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**The globally popular cooking celebration is now in Tamil homes. Star heroine Samantha Ruth Prabhu to host Celebrity MasterChef Tamil**

SCAN FOR E-PAPER



OM NAMO VENKATESAYA

11-06-2026  
Total pilgrims : 97,014  
Tonsures : 37,108  
Hundi Kamukha : 3,93 CR  
Lakshmi Saka : 4,01 Lac  
Annaprasanna : 3.22 Lac  
Aarbhikshat : 3,757  
Present Situation on 17-06-2026:  
Waiting Compartments...Out side line adding at Krishna Raja guest house.  
Approx. Darsan Time for Sarvadarshanam (with out SSD Tokens) : 18 H.

Short Takes

**Bengal hotel fire: Death toll rises to 7, owner arrested**

Kolkata.: The death toll in the hotel fire at Tarapith in West Bengal's Birbhum district on Monday rose to seven, confirmed the police, adding that the owner of the building has been arrested. Birbhum District Police Superintendent Vidit Raj Bundesh confirmed that the toll has risen and that Kalyan Paul, the owner of the hotel named 'Bideshini', has been arrested. The police are investigating whether the hotel's firefighting system was in proper condition and whether all the fire safety-related rules were followed.

**Prashant Kishor takes oath as Bankipur MLA at Bihar Assembly**



Patna (TSIT): Jan Suraj leader Prashant Kishor formally took the oath as the new MLA from the Bankipur Assembly constituency on Monday. Bihar Assembly Speaker Prem Kumar administered the oath to him in his chamber, allowing Kishor to officially participate in legislative proceedings and begin his responsibilities as an elected representative. Prashant Kishor reached the Assembly accompanied by senior leaders and supporters of the Jan Suraj Party.

**7 killed in stampede at Ashok Dham temple in Bihar's Lakhisarai**

Lakhisarai, Aug 17: At least seven people were killed, and more than 12 were injured in a stampede outside the Ashok Dham Temple in Bihar's Lakhisarai district on Monday. The incident triggered chaos at the temple premises as a large number of devotees had gathered to offer prayers and perform rituals on the third Monday of the holy month of Sawan. An electric wire reportedly fell, triggering panic among the crowd. Rumours then spread among the devotees, causing panic. Many devotees rushed in different directions in an attempt to escape. A stampede ensued, leaving several devotees trapped and crushed under one another.

## 73 lac voters deleted from Telangana electoral rolls, Hyderabad records highest

FROM THE VOTER LIST OF HYDERABAD, **19,41,444** NAMES HAVE BEEN DELETED.

**Hyderabad (TSIT):**

The ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls has resulted in the deletion of 73,39,235 names across Telangana, with Hyderabad recording the highest number of deletions at 19,41,444.

The deleted names have been categorised under ASDD — Absent, Shifted, Duplication and Death. In Hyderabad, 1,56,392 voters were marked deceased, 2,99,850 were untraceable, 13,45,333 had permanently shifted, 99,264 were found to be already enrolled, while 40,605 were removed for other reasons.

Among Hyderabad constituencies, Jubilee Hills recorded the highest number of deletions at 1,79,510, followed by Yakutpura with 1,54,982 and Chandrayangutta with 1,48,869. Charminar recorded the lowest number at 94,174. In percentage terms,



Musheerabad had the highest deletion rate at 45.17%, followed by Malakpet at 44.76%.

Rangareddy district recorded the second-highest number of deletions at 12,87,091, followed by Medchal-Malkajgiri with

10,71,566. Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri recorded the lowest number at 26,121.

The figures may change during the claims and objections period, as voters whose names have been left out can submit Form 6 to seek inclusion in the electoral rolls.

## Jharkhand students win, govt cancels JSSC-CGL exam, probe by CID

**Ranchi (TSIT):**

Amid a massive protest by job aspirants over alleged irregularities in recruitment exams in the state, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren said on Monday, August 17, that the state government would cancel the JSSC-CGL examination.

He said that in a special meeting, the state Cabinet decided

called. TDPL is a Lucknow-based private recruitment agency at the centre of the scandal in the state.

Students rejoice

In Ranchi, students were jubilant at the government's decision to scrap the JSSC-CGL exams. However, maintaining a stoic stance, student leader and activist Devendra Nath Mahto,



that, since 2014, whatever mistakes have happened, big or small, will be investigated, and the CID would conduct the probe. Adding that several companies active in Jharkhand appear to be involved in a huge exam racket, Soren said that all the exams conducted by the TDPL (TSR Data Processing Private Limited) will be can-

who spearheaded the agitation, said, "I have seen many instances where CBI or CID investigations were ordered and then cancelled." Speaking to the media, he said, "We, the students, will continue to support this investigation...If our issues are resolved and our demands met, why would we need to hold further protests?"

## No deviation in Mega DSC recruitment process: CM Naidu

■ Recruitment details placed online; YSRCP indulging in "hit-and-run" politics, says Chief Minister

**Visakhapatnam (TSIT):**

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Monday asserted that there was no deviation in the Mega DSC teacher recruitment process and that all stages of the selection were conducted transparently. He accused the YSRCP of spreading misinformation through what he described as "hit-and-run" politics and challenged the Opposition to debate the issue in the Legislative Assembly. Speaking in the Assembly, Naidu said education and skill development had always been priorities for the Telugu Desam Party. He recalled various initiatives undertaken during successive TDP governments, including residential schools, women's universities, expansion of educational institutions and measures to improve academic standards.

The Chief Minister said the previous government had not undertaken teacher recruitment for five years, while the present coalition government completed the recruitment of



15,941 teachers through the Mega DSC within 148 days of assuming office.

He said the recruitment process, including the Teacher Eligibility Test (TET), DSC notifications, reservation procedures and examinations, was conducted in a transparent manner. Examinations covering 13 subjects were conducted through the Computer-Based Test (CBT) system at 154 centres, with around 42,000 questions selected as part of the examination process.

Naidu said candidates were selected strictly according to merit-cum-roster principles. Zonal and State-level commit-

tees, along with an appellate authority, were constituted to address grievances and ensure fairness in the recruitment process.

He also said the sports quota was implemented in accordance with Central Government guidelines and maintained that no deviation had occurred from the procedures specified in the recruitment notification.

The Chief Minister alleged that repeated accusations and legal cases were being used to create obstacles to the recruitment process. He criticised the Opposition for raising allegations outside the Assembly rather than participating in legislative debates.

"Come to the Assembly and debate the issue," Naidu said, challenging the YSRCP to present its concerns on the floor of the House. He maintained that the government was accountable to the people and would continue to strengthen transparency in recruitment examinations and introduce further reforms in the education sector.

## BJP reshuffle: Bandi Sanjay dropped, Smriti back as general secy

**New Delhi (TSIT):**

As part of an organisational reshuffle ahead of elections in many states, BJP president Nitin Nabin on Monday, August 17, appointed the party's national office-bearers. In a major upset for Telangana, Bandi Sanjay Kumar, who was a national general secretary, has been dropped. He serves as the Union Minister of State for Home Affairs. He had earlier served as the party's Telangana chief as well. Representing the Karimnagar Lok Sabha constituency, he is a party heavyweight who takes keen interest in state politics as well.

In Telangana, Bandi Sanjay has been in the news over the



POCSO case involving his son, Bandi Sai Bhageerath.

A minor's mother filed an FIR this May, alleging that Bhageerath had sexually assaulted her daughter. Bhageerath denied all allegations, filing a counter-complaint claiming that the girl's family threatened him and attempted to extort Rs 5 crore from him. The BJP shared the lists on X.

## Indian Army contingent departs for India-Thailand joint military exercise MAITREE-XV

**New Delhi (TSIT) :**

An Indian Army contingent left for Thailand on Monday, where it will participate in 15th edition of India-Thailand Joint Military Exercise MAITREE-XV, slated to be held from August 18 to 31 at Vibhavadi Rangsit Camp in Surat Thani.

The bilateral military exercise is aimed at strengthening defence cooperation between India and Thailand and enhancing the ability of the two armies to conduct joint operations in challenging environments.

The Indian Army and Royal Thai Army contingents participating in the exercise will comprise 85 personnel each. The



Indian contingent will be represented primarily by troops from the 9 Gorkha Rifles, while the Royal Thai Army contingent will comprise personnel from

the 3rd Battalion, 25th Infantry Brigade, 5th Division.

The exercise will focus on company-level joint training for operations in jungle and

semi-urban terrain. The training is designed to enhance the combined capabilities of the two forces in conducting joint counter-insurgency and counter-terrorist operations in jungle and semi-urban environments under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter.

The exercise will include a range of training activities, including field exercises, combat discussions, lectures and demonstrations. The two contingents will also participate in a culminating validation exercise to assess the operational capabilities developed during the training.

## COLLECTOR DIRECTS SPEEDY DISPOSAL OF PRAJAVANI PETITIONS

Warangal, August 17: District Collector Dr. Satya Sharada directed officials to resolve Prajavani petitions promptly and ensure that no application remains pending.

A total of 166 petitions were received at Monday's programme, including 52 related to Revenue, 26 to GWMC, 12 to Housing, 22 to DRDO and 54 concerning other departments.

The Collector instructed officials to forward each petition to the concerned department and take immediate action. She also said unemployed youth



interested in tailoring could explore job opportunities at the Kakatiya Mega Textile Park. She urged people to use mandal-level public hearings for issues such as pensions and directed officials to ensure speedy grievance redressal.

## Maheshwari Bhavan in Chennur a matter of pride

Mancherla, August 17: Satish Ji Charak, Chief Election Officer of the Akhil Bharat Maheshwari Mahasabha, said the well-equipped Maheshwari Bhavan in Chennur was a matter of pride for the community. Speaking during his visit to Chennur, Charak appreciated the community members for their unity and collective efforts in establishing the Bhavan. He urged them to strengthen unity and expand welfare and service activities. He called upon the community to support needy families in education, healthcare and employment and encouraged youth and women to actively participate in social service.



## GENERAL NOTICE

It is hereby inform to the general public that: Smt. K. Balapriyanka W/o Pyata Narsimlu has approached to Telangana Greemana Bank, Old Palamoor branch for mortgaging loan. But, original registered sale deed bearing No. 59/97, which was lost on 15-02-2019, while P. Chandrasekhar s/o P. Venkataiah was travelling from his residential house at Mahabubnagar town to Sub-Registrar Office, Mahabubnagar town on Motor Cycle and he gave a complaint to the S.I. of Police, Mahabubnagar Rural Police Station. But, their efforts are in vain and they issued Missing Certificate. If, anybody have any rights, claims or objections over the said property to inform to the below addressed Advocate within 7 days from date this paper publication. Otherwise, the Bank will be confirmed that, there are no rights, claims or objections over the said property from the general public and initiate loan process. **Schedule of Property:** Residential house bearing No. 14-10-86/4 constructed on house plot bearing No. 16 admeasuring 1156 Sq. Fts. out of Sy. No. 105/2 situated within the limits of Mahabubnagar town and district. **Boundaries:** North: Plot No. 15, South: Plot No. 17, East: 15 feet Road, West: Plot No. 17. **Advocate & Notary** H.No. 7-4-17/1, Sri Laxmi Narsimha Niliyem, Sri Venkateshwar Colony, Mahabubnagar Town Mobile No. 9441564972

## PUBLIC NOTICE

| <b>ICICI Home Finance</b> [Registered Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400051<br>Corporate Office: ICICI HFC Tower, JB Nagar, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri East, Mumbai- 400059<br>Branch Address: Part A of 2nd Floor, M.S. Dharmu Reddy Colony, Opposite Inlaks, KPHB, Hyderabad- 500072<br>The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from ICICI Home Finance Company Limited ("ICICI HFC") and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice. |                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                       |
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| Sr. No.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Name of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address                                                               | Property Address of Secured Asset/ Asset to be Enforced                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice |
| 1.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Sampanjani Anil Kumar (Borrower), Sommakka (Co-Borrower), 2 1 23 1 A Flat No. 201 Shamsi Guda Kukatpally Hyderabad- 500072 LHKY00001520198 | All That The Part And Parcel of RCC Roofed House Bearing No. 17-2-105 Ptn No. 1104033329 Admeasuring Area of 133 Sq. Yds. and 1 Sq. mts including RCC Roofed Plinth Area of 832.56 Sq.Fts. And The Plinth Area of RCC Roofed Toilets is 40 Sq.Fts Situated At Ntr Nagar, TB Hospital, SCC Area GM Office Area- 1 Locality, Godavarihikari of Janagan Ramagundam Peddappalli District Karimnagar Telangana- 505001. Bounded By- North By: House of Rosanalla Ideti- H.No. 17-2-107, South By: House of Chevula Srinivas- H.No. 17-2-106, East By: House of Sampath- H.No.- Nil, West By: Existing Road. | 10-08-2026<br>Rs. 11,89,098/-                         |

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date: August 18, 2026, Place: Karimnagar  
Authorized Officer, ICICI Home Finance Company Limited

**Motilal Oswal Home Finance Limited**  
Regd. Office: Motilal Oswal Tower, Rahmtullah Sayani Road, Opp. Parel ST Depot, Prabhadevi, Mumbai - 400 025, CS : 8291889898  
Website: www.motilaloswalhf.com, Email: info@motilaloswalhf.com

**DEMAND NOTICE**

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 ("THE ACT") AND THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002 ("THE RULES") The undersigned being the authorized officer of Motilal Oswal Home Finance Limited (MOHFL) under the Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) of the Act read with the Rule 3, issued Demand Notice(s) under Section 13(2) of the Act, calling upon the following borrower(s) to repay the amount mentioned in the respective notice(s) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The undersigned reasonably believes that borrower(s) is/are availing the service of the demand notice(s), therefore the service of notice is being effected by affixation and publication as per Rules. The contents of demand notice(s) are extracted herein below.

| Sr. No. | Loan Agreement No./ Name of the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Co-Applicant Name/ Guarantor Name        | Date of Demand Notice and Outstanding                                                            | Description of the Immovable Property                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| 1       | LXMOGULBAR5225-260814600 / Borrower: Deekshit Subhash Co-Borrower: Subhash Bhimsha/ Rajashree Subhash | 06-08-2026/ Rs.87,14,499/- (Rupees Eight Lac Seventy One Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Nine Only) | Plot No - A28 Area Adm 108 Sq Mtrs.Swatin No -151500502700425803 Situated At Mahagan Village And Gram Panchayat, Tq Kamalapur Dist Gulbarga. 800 Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Nine (999) Sq. Yards. Area Near Maragamma Temple 585316 Gulbarga Gulbarga Karnataka Boundaries East- Road West- Plot No. 62 North- South- Plot No. A-27 |

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

Place: Hyderabad Date :18.08.2026  
Sd/-Authorized Officer, (Motilal Oswal Home Finance Limited)

**SHRIRAM Finance**  
Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Gundy, Chennai-600032  
Administrative office: 6<sup>th</sup> Floor (level 2), Building No.02, Aurum Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Gansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710

**DEMAND NOTICE**

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/ mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from M/s. Shriram Finance Limited (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shriram Finance Limited, by its Incorporation Certificate dt.13-11-2022), is a company registered under the Companies Act, 2013 and also registered with RBI to do Non-Banking Finance business having its registered office at Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Gundy, Chennai-600032 and Branch Office at Jagtial, (hereinafter referred as Company/Lender). We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD. under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices. The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

| NAME OF THE BORROWER(S)/ Co-Borrower(S)/ Guarantors                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                     |  |                                   |
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| 1)Chari Padakanti S/o.ranjana, Age:51 Years, Occ: Business (chendra Shekara Welding & Engr Engineering Work), H.No:3-6-259, Vanaji Nagar, Jagtial, Karimnagar, Cell: 9440504579, Pincode: 505327 and Also At Chari Padakanti S/o. Ranjana, Age:51 Years, Occ: Business (chendra Shekara Wei DingSengineering Work), The Open Land Of Dismantled House Bearing H.No. 4-2-154/b, (corresponding Old H.No. 4-2-154), In Survey No. 284/2a, To The Extent Of 118.11 Sq. Yards Or 98.75 Sq. Meters. The Property Is Situated At Jagtial Village And Mandal, Under The Limits Of Jagtial Municipality, Within The Jurisdiction Of Registration Sub-District Jagtial And Registration District Karim Nagar, And Also At Chari Padakanti S/o.ranjana, Age:51 Years, Occ: Business (chendra Shekara Wei Ding Sengineering Work), The Open Land In Bearing Survey No. 284/2a, To The Extent Of 62.22 Sq. Yards Or 53.69 Sq. Meters. The Property Is Situated At Jagtial Village And Mandal, Under The Limits Of Jagtial Municipality, Within The Jurisdiction Of Registration Sub-District Jagtial And Registration District Karimnagar 2)Padakanti Ramadevi W/o. Pada Kanti Chari, Age:46 Years, Occ: House Wife, H.No:3-6-259, Vanaji Nagar, Jagtial, Karimnagar, Cell: 9303768637, Pincode: 505327 3) Myadapu Venugopal S/o.anjaiah, Age:46 Years, Occ:business/m/s.sri Sai Engineering Works/j.no:4-1-96, Pochamma Wada, Metpally, Karim Nagar,Ind And H.No:1-4-362/1, Chaitanyana Nagar, Vempet Road, Metpally, Karimnagar, Cell: 9443800112, Pincode:505325. | NPA DATE 31.12.2020 |  |                                   |
| PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS JAGITTF181210099-Description of the Immovable Property Property holder name is CHARI PADAKANTI Mortgage deed dated. 07.10.2017 Registered as Document No 48302017 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Jagtial (Description of the property shown in title deed Document No. 3492013) The Open land of dismantled house bearing H. No. 4-2-154/B, (Corresponding old H. No. 4-2-154/b, In Survey No. 284/2a, To the extent of 118.11 Sq. Yards or 98.75 Sq. Meters BOUNDED BY:East: Land of G. Prasad, WEST : Land of Raju Singh NORTH : Land of P. Chary SOUTH :Land of A. Rajaiha The Property is situated at JAGTIAL village and Mandal, under the limits of Jagtial Municipality, within the jurisdiction of Registration Sub-District Jagtial and Registration District Karim Nagar. (Description of the property shown in title deed Document No. 3452013) The Open land in bearing survey No. 284/2a, to the extent of 62.22 Sq. Yards or 53.69 Sq. Meters BOUNDED BY:East : Land of G. Prasad, (Near H. No. 4-2-154), WEST Land of Raju Singh, NORTH : 15' Of Wide Road, SOUTH:Land of P. Chary. The Property is situated at JAGTIAL village and Mandal, under the limits of Jagtial Municipality, within the jurisdiction of Registration Sub-District Jagtial and Registration District Karim Nagar.                                                                                                                                                                                               |                     |  | DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE 30.07.2026  |
| In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under. Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                     |  | OUTSTANDING AMOUNT Rs.21,29,082/- |
| Dated: 17.08.2026, Place: Jagtial.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                     |  | LOAN AMOUNT Rs. 5,00,000/-        |

Sd/-Authorized Officer, SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD.

**HDB Financial Services Ltd**  
Regd. Office: Radhika, 2nd Floor, Law Garden Road, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad-09.  
Branch Office: Shree Balaji PSR Tower, 1st Floor H No : 1-8-616, 1, Prakash Nagar, Begumpet, Hyderabad, Telangana -500016

**E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE**

(To the Borrower /Co-Applicant /Public in General) - (Under Rule 8(6) R/w with Rule 9 (1) of SARFAESI Act, 2002) The undersigned Authorized Officer of HDB Financial Services Ltd. has taken over Symbolic Possession of the following property, under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, for the below mentioned loan account with a right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS & AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".

| Name and Address of the Applicant & Co-Applicant: 1) Sri Manikanta Seeds And Pesticides, H-No 1-7, Vv Kistapuram Mudigonda Mandal/Khammam, 507158 Telangana And Also Door No 5-31/5, Admeasuring 605.55 Yards, Within Muthuram Revenue Survey No 12/1, Situated At Muthuram Village Khammam - 507158. 2) Nelli Bharamaiah, H-No 5-31/5, Vv Kistapuram Mudigonda Khammam - 507158 Telangana 3) Nelli Ramesh H-No 5-31/5, Vv Kistapuram Mudigonda Khammam - 507158 Telangana 4) Nelli Sumalatha H-No 5-31/5, Vv Kistapuram Mudigonda Khammam- 507158 Telangana 5) Nelli Venkataramaiah, H-No 5-31/5, Vv Kistapuram Mudigonda Khammam - 507158 Telangana . Loan Account No. 31298511, Rs 18,87,67,0/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Seventy Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy And Paise Sixty Seven Only) As On 09.12.2025. With Further Interest/ Incidental Expenses /Costs Till The Date Of Full Payment. Details Of Encumbrances, If Any, Known To The Secured Creditor:- Nil |                       |                        |                                                               |
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| Reserve Price                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Earnest Money Deposit | Bid Incremental Amount | EMD Last Date & Time                                          |
| Rs.41,66,742/-                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Rs.4,16,67,4/-        | Rs.20,000/-            | 24.09.2026 up to 06.00 P.M/25.09.2026 at 11.00 a.m.to 12 Noon |

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE:**  
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(3)The intending bidders should be present in person for the Auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself/herself. No Authorized person allowed. (4) The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from the Manager/ M/s HDB Financial Services Ltd. Address: Shree Balaji PSR Tower, 1st Floor H No : 1-8-616, 1, Prakash Nagar, Begumpet, Hyderabad, Telangana 500016. (5) The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the tender form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to the Authorized Officer, HDB Financial Services Limited, together with a Pay Order/Demand Draft for an EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of "HDB Financial Service Limited" on or before 6pm on 24/09/2026 of Tender-cum-Auction sale hereby notified. (6) For inspection of the Property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact, M/s.HDB Financial Services Ltd. Address: Shree Balaji PSR Tower, 1st Floor H No : 1-8-616, 1, Prakash Nagar, Begumpet, Hyderabad, Telangana-500016 -ANARSINGRAO (9703554646) & P.KRISHNAPRADEEP (9059000515). The Properties is sold on "As-is-where-is" and "As-is-what-is" condition basis. (6) The sealed Tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders by 11am on the 25/09/2026 of Tender-cum-auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the same will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorized Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Auction among the interested bidders who desire to Quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of HDB Financial Services Limited. (7) The successful bidder shall have to pay 25% (inclusive of EMD paid) of the sale amount immediately on the same day or not later than next working day on completion of sale and the balance amount of 75% within 15 days from the date of confirmation of Sale, failing which the initial deposit of 25% shall be forfeited. At any cost it shall not be refunded. If the successful bidder, fail to make the payment of 25% of the entire bid amount as mentioned above, the next successful bidder will be considered and entitled to complete the sale. (8) The sale certificate will be issued by the Authorized Officer in favor of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the full sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. (9)The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, Registration Fee etc., as applicable under law. (10)The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, Electricity Charges and other Dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government undertaking and Local bodies. (11)The Authorized Officer has absolute right to accept or reject Tender or Bid any or all the offers and adjourn/postpone/cancel the Auction without assigning any reason thereof and also modify any terms and conditions of the sale without assigning any reason thereof and also to modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice. Date:17.08.2026, Place:Hyderabad Sd/-Authorized Officer, HDB Financial Services Ltd

**HDB Financial Services Ltd**  
Regd. Office: Radhika, 2nd Floor, Law Garden Road, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad-09.  
Branch Office: Shree Balaji PSR Tower, 1st Floor H No : 1-8-616, 1, Prakash Nagar, Begumpet, Hyderabad, Telangana -500016

**E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE**

(To the Borrower /Co-Applicant /Public in General) - (Under Rule 8(6) R/w with Rule 9 (1) of SARFAESI Act, 2002) The undersigned Authorized Officer of HDB Financial Services Ltd. has taken over Symbolic Possession of the following property, under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, for the below mentioned loan account with a right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS & AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".

| Name and Address of the Applicant & Co-Applicant: 1.) Kundan Dairy Farm, Sy No 107 Opp. Laxmi Garden Hyderabad Road Nagolda - 508001 Telangana 2.) Palreddy Suren Babu H No 6-9-102 Raghavendra Colony Hyderabad Road 508001 Nagolda Telangana 3.) P Seetarama Reddy, H No 6-9-102 Raghavendra Colony Hyderabad Road Nagolda - 508001 Telangana 4.) Metta Anasuya, Sy No 107 Opp. Laxmi Garden Hyderabad Road Nagolda - 508001 Telangana 5.) Palreddy Mrudula, Hno 6-9-102 Raghavendra Colony Hyderabad 508001 Telangana. Loan Account No. 2786328, Rs: 10,14,150,71/- (RUPEES TEN LAKHS FOURTEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED & FIFTY - PAISE SEVENTY ONE ONLY) as on 23.02.2026. With Further Interest/ Incidental Expenses /Costs Till The Date Of Full Payment. Details Of Encumbrances, If Any, Known To The Secured Creditor:- Nil |                       |                        |                                                               |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Reserve Price                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Earnest Money Deposit | Bid Incremental Amount | EMD Last Date & Time                                          |
| Rs.1,24,92,200/-                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Rs.12,49,220/-        | Rs.20,000/-            | 24.09.2026 up to 06.00 P.M/25.09.2026 at 11.00 a.m.to 12 Noon |

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**Canara Bank**  
(A Government of India Undertaking)

**ARM Branch- II**  
2nd Floor, Circle Office, Spencer Towers, No.86, M G Road, Bengaluru-560001. Telephone numbers 080-25310099, 080-25310181  
E-mail - cb6298@canarabank.com

**AUCTION SALE NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower (s) and guarantor (s) that the below described movable properties hypothecated to the secured creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken in exercise of the power conferred under the hypothecation agreement by ARM-2 Branch, Canara Bank, Bangalore, will be sold on "as is where is", "as is what is", and "whatever there is" basis on 09.09.2026, 1.00 PM to 3.00 PM, against the total liability of Rs. 5,90,46,890/- (Rupees Five crore ninety lakh forty six thousand eight hundred ninety only) as on 31.07.2026 plus further interest and charges thereon. Borrower: (1) M/s Sri Pravira Hospitality and Services Pvt Ltd., No. 1817, Fortuna Srinivasam, S201, 12th Main Road, 31st Cross, 2nd Stage, Banashankari, Bengaluru-560070. (2) Mr. Ramprakash Patwardhan (Director cum Guarantor), No.428, 9th Main, Avallyah, BDA Layout, Bengaluru-560085. (3) Mr. Ramprakash Patwardhan (Director cum Guarantor) C/o Sathyamurthy Pattavardhan, No.618, 24th Cross, 20th Main, Poompragna Layout, Subramanyapura, Bengaluru-560061. (4) Mrs. Lakshmi Sridhar (Director cum Guarantor) W/o Mr. Sridhar Somashekar, No.994/A, 4th Cross, Ashoknagar, Banashankari 1st Stage, Bengaluru-560050. (5) Mr. Vijay Sagar Shetty (Guarantor) C/o Ganasha, No.1817, Fortuna Srinivasam, S201, 12th Main Road, 31st Cross, 2nd Stage, Banashankari, Bengaluru-560070.

| Sl. No. | Vehicle Model                                    | Registration Month & Year | Registration No. | Yard Address                                                                                                                                       | Reserve price     | EMD amount      |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1.      | Ashok Leyland GP4825 tanker Goods carriage - HMV | JAN-2024                  | TS-07-UP-1167    | Old GNT Road, Beside Sridevi Rice Mill, Thummur, Naidupeta-524126, Andhra Pradesh.                                                                 | Rs. 28,00,000/-   | Rs. 2,80,000/-  |
| 2       | Ashok Leyland GP4825 tanker Goods carriage - HMV | JAN-2024                  | TS-07-UP-1152    | Old GNT Road, Beside Sridevi Rice Mill, Thummur, Naidupeta-524126, Andhra Pradesh.                                                                 | Rs. 28,00,000/-   | Rs. 2,80,000/-  |
| 3       | Ashok Leyland GP4825 tanker Goods carriage - HMV | JAN-2024                  | TS-07-UP-1356    | Old GNT Road, Beside Sridevi Rice Mill, Thummur, Naidupeta-524126, Andhra Pradesh.                                                                 | Rs. 28,00,000/-   | Rs. 2,80,000/-  |
| 4       | Ashok Leyland GP4825 tanker Goods carriage - HMV | JAN-2024                  | TS-07-UP-1125    | H.No. 1-7218-24, Near Sri Rama Rice Mill, Kotla Cheruvu Road, New Gunt, Mahabubnagar- 509001, Telangana State.                                     | Rs. 28,00,000/-   | Rs. 2,80,000/-  |
| 5       | Ashok Leyland GP4825 tanker Goods carriage - HMV | JAN-2024                  | TS-07-UP-1149    | Mettu Steet, Madira Vedu, Thuvarkadu, Chennai-77.                                                                                                  | Rs. 28,00,000/-   | Rs. 2,80,000/-  |
| 6       | Ashok Leyland GP4825 tanker Goods carriage - HMV | JAN-2024                  | TS-07-UP-1158    | C Rajeswari BOI Yard D.No. 74/134-1 Built up circle Opp. Bavarchi restaurant Beside Adarsha Maruthi Suzuki show room Kadapa-516001. Andhra Pradesh | Rs. 27,54,000/-   | Rs. 2,75,400/-  |
| TOTAL   |                                                  |                           |                  |                                                                                                                                                    | Rs. 1,67,54,000/- | Rs. 16,75,400/- |

E-AUCTION - 09.09.2026  
1. The Earnest Money Deposit stated above shall be deposited on or before 08.09.2026. The EMD amount has to be paid by Demand Draft (DD) favouring ARM-2 Branch, Canara Bank, Bangalore OR through online (RTGS/NEFT to A/c No. 209272434; IFSC Code: CNRB0006298.  
2. E-Auction of vehicles will be held on 09.09.2026, between 1.00 P.M. to 3.00 P.M by the service provider M/s PSB Alliance Pvt Ltd (BAANKNET). The incremental value will be Rs.1,00,000/-  
3. It shall be the responsibility of the interested bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the vehicles before submission of the bid. For Vehicles inspection details please contact Mobile No. 9483544116, 991102717, 9113092975 and 080-25310181  
4. The intending bidder should submit the KYC Documents along with the bid application.  
5. Successful bidder have to remit the balance amount within 3 days from the date of E-Auction, otherwise the EMD amount will be forfeited and

## BRS stages road blockade over Kalyana Lakshmi, Shaadi Mubarak

Husnabad, August 17: BRS workers staged a rasta roko at Ambedkar Crossroads in Husnabad, led by former MLA Vodithela Satish Kumar, opposing the alleged curbs on Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak schemes. Satish



Kumar accused the Congress government of weakening welfare schemes and claimed that the High Court had ordered a halt to Kalyana Lakshmi following a PIL. He said the BRS would continue its fight to protect welfare benefits for poor families. He recalled that the previous BRS government had increased financial assistance under the schemes to Rs.1,00,116 and alleged that the Congress had failed to fulfil its election promise of providing one tola of gold to beneficiaries.

## BRS spreading false propaganda on Kalyana Lakshmi, Shaadi Mubarak: Bomma Sriram

Husnabad, August 17: State Munnuru Kapu Corporation Chairman Bomma Sriram Chakravarthy accused BRS leaders of spreading false propaganda that the Congress government had stopped the Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak schemes.

He clarified that the welfare schemes were continuing and financial



assistance was being provided to all eligible beneficiaries. He urged people

## Medak Fort gets special postal cover



Medak, August 17: The historic Medak Fort has received a special postal cover from the Department of Posts, recognising its historical and architectural significance. Minister G. Vivek Venkataswamy, MP Raghunandan Rao, MLA Mainampally Rohit Rao and District Collector Pratima Singh released the postal cover at a programme held at the fort on Monday. Vivek said the State Government would take steps to develop Medak Fort as a major tourist destination and work with the Centre to secure tourism funds. Raghunandan Rao said the fort would be developed under the Swadesh Darshan project.

not to believe what he termed misinformation by the opposition.

Bomma Sriram alleged that BRS leaders were using the schemes for political purposes and said the Congress government remained committed to the welfare and development of all sections of society.

## Telangana

## FOUR CHILDREN ADOPTED FROM SIDDIPET SISHU GRUHA



Siddipet: Four children from the Sishu Gruha in Siddipet were formally adopted by couples from Kerala, Karnataka and Telangana in the presence of District Collector K. Haimavathi on Monday. The Collector advised the adoptive parents to provide the children with good education and support their interests. She urged those seeking adoption to follow the prescribed legal procedure through the Sishu Gruha or District Child Protection Unit.

## FOR ADVERTISEMENT PLEASE CONTACT: 9948480279, 7330778889

## CHANGE OF NAME

I, DAMERA ANANAD KUMAR (Old Name), H.No. 28-2-242, SC Colony, Pegadapally, Hasanparthy (M), Hanumakonda Dist-506 015, T.G. have changed my name from DAMERA ANANAD KUMAR to DAMERA ANAND KUMAR (New Name), S/o. SATYANANDAM for all future purposes.

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ENGINEERING COLLEGE AND MANAGEMENT SCIENCES  
AN UGC AUTONOMOUS INSTITUTION  
Accredited by NBA (UG : CSE, IT, ECE & EEE) & NAAC (Approved by AICTE, New Delhi and Affiliated to JNTU, Hyderabad), Kistapur, Medchal, Medchal - Malkajgiri Dist. 501 401, Phone: 9346009393, 9346009494, principal@mrem.ac.in, www.mrem.ac.in  
**SPOT ADMISSIONS FOR TGEAPCET - 2026-27**  
Branches: CIV/EEE/MEE/ECE/IT/CSE-Data Science!  
Seats are available in the above branches in TGEAPCET 2026-27. Interested and eligible candidates are requested to come along with all original certificates & Tuition Fee Rs. 70,200/- on or before 20<sup>th</sup> August 2026 at 10 am to 4 pm to attend for Spot Admission in the college campus. Date: 18-08-2026 Sd/- Principal

**BVRIT HYDERABAD**  
College of Engineering for Women  
(Autonomous)  
Bachupally, Hyderabad- 500090, Ph: 040-42417773  
Website: www.bvrityhyderabad.edu.in, Mail: info@bvrityhyderabad.edu.in  
**I. B. TECH SPOT ADMISSIONS 2026-27**  
Few seats are available after internal sliding in the department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering. Interested Candidates can attend for spot admissions with Original Certificates (10th, Intermediate, TC, EAPCET Rank card, Bonafides etc.) along with prescribed fee by Govt. of Telangana, at 10.00 A.M on 20.08.2026 in the Institute premises. Admissions will be made as per guidelines issued by Convener, TGEAPCET-2026.  
DATE: 18.08.2026 PRINCIPAL

**PALLAVI ENGINEERING COLLEGE**  
(UGC AUTONOMOUS)  
Kuntloor(V), Abdulapurmet(M), Hayathnagar, R.R.Dist-504 505.  
(Approved by AICTE and Affiliated to JNTUH)  
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**SPOT ADMISSIONS FOR FIRST YEAR B.TECH 2026 VACANCIES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE BRANCHES OF**  

| BRANCH    | CIV | EEE | ECE | CSE | CSC | CSM | CSD |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| VACANCIES | 34  | 33  | 10  | 26  | 05  | 32  | 38  |

Interested & eligible candidates who have not taken admission so far and qualified in TG-EAPCET-2026 or possessing the marks with 44.5% and above (for OC) 39.5% and above (for SC/ST/BC) are requested to attend the spot admissions on 19-08-2026 and 20-08-2026 at 11:00 am at college premises with all original Certificates along with the Tuition fee of Rs. 72,000/- & Special fee of Rs. 5,500/- . Admissions will be made as per the guidelines of the Convener, TGEAPCET - 2026.  
Date: 17.08.2026 Sd/- PRINCIPAL

**Protium**  
(Erstwhile Growth Source Financial Technologies Limited)  
Registered & Corporate Office Address: 7th Floor, Block B2, Phase - I Nirlon Knowledge Park, Pehadi Village, Off. Western Express Highway, Chandra Industrial Estate, Goregaon(E), Mumbai-400063, Maharashtra.  
**POSSESSION NOTICE- (U/S 13(4) & As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)**  
WHEREAS, the undersigned, being the Authorized Officer of Protium Finance Limited (hereinafter referred to as "Protium Finance Limited"), under the provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act No. 54 of 2002) (the "SARFAESI Act"), and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 5th June 2026, calling upon the Borrower, SPOORTH LABEUNG SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED Through its Directors POLAPALLY SREESWAPNA W/O MANMOHAN RAJ POLAPALLY and MANMOHAN RAJ POLAPALLY S/O NAGESH POLAPALLY, and the Co-Borrowers: 1. POLAPALLY SREESWAPNA W/O MANMOHAN RAJ POLAPALLY, 2. MANMOHAN RAJ POLAPALLY S/O NAGESH POLAPALLY, in respect of Loan Account No. 6909554646 & P.KRISHNAPRADEEP (9059000519), to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice, being INR 83,96,969.56/- (Eighty Three Lakh Ninety Six Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Nine Rupees and Fifty Six Paise Only) as on 5th June 2026, within 60 (sixty) days from the date of receipt of the said notice.  
The borrowers having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herebelow, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, on this 13th August 2026. The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property, and any dealings with the property shall be subject to the charge of Protium Finance Limited for an amount of INR 83,96,969.56/- (Eighty Three Lakh Ninety Six Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Nine Rupees and Fifty Six Paise Only) as on 5th June 2026, together with further interest thereon, and all costs, charges, and expenses incurred.  
The borrowers' attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available to redeem the secured assets.  
**DESCRIPTION OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY**  
All That The Part And Parcel Of Open Plot Bearing No. 18, In Survey No. 351, Land Measuring Area 308.00 Square Yards Or Equivalent To 255 Square Meters, Situated At Block No.18, Sirinvasa Nagar Colony, Kushaiguda, Kapra, Under GHMC Kushaiguda Kapra Circle & Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Telangana State And Bounded By: North: Neighbours Plot, South: Neighbours Plot, East: Neighbours Plot, West: 30'-00" Wide Road  
Date: 13th August 2026 Sd/-, For Protium Finance Limited  
Place: Rangareddy, Telangana Authorized Officer

**CanFin Homes Ltd**  
Branch Office: 12-13-416/1, Third Floor, Mani Manojan, Street No-1, Taranaka, Hyderabad- Ph: No.2705553, web: www.canfinhomes.com, e-mail: taranaka@canfinhomes.com CIN:L85110KA1987PLC008699  
**SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES**  
APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]  
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002  
NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical (mention whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., Taranaka Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 09-09-2026 (mention date of the sale), for recovery of Rs. 36,09,245/-(Rupees Thirty Six Lakhs Nine Thousand Two Hundred Forty Five Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from Mr. KATRAVATH CHANDU, S/o. K CHINYA NAIK (APPLICANT) AND Mrs. KATRAVATH SONA, W/O. KATRAVATH CHANDU (CO APPLICANT) as on 17-08-2026 together with further interest and other charges thereon. The reserve price will be Rs. 36,00,000/- (Rupees Thirtysix lakhs Only) and the earnest money deposit will be Rs.3,60,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Sixty Thousand Only)  
**SCHEDULE OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY**  
All that Residential Plot No. 280/WESTERNPART, Admeasuring: 130 Sq. Yards or 108.78 Sq. Mtrs. (Out of admeasuring 320 Sq Yards) In Survey No. 46 & 47, Situated at "IN SOUTHERN MEGA TOWNSHIP" (JANA SUVIDHA BLOCK", OOTPALLY VILLAGE, SHAMSHABAD MUNICIPALITY, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana State and bounded on bounded by: NORTH : Plot No.279, SOUTH : 30-0 Feet Wide Road, EAST : Plot No.280/East Part, West : Plot No.281  
Encumbrance : NIL  
The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd., (<https://www.canfinhomes.com/> Search/Auction.aspx). Link for participating in e-auction: [www.auctionbazaar.com](http://www.auctionbazaar.com)  
Date: 17-08-2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer  
Place : Taranaka CAN FIN HOMES LIMITED

**SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED**  
Registered Office: Sri. Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032  
Administrative Office: 6<sup>th</sup> Floor (Level 2), Building No.Q2, Arium Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710  
**DEMAND NOTICE**  
Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from M/s. Shriram Finance Limited (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shriram Finance Limited, by its Incorporation Certificate dt.13-11-2022), a company registered under the Companies Act, 2013 and also registered with RBI to do Non-Banking Finance business having its registered office at Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai- 600032 and branch office at: Karimnagar 1, (hereinafter referred as Company/ Lender). We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD. under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers/ guarantors /mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices. The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.  

| NAME OF THE BORROWER(S)/ Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | NPA DATE   | DATE OF DEMAND | OUTSTANDING AMOUNT | LOAN AMOUNT    |
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| 1)Sampath Gasikanti S/o.laxmaiah, Age:44 Years, Occ: Proprietor (m/s. Gasi Kanti Sampath Construction And Travels), H.no-2-96, Santhosh Nagar, SC Colony, Water Tank, Wallampahad, Arepalle(rural), Karimnagar, Cell: 8106057100, Pincode:505001 And Also At Sampath Gasikanti S/o.laxmaiah, Age:44 Years, Occ: Proprietor (m/s. Gasi Kanti Sampath Construction And Travels), Open Land Admeasuring To An Extent Of 116.68 Sq. Yards Or 99.19 Sq. Mtrs, Out Of Sy. No. 8/a, Situated At Vallampahad Village (now Merged In Karimnagar Municipality), Karimnagar District, Regd. Dist Rict: Karimnagar And Sub-district: Karimnagar,2)Erugurala Raja Rani D/o. Erugu Rala Anjaiah, Age:36 Years, Occ: House Wife, H.no-2-96, Santhosh Nagar, SC Colony, Water Tank, Wallampahad, Arepalle(rural), Karimnagar, Pincode:505001 And Add H.no-3-73/24, Cherla Buthkur, Karimnagar, Cell:7569293534, Pincode:505186 3)Gasikanti Bhoomiah S/o. Kistiah, Age:50 Years, Occ: Busi Ness, H.no-3-29/1, Santhosh Nagar, Wallampahad, Arepalle(rural), Karimnagar, Cell: 9440056422, Pincode:505001. | 07.01.2025 | 30.07.2026     | Rs.20,68,896/-     | Rs.20,00,000/- |

PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS: KMNGRTF2308040003-Description of the Immovable Property (Property holder Name is SAMPATH GASIKANTI) Mortgage dated 03-08-2022 Registered as Document No 7702/2022 of the office of the Sub-Registrar at Karimnagar (R.O.) Open Land admeasuring to an extent of 116.68 Sq. Yards or 99.19 Sq. Mtrs. Out of Sy. No. 8/a, Situated at Vallampahad Village (Now Merged in Karimnagar Municipality), Karimnagar District, Regd. District: Karimnagar and Sub-District: Karimnagar bounded as under:EAST: Land Of Aithan Ravinder, WEST:Land of Gandia Srinivas, NORTH : Road Leading from Karimnagar to Mancherial, SOUTH:Land of Vendor  
In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned along with further interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under.  
Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.  
Dated: 17.08.2026, Place: Karimnagar. Sd/-Authorized Officer, SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD.

**HDB Financial Services Ltd**  
Regd. Office: Radhika, 2nd Floor, Law Garden Road, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad-09.  
Branch Office: Shree Balaji PSR Tower, 1st Floor H No : 1-8-616, 1, Prakash Nagar, Begumpet, Hyderabad, Telangana -500016  
**E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE**  
(To the Borrower /Co-Applciant / Public in General) - (Under Rule 8(6) R/w with Rule 9 (1) of SARFAESI Act, 2002)  
The undersigned Authorized Officer of HDB Financial Services Ltd. has taken over Symbolic Possession of the following property, under Securitisation and Reconstruction of the Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, for the belowmentioned loan account with a right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS & AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".  
**Name and Address of the Applicant & Co-Applciant:** 1.Thirumala Engineering Agencies, H.no-1-5-93, Kaman To Barath Talkies Road Karimnagar -505001 Telangana And Also - H.No-1-5-66,1-5-67,1-5-68,1-5-71 & 1-5-72 Kaman Road Karimnagar -505001  
2) Govindu Ravikumar, H.no-8-4-157, Ganesh Nagar Karimnagar, Telangana- 505001 3) Ganesh Padmaja, H.no-8-4-157, Ganesh Nagar Karimnagar, Telangana-505001.4) Govindu Vidyaasagar, H.no-8-4-157, Ganesh Nagar Karimnagar, Telangana-505001.5) Govindu Radha, H.no-8-4-157, Ganesh Nagar Karimnagar, Telangana-505001.6) Govindu Pentaiah, H.no-8-4-157, Ganesh Nagar Karimnagar, Telangana-505001.7) Govindu Radhamma, H.no-8-4-157, Ganesh Nagar Karimnagar, Telangana-505001. Loan Account No. 4009886, 13937545  
Rs.30,83,834.6/- (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Eight Hundred And Thirty Four And Paise Six Only) As On 05.11.2025. With Further Interest/ Incidental Expenses /Costs Till The Date Of Full Payment.  
**Schedule Of The Securities:** H.No-1-5-72/A Karimnagar Dist Karimnagar (Encumbrances: Nil, Known To The Secured Creditor: Nil).  
Karimnagar Admeasuring 88.00 Sq Yards Or 73.92sq Mtrs Kaman Road Karimnagar Municipal Corporation Karimnagar Dist Karimnagar -505001. Bounded by: North:H.no-1-5-65 Of Laxmi Bai, South: 60.00 Wide Kaman Road, East: Joint Passage & H.no-1-5-73 Of Py Krishna Reddy, West: H.no-1-5-66,1-5-67, 1-5-68,1-5-69,1-5-70, & 1-5-72 Of Mandadi Vijaya Laxmi  

| Reserve Price  | Earnest Money Deposit | EMD Last Date & Time | Auction Date & Time                                            |
|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Rs.73,19,000/- | Rs.7,31,900/-         | Rs.20,000/-          | 24.09.2026 up to 06.00 P.M/ 25.09.2026 at 11.00 a.m to 12 Noon |

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE:**  
(1)The auction sale shall be "online e-auction" bidding through website <https://www.bankauctions.com> Mobile APP on the dates as mentioned in the table above with Unlimited Extension of 5 Minutes. (2)The interested bidders shall submit their EMD through Web Portal: <https://www.bankauctions.com> (the user ID & Password can be obtained free of cost by registering name with <https://www.bankauctions.com>) through Login ID & Password. The EMD shall be payable through Order/Demand Draft for an EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of "HDB Financial Service Limited" above After Registration (One Time) by the bidder in the Web Portal, the intending bidder/ purchaser is required to get the copies of the following documents uploaded in the Web Portal before the Last Date & Time of submission of the Bid Documents viz. i) Copy of the NEFT/RTGS Challan or Demand Draft; ii) Copy of PAN Card; iii) Proof of Identification/ Address Proof (KYC) viz. self-attested copy of Voter ID Card/ Driving License/ Passport etc.; without which the Bid is liable to be rejected. UPLOADED/SCANNED COPY OF ANNEXURE-II & III (can be downloaded from the Web Portal: <https://www.bankauctions.com>) AFTER DULY FILLED UP & SIGNING IS ALSO REQUIRED. The interested bidders who require assistance in creating Login ID & Password, uploading data, submitting Bid Documents, Training/ Demonstration on Online Inter-se Bidding etc., may contact **M/s. C1 India Pvt Ltd**, Udoy Vihar, Phase 2, Gul Petrochem building, Building No. 301, Gurgaon, Haryana, Pin: 122015, E-mail ID : [support@bankauctions.com](mailto:support@bankauctions.com), Support Helpline Numbers : 124-4302020/2122/23, 7291981124 / 1125 / 1126, Sales Enquiries : [sales@bankauctions.com](mailto:sales@bankauctions.com), 729198112 (3)The intending bidders should be present in person for the Auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself/herself. No Authorized person allowed. (4) The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from the Manager, **M/s HDB Financial Services Ltd.** Address: Shree Balaji PSR Tower, 1st Floor H No : 1-8-616, 1, Prakash Nagar, Begumpet, Hyderabad, Telangana 500016. (5) The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the tender form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to the Authorized Officer, HDB Financial Services Limited, together with a Pay Order/Demand Draft for an EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price, drawn in favor of "HDB Financial Service Limited" on or before 6pm on 24/09/2026 of Tender-cum-Auction sale hereby notified. (6) For inspection of the Property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact: **M/s.HDB Financial Services Ltd.** Address: Shree Balaji PSR Tower, 1st Floor H No : 1-8-616, 1, Prakash Nagar, Begumpet, Hyderabad, Telangana- 500016 -**ANARISINGRAO (9703554646) & P.KRISHNAPRADEEP (9059000519)**. The Properties is sold on "As-is-where-is" and "As-is-what-is" condition basis. (7)The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders by **11am on the 25/09/2026** of Tender-cum-auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the same will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorized Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Auction among the interested bidders who desire to Quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of **HDB Financial Services Limited**. (8) The successful bidder shall have to pay 25% (inclusive of EMD paid) of the sale amount immediately on the same day or not later than next working day on completion of sale and the balance amount of 75% within 15 days from the date of confirmation of Sale, failing which the initial deposit of 25% shall be forfeited. At any cost it shall not be refunded. If the successful bidder, fail to make the payment of 25% of the entire bid amount as mentioned above, the next successful bidder will be considered and entitled to complete the sale. (9) The sale certificate will be issued by the Authorized Officer in favor of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. (10)The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, Registration Fee etc., as applicable under law. (11)The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, Electricity Charges and other Dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government undertaking and Local bodies. (12)The Authorized Officer has absolute right to accept or reject Tender or Bid any or all the offers and adjourn/postpone/cancel the Auction without assigning any reason thereof and also modify any terms and conditions of the sale without assigning any reason thereof and also to modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice.  
Date: 17.08.2026, Place: Hyderabad Sd/-Authorized Officer, HDB Financial Services Ltd

**HDFC Bank Limited**  
# 5-9-22/1, Shapoorji Towers, 4th Floor, Hill Fort Rd, opp. to BSNL office, Ambedkar Colony, Adarsh Nagar, Hyderabad, Telangana 500063  
**SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)**  
(As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)  
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised officer of the HDFC Bank Ltd. Under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued demand notice calling upon the below mentioned customers to pay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices.  
**Details are given as under:-**  

| S.No | Customer Name                                                                                                                    | 13(2)/Notice Date | Notice Amount    | Description of Immovable Properties                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1    | 1. VIMALA TEXTILES- (Applicant)<br>2. GOVIND VINAY KUMAR - (Co-Applciant)<br>3. GOVIND VIMALA- (Co-Applciant)                    | 12-05-2026        | Rs.2331507.14/-  | Schedule of the Immovable property<br>All that the property pertaining to RCC residential bulidign bearing MCH No S-5-38/4, total measuring an area 293 sq yards or 246.12 sq meters in plot No.23 and in survey no 730 and 731, Bansara Town and Mandal, Locality of sirilla proper and mandal within in the limits of MC and Regn. sub dist. sirilla 505301, bounded by East: Road of House of Thumma Ambadas and others, North: House of Govindu Laxminarayana, South: Open plot no 24 of others. *Note: Total built area 246.12 Sq. Ft.                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 2    | 1. MOHAMMED ALTAF ANWAR, - (Applicant)<br>2. MOHAMMED IBRAHIM (Co-Applciant)                                                     | 12-05-2026        | Rs.3027948.94/-  | All that the piece and parcel of the property pertaining to H.N.4-1-117/A over Plot No.23 Ext.20.02 Sq.Yards in Sy.No.218 and 219 situated at Christipally H/o Mahabubnagar Sivar, Mahabubnagar Dist. Now in Murud Limits of Mahabubnagar 590001 bounded by East: Plot No.24; West: 20 ft Road; North 15 feet road; South: Plot No.22.<br>Note: Total extent of 200. Sq.Ft.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 3    | 1. AVUSULA VENKATESH (Applicant)<br>2. GADDAM LAVANYA - (Co-Applciant)                                                           | 12-05-2026        | Rs.3742771.61/-  | All that the piece and parcel of the Plot bearing No. 9, admeasuring 139 sq Yards equivalent to 127.02 Sq Meters with dimensions of 25 X 50 Feet. Situated in the approved layout under ROC. No 606/82-A1 dated 26.07.1984, located in ward no. 4, Block No. 1, within teh vicinity of Survey no 124, Bansara Town and Mandal, Karmareddy District 500187 bounded by East: Proposed Road, West: vacant Land belonging to Narayana, North: Plot No 8, South: Plot No.10. Total extent of 127.02 Sq.Yds.                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 4    | 1. RAVI ENTERPRISES (Borrower)<br>2. ANKARIGARI BODA SRINIVAS (Co-Applciant)<br>3. RAVI KIRAN KAILASA (Co-Applciant)             | 12-05-2026        | Rs.29280924.12/- | All the part & parcel of Office Block bearing No.5, 6, 7 & 8 III Floor admeasuring 1759.5 Sq.ft.s. Including common area along with undivided and individual share admeasuring 36.875 sq yds out of 1180 sq yds in UCON Jewell, constructed in Sy.No.404/A/1B 4408/2A/1 and 4032/2B of Kallur Village, in ward no.51, Bellary Road with in municipal limits of Kumud Municipal Corporation, Kumud District, Kallur Sub Registration, 507209 Bounded by East: Shop No.4, West: Open Space, North: Balcony and staircase South :Open space and UCON Shoppy; Boundaries of the UCON JEWEL: East: 40' Road; West: House of others; North: Open Space; South: Open to Sky, Ucon Shoppy. Note: Total extent of 36.875 Sq. Yds. |
| 5    | 1. SRI CHARY ELECTRICAL AND WINDING (Borrower)<br>2. ANASURI BHAVANI (Co-Applciant)<br>3. CHALAMA CHARY ANASURI - (Co-Applciant) | 12-05-2026        | Rs.1987545.17/-  | All that the property pertaining to RCC house bearing H.No.3-12/25/12/1, having plinth area 669.40 Sq.Feet, in the land admeasuring 151.6 Sq. Yards, or 128.73 Sq. Meters in Sy.No.285/A/1, 285/B/4, situated at Block No.3, Kodada Town & Municipality, Kodad Mandal, Suryapet District - 508206 Bounded by : East: 24'-00" Wide Municipality Road; West: Land of Pasham Srikrishnamahar: North: Land of Pasham Srikrishnamahar: South: Plot No.B5 of others. Note: Total extent of 151.06 Sq.Yds.                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 6    | 1. SAI RAM PAINTS AND COLOUR WORLD, (Borrower)<br>2. ELLANDULA RAJITHA (Co-Applciant)<br>3. ELLANDULA PRATHAP (Co-Applciant)     | 12-05-2026        | Rs.1902302.37/-  | All that the property of RCC Residential Building bearing H.No.8-2-1042/A, Plot No.10 (Part), Sy.No.938, situated at Road No.1, Erra Gutta Colony, Katla Rampur Locality, Karimnagar City & District 505001 (TS). As per the document detailed hereunder owner of the property is ELLANDULA RAJITHA W/o Prathap for the purpose of assessing the present market value of the fixed assets in it. Boundaries of the property: North: Land of Pili Mallesham South 15 feet wide road; East: Plot No.10(part) of Ellandula Raju; West: Plot No.10 (part) of Losan Nageswara Rao."                                                                                                                                           |
| 7    | 1. ATTHMAKURI SRINIVASA RAO, (Borrower)<br>2. ATTHMAKURI SWAPNA (Co-Borrower)                                                    | 12-05-2026        | Rs.5128045.69/-  | All that the property pertaining to H.No 4-2-136/D/1/a, Plot No.11, Zaheerpura, Khannam District 507003 Bounded by North: House of Nageshwar Rao Plot No.12; South: House of Kothuru Vashith Kumar Plot No.11 Part; East: Plot No.9 & 13; and 20' Wide Road"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/s and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him under sub-section 4 of section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August of the year 2026. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.  
Date : 17-08-2026 Place : Hyderabad  
AUTHORISED OFFICER  
HDFC BANK LTD

## DG CISF Shri Praveer Ranjan, IPS, Visits Visakhapatnam Port

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Shri Praveer Ranjan, IPS, Director General, Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), visited key strategic installations in Visakhapatnam on 15 and 16 August 2026. During his visit to Visakhapatnam Port, the DG CISF inspected key security installations and reviewed the security arrangements, training aspects and operational preparedness. He held discussions with Shri Jasmeet Singh Bindra, IRTS, Chairman, Visakhapatnam Port



Authority and Smt. Roshni Aparanji Korati, IAS, Deputy Chairperson, VPA, on port security and strengthening coordination between CISF and the Port Authority. During his visit to Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, he reviewed security and operational preparedness and held discussions with Shri M.N.V.S. Prabhakar, C&MD, RINL, senior management officials and CISF personnel on matters concerning security and protection of the vital installation.

## Assembly Discusses El Niño Impact on Andhra Pradesh

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, while speaking in the Legislative Assembly on the impact of El Niño, said the State was facing severe rainfall deficiency and drought-like conditions. He said there was a need to create greater public awareness about the impact of El Niño through the Assembly. The Chief Minister said water disputes were emerging not only between villages and States but also between countries, citing the Cauvery water dispute between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka in which the Supreme Court had intervened. He said Andhra Pradesh was expected to receive

867 mm of rainfall between June and December 2026, but only around 557 mm was likely to be recorded. All districts were expected to receive below-normal rainfall this year, with some districts recording a 68 per cent deficit in July. Rainfall deficiency was projected at around 35 per cent in both August and September, 25 per cent in October and 20 per cent in November, while December was expected to receive one per cent above-normal rainfall. Naidu said water availability was declining across various river basins, with reservoirs and irrigation projects witnessing falling levels.

## Free spectacles provided to 552 crochet lace artisans



Visakhapatnam: Health support initiatives for handicraft artisans are continuing under the initiative of Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, with free spectacles distributed to 552 crochet lace artisans identified with vision problems during a recent eye screening camp at the Narsapur International Lace Centre. The eye camp, conducted on August 9, covered around 700 crochet lace artisans. Doctors and medical staff carried out comprehensive examinations, including computerised power testing, intraocular pressure checks, retinal scans and slit-lamp examinations to assess the eye health of the participants.

Following the screening, 552 artisans were found to require spectacles. Arrangements were subsequently made to prepare the required frames locally and provide the spectacles free of cost. The artisans were also given the opportunity to select frames according to their preferences. Within 10 days of the

screening camp, spectacles were distributed to all the artisans identified as requiring them.

The health initiative also identified artisans requiring further treatment. Doctors recommended cataract surgeries for 45 participants during the eye camp. Of these, 12 artisans underwent cataract surgeries at Sri Kiran Eye Hospital in Kakinada the following day. The programme is being implemented with the objective of ensuring that artisans engaged in the traditional crochet lace industry have timely access to essential healthcare, particularly eye-care services that are important for their daily work and livelihood. Following the Narsapur camp, similar eye screening camps have also been conducted in villages including Achanta and Attili. Arrangements are being made through the Deputy Chief Minister's Office to facilitate additional treatment and medical support for artisans who require further care.

## Rs.500 Crore for Permanent Buildings for MJP BC Gurukuls

SIX BC GIRLS' GURUKULS UPGRADED AS JUNIOR COLLEGES; 10 NEW SCHOOLS ESTABLISHED

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) The State Government has decided to construct permanent buildings for Mahatma Jyotirao Phule (MJP) BC residential schools with Rs.500 crore through SASKI funds, Minister for BC, EWS Welfare, Handlooms and Textiles S. Savitha informed the Legislative Assembly on Monday. Replying to questions during the monsoon session, the Minister said 10 new BC residential schools were established this year, five each in Rayalaseema and North Andhra. Six BC girls'



residential schools have been upgraded into junior colleges to reduce dropouts and encourage girls to continue higher education. She said several MJP buildings that were left incomplete under

the previous government have been revived after the coalition government allocated funds. Construction has resumed at places including Gonabavi, Madakasira, Roddam and Pulivendula, and the buildings would be completed soon.

Around 90,676 students are studying in BC hostels across the State. Repairs are being taken up through CSR and District Mineral Foundation funds, while severely dilapidated hostels are being shifted to safer buildings. Facilities including CCTV

cameras, RO plants, inverters and mosquito nets have been provided. The government has also appointed 1,291 sanitation workers and 142 cooks and attendants. Rs.20 crore has been allocated in the 2026-27 Budget for hostel repairs. The Minister said Rs.80 crore has been sanctioned to complete MJP buildings that are 70-80 per cent incomplete, including the Bhimili project. An additional building at the Bhimili BC residential school is being constructed at an estimated cost of Rs.9.75 crore.

## Junior Doctors' Stipend Hike Demand

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) The State Government is continuing discussions with the Andhra Pradesh Junior Doctors Association (APJUDA) over its demand for a 15 per cent hike in stipend and has appealed to junior doctors to withdraw their proposed strike in the interest of patients. The government said it is examining existing stipend rates, previous revisions, rates in other States and the additional financial burden before taking a decision, while considering a phased annual increase instead of an immediate 15 per cent hike. Around 9,501 MBBS and BDS interns, PG, super-speciality, MDS and DNB students currently receive stipends, costing the government about 586.08 crore annually. APJUDA has sought the hike citing increased patient workload and responsibilities in emergency, ICU and critical-care services. A 15 per cent increase would entail an additional annual burden of about 87.91 crore on the government. Discussions with APJUDA have been continuing since July 17, with the latest meeting held on August 15. APJUDA began protests on August 11 and announced a strike from August 17, while the government has urged them not to disrupt emergency services and to return to discussions. Meanwhile, arrangements have been made to ensure uninterrupted emergency care, ICU, maternity, operation theatre, NICU, PICU, dialysis and trauma services, with additional doctors and adequate stocks of medicines, oxygen and blood being kept ready.

## BAC Meeting Held at Andhra Pradesh Assembly

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) A meeting of the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) of the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly was held on Monday under the chairmanship of Assembly Speaker Chintakayala Ayyanna Patrudu at the Assembly premises. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Ministers Nadenla Manohar and Payyavula Keshav, Chief Whip G.V. Anjaneyulu, and BJP Floor Leader Vishnu Kumar Raju attended the meeting. The meet-



ing discussed the conduct of the ongoing Assembly proceedings

and the issues to be taken up for discussion during the session.

## Godavari Delta Modernisation to be Completed by 2029: Minister Ramanaidu

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) The modernisation works of the Godavari Delta will be completed within the next three years, by 2029, State Water Resources Minister Dr. Nimmala Ramanaidu said in the Legislative Assembly on Monday. He said the government has released an irrigation calendar covering 36 priority projects. Replying to questions raised by members on the modernisation of the Yanamaduru Drain and the status of the Keshanapalli Canal Project, the Minister said Rs.14 crore had been allocated for modernisation works of canals and drains in the Godavari Delta and a LiDAR survey had already been completed. The Detailed Project Report (DPR) is also being prepared, he said. Ramanaidu



said modernisation of the Godavari Delta has been included among the 36 priority projects in the irrigation calendar released by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. He alleged that the previous government had failed to allocate adequate funds for operation and maintenance between 2019 and 2024, resulting in deterioration of the delta system. The coalition government, during its two years in office, has allocated more than Rs.1,100 crore for operation and maintenance works, he said. The Minister said the Yanamaduru Drain is a key drainage system in the West Godavari Delta and, despite having a capacity of 23,000 cusecs, it has been receiving flood flows beyond its capacity.



## GMR Group Executive Director C. Prasanna Meets Minister B.C. Janardhan Reddy

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) GMR Group Executive Director C. Prasanna met Andhra Pradesh Minister for Roads & Buildings and Infrastructure & Investment B.C. Janardhan Reddy at his office in the Secretariat and presented him with a memento. During the courtesy meeting, C. Prasanna congratulated the Minister on the successful inauguration and commencement of commercial operations at the Bhogapuram International Airport. He thanked the State Government and Minister B.C. Janardhan Reddy for extending their support and cooperation in successfully completing the major project. The Minister said the successful inauguration of the airport was made possible through the coordinated efforts of all departments and stakeholders. He expressed happiness over the commencement of commercial operations at Bhogapuram International Airport and described it as a "golden chapter" in the development of North Andhra. B.C. Janardhan Reddy expressed confidence that the airport would transform the region's economic and developmental landscape and create new opportunities for the people of North Andhra. He hoped that Bhogapuram International Airport would provide world-class travel facilities and offer passengers a new and enhanced travel experience in the coming days. The meeting highlighted the cooperation between the State Government and the GMR Group in making the landmark airport project operational and strengthening the region's connectivity and development.



Sri Sridhar Varma, the appointed Chairman of Sri Venkateswara Bhakti Channel, paid a courtesy call on the District Collector, Dr. S. Venkateshwar.

## Chief Minister's Relief Fund – A Helping Hand to Those in Distress Chittoor MP Daggumalla Prasad Rao

Chittoor : TDP Polit buro member and Chittoor Parliament M e m b e r Daggumalla Prasad Rao said that the Chief Minister's Relief Fund is extending a helping hand to those in distress. He praised the initiative shown by State Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu in this regard as unparalleled.



led by State Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu will always stand by those facing difficulties. The affected families who received the Chief Minister's Relief Fund cheques expressed their gratitude to AP CM Chandrababu Naidu and Chittoor Parliament Member Daggumalla Prasad Rao on this occasion.

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Minister for Tribal Welfare and Women & Child Welfare Gummadi Sandhya Rani has made it clear that the coalition government is fully committed to protecting tribal lands and safeguarding the rights of tribal communities. She said the opposition's campaign that the government would repeal the 1/70 land transfer regulation was completely baseless and aimed at misleading and frightening tribals for political gain. Speaking to the media at the Assembly media point, the Minister said protecting tribal lands under the 1/70 regulation was the responsibility of the government and assured tribal people that there was no need for any apprehension. The government would stand firmly by them in protecting their land rights. The 1/70 regula-



tions for analysing physiological signals such as ECG, EEG and EMG, while Noraxon technology enables students to study muscle movements and gait patterns. The laboratory also houses advanced medical equipment

including surgical diathermy units, haemodialysis machines, non-invasive ventilators, spirometers, syringe pumps and defibrillator simulators. Dr. I. Sarath Babu, Head of the Department of Biotechnology, said the programme provides students with an integrated understanding of engineering measurements, design and systems analysis along with biology and medical sciences. Specialised training will be offered in medical imaging, BioMEMS, biosignal processing and surgical robotics. He said the Schwan Lab would provide students with practical exposure to medical device maintenance and diagnostic procedures.

## Opposition Spreading False Propaganda to Scare Tribals

CLAIM THAT 1/70 ACT WILL BE SCRAPPED IS COMPLETELY BASELESS, SAYS MINISTER GUMMADI SANDHYA RANI



tion is among the measures governing protection of tribal land rights in Andhra Pradesh. Questioning the opposition's approach, Sandhya Rani said it was inappropriate to raise tribal issues outside the Assembly and attempt to provoke people when there was an opportunity to raise questions and seek answers in the

House. If the opposition was genuinely concerned about public issues, it should attend the Assembly and participate in discussions, she said. Taking a dig at YSRCP leaders conducting rallies with slogans about teaching the government "lessons", the Minister advised them to first recall their own record during

the previous regime. She also criticised the opposition for refusing to attend the Assembly unless it was granted the status of the principal opposition, comparing the stand to a child insisting on getting a chocolate.

Sandhya Rani alleged that the previous YSRCP government had neglected tribal welfare and weakened the functioning of ITDAs. She further alleged that 18 welfare schemes meant for tribal communities had been discontinued during the previous regime. Referring to the issue of G.O. No. 3, the Minister questioned what steps the then government had taken when the order was cancelled. She said the people had not forgotten the previous government's stand on the employ-

ment and educational rights of tribal communities. She alleged that the YSRCP had been responding late to issues concerning G.O. No. 3, DSC recruitment and other tribal welfare matters.

The Minister also criticised the opposition for attempting to exploit tribal concerns for political purposes instead of working for their resolution. She urged tribal people not to believe what she described as false propaganda and assured them that the coalition government would continue to give top priority to their safety, welfare, land rights and overall development. Recent reports have also highlighted the Andhra Pradesh government's stated commitment to restoring G.O. No. 3 through a legally sustainable framework and protecting tribal land rights.

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# EDITORIAL

## GEN Z IS NOT A MOVEMENT

Madagascar saw a crowd of disillusioned citizens grow throughout the months of September and October 2025. The anger over electricity and water shortages widened into accusations of corruption, poor governance, poverty and failing public services. After weeks of protests, president Andry Rajoelina fled the country. On October 17, Colonel Michael Randrianirina swore in as the head of state. The entire magnitude of the protest was reduced to “a Gen Z uprising”. A convenient enough label to print, broadcast and turn into a headline. And, the same narrative has started taking root in India.

The recent NEET examination leak and the wider failures within the education system brought people to Jantar Mantar in New Delhi. The immediate demand was accountability over examination irregularities and the resignation of Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan. After 35 days of an indefinite protest, Pradhan resigned, and the protest acquired a new identity: “Gen Z”.

## FROM DEMOGRAPHIC TO POLITICAL IDENTITY

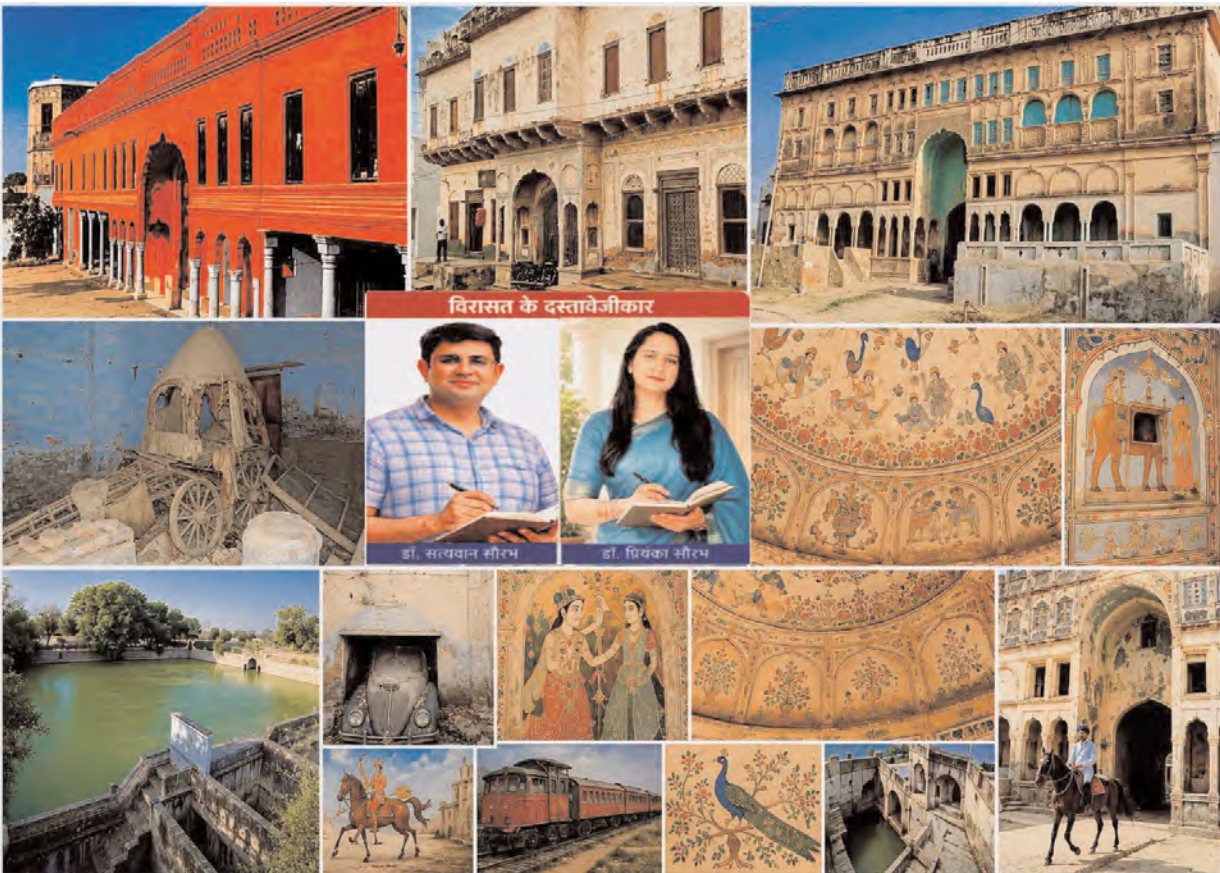
People began showering praises and criticism on the generation for successfully demanding a response from a very mute government. Ministers, academics, singers, actors, sports personalities and every section of society that had maintained strict silence over 12 years had mustered up a social media post. An entire generation was treated as the long-awaited saviour for the masses and a threat to those in power. The successes and the pitfalls of the protest were thrust upon a made-up label. The right and the left started analysing the generation. Articles and videos began pouring in. Experts were called in to opine. And, somewhere along the way, the cause that brought people to the streets was pushed to the margins and the spectacle of the protest took centre stage. It is a curious transformation. The demand for accountability reduced simply to be an outcry of a demographic. Protesters tried to cast the politicians' attention towards the education system, but the politicians diverted their attention towards decoding Gen Z. The parliamentarians have already long been performing in the assembly for a viral 15-second Instagram reel, but after 20 July, even the prime minister became an overnight influencer. A few words have been recognised as "Gen Z lingo" and the ministers have started using them in parliamentary proceedings. Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP Bansuri Swaraj saying, "Modi ji clocked it", Congress MP Deepender Singh Hooda saying, "Vastegunahuiyan" and "kuchhu-puchhu", or Shiv Sena MP Shrikant Shinde saying "MIA", "FOMO" and "delulu", all feel like desperate attempts at youth outreach. Words that already do not possess much meaning are being recorded in government databases, and used during discussions about paper leaks, that took the lives of many. A protest about education became a conversation about Instagram reels, slang, morality, clothes and the supposedly mysterious habits of Gen Z. Was the joke new? The role of humour in a protest has been accredited to Gen Z, and the temptation to label it as such stems from forgetting how old the laughter of resistance is. Humour never belonged to one generation. Whenever power has demanded to be taken seriously, people have mocked it. Satire as a form of resistance has been utilised for centuries.

# Havelis of Barwa: Living testimony to history, art and cultural heritage

Dr. Satyawan Saurabh and Dr. Priyanka Saurabh, a renowned researcher and literary couple from Barwa, have been tirelessly studying, documenting, and documenting the village's cultural heritage for the past two decades. They have attempted to connect Barwa's old mansions, murals, ponds, wells, and architectural remains with local memories and oral history. Their articles on the mansions have been used as references by several PhD researchers. Their aim has been not only to describe these historical structures but also to understand Barwa's social, cultural, and economic history through them. Their writing and documentation have contributed to elevating Barwa's heritage from local discourse to a broader literary, cultural, and research focus.) The village of Barwa in southwest Haryana transcends a simple rural settlement, becoming a living heritage site with its havelis, murals, ponds, and folk memories. Its architectural tradition reflects layers of folk art, social history, Rajasthani influences, and rural prosperity, giving it a unique place on Haryana's cultural map.

Barwa village, nestled in the dry, scorching land of south-west Haryana, is not just a rural settlement but a living document of memories, architecture, folk art and social history, preserved even today by its mansions, ponds, wells, umbrellas and murals. Located in the Siwani area of Bhiwani district, this village, with its historical buildings and painted walls, can be counted among those rare heritage settlements where the buildings are not just structures of brick and stone but become silent witnesses telling the story of time.

Barwa's most prominent landmark is its old mansions. Nearly a dozen historic mansions are considered particularly noteworthy, though



local estimates suggest even higher numbers. The mansions associated with Seth Parshuram, Seth Humkumchand, Lala Sohanlal, and Seth Lakshmeshchand hold particular architectural and mural significance. These buildings showcase the use of lakhori bricks, lime, wood, heavy and sturdy doors, carved windows, interior courtyards, and chhatris. Their architectural language reflects the shared cultural traditions of Haryana and Rajasthan.

The Thakur's Garhi, also known as Bransa Bhawan, is considered a key center of Barwa's historical identity. According to local tradition, the ancestors of Thakur Bagh Singh, belonging to the Tanwar Rajput clan, migrated from the Jeetpura region of Rajputana approximately six centuries ago and established their social roots in the region. Local accounts place the construction of the cur-

rent Garhi around 1938. According to a popular local legend, construction was initiated during a period of rainfall shortage and agricultural crisis, providing employment to the villagers. In this sense, the Garhi may have been not only a symbol of power, prosperity, and social prestige, but also a structure integral to the local economy of the time.

The fort's massive main gate, sturdy iron plates, wooden structures, large living quarters, storage spaces, and elephant stables reflect its grandeur. Despite the ravages of time, its structure still offers glimpses of Barwa's past architectural prowess and feudal lifestyle.

The true uniqueness of these mansions is reflected in the murals adorning their walls and ceilings. These paintings depict the Radha-Krishna Rasleela, Vishnu-Lakshmi, Sherawali Mata, kings and queens, horses, elephants,

chariots, soldiers, animals, birds, and numerous scenes from folk life. Some exhibit Shekhawati-style decoration, others Rajasthani and Kota influences, while others reflect Mughal and Nathdwara traditions. The blend of these styles points to the cultural exchange that occurred within the region. The paintings in Seth Parashuram's mansion are particularly noteworthy. According to local accounts, artisans were brought from Pilani to decorate it. Along with religious narratives, scenes depicting kings and queens, chariot processions, music, animals, birds, and social life are also found here. The red, yellow, blue, and green colors used in these paintings reveal the color sensibility and aesthetic sense of the artists of the time. These paintings are not merely decorative elements, but visual documents of the religious consciousness,

social structure, and cultural imagination of that era. The depiction of an elephant, a king, and a queen at the main entrance of Seth Hukumchand-Lala Sohanlal's mansion is a particular attraction.

The elephant is depicted in a decorated state, and scenes from royal life are engraved on it. Paintings depicting Vishnu-Lakshmi, Sherawali Mata, and Radha-Krishna are also found in the mansion. These paintings reflect influences of Rajasthani, Mughal, and Kota styles.

Lakshmichand's paintings at Kathare are also significant for their breadth of subject matter. They depict scenes of chariot processions, maids, horsemen, and gods and goddesses. One depicts Lord Krishna braiding Radha's hair. This scene connects religious narratives with human empathy, love, and folk beauty. The paintings

display a blend of Rajasthani and Mughal influences in the depiction of clothing, jewelry, crowns, and vehicles.

An important aspect of Barwa's pictorial language is its time-sensitivity. Not only are gods and goddesses and mythological events depicted, but scenes from the British era, including trains, postmen, soldiers, and the British era, also appear on the walls. The train's depiction includes the engine, coaches, passengers, and even a signalman. This suggests that local artists were also documenting the changing technology and social order around them through their paintings. Thus, Barwa's mural tradition also documents the dialogue between tradition and modernity.

Kesar Talab is an important center of Barwa's cultural heritage. According to local folklore, social circumstances surrounding Set Parshuram's sister Kesar inspired the pond to be paved and made available for public use. Over time, the pond became more than just a water source, but also a part of local memory and community life. The umbrellas and painted structures surrounding the pond clearly illustrate the connection between water culture and folk life. The paintings depicting Radha-Krishna's Raasleela, musical instruments, peacocks, parrots, and other birds reflect the rich tradition of folk art.

Barwa's cultural identity has also been linked to Haryanvi folk cinema. According to available accounts, some scenes from the famous Haryanvi films "Chandrawal" and "Bairi" were filmed in the village's ponds, wells, and traditional surroundings. This reveals the visual uniqueness of Barwa's architecture and rural surroundings. Cinema also indirectly played a role in bringing this heritage to wider recognition.

# Why A 'Bangladesh' Proposal By Turkish Media Should Worry India

Soon after the Mecca pact between Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, and Turkey was signed, Turkish media Yeni Safak published a piece about the prospects of Bangladesh joining the pact. Without a byline, the article took full cognisance of India's discomfort at such a proposition but insisted that it would move Bangladesh "beyond bilateral asymmetry (with India)", which would signal a "mature, independent, foreign policy". "Pakistan and Türkiye would welcome this as a natural expansion of Islamic defence cooperation, while India would recalibrate its traditional approach to its eastern neighbour". The Bangladesh Angle Now, while not too much should be read into a media piece, Yeni Safak is not just another Turkish publication. It is an Islamist one, and close to the current ruling dispensation in Turkey. One of its most defining features in recent times has been its overwhelming focus on India, highlighting some of the most insignificant events in the country that give Turkey the opportunity to ridicule it. Suffice it to say that in this pursuit, it does not spare India's leadership. Since 2024, the publication has become one of the most ardent supporters of Bangladesh's engineered uprising and is virulently anti-Hasina, only a logical extension of its anti-India stance. Given this background, Yeni Safak's article cannot be entirely dismissed as absurd. In fact, it is quite plausible that Turkey may try to get Bangladesh to join the pact, as its leaders have said that the deal is open to



other interested countries. Turkey is also trying hard to develop defence relations with Bangladesh, along the lines of its defence ties with Pakistan. And this is where India should be wary. The Mecca defence deal will be an enabler for Turkey, which is becoming an increasingly big security challenge for India. India Need Not Worry About The Saudis The pact itself need not worry India much. The greatest cohesive element in it, Saudi Arabia, has over the years developed close relations with India, which it is not about to erode, especially now. Bilateral relations between the two nations stand on their own merit. With the Saudis preparing for a post-oil economy and Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's ambitious domestic project for the Kingdom needs India. The Saudis have also committed to investing USD 100 billion in the country. At least 40 Indian companies have established headquarters in Saudi Arabia. Besides, India is one of the major Saudi energy importers, something that matters more than ever, what with the Iran conflict and now its Israeli

surrogates tightening their chokehold on the main shipping arteries for Saudi exports. Bilateral relations between India and Saudi Arabia even involve defence, with both sides regularly conducting joint military exercises. The Saudis would not want to jeopardise this crucial relationship - certainly not for Pakistan. In fact, last September, soon after the Saudi-Pakistan Mutual Defence Agreement was signed, a senior Saudi official told Reuters that the agreement was "a culmination of years of discussions". He said,

"This is not a response to specific countries or specific events ... Our relationship with India is more robust than it has ever been. We will continue to grow this relationship and seek to contribute to regional peace in whichever way we can." The Saudis did not invoke any NATO-type obligation when Pakistan began a border conflict with Afghanistan soon after the pact was signed, nor did Pakistan enter a combat role when Iran launched attacks on Saudi territory and vital infrastructure in the current Middle East con-

dict. There is also no hint of either Pakistan or Turkey starting any joint military intervention against the Houthis, who launched audacious attacks on Saudi Arabia. In fact, clarity seems to be lacking in exactly what would constitute "an attack" on one party to merit other joining in defensive roles. This much, then, can, therefore, be considered more posturing than resolve. However, defence cooperation in bankrolling defence innovation, R&D, and production, is a given. At least Turkey will make sure it is, because this is where it has an upper hand. Turkey Has The Biggest Win Turkey's military industrial complex is a formidable one and has been supported by Europe for decades now. The country's defence doctrine is anchored in pursuing a policy that will help it achieve autonomy in defence requirements and, subsequently, become a global defence exporter. But the Turkish economy is struggling, with inflation, price rise, and a plummeting lira. The Mecca pact is, therefore, a lifeline for Turkey in more ways than one. First, it opens up avenues for increasing the export of Turkish-manufactured weaponry to both Saudi Arabia and Pakistan, ensuring cash inflows to its economy. Second, it will open up access to Saudi resources and investments for Turkish defence manufacturing and critical infrastructure. This will shape a new alternative to Western aid, primarily US arms supplies. In this context, the development of TAI KAAN fighter jets is of particular significance.

## 4,800 Indians Removed, 51,000 ICE Arrests: What's Happening In Trump's America?

Last week, Venkata Vasamsetty, a long-term US green card holder, was arrested by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), three months after a judge dismissed efforts to remove her from the country. Vasamsetty, who's been lawful permanent resident in the US since 2013, hasn't committed any crime, as is the case with most victims of ICE. The agency wants to remove her because she stayed in India for a few months in 2022 to visit her ailing father, and later contracted Covid. ICE accuses her of abandoning her permanent residency, a charge she denies. Two weeks earlier, the agency arrested another US resident, Pritesh Walia, a jazz musician. He has now been released on bond. Vasamsetty is also hoping to be freed on bond. But this is not the end of their troubles. The threat of deportation remains. Vasamsetty and Walia are among the growing number of Indians affected by ICE's operations, part of US President Donald Trump's immigration crackdown. The US has deported more than 4,800 Indian nationals since Trump took office. As many as 1,273 have been deported already in the first half of this year, and 3,567 were sent back last year, according to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). Last year's figures were the highest in 16 years, but this year's total could be even more. Nationally, ICE arrested 51,000 people in July, a new monthly record. Trump has set a



record of 2,000 arrests a day. According to Markwayne Mullin, Secretary of US Homeland Security, ICE made an average of 4,200 arrests in the first week of August. So, many more Indians could be arrested and deported in the rest of this year. Indians Are The Most Targeted Group Although the largest number of arrests and deportations by the US involve nationals of Latin American and Caribbean countries, Indians now top such lists among Asians, according to Stop AAPI Hate, an American NGO that tracks and analyses data on Asian and Pacific Island nations and campaigns against ICE. Between January 2025 and March 2026, almost 28% of the 14,402 Asians arrested were Indians. During the same period, 6,218 Asians were deported; Indians again occupied the top spot, with a 28% share of removals. Stop AAPI Hate told this author that in their analysis of the latest data, which they have not

ret released, they found that "Indian people remain the most targeted by ICE, with the highest number of arrests, detentions, and deportations out of all A/PIs (Asian and Pacific Islanders)". Indians are the third-largest foreign-born group in the United States, after Mexicans and Chinese, and there have been numerous cases of immigration and ID fraud involving them. Earlier this month, US authorities filed a case to revoke the American citizenship of India-born Harinder Singh after it was found that he had used a false identity and concealed his earlier immigration history. However, the growing targeting of Indians by US immigration officials is not due to a surge in such cases. "A broader trend we also see is that the growth of the Indian population in the US, as well as the growing prominence of Indian leaders in politics, business, etc., has spurred a hateful backlash that is being further fuelled by bigoted poli-

cies and rhetoric under the Trump administration," says Stop AAPI Hate. How ICE Became Trump's Most Feared Arm ICE was formed as part of the US Homeland Security Act of 2002, a response to the 9/11 attacks in 2001. But the agency has never been as controversial as it has been since Trump began his second term as president 18 months ago. Mass deportation was Trump's main election promise, and his administration has granted ICE unprecedented powers and near-impunity to carry out immigration crack-downs and deportations. ICE agents can stop, detain, and arrest people they suspect of being in the US illegally, which is a civil offence. But since last year, they have frequently been accused of overstepping their powers and acting as if they were pursuing hardened criminals. ICE officers have kidnapped people, broken into cars to arrest suspects, and deported people even in violation of court orders.





# TN govt takes property registration fully online for first sales

Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay launched the system at the Secretariat on Monday. Under the first phase, first-sale documents for plots in layouts and first-sale flats can be registered only online.

CHENNAI: Tamil Nadu has ushered in a change in property registration, making online, presence-less registration mandatory from Monday for first-sale plots and flats, aimed at cutting visits to sub-registrar offices and improving transparency.

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The move, announced earlier by Commercial Taxes and Registration Minister D Logesh Tamilselvan, is part of the department's transition to



the STAR 3.0 ecosystem. "The move is intended to improve transparency, reduce physical interface with registration offices," Logesh said. Builders, developers and applicants can create a login on the Registration Department portal and submit documents without visiting a sub-registrar office.

Executants, claimants and witnesses have to upload Aadhaar details and complete biometric authentication through fingerprint or iris verification.

The department said registering officers will process applications within 24 hours, either registering them, returning them for correction or

rejecting them. Documents returned for rectification can be resubmitted within 30 days. Registered documents will carry the sub-registrar's digital signature and remain downloadable through the user account for 60 days. Each page will also bear a QR code containing registration details, while a dynamic five-colour endorsement and digital verification mechanism are intended to guard against forgery. The department expects the shift to reduce footfall at registration offices. Tamilselvan estimated that online registration could cut the crowd by about 30 per cent, while saving citizens time and travel costs.

## Madras HC orders magistrate inquiry into alleged police torture death in Madurai

MADURAI: The Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court on Monday ordered a magistrate inquiry into a woman's allegation that her husband was assaulted by police personnel at Chinthamani police station before his death and directed a three-member team of senior forensic doctors to conduct his post-mortem. The court also appointed an advocate commissioner to inspect whether CCTV cameras were installed at the police station and whether any cameras had been removed. The court passed the order on a petition filed by Ayyammal, wife of the deceased Paramasivam, who alleged that police personnel assaulted her husband at Chinthamani police station on July 19 after the couple went there in connection with a complaint over a dispute with their neighbours.

## Integrity can help eradicate corruption at grassroots level: Bank of India

Chevella: Corruption can be eradicated at the grass-roots level through ethical practices, integrity and public awareness, Bank of India (BOI) Chevella Branch Manager Raviteja said.

The Chevella branch, under the Hyderabad Zone, organised a Vigilance Awareness Seminar on Monday in accordance with Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) guidelines. The programme was held on the theme "Probity for Prosperity".

Addressing the gathering, Raviteja urged citizens to actively contribute to building a corruption-free society. Vigilance Officer Satish explained preventive vigilance measures and ways to prevent banking frauds, with a special focus on cyber safety. He cautioned the public against allowing third parties to use their bank accounts for transactions, warning that such accounts could be misused



as "mule accounts" and may lead to serious legal consequences. He also advised customers to keep banking details and OTPs confidential and remain alert to phishing emails, fraudulent websites and online scams. Local public representatives, bank customers and village residents participated in the seminar and raised questions during the interac-

tive session. Following the programme, bank officials, staff and villagers jointly conducted a Swachh Bharat cleanliness drive on local streets. The branch manager said the awareness programme was organised as part of the bank's efforts to strengthen vigilance and promote responsible banking practices in rural areas.

## Trends opens first store in Guntakal



Guntakal: Reliance Retail's fashion chain Trends has opened its first store in Guntakal town of Anantapur district, offering apparel and fashion accessories at affordable prices. Located on Railway Station Road in VV Nagar,

the 12,700 sq. ft. store offers a range of women's, men's and children's wear along with fashion accessories. As part of the inaugural offer, customers shopping for 3,499 or more will receive a free gift and a 1,500 coupon.

## Rubber prices surge in Tamil Nadu to Rs 275 per kg after 15 years

CHENNAI: Rubber prices have climbed high after 15 years, at Rs 275 per kg, bringing cheer to farmers in Tamil Nadu's Kanyakumari district, one of the major rubber-producing regions in the country.

According to a Daily Thanthi report, rubber prices had last touched a peak of Rs 255 per kg in 2010, before falling below Rs 200. The latest increase has raised hopes among farmers that prices will remain at the higher level. How much rubber is cultivated in Kanyakumari?

Kerala and Kanyakumari district in Tamil Nadu are among the leading rubber-producing regions in India. Rubber is cultivated across around 25,000 hectares in Kanyakumari district.

Why have rubber prices increased?

The rise in rubber prices has been attributed to increased sales in the global automobile industry, a rise in crude oil prices due to the war and higher production costs in major rubber-producing countries, including Thailand, Malaysia and India.



## Four express trains to skip Egmore railway station

CHENNAI: The Mannargudi-Chennai Express, Rockfort Superfast Express, Mumbai CST-Chennai Superfast Mail and Salem-Chennai Superfast express will not reach Egmore on select days in September and October. It will be short-terminated at Tambaram, Mambalam or Chennai Beach due to the ongoing redevelopment works at Egmore railway station. The changes will be in effect from September 4 to October 15. The Mannargudi-Chennai Egmore Express which leaves Mannargudi at 10.50 pm, will terminate at Tambaram instead of Egmore



from September 4 to October 13. Its return service will originate from Tambaram from September 5 to October 14 and depart at 11.25 pm. The Tiruchchirappalli-Chennai Egmore Rockfort Superfast Express departing Tiruchchirappalli at 10.35 pm, will terminate at Mambalam from September 9 to 15 and September 21 to October 14.

# Can quitting sugar sharpen your jawline? Here's what doctors say

Margao: Nearly half of Goa's adult population is overweight or obese, while diabetes and hypertension have emerged as major health concerns, according to the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-6) 2023-24. The findings point to a growing burden of lifestyle-related diseases in the coastal State, even as Goa continues to perform strongly on several maternal and child health indicators.

The survey, released by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, found that 43.6 per cent of men and 45.1 per cent of women in Goa have a Body Mass Index (BMI) of 25 kg/m<sup>2</sup> or above, placing them in the overweight or obese category. The figures are considerably higher than the national averages of 27.3 per cent among men and 30.7 per cent among women.

The latest data also show a significant increase compared with the previous NFHS-5 survey conducted in 2019-21. At that time, 32.6 per cent of men and 36.1 per cent of women in Goa were classified as overweight or obese. The increase highlights the growing prevalence of obesity and the associated risks of cardiovascular diseases, diabetes and other non-communicable illnesses.

Diabetes-related indicators have also emerged as a serious concern. The survey found that 32.1 per cent of men and 27.5 per cent of women in Goa either had elevated blood sugar levels or were taking medication to control diabetes. These proportions are substantially higher than the national averages of 20.9 per cent among men and 17.8 per cent among women.

Goa recorded the highest prevalence of elevated blood sugar among men in the country, narrowly ahead of Kerala. Compared with the previous survey, the proportion of men with high blood sugar increased by around eight percentage points, while the corresponding figure for women rose by nearly seven per-



centage points. The trend underlines the need for greater focus on prevention, early diagnosis, regular screening and lifestyle modification. Hypertension was another major health concern highlighted by the survey. Around 27.5 per cent of men and 26.2 per cent of women in Goa either had elevated blood pressure or were taking medication for the condition. Both figures were higher than the respective national averages, indicating a substantial burden of high blood pressure among the State's adult population.

The survey also recorded a high prevalence of caesarean deliveries in Goa. As many as 46.2 per cent of births in the State took place through C-section procedures, compared with the national average of 27.2 per cent. The proportion was particularly high in private healthcare facilities, where 69.7 per cent of deliveries were reported to be through caesarean section.

Despite the concerns over lifestyle diseases and rising C-section rates, Goa continued to perform well on several maternal and child health indicators. Institutional deliveries remained exceptionally high at 99.6 per cent. The survey also found that 92.1 per cent of moth-

ers underwent antenatal check-ups during the first trimester of pregnancy, indicating strong access to maternal healthcare services. Child immunisation coverage also showed improvement. Full vaccination coverage among children aged between 12 and 23 months increased to 93.8 per cent. At the same time, child nutrition indicators recorded encouraging progress. The proportion of children under five years who were stunted declined substantially, from 25.8 per cent in NFHS-5 to 19.4 per cent in NFHS-6.

The findings also point to significant demographic changes in Goa. People aged 60 years and above now account for 17.2 per cent of the State's population, compared with 14.2 per cent in the previous survey. The growing share of senior citizens reflects Goa's ageing population and is likely to increase demand for geriatric care, chronic disease management and other age-related health services.

On social indicators, the survey reported an increase in the proportion of ever-married women who reported experiencing spousal violence. The figure rose to 11.3 per cent from 8.3 per cent recorded in the previous survey, highlighting the need for continued efforts to strength-

en awareness, support services and protection mechanisms for women.

At the same time, alcohol consumption among men declined considerably. The proportion of men reporting alcohol use fell from 36.8 per cent in the previous survey to 22.4 per cent, indicating a notable change in consumption patterns.

Goa's total fertility rate was recorded at 1.6 children per woman, remaining below the replacement level of 2.1. The figure reflects the State's changing demographic profile, marked by lower fertility and a steadily ageing population.

Overall, the NFHS-6 findings present a mixed picture of Goa's health and social development. While the State has achieved high levels of institutional deliveries, antenatal care and child immunisation, the rapid rise in overweight and obesity, diabetes and hypertension poses a growing public health challenge. The findings underline the importance of preventive healthcare, healthier lifestyles, regular screening and stronger management of non-communicable diseases alongside continued investment in maternal, child and elderly healthcare.

## Think twice before taking antibiotics for monsoon fever

The rainy season often brings a familiar medical routine — someone develops a fever, someone recommends an antibiotic and within hours a strip of tablets appears on the kitchen counter. Doctors, however, warn that this seemingly harmless practice can backfire. Monsoon fevers can be caused by several infections, including dengue, chikungunya, malaria, typhoid, influenza and leptospirosis. Antibiotics, however, do not work against all of these infections. Taking them when they are not required can also contribute to antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

Dr Prerna Goyal, Senior Consultant - Physician at RG Hospitals, Ludhiana, said monsoon brings a predictable rise in different types of fever, but many people automatically turn to antibiotics.

"Most monsoon fevers are viral. Dengue and chikungunya, for example, are mosquito-borne viral infections. Antibiotics act against bacteria, not viruses. So taking an antibiotic for dengue or chikungunya does nothing to treat the virus causing the illness," she said.

Self-medication with antibiotics is common during the monsoon, Dr Goyal said. Some patients reach doctors after taking antibiotics on their own for a week. In such cases, doctors have to deal not only with the original illness but also with the effects of medicines that may not have been necessary.

Dengue and chikungunya are mosquito-borne viral infections and do not have a bacterial component that antibiotics can target. Therefore, a person who develops fever along with symptoms such as a rash or joint pain should not automatically take an antibiotic.

Such symptoms may require appropriate testing for dengue or chikungunya. Doctors say identifying the cause of the fever should come before deciding on treatment.

Not every monsoon fever is viral. Some infections, including typhoid, are bacterial and may require antibiotics. However, this does not mean that patients should select an antibiotic from their medicine cabinet.

Dr Goyal pointed out that prescribing the wrong antibiotic, or starting the right antibiotic too early before a proper diagnosis, can mask symptoms, make accurate testing more difficult and contribute to antimicrobial resistance. Even when an antibiotic is eventually required, guessing which medicine to take is not the same as treating the infection correctly.

Dr Niraj Kumar, Senior Consultant, Internal Medicine, ShardaCare - HealthCity,



said many people believe antibiotics will make a monsoon fever disappear faster.

"When the fever is caused by a virus, an antibiotic does not help. Unnecessary medicines can also cause side effects and contribute to antimicrobial resistance (AMR). This happens when bacteria gradually become resistant to medicines designed to kill them or stop their growth," he said.

Antimicrobial resistance can make infections that were once relatively easy to treat much harder to manage in the future.

Doctors advise that the first response to a fever should not necessarily be reaching for an antibiotic. Patients should observe their symptoms, rest, stay properly hydrated and monitor their condition, particularly when a viral illness is suspected.

Dr Goyal recommends medical evaluation if fever persists for more than two to three days, with blood tests considered before medication is started when appropriate.

Fever accompanied by a rash or significant joint pain may require testing for dengue or chikungunya. Other symptoms and the patient's medical history can help doctors identify other possible causes.

Dr Kumar also advises people to seek medical attention promptly if fever persists or warning symptoms develop. Any fever lasting more than 48 to 72 hours, particularly if it is not improving or is accompanied by other concerning symptoms, warrants medical evaluation.

Doctors emphasise that the biggest mistake is assuming every fever is the same. Fever is a symptom, not a diagnosis, and it can be caused by viruses, bacteria or other conditions. The appropriate treatment therefore depends on the cause. Before taking an antibiotic because someone says it worked for them during the previous monsoon, doctors advise patients to get the illness properly assessed and take antibiotics only when prescribed or recommended by a qualified medical profes-

## Stock markets decline in early trade amid rising crude oil prices

**Mumbai:** Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty drifted lower in early trade on Monday, August 17, amid rising crude oil prices and persistent geopolitical tensions in West Asia. The 30-share BSE Sensex declined 284.85 points to 77,717.05 during initial trading. The 50-share NSE Nifty dipped 69.25 points to 24,297.05. From the Sensex pack, Infosys, Tata Consultancy Services, HCL Tech, Tech Mahindra, Hindustan Unilever and State Bank of India were the biggest laggards. Bharat Electronics and Titan were the only winners. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, traded 0.43 per cent higher at USD 88.86 per barrel. "Crude oil remains the principal concern, with Brent holding near USD 88 a barrel after renewed US warnings against Iran pushed prices higher on Friday, keeping the geopolitical risk premium firmly embedded in energy



markets," Hariselman Radhakrishnan, Founder & CEO of HST Wealth, a research analyst firm, said. In Asian markets, Japan's Nikkei 225, Shanghai's SSE Composite index and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index traded higher. US markets ended lower on Friday. "Indian equity markets are expected to remain range-bound with a cautious bias as persistent geopolitical tensions in the Middle East continue to restrain risk

appetite," Ponnudi R, CEO of Enrich Money, an online trading and wealth-tech firm, said. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) bought equities worth Rs 508.12 crore on Friday, according to exchange data. On Friday, the Sensex was down 70.71 points, or 0.09 per cent, to settle at 78,009.25. The Nifty dipped 29.85 points, or 0.12 per cent, to end at 24,366. The 30-share BSE Sensex declined 284.85 points to 77,717.05 during initial trading.

## Jio Reintroduces Rs 299 Prime Membership Plan After Airtel Rejig



Reliance Jio has reintroduced its Rs 299 Prime membership plan, days after Bharti Airtel discontinued its popular Rs 299 prepaid offering and raised the entry price of its unlimited plans to Rs 349. Jio said the Rs 299 Prime membership will remain available to existing prepaid and postpaid customers, with the price guaranteed until Sept. 5, 2027. The membership will also provide subscribers with dedicated priority customer support. The move comes as telecom operators continue to rationalise their prepaid portfolios and seek to improve average revenue per user (ARPU). Airtel's decision to withdraw its Rs 299 base plan, which offered 1GB of daily data for 28 days, effectively lifted the entry-level unlimited plan price by 16.7% to Rs 349. The new plan also offers 1.5GB of

data per day. Analysts at Centrum Broking described Airtel's latest changes as one of its biggest single-day prepaid portfolio cleanups in recent years, calling it part of a broader tariff rationalisation exercise. Several less-popular plans across 56-day and 90-day validity periods were also discontinued. Jio's decision to retain the Rs 299 price point could help it position the membership as a value proposition as the industry moves toward higher tariffs. The company's move also comes against the backdrop of stronger subscriber monetisation across the sector. Notably, Airtel had reported an 11.5% sequential rise in consolidated net profit to Rs 8,167 crore for the June quarter, while revenue from operations increased 5.7% to Rs 58,539 crore.

## Vedanta Power Reaffirms Commitment to India's Energy Security on Independence Day

Andhra Pradesh, August 17th: As India celebrated its 80th Independence Day, Vedanta Power Limited, India's fifth-largest private thermal power producer, reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening the nation's energy security by delivering reliable power, securing domestic fuel supplies and investing in long-term capacity expansion. With a total power generation capacity of 4.78 GW, including 4.18 GW operational capacity and 0.6 GW under commissioning, Vedanta Power has established a significant presence across Punjab, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Chhattisgarh. Around 74% of the company's capacity is backed by long- and medium-term Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs), while approximately 85% of its operational capacity has domestic coal linkages, providing greater fuel security and stability of operations. Fuel security remains a key pillar of Vedanta Power's approach to reliable generation. Approximately 85% of its operational portfolio is backed by long-term domestic coal linkages through Coal India subsidiaries, including Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL), South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) and Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL). This includes



100% linkage coal from SECL and NCL for the Vedanta Power Talwandi Sabo Thermal Plant in Punjab and 100% linkage coal from MCL for the Vedanta Power Jharsuguda Thermal Plant in Odisha. Vedanta Power is also strengthening fuel flexibility across its portfolio. At Meenakshi Energy Limited in Andhra Pradesh, the company is transitioning the plant from its original imported-coal-based fuel mix towards domestic coal. This transition is aimed at enhancing fuel security and reducing exposure to global fuel market volatility.

Commenting on the occasion, Rajinder Singh Ahuja, Whole-Time Director and CEO, Vedanta Power Limited, said, "Energy security is fundamental to the country's economic independence and its aspirations for a developed India. At Vedanta Power, we are committed to playing our part by ensuring reliable and secure power, strengthening domestic fuel linkages and expanding our generation capacity. As India's power requirements continue to grow, we believe dependable thermal power will remain an important part of the energy mix,

alongside emerging clean energy technologies. Our focus is to build a resilient and diversified power portfolio that can support India's growth ambitions for decades to come and contribute towards Viksit Bharat by 2047." K Binu Raphael, Acting CEO, Meenakshi Energy Limited, said, "Independence is also about building greater resilience and reducing dependence on external resources. At Meenakshi Energy Limited, our transition towards greater use of domestic coal reflects this larger national objective.

## Airtel Payments Bank Announces Board Transition; Shabnam Sinha To Succeed Sunil Mittal



Airtel Payments Bank on Monday announced a leadership transition, with Shabnam Sinha, who brings more than three decades of experience across development finance and financial services, including a stint with the World Bank, set to succeed Sunil Bharti Mittal as chairperson from Oct. 1, 2026, subject to Reserve Bank of India approval. Mittal will step down as non-executive chairman and leave the bank's board effective Sept. 30, bringing an end to his tenure that began in April 2016. Sinha, currently an independent director on the bank's board, will serve as chairperson for a three-year term. During Mittal's tenure, Airtel Payments Bank expanded its presence across consumer and enterprise banking and emerged

as India's largest payments bank by revenue, according to the company. The bank now has more than 121 million monthly active users and nearly 30 million bank account customers. Its banking network spans more than 500,000 banking points across the country, reaching three out of four villages, the company said. Airtel Payments Bank has also positioned itself as India's second-largest mobile bank and UPI Autopay player. Sinha currently chairs the board's Special Committee for Monitoring Frauds and is a member of its Risk Management and IT Committees. She brings more than three decades of experience across development finance, financial services, public policy and institutional transformation.

## Resilient Asset Management To Sell Up To Rs 4,900-Crore Stake; Floor Price Fixed

Paytm shares will be in focus on Tuesday as Resilient Asset Management is set to sell a stake of up to 5% in One97 Communications, the parent company of Paytm, through block deals, according to sources. The proposed stake sale is expected to be worth up to Rs 4,900 crore, with the transaction set to take place on Tuesday. The floor price for the block deal has been fixed at Rs 1,535 per share, representing a 3% discount to Paytm's current market price. The base deal size comprises around 19.2 million shares, while an additional 12.4 million shares could be sold through a greenshoe option. The overall transaction could therefore cover up to 5% of Paytm's equity. Goldman Sachs is acting as the banker for the transaction. The proposed sale comes after a strong run in Paytm shares, with investors



closely watching the company's shareholder structure and potential changes in promoter-linked holdings. Resilient Asset Management held a 10.2% stake in Paytm as of the quarter ended June, according to the shareholding data. Resilient had acquired a 10.2% stake in Paytm from Antfin in 2023 against optionally convertible debentures, or OCDs. The proposed transaction could significantly reduce Resilient's holding if the

full 5% stake is sold. Paytm Q1 Results The parent company of Paytm reported a 8.1% jump in its consolidated revenue for the first quarter of fiscal 2026-27 to Rs 2,448 crore sequentially, compared to Rs 2,264 crore, according to an exchange filing. The firm's net profit saw a 20% increase to Rs 220 quarter-on-quarter from Rs 184 crore. Its earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation (Ebitda) increased by 54% to Rs

203, compared to the previous quarter's Rs 132 crore. The Ebitda margin expanded to 8.3% from 5.8% in the quarter prior. The company has clocked a profit for the fifth straight quarter. Paytm Share Price Today Paytm shares closed 1.42% lower at Rs 1,580.20 per share on Monday. The shares have fallen 0.25% in one week but rose 17.23% in one month. The shares were up 22.33% year-to-date and 37.25% in the last one year.

## FERRARI'S FIRST EVER ELECTRIC CAR SOLD FOR RECORD \$40M



Ferrari's first ever electric car has fetched \$40m (£29.5m) in a charity sale, setting a record for a new vehicle sold at auction. The sale of the Ferrari Luce - brainchild of the British iPhone designer Sir Jony Ive - raised more than 35 times the usual price of the car at the event at RM Sotheby's in California. The Luce faced a backlash when it was launched in May. Some commentators said it strayed from the marque's traditional designs and lost part of the brand's identity by being battery-powered and having five seats. Sotheby's said all proceeds of the sale will be donated to the Ferrari Foundation's educational programmes.

Sotheby's did not name the buyer of the custom Luce which features a unique finish and bespoke parts. The BBC has contacted the auction house and Ferrari for comment. The unveiling of the Luce was seen as one of the biggest launches of a new car in recent years. It marked the prancing horse's first entry into the electric vehicle (EV) market - a sector dominated by Elon Musk's Tesla and China's carmakers. Italian President Sergio Mattarella and Pope Leo were invited to view the luxury brand's new vehicle. But Ferrari's share price dropped the day after the Luce's launch, following backlash over the car. Among those criticising



the car were Italy's deputy prime minister Matteo Salvini and former Ferrari chairman Luca Cordero di Montezemolo, who said the car was "risking the destruction of a legend". Ferrari's chief design officer Flavio Manzoni said in an interview in May that critics are part of the innovation process and that he believed people would come to appreciate the Luce. The company has not disclosed its target for Luce sales but, according to a Financial Times report, it has hit this year's goal thanks to strong demand from China. Sotheby's said in a statement that the auctioned vehicle marked an "unbeatable opportunity" to own the first production car

of the Luce. The car has special wheels, customised brakes and a white finish. The charity sale marks a "tangible expression of innovation, responsibility, and long-term vision for future generations," Sotheby's said. Ferraris often attract some of the highest prices at car auctions. A bespoke Ferrari Daytona SP3 supercar raised \$26m for the carmaker's education initiatives at an auction in 2025. At the time it set an auction record for the highest-price paid for a new car. The current record for the highest price paid at auction was an ultra-rare 1955 Mercedes-Benz 300 SLR Uhlenhaut Coupé, which was sold for \$142m in 2022.

## Trump envoy Kushner meets Netanyahu after Hamas talks on peace plan



A meeting between Donald Trump's Middle East envoy Jared Kushner and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has ended, the premier's spokesperson has told the BBC. Kushner arrived in Israel on Sunday night after holding rare talks with Hamas to discuss the implementation of the US-backed Gaza peace plan. Last week, Israel rejected Trump's 15-point plan for peace, which also calls for Israeli troops to withdraw and for Gaza to be rebuilt under a new civilian Palestinian administration. The rejection came after the president's Board of Peace said it had reached an agreement for the "complete disarmament" of Hamas and other armed groups in Gaza last month. Trump leads the Board of Peace, which was created as an international organisation originally intended to bring peace to Gaza, but later expanded to include conflicts worldwide. According to Israeli media reports, Board of Peace envoys Nickolay Mladenov and Tony Blair are also meeting Netanyahu on Monday, with the aim of

advancing Trump's plan. In a phone interview with Fox News on Monday, Trump is reported to have said that Hamas "are giving up their guns" and that Israel should not be carrying out strikes in Gaza. The US outlet did not elaborate further on his comments. Many Israelis remain sceptical that Hamas is ready to disarm. The US-led Board of Peace wants to show that the peace plan for Gaza can still move forward - despite Netanyahu's firm rejection of a new roadmap. Hamas has agreed to give up its weapons in exchange for a phased Israeli troop withdrawal. But Israel has insisted that Hamas must fully disarm before any Israeli pullout. It also wants any weapons that Hamas gives up to be destroyed, rather than stored by a Palestinian technocratic committee, so that Hamas cannot reclaim them. In addition, there is opposition to Turkey and Qatar being involved in checks on whether Hamas is meeting its requirements under the deal. Pushing Netanyahu to change his position will be an uphill struggle.



■ Aid shortages and fears of starvation as Indonesia reels from deadly earthquake

## Trump says US to reduce military drills with South Korea after it stayed out of Iran war

President Donald Trump has said the US will "substantially reduce" joint military exercises with South Korea, citing his "very good relationship" with North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un. He also noted on Truth Social that South Korea had recently declined to join the US in the "denuclearisation" of Iran. "These exercises are not only costly, with much of these costs paid for by the United States of America (as usual!), but send a signal that is totally inappropriate and hostile," Trump posted. Seoul said it was reviewing Trump's comments, adding it hoped a favourable relationship between Washington and Pyongyang could lead to meaningful talks. Pyongyang has not yet commented. Earlier, South Korea said the drills with



the US would proceed "as scheduled". It comes after North Korea this month conducted ballistic missile tests banned by the United Nations. Trump said in his social media post on Sunday that it was "too late to cancel", as the US and South Korea were due to start their annual military exercises on Monday. He added: "While somewhat unrelated (?), I recently asked the

presidential Blue House said it would continue diplomatic consultations on US-Korea military cooperation related to the Strait of Hormuz, while discussing details on joint military drills with the United States. Experts suggest the walking back of joint military exercises could carry a high cost with relatively little benefit. "US-South Korea combined defence exercises are essential for military forces to be ready and capable of doing their jobs," said Leif-Eric Easley, a professor at Ewha University in Seoul. "Scaling them back can damage alliance coordination, slow the process of South Korea taking on greater responsibility for its own defence, and weaken deterrence against possible conflicts in Asia.

## Two dead and hundreds evacuated after twin fires break out on Greek island



Two people died and hundreds were evacuated after two fires broke out "almost simultaneously" on a Greek island near Athens on Sunday afternoon, officials said. About 200 firefighters were deployed to keep the twin fires from converging on the island of Salamina, which was under a high wildfire risk on Sunday. The first blaze was reported at 14:40 local time (11:40 GMT) near the island's south coast and spread rapidly due to high winds, followed by a separate fire some 20 minutes later in the east. Their cause is not yet known. One of the fires had been brought under control and evacuations completed by Sunday evening, Greek media report, with 500 people having left the island by sea. The first blaze broke out in a forested residential area in Peristeria, a southern city on the island, fire official Vasilios Vathrakoyannis said in a statement. Firefighters attending the blaze found two bodies at the scene, he said. The city's mayor told Greek media they were believed to have been a couple. Officials continued to battle scattered blazes there late on Sunday, while the second fire which began in the eastern town of Selinia was said to have "no active front". Two coast guard vessels and a fire department vessel will remain in the area for surveillance and assistance. At least 10 other people suffered burns or showed "symptoms of smoke

inhalation", five of whom had been taken for treatment locally, Greek Health Minister Adonis Georgiades said on X. A number of aircraft and 50 fire engines, assisted by water tankers and construction machinery, were deployed to try and tackle the two fires. Salamina Deputy Mayor Thodoris Zannis earlier said this was to keep the fires from burning over a mountain on the island and meeting to form a single blaze. Five patrol boats and several other private vessels were sent to the area for assistance. Salamina sits just west of Athens and has some 37,000 residents, many of them elderly. Firefighters across Europe have been facing a series of wildfires this weekend, including officers in Belgium spending a third day beating back flames in the country's largest nature reserve, Hautes Fagnes. The wildfire - described as the largest in the country's recent history - has more than doubled in size in 24 hours. Meanwhile, at least one person died and dozens were injured in a wildfire that tore through Croatia's coastline overnight on Friday. It was described by Croatia's fire chief Slavko Tucakovic as "one of the worst" blazes in the country's history and saw around 1,200 residents and tourists evacuated. The EU's climate monitoring service, Copernicus, has confirmed that western Europe experienced its hottest June-to-July period on record.

## Top Zambian opposition figures arrested days after presidential vote

Security forces in Zambia have seized weapons and arrested 11 people, including senior opposition figures, allegedly involved in an insurrection plot, the government has said. The leading opposition candidate in last Thursday's presidential election, Brian Mundubile, was also found at the scene of the raid in the capital, Lusaka, according to the country's top civil servant Patrick Kangwa. In an interview with the BBC, Mundubile dismissed the accusations as "total fabrications", alleging security forces staged an assassination attempt on his life during a raid at his home on Friday. With results from more than half of the constituencies announced, he is trailing incumbent Hakainde Hichilema. Hichilema, who is running for a second five-year term, has 62% of the votes. Mundubile, one of 13 challengers, has 36%. But the 55-year-old opposition leader had earlier claimed victory and alleged, without sharing the evidence, that there had been voting irregularities.



Giving details about the raid, Kangwa said the individuals arrested were connected to "military plans involving foreign nationals and illegal military training camps". He added that they posed "a serious threat to state security" and held "high-grade military weapons", ammunition and other materials intended for use in an armed insurrection. He alleged that shots were fired at law enforcement officers leading to an exchange of fire. Mundubile however told the BBC that there was no militia at his home. "It's unfortunate that senior government officials would present themselves before the entire nation to make such

falsehoods," he told BBC Focus on Africa. According to Kangwa, among those arrested were Patrick Mwansa, the husband of Tasila Lungu, the daughter of former Zambian President Edgar Lungu, and other politicians. The suspects are being held in custody at various police stations in Lusaka. Mundubile described the raid to the BBC saying armed personnel knocked down the gate with an armoured vehicle, broke doors and windows and opened fire. "They were basically shooting indiscriminately. They directed two shots towards me. Like I've always said, it was just by God's grace that I survived.

"So they came in to kill us," he said. Mundubile said former minister Mutotwe Kafwaya was shot while he and his wife were present. He said Kafwaya, whose whereabouts remain unknown, was bleeding and he urged the officers to take him to hospital. Mundubile said his family remains traumatised. "My children saw their uncle... bleeding profusely and being dragged like an animal... 80 soldiers coming into the house, shooting indiscriminately and breaking doors and windows down is not an experience anybody would want to go through." He said he and his family had not returned home since Friday and felt unsafe. On the day following the election, he maintained that his campaign's parallel vote tabulation showed him in the lead and repeated allegations of irregularities, without providing detailed evidence. The authorities denied the claims of vote rigging and in preliminary statements observers described election day as largely peaceful and orderly.

## MOVIE THAT WENT VIRAL FOR TERRIBLE ANIMATION BECOMES CHINA BOX OFFICE HIT



It's so bad, it's become a box office hit. Niu Lai, a low-budget animation film about a cow in a dream sequence has seen a huge jump in ticket sales after going viral for its confusing plot and terrible graphics. It grossed just 7,705 yuan (\$1,140, £343) in the first 10 days after its release, but has now made more than 11.4 million yuan, according to movie tracking site Mao Yan. That means it is holding ground against Hollywood blockbusters like The Odyssey and Spider Man: Brand New Day. "You may regret for 80 minutes if you watch it, but if you don't, you'll regret it for life," one popular social media post about the film said. Other

social media users have hailed the movie as the antidote to the AI slop that is taking over social media algorithms. They are sharing clips praising Niu Lai's "hand-crafted" method - a reference to the poor animation quality - as "proof" that its creators did not use AI. "That's some serious craftsmanship," a Weibo user wrote. Another social media user called it "pure handmade" and the biggest "dark horse" of the summer movie season. Others say they are rooting for the movie because they desperately hope for a "bullish" stock market - a reference to the fact that the words "bull" and "cow" share the same character in Chinese.



Russia and Ukraine trade more deadly strikes

## Ebola outbreak in DR Congo becomes deadliest in its history

The Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo is now the deadliest in its history, according to public health officials. A total of 2,325 people have been killed by the virus since it was declared on 15 May, surpassing the death toll of the country's 2018-2020 outbreak. The outbreak was already the fastest growing on record, UN humanitarian chief Tom Fletcher said last week, warning that "the epidemic is killing someone every 30 minutes". There is currently no approved vaccine available for the Bundibugyo species that has caused the current epidemic but several are in development, including one based on technology used to develop the AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine. DR Congo's Institute of Public Health on



Sunday said it had recorded 4,945 confirmed cases, including 101 in the previous 24 hours. Comparatively few cases have been identified outside the country: as of 12 August, 20 cases were confirmed in neighbouring Uganda, while two people were treated in Germany and one case was declared in France. However, the pace of the virus's transmission in

DR Congo, where it has spread to six of 26 provinces, has been described as "exceptional" by the World Health Organization. According to Reuters, it took close to five months for the world's deadliest outbreak of 2014-2016 in West Africa to reach 1,000 fatalities. The current outbreak reached 2,000 deaths in three months, though researchers say it may have

been spreading undetected since February. The outbreak is the 17th to have emerged in DR Congo since Ebola was discovered 50 years ago. Years of conflict and a highly mobile population have added to the country's challenges in controlling the spread of the disease. The WHO has said it hopes to reverse the spread of the disease within three months but warned that this meant bringing transmission under control and not ending the outbreak entirely. Ebola is a rare but deadly viral disease and the Bundibugyo species is even rarer, with only two known prior outbreaks. Symptoms of Ebola, which are similar to the flu or malaria, include fever, headache and tiredness, and can begin suddenly within two to 21 days of infection.

## AYUSH SHETTY: INDIA'S BADMINTON STAR WHO STUNNED WORLD NO. 1 SHI YUQI AT BWF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

India's 21-year-old badminton star Ayush Shetty stunned defending champion and World No. 1 Shi Yuqi of China 21-14, 13-21, 21-19 in the BWF World Championships 2026 Round of 64 clash. The youngster, who hails from Karkala in Karnataka, looked in sensational form as he came up with brilliant smashes and terrific defence to pull off a stunning win in front of the home crowd in New Delhi. This was his first-ever win over Shi Yuqi after three successive losses, including a straight-game loss in the final of the Asia Badminton Championships earlier this year. Ayush was off to a flying start with a 21-14 win in the first game and although he dropped the second game, the youngster did not give up. He fought back brilliantly and was able to finish the match in style. Who is Ayush Shetty? Shetty found himself in the headlines earlier this year after he became the first Indian men's singles player to



reach the Badminton Asia Championships final in 61 years. While he was defeated by Shi Yuqi in the final, he pulled off a brilliant win over Kunlavut Vitidsarn in the semi-final. It was a result that truly announced his arrival on the global stage. He comes from the small town of Sanoor near Karkala in Karnataka and was introduced to badminton at the age of 8 by his father, who coached him in their backyard. The family later relocated to Bengaluru in order to provide proper training to Shetty and under the guid-

ance of coaches at the Prakash Padukone Badminton Academy, he honed his skills. Shetty's breakthrough came in 2025 when he won the US Open title after beating Brian Yang in straight games. It was his maiden BWF World Tour title. He followed it up with wins over top-10 players like Li Shi Feng and Chi Yu Jen at the Asia Championships. Earlier, he won the bronze medal at the 2023 World Junior Championships in Spokane, USA, won the Denmark Junior International in 2021.

## Formula E To Match Formula 1 In Speed? Co-Founder Says Gen4 "Will Be Very Close"

Formula E is entering its Gen4 era with a clear ambition to close the performance gap with Formula One, with championship co-founder Alberto Longo believing the all-electric series could be running at near-F1 pace on several circuits by the end of the next four-season cycle. Formula E bid farewell to its Gen3 cars at the London E-Prix on Sunday, and CEO Jeff Dadds believes its rapid evolution could eventually see electric racing outpace Formula One. "What is fascinating in Formula E is to see the steps. Because every two-three years, we have a step in technology which is so big that it's even difficult to compare to the previous generation," Longo said. "It was difficult to compare Gen3 to Gen2. It will be very difficult to compare Gen3 to Gen4. Because we speak to another level in terms of racing level, technology." The Gen4 cars are expected to reach around 335 kmph, with lap times improving by six to 10 seconds at circuits through increased downforce, powertrain development and new tyres. Longo expects the performance gap with Formula One to



narrow substantially during Gen4's four-season cycle. "By the time we end Gen4, in the fourth season of Gen4, we will be very close to times of Formula 1 in many tracks," he said. CEO Dadds, who has worked in the Formula One ecosystem and describes himself as an F1 fan, believes Formula E's progress should not be measured simply by its proximity to the established championship. Formula E is only 12 years old, compared to F1's 76-year history, Dadds pointed out, and said the

younger championship had experienced "hyper-growth" while developing a fundamentally different proposition. "We don't need Formula 1 to fail for us to be successful or vice versa. We absolutely think there is room for both organisations to continue being incredibly successful," he said. Dadds believes Formula E's technological trajectory could eventually give it a performance advantage over combustion-powered racing. "We already accelerate much faster than a Formula 1 car. We are at

the infancy of the technology here at Formula E. The combustion engine's been around for 130 years, so that's been iterated to within an inch of its life," he said. "So over the next four, five, six, seven years, we are going to get to a point where the technology in Formula E can outpace a Formula 1 car. No question about that." At the heart of Formula E's argument is efficiency. Dadds said the most efficient F1 combustion engine operates at roughly 55 per cent efficiency, while Gen4 technology is expected to be in the region of 97-98 per cent. That, he argued, explains the absence of the traditional engine roar associated with motorsport. "When people say to me, it would be great if these cars sounded noisier, like a Formula 1 car. What you're asking me is to make a car sound like the past. To make it sound less efficient, less performant, less technologically innovative," Dadds said. "We're going to make our cars sound like this car. Our children... are likely to only exist driving a hybrid or an electric car. This needs to be a sound that they associate, not what my father associates with."

## High On Confidence, Indian Women's Hockey Team Eyes World Cup Win Over South Africa

High on confidence after holding Olympic silver medallists and world No. 4 China to a draw, India will look to strengthen their bid for a top-two finish in Pool D when they face South Africa in their second Women's Hockey World Cup match on Tuesday. India, ranked ninth in the world, produced a disciplined display to secure a 2-2 draw against a fancied Chinese side in their tournament opener. The result has given them a valuable point and put them in a good position to qualify for the second round. England currently lead Pool D following their 4-0 win over South Africa, with China and India next in the standings, while South Africa are fourth. For the semifinal race the top two teams from each pool will be divided into two groups (E and F) of four teams each. Each team will play matches against the opponents they did not face in the first round. A team's result in the first round against the progressing team from its pool will



be carried forward in second round. It means that India and China will not play each other if they reach the second round and their one point each from the draw will be carried forward. For India, Tuesday's game is, therefore, an opportunity to put themselves firmly in control of their qualification hopes. A win over 18th-ranked South Africa would not only boost their chances of finishing

in the top two but also provide momentum ahead of their final pool game. "We don't have to worry about the other teams' positions, but we need to maintain this momentum in the upcoming matches while avoiding complacency," coach Sjoerd Marijne said after the China game. India showed plenty of promise in their opening match. Dragflicker Deepika converted a penalty

corner and also earned another, while World Cup debutants Sunelita Toppo, Ishika and Shilpi Dabas displayed composure well beyond their experience. Navneet Kaur, who was named Player of the Tournament at the World Cup Qualifiers, has also carried her impressive form into the tournament and will be one of India's key attacking threats. However, Marijne knows there is room for improvement, particularly in possession and ball retention. India controlled the opening quarter and went into half-time with a 2-1 lead, but their intensity dropped after the break. They sat deeper in the third quarter, allowing China to take control and eventually find the equaliser. "We scored a penalty corner and a field goal, but I'm not happy with the third quarter. We need to work on ball possession and ball retention. The team must have felt relieved after the draw in the first match," Marijne said.

## ONE DECISION, JUST TWO RUNS: SHUBMAN GILL, GAUTAM GAMBHIR'S GALLE STRATEGY UNDER FIRE

India finished the second day of the first Test against Sri Lanka at Galle on 460/9. It was expected that India would declare at the overnight score to gain the maximum advantage of bowling in the first hour of the morning session. However, the Indian team management took a surprising call as they sent overnight unbeaten batters Kuldeep Yadav and Prasidh Krishna to start the proceedings. The move was a defensive one, and former India player Dodda Ganesh raised an important question. "Why would you bat on the third day morning with two tailenders? #SLvIND," Ganesh wrote on X. India were bowled out for 462 in their first innings on the third day of the opening Test



against Sri Lanka on Monday. Devdutt Padikkal top-scored for India with a mammoth knock of 167 that ended on Sunday. Resuming their innings at 460/9, India managed to add just two runs before the final wicket fell, with Asitha Fernando dismissing Prasidh Krishna. For Sri Lanka, Prabath Jayasuriya was the pick of

the bowlers, finishing with figures of 4/109. Keshara Nuwantha claimed 3/175, while Fernando took 2/63. India's total was built around Padikkal's outstanding knock of 167, which anchored their first-innings effort. On the second day of the Test, the first two sessions were washed out due to incessant rain.

## Vingegaard out for rest of season with Tour injury

Two-time Tour de France winner Jonas Vingegaard will miss the rest of season as he continues his recovery from a broken collarbone sustained in this year's race. On stage 15, the 29-year-old Visma-lease a Bike rider was tackling a tight right-hand bend off a roundabout when his front wheel slid out, causing him to land on his shoulder. The injury required surgery and ruled the Dane out of challenging for a third Tour victory, with Tadej Pogacar going on to win a record equalling fifth yellow jersey. Vingegaard will be absent from September's UCI Road World Championships in Montreal, Canada, when Pogacar will go for a third straight world title.



## Ricky Ponting Shows The Mirror To Australia After 'Embarrassing' Bangladesh Defeat

Former Australia captain Ricky Ponting has called for a change in the Test team after their recent loss to Bangladesh in Darwin on Sunday. Australia's batting has been facing growing scrutiny recently, and it all compounded when the Aussies were catapulted in their own backyard despite being at full strength as Bangladesh scripted a nine-wicket victory. Ponting advocated for injecting youngsters into the batting order and believed that there was enough evidence for a change. "This ends up being a very embarrassing defeat. I think it's inevitable they have to make a change. I was on the record at the end of last summer thinking that this was the ideal time to start to regenerate this team because of the performances from some of the



players," Ponting told Channel 7. Ponting stated that he would be the last one to call for a change, but looking at the performance, he thinks it is inevitable. "Look, I'm the last one I want to make change. As a captain or as a player, I wanted to keep the group together. It has to get to a bad point before I start saying you ought to leave somebody out. But there had been enough evidence for me

coming here to suggest that they weren't going to lose anything or much at all by starting that regeneration, by maybe bringing in another opener, by maybe bringing in someone at No.3. I think that that has to happen," he added. Meanwhile, former Australia bowler Trent Copeland emphasised that losing a Test to Bangladesh in Australia is 'unacceptable'. "The players themselves will be, I'm sure, distraught with how this has gone," he told SEN. "I also think there is an element of them not sitting in this like the world is over either, but this is a completely unacceptable Test match result for Australia. When you are in your own conditions, I don't care about the preparation, I don't care who's playing for Australia even.

## Aryna Sabalenka Squeezes Out A Win On Sixth Match Point In Cincinnati



Top seed Aryna Sabalenka fought through 62, 76 (7/2) against Talia Gibson on Sunday to join two other elites in the third round of the ATP-WTA Cincinnati Masters. The world number one needed six match points, Australia's Gibson saving five in the 12th game of the second set before Sabalenka managed a final winner to get the job done in just under two hours on a windswept Grandstand Court. "I'm super tired, this is crazy weather," the Belarusian said. "Talia played great tennis and was more aggressive in the second set. She put more pressure on my service games. I'm glad I stayed calm and pulled it out in straight sets." Sabalenka, who won the Cincinnati trophy in 2024, is looking for a solid build-up to the US Open, where she'll be seeking her first Grand Slam title of the year. She's won three titles in 2026, but none since Miami in March. She joined a pair of reigning Grand Slam champions in advancing, with Australian Open winner

Elena Rybakina and Roland Garros titleholder Mirra Andreeva also reaching the third round. Second seed Rybakina, coming off a runner-up finish to Iga Swiatek in Toronto, defeated Taylor Townsend 6-3, 6-4. Andreeva crushed Oleksandra Oliynykova with the loss of just one game, breaking five times and saving all seven break points against her own serve in a 65-minute 6-1, 6-0 rout. Rybakina said that she is concentrating on recovery after a tough Toronto run and was glad to get off to a low-stress start. "Today I'm happy with the serve," she said. "Definitely it helped me a lot. Last week in Toronto was very difficult. A lot of three set matches." Seventh seed Swiatek, the defending champion who bagged her first title of a rocky season in Toronto, hammered Emiliana Arango of Colombia 6-3, 6-0. Swiatek went down an early break but recovered quickly to prevail in 71 minutes over the player who ousted Venus Williams in the first round.

## MAKHACHEV SECURES RECORD-SETTING WIN AGAINST MACHADO GARRY

Islam Makhachev (29-1 MMA) has successfully defended his UFC welterweight championship, defeating Ireland's Ian Machado Garry (17-2 MMA) via unanimous decision (49-46, 49-46, 48-47) while also setting an impressive record in the main event of UFC 330 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. With the victory on Saturday night, Russia's Makhachev etched his name in the UFC record books, extending his winning streak to 17 consecutive fights and surpassing UFC Hall of Famer Anderson Silva's historic 16-fight mark set from 2006 to

2013. Makhachev dictated the tempo throughout the 25-minute championship tilt, neutralising the challenger with suffocating top control and chain wrestling while mixing in dynamic striking, including a damaging second-round head kick. Machado Garry, bidding to become only the second undisputed UFC champion hailing from Ireland, stayed diligent in defensive scrambles on the mat to survive danger but could not mount enough offence to sway the judges' scorecards. "I have nothing but respect for Islam. ... He

won. I have no complaints, no excuses," Machado Garry said inside the Octagon after the decision. "It's always hard," Makhachev said of grinding out the victory against the challenger in the championship rounds. In the co-main event, UFC women's strawweight champion Mackenzie Dern (17-5 MMA) successfully defended her title for the first time, using dominant grappling and relentless submission threats to defeat Canada's Gillian Robertson (17-9 MMA) via unanimous decision (49-46, 49-46, 48-47). Dern, a Phoenix native who

fights out of Southern California, controlled the pace on the mat across 25 minutes, constantly threatening transitions and clinching attacks against her fellow Brazilian jiu-jitsu standout. Dern's most dangerous moment came in the opening frame, nearly securing a buzzer-beating rear-naked choke just before the horn sounded. While Dern had voiced confidence throughout fight week that she would finish Robertson inside the distance, the champion was pleased with her complete five-round performance.





# HERO SRIRAM (SRIKANTH) STARRER OUTSTANDING PSYCHOLOGICAL THRILLER "THE MAZE" RELEASES REVERSE TEASE

Hero Sriram (Srikanth), who has earned a strong following among Tamil and Telugu audiences, is coming up with a new film titled "The Maze". Priyanka, Hrithika Srinivas, and Kamal Kamaraju will be seen in other key roles. The film is presented by Dr. Naimisha Reddy Kasireddy and produced by Dr. Uday K. Reddy Palvayi, Dr. KSR (Kareddy Sridhar Reddy), Dr. Bharat Reddy Gopu, and Dr. Anirudh Reddy Soma under the Shrousha Kamala Arts and UR Creations banners. "The Maze" is being made as a fresh psychological thriller, directed by Dr. Ravikiran Gadalay. The film is currently in regular production. The reverse teaser of "The Maze" was released today. The makers have impressed with a novel promotional idea by presenting the teaser almost entirely in

reverse, marking a unique attempt. The "The Maze" reverse teaser opens with an intriguing dialogues that question reality. The protagonist suddenly wakes up from sleep, with numerous incidents flashing through his mind. He sets out in search of proof for certain truths that nobody else believes but him. He also follows several people in his quest for answers. Are the things others believe are merely hallucinations actually illusions? Or are they real, just as strongly as the protagonist believes? Who is responsible for this confusing situation? Who stood by him and supported him throughout this journey? How did he get injured? And who is the Homicide Intervention Team investigating in an attempt to prevent murders? These are among the many questions that create

curiosity in the teaser. The teaser becomes even more intriguing when the protagonist is shown being arrested and taken away by the police in the final sequence. Except for the final scene, the entire teaser has been presented in reverse, making it a genuinely fresh and innovative attempt. Overall, the reverse teaser successfully raises expectations and curiosity around "The Maze", promising an intriguing psychological thriller filled with mystery, uncertainty, and unexpected twists. The Maze is an engaging thriller that revolves around a man whose life takes an unexpected turn over the course of a single night. As reality begins to blur and every moment takes him deeper into the unknown, he must navigate through a maze of fear, mystery, and unforeseen twists.

# Shravan Reddy surprises us with his range as both Hero & Anti Hero in AGADHA

Agadha is a film that is so different from the regular breed of movies that come and go, especially within the horror genre. In fact, to simply call it horror would almost be a disservice. It is an atmospheric thriller steeped in mysticism and the supernatural, elevated by some towering performances from its cast. Shravan Reddy plays a character that is remarkably layered. He begins at a place that feels seemingly normal and familiar, but as the film progresses, the character slowly reveals shades that allow Shravan to showcase both his range and his understanding of the role.



There is something increasingly unsettling about his performance — not because he overtly

plays for menace, but because he never quite lets you comfortably read where the character stands. He moves effortlessly between the positive and negative shades, inhabiting that difficult grey zone with aplomb. Even in his quieter moments, there is an undercurrent that keeps you watching him, wondering what lies beneath. By the time the film ends, Shravan has taken the character somewhere far removed from where we first encountered him. It is a controlled, assured performance — and one that stays with you long after the end credits roll.

# Sunil and Akhil Uddemari's Psychological Thriller 'Fight Maha' Trailer Released

The Film is Set for a Worldwide Theatrical Release on August 21

Sunil and Akhil Uddemari play the lead roles in the upcoming psychological thriller "Fight Maha," featuring Dr. Srivani Gopichand, Vaishnavi, Siddharth, and Srikanth Ayyangar in key roles. "If dreams come true, whose truth is it?" is the intriguing tagline of the film. Directed by Anand Chandra, the film is being presented as a fresh and innovative psychological thriller. It is produced by AVS Raju, R. Kumar Raju, and Anand Chandra under the banner of New I Movies LLP. The teaser, which was released last month by renowned filmmaker Ram Gopal Varma, received an excellent response and has crossed more than a million views. Today the makers have now unveiled the 2-minute-20-second theatrical trailer, further raising curiosity around the film. "Fight Maha" is scheduled to release worldwide in theatres on August 21.



# The globally popular cooking celebration is now in Tamil homes.. Star heroine Samantha Ruth Prabhu to host Celebrity MasterChef Tamil



A new take on the popular cooking format with a Tamil nativity.. Samantha Ruth Prabhu is bringing together several celebrities from the Tamil entertainment industry to celebrate food, flavors, emotions and connections on Sony Vela and Sony Liv - Sony Pictures Networks India has recently announced 'Celebrity MasterChef Tamil'. This globally recognized cooking format will be hosted by star heroine Samantha Ruth Prabhu on Sony Viza and Sony Liv for the Tamil audience. Celebrities, food, competition... 'Celebrity MasterChef Tamil' is being made by bringing these three worlds together. Many celebrities from the Tamil entertainment industry are going to step into the kitchen from the sets for the first time... and face the challenges, unexpected twists and pressure of tough cooking. In addition to pleasing the audience... they are going to prove their talent by preparing delicious dishes to win every challenge.



# HUMA QURESHI OWNS THE COVER, EFFORTLESSLY

Huma Qureshi is proving she is a true fashion powerhouse with her latest magazine cover, and it's impossible to look away. The actress, all set to impress fans with her upcoming film Toxic, brought serious glam to the shoot with multiple striking looks. She switched between four bold outfits, a black and white feathered dress, a rich maroon pantsuit, a flowing white gown with dramatic sleeves, and an elegant black gown covered in crystal embellishments. Each look showed off a different side of her style, from edgy to classic

elegance. Huma completed her looks with statement earrings and soft, glowing makeup, letting her confidence shine through every frame. With Toxic creating buzz, this cover comes at the perfect time, proving Huma is ready to own the spotlight both on screen and in fashion. Our cover girl for this high on fashion issue is none other than the warm and bubbly Huma Qureshi. The star, who lives by her own rules and gives power-packed performances, believes in empowering others. She's also a lot of fun to shoot with and oozes confidence.

# Ameer Log Will Be a Complete Family Entertainer: Director Ramana Reddy Soma

Ameer Log is the first production venture of Madhavi Reddy Soma under the banner of Awwal Number Productions. Directed by Ramana Reddy Soma, the film has Manohar Reddy Manchuri as its co-producer. MC Hari, Manoj and Sasidhar play the lead roles, while Vedha Jalandhar, Ravan Nittoor, Vishwender Reddy and Saiyogi appear in key roles. Rana Daggubati's Spirit Media is releasing the film grandly in Telugu on August 21. As part of the promotions, director Ramana Reddy Soma interacted with the media and shared several interesting details about the film.



**■ TELL US ABOUT YOUR BACKGROUND:** I am from Raghavapuram in Nalgonda district. I came to Hyderabad in 1997 for higher studies and pursued Architecture at JNTU. I was an avid movie watcher even during those days. I started my own office in 2007 and have around two decades

of experience in the architecture industry. During the COVID period, I went back to my hometown. Since I had plenty of free time then, I started watching many more films on OTT platforms.

**■ HOW DID YOU DEVELOP AN INTEREST IN FILMMAKING?** I have always loved reading and writ-

ing stories. I started writing stories around six or seven years ago, drawing from my own experiences and things I had observed around me. Later, with the help of a friend, I learnt how stories should be written for cinema. I also picked up a few things through YouTube. Eventually, with the support of some friends, I got an opportunity to visit a shooting set. That is how my journey into cinema gradually began.

**■ TELL US ABOUT YOUR FIRST FILMMAKING ATTEMPT:** I made a short film around three years ago. I wrote the story at night and shot it the following morning. We ended up with around 33 minutes of footage shot across a village and the city. After watching the output, I felt that I could do much better and decided that I should make a film only after preparing a proper bound script. During a podcast, I once heard Manoj Bajpayee mention the phrase 'Ameer Log'. That stayed with me, and that is where this journey began.

# Rhea Chakraborty says father lost job over her surname

Rhea Chakraborty has opened up about the price her family paid following the controversy that engulfed her after actor Sushant Singh Rajput's death in 2020. While her own career came to a standstill, Rhea revealed that even her father lost a major job simply because of his surname. During her appearance on Farah Khan's vlog, Rhea spoke about rebuilding her life and the struggles her family faced amid intense public scrutiny. She revealed that her father, Indrajit Chakraborty, had secured a senior position at a reputed hospital, but the opportunity was taken away after his connection to her became known. "Papa got a very big job as a medical superintendent at a very big hospital in town. And then they found out his surname and said, 'Sorry, aap Rhea Chakraborty ke papa ho toh...'" she shared. Who is Rhea Chakraborty's father? Indrajit Chakraborty is a retired Army officer who served as a doctor in the Armed Forces Medical Corps. Despite his experience, Rhea claimed that the controversy surrounding her became the reason he was removed from the hospital job. Her revelation shows how the fallout of the case extended beyond her personal and professional life, affecting members of her family who had no connection with the film industry.



# UNIQUE SURVIVAL DRAMA THRILLER "CHIRANJEEVI" TRAILER RELEASED



"Chiranjeevi" stars Kiku Yanamala and Kashish Khan in the lead roles. Eeswari Rao, Tanikella Bharani, Sreekanth Bharat, Viva Raghava, and others play key roles in the film. Produced by Deepti Nadiminti under the

Kiku Entertainments banner, the film is directed by Shubha Sai Venkat. "Chiranjeevi" is gearing up for a grand theatrical release on the 28th of this month. The makers released the film's trailer today.

# Rakul Preet Singh Drips In Sequins, Sass

Rakul Preet Singh is proving age is just a number with her latest stunning photoshoot. The actress, gearing up for her much-awaited role in Ramayana, dropped a set of pictures that instantly caught fans' attention. She wore a shimmering black sequinned gown with a sheer crystal-studded neckline and a bold cutout back with lace-up detailing. She kept it simple with a sleek bun, ear cuffs, and dewy makeup, letting the gown steal the show. Nearing her 40s, Rakul continues to impress with her fitness and style. With almost two decades in the industry, she has built a strong name in Bollywood and is now steadily making her mark in Hollywood too.

