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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.

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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

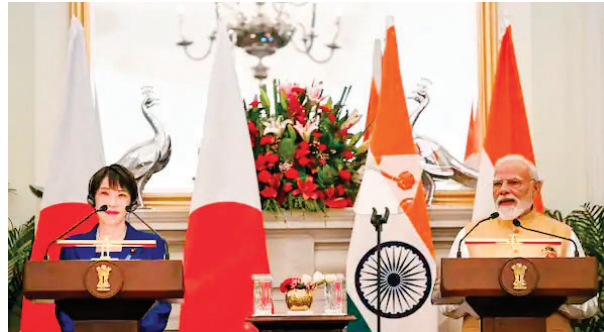
Hospitals at Sanath Nagar, LB Nagar, Alwal and Warangal. The approved posts include 1,494 regular, 549 contract and 4,235 outsourcing positions. The government also decided to develop these hospitals on the lines of NIMS, while Chief Minister Revanth Reddy directed that eligible patients be provided 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.

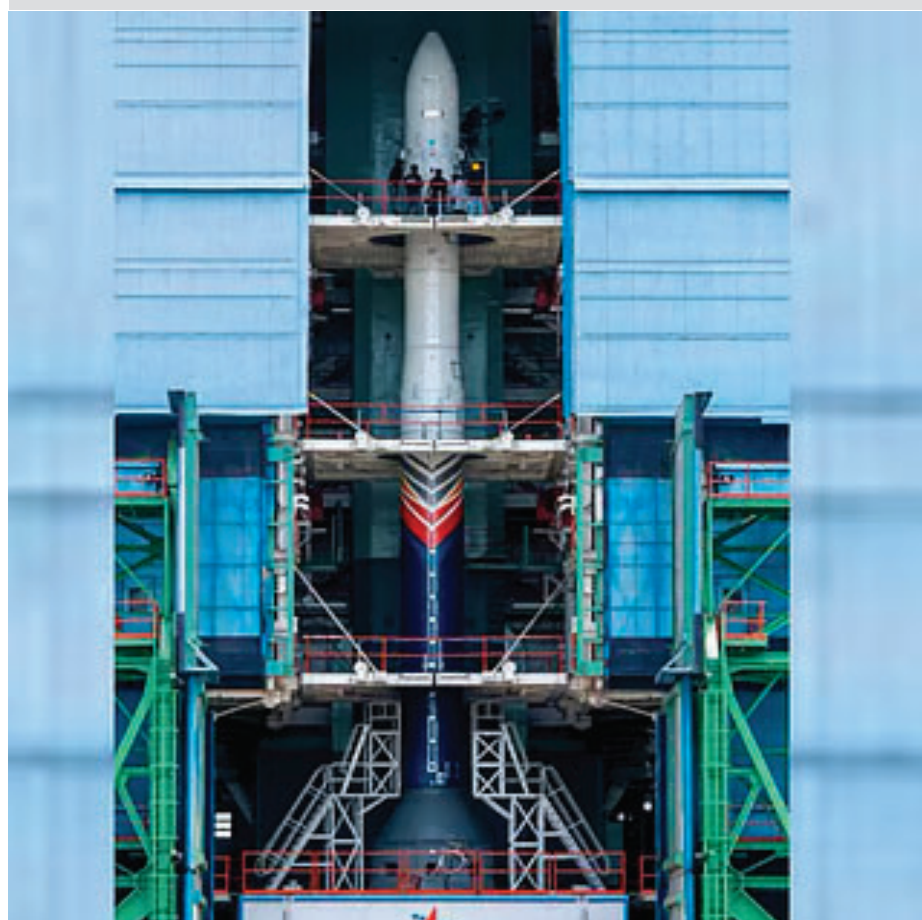
Mojtaba Khamenei is unlikely to make a public appearance during his father's funeral because of heightened security concerns, according to Ayatollah Hakim Elahi, the Supreme Leader's representative in India.

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 Esmaeil 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

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.

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 and mining department officials are involved who should be booked and tried. It is a serious matter that eight people have died," the MLA told reporters. The exact number of those injured was still being verified, though initial reports indicated that

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 judgments 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 most popular designs are sold out.

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 first-hand exposure to the functioning of India's democratic institutions.

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(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
1.	Vijayan P G (Borrower) Deepa. (Co-Borrower) Loan No. LHPGT00001515973 & LHPGT00001516320	Old Sy. 689/13-1 11/102 Killimangalam Village Killimangalam Village Thirissur Kerala 680590	Rs. 25.82, 786/- June 29, 2026	Rs. 32.01, 300/- Rs. 3,20, 130/-	July 28, 2026 11:00 AM To 03:00 PM	August 04, 2026 02:00 PM To 03:00 PM	August 03, 2026 Before 05:00 PM	Physical Possession

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link- <https://BidDeal.in>) of our auction agency ValueTrust Capital Services Private Limited. The Mortgagors/ notice are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till August 03, 2026 before 05:00 PM else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule. The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) RTGS/ Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before August 03, 2026 before 04:00 PM. The Prospective Bidder(s) must also submit signed copy of Registration Form & Bid Terms and Conditions form at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before August 03, 2026 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit Demand Draft (DD) should be from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favor of "ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd.- Auction" payable at the branch office address mentioned on top of the article.
For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact ICICI Home Finance Company Limited on 9920807300. The Authorized Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit <https://www.icicifhc.com/>
Date: July 03, 2026
Place: Thrissur
Authorized Officer, "ICICI Home Finance Company Limited",
CIN Number:- U65922MH1999PLC120106

GEF India and IAPEN Hyderabad Chapter Hosted Nutrition Meet

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 outcomes. 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.

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1.	Vishak (Borrower) Sreeja. (Co-Borrower) Krishnan (Co-Borrower) Loan No. LHCLT00001392030 & LHCLT00001393696	Vazhayoor Ramanattukara 673633 Resy No 299/12-3 Kozhikode Kerala	Rs. 26.02, 328/- June 30, 2026	Rs. 28.95, 389/- Rs. 2,89, 589/-	July 13, 2026 11:00 AM To 03:00 PM	July 20, 2026 02:00 PM To 03:00 PM	July 18, 2026 Before 05:00 PM	Symbolic Possession

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Date: July 03, 2026
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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, musician, 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.



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

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, customs, and cultural heri-

tage, 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

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-



endency 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 experience.

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; Kabinini 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 2-3 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 minis-

ter 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.

"Every district in-charge minister must compulsorily visit 2 assembly constituencies for 2 days a month (on the

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[See proviso to rule 8(6)] Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
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(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
1.	Moni M (Borrower) Mahesh M, (Co-Borrower) Geetha K (Co-Borrower) Loan No. LHTVM00001393224	Thirumala Village Trivandrum Taluk Re Sy No. 129 Kerala- 695012	Rs.18.65, 335/- June 24, 2026	Rs. 36, 57,870/- Rs. 3,65, 787/-	July 13, 2026 11:00 AM To 03:00 PM	July 20, 2026 02:00 PM To 03:00 PM	July 18, 2026 Before 05:00 PM	Symbolic Possession

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link- <https://BidDeal.in>) of our auction agency ValueTrust Capital Services Private Limited. The Mortgages/ notice are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till July 18, 2026 before 05:00 PM else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule.
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For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact ICICI Home Finance Company Limited on 9920807300.
The Authorized Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit <https://www.icicifc.com/>
Date: July 03, 2026
Place: Trivandrum
Authorized Officer, "ICICI Home Finance Company Limited",
CIN Number:- U65922MH1999PLC120106

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(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
1.	Anilkumar P (Borrower) Greshma Gireesh K (Co-Borrower) Loan No. LHKOM00001485481 & LHKOM00001485482	Re Sy No. 343/11 343/12 Kumarakom Village Kottayam Taluk Kottayam Kerala- 686563	Rs. 12.42, 803/- June 30, 2026	Rs. 12.92, 199/- Rs. 1,29, 220/-	July 13, 2026 11:00 AM To 03:00 PM	July 20, 2026 02:00 PM To 03:00 PM	July 18, 2026 Before 05:00 PM	Symbolic Possession
2.	Sajith P T (Borrower) Archana V K (Co-Borrower) Loan No. LHKOM00001394147 & LHKOM00001394900	155/4 Puthupally Village Kottayam Taluk Kottayam Kerala- 686011	Rs. 11.11, 985/- June 30, 2026	Rs. 19.60, 109/- Rs. 1,96, 011/-	July 13, 2026 11:00 AM To 03:00 PM	July 20, 2026 02:00 PM To 03:00 PM	July 18, 2026 Before 05:00 PM	Symbolic Possession
3.	Saran K S (Borrower) Sibi K S (Co-Borrower) Loan No. LHKOM00001466038 & LHKOM00001466044	Kunnonni Village Meenachil Taluk 136/2-29 Kottayam Kerala 686582	Rs. 12.38, 516/- June 30, 2026	Rs. 11.80, 242/- Rs. 1,18, 024/-	July 13, 2026 11:00 AM To 03:00 PM	July 20, 2026 02:00 PM To 03:00 PM	July 18, 2026 Before 05:00 PM	Symbolic Possession

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Place: Kottayam
Authorized Officer, "ICICI Home Finance Company Limited",
CIN Number:- U65922MH1999PLC120106

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.

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Branch office: Kerala

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. Deepesh Kumar 2. Neethu Shajan	All The Piece And Parcel Of The Property Address: Sy. No. 228/23A/55-2 Admeasuring 1.40 Ares Together With Building Bearing Door No. CC 34/548, In Cochín Corporation And Along With Right To Use 3.6-meter-wide Private Road At The North West Side Of The Subject Property And All Other Rights Therein, Situated At Edappally South Village, Taluk Kananayannur, Sub District Edappally, Desom, Elamakara, District Ernakulam.	H0564919 05230242 21 H0564919 05230242 21L	20-02-2026	Rs. 5,94,000/-	As per Demand Notice dated 13-08-2024 Total outstanding dues is Rs. 54,11,362.61/- As On Date 09-08-2024.	Rs. 59,40,000/- (BID INCREMENTAL VALUE : 50,000/-)	On 14/07/2026 from 10:00 A.M to 5:30 P.M with prior appointment.	22/07/2026 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 **21/07/2026 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/its 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 **22/07/2026** i.e., day of e-auction or on the next working day i.e., **23/07/2026**, 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. Satheesha R, Contact No. 9738141146, & Mr. Vikas Singh, Contact No. 8669189048 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 thereof and without any prior notice.
7. The successful purchaser/bidder shall bear its 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, 2002 about the holding of above-mentioned public E-auction sale.
9. The Borrower (s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/Mortgagor(s) are hereby called up on 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: Kerala

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
For L&T Finance Limited

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.

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 Elega-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.

'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 bilateral 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.

FIFA WORLD CUP 2026:

Why USA Cannot Appeal Folarin Balogun's Controversial Red Card

United States striker Folarin Balogun, the country's top scorer at the FIFA World Cup 2026 with three goals to his name, was sent off for a challenge on Bosnia and Herzegovina's Tarik Muharemovic in the Round of 32 clash on Wednesday. The referee did not immediately reach for his back pocket but changed his mind after taking a careful look at the pitchside monitor once the incident was flagged by the Video Assistant Referee (VAR). Although the USA went on to score another goal after being reduced to 10 men and qualified for the Round of 16, the absence of Balogun against Belgium in the next match is going to make the task difficult for the co-hosts. The United States manager, Mauricio Pochettino, and his players did not hesitate to call the referee's decision "harsh", but the team is left with no option other than to accept a one-match



sanction, as FIFA rules for the 2026 World Cup do not allow the option of an appeal. A FIFA official ruled out the possibility of a red card decision being challenged in the ongoing World Cup. Speaking to The Athletic, the official pointed to the tournament regulations and Article 66.4, which states: "A sending-off automatically incurs suspension from the

subsequent match. The FIFA judicial bodies may impose additional match suspensions and other disciplinary measures." According to FIFA rules, "If a player or team official is sent off as a result of a direct or indirect red card (second caution), they will automatically be suspended from their team's subsequent match. In addition, further

sanctions may be imposed." If the ban cannot be served during the tournament - meaning the team no longer has a game to play - the suspension is carried over to the team's next official fixture, Balogun is set to miss the Round of 16 match against Belgium but could miss further games should the US progress in the tournament, depending on whether

FIFA's disciplinary committee decides to extend his suspension from one match to potentially two or three. US Camp Unhappy With Referee's Decision "It was never intentional," U.S. coach Mauricio Pochettino said when asked about the sending-off after the match. "It's never a red card. Never. If the intention is to damage the opponent, OK, I understand. But that never was. It was a normal action in football where you are fighting for the ball and your foot lands." The US striker's teammate Weston McKennie called the lack of an appeal process "bogus" and disagreed that Balogun's tackle was a straight red-card offence. "Obviously the ref made the decision that he made, but I think it's questionable," McKennie said. "I think there have been many other plays like that throughout the tournament involving other players where a card wasn't given at all.

FRANKIE DETTORI BREAKS RIBS IN CAR CRASH

Jockey Frankie Dettori suffered several broken ribs and a broken thumb after being involved in a car crash, his management has said. A spokesperson for H Talent Management confirmed the collision happened on Wednesday evening near Newmarket in Suffolk. Another vehicle struck the rear passenger side of the car the 55-year-old was driving, causing it to spin and flip, they said. Dettori's injuries were still being assessed as he remained in hospital for further scans and observation. "Frankie would like to thank the emergency services who attended the scene, together with the doctors, nurses and wider medical team caring for him," said H Talent Management. "His focus is now on resting and recovering. H Talent Management respectfully asks that Frankie's privacy is respected at this time. "No further comment will be made until there is a meaningful update." Dettori has not ridden in Britain since October 2023 when he won the Champion Stakes on King of Steel at Ascot. But he was due to return to the saddle in the Leger Legends race at Doncaster during the St Leger Festival in September. H Talent Management referred to Wednesday's crash as an "accident". The collision is believed to have happened just over the border in Cambridgeshire and the county's police force confirmed it was called to a collision on the A1304 London Road near Six Mile Bottom at about 19:00



BST. A spokesperson for the force added that there were no arrests. The East of England Ambulance Service said two patients were taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital for "further assessment and treatment". In June 2000, Dettori survived a light aircraft crash in Newmarket which killed the pilot Patrick Mackey. Fellow jockey Ray Cochrane, who went on to be Dettori's agent, also survived the plane crash.

Harry Kane Scores Potential 'Goal Of The World Cup', Beats Several Players To Bag Winner

Translating his club form into international football for England, Bayern Munich striker Harry Kane struck a 'Goal of the Tournament' contender in the FIFA World Cup 2026 Round of 32 clash against DR Congo on Wednesday. England, who trailed Congo until the 75th minute, saw Kane produce an incredible rescue act to bail his team out of a precarious situation. England were staring at early elimination from the tournament when Kane stepped up to score both goals in the Three Lions' 2-1 win. It was Kane's second goal of the game that left everyone in awe, as he dazzled past several Congo players before smashing the ball into the top right corner of the net. Following a partially cleared England attack, substitute



Anthony Gordon picked up possession and delivered a dangerous pass to Kane on the edge of the penalty area. Receiving the ball with his back to goal, Kane reacted quickest amidst heavy congestion inside the box. He sharply whirled and twisted away from his direct marker, shifting the ball onto his right

foot. Having created just enough separation against three converging defenders, Kane unleashed a brutal, rising rocket from a challenging angle. The unstoppable strike blazed past DR Congo goalkeeper Lionel Mpsai, who could barely move before the ball rifled into the top-right corner of the net to seal

England's 2-1 comeback victory. The goal didn't just seal England's passage into the Round of 16 to face co-hosts Mexico, this spectacular 86th-minute strike marked Kane's 13th career World Cup goal. With this hit, he officially surpassed Brazilian football icon Pele (12 goals) on the tournament's all-time top-scorers list.

Vaibhav Sooryavanshi Snub Leaves Ravi Shastri Fuming: 'He Would've Taken Ireland's Pants Off'

Former India coach and renowned commentator Ravi Shastri unleashed his unfiltered views after India's decision not to hand Vaibhav Sooryavanshi an international debut left him fuming. The 15-year-old was in sensational form during IPL 2026, scoring 776 runs for Rajasthan Royals to emerge as the tournament's highest run-scorer. Prior to that, he played a pivotal role in India's triumph at the U-19 World Cup. Rewarded for his performances, Sooryavanshi earned his maiden international call-up for the T20I series against Ireland and England. However, he remained on the bench for both matches against Ireland, which India lost 0-2, as well as the opening T20I



against England in Durham. After the match against England was abandoned due to rain, Shastri questioned the team management's decision to keep the youngster out despite his outstanding IPL campaign. "Arrey, woh khelna chahiye tha yaar (He should have played against

Ireland). It was such a slow and spongy track. He would have smacked them on the terrace, it was such a small ground. He would have taken their pants off. He should have definitely played there. Now, whether he plays in England, I'm not sure. I am not sure whether they will blame him, but

give him a game as soon as possible," said Shastri on Sony Sports. "He has smashed everyone in the IPL. Which fast bowler did he spare? And you're making him warm the bench" he added. Shastri further argued that Sooryavanshi is the kind of player who can bat with complete freedom, as he carries no baggage of expectations or responsibility. "He is the X-factor, does not have any baggage. He is just 15, has the exuberance of youth. He has no fear, and if he gets going in the first 2-3 overs, he will give you the kind of start that the middle order can capitalise on. You will have to make space for him," he said. The second T20I between India and England will be played on July 4 in Manchester.

HSTikkyTokky Banned From Kick After Associate Makes Explicit Comments to a Minor During Greece Livestream

Something happened on HSTikkyTokky's Kick livestream in Zakynthos that went well beyond the chaotic IRL content his audience expects. The 24-year-old British streamer has a history of bans and controversial moments on the platform, but this one landed differently. A clip started circulating within minutes. Kick moved faster than it usually does. And the person at the center of the backlash wasn't even the streamer himself; it was someone standing right next to the camera. What Happened on the Stream The incident unfolded on the Laganas strip in Zakynthos, Greece, one of the most popular nightlife stretches for British tourists in the summer. A member

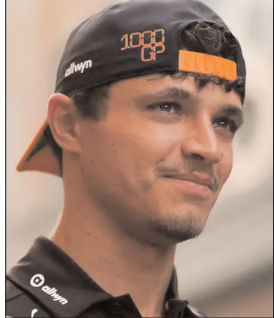


of HSTikkyTokky's crew, identified in the stream as Mo, made explicit sexual comments toward a girl the group encountered during the broadcast. The remarks were picked up clearly enough by the stream's chat overlays for viewers watching live to flag them immediately. Cameraman Andy, who had been filming the

entire thing, didn't wait for anyone else to step in. He confronted Mo directly and landed a punch that left him visibly reeling. A separate crew member added to the chaos by taunting Mo as the fallout played out on camera. Kick banned the channel shortly after the clip began spreading. Streamer tracking sites confirmed the suspension under the platform's rules against harmful content. The ban follows a pattern for HSTikkyTokky, a 24-year-old British streamer whose Kick history includes prior suspensions for chaotic IRL content, including a July 2025 ban after a street brawl in Magaluf, Spain. How People Are Reacting Reaction online has not been subtle.

NORRIS 'HAPPY I HAVE THE PAIN OF THIS YEAR FOR THE GLORY OF LAST'

Lando Norris is conflicted - up to a point, anyway. He admits that the start to his and McLaren's title defence this season has been "dreadful" in terms of reliability, while the pace "has not been terrible". But he accepts that, in hindsight, the difficulty they are going through this year has its roots in their success. "I'm happy I have the pain of this year for the glory of last," he says, as he sits down with BBC Sport for an extensive interview on the eve of the British Grand Prix. It was very much not McLaren's expectation that they would start 2026 unable, so far, to repeat the success they enjoyed in 2024 and 2025. But they have realised that the energy put into achieving their title double last season under an intense late-season assault from



Max Verstappen and Red Bull has had consequences. Norris says: "We still put a lot of effort into making sure we were ready for this year. And we're not as ready and as strong as we would have liked to have been. "But certainly a good amount of trying to win the championship as a constructor and as a driver last year required a continued amount of dedication on the car of last season. When just more effort in other teams,

teams that are doing well now, they just would have shifted more people, more focus would have gone to this year. "So, it's just the price you pay in a very competitive world against extremely good teams and clever people. "And as soon as you're just a little bit more focused on last season, especially in such a big transition of regulation, you pay the price pretty quickly." It's been more difficult than we wanted' In performance terms, McLaren have started the season lagging behind pace-setters Mercedes, and fluctuating between second and fourth fastest team, depending on the race. Their one chance of grand prix victory, when Norris was leading Mercedes' Kimi Antonelli in Miami, was fumbled through a strategic error.

Novak Djokovic, Jannik Sinner Into Wimbledon Third Round, Mirra Andreeva Stunned



Novak Djokovic produced a Wimbledon masterclass as the history-chasing star raced into the third round on Wednesday, while defending champion Jannik Sinner battled through before French Open champion Mirra Andreeva suffered a shock exit. Djokovic demolished Stefanos Tsitsipas in a 98-minute rout that served as a statement of intent to Sinner and the rest of his Wimbledon title rivals. The seven-time Wimbledon champion won 6-3, 6-4, 6-2, hitting 33 winners and making just seven unforced errors. Djokovic's latest attempt to make history by winning a record 25th Grand Slam singles title got off to a rocky start as he laboured against unheralded Wu Yibing in the first round

on Monday. Bidding to become the oldest man to win a major title in the Open era, Djokovic -- who won the most recent of his Wimbledon crowns in 2022 -- has increasingly looked his age over the last two Grand Slams. The 39-year-old Serb crashed out in the French Open third round, blowing a two-set lead against Joao Fonseca. But Djokovic underlined his enduring class with his latest win against Greek world number 87 Tsitsipas, who has now lost their last 12 meetings. Djokovic's 104th match win at Wimbledon leaves him just one behind Roger Federer's Open era record in the men's singles. He plays French 25th seed Arthur Rinderknech in the last 32. "I'm feeling great.

Jovial Novak Djokovic Dismantles Stefanos Tsitsipas To Reach Wimbledon 2026 Third Round

Novak Djokovic sent out a warning to his Wimbledon title rivals with an impressive straight-sets victory over Stefanos Tsitsipas to reach the Wimbledon third round for the 20th time on Wednesday. The 39-year-old eased to a 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 win under the Centre Court roof to maintain his latest bid for a record-breaking 25th Grand Slam title and record-equaling eighth Wimbledon triumph. The Serb will next face French 25th seed Arthur Rinderknech on Friday for a place in the second week. "I like the terminology 'vintage', it brings back the best

days and you feel very satisfied and joyful on the court when you're playing this way," said Djokovic after being asked if it was a "vintage" performance. Djokovic is bidding to become the oldest player to win a men's Grand Slam singles title in the Open era, but does not think his age is holding him back. "I try not to take these moments for granted playing on Centre Court of a childhood dream tournament," he said. "I feel very privileged to be walking out on the court at age 30 plus and I don't think it's a cliché, I actually believe age is just a number,

I think it's true." Title favourite Jannik Sinner, in the same half of the draw as Djokovic, has shown signs of frailty in both his opening matches. Djokovic struggled at times against Wu Yibing in the first round, but was at his clinical best as he romped to a 12th successive win over Tsitsipas, a former world number three now languishing 87th in the ATP rankings. He won 88 percent of points behind his first serve, saved all five break points he faced, smashed 33 winners and made just seven unforced errors. If he can maintain that level, Djokovic will be a

real contender to move clear of Margaret Court for the Grand Slam singles record, and tie Roger Federer for most men's Wimbledon crowns. Djokovic, the seventh seed, served out his 104th match win at Wimbledon after recovering from 15-40 down, never giving Tsitsipas a sniff of a comeback. Greek Tsitsipas is a shadow of the player who reached two Grand Slam finals, losing both to Djokovic, and has not reached the third round of a major since losing in the 2024 French Open quarter-finals to Carlos Alcaraz.



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 Makkala 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 Makkala 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 clapping 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.

