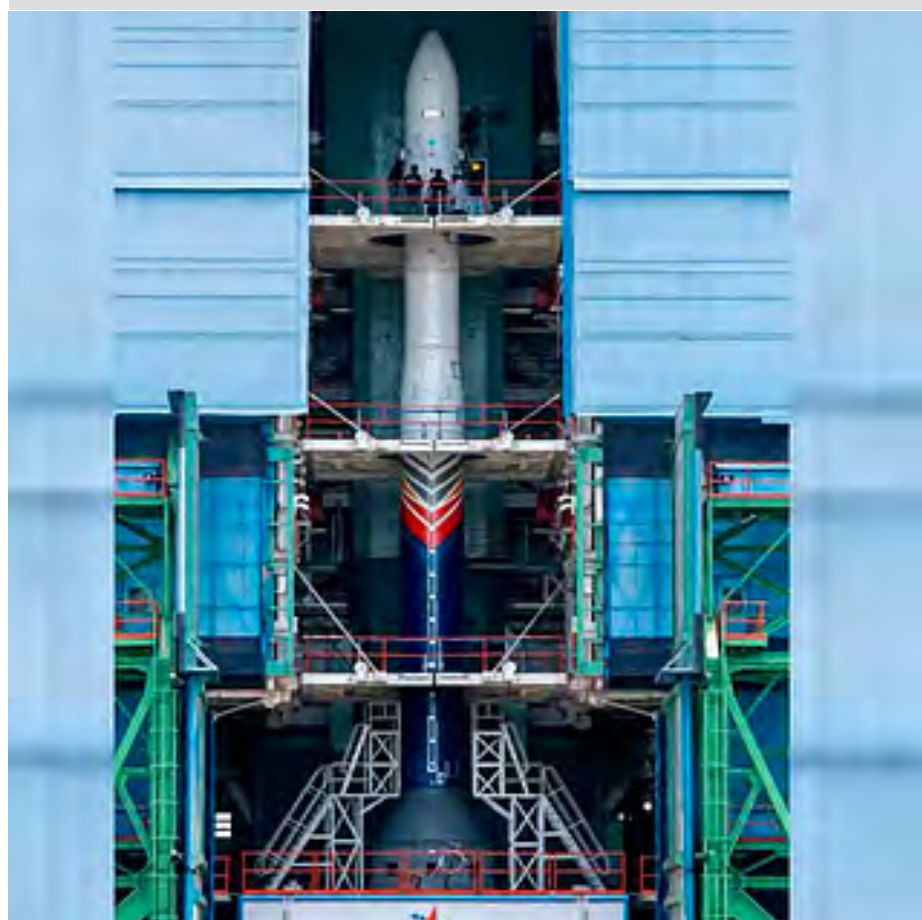
Mojtaba Khamenei is unlikely to make a public appearance during his father's funeral because of heightened security concerns, according to Ayatollah Hakim Elahi, the Supreme Leader's representative in India.

Iran has reinforced security across the country ahead of the funeral. Army spokesperson Mohammad Akraminia said additional troops had been deployed along land and maritime borders, while naval monitoring and air defence surveillance had been intensified. The funeral will begin

in Tehran on July 4 before moving to Qom, Iraq's holy cities of Najaf and Karbala, and concluding with Khamenei's burial in his hometown of Mashhad on July 9. President Masoud Pezeshkian described Khamenei's death as the beginning of a new chapter of national unity, resilience and growth, saying the funeral would demonstrate Iran's solidarity.

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Esmail Baghaei said countries that supported or defended the US and Israeli strikes on Iran had not been invited to the funeral. Iran has made special arrangements for Afghan nationals wishing to attend the funeral. The Indian National Congress has nominated senior leader and former External Affairs Minister Salman Khurshid to represent the party at the state funeral of late Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei.

Skyroot Aerospace's Vikram-1



Vikram-1, India's first privately developed orbital-class rocket, to be launched between July 12 and August 4

CM Vijay creates five more TVK district units, names 4 MLAs as district secretaries

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CHENNAI (TSIT):

TVK president and Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay on Thursday announced the creation of five more organisational districts and appointed district secretaries, with four party MLAs being given the responsibility.

In a statement, Vijay said the party had already reorganised its structure by dividing it into districts covering Assembly constituencies and that five more districts had now been created for administrative convenience. The new appointments are MLA J Munirathinam for



Kancheepuram South, MLA V Reddiyarpatti Narayanan for Tirunelveli South-East, S Mariya John for Tirunelveli Central, MLA RS Murugan for Tirunelveli North and MLA R Abhishek for Tiruvannamalai North-West. "I am pleased to inform you that office-bearers

have been appointed for the five newly created districts," Vijay said. He congratulated the appointees and asked party workers to extend full cooperation to the new district secretaries in carrying out organisational responsibilities.

8 labourers mostly from Bihar killed as rock collapses at stone quarry in Bengaluru

BENGALURU (TSIT):

Eight workers mostly from Bihar were killed after a massive granite rock collapsed at a stone quarry in Bengaluru South Taluk on Thursday, police said. According to police, the tragedy occurred in the early morning at Madapattana, bordering Bengaluru Urban and Bengaluru South district.

The victims, all daily-wage labourers employed at a stone crusher site, were trapped beneath the fallen boulders and died on the spot, according to police.

Police said the accident occurred while the workers were engaged in quarrying operations.

The injured were shifted to a private hospital for treatment. Chief Minister

DK Shivakumar expressed his grief over the incident.

The collapse of a crusher wall in Madapattana of Bengaluru South Taluk has caused the death of seven workers, bringing immense sorrow, he said in a post on 'X'. He said, "It is the duty of quarry owners to ensure the life safety and security of workers engaged in quarry operations. The government will take appropriate action against quarries that violate regulations."

According to Yashwanthpur MLA ST Somashekar, the eighth labourer died in the hospital. He charged that he had been complaining about "illegal quarrying" for the past many years and raised the issue in the Karnataka Assembly. Somashekar said some-



time ago, a leopard was killed due to the blast carried out by the quarry owners. "In this illegality, police, forest department officials are involved who should be booked and tried. It is a serious matter that eight people have died," the MLA told reporters. He also expressed his apprehensions that the bigwigs involved in the case may escape.

He demanded the state government that the accused should not escape from the clutches of the law. According to those working on the spot, the toll may go up as the condition of some of the injured was critical. They said some of them may even lose their limbs permanently. The exact number of those injured was still being verified, though initial reports indicated that

several workers sustained injuries. Rescue personnel and police rushed to the spot and launched operations following the collapse. The area was cordoned off as officials began clearing debris and searching for any other workers who may have been trapped.

One of the labourers said there were about 18 workers from Bihar and North Karnataka at the site. A huge rock fell from about 40 feet on the workers. The severity of the accident could be gauged from the fact that loading vehicles were completely mangled. A tractor on the site broke into pieces. It is learnt that the deceased were mostly from Bihar and efforts were underway to inform their families.

Inquiry ordered into allegations against Mahabubnagar MEO

Mahabubnagar, July 2 (TSIT): The Regional Joint Director (RJD) of School Education, Hyderabad, has reportedly ordered an inquiry into allegations against Mandal Educational Officer (MEO) Amgoth Laxman Singh following media reports. The District Educational Officer (DEO) has constituted a two-member committee to investigate



the matter.The allegations include the officer allegedly handling responsibilities in the Mahabubnagar Urban jurisdiction despite reportedly holding a rural post, and claims of

irregularities in the discharge of official duties. There are also allegations of favouritism towards certain private schools and other administrative lapses. These allegations have not been established and are now under official inquiry.Teacher organisations have called for a fair and transparent investigation, stating that government service

Durgam Srihari Goud Appointed as Ranga Reddy District Spokesperson

SERILINGAMPALLY TSIT: Recognizing his 18 years of dedicated service to the Indian National Congress, the Telangana Congress Committee has appointed Durgam Srihari Goud as the Ranga Reddy District Spokesperson. Srihari Goud began his political journey in Serilingampally as a grass-roots Congress worker and has since held several key positions, including Youth Congress President – Serilingampally Division, Chevella Parliament Youth Congress Secretary, Division In-Charge –



Serilingampally, and State Social Media Co-Convenor, Telangana Pradesh Youth Congress, while also serving as Chevella Lok Sabha Social Media In-Charge He is known for his active role in election campaigns, the Bharat Jodo Yatra, anti-drug awareness programmes, child labour awareness initiatives, youth mobilization, and public welfare activities. He has also taken up public issues through legal channels, including filing a complaint over allegedly defamatory social media content targeting the Chief Minister of Telangana.

Collector seeks political parties' cooperation for SIR process



Mahabubnagar, July 2: District Collector Khushboo Gupta urged recognised political parties to extend full cooperation for the transparent and error-free implementation of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls during a review meeting held at the Collectorate on Thursday.She said Booth Level Officers (BLOs) have completed the distribution of Enumeration Forms and are collecting the filled forms from voters. The Collector asked political parties to appoint Booth Level Agents (BLAs) at every polling station and create awareness among voters to ensure timely submission of the forms. She also advised party representatives to report any issues in the SIR process to the concerned Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) or Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs) for immediate resolution. Election officials and representatives of recognised political parties attended the meeting.

CHANGE OF NAME

I madamshetty chandra sekhar s/o venkatanarsaiah, age 52 years, Occ: business, R/o. H.No.1-3-92/1, kisan nagar, Bhuvanagiri town, Bhuvanagiri Mandal, Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri District, have changed my name to MADAMSHETTY CHANDRA SHEKAR. For all future purposes. Cell no. 9248048125.

Junior Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate First Class Court Building Inaugurated at Devarkadra

Mahabubnagar, July 2: The newly established Junior Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate First Class Court building at Devarkadra in Mahabubnagar district was inaugurated virtually on Thursday by Telangana High Court Judge and Administrative Judge for Mahabubnagar district, Justice N.V. Shravan Kumar, along with Justice Madhavi Devi, from Hyderabad. At the local venue, Principal District and



Sessions Judge M. Premalatha and Devarkadra MLA G. Madhusudhan Reddy formally inaugurated the court building by cutting the ribbon.

The establishment of the new court is expected to bring judicial ser-

vices closer to the people of Devarkadra and the surrounding areas. It will help expedite the disposal of cases and ensure timely and efficient delivery of justice to the public.

District Collector Khushboo Gupta, Superintendent of Police D. Janaki, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Secretary Indira, judicial officers, government officials, advocates, and public representatives attended the inaugural programme.

TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud Offers Prayers

Hyderabad TSIT: TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud visited the Nalla Pochamma Temple in Allapur Division of Kukatpally Assembly constituency, where idol consecration (Prathishta) celebrations are being held.On the occasion, Mahesh Kumar Goud offered special prayers to the presiding deity and sought the Goddess's blessings.He accorded a warm welcome by the temple committee, local public representatives, and devotees. Speaking on the occasion, Mahesh Kumar Goud said he prayed for the peace, prosperity, good health, and well-being of the people of Telangana. He expressed hope that the blessings of the Goddess would bring happiness and harmony to every family in the State.



Collector asks BLOs to help voters fill Enumeration Forms

Nagar Kurnool, July 2: District Collector Hemanta Keshav Patil directed Booth Level Officers (BLOs) to personally distribute Enumeration Forms, assist voters in filling them, and collect the completed forms as part of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls.

During an inspection at Polling Station No. 107 in Ramnagar Colony on Thursday, the Collector said all eligible voters, including those already listed in the electoral roll, must submit the Enumeration Form to ensure their names are



included in the revised voter list.

He instructed voters to seek assistance from BLOs if needed and collect an acknowledgment receipt after submitting the form. The Collector said the collected forms

will be verified and the draft electoral roll will be published by July 31.

RDO Archana, Tahsildar Tabitha Rani, DT Kiran Kumar, BLO Devi, and other officials were present during the inspection.

Yashoda Hospital doctors perform rare high-risk heart bypass surgery



Wanaparthi, July 2: Doctors at Yashoda Super Specialty Hospital, Malakpet, successfully performed a rare high-risk beating heart bypass surgery on a 61-year-old man from Wanaparthi suffering from severe left main coronary artery disease.

The patient, S. Krishnaprasad, had been experiencing chest pain for the past six months. Medical tests revealed left main coronary artery disease, triple vessel disease, and Type-2 diabetes, prompting doctors to recommend immediate bypass surgery.

The surgery was successfully performed by

Consultant Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgeon Dr. Vengal Reddy using the off-pump coronary artery bypass grafting (OPCAB) technique. Speaking at a press conference in Wanaparthi, Dr. Vengal Reddy said patients with severe left main coronary artery blockages require timely diagnosis, expert surgical planning, and advanced medical infrastructure for successful treatment.

Yashoda Hospitals stated that it remains committed to delivering world-class, patient-centric cardiac care through advanced technology and experienced medical specialists.

Commissioner Srijana Reviews Civic Priorities

Hyderabad TSIT: As part of the One Ward Every Day initiative, Cyberabad Municipal Corporation Commissioner Srijana visited Pragathi Nagar Ward in Nizampet Circle, Quthbullapur Zone, along with the Zonal Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner and other officials to assess civic infrastructure and interact directly with residents and Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs).During the visit, residents highlighted key civic concerns, including mainte-



nance of parks and public amenities, drainage overflows, sewage discharge, waterlogging, street lighting, pothole repairs, road restoration, traffic safety, encroachments, sanitation, mosquito control, stray dog management, burial ground infrastructure and public transport facilities.

Collector directs quality MGNREGS works and better facilities for workers

Mahabubnagar, July 2: District Collector Khushboo Gupta inspected ongoing MGNREGS works at Gurukonda village in Devarkadra mandal on Thursday and directed officials to maintain quality standards and ensure all basic facilities for workers. The Collector interacted with workers engaged in digging plantation pits and



enquired about their work, wages, and employment under the scheme. She also reviewed whether drinking water, shade,

and first-aid facilities were available at the worksite. Khushboo Gupta instructed officials to ensure timely wage payments and provide all amenities mandated under the MGNREGS guidelines. The inspection was attended by the Devarkadra MPDO, Tahsildar, and other officials.

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, TRIVENI COMPLEX, ABIDS: AT: HYDERABAD
S.A. No. 53 OF 2026
Between:
Sri Akula Rama Krishna & Others
...Applicants
Rep by its Special Power of Attorney AND
Axis Bank Ltd & Another
Rep by its Authorised Officer
.....Respondents
1. M/s. Vijay Sheets and Strips (P) Ltd.,
Rep by its Managing Director
Sri Ajay Kumar Agarwal, O/o. Room No. 9,
D No. 5-4-63, 2nd Floor, Vyas Complex,
Dostli Road, Secunderabad - 500003
2. Sri Ajay Agarwal, S/o.Late Vijay Kumar
Agarwal, Aged 42 Years, Occ: Business,
R/o. H. No. 8/2/577/A, Roop Leela,
Road No.7, Banjara Hills, Cotton World,
Hyderabad - 500034
.....Respondents No.2 & 3
Whereas, the Applicant filed the above SA under Sect.17 of SARFAESI Act, 2002, for various reliefs made there under and you were made parties to the SA as Respondent No.2 & 3 by the Applicants. The Hon'ble Tribunal has ordered Notice to Both the Respondents No.2 & 3 by way of Paper publication and posted the matter to 30-07-2026, as such you shall be present on 30-07-2026 at 10.30 AM before the Hon'ble Debt Recovery Tribunal-2, Hyderabad, either in person or through an Advocate failing which the matter will be decided in your absence.
(BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2, HYDERABAD)
B. SANJAY KUMAR & V. RAVINDER, ADVOCATES
Flat No. 101, Aashray Mansion,
Street No. 20, Liberty Hill Colony,
Himayat Nagar, Hyderabad-500 029,
Ph. No. 9246341839
Email: vudigaravinder77@gmail.com

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, MINISTRY OF FINANCE, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, 1ST FLOOR AT TRIVENI COMPLEX, ABIDS, HYDERABAD
O.A.NO. 541 OF 2026
SUMMONS UNDER SUB-SECTION (4) OF SECTION 19 OF THE ACT, READ WITH SUB-RULE (2A) OF RULE 5 OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993
UNION BANK OF INDIA, Mouali Branch, Hyderabad,
.....Applicant Bank
AND
M/s. Sree Venkateswara Beauty Services And Another
.....Defendants
To
1) M/s. Sree Venkateswara Beauty Services
Rep By Its Proprietor: Mr. Sampath Kumar Regoti,
Plot No.15, SE Heights, P.s. Rao Nagar,
Dammaguda, Hyderabad-500083.
2) Mr. Sampath Kumar Regoti
S/o. Sri Swamy Regoti, Aged about 43 years,
Occ: Business, Gender Male, R/o. Flat No.5,
B-Block, Vista Homes, N.N. Colony, Kushaguda,
Hyderabad-500062.
.....Defendants
SUMMONS/SUBSTITUTED SERVICE BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION
Whereas the O.A.NO. 541 OF 2026 was listed before the Registrar on Whereas, this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue Summons / Notice on 12-09-2026 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.
(i) to show cause within 30 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 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 other assets and properties disclosed 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 your 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 deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the Bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.
You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before the Registrar, on 06-08-2026 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.
(BY ORDER OF HON'BLE REGISTRAR, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, HYDERABAD)
THE REGISTRAR,
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
1ST FLOOR, TRIVENI COMPLEX, ABIDS, HYDERABAD-500001

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, MINISTRY OF FINANCE, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, 1ST FLOOR AT TRIVENI COMPLEX, ABIDS, HYDERABAD
T.A.NO. 6 OF 2026
SUMMONS UNDER SUB-SECTION (4) OF SECTION 19 OF THE ACT, READ WITH SUB-RULE (2A) OF RULE 5 OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993
BANK OF MAHARASHTRA
Champapet branch, Hyderabad.
.....Applicant Bank
AND
MR. HANEESH BABU VUYURU And Another
.....Defendants
To
1. Mr. Haneesh Babu Vuyyuru, Sex: Male
S/o. Rama Mohan Rao, Aged 37 Years,
Occ: Business, R/o Plot No. 581 And 582,
Flat No. T-3, Sai Lakshmi Residency,
Near HOF ATM, Pragathinagar, Kukatpally,
Hyderabad, Telangana- 500072
2. Smt. Vuyyuru Devaseena
W/o. Mr. Haneesh Babu Vuyyuru, Sex Female,
Aged 36 Years, Occ: Housewife, R/o. Plot No. 581 And 582, Flat No T-3, Sai Lakshmi Residency,
Near HOF ATM, Pragathinagar, Kukatpally,
Hyderabad, Telangana- 500072
.....Defendants
SUMMONS/SUBSTITUTED SERVICE BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION
Whereas the T.A.NO. 6 OF 2026 was listed before the Registrar on Whereas, this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue Summons / Notice on the said Application under Section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs.133,84,641/-
In accordance with sub-section (4) of Section 19 of the Act, you the defendants are directed as under:-
(i) to show cause within 30 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 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 other assets and properties disclosed 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 your 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 deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.
You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before the Registrar, on 11-08-2026 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.
(BY ORDER OF HON'BLE REGISTRAR, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, HYDERABAD)
THE REGISTRAR,
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
1ST FLOOR, TRIVENI COMPLEX, ABIDS, HYDERABAD-500001

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, MINISTRY OF FINANCE, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, 1ST FLOOR AT TRIVENI COMPLEX, ABIDS, HYDERABAD
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(iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed 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 your 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;
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You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before the Registrar, on 11-08-2026 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.
(BY ORDER OF HON'BLE REGISTRAR, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, HYDERABAD)
THE REGISTRAR,
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
1ST FLOOR, TRIVENI COMPLEX, ABIDS, HYDERABAD-500001

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, MINISTRY OF FINANCE, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, 1ST FLOOR AT TRIVENI COMPLEX, ABIDS, HYDERABAD
O.A.NO. 359 OF 2026
SUMMONS UNDER SUB-SECTION (4) OF SECTION 19 OF THE ACT, READ WITH SUB-RULE (2A) OF RULE 5 OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993
State Bank of India
Verses
Mrs. Nasreen Begum
Mrs. Nasreen Begum
W/o Mohammad Jamshed, H.NO.10-9-34/B,
IG Puram,Near Railway Track, Fathe Nagar,
Hyderabad - 500 018
SUMMONS/SUBSTITUTED SERVICE BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION
Whereas the O.A.NO.359 OF 2026 was listed before the Registrar on Whereas, this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue Summons / Notice on the said Application under Section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs.24,82,979/-
In accordance with sub-section (4) of Section 19 of the Act, you the defendants are directed as under:-
(i) to show cause within 30 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 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 other assets and properties disclosed 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 your 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 deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the Bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.
You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the Registrar, on 06-08-2026 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.
(BY ORDER OF HON'BLE REGISTRAR, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, HYDERABAD)
THE REGISTRAR,
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
1ST FLOOR, TRIVENI COMPLEX, ABIDS, HYDERABAD-500001

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, MINISTRY OF FINANCE, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, 1ST FLOOR AT TRIVENI COMPLEX, ABIDS, HYDERABAD
O.A.NO. 360 OF 2026
SUMMONS UNDER SUB-SECTION (4) OF SECTION 19 OF THE ACT, READ WITH SUB-RULE (2A) OF RULE 5 OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993
State Bank of India
Verses
Kothapalli Dharma Teja
To
Kothapalli Dharma Teja
S/o Narasaiah, MIG -24, 9th Phase,
Near Bus Stop, KPMB Kukatpally,
Medchal-Malkajgiri - 500 085
SUMMONS/SUBSTITUTED SERVICE BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION
Whereas the O.A.NO.360 OF 2026 was listed before the Registrar on Whereas, this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue Summons / Notice on the said Application under Section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs.20,65,301/-
In accordance with sub-section (4) of Section 19 of the Act, you the defendants are directed as under:-
(i) to show cause within 30 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 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 other assets and properties disclosed 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 your 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 deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the Bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.
You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before the Registrar, on 06-08-2026 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.
(BY ORDER OF HON'BLE REGISTRAR, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, HYDERABAD)
THE REGISTRAR,
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
1ST FLOOR, TRIVENI COMPLEX, ABIDS, HYDERABAD-500001

Form No.3
(See Regulation - 15 (1)(a)/(16)3)
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, HYDERABAD (DRT II) 1st Floor Triveni Complex, Abids, Hyderabad 500 001
O.A.No.182 OF 2026
SUMMONS UNDER SUB-SECTION (4) OF SECTION 19 OF THE ACT, READ WITH SUB-RULE (2A) OF RULE 5 OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (Procedure) Rules, 1993
Union Bank of India, SRK Branch VS
Sri Akshara Girls Hostel And others
Plot No.117, H.No.7-435, Brundhavan Colony Ibrahimpatnam, R.R.District - 501 506
SUMMONS
WHEREAS the Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/notice on the said application under Section 19(4) of the Act (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs.39,94,007-00/- (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakhs Ninety Four Thousand and Seven only) (Application along with copies of documents etc., annexed)
In accordance with sub section (4) of Section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants 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 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 other assets and properties disclosed 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 this 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 deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.
You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 23-07-2026 at 10:30 AM failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this the 30th day of June 2026.
Signature of the Officer Authorised to Issue Summons

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CHANGE OF NAME
I, MIRIYALA MANASA, W/o. MIRIYALA SRINIVAS, R/o. 19-10-255, Gavicharla Road, Warangal District-506 005, T.G. Solemnly declared that I have changed my minor daughter's name from **MIRIYALA AARDHYA** to **MIRIYALA ARADHYA** For all future purposes.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Under the instructions of my client M/s. TATA CAPITAL LIMITED, Warangal Branch. I hereby issue the following notice to general public. **Gugulothu Harsha Raj Kamal**, S/o. Ramulu, Resident of at H.No. 5-94/1, in Sy.No. 365/1/4, Dhanthalapally Village and Mandal, Mahabubabad District has applied for Mortgage loan by offering the below motioned Schedule property. Such property has been acquired by them from Gugulothu Nagamani, W/o. Ramulu through Registered Gift Deed vide Doc No. 4515/2026, dt.09-04-2026. Therefore, if anyone has any objection, over the schedule property, they are hereby called upon to submit their objections, along with documentary proof, shall be informed to the address mentioned below in writing within 7 (Seven) days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which, it will be presumed that no one has any objection or claim over the said property, and further action will be taken accordingly.
SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY
RCC Residential House with open place property bearing G.P.H.No. 5-94/1/1, to an extent of 232.13 Sq.Yrds or 194.09 Sq.Mtrs, Ground Floor Plinth area 1358 Sq.Fts, First Floor Plinth area 1358 Sq.Fts, Second Floor Plinth area 1358 Sq.Fts Situated at Dhanthalapally Village and Mandal, Mahabubabad District, and **SRO Mahabubabd** boundaries as follows: **BOUNDARIES, EAST** : Land of Gugulothu Ramulu, **WEST** : R & B Road (Road Towards Dhanthalapally to Suryapet), **NORTH**: Land of Gugulothu Ramulu, **SOUTH**: Police Patrol Pump. **Sd/-AERAM NITESH KUMAR B.Sc, LL.B** Advocate
H.No. 16-8-302, Abbanikunta, Warangal - 506013
Mob: 9032519080

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given to the general public THAT MY client **P.NAGESHWER S/o. LATE VENKATAIAH** aged about 69 years, Residing at H.No:1-1-387/3/3, 2nd FLOOR, GANDHINAGAR, HYDERABAD was lost/misplaced the Original Sale Deeds vide (1) Doc. No. 1164 of 1985 DATED 25th July 1985 and (2) Doc. No: 1665 of 1994 DATED 19th JULY 1994 (3) DOC NO: 407 OF 1996 dated at 1996 Regd. At SRO AT CHIKKADAPALLY and the property SITUATED AT H.No: 1-1-387/3/3, and 1-1-387/2, GANDHINAGAR, HYDERABAD and while travelling from RTC BUS FROM SECUNDEABAD to MUSHEERABAD and all possible efforts were made to trace the above mentioned lost documents and it could not be found. Despite making all possible efforts to trace the document, it could not be found and is therefore presumed to be lost beyond recovery. Hence, if any person(s) find or come across the above-mentioned original Link document, they are requested to kindly inform the undersigned at the address given below. The finder will be suitably rewarded.
T. RAVINDER RAO, Advocate
10-103/3, SRIKRISHNA NAGAR COLONY, PEERZADIGUDA, MEDIPALLY MANDAL, M.M.DIST-500098
CELL NO: 8977330079.

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, MINISTRY OF FINANCE, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, 1ST FLOOR AT TRIVENI COMPLEX, ABIDS, HYDERABAD
O.A.NO. 542 OF 2026
SUMMONS UNDER SUB-SECTION (4) OF SECTION 19 OF THE ACT, READ WITH SUB-RULE (2A) OF RULE 5 OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993
UNION BANK OF INDIA,
Moulali Branch, Hyderabad, ...Applicant Bank
AND
Mrs. Khazira Begum And Another ...Defendants
To
1) Mrs. Khazira Begum W/o. Syed Abdul Wajid,
Aged About: 34 Years, Gender: Female, R/o. Plot No.62, Crown Shams Huda Heights, Road No.12, MLA Colony, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad-500034, Telangana.
2) Mr. Syed Abdul Wajid,
S/o. Syed Abdul Hameed, Gender: Male, Aged About: 46 Years, R/o. Plot No.52, Crown Shams Huda Heights, Road No.12, MLA Colony, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad-500034, Telangana. ...Defendants
SUMMONS/SUBSTITUTED SERVICE BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION
Whereas the O.A.NO. 542 OF 2026 was listed before the Registrar on Whereas, this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue Summons / Notice on the said Application under Section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs.68,27,541/-
In accordance with sub-section (4) of Section 19 of the Act, you the defendants are directed as under:-
(i) to show cause within 30 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 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 other assets and properties disclosed 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 your 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 deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the Bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.
You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before the Registrar, on 12-08-2026 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.
(BY ORDER OF HON'BLE REGISTRAR, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, HYDERABAD)
THE REGISTRAR,
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
1ST FLOOR, TRIVENI COMPLEX, ABIDS, HYDERABAD-500001

DGP C.V.Anand Reviews Police Station Reorganisation Across Four Commissionerates

Hyderabad TSIT: Director General of Police C.V. Anand on Thursday conducted a high-level review meeting on the proposed reorganisation of police station jurisdictions in the Hyderabad Police Commissionerate, Cyberabad Police Commissionerate, Malkajgiri Police Commissionerate and Future City Police Commissionerate. During the meeting, the Commissioners of the four Commissionerates presented detailed proposals on the restructuring of police station lim-



its, jurisdictional realignment and administrative requirements. DGP directed officials to undertake the reorganisation strictly in accordance with the Government Orders (GOs). He instructed that police station boundaries should be aligned with municipal limits, revenue divisions and court jurisdictions to ensure better administrative coordination. Emphasising the need for long-term planning, C.V. Anand said the reorganisation should take into account future urban expansion, population growth and evolving administrative needs. He also instructed officials to consider the views of all stakeholders while finalising the proposals.

Lakpathi Yadagiri Goud Defends Yadagirigutta Trust Board Urges Leaders to Avoid Unnecessary Controversy

Hyderabad TSIT: TPCC Secretary Lakpathi Yadagiri Goud has appealed to political leaders and party members to refrain from creating unnecessary controversy over the constitution of the Yadagirigutta Temple Trust Board, stating that the State Government has ensured representation for all communities in the governing



body.Backing Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Lakpathi Yadagiri Goud said every decision taken by the Chief Minister is aimed at the overall development of Telangana and should be viewed in that spirit. He said criticism of the Trust Board's composition was unwarranted and ignored the government's efforts to provide inclusive representation.

Commissioner Srijana reviews monsoon preparedness measures

Hyderabad, July 2: Cyberabad Municipal Corporation Commissioner Srijana reviewed monsoon preparedness during the Joint Action Teams (JATs) Orientation Programme organised by the Telangana Integrated Command and Control Centre (TGICCC).The programme brought together officials from civic, police, disaster response, fire services, water supply, and meteorological departments to strengthen coordination during the rainy season. Commissioner Srijana stressed the need for seamless coordination among departments and directed officials to



improve the use of location-specific weather forecasts from the India Meteorological Department (IMD) for timely emergency response.She also instructed departments to prepare short-term, medium-term, and long-term action plans for monsoon-related works to ensure quick response to emergencies and improve public safety during the season.

Hyderabad TSIT: A delegation of Tribal legislators, led by Tribal Welfare Minister met Chief Minister at the Secretariat on Thursday and submitted a memorandum seeking enhanced development initiatives for tribal and agency areas across the State.MLAs urged Chief Minister to sanction an additional 2,000 Indiramma houses for Assembly constituencies located in agency areas.They also sought early issuance of land titles for podu lands and implementation of the Indira Giri Jala Vikasam scheme to strengthen irrigation and improve the livelihoods of tribal communities.

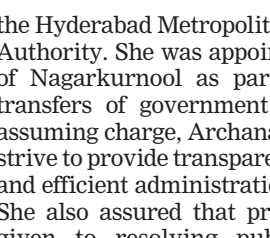
Veerlapalli Shankar Alleges Financial Mismanagement by BRS



RANGAREDDY : Shadnagar MLA and Chairman of State Public Sector Undertakings Veerlapalli Shankar on Thursday accused the previous BRS government of leaving Telangana burdened with heavy debts, pending dues and financial mismanagement. Addressing a press conference at his camp office, he alleged that dues were left unpaid across several departments, including fee reimbursement, power utilities, RTC, gram panchayats and contractors. He also claimed that several welfare promises and development works, including Double Bedroom Housing projects in Shadnagar, remained incomplete.

Archana Assumes Charge as New RDO of Nagarkurnool

The South India Times // Nagarkurnool : Archana has officially assumed charge as the new Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO) of Nagarkurnool. On the occasion, she paid a courtesy visit to District Collector Hemanta Keshav Patil at the Collectorate and presented him with a bouquet. Prior to her new posting, Archana served as Deputy Collector in the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority. She was appointed as the RDO of Nagarkurnool as part of the recent transfers of government officials. After assuming charge, Archana said she would strive to provide transparent, accountable, and efficient administration to the people. She also assured that priority would be given to resolving public grievances promptly and ensuring better delivery of government services.



All departments must coordinate to ensure timely justice for sexual assault victims: Warangal CP



Warangal, July 2: Warangal Police Commissioner N. Shwetha directed all concerned departments to work in close coordination to ensure timely justice and comprehensive support for victims of sexual assault. Speaking at a review meeting held at the Warangal Police

Commissionerate on Thursday, she said Bharosa Kendras play a crucial role in providing medical care, legal aid, psychological counselling, and rehabilitation services to women and children affected by sexual assault. The Commissioner stressed the need for sensitive investigations

while protecting the dignity and privacy of victims. She instructed officials to ensure seamless coordination from case registration and investigation to medical examination, forensic evidence collection, counselling, legal assistance, and rehabilitation. She also directed officials to complete investigations in cases registered under the POCSO Act within the prescribed time and present strong evidence in court. The meeting reviewed measures to strengthen services provided through Bharosa Kendras in Warangal and Jangaon districts.

Farmers allege irregularities in urea sales at Bayyaram cooperative centres



Mahabubabad, July 2: Farmers in Bayyaram mandal have alleged irregularities in the sale of urea at sub-centres operated by the Bayyaram Farmers' Cooperative Society, claiming they are being charged more than the government-fixed price. According to the farmers, an additional Rs.10 to Rs.20 is being collected on each urea bag. They alleged that while the official bill reflects one amount, a higher amount is collected in cash. Some farmers also claimed they were not given bills directly after purchase.

Farmer Poonem Chinnna Lingaiah of Suddarevu village alleged that he paid Rs.1,425 for five urea bags, while the bill issued showed only Rs.1,330, claiming that uneducated farmers were being exploited. The farmers have demanded that the Agriculture and Cooperative Department officials conduct an immediate inquiry into the alleged irregularities and take strict action against those found responsible. They also urged the authorities to ensure fertilizers are sold strictly at government-approved prices.

SHRIRAM Finance
Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No. 14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032
Administrative office: 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.Q2, Aarum Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710.

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised officer of Shriram Finance Limited, (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shriram Finance Limited, by it's Incorporation Certificate dt.13-11-2022) a corporate body registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian companies Act 1956, is doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No. 14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.Q2, Aarum Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices. The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this **29th June 2026**.

Borrower Name and Address	Amount due as per Demand Notice
1) Sathyanarayana Kadari @alias Satyanarayan Kadari @alias Satyanarana Kadari, S/o: Bixamaiah Kadari, Age: 43 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/o: H No: 9-207, Santhosh Nagar, Chityala Mandal, Nalgonda District 508114, Bio: "harathi Electronics" At # Main Road, Chityal, Nalgonda, 9848213193, 2) Srinivas Gundaboina, S/o:malalaiah Gundaboina, Age: 49 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/o: H No: 9-202, Santhosh Nagar, Chityala, Nalgonda District 508114, Bio: "civil Contractor", 9951235027, 3) Usharani Kadari @ Alias Thelusuri Usharani, W/o: Satyanarayana Kadari, Age: 33 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/o: H No: 9-207, Santhoshnagar, Chityala, Nalgonda District 508114, 9948416060.Borrowers/Co-borrower/Guarantors/Legal heirs	Rs.7645178/- (Rupees Seventy Six Lacs Forty Five Thousand One Hundred Seventy Eight only)

Description of Property: VANASTFI706300055 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY :Property Holder Name Is Kadari Satyanarayana, Mortgage Deed Dated 06.07.2017 Registered As Document No 6388/2017 On The File Of The Office Of Sub-registrar At Nalgonda (r.o) All That Open House Plot Admeasuring 366.88 Sq.yards Equivalent To 298.38 Sq.meters In Sy.no.231 Block No 9 Ward No 7 Residential Zone Situated At Sanath Nagar Colony, Chityala Village And Mandal, Dist.nalgonda, Sub Registrar Joint Sub Registrar, Nalgonda And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: Plot Of J.laxmi And J.ravinder, Towards West: Open Plot Of K.rangaiah And Others., Towards North: 15wide Road, Towards South: 18wide Road.
This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Symbolic Possession of the immovable property mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL.

Place: Nalgonda.
Date : 29-06-2026
Sd/-Authorised officer,
Shriram Finance Ltd.,

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

L&T Finance

PUBLIC AUCTION FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PROPERTY
The Authorised Officer of L&T Finance Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 [54 OF 2002] and in exercise of powers conferred under the said Act is auctioning the following property on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION"** by way of **"PUBLIC AUCTION"** for recovery of its dues and further interest, charges and costs etc.

Name of Borrower and Co-Borrower	Secured Property Address	Loan Account Number(s)	Physical Possession taken	Earnest Money Deposit 10% or more of RP (in ₹)	Secured Debt	Reserve Price (In ₹)	Date of Inspection	Date and Time of Auction
1. K Mahesh Singh 2. K Vinod Singh 3. Ms. Rld Riders Lubricants (Through Its Proprietor K Mahesh Singh)	Schedule - I All That Piece And Parcel Of Flat Bearing No. 501 (East Facing), In 5th Floor, In The Name And Style Of "Sri R.K.'s Brundavanam Apartments" With A Plinth Area Of 1540 Square Feets (Including Common Areas And Car Parking), Along With Proportionate Undivided Share Of Land Admeasuring 62.8 Square Meters, On Plot Bearing Nos. 20 And 21, In Sy.No. 11 To 15, Situated At PuppalaGuda Village And Gram Panchayat, Gandipet Mandal (Previously Rajendranagar Mandal), Rangareddy District, Telangana State And Bounded By: East By Open To Sky West By Open To Sky North By Open To Sky South By Staircase & Corridor	H0481807 04231238 15, H0481803 02230625 46 H0481803 02230625 46L,	19.05.2026	Rs. 8,34,043/-	As per Demand Notice dated 08/12/2025 Total outstanding dues is Rs. 7,867,524.69/- As On Date 02/12/2025	Rs. 83,40,430/- (BID Increments 1 Value Rs. 50,000/-)	28/07/2026 from 11:00 A.M to 5.30 P.M with prior appointment.	06/08/2026 from 11:00 A.M TO 12:00 P.M

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PUBLIC AUCTION
1. The E-auction Sale is being conducted online by the Authorised Officer through the website https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net/EPROC/ under the provisions of SARFAESI Act with the aid and through public e-Auction mode.
2. The public E-auction will be conducted on the date and time mentioned herein above, when the secured asset/s mentioned above will be sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS" BASIS & "AS IS WHAT IT IS" CONDITION**.
3. For participating in the public E-auction, intending purchasers/bidders will have to submit the details of payment of refundable Earnest Money Deposit of 10 % of the reserve price of the secured assets along with copies of the PANCARD, Board Resolutions in case of company and Address Proof on or before **05/08/2026 TILL 6:00 P.M**.
4. The EMD of all other bidders who did not succeed in the public E-auction will be refunded by LTF within 7 days of the closure of the public E-auction. The EMD will not carry any interest.
5. The successful purchaser/bidder shall deposit the 25 % (inclusive of EMD) of his/bits offer by way of by way of D.D./P. O favoring "L&T Finance Limited" payable at Mumbai on or before 18:00 hours on **06/08/2026** i.e., day of e-auction or on the next working day i.e., **07/08/2026**, which deposit will have to be confirmed by L&T Finance Limited, failing which the sale will be deemed have been failed and the EMD of the said successful bidder shall be forfeited. The balance amount i.e.,75% of purchase price payable shall be paid by the purchaser to L&T Finance Limited on or before the fifteenth day of confirmation of sale of immovable property or such extended period as per provisions of law.
6. For inspection of property or more information, the prospective bidders may contact the authorised officer i.e. **Name Mr. Vikas Singh, Contact No. 8669189048 and Mr. Satheesha R Contact No. 9738141146, L&T Finance Ltd, Brindavan, Plot no. 177, CST Road, Kalina, Santacruz (East), Mumbai - 400 098, Maharashtra, India.** At any stage of the E-auction, the Authorised Officer may accept/reject/modify/cancel the bid/offer or postpone the E-auction without assigning any reason therefor and without any prior notice.
7. The successful purchaser/bidder shall bear any statutory dues, taxes, fees payable, stamp duty, registration fees, etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed/delivered in his/her/its favour as per the applicable law.
8. The Borrower/Guarantors, who are liable for the said outstanding dues, shall treat this Sale Notice as a notice under Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, about the holding of above-mentioned public E-auction sale.
9. The Borrower (s) /Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/Mortgagor(s) are hereby called upon to pay the entire loan outstanding dues as mentioned above before the said E-auction date failing which the L & T Finance Ltd shall sale the property as per the provisions laid down in the SARFAESI ACT, 2002.
10. The Borrower (s) /Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/Mortgagor(s) (public at large are hereby restrained from transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise with the secured assets referred to in the notice without prior written consent of L&T Finance Limited.

Date: 03.07.2026
Place: Hyderabad
Sd/-
Authorized Officer
For L&T Finance Limited

FOR ADVERTISEMENT
PLEASE CONTACT:
9948480279,
7330778889

Data-Driven Governance is the Future, Says CM Naidu

Visakhapatnam : Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Thursday stressed that data-driven governance and continuous innovation are essential for achieving inclusive development and improving the lives of the poor. Addressing participants during an interactive session at the two-day workshop on "Economic Intelligence for Governance Capacity Building," the Chief Minister said governments must constantly explore new approaches instead of becoming complacent.

He remarked that satisfaction often leads to stagnation and that he never settles easily, as there is always more to be done for the people. Emphasising the importance of technology, he said Andhra Pradesh should not only leverage advanced technologies but also develop its own systems to strengthen governance. He called for collective efforts, stating that development can be achieved only when everyone works together with a



shared vision. The Chief Minister announced that a quantum computer will soon be operational in Amaravati and expressed confidence that Andhra Pradesh will also develop the capability to manufacture quantum computers in the future.

Highlighting the government's focus on poverty alleviation, Chandrababu Naidu said welfare schemes must be implemented effectively to bring tangible improvements in the lives of the poor. He cited the examples of pension beneficiaries Tulasamma and Padamma, whose families witnessed significant socio-economic progress through government welfare programmes and

DWCRA assistance. He said the government is evaluating indicators such as GSDP and CAGR to formulate policies aimed at improving the living standards of vulnerable sections.

Recalling his Vision 2020 initiative, the Chief Minister said he was criticised when he first introduced the vision document, but former President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam later advocated preparing a similar vision for the country. He noted that the IT revolution transformed the world into a global village and reiterated that promoting the services sector had played a crucial role in the state's development. Describing data as the

new wealth, Chandrababu Naidu said future governance would depend on informed, data-based decision-making. He emphasised that while delivering quality public services remains a government priority, attracting private investment is equally important for wealth creation. He said the Swarna Andhra Vision places special emphasis on private investments and economic growth.

The Chief Minister also said the government is integrating data from various departments through a unified Data Lake platform and has prepared an action plan to implement the Sanjeevani Project by digitising health records. He added that the P4 (Public-Private-People Partnership for Poverty Eradication) initiative aims to bridge the gap between the rich and the poor by encouraging successful individuals to contribute to society. Improving the quality of life of every family and promoting the joint family system are among the government's long-term objectives, he said.

Historic Progress in Minority Welfare and Justice Delivery: Minister NMD Farooq



Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Andhra Pradesh Minister for Law, Justice and Minority Welfare, NMD Farooq, said the State Government under Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has made significant progress in minority welfare, education, employment, judicial reforms and infrastructure development as part of the Swarna Andhra Pradesh-2047 vision.

Addressing a press conference at the State Secretariat on Thursday, the Minister said Rs.16,147.23 crore has been allocated for the Minority Welfare Department for the period 2024-25 to 2026-27, with Rs.9,759.70 crore already spent over the past two years. He said lakhs of minority families have benefited through schemes such as NTR Bharosa Pension, Talliki Vandanam, Post-Matric Scholarships and

Deepam-2. The government has also provided skill development training to over 10,500 beneficiaries through the Centre for Educational Development of Minorities (CEDM).

Highlighting educational initiatives, the Minister said free residential education, competitive exam coaching and digital learning facilities have been provided to minority students. He also noted that the government has strengthened the protection of Waqf properties by recovering 88 acres of encroached land, completing surveys of 1,500 Waqf institutions, and releasing funds for their development. The Minister said the government ensured smooth arrangements for Haj pilgrims, promoted infrastructure projects under PMJVK and PM-VIKAS, and expanded Urdu language and digital training programmes across the State.

VB-G RAM G scheme will provide financial security to the poor: Chittoor MP



Chittoor, July 2: Chittoor MP Daggumalla Prasad Rao said the Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM G) scheme will provide financial security to poor families and rural workers while boosting village development. The MP inaugurated the scheme at Ksheera Samudram Gram Panchayat in JD Nellore and SR Puram mandals on Thursday. He also performed Bhoomi Pooja for a tank bund and directed officials to begin work on the GMR Puram causeway.

Centre launches VBG Ram G Mission from Andhra Pradesh

Tirupati, July 2: Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan on Thursday launched the Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar Aajeevika Mission (VBG Ram G) at Railway Koduru in Tirupati district, marking its nationwide rollout. Speaking at the event, Chandrababu Naidu said the scheme would be implemented in Andhra Pradesh with a total outlay of over Rs.11,000 crore, including Rs.7,700 crore from the Centre. He said the mission would provide 125 days of employment while creating durable rural infrastructure such as roads, drainage systems and canals.



Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced that the Centre would release Rs.7,700 crore to Andhra Pradesh under the mission, sanction 74,212 houses under PM Awas Yojana and Rs.422 crore for rural roads under PM Gram Sadak Yojana. He also announced procurement of 2.16 lakh metric tonnes of Totapuri mangoes under the Market Intervention Scheme.

Rear Admiral C. Raghuram, VSM (Retd.) Assumes Charge as CMD of Hindustan Shipyard Limited

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Rear Admiral C. Raghuram, VSM (Retd.) assumed charge as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL), Visakhapatnam, on Wednesday. Commissioned into the Indian Navy on November 10, 1989, Rear Admiral Raghuram served with distinction for more than 35 years. Throughout his naval career, he gained extensive experience in naval engineering, ship maintenance, strategic planning and leadership across key operational and command appointments. In recognition of his distinguished service, he was awarded the Vishisht Seva Medal (VSM) in 2017.

An alumnus of the Naval College of Engineering, Lonavala, Cranfield University (United Kingdom), Naval War College and National Defence College, he has built an illustrious career spanning afloat operations, equipment life cycle support, research and development, warship design, combat system integration and training. He served onboard frontline warships INS Gomati and INS Trishul, including as a member of the commissioning crew of INS Trishul. During his career,



he held several key appointments, including Commanding Officer of INS Valsura, Principal Director Electrical Engineering at the Integrated Headquarters, Ministry of Defence (Navy), Command Electrical Officer at Headquarters Eastern Naval Command, Chief Staff Officer (Technical) at Headquarters Western Naval Command, and senior leadership positions at Naval Dockyard Mumbai and Naval Headquarters. Before taking over at HSL, he served as Assistant Chief of Materiel, overseeing the maintenance of key naval platforms. As CMD, Rear Admiral C. Raghuram (Retd.) will lead Hindustan Shipyard Limited in strengthening its role as a strategic defence shipyard while advancing India's vision of self-reliance in maritime defence capabilities.

VBG Ram Ji Scheme Launched Nationwide from Andhra Pradesh



Visakhapatnam (TSIT) The Centre's flagship Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar Aajeevika Mission (VBG Ram Ji) was launched nationwide from Railway Koduru in Tirupati district on Wednesday by Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan. The leaders inaugurated development works at Mukkavaripalli village, distributed VBG Ram Ji job cards to beneficiaries and unveiled the scheme's portal. Under the programme, the

Centre has earmarked Rs.7.5 lakh crore for rural development across the country, while Andhra Pradesh will receive Rs.7,700 crore during the initial phase. The scheme aims to create durable rural assets through employment-oriented development works, with every Gram Panchayat expected to undertake projects worth around Rs.2 crore annually.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu said the scheme would transform rural Andhra Pradesh with a combined investment of over Rs.11,700 crore from the Centre and the

State. He said roads, drainage systems, canals, farm ponds and other public assets would be created using technologies such as geo-tagging and biometric authentication to ensure transparency. Calling the scheme a responsibility rather than a burden, he expressed confidence that it would significantly improve rural infrastructure and livelihoods. The Chief Minister also said the coalition government had revived several Centrally Sponsored Schemes and reiterated its commitment to developing Amaravati, completing the Polavaram Project and attracting major investments to the state. Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced 74,212 houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Rs.422 crore for rural roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, and procurement of 2.16 lakh metric tonnes of Totapuri mangoes under the Market Intervention Scheme to support Andhra Pradesh farmers. He reaffirmed the Centre's commitment to extending full support to the state's development.

Minister BC Janardhan Reddy Meets Power Grid CMD, Seeks CSR Funds for Banaganapalle Development

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Andhra Pradesh Minister for Investments and Infrastructure, BC Janardhan Reddy, met Power Grid Corporation of India Limited Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) Burra Vamsi Ram Mohan at the company's headquarters in Gurugram, Haryana, and requested the release of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds for infrastructure development in Banaganapalle Assembly constituency of Nandyal district. The Minister felicitated the CMD with a shawl and presented him with an idol of Lord Ganesha. During the meeting, they discussed the high-voltage transmission line project being executed by Power Grid Corporation at Nandipadu village in Kolimigundla mandal under the Banaganapalle constituency.

Highlighting the need for improved civic infrastructure in the region, the Minister requested CSR support for several development initiatives. He explained that recurring floods in the Jurreru stream during the monsoon inundate nearby residential areas and agricultural lands. He sought CSR funding of Rs.4.95 crore for the construction of a retaining wall as part of the Jurreru stream beautification and flood mitigation project. He



also requested the CMD to provide modern medical equipment worth Rs.2 crore under CSR funds for the Government Hospital at Banaganapalle. Responding positively to the proposals, Power Grid CMD Burra Vamsi Ram Mohan assured the Minister that the company would extend full support for the development of the Banaganapalle region through its CSR initiatives. The Minister, in turn, assured the State Government's full cooperation for the expansion of Power Grid Corporation's operations in Andhra Pradesh and invited the company to undertake more projects and investments in the state.

261 poor patients selected for free surgeries under SVIMS-TTD Pranadanam Scheme



Tirupati, July 2: A total of 261 poor patients have been selected for free surgeries under the S V I M S - T T D Pranadanam Scheme at a selection committee meeting held at the Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences (SVIMS) on Thursday. The meeting was chaired by Dr. R.V. Kumar, Director and Vice-Chancellor of SVIMS. Patients holding

White Ration Cards (BPL) were selected for free treatment based on their medical condition and eligibility.

The beneficiaries include patients from Cardiology, Cardiothoracic Surgery, General Surgery, Medicine, Nephrology, Neurology, Neurosurgery, Gynaecology, Radiology, Radiation Oncology, Gastroenterology,

Surgical Oncology, and Urology.

The selected patients thanked the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) for providing financial assistance through the Pranadanam Scheme. The organisers also appealed to philanthropists, donors, and organisations to support the initiative and help provide life-saving treatment to more underprivileged patients.

Ongole (TSIT): The renovated Rao Gopala Rao Kala Kendram, modernized under the aegis of the Visakhapatnam Metropolitan Region Development Authority (VMRDA), was reopened with great grandeur in Anakapalli on Thursday. Renowned spiritual speaker and Andhra Pradesh Government Advisor Sri Chaganti Koteswara Rao attended the event as the chief guest and delivered a special discourse. The inauguration ceremony was attended by Anakapalli MLA Sri Konathala Ramakrishna, VMRDA Chairman Sri M.V. Pranav Gopal, Metropolitan Commissioner Sri N. Tej Bharat, former MLA and Chairman of the Andhra Pradesh Urban Infrastructure Development Corporation Sri Peela Govinda Satyanarayana, Gavara Corporation Chairman Sri Malla Surendra, former MLC Sri Buddha Naga Jagadeesh, DCMS Chairman Sri Kotni Balaji,



Housing Corporation Chairman Sri Battula Tatayya Babu, Lok Satta State President Sri Babji, and several other public representatives and dignitaries.

The programme commenced with the traditional lighting of the ceremonial lamp. On the occasion, Sri Chaganti Koteswara Rao was felicitated by VMRDA Chairman Sri M.V. Pranav Gopal, Metropolitan Commissioner Sri N. Tej

Bharat, and MLA Sri Konathala Ramakrishna. Addressing the gathering, VMRDA Chairman Sri M.V. Pranav Gopal said that the Rao Gopala Rao Kala Kendram, which had fallen into neglect during the previous government, was restored to its former glory after the coalition government assumed office, following the guidance of Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri N. Chandrababu Naidu. He stated that VMRDA had

renovated the cultural centre at a cost of Rs.5.14 lakh, equipping it with modern amenities and completely transforming its appearance. He added that the centre would be developed into a major venue for cultural, literary, and spiritual programmes. He further announced that a Model Park with world-class amenities is being developed at Kothuru in Anakapalli at an estimated cost of Rs.5 crore. He said that, under the guidance of

Chief Minister Sri N. Chandrababu Naidu, IT Minister Sri Nara Lokesh, and Minister Sri Narayana, VMRDA has been sanctioning substantial funds for infrastructure development across all Assembly constituencies in Anakapalli district.

In his spiritual discourse, Sri Chaganti Koteswara Rao emphasized the vital role of cultural centres in preserving Indian culture, Sanatana Dharma, and moral values. He remarked that such institutions are essential for promoting spiritual awareness and cultural development in society. Speaking on the occasion, Anakapalli MLA Sri Konathala Ramakrishna thanked VMRDA Chairman Sri M.V. Pranav Gopal and Metropolitan Commissioner Sri N. Tej Bharat for allocating funds for the modernization of the Rao Gopala Rao Kala Kendram and for the development of the proposed Model Park.

Assam CM, Lalan Singh discuss roadmap to boost fisheries, dairy sectors

New Delhi (TSIT) Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Thursday met union Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh (Lalan Singh) and discussed a roadmap to strengthen the fisheries and dairy sectors in the state.

The meeting, held at the union Minister's official residence here, focused on unlocking Assam's potential in fisheries by increasing fish production, promoting exports, strengthening the value chain, expanding processing infrastructure and improving market access.

Sharing details of the meeting on X, Sarma said he had a "very good conversation" with the union Minister and appreciated



his insights and experience in the sector.

The Chief Minister said the discussions explored ways to transform Assam into a major fish-producing and fish-exporting hub through coordinated efforts in production, processing and marketing.

"We had a productive discussion on harnessing Assam's immense potential in the fisheries sector. Along with increasing fish production, we also explored promoting fish exports by strengthening the value chain, improving processing infrastructure and enhancing market access," he said.

In a separate post on X, the union Minister described the meeting as "warm and productive" and said the discussions covered measures to enhance fish production, boost exports, strengthen the fisheries value chain and expand processing infrastructure.

Sarma added that the ideas discussed would be translated into concrete outcomes in the coming days. The two leaders also reviewed measures to strengthen Assam's dairy sector, including enhancing veterinary facilities, setting up Pashu Aushadhi Kendras, establishing Tetra Pak (UHT) and milk powder plants, and improving cattle stock through artificial insemination.

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QBE Insurance Group Limited becomes sole owner and shareholder of Raheja QBE General Insurance Company Limited

• Australian-headquartered global insurer acquires remaining stake in Indian carrier.
• The move is a significant milestone in QBE's strategic expansion in India and contributes to QBE's regional growth plans.
• The consolidation will enable new opportunities for innovation, global best practices, new products, and technology – with the goal of improving and creating customer-centric solutions across the Indian insurance landscape.



Mumbai (TSIT) QBE Insurance Group Limited, an international general insurer and reinsurer, has acquired 100% ownership of Raheja QBE General Insurance Company Limited

(Raheja QBE), following approval from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).

The acquisition follows 18 years of joint ownership with Prism Johnson Limited and marks a significant

milestone in QBE's strategic expansion in the Asian region. Raheja QBE is also being renamed and will be known as QBE as part of this acquisition. This transaction underscores QBE's view of India as an important growth market.

"India is one of the world's most dynamic markets – and we are well positioned to deploy QBE's capabilities and unlock the next phase of growth in a country we believe has enormous long-term potential," said Rob Kosova, CEO, QBE Asia.

Sole ownership will enable QBE to explore new opportunities for product and operational innovation, with the

goal of improving and creating customer-centric solutions across the Indian insurance landscape. Both QBE Asia and Raheja QBE teams will continue to drive the local business forward. "While ownership is changing, our focus remains exactly the same: supporting our customers, partners and people," said Kosova. "Our priority is to build on the strong foundations already in place, preserve continuity for customers and create new opportunities for growth, innovation and career development. We are excited to welcome the India team fully into the QBE family and to shape the future of this business together."

'Methyl Isocyanate of Law': SC quashes verdict based on AI-generated precedents

NEW DELHI: Red flagging the use of "non-existent, fake, and hallucinated" judgements generated by artificial intelligence (AI), the Supreme Court on Thursday set aside a verdict of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), saying that courts must adopt zero tolerance against citing or using AI-generated precedents.

The bench comprising Justices PS Narasimha and Alok Aradhe said, "The production of fake, non-existent, and hallucinated material and its utilisation as precedents in law, is like the release of methyl Isocyanate in the province of law and justice: invisible, insidious, and catastrophic by the time



anyone notices. It not only contaminates but takes away the very lifeblood of judicial determination." It set aside an NCLT judgement on Essel Infraprojects insolvency after finding that the tribunal had relied on non-existent, fake and hallucinated judgement precedents generated through AI tools.

"It is necessary for Courts to adopt a zero-tolerance mode for producing, citing or using AI-generated precedents without verification. It

is a misconduct on the part of an advocate to cite such judgements without verification," the verdict said. The bench said it was equally a "serious lapse" if a judge relies on such a fake or hallucinated AI-generated material as precedents in support of the determination.

"We have no hesitation in declaring that such a decision is no decision in the eyes of the law, irrespective of whether such material had a direct or indirect bearing on the decision-making. Such decisions are to be set aside even if an iota of fake or hallucinated material enters the decision-making process, as it would violate the sanctity of adjudication," it said.

Kakatiya University initiates MoUs with three German universities

Warangal, July 2 (TSIT): Kakatiya University has initiated the process of signing Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with three universities in Germany to expand academic and research collaborations as part of its internationalisation drive. Vice-Chancellor Prof. K. Pratap Reddy submitted Letters of Intent (LoIs) to the international relations divisions of RWTH Aachen University, Ostfalia University of Applied Sciences and the University of Göttingen during his visit to the institutions on June 1, 2026. The initiative was undertaken in the presence of Higher Education Secretary Dr. Yogita Rana, RUSA 2.0 State Project Officer Dr. Soundarya Joseph, RUSA 2.0 Nodal Officer of Kakatiya University Prof. R.



Mallikarjuna Reddy and Osmania University Vice-Chancellor Prof. M. Kumar, who participated in the discussions. The proposed MoUs are expected to provide Kakatiya University students with opportunities for higher education, joint research, student and faculty exchange programmes, participation in summer and winter schools, and collaborative academic initiatives with the German institutions.

GITAM to Hold 17th Convocation on August 22

The South India Times, Visakhapatnam : GITAM (Deemed to be University) will conduct its 17th Convocation on August 22, Registrar Dr. D. Gunasekaran announced in a statement issued on Thursday. Students who have successfully completed their Undergraduate (UG), Postgraduate (PG), and Ph.D. programmes during the 2025-26 academic year are eligible to participate in the convocation ceremony. The event will celebrate the academic achievements of graduates from various disciplines, including Engineering, Management, Science, Law, Pharmacy, Humanities and Social Sciences, and Architecture. Eligible students have been advised to register online for participation in the convocation between July 3 and July 17, 2026. For registration, detailed guidelines, and other information related to the convocation, students are requested to visit the official GITAM website.

South India Shopping Mall launches 15th Blockbuster Aashadam No. 1 Kilo Sale with up to 66% off

Hyderabad, July 3: South India Shopping Mall has launched its 15th Blockbuster Aashadam No. 1 Kilo Sale across Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, and Karnataka, offering customers discounts of up to 66% on lakhs of new designs. The much-awaited annual shopping festival begins today, marking 15 years of the brand's popular kilo sale celebrations.

Announcing the launch, the management thanked customers for their continued trust over the past 15 years and said this year's edition features the biggest collection and savings ever. The sale follows the campaign theme, "E Aashadamlo Shopping Kilolalo! Santhosham Tannulalo!", highlighting the unique kilo sale concept that has become synonymous with the brand.

The showrooms are stocked with thousands of clothing



varieties and lakhs of fresh designs for women, men, and children. The women's collection includes pattu sarees, fancy sarees, designer sarees, and lehengas, while the men's section offers ethnic wear, sherwanis, casuals, and the latest fashion trends. The kids' range features festive ethnic wear and comfortable casual outfits in contemporary styles.

The sale is aimed at shoppers preparing for the upcoming festive and wedding season, providing premium-quality apparel at attractive prices. South India Shopping Mall has invited families and fashion enthusiasts to visit their nearest showroom and take advantage of the limited-period offers before the

RS Brothers launches Aashadam Challenge KG Sale with up to 70% discounts

Hyderabad, July 3: RS Brothers has launched its much-awaited Aashadam Challenge KG Sale across all its outlets in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, and Maharashtra, offering shoppers discounts of up to 70% on a wide range of apparel and sarees.

The seasonal shopping festival introduces the brand's unique weight-based pricing model, where selected sarees and garments are sold by kilograms, providing customers with significant savings while choosing from thousands of fresh designs and styles. The sale features an extensive collection catering to women, men, and children, making it a one-stop shopping destination for the entire family.



The women's section includes pattu sarees, fancy sarees, designer sarees, lehengas, and bridal collections, while the men's range offers ethnic wear, sherwanis, casuals, and formal outfits. The

kids' section showcases ethnic and casual wear in the latest designs.

Adding to the excitement, this year's campaign features celebrity endorsements that reflect the brand's blend of tradition and modern fashion. The management expressed gratitude to customers for their continued trust and said the Aashadam Challenge KG Sale has been curated to offer the biggest savings ever, with lakhs of new designs at attractive prices. With the upcoming festive and wedding season approaching, RS Brothers has invited shoppers to visit its stores early and take advantage of the limited-period offers before stocks are exhausted.

GITAM to Host Young Indians Parliament 2026 on July 4 & 5

The South India Times, Visakhapatnam : The Visakhapatnam Chapter of Young Indians (YI), an initiative of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), will organize the third edition of the Young Indians Parliament (YIP) 2026 on July 4 and 5 at GITAM Deemed to be University, Visakhapatnam, Yi Vizag Chair Deepa Kodali announced.

One of Yi's flagship youth leadership initiatives, the Young Indians Parliament aims to foster constitutional awareness, democratic values, leadership skills, public speaking, and critical thinking among school students through a simulated parliamentary experience. This year's edition will witness the participation of 185 students from leading schools across Visakhapatnam. The participants will engage in parliamentary proceedings, debates, and discussions, enabling them to gain firsthand exposure to the functioning of India's democratic institutions.

The inaugural session, scheduled at 9.00 a.m. on July 4, will be graced by Visakhapatnam Member of Parliament M. Sriharat as the Chief Guest. A strong advocate of civic engagement and democratic learning, he has attended every edition of the Young Indians Parliament held in Vizag as the Chief Guest. The valedictory ceremony will be held at 3.00 p.m. on July 5, with Rajahmundry Member of Parliament Dr. Daggubati Purandeswari attending as the Chief Guest and felicitating the participating students. Students emerging as winners in the Chapter Round will qualify to represent Yi Vizag at the Young Indians Parliament Regional Round. The event is being led by Yi Vizag Chair Deepa Kodali and Co-Chair Supriya Lingam, while the Thair vertical is headed by Chair Brinda Lavu along with Co-Chairs Yoghita Yerra and Harshitha Guggilam.

GEF India and IAPEN Hyderabad Chapter Hosted Nutrition Meet

Dr. Matheen Asrar shared scientific insights on preventive nutrition, healthy cooking oils and the everyday value of Rice Bran Oil

Hyderabad: 02nd July, 2026: GEF India, in association with the Indian Association for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (IAPEN India) Hyderabad Chapter, hosted a Nutrition Meet on the theme "Nutritional Insights and Everyday Value of Rice Bran Oil", bringing together nutritionists, dietitians, healthcare professionals and industry experts to discuss the importance of evidence-based nutrition and the role of healthy cooking oils in preventive healthcare. The session was led by renowned Consultant Nutritionist Dr. Matheen Asrar, who shared scientific insights on dietary fats, everyday nutrition and practical approaches to making healthier food choices.

The session focused on the growing burden of non-communicable diseases such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes and obesity, highlighting the importance of preventive nutrition in improving long term health out-

comes. Experts emphasised that while cooking oil is a staple ingredient in almost every Indian household, consumers often make decisions based on misconceptions rather than scientific evidence. They stressed the need to shift the conversation from reducing fat intake to choosing the right quality of fats and following balanced dietary practices.

Dr. Matheen explained that fats are essential for brain function, hormone production, cell health and vitamin absorption, and should not be eliminated but balanced through quality and moderation. She highlighted that Rice Bran Oil contains monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats along with bioactives such as oryzanol, tocopherols and tocotrienols, which have been studied for their role in supporting cholesterol management. Its high smoke point also makes it suitable for Indian cooking methods such as deep frying and stir frying. Referring



to published evidence, she noted that Rice Bran Oil consumption has been associated with up to a 12% reduction in LDL cholesterol over four weeks, while a meta-analysis of 11 randomised controlled trials

(RCTs) involving 572 participants reported reductions in LDL cholesterol, total cholesterol and triglycerides. She added that these benefits are comparable to those of other unsaturated vegetable oils.

However, she reiterated that the choice of cooking oil, together with a balanced diet and an active lifestyle, remains key to maintaining good health.

Speaking during the session, Dr. Matheen Asrar, RD, PhD, PGDHA, CDE and Consultant Nutritionist, said, "Good nutrition is built on informed choices guided by credible scientific evidence rather than misconceptions or changing dietary trends. As consumers have access to an abundance of nutrition information, it is important to distinguish facts from myths and adopt dietary habits that are practical, balanced and sustainable. Rice Bran Oil is one of the cooking oils with a well-documented nutritional profile and can be included as part of a healthy diet. However, lasting health is shaped by overall dietary patterns, regular physical activity and consistent lifestyle practices rather than any single food or ingredient."

Speaking on the occasion, Ms. Sujata Stephen, General Secretary, IAPEN Telangana Chapter, said, "Nutrition awareness plays a vital role in improving public health and empowering individuals to make informed dietary choices. At IAPEN Telangana Chapter, we are committed to advancing nutrition education by encouraging knowledge sharing among healthcare professionals and promoting practical dietary guidance for the wider community. Our association with GEF India for this Nutrition Meet provided a valuable platform to discuss preventive nutrition, healthy cooking practices and the nutritional value of Rice Bran Oil. We believe that continued collaboration between healthcare professionals, nutrition experts and responsible industry partners can contribute significantly to promoting healthier lifestyles and supporting long term health and wellbeing."

EDITORIAL

The Great AI Writing Trap:
Why Everyone Suddenly
Sounds The Same

I was at a business conference recently, listening to some of India's brightest minds speak one after another. It was the kind of event where you come prepared to be bored and awed in the same day. One after another, speeches written with corporate jargon, waiting for that one moment in each speech that was clearly written to be remembered. But this time, I found myself getting bored faster than I used to. Not because the speakers were bad, they really weren't, but because somewhere in the middle of it all, I realised every speech was following a pattern. Every speaker sounded way more similar than they used to. I started paying attention after that to this pattern. Speeches, articles, social media posts by people with verified accounts and decades of experience - all of it carried a rhythm, like it's a template - the same way of building tension and arriving at a conclusion. So, I did something that we all do these days when we have a thought: I asked ChatGPT why this was happening. The irony of doing that is not lost on me.The answer, to its credit, was way more honest than I expected. It admitted that it is obsessed with the contrast framing of sentences. It is rhetorical and takes control of the reader's mental model. AI has become a genuinely useful writing tool. It fixes grammar, tightens arguments, and helps organise thought. For people writing in a second or third language, it does something more valuable still, bridging a gap that used to require years of immersion or an editor with the time and patience to help. That is a real benefit, and an underappreciated one. But the same tool is producing a problem that is harder to see when you're writing, but obvious to a reader or a listener: it is making intelligent people sound identical. The evidence is in the constructions we can all now identify. "This is not a challenge; it is an opportunity." "India is not a market, it is a mission." "Immigration is not about borders. It is about identity." "AI is not about technology. It is about power."

"Manufacturing is not about factories. It is about sovereignty." "The question is no longer whether, but how." Once you start noticing these formulations, you cannot stop. They are in speeches, opinion pieces, annual reports, social media threads, and television debates. The first time, they sound persuasive. By the hundredth time, they are furniture. And increasingly, they are something worse than furniture. AI writing is no longer just identifiable. It has become something people laugh at, and the people producing it are often the last to know. The reason is an unexpected one. The problem with AI writing is not that it is bad. It is that it is too perfect. Too free of the hesitations and instincts that make writing feel like it came from a person working something out. Human thinking and, by extension, writing, is a product of friction. The odd stumble, the sentence that goes somewhere unexpected, the argument that admits its own uncertainty. AI writing has none of this. Every sentence arrives fully formed. Every problem becomes a clean contrast. Every paragraph strains toward profundity whether or not it has earned it. Readers have started to feel this frictionlessness as a tell, and once they feel it, the mockery follows naturally. Underneath the style problem is a thinking problem, and this one is harder to paper over.

Punjab 2027: Why Cash Transfers Alone May Not Be Enough for AAP

Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann yesterday launched the Brahmastra against anti-incumbency, a cash transfer scheme for women. Under the Mawan Dhiyan Satkar Yojana, 36 lakh women beneficiaries received the first of a monthly instalment of Rs 1,000, and another Rs 500 if they were Dalit. We have seen cash transfers to women wipe out a n t i - i n c u m b e n c y overnight in many states. Similar schemes have helped incumbents in Assam, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. Punjab's per capita income is less than Rs 20,000 per month and a lot of poor families would be earning much less than that. This scheme is like earning a 5-15% raise. Why would they not vote for AAP? In Karnataka in 2023 I had persuaded the Congress to include cash transfers as one of their guarantees. Working on the Nationalist Congress Party campaign in Maharashtra in 2024, helping the late Ajit Pawar convert this scheme into votes, I saw the joy on women's faces over having autonomy over free money. Ultimately the benefit goes to the entire household and helps get some of the male vote too. In Punjab as in many other states, the scheme will help over 50% of the state's 65 lakh households. In theory, the scheme could over-ride the growing anti-incumbency against the AAP over various issues, from drugs and crime to its crisis with the Akal Takht, from the unpopularity of its MLAs to a general sense that they haven't lived up to the high expectations people had for a system-changing new setup in a state badly in need of an economic



revival. In practice, the AAP cannot presume the election is over. As of today, the Punjab 2027 election is still open and could go anyway. A week is a long time in politics; there are still eight months to go.

Exceptions to the rule
Firstly, it is not true that cash transfers always win elections. There are some exceptions. People remember that Akhilesh Yadav lost UP in 2017 despite a free laptop scheme for students, but they forget that he even had a Rs 500 cash transfer scheme for 50 lakh women. He had a bunch of other welfare measures too. In 2024, the YSR Jagan Mohan Reddy saw a decisive defeat despite aggressive welfare schemes including several targeted direct benefit transfer programmes. Every section of society got something or the other. Similarly, the

KCR Government in Telangana lost the 2023 elections - welfare and cash transfer schemes worked for them in 2018 but not in 2023.

Revolutionary sentiment
There are other reasons why AAP can't bank on this scheme alone. Punjab's voters have a history and a habit of doing things different from voters in the Hindi heartland. It is possible that they may react differently to the cash transfer scheme as well. Since the re-organisation of Punjab in 1966, it is on only one occasion that a sitting government repeated itself, and that was the Akali Dal in 2012. What sets Punjab apart from other states is a strong revolutionary sentiment among the people. This revolutionary sentiment means that the people love to create new heroes and

then make them fall. Thereafter, they might forgive you the worst and make you a hero again. The Aam Aadmi Party was built up as a heroic messiah by the people of Punjab, starting in 2014. It is inevitable that the Aam Aadmi Party will go through a cycle where the same voters will bring it down, just like they have done to Congress and the Akali Dal in the past. Punjab does not have standard anti-incumbency like other states. It swings between extreme love and extreme hate. In other words, anti-incumbency could become too pronounced for even a tried-and-tested cash transfer scheme to beat. This is especially possible since the scheme has been launched nine months before the polls - enough time for it to become routine and for the opposition

to make the public want change despite it. This will depend entirely on how hard the opposition can work. A fragmented opposition gives an opportunity to all 3 parties - INC, BJP, SAD - to rise up with clever campaigns and become principal challengers to the AAP on grounds of governance, despite the welfare-farism.

A class divide
The anti-incumbency sentiment in Punjab today is louder than it actually exists, because vocal and dominant sections of society are voicing it. Those who tend to keep silent - the poor, Dalits and women - are much less unhappy with the AAP. The party may be achieving the 'Delhi model' in at least this respect, by creating a class divide. Just like other states with cash transfer schemes, the AAP could

ride a silent wave, with the results surprising anyone. Or so it would hope. Punjab's history shows that no party wins a majority without getting a substantial vote from the three big voting blocks each - Hindus, Dalits and Sikhs. The complex stratification within these segments allows all parties to win at least some votes from all three segments. A class divide alone may not achieve these. Unlike other states, the AAP may not be able to bank on the poor alone. In fact even in Delhi, the AAP lost the 2025 election by losing their middle class support. The 40% vote share they won came mostly from the poor, who have come to see the AAP as their own party. This is not an election prediction, just a humble note to election pundits that the battle for Punjab 2027 isn't over. It's only just begun.

PRIMARY HEALTH INTERSECTS WELLNESS AND DIGITIZATION

— Dr. Priyanka Saurabh

India's healthcare system has been undergoing unprecedented transformation over the past decade. The rapid expansion of digital technologies, artificial intelligence, telemedicine, electronic health records, health data management, and integrated digital platforms have begun to transform healthcare delivery. Medical science, meanwhile, is shifting from just treating diseases to placing greater emphasis on "wellness," i.e., holistic health, disease prevention, mental health, nutrition, yoga, and a healthy lifestyle. The Government of India's initiatives such as the Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centers (AB-HWC), Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM), e-Sanjeevani, ABHA Digital Health ID, and the National Digital Health Ecosystem symbolize this transformation. These initiatives have certainly provided new opportunities for modernizing healthcare, but a fundamental question remains relevant—can digital transformation and wellness-focused approaches replace strong primary healthcare institutions? The answer to this question is negative. Technology can make healthcare more efficient, transparent, and accessible, but it cannot replace doctors, nurses, medicines, laboratories, ambulances, and robust primary health care institutions. Healthcare is ultimately a human service, built on a strong institutional framework, trained human resources, and community outreach. If the primary

health care system is weak, even the most advanced digital platforms will not be able to provide quality healthcare to citizens. The foundation of India's public health system is Sub-Health Centers (SCs), Primary Health Centers (PHCs), and Community Health Centers (CHCs). These institutions are the first point of contact for essential services such as maternal and child health, immunization, nutrition, family planning, infectious disease control, early detection of non-communicable diseases, and primary treatment. Unfortunately, in many rural, tribal, and remote areas of the country, these institutions have been struggling for years with a shortage of doctors, nurses, medicines, equipment, and infrastructure. Many Primary Health Centers lack regular electricity, clean drinking water, internet, laboratory facilities, and even ambulances. Therefore, simply developing digital platforms will not automatically improve the quality of health services. The establishment of Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centers was intended to expand primary healthcare services. These services included maternal and child health, as well as services such as diabetes, hypertension, early cancer screening, mental health, geriatric health, and yoga. This concept is consistent with modern public health approaches, as most diseases today are also lifestyle-related. However, in many places, health and wellness centers have been limited to mere name changes. The buildings remain the same, the equipment remains the same, the

human resources remain scarce, and in many places, essential medicines are not regularly available. Without a parallel investment in institutional capacity, "health and wellness" will remain merely a policy term. The Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission is an ambitious reform in the health sector. Through the ABHA ID, efforts are underway to create digital health records for every citizen, digitally register hospitals and health professionals, and integrate treatment information. This will preserve patients' treatment history, reduce unnecessary tests, ensure continuity of health services, and provide reliable data to policymakers. This is a need for the future. However, it is equally true that digital health records cannot replace a doctor in a village, nor can they solve the problem of unavailability of medicines or poor health infrastructure. If primary health centers themselves are not efficient, the digital health system will be limited to information management. A major challenge facing digital health is the digital divide. Even today, millions of citizens in India lack smartphones, quality internet access, and digital literacy. Ensuring equitable access to digital services for those in rural areas, tribal areas, mountainous regions, the elderly, and economically weaker sections is not easy. If health services are heavily digital-based, the very segments of society that need them most will be most disadvantaged. Therefore, the goal of digitalization should be inclusion, not exclusion. A wellness-focused approach is

an important component of modern health policy. A healthy diet, yoga, regular exercise, stress management, mental health, and a drug-free lifestyle certainly play a significant role in disease prevention. However, it would be unfair to consider health solely as a result of individual lifestyle. A person's health is deeply intertwined with their social, economic, and environmental environment. Poverty, malnutrition, lack of access to clean drinking water, poor sanitation, pollution, unsafe housing, and lack of education are social determinants of health that cannot be addressed solely through wellness campaigns. If a family lacks access to nutritious food, simply advising on a balanced diet will not lead to the desired improvement in health. If a pregnant woman has to travel several kilometers to reach the nearest health center, a digital health app will not solve her problem. In a vast and diverse country like India, a strong primary health care system can be the key foundation for the success of healthcare services. The COVID-19 pandemic has made it clear that local health institutions, ASHA workers, ANMs, Anganwadi workers, and primary health centers play a crucial role in addressing any health crisis. While door-to-door surveys, vaccinations, contact tracing, public awareness, and community monitoring have certainly been improved with the help of digital technology, their actual implementation is carried out by grassroots health workers. This demonstrates that technology is a support, not a substitute.

Why India Should Be Very, Very Alarmed About China's Teesta Move In Bangladesh

It looks like a done deal. Responding to questions on China providing assistance to Bangladesh on the Teesta River project, its Foreign Ministry spokesperson said, with perfect equanimity, that "China-Bangladesh cooperation does not target any third party and should be free from third-party influence". That's nice. One would like to see what Beijing's reaction would have been if the US or Japan played footsie in a project along the Mekong River or the Red river. This when China has 41 hydropower dams, two multi-purpose dams and 25 irrigation dams in its section of just one of those rivers, and still bristles even if an international bank is involved in any project in neighbouring countries. So, no, that lofty statement doesn't wash. The Fine Print A reasonable degree of alarm was generated as Bangladesh Prime Minister Tarique Rehman chose to visit China for his first visit abroad in this capacity. That's usually a privilege reserved for India, but times change, and processes too with it. But then came strong suspicions as the 'Joint Communique' issued during the visit declared that China will "provide support and help within its capacity to the Teesta River Comprehensive Management and Restoration Project (TRCMRP)", together with experts from Bangladesh. Beijing is no open-handed generous power. That phrase, 'within its capacity', will probably mean that it will rope in an international bank to fund the project, leaving the Bangladesh government to mull over the bills. Add to that the fact that the firm



involved in the project is PowerChina, a behemoth that works in almost every Asian country and is also part of the strategic works with the People's Liberation Army, and comes directly under SASAC (State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council). That's the Chinese communist party we're talking about. The Chinese Are There Anyway Diplomatic positioning notwithstanding, Beijing knows very well that the project has direct security implications for India. China had been angling for the project for years but was thwarted by the Hasina government's caution in getting Beijing too involved in the country in a project that's virtually next to a sensitive area. The river itself runs parallel to the India-Bangladesh border, thus placing the project about 10-20 km of the border, and a little further on to the highly sensitive Siliguri corridor. True, Sheikh Hasina did allow a contract with the

Chinese in September 2016, when the Bangladesh Water Development Board entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Powerchina (Power Construction Corporation of China) to carry out a technical study to better manage the Teesta for the benefit of northern Bangladesh's greater Rangpur region. That involved dredging the river to prevent severe flooding during the monsoons and equally store water when needed. Though the feasibility studies and accompanying data was completed, the effort came to nothing as the then Foreign Secretary, Harsh Vardhan Shringla, hurried to Dhaka to nip that in the bud. Hasina raised the issue several times with Delhi, but attempts to address it were thwarted by the tempestuous Chief Minister Mamta Banerjee, who opposed it tooth and nail. While all this was going on, the Chinese were steadily entrenching themselves in the Rangpur division in various small businesses, includ-

ing hotels and tourism, which services a large Chinese population involved in construction efforts in the district. This includes the SASEC Road Connectivity Project-II, improvement of the Elenga-Hatikamrul-Rangpur Road to a 4-Lane Highway, construction of a bridge over Teesta in Gaibandha, Barapukuria Coal Mine, Barapukuria Coal Fired Thermal Power Station, and the construction of Saidpur Simple Cycle (HSD based) Power Plant Project. Recently, the Chinese Ambassador Li was also visiting the Uttara Export Processing Zone in Nilphamari of Rangpur division. That's rather a lot of Chinese presence in a very sensitive area. Add to that the Yunus government inviting China to revive a World War 2-era air base in Lalmonirhat, again near the border, and you have a troublesome situation. All that seemed to have been rolled back as a new and young Prime Minister, Tarique Rehman, arrived like a breath of fresh air.

An Amalgamation of Education, Research, Administration, Music and Comprehensive Arena of Folklore–Dr. S.C. Sharma

Bengaluru: Dr. S.C. Sharma is one of Karnataka's foremost cultural ambassadors. A visionary scholar, distinguished folklorist, musicologist, educationist, researcher, institution builder, and administrator, he has transformed the folk heritage of Karnataka into a vibrant cultural movement. Through his lifelong dedication, he has not only preserved the state's rich traditions but also ensured their continued relevance in contemporary society.

Dr. Sharma firmly believes that history survives not merely through written records but through the songs people sing, the tools they use, the crafts they practice, the stories they narrate, and the values they transmit from one generation to the next. By preserving these living traditions while embracing innovation, he has built a bridge between the wisdom of the past and the aspirations of the future. One of his recent and significant contributions is Nelada Kampu (The Fragrance of the Land), published by Karnataka Janapada University, Gotagodi. The book presents a comprehensive account of Karnataka's diverse folk traditions, art forms, cus-



toms, and cultural heritage, reflecting the remarkable richness and diversity of the state's living folklore. During 2024, he has been conferred with Honorary Doctorate from the Karnataka Janapada University, for his composite contribution in the field of Folklore.

Apart from being an eminent educationist, researcher, and administrator, Dr. Sharma has been a devoted practitioner and ardent advocate of Indian classical music and cultural heritage. During his tenure as the Vice Chancellor of Tumkur University (2009–2013), he provided visionary leadership that significantly strengthened both the university's academic excellence and its

cultural environment. His contributions continue to be remembered with admiration by the university community.

Dr. Sharma has undertaken extensive research in music and musicology, documenting his scholarship through lectures, research papers, and numerous academic writings. He is a rare scholar who has successfully integrated the disciplines of education, research, administration, music, and folklore into a unified vision of cultural development. His enduring message has been that 'Good education should not merely impart scientific knowledge; it should also nurture culture, art, ethics, and human values.'

In recognition of his outstanding contributions to the comprehensive study and preservation of folklore, Dr. Sharma was honoured with the Karnataka Janapada Yakshagana Academy Award in 2000. It is therefore a matter of immense pride that this distinguished folklorist has now been nominated for the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award, 2026, India's highest national recognition in the performing arts.

ToneTag Launches eKosha, Bringing Banking Beyond Branches with a Voice-First Business Assistant for Every

Bengaluru : ToneTag, India's deep-tech platform, announced the launch of eKosha, a voice-first business assistant for merchants that enables banks to deliver a full range of merchant banking services directly at the merchant counter without requiring new infrastructure investment. Building on ToneTag's vision to transform payment acceptance, eKosha turns every merchant counter into an intelligent, full-service banking endpoint, powered by ToneTag's proprietary analog Edge AI and contextual intelligence. At its core, eKosha reimagines conventional payment acceptance devices as intelligent bank-

ing touchpoints, enabling banks to engage with merchants directly at the point of business.

With more than 80 million MSMEs in India, banks have a significant opportunity to expand merchant services and strengthen everyday banking interactions. eKosha addresses this by transforming the payment acceptance point into a daily banking engagement channel, enabling banks to serve, engage, and cross-sell to merchants through a single device. By creating this direct merchant engagement layer, eKosha reduces depen-



dency on external aggregators and enables banks to own and strengthen merchant relationships more closely. Speaking on the

launch, Kumar Abhishek, Founder and CEO, ToneTag, said, "The merchant counter has always been at the centre of India's commerce. With eKosha, we are reimagining it as the centre of merchant banking. For the first time, banks have a dedicated, always-on engagement channel embedded at the point where merchants conduct business every day, enabling access to banking services through simple, natural conversations in their own language. This fundamentally changes how banks serve, support, and build relationships with merchants, while helping them drive deeper

engagement, improve service efficiency, and unlock new growth opportunities across their merchant ecosystem." eKosha integrates ToneTag's Small Action Language Model (SALM), enabling natural language interactions across all Indian languages without requiring app downloads. What sets eKosha apart is ToneTag's proprietary analog edge-compute architecture: rather than routing every request to the cloud, the device runs AI inference locally using analog compute, delivering real-time, fully offline voice interactions at a fraction of the energy and cost of conventional digital, cloud-dependent systems.

Will abide by central party decision: V Somanna on BJP chief buzz

Bengaluru: Union Minister of State for Jal Shakti and Railways V Somanna on Wednesday said he would abide by any decision of central leadership of the BJP amid mounting speculation over a possible change in the Karnataka BJP leadership following the recent cross-voting in the Legislative Council elections. Calling himself a "disciplined soldier" of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Somanna said he had always accepted the party leadership's decisions and

would continue to do so if entrusted with any new responsibility. "I am a disciplined soldier of the party. Whatever responsibility is entrusted to me, I will abide by the decision of the party leadership," he told reporters here. His remarks come amid growing speculation that the BJP's central leadership is considering a change in the Karnataka unit after cross-voting by party MLAs in the recently concluded Legislative Council elections fuelled questions over the state leadership.

India's Got Talent fame Vicky Krish to stage International Magic Show in Bengaluru

Bengaluru: Renowned magician and India's Got Talent finalist Vicky Krish is set to mesmerize audiences in Bengaluru with his International Magic Show, featuring a blend of grand illusions, mind reading, psychology, comedy, and interactive performances.

Ahead of the shows, Vicky Krish captivated journalists, photographers, and media professionals at the Bangalore Press Club by performing some of his signature magic acts during a press



conference. The performance offered a preview of the spectacular enter-

tainment awaiting audiences in the city.

Recognised as one of India's leading contemporary magicians, Vicky Krish has over a decade of professional experience and has performed across India and abroad. A finalist on India's Got Talent and a social media sensation with millions of views, he is known for combining modern magic, impossible predictions, psychological illusions, and audience participation into an engaging live experience.

Ryan Group Launches Year-Long Sustainability Drive with 1 Million Tree Plantation Initiative with Rotary International

Bengaluru : Ryan Group of Institutions marked a milestone in its longstanding partnership with Rotary Club as Mr. Ravishankar Dakoju took charge as the District Governor 3192 of Rotary International. On this occasion, the group started its ambitious 1 Million Tree Plantation Drive, a year-long sustainability initiative across the country.

The initiative was ceremonially flagged off from NMKRV College, Bengaluru, and will be implemented simultaneously across Ryan campuses in Hyderabad, Pune, Jaipur, Mumbai, Delhi, Surat, Bolpur (West Bengal), Kochi, and Chennai.

Moving beyond a one-day plantation activity, the drive represents a sustained green movement throughout the academic year 2026–27, with saplings being planted, nurtured, and monitored across Ryan Group's extensive



network of schools. The initiative reflects the shared values of Rotary and Ryan Group—service above self, community responsibility, and a commitment towards building a greener future for the next generation.

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Ryan Pinto, CEO, Ryan Group of Institutions, began his speech stating "Dr. A.F. Pinto's founding belief: that education must go beyond the classroom and into the community. He always said that a truly educated person is one who serves. In Mr.

Ravishankar Dakoju, I see that belief in action - a man who has spent his life giving back, long before it became a cause, and long after the applause fades."

Reflecting on the significance of the initiative, Mr. Pinto said, "Through this action, we are not only planting trees but also safeguarding the future of our children and the generations that follow. At a time when the world faces increasing environmental challenges, it is our collective responsibility to leave behind a greener and healthier planet. Every sapling planted today represents hope, responsibility, and a commitment to sustainable living."

The Ryan-Rotary partnership is committed to four meaningful initiatives. First, the One Million Saplings Plantation Drive — our flagship environmental programme, where Ryan students will plant one million saplings for a greener tomorrow.

Severe drought situation in the country; don't plan crops relying on dam water: CM D K Shivakumar appeals to farmers

Bengaluru : Chief Minister D K Shivakumar appealed to farmers of the state not to plan crops relying on water from reservoirs in view of low water levels in state dams and a possible drought in the country. Addressing the media after the Cabinet meeting at Vidhana Soudha, he said, "There are indications that the country will face a severe drought this year. Inflow into most of the state's dams has reached zero. Hence, I appeal to farmers not to plan any crops relying on dam water."

"The drought situation in the state is becoming serious. Compared to last year, the inflow into the Tungabhadra, Ghataprabha, Malaprabha, Narayanapura and Vanivilasa dams has dropped to zero. Rainfall in the Cauvery basin has declined. Last year at this time, the water level at Hemavati was 80 feet; this year it has dropped to 40 feet. At KRS, the water level that was 100 feet is now around 22

feet; Kabini is at 26 feet compared to 79 feet last year. Inflow into these dams has fallen to 20%. So, there is a possibility that the problem will worsen," he explained.

"Farmers should not demand release of water from dams. If it rains, we will provide water. Ministers have been given charge of 23 districts each, and I will visit four divisions to review the situation. The Prime Minister has already warned about water and electricity issues. The central government has signaled that the country will face a severe drought. I have instructed the energy department to take necessary steps regarding electricity. We must be cautious during this period. I have directed district ministers to tour their areas regarding fodder and drinking water. Instructions have been given to urgently drill borewells. I too will tour four divisions and then go to district headquarters," he said. Applications for electricity

connections to residential buildings allowed till August 15

"Since some people requested extension of exemptions from Occupancy certificate and Completion certificate for electricity connection, we have extended it till August 15. When asked about the demand to extend the exemption to commercial buildings as well, he said, "There will always be plenty of demands, but I have to work keeping the Supreme Court's order in mind."

Monsoon session after SIR process concludes

"The monsoon session should have been convened this year. Since the SIR (Special Intensive Revision) is currently underway, it has been decided to wait until this process is completed. All MLAs need to protect the voters in their constituencies. It has been decided not to cause them trouble — the draft voters' list will be released on August 5, and after that, the

session dates will be fixed in the first or second week," he informed.

BLOs themselves must go door-to-door to distribute enumeration forms

"BLOs (Booth Level Officers) must personally go door-to-door to distribute enumeration forms. Distribution should not happen just because an MLA says so. If needed, BLAs (Booth Level Agents) may collect filled enumeration forms from people and hand them over to BLOs," he said. Asked about allegations that enumeration forms were being distributed at wedding halls, he said, "This matter has come to my attention too. This is illegal. We will not allow anyone to do this, even if it is our own MLAs."

When asked whether Kumaraswamy had made this allegation referring to Ramanagara, he said, "BJP MLAs are doing exactly this in Jayanagar. Wherever it happens, BLOs alone must handle distribution. There is

time until July 29. I am instructing officials that BLOs themselves must go to homes and hand out the forms."

Asked about allegations that state officials were being misused, he said, "Opposition parties exist to make allegations. We exist to serve the people. We will do our duty. District ministers to hold Janaspandana in assembly constituencies 2 days a month. We are setting up a Prajaseva department to hear people's grievances, and a minister will be given charge of it. Whatever the complaint, whatever the problem, this department will function to let protesters voice their grievances, resolve their issues, and convey those matters to the concerned departments and district ministers. An IAS officer will be appointed as secretary for this, and it was decided today to provide the necessary officials. Wherever protests take place, we will accept their applications and help them within the law wherever possible," he said.

Guarantee Committee Members Should Assist in the SIR Campaign: Dinesh Gooligowda

Bengaluru: The Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls has commenced in the state. Dinesh Gooligowda, Vice Chairman of the State Guarantee Schemes Implementation Authority, has called upon members of the Guarantee Schemes Implementation Committees to actively participate in the electoral roll revision campaign in their respective constituencies and assist both voters and Booth Level Agents (BLAs). He stated that committee members should create awareness among citizens about the SIR process, encourage eligible voters to verify their details in the electoral rolls, assist them in filling out the necessary forms wherever required, and educate them about the importance of the revision exercise. They should also guide citizens regarding the required documents and the application process. Dinesh Gooligowda further said that members of the Guarantee Committees at the district, taluk, Assembly constituency, and ward levels should educate eligible voters in their respective areas about the importance of electoral roll revision.



As part of the 78th Chartered Accountants Day celebrations, CA Kavitha Paramesh, Chairperson of the Bengaluru Branch of SIRC of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), hoisted the national flag at ICAI Bhawan, Vasanthnagar, on Wednesday. Addressing students, members, and the large gathering present on the occasion, she emphasized that the CA course is "not an iron fist" and can be completed with determination, consistent effort, and proper guidance. Encouraging aspiring chartered accountants to pursue their goals with confidence, she highlighted the immense opportunities the profession offers. The event witnessed an overwhelming response, with the auditorium filled.

Billionaires is not important time who gives important : BDA Chairman N.A.Harris



Bengaluru: Billionaires is not important time who gives important said BDA Chairman N.A.Harris. Speaking at the gratitude

function at its gardenia hotel organized by tcs world 10k Bengaluru, he praised the work of the organizers who used the contribution for a social cause. Quoting Mahatma Gandhi's statement that, The best way is use for service for others. How we can service to others is more important. Every year will support with TCS for its cause, he said.

Captivating Bharatanatyam performance by Dr. Vaishnavi K. Chief Minister Special Duty officer

BENGALURU: Dr. Vaishnavi K. KAS Officer on Special Duty to the Chief Minister, delivered a captivating Bharatanatyam performance at suchitra the Concert Hall in Banashankari 2nd Phase, Bengaluru. Dr. Vaishnavi, who has been reappointed as officer Officer on Special Duty to Chief Minister D. K. Shivakumar, previously served in the same capacity under the former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. Her significant contributions to the Public Grievances Department within the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) have been widely covered across news and social media platforms. Known for her proactive and people-friendly approach, she has voluntarily resolved numerous public grievances in the interest of the citizens—an effort that has earned widespread appreciation from people across the State.

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Allegation of Rs.300+ Crore Tender Scam in Rajajinagar Constituency: Complaint Filed Against MLA S. Suresh Kumar Before Lokayukta

Bengaluru : Advocate Surya Mukundraj has filed a complaint with the Karnataka Lokayukta against Rajajinagar MLA S. Suresh Kumar, alleging large-scale irregularities in tender processes related to development works funded under the Chief Minister's Infrastructure Development Grant and the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). The complaint has been submitted along with supporting documents.

The complainant has urged the Lokayukta to conduct an immediate investigation against the MLA and the concerned BBMP officials and initiate appropriate legal action. Speaking to reporters outside the Lokayukta office after submitting the complaint, Surya Mukundraj alleged that the MLA misused his official position, violated established tender procedures, and favoured benami contractors, resulting in a substantial financial loss to the State exchequer. He claimed that, including GST and other



departmental costs, the total value of the alleged irregularities exceeds Rs.300 crore.

He further urged the Lokayukta to treat the matter with utmost seriousness in the interest of protecting public funds and public interest, and to conduct a comprehensive investigation under the Prevention of Corruption Act against the MLA and the BBMP officials allegedly involved. Rs.14 Crore Loss by Bypassing the Lowest Bidder: In a 2020 tender worth Rs.72.25 crore for road and drain works, the complaint alleges that pressure was exerted on officials to bypass the eligible lowest bidder (L1).

According to the complainant, even office records of the BBMP TVCC Chief Engineer mention such interference. After the L2 bidder declined the work, the contract value for works originally estimated at Rs.53 crore was allegedly increased to Rs.67 crore, causing a direct loss of Rs.14 crore to the government. Misuse of Road Development Funds: A Rs.60 lakh road asphaltting tender in Bhashanagar has allegedly remained unopened for nearly four years. The complaint alleges that funds earmarked for road infrastructure were diverted to park beautification projects, resulting in deteriorating

Personal assistants to judges: Supreme Court refuses hearing on plea against Madras HC order



NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Thursday refused to accord urgent hearing on a plea challenging a Madras High Court order which had set aside the appointment of 17 personal assistants to high court judges.

The Madras High Court

had held that the entire selection process was arbitrary and without consideration of merit. The appeal was mentioned for urgent listing and hearing before a partial working day bench comprising Justices MM Sundresh and Sheel Nagu by senior advocate S

Nagamuthu. The senior lawyer was seeking the hearing on Friday, which was declined. The high court order had come on a suo motu petition with reference to alleged irregularities in the process of selection of PAs to judges.

Announce Kumbakonam as new district in upcoming budget: Federation

CHENNAI: The Federation of All Traders Associations of Kumbakonam and the Kumbakonam New District Struggle Committee on Thursday approached the TVK ministers, urging them to initiate steps to bifurcate Kumbakonam district in the upcoming budget session. According to the federation secretary V Sathyanarayanan, the struggle group approached ministers N Anand, N Marie Wilson and S Ramesh and submitted separate petitions to fulfil their several decades-old demand for a separate Kumbakonam district.

The petitions noted that Kumbakonam was serving as the capital of the Chola dynasty and that it was a 'jilla' (a revenue district) under British rule with all due infrastructure that is still present in Kumbakonam.

Sathyanarayanan also stated that Kumbakonam houses all required offices to function as a separate



revenue district except the Collectorate and the SP office. He pointed out that they have been fighting for several decades for a separate Kumbakonam district. "During the previous DMK government, six new revenue districts were established. But no steps were taken for the separate Kumbakonam district. Even Mayiladuthurai, which has Mayiladuthurai, Sirkazhi and Poompuhar constituencies, was made a separate district, but our voices went unheard despite it being a popular promise during every election," the petitions stated. The struggle group

demand that the government announce a separate Kumbakonam district comprising Kumbakonam, Papanasam and Tiruvudaimarudur constituencies in the upcoming state budget session. CM Vijay creates five more TVK district units, names 4 MLAs as district secretaries. Pointing out that the initial works have commenced for the world-famous Kumbakonam Mahamaham festival, which is scheduled for 2028, they noted that the realisation of a separate new Kumbakonam district would pave the way for hassle-free administration.

TNEB rolls out online transfer counselling from July 6 amid transparency push



CHENNAI: The Tamil Nadu Power Distribution Corporation Ltd (TNPDC) has directed all its field offices to complete the updation of employee transfer records and vacancy positions by July 3 ahead of the launch of an online counselling system for transfers and promotions from July 6, in a move aimed at ensuring transparency amid allegations that promotions and transfers during the previous

DMK government were influenced by bribes. The move follows Electricity Resources Minister R Nirmalkumar's announcement that the government would introduce a transparent counselling process for employee transfers and promotions in the power utility. In a circular issued on June 30, the utility instructed chief engineers, superintending engineers and executive engineers to update the ERP system with the status of all transfer orders, including whether employees have been relieved and joined at their new stations.

Cops failed to prevent Mayiladuthurai honour killings despite complaint: CPI-linked rights body

CHENNAI: The CPI-affiliated Tamil Nadu Oppressed People's Rights Movement has alleged serious lapses by the State police in preventing the Mayiladuthurai honour killings, accusing cops of not acting despite the Dalit youth being attacked and seeking protection. The twin murders could have been averted if the police had promptly acted upon the complaint lodged by one of the victims, 19-year-old Parthiban, had lodged a complaint with the police on June 29, the rights body said in a statement. In a joint statement,



state president Po Lingam and general secretary T Lenin alleged that five persons, including the woman's father, had assaulted the Dalit youth and abused him using caste-based slurs, the day before he was found dead with his

lady love who hails from a Most Backward Class community. Despite raising a police complaint over the incident, no proper police cover was extended to the couple, who were later found hanging in a grove

near Sathankudi on June 30, the rights body said in a statement. It urged the TVK government to take swift action in the alleged caste honour killing of the young couple hailing from Sathankudi village in Mayiladuthurai district. The organisation lamented the situation where society and the police failed to protect their right to choose their partner, despite being in a relationship, which was opposed by the woman's family because of caste differences, for the past two years.

Rs 35 crore bribe to TVK MLA: Chennai cops arrest four more, hunt for Senthilbalaji

CHENNAI: After arresting four more people in connection with the alleged Rs 35-crore bid to lure a TVK MLA, the Greater Chennai Police are now hunting for influential DMK leader and MLA V Senthilbalaji and his brother V Ashok Kumar, who allegedly plotted the elaborate scheme to destabilise the Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay-led government. The arrested accused were identified as Ramesh, Srinivasan, Selvam, and one other person, said a Daily Thanthi report, adding that they are currently being questioned by the police as part of the ongoing investigation. So far, nine people have been arrested in the case. The case pertains to allegations that a TVK legislator was offered Rs 35 crore to vote against Tamil Nadu Assembly Speaker JCD Prabhakar in what is alleged to be an indirect plot against the TVK-led Tamil Nadu government.

The investigators probing the case claimed that Naresh of Tiruchy, one of the accused arrested on July 1, admitted to meeting Ashok Kumar in Chennai and later approached the MLA based on instructions allegedly given by the brothers. The arrested accused were identified as Ramesh, Srinivasan, Selvam, and one



other person, said a Daily Thanthi report, adding that they are currently being questioned by the police as part of the ongoing investigation. MLAs offered bribe to topple govt: Law Minister R Nirmalkumar. The matter came to light after N Ilayaraja, the TVK legislator from Uthangarai in Krishnagiri, approached the Chennai city police Commissioner on Monday (June 29) stating that he was approached by a man, identified as Thirunavukkarasu, with the offer to pay him Rs 35 crore to vote against Speaker Prabhakar. When he refused and warned Thirunavukkarasu not to contact him again, the latter allegedly threatened him saying him and his family would face consequences if he dared to disclose the conversation to anyone.

Plea in Madras High Court alleges Rs 5 lakh to 30 lakh bribes in Villupuram Government Advocates' selection

CHENNAI: The Madras High Court has been moved by Advocate and TVK Advocates' Wing District Joint Secretary M Gnanasoundari, alleging that the selection of Government Advocates in Villupuram district was finalised before the application deadline and that bribes ranging from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 30 lakh were collected for each post. In her petition, she stated that the Government issued a notification on June 5 inviting applications for the appointment of Government Advocates in Villupuram district. Following this, TVK District Secretary Mohanraj allegedly instructed advocates belonging to Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam in Villupuram to apply for the posts. Gnanasoundari said that she applied for the post of Special Public Prosecutor, Mahila Court, Villupuram, on June 22, but the District Collector's office did not issue an acknowledgement.

NFHS-6: Nearly half of Goa's adults overweight as Diabetes rates rise



Margao: Nearly half of Goa's adult population is now overweight or obese, according to the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-6) 2023-24, highlighting a growing burden of lifestyle-related diseases in the state. The survey, released by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, found that 43.6 per cent of men and 45.1 per cent of women in Goa have a Body Mass Index (BMI) of 25 kg/m² or above. The figures are significantly higher than the national averages of 27.3 per cent for men and 30.7 per cent for women. The latest findings show a sharp increase from

NFHS-5 (2019-21), when 32.6 per cent of men and 36.1 per cent of women in Goa were classified as overweight or obese. The survey also revealed alarming trends in diabetes-related indicators. Around 32.1 per cent of men and 27.5 per cent of women in Goa were found to have elevated blood sugar levels or were taking medication to control diabetes, far exceeding the national averages of 20.9 per cent and 17.8 per cent respectively. On social indicators, the proportion of ever-married women reporting spousal violence increased to 11.3 per cent from 8.3 per cent

recorded earlier. However, alcohol consumption among men declined sharply, falling from 36.8 per cent to 22.4 per cent. Goa's total fertility rate was recorded at 1.6 children per woman, remaining below the replacement level and reflecting changing demographic trends in the state. Goa recorded the highest prevalence of elevated blood sugar among men in the country, narrowly ahead of Kerala. Compared to the previous survey, the proportion of men with high blood sugar increased by eight percentage points, while the figure for women rose by nearly seven

percentage points. Hypertension remains another major health concern in the state. The survey found that 27.5 per cent of men and 26.2 per cent of women either had elevated blood pressure or were undergoing treatment for the condition, both above the national averages. The report also highlighted a rise in caesarean deliveries, with 46.2 per cent of births in Goa taking place through C-sections, compared to the national average of 27.2 per cent. In private healthcare facilities, the rate climbed to 69.7 per cent. Despite these concerns, Goa continued to perform strongly in maternal and child health indicators. Institutional deliveries stood at 99.6 per cent, while 92.1 per cent of mothers underwent antenatal check-ups during the first trimester of pregnancy. Full vaccination coverage among children aged 12 to 23 months improved to 93.8 per cent, while child malnutrition indicators showed significant improvement. The percentage of stunted children under five years declined from 25.8 per cent in NFHS-5 to 19.4 per cent in NFHS-6. The survey also pointed to Goa's ageing population, with residents aged 60 years and above accounting for 17.2 per cent of the state's population, up from 14.2 per cent in the previous survey. On social indicators, the proportion of ever-married women reporting spousal violence increased to 11.3 per cent from 8.3 per cent recorded earlier. However, alcohol consumption among men declined sharply, falling from 36.8 per cent to 22.4 per cent. Goa's total fertility rate was recorded at 1.6 children per woman, remaining below the replacement level and reflecting changing demographic trends in the state.

Teen's stroke leads doctors to rare heart tumour hidden for years



Kolkata, Jun 3: What initially appeared to be a routine stroke case in an 18-year-old boy turned into a rare medical discovery after doctors in Kolkata found a large tumour in his heart that had silently triggered the neurological emergency. The teenager, identified as Rehan (name changed), was rushed to hospital after suddenly developing weakness on the right side of his body and difficulty speaking. Initial brain scans revealed a blockage in the left middle cerebral artery, indicating an acute stroke. However, further investigations led doctors to an unexpected source of the problem — a nearly 6 cm tumour lodged in the left atrium of the heart near the mitral valve. Doctors diagnosed the growth as a left atrial myxoma, a rare non-cancerous heart tumour. Medical experts said small fragments from the tumour had broken off and travelled through the bloodstream before blocking blood flow to the brain, causing the stroke. A team led by Dr Atanu Saha, Senior Consultant in Cardiac Surgery at Narayana RN Tagore Hospital, Mukundapur, performed a complex five-hour surgery to remove the tumour. According to Dr Saha, the tumour's location made the procedure particularly challenging, as any fragmentation during surgery could have caused additional blockages else-

where in the body. Following surgery, the teenager underwent neuro-rehabilitation and gradually regained his speech and movement before being discharged from hospital nearly two weeks later. Doctors noted that cardiac myxomas account for nearly half of all primary benign heart tumours but remain extremely rare, with most cases occurring in people aged between 40 and 60 years. Cases involving adolescents are considered highly unusual. Medical experts said the absence of warning signs made diagnosis especially difficult in this case. The teenager had no history of heart disease and displayed none of the typical symptoms associated with cardiac conditions before suffering the stroke. Hospital officials highlighted the importance of advanced imaging and multidisciplinary care in identifying the hidden cause and ensuring timely treatment. Doctors also said the case underlines the growing need to thoroughly investigate stroke symptoms in younger patients, as uncommon conditions such as heart tumours can sometimes be the underlying cause. The teenager has since returned home and is continuing his recovery. According to his family, he is now preparing for his board examinations and hopes to pursue his dream of becoming a doctor.

Google must pay €4.1bn fine for using Android to 'block' rivals

Europe's top court has ruled Google must pay a 4.1bn (€3.5bn) fine handed down for using its Android mobile operating system to block rivals. The European Commission had originally handed out a 4.3bn (then €3.9bn) fine in 2018, but this was trimmed to 4.1 bn in 2022. An appeal brought by the tech giant has now been dismissed. It is the largest penalty the Commission has ever imposed against Google. A Google spokesperson said the judgement "fails to recognise" the firm's "significant investment to ensure Android remains open, interoperable and free". "In any event, we adapted our agreements to comply with the initial decision back in 2018 and we remain focused on continued innovation and openness for our users, partners and developers," they continued. When the fine was first announced in 2018, it was alleged there were three



ways in which Google had acted illegally: requiring Android handset and tablet manufacturers to pre-install the Google Search app and its own web browser Chrome as a condition of allowing them to offer access to its Play app store making payments to large manufacturers and mobile network operators that agreed to

exclusively pre-install the Google Search app on their devices . preventing manufacturers from selling any smart devices powered by alternative "forked" versions of Android by threatening to refuse them permission to pre-install its apps It was acknowledged that Google's version of Android does not

prevent device owners downloading alternative web browsers or using other search engines. Google's chief executive Sundar Pichai blogged in response at the time to the original fine that the decision "rejects the business model that supports Android, which has created more choice for everyone, not less."

Will Fuel Prices Come Down? Minister Hardeep Puri's "2-3 Months" Hint

New Delhi: Oil marketing companies suffered Rs 74,781-crore losses for selling petrol, diesel and LPG below cost for the period up to June 30 when global crude oil prices spiked in the wake of the West Asia conflict, Union Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said on Thursday. International crude oil prices have come down, but companies are still processing crude they bought at the height of the West Asia crisis, the Minister told reporters. Asked if there would be a cut in prices of petrol and diesel, Puri said this would be a legitimate question if oil prices stayed low for the next few weeks. "We are using the crude petroleum stock today that we had bought two months ago (at a price that existed two months ago). If this (decline) continues for 2-3 months, we will see. But it is a hypothetical situation," he said. The Minister highlighted that the petrol price increase in developed world was around 20% and around 35% in India's neighboring countries, but in India, the increase in petrol price was just 5.58% during the crisis. "We did well without any dryout or closure at any of the 1,07,000 retail outlets during last four months (February 28th till the end of June)," Puri said. Private fuel retailer Nayara Energy has cut petrol prices



by Rs 5 per litre and diesel prices by Rs 3 per litre across its retail network from July 1, making it the first major cut in retail fuel prices since crude prices began falling. The decision may put pressure on rival private retailers to review their own prices if international oil markets remain stable. But there's a catch. Unlike state-run fuel retailers, Nayara

had been selling petrol and diesel at relatively higher prices in many parts of the country. This gave Nayara room to lower prices without undercutting state-run competitors. "Nayara has reduced the price of Petrol because it had increased it by Rs 5 per litre during the crisis period. They have only taken back that price increase now. They have only reduced that price... while the Oil Marketing Companies had not increased the price at that time," Puri said. Global oil prices climbed above \$110 per barrel during the Iran conflict, forcing Indian state-run OMCs to absorb a significant part of the increase instead of passing it entirely to consumers. Crude oil prices started coming down only in the second half of June after the US and Iran reached an agreement to end the conflict. Oil companies typically buy crude oil - the raw material for producing fuel - at least two months in advance. So, crude oil that is being processed now is essentially what was bought in April or early May when international prices were very high.

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Indriya, Aditya Birla Jewellery, sets a new industry standard with diamonds of the highest sparkle

Mumbai, 02nd June 2026: Indriya, Aditya Birla Jewellery, has set an industry-first benchmark in natural diamond selection, bringing greater delight and trust to the diamond buying experience. Rooted in the belief that exceptional sparkle is the most visible expressions of diamond quality, this approach builds on the brand's best-in-class selection standards. Going beyond conventional grading standards, Indriya's approach to diamond cut and selection evaluates how effectively a diamond reflects, refracts and returns light to deliver superior brilliance, fire and scintillation. Only 1 out of 5 natural diamonds meet these rigorous standards. This shift comes at a pivotal moment for the category. India sits at the heart of the global diamond industry, with over 90% of the world's diamonds cut and polished in regions like Surat and Mumbai. Yet, despite this deep-rooted expertise, diamond jewellery consumption remains below 15%. By prioritising diamonds with optimal proportions and superior light return, Indriya not only brings to the forefront some of the most brilliantly sparkling diamonds in the country but also aims to reshape how Indian consumers evaluate and choose diamonds, beyond the traditional 4Cs.

THE SCIENCE BEHIND THE SPARKLE
While clarity, colour and carat come from nature as physical property, cut is the result of human artistry and precision. It determines how light enters, reflects within and exits the diamond, making it the true driver of



brilliance. A well-cut diamond maximises light return, while sub-optimal cuts allow light to escape, creating a visible difference in sparkle. At Indriya, cut is further understood through three key aspects of light performance: Brilliance, Fire and Scintillation, capturing how a diamond truly appears when worn:
· Brilliance: the white light reflected from a diamond's facets
· Fire: the dispersion of light into spectral colours
· Scintillation: the flashes of sparkle seen in movement of light

Only diamonds that meet Indriya's exacting standards across these parameters are selected, with precise proportions, optimal light return and minimal light leakage. Near-colourless F-H-G diamonds and high-clarity tables further enhance reflection, ensuring exceptional sparkle across every moment of wear. To help consumers and stakeholders experience this distinction firsthand, Indriya has introduced SparkleScope, an innovative in-store technology that enables customers to evaluate a diamond's sparkle. By making sparkle visibly measurable, this experience brings greater transparency to the buying process, allowing customers to see, understand and trust the difference that defines Indriya diamonds.

Commenting on this innovative industry benchmark introduction, Sandeep Kohli, CEO, Indriya said, "The diamond industry is evolving, and innovation is the need of the hour. For decades, quality assessments have focused on the 4Cs, but ultimately customers fall in love with a diamond that sparkle the brightest. It is the first thing they notice, the quality that instantly captures attention, and the reason a diamond feels truly special. At Indriya, we are bringing sparkle to the forefront, by offering a more visible, intuitive and consumer-first way to evaluate diamonds, while setting a new industry benchmark. Every diamond in Indriya is selected for its superior sparkle and is available across a wide range of categories and occasions. Our aim is to democratise access to, and understanding of, exceptional sparkle, enabling customers to discover the best, and most sparkling diamonds." Also sharing his perspective, Mr. Rajendran Ganapathy, Head of Supply Chain at Indriya comments, "At Indriya, we started with a simple belief: if sparkle is what customers cherish most, it should also be the defining benchmark of our diamond selection process. Indriya handpicks only 1 out of 5 diamonds available in the market to ensure that our customers get the most sparkling diamonds. The result is a collection of diamonds that are selected for exceptional visual sparkle that is captivating and enduring."

AIR INDIA CUTS FUEL SURCHARGE UP TO \$125 ON INTERNATIONAL ROUTES AS ATF PRICES EASE

Air India Ltd. announced on Thursday that it will be reducing fuel surcharge on select international routes. The routes included in North America and Australia has its surcharge reduced to \$200 from \$280. Similarly European routes also saw its fuel surcharge decrease to \$125 from \$205. The move comes after a sharp moderation in global crude oil prices and aviation turbine fuel (ATF) prices from their recent highs. According to people familiar with the matter, airlines are actively evaluating a rollback of the surcharge, with a decision likely by the end of the second quarter or early in the third quarter. While international jet fuel prices have declined significantly, airline executives believe fuel costs remain elevated compared with historical averages and are assessing whether the recent softening is sustainable before taking a final call. Industry sources told NDTV Profit said carriers are currently in a wait-and-watch mode, weighing whether to remove the surcharge entirely or opt for a calibrated, phased withdrawal that balances passenger affordability with profitability. Domestic routes are likely to see the surcharge with-



drawn before international sectors, where fuel costs and operating economics remain relatively more challenging, the sources said. Air India, IndiGo and Akasa Air had introduced fuel surcharges in March after a sharp increase in crude oil and aviation fuel prices pushed up operating costs. The additional levy was aimed at offsetting the impact of higher fuel expenses without significantly altering base fares. Fuel surcharges for other international flights and domestic services of the airline remain unchanged. Fuel surcharges for North America, Australia, Europe, and the UK flights had come into force from April 10. On April 7, the Air India Group announced fuel surcharges ranging from USD 24 to USD 280 for inter-

national flights except certain routes, and ₹299 to ₹899 for domestic flights. The group comprises Air India and Air India Express. Following the government's decision to cap domestic Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) price hike at 25 per cent, Air India group has adopted this calibrated approach, transitioning from a flat domestic surcharge to a distance-based grid, it had said in a statement on April 7. Citing latest International Air Transport Association (IATA) data, the airline had said the global average jet fuel price rose to USD 195.19 per barrel for the week ending March 27, up from USD 99.40 at the end of February, recording a surge of close to 100 per cent. ATF accounts for almost 40-45 per cent of an airline's total cost.

SINGAPORE SEIZES \$42M MANSION OVER NVIDIA CHIP SMUGGLING

Police in Singapore have seized a multi-million dollar luxury home that was allegedly bought using proceeds from smuggling Nvidia artificial intelligence (AI) chips. The property last changed hands for 55 million Singapore dollars (€32m; \$42.5m), with at least two-thirds of its purchase price allegedly funded by illicit earnings, authorities said on Wednesday. The home was seized as part of a probe into the alleged illegal trade in servers containing highly sought-after advanced Nvidia chips, which are subject to US export controls. The US Department of Justice has previously flagged Singapore as a key transit hub to conceal illegal shipments to China. The police said an order was in place to stop the property being sold during the investigation. Located a short walk from Singapore's famous Botanic Gardens, the property sits in a prime district of the land-scarce city-state. Wei Zhaolun, who is also known as Alan



Wei, will be charged with money laundering for allegedly using around 38 million Singapore dollars of criminal proceeds to fund the purchase of the house, police said. He is the chief executive of Aperia Group, which sells servers and other tech hardware to businesses. The BBC has contacted Aperia Group for comment. Authorities have also seized around one million Singapore dollars held in bank accounts. The police said a total of four people, including Wei, have been accused since February 2025 over fraud and other alleged crimes

linked to the case. The individuals allegedly placed orders for servers from global suppliers under the pretence that they would be used by companies they worked for. Authorities have not said where the servers were shipped to. The police said the servers in the case were bought from three suppliers - Dell, Super Micro Computer and Asus. The BBC has contacted the three companies for comment. If convicted of fraud, the four, who face multiple charges, could face jail time of up to 20 years. Singapore-based tech companies, Luxuriate

Your Life and three firms under the Aperia Group, also face charges in what the police say is the first instance of corporate entities being prosecuted under these investigations. The BBC has been unable to reach Luxuriate Your Life for comment. The police said it holds a "zero-tolerance stance towards such offences" and will act against anyone who violates Singapore's laws to protect the country's integrity as a trusted global business hub. The US and Singapore have cracked down on the illegal shipping of Nvidia chips since Washington restricted their export in 2022 over concerns that they could be used by the Chinese military. Authorities in Singapore said in 2025 that servers containing chips under US export controls were believed to have been shipped via the island-state. The US has since approved the sale of some of Nvidia's semiconductors to China, under certain conditions.

PB FINTECH BLOCK DEAL: MACRITCHIE INVESTMENTS TO PARE 2.6% STAKE; FLOOR PRICE FIXED

Highlights
■ Singapore-based investor MacRitchie Investments Pte. is set to pare its stake in PB Fintech, the parent company of Policybazaar and Paisabazaar, through a block deal worth nearly Rs 1,909 crore, sources told NDTV Profit. According to the deal terms, MacRitchie Investments will sell 1.19 crore shares, representing a 2.6% stake in PB Fintech, via a block transaction scheduled for Friday.

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estimated at approximately Rs 1,908.8 crore. Global investment bank Citi is acting as the sole broker for the block deal. MacRitchie Investments as of March 2026 held 6.47% stake in the company comprising of 3.56 crore shares. PB Fintech Q4 Result PB Fintech's net profit surges 53.5% at Rs 261 crore in the fourth quarter of the previous fiscal. This is in comparison to profit of Rs 170 crore in the same quarter of fiscal 2025, according to its stock exchange notification on Wednesday. Consolidate revenue of Policybazaar parent advanced by 36.7% year-on-year for the three

months ended March, reaching Rs 2,061 crore in comparison to Rs 1,508 crore. Operating income, or earnings before interest and taxes rose 94.3% to Rs 218 crore from Rs 112 crore. Margins expanded to 10.6% from 7.4% in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2025. The total insurance premium for the quarter stood at Rs 9,217 crore, marking a 46% uptick year-on-year. This rise was led by growth in core online new protection business. While the company's core insurance revenue was up 40% on a year-on-year basis, its core credit revenue had advanced 7%.

'Two weeks after her death I got a call': Gaza patients face agonising delays for evacuation



When Gaza's medical board approved Amina Abu al-Kas to leave the Strip for treatment abroad, her son Saber said it felt like the beginning of a new life. "It brought life back into her. She knew there was no treatment in Gaza, so she was happy and excited," he told the BBC. Amina was suffering from an aggressive necrotising infection that had spread to her skull. Doctors in Gaza told her they did not have the medicines or the therapies to treat it. Saber said the pain was unbearable. "My mother couldn't sleep day or night; she stayed awake, crying out from the pain. Painkillers caused stomach ulcers and inflammation, and the doctors banned her from taking them." After receiving the medical referral, Saber said the family waited for news that Amina had passed security clearances and had been accepted by a foreign country for treatment - both necessary to leave Gaza. "We knew that at any moment God might take her. And we also knew that at any moment a miracle might happen, that

we might get a call saying, 'Get your bags ready and prepare to travel through the crossing,'" Saber told the BBC. "We waited a long time, but no response came. My mother died [on 29 May], and two weeks after her death, I got a call from the hospital informing me that her paperwork was ready." Gaza's Hamas-run health ministry says Amina is one of 300 Palestinians who have died waiting for medical evacuations since the US-brokered ceasefire between Israel and Hamas began there last October. The figures are also used by the World Health Organization (WHO), which assists with patient transfers via Gaza's Israeli-controlled border crossings with Israel and Egypt. Thousands of others - the health ministry currently says 15,000 - are still waiting for treatment abroad - some for war-related injuries; others for conditions such as cancer. The list of evacuees is constantly fluctuating, as patients' conditions and decisions change, meaning not all deaths may be recorded.



■ 'Most massive' Russian attack on Kyiv kills at least 18

EU BORDER DELAYS 'NOT BEARABLE' OVER SUMMER, WARNS AIRPORT BOSS

The boss of Berlin Airport has said non-EU nationals arriving in the German capital are having to queue for up to two hours under a new digital border system, and warned the situation is "not bearable over the summer". Aletta von Massenbach told the BBC that at one terminal in Berlin, where Ryanair and Wizz Air operate, waiting times can run between "an hour to two hours". Under the EU's new Entry-Exit System (EES) travellers from outside the bloc must register biometric information when entering most European countries, which is checked when they leave. Airports and airlines say the system is not working. The European Commission (EC) says it is willing to offer more support. EES is meant to modernise the EU's system of border control, making it more secure and eventually making travel smoother. It has been fully operational since April. While the system has worked fine in some places, there have been regular reports of long waits at passport control, especially at peak times. Some passengers say they have missed flights home because they've been held up in queues. Von Massenbach said



one issue was that EU countries used different systems. "There are so many sub-systems for each and every member state," she told the BBC's Today programme. "We see that the complexity doesn't really support smooth processing at the border." Technology issues have prevented EES from being used in the UK at the Port of Dover where French border checks

take place. A new processing area has 84 kiosks to record fingerprints and photographs but currently is not being used because the technology for the kiosks - the responsibility of the French authorities - cannot be activated. Port of Dover chief executive, Doug Bannister, told MPs on Thursday "time is rapidly running out" to fix it. "We are rapidly heading towards the start of the critical summer period and are yet to receive the assurances we need to avoid what has the potential to be a very challenging six weeks," he said. "I'm not going back to Europe." Anne Robinson from Dunbarton has first-hand knowledge of EES and its idiosyncrasies - to the point it has put her off returning to Europe this year.

US BLOCKS LONG-TERM RENEWAL OF NORTH AMERICAN TRADE DEAL

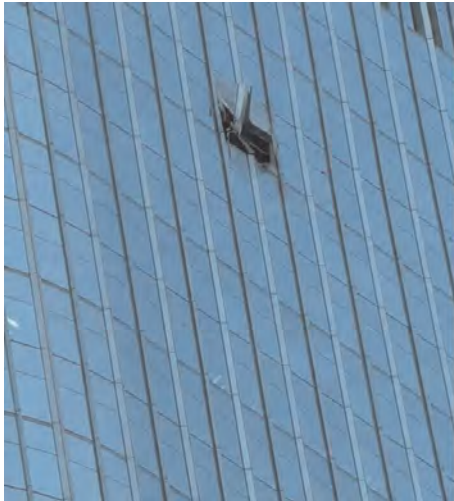


The US has declined to renew the landmark US-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) in its current form, according to a senior US official. This decision means the trilateral trade pact will miss out on an automatic 16-year extension. The official said the administration "chose not to rubber stamp a USMCA renewal without addressing existing issues" and that "the United States did not agree to renew the USMCA in its current form". If the countries fail to unanimously agree to renew the agreement, "it essentially sets a 10-year shot lock to termination", the official said. Under the pact guidelines, each country must decide whether to renew the agreement for another 16-year term. While the free-trade deal remains in place for now, the lack of a long-term commitment creates fresh economic uncertainty across North America. The agreement, which underpins around \$2tn (£1.5tn) in trade each year, is facing pressure over unresolved disputes. US trade officials are pushing for major changes before committing

to a long-term extension. Washington has consistently raised concerns over rules of origin for automobiles, dairy market access and stopping third-party countries like China from exploiting the regional agreement. Under the USMCA's original terms, unanimous agreement on an extension would have seen the trade deal kept in place until 2042. The US opting out will force the nations to meet every year to negotiate changes. Business groups across the continent had called for the pact to be extended. The decision also kicks off a 10-year countdown towards the deal expiring as early as 2036. The US Chamber of Commerce had warned that sectors such as manufacturing and agriculture relied heavily on cross-border certainty. However, US domestic trade groups such as the American Iron and Steel Institute and the Steel Manufacturers Association welcomed the shift, arguing annual reviews would give US negotiators leverage to fix parts of the deal. The friction comes six years after the USMCA entered into force.

China says pilot crashed small plane into skyscraper for 'personal reasons'

The pilot who crashed his small plane into Beijing's tallest skyscraper last week was suffering from "chronic insomnia and anxiety" and did so for "personal reasons", authorities said Thursday. The crash had killed the pilot, officially identified only by his surname Liu, and wounded 13 others. Liu, a 66-year-old Beijing resident, was a divorced freelancer who lived alone, the Chaoyang district government said in a statement, adding Liu's diary contained "multiple expressions of ending his life". "The comprehensive investigation concluded that this was a case of endangering public safety caused by personal reasons," the statement said. One of the injured has been discharged from the hospital, officials said. Videos of the crash at the CITIC Tower had been widely circulated on social media before being scrubbed off the Chinese internet, as authorities investigated what many observers viewed as a huge security breach. The 109-storey CITIC



Tower, also known as China Zun, is located just a few kilometres from Zhongnanhai, the Communist Party's headquarters. The building has long been treated by many locals as a lucky charm. But shortly after the crash last Friday, even unrelated photos and memes of the skyscraper were taken down from Chinese social media platforms. In the days after the crash, at least three aviation firms told the BBC that

they had been told to suspend light aircraft operations. On the afternoon of the crash, Liu had taken off from an airport in Pinggu district and conducted both accompanying and solo flights, the Chaoyang government's statement said. "During his solo flight, he deviated from the designated area and lost contact with the airport, subsequently colliding with the high-rise building and dying at the scene," the statement

said. According to authorities, Liu had obtained his sport pilot's licence in 2021 and his private pilot's licence in 2024. The plane he flew last week was a two-seat, single-engine Aurora SA60L, manufactured by Chinese company Sunward Aircraft, according to flight tracking service Flightradar24. At 6.9m long, with a wingspan of 8.6m, it is designed for touring, aerial photography and recreational aviation.

CANADIAN BOY, 11, DIES OF RABIES AFTER WAKING TO BAT ON HIS FACE

An 11-year-old Canadian boy has died from rabies after being awoken by a bat on his nose and mouth. The incident took place while the child was on a visit to a cottage in Ontario with his family in 2024, according to a report in the Canadian Medical Association Journal published on Monday. The boy, who was not named in the report, swatted the bat off his face, after which his father caught the winged mammal in a pot and released it outside. The boy's parents did not immediately seek medical attention due to their son not having any visible injuries and not thinking the bat behaved erratically, the journal states. But 19 days later, the boy began experiencing numbness and swelling on his face. The Canadian Medical Association Journal chronicled his family taking him to get emergency care over the following days and both clinics and hospital doctors trying to diagnose his symptoms. At first, an emergency



clinic prescribed the boy antiviral medication used to treat infections caused by herpes viruses as they presumed he might have Bell's palsy, the temporary paralysis of facial muscles on one side of the face. Then he went to hospital on back-to-back visits, first getting a presumed diagnosis of herpes gingivostomatitis, a viral infection of the mouth and gums, then returning the following day after the right side of his face went weak, the journal states. While awaiting to be admitted, he developed a fever of 39C (102F), along with difficulty swallowing, confusion and visual hallucinations. His condition rapidly worsened that day.



Nine Thai monks killed after 11-year-old driver collides with procession

THE US DEPORTED THEM TO VENEZUELA - HOURS LATER EARTHQUAKES STRUCK

Venezuela native Abelardo Rincón built a life for six years in the US state of Georgia - working in a car dealership, marrying and looking forward to the upcoming birth of his daughter - before US authorities detained him amid President Donald Trump's immigration crackdown. The 23-year-old's bereft parents and pregnant wife waited for any and all news while he was held by American authorities, before he was put on a deportation flight to his homeland last month alongside more than 140 other Venezuelans. He landed on 24 June and while still in custody, called his family back in Atlanta. He and other deportees were being housed in a hotel near the coast. Just hours later, twin earthquakes hit the country - killing at least 2,200 people,



injuring more than 10,000 and, according to UN figures, leaving 50,000 missing. Rincón, along with a number of fellow deportees from Flight 164, was among those missing. And their devastated families were left to desperately search for any word about their loved ones - all after struggling to process the quick succession

of arrest, detention, deportation, repatriation and, then, natural disaster. The Department of Homeland Security, which oversees US immigration enforcement agencies like Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), shared a statement, but offered no details on the case when asked by the BBC. "This

flight safely reached Venezuela and all illegal aliens on board were returned home," a DHS spokesperson told BBC on Tuesday. "When an individual is no longer in ICE custody, ICE is no longer responsible for them." It's unclear if the migrants were deported for crossing the border illegally, or for other reasons. The Venezuelan government, meanwhile, has posted numbers for the general public to call, but information has been limited in the wake of such a devastating national disaster. The flight passengers, who reportedly included 19 women and seven children, were being housed by Venezuelan authorities in Hotel Santuario La Llanada in the city of La Guaira after undergoing medical exams and getting documentation.

Nagabandham is a great visual fantasy adventure that the whole family can enjoy together: Director Abhishek Nama

Virat Karna is the hero of the epic fantasy adventure visual wonder 'Nagabandham – The Secret Treasure' directed by Abhishek Nama. Kishore Annapureddy and Nishitha Nagi Reddy have produced this film on a huge budget under the banner of Nick Studios. The film stars Nabha Natesh, Aishwarya Menen, Jagapathi Babu, Mahesh Manjrekar, Rishabh Sawhney and other key roles. The promotional content that has already been released has created a sensation across the country. The film will be released worldwide on July 3. On this occasion, director Abhishek Nama shared the film's features at a press conference.

■ WHEN DID THE IDEA FOR NAGABANDHAM COME ABOUT? WHAT WAS YOUR INSPIRATION?
-There has been a lot of discussion about why Vault B in the Padmanabhaswamy temple has not been opened. There are many stories about it. Everyone is very interested in what is inside that room. I thought it would be good to make a story imagining what would be inside if that room were really opened. I wanted to make a fictional story using that as a backdrop. That's how I wrote the story of Nagabandham.

■ IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE BIG HEROES FOR STORIES LIKE THIS. WHY DID YOU DO IT WITH NEW PEOPLE?
-I actually didn't have any idea who I wanted to work with when I thought of this story. My focus was on telling a good

story. After the story was finished, we chose the people who would be best suited for it.
-This is a story that I visualized. I directed it because I felt it would be better if I directed my vision myself. This is a story with a very big canvas. I am releasing this film on time. I completed the film in 107 days as planned. I designed all the concepts in this film myself.

■ YOU BUILT THE ANANTHA PADMANABHASWAMY TEMPLE AS A SET. TELL US ABOUT THAT EXPERIENCE?
-We went to the Anantha Padmanabhaswamy temple. But taking photos is not allowed there. That's why we created what we saw there in the form of sketches on paper. Then we took cinematic liberty and designed the set by adding a different architecture.
-But for this film, we are not using the name Anantha Padmanabhaswamy Temple. We have shown it as a fictional temple. This is a fictional treasure hunt story, told in a fantasy perspective.

■ WHAT IS THE REASON BEHIND MAKING A FILM WITH A NEW HERO LIKE VIRAT KARNA COSTING OVER RS 100 CRORE?
-Actually, when I started this story, I didn't think it would be a hundred crore budget. I wanted to make a film with a new actor. Because it is a story-driven film. If there is a big hero, there are certain expectations. That's why I chose Virat Karna, a new hero.



-We wanted to shoot real temples. But we didn't get the permissions we wanted. So we had to build a temple set. The budget for sets, artwork, makeup, and CG also increased.
-There are a total of eight sets in this film. Most of the cost we spent for this film went towards artwork, sets, and CG. We spent 20 percent on remunerations and 80 percent on production.

■ WHAT ABOUT THE PRODUCERS?
-Our producers completely trusted the story and me from the beginning and spent money on the film. They provided what the story needed without any calculations. I am sincerely grateful to them for this. I am very happy with the final output.
-I did a thorough pre-production for this film before the producers arrived. I showed them in advance what the film was going to be like and what the visuals would be

like. That's why they got complete clarity.

■ MAKING A FILM WITH MYTHOLOGY ELEMENTS IS A BIG TASK, ISN'T IT? WHAT PRECAUTIONS WERE TAKEN?
-This is not only a mythology, but also a commercial film. It is a film that the whole family should watch together. Everyone will enjoy it. We have taken great care in every aspect. The story is the hero of this film.
-We all worked very hard for this film. I was very satisfied after seeing the final output.

■ WHAT IS THE RESPONSE IN HINDI?
-It has received a very good response in Bollywood. It is being released in more than 700 screens. It is being released in more than 200 screens in Tamil. In total, the film is being released in more than 2500 screens worldwide. After the release of the teaser and trailer, all the business

deals have been completed.

■ WHEN DID YOU DECIDE TO MAKE SUCH A HUGE FILM?
-I wanted to do a story after Devil. I was stuck on that for a while. But I started this film because I wanted to make a big movie that everyone would remember.

■ DID YOU GET INTO FILMMAKING AND DIRECTING BY ACCIDENT?
-My father was a film distributor. He never let me come to the office. He used to tell me not to do this business. I studied fine arts. But the passion for cinema pulled me towards this. Initially, I distributed many English films. I studied arts, but the whole work I was doing became business. I started producing films with the intention of knowing what happens in a film and how it is made. I realized that even the producer does not know everything that happens. (Laughs) The real thing can only be known if you are 100 percent involved. That's how I came towards directing.
-With my experience as a producer, director, and distributor, I assisted the producers in all aspects of this film.

■ WHAT ABOUT THE CHARACTERS IN THESE MOVIES?
-Nabha Natesh is playing the role of Nava Parvathi. She plays the role of a Vedic student very well.
-Everyone who worked on this film worked very hard. Garuda Ram, who played a role in it, would come to the set at 1:30 am and apply makeup until 7 am.

VISA - Second Single Chingari Receives a Thumping Response

The makers of Visa have unveiled their second single Chingari. Rendered beautifully by the inimitable Sid Sriram and Lipsika, the melody is composed by Vijai Bulganin renowned for delivering soulful musical compositions. Penned by Sanare, Chingari carries an ache that feels deeply human and instantly relatable. It is a poetic exploration of the quiet fire that love ignites a feeling too profound for words alone yet one that music expresses effortlessly.

VISA - Vintara Saradaga has been building a wave of excitement with every reveal. The film's teaser captivated audiences with its warm NRI energy and fresh storytelling. The first single Anaga Anaga America an infectious, foot-tapping number won hearts across platforms and set the tone for what this film promises to be: joyful, relatable and deeply rooted in the emotions of a generation chasing dreams far from home. With Chingari, the film reveals its romantic soul and it has struck a chord with listeners in a way that only the most genuine music can. Directed by debutant Udbhav Raghu, the film stars Ashok Galla and Sri Gouri Priya as the lead pair with Rahul Vijay, Shivathmika Rajasekhar, Satya, Viva Harsha and Gundu Sudarshan in key supporting roles. Set against the vibrant and emotionally rich backdrop of Telugu student life in the United States, the film weaves together friendship, ambition, cultural identity and the unexpected sparks of love all told with the freshness and warmth that today's audiences crave.



Produced by Naga Vamsi S of Sithara Entertainments and Sai Soujanya of Fortune Four Cinemas, VISA – Vintara Saradaga carries the hallmark of producers who understand what audiences want. The positivity surrounding this project continues to grow with every release .

'VANAJEEVI RAMAIAH' TO BE MADE AS A PAN-INDIA FEATURE FILM

Vasvik Foundation Organises Grand Vanajeevi Hariitha Awards on the Occasion of Vanajeevi Ramaiah's 90th Birth Anniversary Environmental Champions Honoured; Telangana Government Urged to Name Village Nature Parks After Vanajeevi Ramaiah The team of the acclaimed short film "Vanajeevi Ramaiah," based on the inspiring life of renowned environmentalist and Padma Shri awardee Daripalli Ramaiah, popularly known across the country as "Koti Mokkala Ramaiah" (The Man Who Planted a Million Trees), participated in the grand Vanajeevi Hariitha Awards Ceremony organised by the Vasvik Foundation on the occasion of his 90th birth anniversary



at Prasad Labs, Hyderabad. The event honoured several environmental activists and volunteers who have made remarkable contributions towards environmental conservation. Speaking on the occasion, producer Nidigonda Naresh Kumar Prajapathi announced that the award-winning short film "Vanajeevi Ramaiah"

will now be developed into a Pan-India feature film. He also appealed to the Telangana Government to name the Palle Prakruthi Vanams (Village Nature Parks) across the state after Vanajeevi Daripalli Ramaiah, as a lasting tribute to his extraordinary service to nature. The programme was led by

Vasvik Group Chairman and film producer Nidigonda Naresh Kumar Prajapathi, Vasvik Foundation Vice Chairman Nookala Bhaskar Reddy, and director Vemuganti, along with other members of the foundation. During the ceremony, noted environmentalist Mokkala Venkataiah was felicitated, while several individuals actively involved in plantation drives and environmental protection received the Vanajeevi Hariitha Awards. The short film "Vanajeevi Ramaiah," which portrays the life and environmental mission of Daripalli Ramaiah, has already earned prestigious recognition by being selected in the Best Short Film category at the Telangana Government's Gaddar Awards.

Mythri Movie Makers Announced Their 4th Tamil Film, Featuring Dhruv Vikram, Directed by Karan A Kumar; The Project #MythriTamil04 #DV4 Begins With Traditional Pooja Ceremony

Leading Pan India Production House Mythri Movie Makers is not restricting themselves to Telugu industry, and are making films in other languages as well. Meanwhile, they have announced their fourth Tamil venture, which marks 4th film as a lead actor for Dhruv Vikram. Karan Aravind Kumar will direct the movie billed to be an out-and-out commercial entertainer. The project #MythriTamil04 #DV4 has officially been kick-started, with a grand pooja ceremony held at Mythri office - MRC Nagar, Chennai. The launch event witnessed the presence of the film's cast, crew, and several special guests. Dhruv



Vikram looked stylish in a black polo T-shirt paired with cream trousers as he joined director Karan Aravind Kumar and the team for the auspicious occasion. Director Keerthiswaran sounded the clapboard for

the muhurtham shot. Directors Adhik Ravichandran, Ravikumar, Keerthiswaran, Antony Bhagyaraj, Raja, Sasi and Hi Nanna fame Shouryuv graced the launching ceremony.

Produced by Naveen Yerneni and Y Ravi Shankar, DV4 promises to showcase Dhruv Vikram in a completely mass-oriented avatar. Known for experimenting with intense and performance-driven roles, the young actor now appears ready to embrace a unique entertainer aimed at appealing to a wider audience. Karan Aravind Kumar has also co-written the screenplay with Saby. The film boasts a talented technical crew. Cinematography will be handled by Viki, while Jayasuriya joins the project as editor. Costume designer Praveen Raja, production designer GM Sekhar, and action choreographer Vikram Mor complete the impressive lineup behind the camera.

