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OVER-SPEEDING CAUSED 82,124 ROAD ACCIDENTS IN 2025: GADKARI

NEW DELHI: Over-speeding caused 82,124 road accidents in India in 2025, accounting for around 16 per cent of all road accidents, Parliament was informed on Thursday. In a written reply to the Lok Sabha, Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari said driving on the wrong side and lane indiscipline caused 4,089 accidents, followed by jumping red lights (276) and the use of mobile phones while driving (136). The number of road accidents in India rose by 5.3 per cent to more than 5.13 lakh in 2025, with road crashes claiming the lives of 21 people every hour, according to government data. On average, 59 road accidents occurred every hour in the country. "A total of 5,13,563 road accidents have been reported by police departments of states and Union Territories in the country during the calendar year 2025, claiming 1,83,382 lives," Gadkari said. The minister also said that police departments in states and Union territories reported a total of 2,85,770 road accidents across the country during the first six months of 2026.

DELHI POLICE WON'T TAKE ADVERSE ACTION AGAINST CJP PROTESTERS ON ONE CONDITION: GOVT ORDER

NEW DELHI: Delhi Police will not take any legal adverse action against individuals who participated in the Cockroach Janta Party-led protest in the national capital, but those with criminal background will have to face action, according to a Delhi government order. In its order, the home department said that with regard to arrests or detentions, if already made, the process for reviewing the arrests and releasing the arrested persons will be undertaken expeditiously. Delhi Police has registered 13 FIRs in connection with violence during 'Chalo Sansad' march by the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) on July 20. The police have also identified more than 2,800 people with criminal background who participated in the protest march. "Government of NCT of Delhi does not propose to take any further adverse action against the individuals involved in the protests, and the matter shall be treated as closed without any future proceedings on this account," the home department said in its order.

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TOMCOM Offers Passport to Placement

CM Revanth Reddy announces end-to-end overseas employment support, skill training and global placements

**Hyderabad
(TSIT Bureau):**

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Friday announced a major expansion of the Telangana Overseas Manpower Company (TOMCOM), which will provide end-to-end "passport-to-placement" services for youth seeking overseas employment.

Chairing a review meeting of the Shakti Department at the Secretariat, the Chief Minister said TOMCOM will assist candidates with skill training, passport services, job fairs and overseas placements. The initiative is aimed at protecting job seekers, particularly those from North Telangana, from fraudulent recruitment agents operating in Gulf countries. Revanth

Reddy directed TOMCOM to sign agreements with manpower agencies in destination countries and maintain a comprehensive database of workers sent abroad. He also announced that a former Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer would be appointed as TOMCOM Chief Executive Officer to strengthen overseas employment initiatives.

The Chief Minister also proposed setting up a research centre at Young India Skills University and directed officials to introduce foreign language training in German, Japanese, Korean, Chinese and Russian. He called for advanced courses in Electric Vehicle (EV) servicing and drone technology, besides internship opportunities for students of government engineering colleges, ITIs and polytechnics.

India likely to record below-normal rainfall in second half of monsoon: IMD

New Delhi (TSIT)

India will receive below-normal rainfall during August-September, which is the second half of the monsoon season. India Meteorological Department (IMD), in a press conference on Friday, said the cumulative rainfall in July was 283.3 mm making it the 12th lowest since 2001, indicating that the season ranked among the driest in the historical record. IMD said that rainfall over the country in August is likely to be below normal - less than 94% of the Long Period Average (LPA), which is 254.9 mm. "Monthly average maximum temperatures are likely to remain above normal over most parts of the country. However, some areas of Northwest and Central India, along with isolated regions of the Southern Peninsula, are likely to experience normal to below-normal monthly average maximum temperatures," IMD said in a statement.

IS to take up motion seeking more time for JPC examining bills on removal of Ministers after prolonged custody

New Delhi (TSIT)

The Lok Sabha is scheduled to take up a motion on Friday seeking an extension of time for the presentation of the report of the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) examining three key bills that propose the automatic removal of the Prime Minister, Chief Ministers and Ministers if they remain in judicial custody for 30 consecutive days in connection with serious criminal charges.

According to the List of Business for the Lok Sabha, Bharatiya Janata Party MP Aparajita Sarangi, who chairs the 31-member Joint Parliamentary Committee, and BJP MP Vishnu Dayal Ram will move a motion requesting the House to extend the deadline for the panel to submit its report.

The motion states: "That this House do extend time



for presentation of the Report of the Joint Committee on the Constitution (One Hundred and Thirtieth Amendment) Bill, 2025; the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2025; and the Government of Union Territories (Amendment) Bill, 2025 upto the first day of last week of the Winter Session, 2026."

The committee was constituted to scrutinise the Constitution (One Hundred and Thirtieth Amendment) Bill, 2025, the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2025 and

the Government of Union Territories (Amendment) Bill, 2025, all of which were introduced in the Lok Sabha by union Home Minister Amit Shah on August 20, 2025.

The proposed legislation seeks to establish a uniform legal framework under which the Prime Minister, union Ministers, Chief Ministers and other ministers would cease to hold office if they are arrested in connection with an offence punishable with imprisonment of five years or more and remain in custody for 30 consecutive days.

Cauvery protests: Please don't come now, Karnataka CM tells TN CM Vijay

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**CHENNAI/
BENGALURU
(TSIT):**

With the protests over Cauvery river water sharing intensifying in the State, Karnataka Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Friday requested Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay to defer his scheduled visit to the neighbouring State on August 3.

Vijay's visit to Karnataka, though mentioned repeatedly by the government and leaders in Karnataka, has not been officially confirmed by the Tamil Nadu government. Two days ago, Shivakumar had said he offered to take



Vijay on a helicopter tour of the areas fed by Cauvery water to show the scarcity there.

However, the situation changed after widespread protests across Karnataka, particularly in Mandya, where demonstrators tore posters of Vijay's film 'Jana Nayagan' and forced theatres at some places to

halt its screening.

Let's meet in more conducive, cordial atmosphere

In his appeal, Shivakumar urged Vijay to defer his proposed visit to Bengaluru in view of the charged atmosphere in the State following the CWMA's decision upholding CWRC's direction to

Karnataka to release 3,500 cusecs of water to Tamil Nadu for 15 days.

"I request him to defer his proposed visit for a short while. At present, the atmosphere is beginning to improve. There is good rainfall and water inflows are increasing. Let us hold our meeting in a more conducive and cordial atmosphere," the Chief Minister told reporters in Bengaluru.

He said he had already spoken to Vijay and would again request him to mutually fix another date instead of August 3. "Whenever a guest visits our State, we should receive them with warmth and cordiality.

Trump says Iran 'being decimated', vows US strikes will continue

United States (TSIT)

US President Donald Trump on Friday, July 31, said the United States would continue its military campaign against Iran, claiming Tehran had been "decimated" by five months of sustained attacks and insisting it would never be allowed to acquire a nuclear weapon.

Speaking during the first televised Cabinet meeting at Camp David, Trump said Iran had lost most of its naval, air force and air defence capabilities, although it still retained some limited military strength.

"They're being decimated. They have no navy, they have no air force, they have no anti-aircraft. Doesn't mean they don't have any capabilities — they have some, but very



little," Trump said.

Asked whether Washington would pursue a ceasefire after recent exchanges of attacks, Trump replied, "We just want to win," adding that the United States would continue hitting Iran "very hard" in the coming weeks.

He predicted Tehran would eventually conclude that it could no longer withstand sustained American bombing.

Iran nuclear programme remains US red line

Trump reiterated that preventing Iran from

obtaining a nuclear weapon remained Washington's central objective. "Iran will not have a nuclear weapon. If they did, the Middle East would've been wiped out," he said.

The US president accused Iran of negotiating in bad faith, saying he had lost confidence in Iranian officials because they "lie". However, he also claimed Tehran continued to seek an agreement with Washington.

Trump said senior officials, including special envoy Steve Witkoff, Jared Kushner, Vice President JD Vance and Secretary of State Marco Rubio, were participating in discussions related to Iran. He criticised the pace of negotiations, saying Iran could resolve the matter in minutes but instead prolonged talks for hours.

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Life imprisonment for Tahir Hussain, 4 others for killing IB officer during Delhi riots in 2020

New Delhi (TSIT)

A Delhi court on Friday sentenced former AAP councillor Tahir Hussain and four co-convicts to life imprisonment for the murder of Intelligence Bureau officer Ankit Sharma during the 2020 Delhi riots, saying the case did not fall within the "rarest of rare" category warranting the death penalty.

The judgement was pronounced by Additional Sessions Judge Praveen Singh in the presence of Hussain and others amid tight security. South Asians & Diaspora The judge awarded the sentence after hearing arguments on the quantum of sentence and



denied the state contention to award death penalty to the convicts, saying the prosecution was not able to prove that they were beyond reformation. The courtroom was packed with lawyers and senior Delhi Police officials including Crime Branch's Joint Commissioner and DCP.

In its order, the court said, "I find myself unable to agree based on the SPP that the convicts are beyond reformation or have such a fiendish character that their continued existence, even in prison, will be a menace to society. For the other offences the convicts have been found guilty of, they must face

the full force of the law."

It said that the state has not bought anything on record to establish that any of the convicts has any violent disposition or propensity to crime.

"The final test that law requires me to undertake before I conclude that this case invites capital punishment is whether the convicts are beyond redemption and there being no chance of reformation, it is now firmly established in our criminal jurisprudence that death penalty is of the last absorption," the judge said. On being asked about his sentence, Hussain said the high court will serve him justice.

139 Indian nationals released from Russian Army: MEA

New Delhi (TSIT):

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) confirmed on Friday that 139 Indian nationals have been released from the Russian Army till now, and work is underway to get the remaining two dozen Indians released soon.

"We have been following up with the Russian side for the release of the remaining Indian nationals in the Russian army."

So far, our efforts have led to the release of 139 Indian nationals; we continue to pursue the release of the remaining two dozen Indian nationals who are reportedly in the Russian army," MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal stated during a bi-



weekly media briefing. He also cautioned people regarding accepting job offers that include risk and are made by shady people or organisations.

"Once again, we would like to caution our people against job offers that are fraught with risk and made by unscrupulous individuals and agencies," the spokesperson reiterated. The Ministry said in December that 202 Indian nationals were believed to have been recruited into the Russian armed forces.



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SALE NOTICE

e-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH RULES 8(6) & 9 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 possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Hyderabad Asset Recovery Management Branch, Hyderabad of Canara Bank, will be sold "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" - on 19-08-2026 for recovery of Rs. 32,52,077.70/- (Rupees Thirty-Two Lakh Fifty-Two Thousand Seventy-Seven and Seventy Paise Only) as on 30-06-2026 plus unapplied interest w.e.f 01-07-2026 and Bank charges, costs there on, due to the Asset Recovery Management Hyderabad Branch of Canara Bank from Sri. Sai Ram Poultry Farm (Proprietorship) Proprietor Mrs. PORIKA INDIRA & Guarantors Sri. Banoth Anil Kumar S/O Ramal & Banoth Jeevan Singh (Legal Hair of Sri. Late Banoth Muralidhar Singh) S/O Late Banoth Muralidhar Singh (Original Guarantor).

DATE & TIME OF AUCTION : 19-08-2026, 11:30 AM TO 12:30 P.M.

(With unlimited extension of 05 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)

THE EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT SHALL BE DEPOSITED ON OR BEFORE 18-08-2026 by 5:00 pm.

Details and full description of the properties: Lot No: 1: All the part and parcel of EMT of converted land to the extent of 3.00 Acres in Sy No 432/A/1 situated at Erli Pudi Village, Raghunathapalem Mandal, Khammam Dist, (Sale Deed no 5926/2017) Bounded By: East: Land of Daravath Jaanu West: Land of Banoth Lakma, North: Land of Keloth Babu South: Erli Pudi to Lachirham Thanda Road. CERSAI ID: 400089312036 Name of Title holder: Smt. Pokira Indhira W/o Banoth Anil Kumar

Reserve Price: Rs. 1,24,76,000/-

EMD: Rs. 1,00,000/-

EMD: Rs. 12,47,600/-

Lot No: 2: All the part and parcel of Residential RCC building Ground floor & 1st Floor constructed at an extent of 200.00 Sq. Yards vide house bearing H. No 8-6-113 on dismantling the house stands in above said house Number (Old No.2-16/30) situated at Sukravarampeta street of Khammam town. Bounded By: East: House of Rajalah vide No 8-6-114 West: House of Gani H No 8-6-112, North: House of Mohanlal South: Municipal Road. CERSAI ID: 400032977231 Name of Title holder: Sri Late Banoth Muralidhar Singh S/o Sri Ramlal

Reserve Price: Rs. 61,95,000/-

EMD: Rs. 1,00,000/-

EMD Rs. 6,19,500/-

***No Encumbrances Known to Knowledge of the Bank. However, the intended bidders are required to make independent enquiries regarding encumbrances, title of the properties, identification of boundaries of the Open Plot, claims/rights/dues affecting the properties prior to submitting the bid.**

For further details Branch in charge Chief Manager Sri, V. Sandeep Kumar, Manager Sri, Pallati Venkata Ramana Asset Recovery Management Branch Hyderabad, Canara Bank, Ph. No. 040-27725283 during office hours on any working day and E-Mail: cb2752@canarabank.com . The service provider Baanknet (M/s PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd), (Contact No. 7046512345/ 6354910172/ 8291220220 /9892219848/8160205051, Email: support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com. / support.akray@procure247.com)"

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The properties can be inspected Date & Time: On 14-08-2026 between 10.00 AM and 4.00 PM.

DATE: 28-07-2026, PLACE: HYDERABAD

SD/- AUTHORISED OFFICER, CANARA BANK.



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SHIRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED

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Registered Office: Sr. Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Gurgaon, Chennai-600032
Administrative office- Floor(12), Building No.02, Aurnum Q, Park, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Where as, the undersigned being the authorised officer of Shiriram Finance Limited, (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shiriram Transport Finance Company Limited), Shiriram Transport Finance Company Limited name Changed as Shiriram Finance Limited, by its Incorporation Certificate dt.13-11-2022) a corporate body registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian companies Act 1956, is doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sr Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Gurgaon, Chennai- 600 032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor 12(2), Building No.02, Aurnum Q, Park, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices. The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 25th July, 2026.

Borrower Name and Address	Amount due as per Demand Notice
1) RAM KISHOR M @ Alias RAM KISHORE MUTUKULOJU @ ALIAS MUTKULOJU RAM KISHOR @ ALIAS MUTKULOJU RAM KISHOR, S/O: SAGUNA CHARY M @ ALIAS MUTKULOJU SAGUNA CHARY @ ALIAS SAGUNACHARY MUTKULOJU, AGE: 37YEARS, OCC: SELF EMPLOYEE, R/O# NO: 4-54 (OR) 4-50, TANGADUPALLY(V), near TANGADAPALLE TONARAYANPUR ROAD, CHOUTUPPAL, NALGONDA-508252. B/O: PROPRIETOR OF 'SAGUNA CHARY POULTRY FARM', "PANCHAMUKHA HANUMAN BORE WELLS" & "DAIRY FARM". AT # 4-64, THANGEPADALLE, CHOUTUPPAL, NALGONDA, 3947264599. 2) SAGUNA CHARY M @ Alias MUTKULOJU SAGUNACHARI @ MUTKULOJU SAGUNA CHARY @ MUTKULOJU SAGUNA CHARY, S/O: AMBAIAH M @ Alias AMBAIAH CHARI MUTKULOJU @ ALIAS AMBAIAH CHARI MUTKULOJU, AGE: 61 YEARS, OCC: SELF EMPLOYEE, R/O: H# NO: 4-54 (OR) 4-50 (OR) 4-64, TANGADAPALLY(V), CHOUTUPPAL MANDAL, NALGONDA-508252. B/O: "POULTRY FARM", 9849297652 3) SRINIVAS CHEEKURI @ Alias CHEEKOORI SREENIVAS @ ALIAS CH.SRINIVAS, S/O: ANJAIHA CHEEKURI, AGE: 50 YEARS, OCC: GOVT EMPLOYEE, R/O: H# NO: 3-91, TANGEPADALLE, MADIVAGANAH, CHOUTUPPAL, YADADRI, BHONGIRI, NALLAGONDA, S/O: "A.P.C.D.C.I.", WORKING AS A "LINE MAN", AT # A.E./OPN./CHOUTUPPAL, NALGONDA, Phone: 9948039713.Borrowers Co-borrower/Guarantors/Legal heirs	Rs.7841907/- (Rupees SEVENTY EIGHT LAKHS FOURTY ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND SEVEN only)
BHONGTE1310310001 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: Property holder Name is M SAGUNA CHARY, Mortgage deed dated 28.10.2013 Registered as Document No 5764/2013 on the file of the office of Sub-Register at CHOUTUPPAL; ITEM NO.1: NALGONDA DISTRICT, CHOUTUPPAL SUB-DISTRICT, NALGONDA ZILLA PARISHAD, CHOUTUPPAL MANDAL PARISHAD, THANGADAPALLE GRAM PANCHAYAT, S.NO. 10, EXTENT 4.09 GTS, S.NO. 11, EXTENT 4.0 GTS TOTAL 8.09 GTS and Bound as follows: TOWARDS EAST: LAND OF M.BHAGAVANTHA REDDY TOWARDS WEST: THANGADAPALLE TO NARAYANAPURAM ROAD TOWARDS NORTH: LANDS OF U.BUCHIAH AND OTHERS TOWARDS SOUTH: LANDS OF D. SWAMY AND ANJAIHA.	
ITEM NO.11: NALGONDA DISTRICT, CHOUTUPPAL SUB-DISTRICT, NALGONDA ZILLA PARISHAD, CHOUTUPPAL MANDAL PARISHAD, THANGADAPALLE GRAM PANCHAYAT, S.NO. 11, EXTENT 4.0 GTS and Bound as follows: TOWARDS EAST: LAND OF M. BHAGAVANTHA REDDY TOWARDS WEST: THANGADAPALLE TO NARAYANAPURAM ROAD TOWARDS NORTH: LANDS OF BUCHIAH AND OTHERS. TOWARDS SOUTH: LANDS OF D. SWAMY AND ANJAIHA.	

This notice is also hereby to caution the general public and also that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Symbolic Possession of the immovable property mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL.

Place: CHOUTUPPAL
Date : 25.07.2026

**Sd/-Authorized officer,
Shriram Finance Ltd.**

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L&T Finance

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (Herein after referred to as The Act)

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

Loan Account Number	Borrower/s & Co-borrower/s Name	Demand Notice date / NPA date / Outstanding Amount		Description of the Immovable Property (Mortgaged)								
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H04199060623062207	Mummadiseti Shann Srinivas M S Enterprises Through Its Proprietor, Mummadiseti Shann Srinivas Vaka Kalyani	Demand Notice Date: 16/07/2026 NPA Date: 02/12/2025	Rs. 13242345.25/- (Rupees One Crore Thirty-Two Lakh Forty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Five and Paise Twenty-Five Only.) As On Date 10/07/2026	Schedule - I All That The Type "G" House Bearing No.5-313 On Plot No.313, Admeasuring 319.0 Sq.yards., Or 266.68 Sq.mtrs., With A Plinth Area 819.00 Sft., Of R.C.C. In Survey No.273 To 275 & amt; 277 (Part) Sri Sai Ramachandra Naik Nagar Situated At Jeemimetla Village Outhbullapur Mandal Under G.H.M.C. Limits, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, T.S. And Bounded By :- <table border="1"> <tr> <td>East By</td><td>House On Plot No. 312</td></tr> <tr> <td>West By</td><td>House On Plot No. 214</td></tr> <tr> <td>North By</td><td>33' Wide Road</td></tr> <tr> <td>South By</td><td>House No. Plot No. 318</td></tr> </table>	East By	House On Plot No. 312	West By	House On Plot No. 214	North By	33' Wide Road	South By	House No. Plot No. 318
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H112HL240408120913, H112HL240408120913L, H112HT240429082119	Madhumala Tallapaka (As The Legal Hier Of Deceased Borrower Raja Sekhar Reddy Tallapaka And Co - Borrower)	Demand Notice Date: 21/07/2026 NPA Date: 05.06.2026	Rs. 1,99,85,758.70/- (Rupees One Crore Ninety Nine Lakhs Eighty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Eight and Seventy Paise Only) As On Date 21.07.2026	Schedule - I All That The Part And Parcel Of Apartment No.403, Floor No.4th In Block No. "L", With Saleable Area Of 2290 Sq.ft.s Which Includes Carpet Area (including Internal Walls) Of 1504.69 sq.ft.s, Balconies And Utility Area Of 142.62 Sq.ft.s, External Walls Of 95.26 Sq.ft.s And Common Area Of 547.43 Sq.ft.s (subject To Tolerance+/-3% On Account Of Structural, Design And Construction Variance) Along With Undivided Share Of Land Admeasuring 50 Sq.yds, Together With 2 Car Parking Slots To Be Constructed In The Project Named As "Aparna Sarovar Zenith", In Out Of 21 Acres 29 Guntas In Survey Nos.222 (P), 223,224,225,226 (P), 282 (P), 284 (P), 285,286, 287,288,289,290,291,292,293,294(P) & 295, Nallagandla Village, Serilingampally Mandal, Ranga Reddy District. <table border="1"> <tr> <td>East By</td><td>Staircase,Corridor&Open To Sky</td></tr> <tr> <td>West By</td><td>Open To Sky</td></tr> <tr> <td>North By</td><td>Open To Sky</td></tr> <tr> <td>South By</td><td>Open To Sky</td></tr> </table>	East By	Staircase,Corridor&Open To Sky	West By	Open To Sky	North By	Open To Sky	South By	Open To Sky
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Date: 01.08.2026
Place: Hyderabad

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
For L&T FINANCE LIMITED

Telangana

Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju Reviews HMRL Progress Calls for Seamless Metro Travel



Hyderabad, TSIT: Telangana Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju has directed officials to implement measures that make Metro Rail travel safer, easier and more comfortable for commuters across Hyderabad.

Chairing his first meeting as Chairman of the Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited (HMRL) Board of Directors at the Telangana Secretariat on Friday, the Chief Secretary reviewed the progress of Metro Rail development and outlined key initiatives to improve passenger convenience.

He proposed the introduction of a common mobility ticketing system integrating Metro Rail and TGSRTC services, allowing passengers to travel using a single ticket. He also instructed officials to hold discussions with TGSRTC for the development of a common mobile application and to examine the feasibility of introducing daily, weekly and monthly Metro travel passes.

The Board reviewed the progress of Phase-I take-over, the status of land acquisition and utility

Secretary (Metropolitan Area & Urban Development) Jayash Ranjan, Special Chief Secretary (TR&B) Vikas Raj, DGP (Law & Order) Mahesh M. Bhagwat, Special Secretary (Finance) Sikta Patnaik, Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Works & Sewerage Board Managing Director K.Ashok Reddy, HMRL Managing Director Sarfaraz Ahmed, Additional Managing Director B. Ajith Reddy, Joint Managing Director Shivendra Pratap, and other Board members.

Commissioner Conducts Comprehensive Field Inspection



Hyderabad, July 31:MMC Commissioner T. Vinay Krishna Reddy conducted a comprehensive field inspection in Hakimpet, Agamaiah Colony, Mallikarjun Nagar North and Sainath Colony under Mansoorabad Ward, reviewing sanitation, civic infrastructure, greenery, road maintenance and construction waste management.

During the inspection, the Commissioner directed officials to immediately remove

Cell Point Welfare Association's Generosity

Vemulawada, July 31: The Cell Point Owners' Welfare Association extended financial support to Manoj, a Jio FSE from Vemulawada, who is undergoing medical treatment. An amount of 20,000, collected voluntarily by the association members towards his medical expenses, was handed over to



Manoj's mother on Friday in the presence of the association's executive committee members. Speaking on the occasion, Association President Konamgari Ramu and General Secretary Pabba Praveen said that the funds were collectively raised by the members with the intention of supporting Manoj during his illness.

District Collector Dr Satya Sharada made a surprise inspection of Govt High School, DesaiPET and Nehru Memorial School

Warangal, TSIT,
Mattewada Surender,
July 31: Warangal
District Collector Dr
Satya Sharada on
Friday conducted a
surprise inspection of
Desaipet Government



authorities have been advised to provide quality food to the students without compromising on the quality of meals. After inspecting the school premises, the Collector inspected the temporary classrooms, drinking water facilities, furniture and other infrastructures which are currently being renovated in the old building.

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II
Triveni complex at Hyderabad
O.A.No.144 of 2026

 **Between:**
IDBI Bank Ltd. L.B.Nagar Branch, L.B.Nagar, Ranga Reddy District,
Telangana Bank by its Authorised Officer cum Deputy General ManagerApplicant
And
M/s.Seva Balaji Agro Industries Pvt Ltd & othersDEFENDANTS

SUMMONS BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To,
1. M/s.Seva Balaji Agro Industries Pvt Ltd Rep by its Directors Regd Office: Plot No.428, Flat No.101, Brindavanam Apartments, Kakatiya Hills, Road No.5, Madhapur, Hyderabad, 37, Tel. – 500 082
2. Mrs.Bhukya Anitha w/o Mr.B.Chandra Shekar, age 37 yrs, Female, R/o:6-23, A-3, SathenBhanapuram colony, Bheerugadda, Ameerpet, Medak, Tel. 502 032
3. Mr.Bhukya Pruthviraj s/o Sri.Rajeshwar, age 27 yrs, Male, R/o:8-9, Gangapur, Kadem Mandal, Ponnepalli, Adilabad, Telangana- 504 203
4. Mrs.Ajmeera Arumtha w/o Gangadhar, age 53 yrs, Female, R/o.H.No.1-33, Sathenapally, Khanapur, Nallal, Telangana- 504 203

DEFENDANTS

Please take the summons in the above D.A. No. 144/2026 filed by the applicant for recovery of money of **Rs.1,08,46,580.65** against you. The Hortible Tribunal ordered summons to you by way of paper publication in Telugu/English daily newspaper and posted the matter to 28/08/2026.
In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:
(i) to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;
(ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;
(iii) if you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;
(iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest in created and / or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;
(v) if you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of his business to deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.
You are directed to appear before Debts Recovery Tribunal - II, 1st Floor, Triveni Complex, Adils, Hyderabad- 500001 in person or through an Advocate and file written statement on 28-08-2026 at 10.30 a.m. and show cause as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.
Take Notice that in case of default the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of the Debts Recovery Tribunal on this 23rd July, 2026.

(By order of the DRT II, Hyderabad) **Recovery Officer**

Signature of the Officer Authorised to issue summons



केनरा बैंक
Canara Bank

**CHAITANYAPURI BRANCH, H.NO. 1-1-904 SIDDARTH NAGAR,
NEAR FATIMA COMPLEX, HANAMKONDA, WARANGAL - 506004**

E-Auction SALE NOTICE

Date & Time of Auction: 27.07.2026, 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. (with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale) **Last Date of Deposit of EMD is 27.08.2026, 5:00 P.M.**

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

Notice is hereby given that the property 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 possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Chaitanyapuri Branch will be sold for "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 28.08.2026, for recovery of Rs. 36,76,871.13 (Rupees Thirty Six Lakh Seventy Six Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy One and Thirteen Paise Only) (Contractual dues as on 20.09.2021) due to the Chaitanyapuri Branch (Previously Kazipet) of Canara Bank Canara Bank

Name of Address of the Borrower's / M/s Nobel Enterprises Prop : Khaja Mahamoodul Abideen, H.No. 3-1-35-26/A, Near Thoudu Factory, Main Road, Goapalur Hanamankonda - 506001, Prop : Sri Khaja Mahamoodu, S/o. Jaffarul Abideen Khaja, H.No. 11-23-17811/L Ban, Warangal - 506002, Guarantor : Sri Mohammad Jaffar Khan, So Rasheed Ahmed Khan, H.No. 17-67-13, Kareembad, Warangal - 506002

Details and full Description of the Property : H No. 13/0190 (old) (New - H No. 13-8-43/44) at an extent of 164 Sq yards situated at Sherpura street, Matwada, Warangal city

Boundaries : East : 13-8-45 of purchaser, **West :** 14 feet wide road, **North :** 14 feet wide road, **South :** H.No.13-8-41 & 13-8-42 of Syed Ghousuddin & H.No. 13-8-39 of Ferroz Ather

Reserve Price: Rs. 12,50,000/-

Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) : Rs. 1,20,500/-

No Known Encumbrances to the Knowledge of the Branch. Auction will be held through online Portal <https://ebkray.in/> EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price to be deposited in e-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (BAANKNET) portal directly or by generating the challan therein to deposit the EMD through NEFT/RTGS in the account details as mentioned in the said challan

For Bidding process manual, Bidder Registration and Payment of EMD kindly Visit the Online Portal [Website: https://ebkray.in/](https://ebkray.in/), Contact: 8229122200, Email : support.ekbray@psballiance.com

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website <http://www.canarabank.com> or may contact Branch Manager, Canara Bank, Chaitanyapuri, H.No.73/29523273 during office hours on any working day

Date : 27.07.2026, Place : Hanamankonda

Sd/- Authorised Officer



Can Fin Homes Ltd.

Branch Offices: 12-13-416/1, Third Floor, Mani Manston,
Street No-1, Taranaka, Hyderabad- Ph No-27005553,
web: www.canfinhomes.com, e-mail: taranaka@canfinhomes.com
CIN:L85110KA1987PL008699

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2001 (SARFAESI Act) read with Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (Rules)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **Can Fin Homes Ltd.**, under SARFAESI Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with Rule 3, issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrowers/Guarantors listed hereunder (hereinafter referred to as the said Borrowers), to repay the amounts mentioned in the Notice, within 60 days from the date of receipt of Notice, as per details given below. The said Notices have been returned undelivered by the postal authorities / have not been duly acknowledged by the borrowers. Hence the Company by way of abundant caution is effecting this publication of the demand notice (as per the provisions of Rule 3 (1)). The undersigned has, therefore, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known addresses of the said Borrowers, as per the said Act.

As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to the Company by the respective parties as detailed below.

To,

1. Mr. Anantha Lakshmi Akella, Flat No.301, 3rd Floor, Sri Sai Aishwarya Heights, Parvathapur Village, Peerzadiguda Municipality, Medipally, Medchal Malkajgiri Dist, Hyderabad, Telangana 500098 have availed a housing loan from our branch against the security of mortgage of the following asset belonging to both of you. An amount of **Rs.25,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Only)** is due from you, to Can Fin Homes Ltd. From 29-07-2026 together with future interest at the contracted rate.

SCHEDULE OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY

Flat No. 301, 3rd floor "SRI SAI AISHWARYA HEIGHTS", with plinth area of 1100 sq. ft., including car parking space, and the parking lot together with undivided share of land admeasuring 30sq.yds. or 25.08 Sq Mtrs, out of 350 Sq.Yds., of House No. 6-14/1/1, on plot Nos. 13 & 2, in Survey Nos. 26,27 & 28, situated at Parvathapur Village, Under Peerzadiguda Municipality, Medipally Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Telangana State. LAND BOUNDARIES: NORTH: Plot No. 1 & 14, SOUTH: Plot No.3 & 12, EAST: Plot No. 30, WEST: 40' Wide Road, FLAT No. 301, IN THIRD FLOOR, BOUNDARIES: NORTH : Open to Sky, SOUTH : Open to Sky, EAST : FLAT No.302, 3-6' WIDE CORRIDOR, WEST : Open to Sky.

1. Mr. Mahesh Pashai, Flat No. 402, 4th Floor, SRI Sreshtha Enclave' nagole Hyderabad, Telangana 500068. **2. Mrs. Naseemunnisa Begum**, Flat No. 402, 4th Floor 'Sri Sreshtha Enclave', Nagole, Hyderabad, Telangana- 500068.

No. 1& 2 have availed a housing loan from our branch against the security of mortgage of the following asset belonging to both of you. An amount of **Rs. 40,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Lakhs Only)** is due from you, to Can Fin Homes Ltd. From 29-07-2026 together with future interest at the contracted rate.

SCHEDULE OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY

All that the FLAT NO.402, in 4TH FLOOR of SRI SRESHTHA ENCLAVE, BEARING Municipal No. 2-1-1/1/402, (PTI No. 1030206832) having a plinth area of 1105 sq.ft., (including common area and Car parking areas), together with undivided share of land area admeasuring 42.04 Sq. Yards., or 35.14 Sq. Mtrs., Out of total land measuring 858.99 sq. yards., or 718.11 Sq. Mtrs., Constructed on Plot Nos. 72/1, 72/6, 72/2, 72/5, 72/3, 72/4 & Plot No. 73, Part in Survey Nos. 141, 142, 143 & 144, Situated at Block No. 1 Nagole Old Village, Uppal Mandal, North GHF Hayathnagar Circle, Medchal Malkajgiri District, Telangana State. NORTH : 3° Wide Road. SOUTH : Plot No. 73, EAST : 30' Wide Road. WEST : Plot Nos. 23&74. BOUNDARIES FOR THE FLAT NO.402 IN FOURTH FLOOR: NORTH : Flat No.403, SOUTH : Open to Sky, EAST : Open to Sky, WEST: Corridor.

1. Mr.shaik Abbass/O Shaik Afzal, Flat No. 303, Block No-05, Fort View Apartments, Hyderrshakote Gandipet, Hydrabad, Telangana- 550005. **2. Mrs. Barrah Begum/O Shaik Abbas**, Flat No. 303, Block No-05, Fort View Apartments, Hyderrshakote Gandipet, Hydrabad, Telangana- 550005.

No. 1& 2 have availed a housing loan from our branch against the security of mortgage of the following asset belonging to both of you. An amount of **Rs.27,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakhs Only)** is due from you, to Can Fin Homes Ltd. From 29-07-2026 together with future interest at the contracted rate.

SCHEDULE OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY

All that the FLAT NO. 303, BLOCK NO-05, FORT VIEW, with built up area admeasuring 1271 Sq Feet, including common area and car parking 300 sq feet, in stiff floor, undivided share of land admeasuring 70 Sq Yards (Out of 9559 Sq Yards or Ac 01-39 Gts.) being constructed on lands in survey No.42/1 situated at Hyderrshakote Gandipet and G.P. Gandipet Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana State. NORTH : Open to Sky, Ducty and Lift, SOUTH : 30' Wide Corridor, WEST : Open to Sky, (Duct), Lift, staircase and Lobby, EAST : 6'-6" Wide Corridor, WEST: Open to Sky.

1. Mr. Arram Harender, Sr.O. Arram Laxmaiah, H.No: 8-133, Sri Sai Nagar Colony, Boddupal, Medipally, Hyderabad, Telangana- 500098. **2. Mr.Sarran Anuradha, W/o. Arram Harender**, H.No: 8-133, Sri Sai Nagar Colony, Boddupal, Medipally, Hyderabad, Telangana- 500098. No. 1& 2 have availed a housing loan from our branch against the security of mortgage of the following asset belonging to both of you. An amount of **Rs.22,50,000/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)** is due from you, to Can Fin Homes Ltd. From 29-07-2026 together with future interest at the contracted rate.

SCHEDULE OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY

All that the HOUSE No. 8-133 on Plot No.135/1 PTIN No.1198012822, in Survey No. 117, undivided share of land admeasuring 66.86 Sq.Yds., or 55.73 Sgmts, out of total land measuring 200 admeasuring 66.86 Sq.Yds., two portions i.e. First Portion No. 2, Plinth Area 624 Sq. ft. (out of 1248 Sq. ft.) and Second Floor Portion No. 2, Plinth Area 624 sq. ft. (out of 1248 Sq. ft.) (including common area & stair case) and Parking area 156 sqft., situated at Medipally Village, Peerzadiguda Municipal Corporation, Medipally Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District under SRO Narayapalli Telangana State. Total land boundaries: NORTH: Neighbour's Land, SOUTH : Plot No.135/2, EAST: Plot No.134/1 Western Part, WEST : 40' Wide Road, First Floor, Portion No. 2, area 624 Sq. ft., (U/D, share 33.33 Sq.Yds.), NORTH : Open to Sky, SOUTH : Open to Sky, EAST: Corridor & Staircase, WEST : Open to Sky, Second Floor, Portion No.2,area 624 Sq. ft.,(U/D share 33.33 Sq.Yds.), NORTH : Open to Sky, SOUTH : Open to Sky, EAST : Corridor & Staircase, WEST : Open to Sky.

Date: 31-07-2026	Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place: Tarazaka	CAN FIN HOMES LIMITED

Minister Tummala Warns Oil Palm Companies Over Poor Performance



Hyderabad, TSIT: Telangana Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao has issued a stern warning to oil palm companies, stating that the government will not tolerate negligence or delays in the expansion of oil palm cultivation and will take strict action against companies failing to meet targets.

Chairing a review meeting with representatives of oil palm companies at the Secretariat on Friday Minister directed Agriculture Secretary K. Surendra Mohan to initi-

ate stringent measures against companies that continue to underperform. Oilfed Managing Director Yasmeen Bhasha and senior officials attended the meeting.

Minister expressed serious dissatisfaction over the slow progress in achieving the state's target of 85,000 acres of oil palm cultivation this year, noting that only 17,090 acres—around 20 percent of the target—have been covered so far. He said that while farmers are showing keen interest in oil palm cultivation, companies are fail-

ing to respond with the required commitment.

Tummala said several companies had already been served repeated notices for poor performance. He warned that companies which fail to improve could face reduction of their allotted districts or even complete removal from the programme. Better-performing companies, he added, would be entrusted with additional districts. He made it clear that even the state-owned Oilfed would not receive any special exemption if its performance remained unsatisfactory.

Telangana's Pension for Thalassaemia, Sickle Cell Patients Hailed

Hyderabad TSIT: Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) Telangana State Governing Body Member E.V. Srinivas Rao has welcomed the Telangana Government's decision to implement a pension scheme for Thalassaemia and Sickle Cell patients from August 15, calling it a major relief for thousands of affected families.

In a statement issued on Friday, Srinivas Rao said



children suffering from Thalassaemia and Sickle Cell disease require lifelong medical care, regular

blood transfusions and continuous treatment, placing a heavy emotional and financial burden on their families.

He said nearly 5,000 children in Telangana are estimated to be living with these hereditary blood disorders and stressed the need for greater public awareness, premarital screening and genetic counselling to help prevent future cases.

Telangana RERA extends project completion deadline by 4 months

Hyderabad: The Telangana Real Estate Regulatory Authority (TGRERA) has extended the completion timelines of all eligible RERA-registered real estate projects in the state by four months due to the impact of the prevailing war conditions in West Asia.

According to the order issued by TGRERA, the extension applies to all registered real estate projects whose completion date, revised completion date, or extended com-



pletion date falls on or after February 28, 2026.

The authority said the decision was taken by treating the prevailing West Asia situation as a force

majeure event under the provisions of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016.

The four-month extension has been granted to help ensure the smooth completion of projects while protecting the interests of homebuyers.

TGRERA also clarified that projects with completion timelines falling between February 28, 2026, and July 31, 2026 will now have their completion deadline

extended up to November 30, 2026.

The authority further stated that developers are not required to submit separate applications or pay any fees to receive the extension. The decision follows an advisory issued by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs which allowed Real Estate Regulatory Authorities to extend project registration and completion timelines for projects affected by the prevailing situation in West Asia.

Slow Toll Gate Work Leaves Motorists in Distress



The South India Times Husnabad, July 31 : Motorists are facing severe difficulties as the construction of the toll gate—located on the outskirts of Pandilla village in Husnabad Mandal along the Elkathurthy-Siddipet National Highway (NH-765G)—is progressing at a snail's pace. The ongoing rains have completely damaged the temporary road, leaving it riddled with potholes. Consequently, thousands of travelers, including two-wheeler and four-wheeler drivers, are forced to travel in a perilous state, fearing for their lives. Although regulations mandate the provision of a high-quality temporary road to prevent public

inconvenience during construction, there is widespread criticism that these norms have not been implemented here. With the potholes filling up with rainwater, the risk of accidents is increasing by the day. The public asserts that it is the officials' responsibility to take proactive measures rather than reacting only after accidents occur. Locals and motorists are urging the concerned officials to respond immediately by filling the potholes on the temporary road and taking urgent steps to ensure smooth vehicular movement. They also appeal for the toll gate construction to be completed on a war footing to provide permanent relief to the public.

CP honored the retired police officers

Warangal, TSIT, Mattewada Surender, July 31 : Warangal Police Commissioner Shweta honored and handed over mementos to the retiring police officers SI Aleem Hussain, Seetahramulu, AR ASI Venkanna, Head Constable Nursingam who had served for a long time in the Warangal Police Commissionerate.



On this occasion, the retiring police officers addressed their family members and said that the police officers are the main reason for the success of the police officers in their duties. Today, Telangana State

is moving towards the development of not only performing duties in a peaceful environment, but also performing duties without considering the lives of retired police officers. The police commissioner sug-

gested that the retired officers must choose a profession, spend time with their family members, take care of their health and stay healthy with special emphasis on healthy habits.

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Open e-Tender Notice No. B/E.EGS/08/2026-27 Dt. 29.07.2026
For and on behalf of the President of India, the undersigned invites e-Tender for the following works up to 15:00 hours on the date mentioned below:
SI. No. 1, Tender No. B/E.29/EGS/17/26-27 Dt.29.07.2026, Name of Work: BZA Division: Replacement of over aged ductable ACs with Energy efficient star rated AC unit at RRI/BZA & RRI/KCC., **Period of completion:** 6 months, **Tender Value (₹):** 87,29,076.40, **E.M.D./Bid Security(₹):** 1,74,600.00, **Cost of Tender Document:** Nil, **Date of closing:** 20.08.2026
SI. No. 2, Tender No. B/E.29/EGS/23/26-27 Dt.29.07.2026, Name of Work: ELBS/BZA:-Design, Supply, Erection, Testing & commissioning of fire fighting system at Electric loco shed, Vijayawada- Electrical arrangements., **Period of completion:** 6 months, **Tender Value (₹):** 2,03,47,673.51, **E.M.D./Bid Security(₹):** 4,07,000.00, **Cost of Tender Document:** Nil, **Date of closing:** 20.08.2026
1) Tender conditions/other particulars such as the details of Name of work in full, the similar nature of the above works, eligibility criteria etc., are available in the Tender documents published in website at "www.ireps.gov.in".
2) The prospective tenderers are advised to visit website "www.ireps.gov.in" before the date of tender closing to note any changes/corrigenda for any tender.
3) The Tender Notice is also displayed in the Notice Board located in the office of Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer, Maintenance, S. Co. Railway, Vijayawada, which can be seen.
4) The Railway reserves the right to cancel the tender without assigning any reason thereto.
Divisional Railway Manager (Electrical)/ Vijayawada
Tender Notice No. 78265001 Dt. 30.07.2026
SCOR HQ-STORES/SOUTH COAST RAILWAY, acting for & on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No. 78265001 Closing Date/Time 20-AUG-26 14:30 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upon closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.:
Tender No. 78265001 Dt: 30.07.2026, Description: Supply and Installation of Workstations, Qty.: 275 sets, **Bid Closing Date & Time:** 20.08.2026 at 14:30 Hrs, **Estimated Value (₹):** 50,87,500.00, **Earnest Money (₹):** 1,01,750.00, **Validity of Offer:** 90 Days
Tender conditions/other particulars such as the details of Name of work in full, the similar nature of the above works, eligibility criteria etc., are available in the Tender documents published in website at "www.ireps.gov.in".
Principal Chief Material Manager/ SCOR-A145 Visakhapatnam
For further tender conditions/ details and for downloading the tender documents, please visit the website at https://www.ireps.gov.in.

Hyderabad Black Hawks to Hold U-21 Open PVL Trials in Vijayawada



Participation is subject to mandatory registration for the PVL Auction, which will be verified at the venue. A press conference has also been scheduled at 12 noon. Hyderabad Black Hawks Principal Owner Abhishek

Hyderabad TSIT: Hyderabad Black Hawks will organise U-21 Selection Trials and Open Trials for its Prime Volleyball League (PVL) team on August 6 at the Indoor Stadium of V.R. Siddhartha Engineering College, Vijayawada, to identify promising volleyball talent from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

The U-21 Selection Trials will begin at 8 a.m. for registered players under 21 years of age. Selected players will attend a training camp until August 12 before representing Hyderabad Black Hawks in the Guardians Trophy, an invitational U-21 tournament to be held in Goa from August 14 to 16. They will also become eligible to register for the upcoming PVL Auction.

Open Trials for the franchise's main PVL team will commence at 5 p.m. and are open to experienced male players from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

CMC Commissioner Reviews Civic Issues



infrastructure and municipal services. The key issues raised included the repair and restoration of old borewells and electricity connections, replacement of non-functional streetlights, improvement of drinking water supply affected by low pressure from HMWSSB,

Hyderabad TSIT: As part of the "One Ward Every Day" initiative, the Commissioner of Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) Dr. Srijana along with the local MLA, Zonal Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner and Heads of Departments, visited Mastan Nagar Slum in Hitec City Ward to inspect civic infrastructure and interact with local residents. During the Meeting, residents highlighted several civic issues and suggested measures to improve public

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SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE
Where as, the undersigned being the Authorised officer of Shriram Finance Limited, (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shriram Finance Limited, by it's Incorporation Certificate dt.13-11-2022) a corporate body registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian companies Act 1956, is doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No. 14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No. Q2, Arium Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices. The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this **25th July, 2026.**

Borrower Name and Address	Amount due as per Demand Notice
1) BANDA SURENDAR REDDY , S/O: B NARYAN REDDY, AGE: 37 YEARS, OCC: SELF EMPLOYEE, R/O: PLOT NO: 607, NARASIMHA COLONY, JAIPURI COLONY, NAGOLE, HYDERABAD- 500068, B/O: " BNR CONSTRUCTIONS", AT # 5-2-138/2, P.NO.2, SNEHAPURI NAGAR, JAIPURI COLONY, HYDERABAD-500070, 9052447396. 2) B NARYAN REDDY , S/O: B RAGAREDDY, AGE: 63 YEARS, OCC: SELF EMPLOYEE, R/O NO: 3-97/26, AZIMPET, MOTHUKH, TELANGANA, B/O: " CIVIL CONTRACTOR AND KIRANSHOP ", 6302364109.3) D SRIDHAR REDDY , S/O: MALLA REDDY, AGE: 45 YEARS, OCC: SELF EMPLOYEE, R/O: H NO: 2-132, REDDY BAVI, CHOUTUPPAL, TELANGANA- 508252, B/O: " CIVIL CONTRACT BUILDING WORK", 8074178332. Borrowers/Co-borrower/Guarantors/Legal heirs	Rs.4296477/- (Rupees Forty Two Lacs Ninety Six Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Seven only)

LBNGRTF1808300012- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: Property holder Name is **BANDA SURENDAR REDDY**, Mortgage deed dated 04.09.2018 Registered as Document No 13468/2018 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at NALGONDA: ALL THAT THE OPEN PLOT NO. 83, ADMEASURING 222.22 SQ.YARDS OR 185.79 SQ.MTRS, PLOT NO. 87, ADMEASURING 250 SQ.YARDS OR 209.02 SQ.MTRS, TOTAL LAND ADMEASURING 472.22 SQ.YARDS, IN SURVEY NO. 285, SITUATED AT BLOCK NO.4, VIGNESHWARA NAGAR, NARKETPALLY VILLAGE AND MANDAL, NALGONDA DISTRICT, and Bounded as follows: BOUNDARIES OF PLOT NO. 83 AREA 222.22 SQ.YARDS, EAST: PLOT NO. 100, WEST: 30'-0" WIDE ROAD, NORTH: PLOT NO.82, SOUTH: PLOT NO. 84, BOUNDARIES OF PLOT NO. 87 AREA 250 SQ.YARDS, EAST: PLOT NO: 96, WEST: 30'-0" WIDE ROAD, NORTH: 30'-0" WIDE ROAD, SOUTH: PLOT NO. 88.
This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Symbolic Possession of the immovable property mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL.
Place: Nalgonda Date : 25.07.2026
Sd/-Authorised officer, Shriram Finance Ltd.

**CAN FIN HOMES LTD**
Branch: 3-11-114, Plot No-2, 1st floor, Sri Nilayam, RTC Colony, LB Nagar, Hyderabad, Telangan -500074, Phone No-040 49501072, Mob:7625079163, Email:lb Nagar@canfinhomes.com, CIN No. L85110KA1987PLC00869.

DEMAND NOTICE
Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (SARFAESI Act) read with Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (Rules)
Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., under SARFAESI Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3, issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrowers / guarantors listed hereunder (hereinafter referred to as the "said Borrowers"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the Notice, within 60 days from the date of receipt of Notice, as per details given below. The said Notices have been returned undelivered by the postal authorities / have not been duly acknowledged by the borrowers. Hence the Company by way of abundant caution is effecting this publication of the demand notice (as per the provisions of Rule 3 (1)). The undersigned has, therefore, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known addresses of the said Borrowers, as per the said Act.
As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to the Company by the respective parties as detailed below.

S. No.	Name of the Borrowers/ Guarantors with address	Amount Claimed As Per Demand Notice	Description of the secured Assets	Date of NPA Date of Demand Notice
1	(Borrower): 1.Mr. GUGGILIPUDI SAI BABU S/o. Guggilipudi Arjun Rao H.No.2-175/57, Ambika Nagar Colony, Munuganoor Road, Pedda Amberpet, Rangareddy, Telangana-501505 (Co-Borrower): 2.Mrs. GUGGILIPUDI SATHYAVATHI W/o. Mr. Guggilipudi Arjun Rao H.No.2-175/57, Ambika Nagar Colony, Munuganoor Road, Pedda Amberpet, Rangareddy, Telangana-501505.	Rs.35,01,998/- (Thirty five Lakhs one thousand five hundred and ninety eight only)	All that piece and parcel of open land bearing Plot No. 57 (SOUTHERN PART), admeasuring 130 Sq. Yards or its equivalent to 108.69 Sq. Mtrs., in Survey Nos. 533, 535, 536 and 537, situated at PEDDA AMBERPET Village, Hayathnagar Revenue Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, under Pedda Amberpet Nagara Panchayat, within the Registration District: Ranga Reddy (East), Sub-District: Pedda Amberpet, and bounded by: Boundaries of Property: North: Plot No.57 Part & 30 ft. Wide Road, South: Neighbours Land; East: Plot No.57 Part; West: Plot No. 56.	29-07-2026 31-07-2026
2	(Borrower) 1.Mrs. KOMERA SARITHA W/o. Komera Nagaraju H.No.1-17/1/26, Plot No.26, Dharami Enclave, Phase-2, Nadergul, Badangpet, Ranagreddy, Telangana-501510. (Co-Borrower): 2.Mr. KOMERA NAGARAJU S/o. Mr. Komera Ramesh H.No.1-17/1/26, Plot No.26, Dharami Enclave, Phase-2, Nadergul, Badangpet, Ranagreddy, Telangana-501510.	Rs.36,13,566/- (Thirty six Lakhs thirteen thousand five hundred and sixty six only)	All That The Piece And Parcel Of Newly Constructed House No.1-17/1/26 (ptn No.117703668) On Plot No.26, Admeasuring 80 Sq.Yards, Or Equivalent To 66.88 Sq.mtrs., Having Plinth Area Of 632 Sq.feet. In Ground Floor And 632 Sq.feet. In First Floor, With R.c.c. Roof. In Survey No. 1-92/a, Situated At Shivraj Bahadur, Nadergul Village, Balapur Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Under Badangpet Municipality, And Bounded By: Boundaries Of Property: North: Plot No.80; WEST:Part of Plot No.81 North Part and Part of Plot No.81 North Part.	29-07-2026 31-07-2026
3	(Borrower): 1. Mr. BATTU MALLESWADAV S/o. Battu Krishna H.NO.15-86/2, Plot No.81, Sai Nagar Colony, Phase-2, Nadergul, Badangpet, Rangareddy, Telangana-500058. (Co-Borrower):2. Mrs. BATTU SANJANA W/o. Mr. Battu Mallesh Yadav H.NO.15-86/2, Plot No.81, Sai Nagar Colony, Phase-2, Nadergul, Badangpet, Rangareddy, Telangana-500058.	Rs.46,74,948/- (Forty six Lakhs Seventy four thousand Nine hundred and forty eight only)	All that House bearing No.15-86/2, on Part of Plot No.81/South Part and Part of Plot No.81 North Part, in Survey No.757 (Old) and New No.757/2, total admeasuring 100 Sq. Yards, or 83.61 Sq. Mtrs., having plinth area 868 Sft., with R.C.C. Roof, Situated at NADERGUL VILLAGE, Balapur Mandal, Now Under Badangpet Municipal Corporation, Ranga Reddy District, and bounded by: Boundaries of Property: NORTH:Plot No.82; SOUTH:25' Wide Road; EAST:Plot No.80; WEST:Part of Plot No.81 North Part and Part of Plot No.81 North Part.	29-07-2026 31-07-2026
4	(Borrower): 1.Mr. PERAKA UMA SHANKAR S/o. P. Chinamallu Flat No.503, H.No.3-4-40/1, Anjana Towers, Narsimha Nagar Colony, Mallapur, Nacharam, Hyderabad, Telangana-500076. (Guarantor): 2. Mrs. SEELA KALPANA W/o. Seela Suri Babu H.NO.4-20/2, Narsimha Nagar, Near Ration Shop, Mallapur, Uppal, Rangareddy, Telangana-500076.	Rs.24,49,986/- (Twenty four Lakhs forty nine thousand Nine hundred and Eighty six only)	All That The Flat Bearing No. 503 On Fifth Floor, Of "anjana Towers" Municipal Bearing No. 3-4-40/1/503, Having Super-built-up Area Admeasuring 805 Sft., (built-up Area 675 Sft., And Common Area 130 Sft.), Together With Undivided Share Of Land Admeasuring Area 28.73 Sq. Yards Or 24.03 Sq. Mtrs. (out Of 862 Sq. Yards), On Plot No. 3, In Survey Nos. 177/1 & 179, Situated At Narsimha Nagar, Mallapur Village, Under Ghmc Kapra Circle, Uppal Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, And Bounded By: (under Block No. 4), land Boundaries: North: Land Belongs To Preetam Singh; South: 30'-0" Wide Road; East: Plot No. 4; West: Plot No. 2. Flat Boundaries: North: Open To Sky; South: Flat No. 502; East: Corridor; West: Open To Sky.	29-07-2026 31-07-2026

* Payable with further interest at contractual rates as agreed from the date mentioned above till date of payment.

You are hereby called upon to pay the above said amount with contracted rate of interest thereon within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the undersigned will be constrained to initiate action under SARFAESI Act to enforce the aforesaid security. Further, the attention of borrowers / guarantors is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available to them to redeem the secured assets

Date: 31-07-2026
Place: L B Nagar (Hyderabad)

Sd/- Authorised Officer, Can Fin Homes Ltd L B Nagar (Hyderabad)



PM to dedicate to nation projects worth Rs.17,900 cr in Andhra Pradesh

Visakhapatnam, July 31 : Prime Minister Narendra Modi will dedicate to the nation various development projects worth over Rs.17,900 crore during his visit to Andhra Pradesh on Saturday.

He will lay foundation stones and inaugurate multiple projects at the inauguration of Alluri Sitarama Raju International Airport at Bhogapuram in Vizianagaram district.

The Prime Minister will lay the foundation for the ASIP Semiconductor Project at Visakhapatnam, being developed with an investment of over Rs.460 crore. The facility is being developed by ASIP



Technologies Pvt Ltd in partnership with APACT, Republic of Korea.

According to an official release, it is Andhra Pradesh's first semiconductor manufacturing facility approved under the India Semiconductor Mission. The facility will

manufacture around 96 million semiconductor chips annually and create high-skilled employment opportunities, while also fostering a robust ancillary ecosystem to support semiconductor manufacturing. The Prime Minister will lay the foundation

stone for the Transmission System for Integration of Kurnool-IV Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) - Phase-I (4.5 GW), being implemented by POWERGRID through a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), with an investment of about Rs.5,550 crore.

He will also inaugurate the Transmission System for Kurnool Wind Energy Zone/Solar Energy Zone (Andhra Pradesh) - Part A & Part B, implemented at a cost of around Rs.3,550 crore, and the Transmission Scheme for Solar Energy Zone in Ananthapuram (2,500 MW) and Kurnool (1,000 MW), implemented by POWERGRID at a cost of

over Rs.820 crore.

These transmission projects will enable the evacuation of power generated from the renewable energy zones in Kurnool and Ananthapuram and the transmission of power to beneficiaries across the country through the National Grid.

They will facilitate the integration of a large quantum of renewable energy into the grid, improve the availability of clean power for demand centres, and contribute to India's energy transition and decarbonisation efforts by reducing dependence on fossil fuel-based power generation, said the release.

Godavari River crosses second danger mark at Telangana's Bhadrachalam

Hyderabad, July 31 : The Godavari River crossed the second danger mark at Bhadrachalam in Telangana's Bhadrachalam district on Friday, prompting authorities to alert people living in low-lying areas along the river. The water level, which crossed the first danger mark of 43 feet Friday morning, rose to 48 feet in the afternoon.

According to the officials of the Central Water Commission, the water level is likely to rise further due to continuing inflows from upstream. The third danger signal will be hoisted at 53 feet. The flow at Bhadrachalam was 11.44 lakh cusecs. Annadanam Satram area in the Sree SeethaRamachandraswamy



temple premises was flooded due to backwaters. Motors installed to pump backwaters into the river broke down, resulting in the inundation of the area.

Godavari and its tributaries were in spate due to heavy inflows from upstream following heavy rains for the last two days.

Meanwhile, authorities rescued 38 people trapped in a sand ramp near Cherla in Bhadrachalam district.

They had gone to sand reaches for sand loading in trucks on Friday morning but were caught in flood waters. The district administration rescued all of them by deploying boats. They included truck drivers, cleaners and machine operators. Road connectivity between Cherla and Venkatapuram in Mulugu district was snapped due to floods in Godavari.

Superannuation Celebrations of Three employees of KITSW held at KITS Warangal



Warangal, July 31, TSIT : Professor V. Ramaiah, department of EEE, Dr. G. Manjulatha Devi Senior Assistant Professor in English and V. Prasad(Driver) have completed their superannuation successfully, said by the Principal Prof. K. Ashoka Reddy.

The Staff Club, Kakatiya Institute of Technology & Science Warangal (KITSW) organised the Superannuation Celebrations of Professor V. Ramaiah, eminent Professor, Department of

Electrical & Electronics, Engineering (EEE), Dr. G. Manjulatha Devi, Senior Assistant Professor in English, Department of M & H and V. Prasad, Driver held at Silver Jubilee Seminar Hall, KITS Warangal on Friday told by the Principal Prof. K. Ashoka Reddy.

Former Rajiya Sabha, MP and KITSW chairman, Capt. V. Laxmikantha Rao and KITSW treasurer P. Narayana Reddy & former MLA and Additional Secretary, Vodithala Satish Kumar have appreciated and congratulated the Prof. V. Ramaiah, Dr. G. Manjulatha Devi and V. Prasad for their dedicated services to the institute and also the Management members have blessed them a happy retirement life.

Chief Secretary Orders Statewide Rain Preparedness



Hyderabad, July 31: Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju has directed district collectors and officials of all departments to remain on high alert and take coordinated precautionary measures to prevent loss of life and property in view of the heavy rains across Telangana.

During a video conference from the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat with dis-

trict collectors, police commissioners and senior officials, the Chief Secretary said the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast heavy rainfall for the next two days. He instructed all districts to operate 24x7 control rooms, monitor the situation round the clock and prevent public access to waterfalls, rivers, lakes and other risky tourist

spots. Officials were also asked to shift people living in low-lying and flood-prone areas to safer locations whenever necessary.

Sanjay Jaju said NDRF and SDRF teams have been kept on standby for rescue operations. In view of the possibility of below-normal rainfall in September due to El Niño, he advised collectors to create awareness among farmers on alternative crops and vegetable cultivation.

Director General of Police C.V. Anand said police had identified 249 hazardous reservoirs and picnic spots and 167 tourist destinations, where public entry is being restricted during heavy rains. He added that 12 SDRF companies are ready for emergency operations.

Kishan Reddy Slams Revanth Over 'Criminal Waste' Remark

New Delhi, July 31: Union Coal and Mines Minister G. Kishan Reddy on Friday strongly criticised Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy for allegedly referring to engineering students as "criminal waste", saying the remarks were irresponsible and insulting to the state's youth.

In a statement, Kishan Reddy said a Chief Minister should focus on reforms in higher education instead of making derogatory comments about students. He alleged that the Chief Minister was attempting to divert attention from the State government's failure to clear pending fee reimbursement dues, which he claimed had crossed 10,000 crore, including over 5,000 crore owed to engineering



students.

The Union Minister said engineering students had been demanding the release of long-pending reimbursements and accused the State government of responding with "insulting language" instead of addressing their concerns. He also alleged that the Congress government had failed to fulfil its promise of allocating 15% of the State Budget to education. Kishan Reddy said Telangana's engineering

graduates have played a key role in making Hyderabad a global IT hub and are contributing to leading companies in India and abroad. He urged the Chief Minister to refrain from using language that discourages students and instead work towards improving the quality of technical education through curriculum reforms, industry collaboration and skill development.

PAC Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi Inspects Search Ops for Missing Senior Citizen in Hafeezpet



SERILINGAMPALLY TSIT: Search operations are underway for Balayya (70), who accidentally fell into a nala near the railway underpass at Vaishali Nagar under the Hafeezpet Division. The intensive search is focused on Ramakrishna Nagar Colony and surrounding areas. Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) PAC Chairman Sri Arekapudi Gandhi on Thursday personally inspected the ongoing search operations at the field level. He was accompanied by Zonal

Commissioner Sri Narayan Amit Malempati, Deputy Commissioners Srinivas and, along with officials from the CMC Engineering Department, HYDRA, Police, Traffic Police, NDRF. The PAC Chairman directed Police, HYDRA, NDRF, CMC Engineering, and Jalmandali officials to intensify and expedite the search efforts. He stated that the accidental fall of Balayya into the manhole/nala at the Vaishali Nagar railway underpass was a deeply unfortunate and distressing incident.

Only Eligible Citizens to Be Enrolled as Voters: Gadwal Collector

Gadwal, July 31 (TSIT): Jogulamba Gadwal District Collector Rizwan Basha Shaik has said that only eligible citizens who submit duly filled Enumeration Forms will be included in the electoral rolls under the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR). He also directed officials to expedite the digitisation process to ensure it is completed by August 3.

During an inspection of the door-to-door survey conducted by Booth Level Officers (BLOs) at Polling Station No. 256 in Bheem Nagar and Revenue Colony of Gadwal town on Friday, the Collector reviewed the distribution and collection of Enumeration Forms and the progress of digitisation.

He instructed BLOs to



revisit households that have not yet submitted the completed forms and directed officials to strictly follow Election Commission guidelines while handling cases involving deceased voters, duplicate entries, change of address and migrated voters.

Stating that the Special Intensive Revision is aimed at preparing accu-

rate, transparent and error-free electoral rolls, the Collector appealed to all eligible citizens to cooperate by submitting their Enumeration Forms without delay. Gadwal Tahsildar Hari Krishna, Deputy Tahsildar Ajith, Supervisor Thimmappa, BLO Sunithamma and other officials accompanied the Collector during the inspection.

Mahabubabad Cracks Down on Roadside Garbage Dumping

Municipal Commissioner Warns of Strict Action Against Violators

Mahabubabad (TSIT): The Mahabubabad Municipality has intensified its drive against roadside garbage dumping, with Municipal Commissioner warning of stringent action against those violating sanitation norms. During a field inspection across the town on Friday, the Commissioner reviewed sanitation conditions and imposed fines on shopkeepers and individuals found dumping waste on roads, in accordance with municipal regulations. The Commissioner directed sanitary inspectors and sanitation staff to maintain strict vigilance, ensure regular monitoring of all localities and create public awareness on proper waste disposal. Officials were instructed to take firm action



against repeat offenders to keep the town clean. Appealing to residents to cooperate, the Commissioner said garbage should be disposed of

only at designated collection points and cautioned that dumping waste on roads would attract penalties under municipal rules.

NDA Committed to Women's Empowerment Through MSEs: MP Prasad Rao

New Delhi/Chittoor, July 31: Chittoor MP Daggumalla Prasad Rao on Friday said the NDA government is committed to women's empowerment by promoting procurement from micro and small enterprises (MSEs) owned by women and SC/ST entrepreneurs.

Raising the issue in the Lok Sabha, the MP sought details on procurement by Central Ministries, Departments and Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs). In a written reply, Union Minister of State for MSME Shobha Karandlaje said the government is giving priority to the economic upliftment of women and SC/ST communities through public



procurement.

According to the Minister, the Public Procurement Policy mandates that 25% of total procurement should be made from MSEs, including 4% from SC/ST-owned enterprises and 3% from women-owned enterprises. The data presented in Parliament showed a steady

increase in procurement from women-owned MSEs, rising from Rs.1,713 crore (1.04%) in 2021-22 to Rs.9,060 crore (3.84%) in 2025-26. Procurement from SC/ST-owned MSEs also increased from Rs.1,303 crore (0.79%) to Rs.3,984 crore (1.69%) during the same period. Prasad Rao said the figures reflect the Centre's continued efforts to strengthen inclusive growth and promote entrepreneurship among women and socially disadvantaged communities. He added that the MSME Ministry, along with the Department of Public Enterprises, is regularly monitoring compliance with procurement norms by CPSEs.

Collector Urges BLAs to Attend Electoral Roll Meetings

Draft voters' list to be published on August 10; polling station proposals to be sent to EC on Aug 1

Nalgonda (TSIT) District Collector and District Election Officer B. Chandrashekhar requested representatives of political parties to ensure that Booth Level Agents (BLAs) attend the meetings scheduled for August 1 and 2 at the Booth Level Officer (BLO) level. These meetings are part of the Special Summary Revision (SSR) of the electoral roll and aim to address issues regarding deceased voters, those who have permanently shifted residences, and 'absent' voters. The Collector stated that proposals for the rationalization of



polling stations would be submitted to the Election Commission on August 1.

Speaking at an all-party meeting held on Friday at the Collectorate conference

hall—part of the SSR program—he announced that proposals for polling station rationalization would be sent on August 1 in accordance with Election

Commission directives, and the draft electoral roll would be published on August 10. He explained that meetings would be held at the BLO level on August 1 and 2 to thoroughly verify the enumeration forms collected from voters and to prepare a list addressing errors, as well as cases involving deceased voters, those who have permanently relocated, and those who failed to submit forms for various reasons. He urged political party representatives to ensure BLA attendance at these meetings. He further instructed that enu-

meration forms be rechecked to identify any errors and bring them to the attention of the BLAs, ensuring corrections are made before the publication of the draft electoral roll. Providing details on the rationalization of polling stations, the District Collector stated that there are a total of 1,812 polling stations in the district; proposals have been received to relocate 30 stations, rename 8 stations, and establish 42 new ones. He announced that these proposals would be submitted to the Election Commission on August 1.

ECI Secretary Reviews
Voter List Revision, Urges Faster
Completion of SIR Process

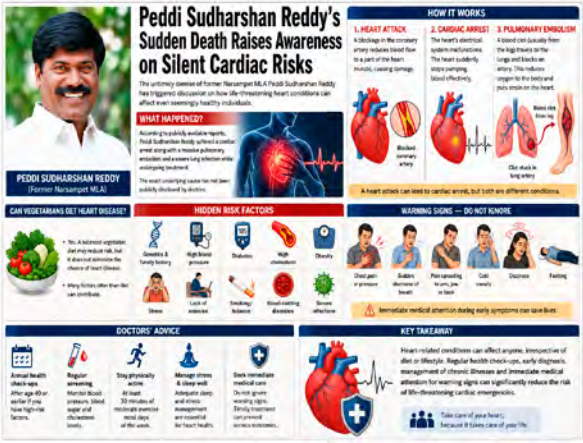


Hyderabad City TSIT July 31: Election Commission of India (ECI) Secretary Naveen Kumar on Thursday reviewed the progress of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, digitisation of enumeration forms and polling station mapping in Medchal-Malkajgiri district. The review meeting was held at the Medchal Collectorate with District Election Officer and Collector Mikkilineni

Manu Choudhary and other election officials. Addressing the officials, the ECI Secretary said that while the district and sub-district teams had been working efficiently, a few areas were still lagging behind compared to other districts. He directed officials to make optimum use of the remaining two days by working closely with Booth Level Officers (BLOs) to complete all pending targets ahead of schedule.

Peddi Sudharshan Reddy's Sudden Death
Raises Awareness on Silent Cardiac Risks

Hyderabad City TSIT July 31: The untimely demise of former Narsampet MLA Peddi Sudharshan Reddy has shocked Telangana and sparked widespread discussion about sudden cardiac emergencies. Many people have been left wondering how an individual known for leading a disciplined lifestyle and reportedly abstaining from alcohol and non-vegetarian food could lose his life unexpectedly.



tion. However, doctors have not publicly disclosed the exact underlying medical factors that led to these complications. Medical experts say the incident serves as an important reminder that serious heart-related emergencies are not con-

finied to people with unhealthy lifestyles. While avoiding alcohol, tobacco and maintaining a healthy diet can reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease, these measures do not completely eliminate the possibility of life threatening cardiac conditions.

A cardiac arrest occurs when the heart suddenly stops pumping blood effectively, cutting off blood supply to vital organs. It is different from a heart attack, which is caused by a blockage in the arteries supplying blood to the heart. Although a heart attack can trigger cardiac arrest, the two conditions are medically distinct. Doctors also explain that a pulmonary embolism is a blockage in one or more arteries of the lungs, usually caused by blood clots that travel from other parts of the body, most commonly the legs. It is a medical emergency that places severe strain on both the lungs and the heart and can become fatal if not treated immediately.

Minister Vakiti Srihari Visits Fish
Canteen at Masab Tank, Reviews
Food Quality and Hygiene



Hyderabad, TSIT: Telangana Minister for Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development, Fisheries, Youth Services and Sports Vakiti Srihari on Friday paid his first visit to the State Fisheries Department headquarters at Masab Tank and inspected the Fish Canteen operated by the department. Minister was received by Fisheries Director Nikhila, Additional Director Muralikrishna,

and other department officials. During the visit, he reviewed the canteen's management, hygiene standards, food quality and customer services. He also enquired about the menu and the variety of fish-based dishes being served. Speaking on the occasion, Vakiti Srihari said the government's objective is to provide quality, hygienic and nutritious fish-based food to the public.

Employees launch pen-down, shutdown
stir over service demands

Khammam (TSIT): Employees of the VB-G RAM-G wing under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) launched an indefinite pen-down and shutdown agitation across Khammam district on Friday, demanding implementation of pay scales, service rules, promotions, job security and other service benefits.



Stating that the agitation was launched to secure their long-pending demands, Kotaiah urged the government to immediately implement the pay scale and resolve all service-related issues. The employees later submitted a memorandum to the District Collector, requesting that their grievances be brought to the notice of the government and resolved at the earliest. They warned that the pen-down and shutdown agitation would continue until their demands were addressed.

Collector Khushboo Gupta Conducts Surprise Inspections at
Tribal Mini Gurukul School and Area Hospital in Jadcherla

Mahabubnagar, July 31 (TSIT Bureau): District Collector Khushboo Gupta conducted surprise inspections at the Telangana Tribal Welfare Mini Gurukul School and the Area Hospital in Jadcherla on Friday as part of her mandal tour. She reviewed the facilities being provided to students, sanitation standards in the hospital, and the quality of health-care services, issuing several directions to the concerned officials.



During her visit to the Tribal Welfare Mini Gurukul School, the Collector inspected the staff attendance register, classrooms, and the functioning of CCTV cameras. She interacted with Class IV students and enquired about the quality of breakfast and midday meals, whether the menu was being followed, and the overall facilities available in the school. The students informed

the Collector about severe mosquito menace, the absence of window shutters in some classrooms, and non-functional ceiling fans. Responding immediately, Ms. Gupta directed the school authorities to repair all defective fans by the evening. She also instructed officials to obtain necessary approvals for repairing the damaged windows and directed the RCO to prepare and submit proposals on an urgent basis for the reconstruction of the damaged compound wall and other repair works.

Build Expo 2026 to Be
Held in Karimnagar on
August 1 & 2



Karimnagar: Representatives of the Association of Consulting Civil Engineers India (ACCEI), Karimnagar Centre, announced that the 6th Build Expo 2026 will be organized on August 1 and 2 at the Indoor Stadium, Karimnagar. The primary objective of the expo is to introduce the public to the latest technologies and innovative products in the construction industry.

tion marks the 6th Build Expo. Visitors will find everything related to building construction—from foundation to interior finishing—under one roof. Products on display will include steel, cement, paints, hardware, plywood, laminates, elevators, waterproofing chemicals, electrical and sanitary products, uPVC windows, PT slab technology, and many more.

Speaking at a press conference held at the Indoor Stadium, ACCEI Chairman Nalla Laxmaiah, Expo Convener Paka Pavana Krishna, Secretary Sabbani Srinivas, and Sponsorship Committee Head Velpula Sravan said that the exhibition will be open from 9:30 AM to 9:00 PM on both days. They stated that the expo would help homeowners and the general public make informed choices about quality construction materials while also creating awareness about modern construction methods. The event is held once every two years, and this year's edi-

Representatives from leading companies across India will showcase their latest products and technologies. Engineers and technical experts from various regions will also provide free guidance and professional advice to visitors. Civil engineers, architects, builders, contractors, technical professionals, students, and the general public from the undivided Karimnagar district, as well as Mancherla, Warangal, Siddipet, and Mahabubnagar, are invited to make use of this opportunity.

South Indian Bank Opens New
Branch, ATM at Kondapur

Hyderabad, July 31, 2026: Continuing its growth strategy across high-potential urban markets, South Indian Bank today inaugurated a new branch & ATM at Gachibowli Road, Kondapur, further strengthening its presence in one of the country's leading business and technology hubs.



Hyderabad's western corridor, the branch is designed to cater to the evolving banking needs of retail customers, MSMEs, entrepreneurs, corporates and residents in the rapidly growing Gachibowli and Kondapur region. The branch will offer a comprehensive suite of banking products and services, supported by the Bank's technology-driven and customer-centric approach. This expansion aligns with South Indian Bank's strategy of strengthening its presence across key growth markets while bringing its relationship-driven banking model closer to customers.

Waqf Board Meetings Remain Stalled, Delay
Raises Concerns Over Protection of Properties

Hyderabad City TSIT July 31: The functioning of the Telangana State Waqf Board has virtually come to a standstill, with its governing body meetings remaining suspended for more than a year and a half. The prolonged delay has raised concerns over the protection of Waqf properties, appointment of mosque and dargah management committees, lease renewals and the handling of legal disputes involving valuable religious assets.

Government during the process of implementation of the amended Waqf Act. Despite repeated requests by the Waqf Board Chief Executive Officer seeking permission to convene meetings, no approval has reportedly been granted. The absence of board meetings has affected several key administrative decisions. The appointment of Mutawallis and ad hoc management committees for mosques, dargahs and other Waqf institutions has been delayed, while expired lease agreements have not been renewed. Officials say the inability to revise lease rentals in line with market rates and approve new leases has also affected the Board's revenue, with hundreds of files remaining pending.



Another major concern is the delay in submitting the revised list of Waqf properties under Section 22-A of the Registration Act, which prohibits the registration of protected government and institutional lands. While departments such as Revenue, Forest and Endowments have already submitted updated lists of prohibited properties,

the Waqf Board is yet to furnish its revised inventory to the Registration Department. According to Waqf records, the number of Waqf properties has increased from about 33,900 properties covering nearly 77,000 acres to around 53,000 properties following field surveys and updated registrations. However, as the revised list has not been incorporated under Section 22-A, allegations have surfaced that transactions involving several Waqf lands are continuing without adequate safeguards. The issue is particularly significant in the rapidly developing districts of Rangareddy, Medchal-Malkajgiri and Sangareddy, where land values have increased substantially.

SRM University-AP Bags Three EDex Awards 2026

Amaravati, July 31: SRM University - AP, Amaravati, has won three prestigious honours at the EDex Awards 2026 (6th Edition) held in Chennai, in recognition of its excellence in higher education, innovation and academic leadership. The awards, presented by Indianpreneur Magazine, recognised the outstanding performance of the university's three academic schools—School of Engineering and Sciences (SEAS), Easwari School of Liberal Arts (ESLA), and Paari School of Business (PSB). The School of Engineering and Sciences was named Best Engineering College of the Year 2026 – South India for its industry-oriented curriculum, research achieve-



ments, strong placement record and advanced engineering programmes. The Easwari School of Liberal Arts received the Best Liberal Arts School of the Year 2026 award for excellence in multidisciplinary education, while the Paari School of Business was honoured as the Best B-School of the Year 2026 – Andhra Pradesh for its future-focused curriculum that integrates manage-

ment, technology, innovation and experiential learning. Vice Chancellor Prof. Ch. Satish Kumar said the recognition reflects the university's commitment to academic excellence, research, innovation and entrepreneurship. He added that SRM University-AP will continue to promote holistic student development through quality education and

global academic standards. The awards were received by Prof. C.V. Tomy, Dean of the School of Engineering and Sciences; Dr. Nafeesathul Basariya Mohamed Iqbal, Assistant Professor, Paari School of Business; and Dr. Ayesha Parveen Haroon, Head of the Department of Psychology, Easwari School of Liberal Arts.

TKR College Hosts AICTE-ATAL FDP
on Quantum Computing and AI

Hyderabad (TSIT): The Department of Information Technology at TKR College of Engineering and Technology, Hyderabad, successfully organised a six-day AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy-sponsored Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on "Integration of Quantum Computing and AI in Healthcare, Agriculture, and Transportation" from July 20 to 25. The programme featured expert sessions by eminent academicians and researchers from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, University of Hyderabad (UoH), Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University Hyderabad (JNTUH), and

GITAM University. Participants received in-depth knowledge on Quantum Computing, Quantum Machine Learning (QML), Quantum Algorithms, Quantum Neural Networks (QNN), and Photonic Quantum Communication, along with their real-world applications. A major highlight of the FDP was its practical training sessions, where participants learned to install and use IBM Qiskit and gained hands-on experience in Quantum Machine Learning for healthcare diagnostics, Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm (QAOA), Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) using

photonic qubits, and Quantum Neural Networks for binary classification. An article discussion session was also held to promote research collaboration and publication among faculty members. As part of the programme, participants visited the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Hyderabad, where they explored the Quantum Computing Laboratory. The industrial visit provided exposure to quantum simulators, quantum communication technologies, quantum optimisation applications, and ongoing research in Quantum Neural Networks. The organisers credited the success of the

programme to the guidance and support of Dr. A. Ramaswamy Reddy, Principal of TKR College of Engineering and Technology, the institution's management, the FDP coordinator, organising committee, and participants. They also expressed gratitude to AICTE-ATAL Academy and the resource persons for their valuable contributions. The programme concluded with a valedictory ceremony, reaffirming the institution's commitment to promoting research, innovation, and faculty development in the rapidly evolving fields of Quantum Computing and Artificial Intelligence.

Recruitment Process Must Be Completely Transparent: CM D.K. Shivakumar



Mangaluru, Jul 30: Former Karnataka minister B Ramanath Rai has urged the state government to disqualify Udupi MLA Yashpal Suvarna and initiate appropriate legal action against him for allegedly making objectionable and hate-filled remarks against Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi.

Addressing a press conference at the District Congress office in Mallikatte on Thursday, Rai said the Nehru-Gandhi family had made immense contributions to the country's develop-

ment. He condemned Suvarna's reported statement that the family of Rahul Gandhi would be "destroyed", calling it highly objectionable.

He said Rahul Gandhi had consistently fought for justice for students affected by the NEET examination controversy by raising the issue both inside and outside Parliament. "As the Leader of the Opposition, Rahul Gandhi has discharged his responsibilities effectively," Rai said.

Responding to a question on the appointment of the Dakshina Kannada District Congress presi-

dent, Rai opined that the post should be given to senior, loyal and genuine party workers who have worked for the organisation. "Those who have joined the party only recently should not be made district president," he said.

Geru Development Corporation chairperson Mamatha Gatti, Congress leaders Pius Rodrigues, Shahul Hameed, Baby Kunder, Abbas Ali, Subhodaya Alva, Appi S, Vikas Shetty, T K Sudheer, Nithyananda Shetty and others were present at the press conference.

Cauvery Decision After Legal, All-Party Consultations: D.K. Shivakumar

Bengaluru, July 31: Karnataka Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Friday said the state government will take a decision on the Cauvery water release issue only after consulting legal

daily to Tamil Nadu. He said the state has already filed a review petition before the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) seeking a reduction in the release, postponement of the

been released to Tamil Nadu till the end of July, the lowest in nearly a century.

Shivakumar appealed to organisations not to call for a proposed bandh, saying protests would not help resolve



experts, former chief ministers and opposition leaders at an all-party meeting scheduled for Sunday.

Addressing a press conference at Vidhana Soudha, Shivakumar said the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) had directed Karnataka to release 3,500 cusecs of water

order and more time to examine the situation.

The Chief Minister said reservoir inflows have improved in recent days, but stressed that protecting Karnataka's farmers and ensuring drinking water remain the government's top priorities. He added that only 0.6 TMC of water had

the issue. He also indicated that Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's proposed visit to Karnataka on August 3 may be postponed due to the prevailing situation. He reiterated that the government would act strictly within the legal framework while safeguarding the state's interests.

UNSW Sydney Launches Bengaluru Campus, Bringing a World Top 20 University to India



Bengaluru: university, has officially launched its first international campus in India and is set to start academic operations in August 2026, marking a significant milestone in the evolving India-Australia education partnership.

For decades, Australia has been a preferred destination for Indian students seeking a world-class education and globally relevant career opportunities. Today, that enduring relationship enters a new chapter as UNSW brings its internationally recognised education, research excellence and industry-connected learning experience to India. The UNSW Bengaluru campus reflects the long-term commitment to strengthening the Australia-India education partnership while responding to the growing demand for globally relevant, future-focused education that prepares graduates to thrive in an increasingly interconnected, innovation-led and technology-driven world.

Located at Manyata Business Park, the campus will offer students access to an internationally recognised UNSW education in one of India's most dynamic technology and innovation ecosystems. By combining Australian academic excellence with Bengaluru's thriving industry landscape, the University aims to create stronger opportunities for interdisciplinary learning, applied research and industry engagement.

The launch follows another milestone for UNSW, which was recently ranked again in the world's top 20 universities in the 2027 QS World University Rankings. Recognised globally for excellence in research, teaching, graduate employability and sustainability, UNSW

now brings that globally respected academic ecosystem directly to India. Professor Attila Brungs, Vice-Chancellor and President, UNSW Sydney, said, "The opening of our Bengaluru campus reflects both our confidence in India's extraordinary talent ecosystem and our long-term commitment to strengthening the Australia-India education partnership through our 'Progress for All' strategy. India is home to one of the world's most dynamic innovation landscapes, underpinned by exceptional research capability, entrepreneurial ambition and a rapidly growing knowledge economy. Through UNSW Bengaluru, we look forward to partnering with students, researchers, industry and government to advance world-class education, foster impactful research and co-create solutions to the complex challenges facing our societies. Together, we will prepare graduates with the knowledge, skills and global outlook needed to thrive in an increasingly interconnected and technology-driven world."

Commonwealth Assistant Minister for Citizenship and International Education, the Hon Julian Hill MP said, "Education has long been one of the defining pillars of Australia's bilateral relationship with India, fostering enduring people-to-people connections, research collaboration and innovation. The launch of UNSW's Bengaluru campus marks another significant milestone in the deepening Australia-India partnership and comes at a time where UNSW is the globally highest ranked Australian University - providing greater access to Australia's high-quality education to India," Assistant Minister Hill said.

Samatva Sambhrama 2026 to Celebrate Indian Classical Music

Bengaluru, July 31: Samatva Foundation (R) will host 'Samatva Sambhrama 2026', a two-day Indian classical music festival, on August 5 and 6 at Chowdiah Memorial Hall in Bengaluru, featuring some of the country's leading musicians.

The festival will begin on August 5 with a Tabla Solo Recital by noted tabla maestro Pandit Yogesh Samsi, followed by "Strings Attached," featuring violinist R. Kumaresh, veena exponent Dr. Jayanthi Kumaresh, percussionist K. Sai Giridhar, and



Pandit Yogesh Samsi. On August 6, "Kashi Damaru" by Jagadeesh D. Kurthkoti and team will showcase India's rhythmic traditions. The festival will conclude

with a Special Musical Confluence featuring renowned Carnatic vocalist Abhishek Raghuram, musician Praveen D. Rao, flautist Sruthi Sagar, Tavil mae-

stro Mannargudi R. Vasudevan, and mridangam artist Anantha R. Krishnan.

Organised under the theme "Explore • Express • Embellish • Enhance," the festival aims to promote India's rich classical music heritage and inspire young musicians by bringing together legendary artistes and music enthusiasts on one platform. The organisers have invited music lovers, students, artistes and rasikas to attend the two-day cultural celebration. Tickets are available through the Samatva Foundation website.

S. Manohar demands arrest of BJP leaders trying to create unrest by inciting communal sentiments

Bengaluru: KPCC General Secretary S Manohar has demanded that BJP leaders are trying to disrupt law and order and create unrest by inciting communal sentiments, and the miscreants should be arrested immediately.

Speaking at a protest organized by the Congress, he demanded to immediate arrest of Union Education Minister Pralhad Joshi and BJP MP Anurag Thakur for their anti-women policies and BJP MLAs C.T. Ravi,



Yash Pal Suvarna and Bharat Shetty. Union Education Minister Pralhad Joshi, who defended the accused in the murder of the victim woman, and BJP's Anurag Thakur, who said that women should drink cow urine, statements are policies of anti-women, he condemned.

Asia Jewels Show 2026 Opens in Bengaluru with Exclusive Luxury Jewellery Collections

Three-day exhibition at The Ritz-Carlton showcases premium wedding and festive jewellery from leading brands across India

Bengaluru, July 31 (TSIT): The 60th edition of the Asia Jewels Show 2026, one of South India's premier luxury jewellery exhibitions, opened at The Ritz-Carlton, Bengaluru, on Friday, bringing together renowned jewellery designers and premium brands from across the country under one roof.

The three-day exhibition, being held from July 31 to August 2, features an extensive collection of fine gold, diamond, platinum, traditional, bridal, antique, Kundan, Jadau, Polki, gemstone and silver jewellery, catering to shoppers preparing for the upcoming wedding and Varamahalakshmi festival season.

The exhibition was inaugurated by Dr. Chetan Kumar Mehta, President, Jewellery Division India-IBJA, President of the Jewellers Association Bengaluru, and CMD of Laxmi Diamonds, in the presence of actress Nandita Swetha, celebri-



ties, jewellery enthusiasts and industry representatives.

Organised by HRS Media, the exhibition showcases exclusive col-

lections from leading jewellery brands based in Bengaluru, Mumbai, Delhi, Jaipur, Hyderabad, Surat and Jodhpur. Visitors can explore luxury jewellery designs, including several new collections being presented for the first time.

Organisers said the exhibition offers customers an opportunity to compare a wide range of premium jewellery collections in one place, making it an ideal destination for wedding and festive shopping. The event also features contemporary designs alongside traditional craftsmanship, highlighting the latest trends in India's jewellery industry.

The exhibition will remain open to visitors from 10.30 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. until August 2 at The Ritz-Carlton, Residency Road, Bengaluru. Organisers expect strong footfall from jewellery buyers, collectors and enthusiasts during the three-day event.

'Unexpected Guests' Gets CBFC Clearance, September Release Set

Bengaluru, July 31: The suspense thriller 'Unexpected Guests', starring Vivek Simha, has cleared the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) process and is set for a theatrical release in September.

Directed by Manoj Annaiah and produced by B. Vinod Kumar under the Tejwin Productions banner, the film has received an 'A' certificate after imple-



menting changes suggested by the censor board, mainly concerning violent scenes.

Director Manoj

Annaiah expressed happiness over completing the certification process and said the team is excited to bring the suspense thriller to audiences. He described the film as a blend of survival thriller and love story, adding that Vivek Simha's performance would be one of its biggest highlights.

Producer B. Vinod Kumar said the censor process was challenging but offered valuable les-

sons. He also called for clearer CBFC guidelines to help filmmakers navigate the certification process more effectively.

The film also stars Maithri Jaggi, Daya Pallavagere, Daivik Nag, Sri Dutta, Samprati Alva and Haritha Shah. Eric V.J. has handled cinematography and editing, while Swaminathan R.K. has composed the music. The makers are expected to announce the film's official release date soon.

Waterways Leisure Tourism Agrees in Principle to Explore Cruise Operations from Mangalore

Bengaluru : As part of the Karnataka Government's efforts to promote cruise tourism in the State, the Department of Tourism has initiated consultations with leading cruise operators following the directions of Minister for Energy & Tourism, K. J. George.

During a meeting held in Mumbai, Waterways Leisure Tourism Limited, one of India's leading cruise operators, agreed in principle to explore the feasibility



of commencing cruise services from Mangalore, said Dr. V. Ram Prasath Manohar, IAS, Secretary, Department of Tourism.

A delegation of senior officials from the

Department of Tourism, led by the Secretary, held detailed discussions with Mr. Jurgen Bailom, President & Chief Executive Officer, and Mr. Bharat Acharya, Associate Director – Port Operations, of Waterways Leisure Tourism Limited. The meeting focused on the infrastructure requirements, operational needs, market opportunities and other key aspects necessary for launching cruise services

from Mangalore.

During the discussions, the company's representatives highlighted the need for a comprehensive assessment of the tourism market, visitor demand and commercial viability of the Mangalore coastal region. They also suggested preparing a dedicated promotional strategy to position Mangalore as a prominent cruise tourism destination at both the national and international levels.

TVK shift: OPS undecided, son keen

CHENNAI: Former Chief Minister and DMK MLA O Panneerselvam's (OPS) son and former Theni MP OP Ravindranath is keen to join the ruling Tamilaga Vetti Kazhagam (TVK), though his father is yet to give the green signal, according to sources close to the family. "At present, OPS has no plans to join TVK as he is a sitting MLA. However, his son, former MP OP Ravindranath, is keen to join the ruling party, keeping the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections in mind. However, TVK leadership wants OPS to join along with his son. Therefore,



the family is yet to take a final decision," a close associate of OPS told DT Next. A few months before the recently concluded Assembly election, OPS joined the then-ruling

DMK and contested from Bodinayakanur as a DMK candidate. Following the election, DMK moved to the Opposition benches, and OPS was not given any party post. This fuelled speculation that the for-

mer CM, reportedly unhappy with developments, was planning to switch to TVK. However, OPS dismissed the reports. Sources in DMK pointed out that OPS recently participated virtually in the meeting of the party's MLAs chaired by the Leader of the Opposition. "Had he decided to quit the party or make any major political move, he might have skipped the meeting. Instead, he participated actively," a DMK source said. While OPS is yet to indicate any intention to leave the DMK, sources said his son Ravindranath continues to be keen on joining TVK.

GST officials rescued after traders confine inspection team in Sowcarpet

CHENNAI: A team of Goods and Services Tax (GST) officials was rescued by Chennai Police after they were allegedly confined inside a stainless steel shop by a large group of traders during an inspection on Mint Street in Sowcarpet on Thursday evening. Following the incident, police escorted the officials to the Elephant Gate Police Station and launched a search for those involved based on a complaint filed by the GST department. According to police, the inspection began around 4 pm at Mahipal Stainless on Mint Street. The team was led by GST Superintendent



Nishanth and included Inspectors Azeez, Sushil and three other officials. Around 7 pm, nearly 300 traders and members of the Steel Market Association gathered outside the premises and surrounded the officials. The traders objected to the inspection, alleging that

the audit was illegal. They insisted that senior GST officials, including the Commissioner, visit the spot and explain the purpose of the inspection before the team would be allowed to leave. As the officials were unable to leave the premises, they sought police assis-

tance. Personnel from the Elephant Gate Police Station initially attempted to resolve the situation through negotiations with the traders. When the discussions failed to yield a breakthrough, the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Flower Bazaar, reached the spot around 8 pm and held further talks with representatives of the traders. The GST officials were subsequently released and escorted safely to the Elephant Gate Police Station. Based on the complaint lodged by the GST officials, the Elephant Gate Police registered an inquiry and detained at least six persons for question.



Representatives of the Malayala Manorama Group called on the Honble Chief Minister

NIRL Bags 900 MW Solar Project from GUVNL

Chennai, July 31: NLC India Renewables Limited (NIRL), a wholly owned subsidiary of NLC India Limited (NLCIL), has received a Letter of Intent (LoI) from Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited (GUVNL) for the development of a 900 MW

solar power project. The project was awarded through a tariff-based competitive bidding process, with the electricity generated to be procured by GUVNL. NIRL said the project marks another significant step in expanding its renewable

energy portfolio and aligns with its long-term goal of becoming a 10 GW-plus renewable energy company by 2030. The company said the new project will further strengthen its presence in India's growing clean energy sector.

SC grants anticipatory bail to DMK leader Senthilbalaji in fresh corruption case

NEW DELHI: In a relief to DMK leader and former minister V Senthil Balaji, the Supreme Court on Friday granted him anticipatory bail till further orders in a fresh corruption case lodged against him by the Tamil Nadu government led by Joseph Vijay. A bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi granted the relief to Balaji with certain conditions – that he will cooperate with the investigation, deposit his passport and not influence any witnesses. MK Stalin seeks extension of electricity bill payment deadline amid billing complaints "You immediately come to us even if there is slightest breach in bail conditions. We will modify or cancel our orders," Justice Bagchi told senior advocate Guru Krishnakumar appearing for the Tamil Nadu government. Earlier in the day, Justice V Mohana recused herself from hearing the anticipatory bail plea of



Balaji. On Thursday, the top court agreed to hear Balaji's plea seeking pre-arrest bail in the fresh corruption case pertaining to alleged irregularities in the Tamil Nadu State Marketing Corporation (TASMAC). The Madras High Court had dismissed the anticipatory bail petition of Balaji in the FIR lodged by the Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption (DVAC) in the TASMAC scam case. Soon after the denial, the top court bench headed by Chief Justice Surya Kant was urged by senior lawyers Kapil Sibal, Mukul Rohatgi and Amit Anand Tiwari on behalf of

the DMK leader that his plea be listed for urgent hearing as he faces imminent coercive action. Balaji represents Coimbatore South in the Tamil Nadu Assembly. According to the FIR, a large-scale scam took place in TASMAC in the allotment of shops and bars. Balaji alleged that the FIR quoted verbatim the affidavit of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the petition tThe agency filed before the Supreme Court. In fact, the FIR itself at various places says that it is from the counter affidavit and petition of the ED, the plea said.

MK Stalin seeks extension of electricity bill payment deadline amid billing complaints

CHENNAI: DMK president MK Stalin on Friday urged the Tamil Nadu government to extend the deadline for paying electricity bills until complaints over the revised billing process are resolved. In a statement, Stalin alleged that consumers across the

ernment had acknowledged complaints from 3.70 lakh electricity consumers regarding excessive or erroneous bills, adding that the actual number of affected consumers could be much higher. "Many more consumers may have been affected but have not yet raised their



State were facing widespread confusion over electricity bills and criticised the TVK-led government for its handling of the issue. "When the TVK government assumed office, the State witnessed frequent power outages. Now, consumers are facing problems with electricity billing," he said. Stalin claimed that the gov-

voices against the excessive bills," he said. Appealing to the government, Stalin urged it to extend the payment deadline until all billing-related issues are resolved. He also called upon the authorities to ensure that meter readings are taken accurately and that electricity bills are generated in a transparent and error-free manner.

Brain changes linked to stress processing may explain functional seizures in children: Study

Functional seizures in children, which are often mistaken for epilepsy, may be linked to the way the brain processes stress and emotions, according to a new study by researchers from the Centre of Bio-Medical Research (CBMR) and King George's Medical University (KGMU). The study found subtle changes in brain regions responsible for regulating emotions, attention, body awareness and movement, offering insights into why some children continue to experience seizure-like episodes despite normal MRI and EEG reports.

Published in the international journal Epilepsia, the research could help address misconceptions that children experiencing functional seizures are pretending or seeking attention.

The study analysed 150 adolescents, including 75 children diagnosed with functional (dissociative) seizures and 75 healthy children.

Using advanced analysis of high-resolution 3-Tesla MRI scans, researchers identified differences in brain regions involved in emotional regulation, stress response, attention and movement control.

The team also used specialised brain-mapping techniques to study the thickness, folds and grooves of the brain's surface, along with the communication patterns between different brain regions. These methods go beyond routine MRI scans, which primarily detect visible abnormalities such as tumours or injuries.

Researchers found changes in areas associated with processing emotions, interpreting body signals and responding to stress. "Parents often feel confused when



MRI and EEG reports are normal, but their child continues to have seizure-like attacks. Our findings show measurable differences in brain networks involved in processing stress and emotions. The attacks are real and should never be dismissed as intentional or attention-seeking," said Dr Uttam Kumar, Additional Professor at CBMR, who led the neuroimaging research.

Prof Amit Arya from the Department of Neurology at KGMU, a co-author of the study, said functional seizures closely resemble epilepsy but require a different treatment approach.

"Recognising the condition early can help families receive the right neurological, psychological and psychiatric care while avoiding unnecessary delays in treatment," he said. The researchers said the findings highlight the importance of early diagnosis and a comprehensive approach involving neurological and psychological support for children with functional seizures.

Irregular periods not always caused by stress; experts advise timely medical evaluation

New Delhi, Jul 30: While stress is often blamed for delayed or irregular menstrual cycles, health experts caution that it may not always be the underlying cause. Persistent changes in menstrual patterns could indicate hormonal, metabolic or reproductive disorders that require medical attention.

Doctors say irregular, unusually heavy or painful periods should not be ignored, as they may be linked to conditions such as polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS), thyroid disorders, fibroids, adenomyosis or other uterine abnormalities.

Dr Priya Darshni, Obstetrician and Gynaecologist at Plush Chennai, said menstrual irregularities can result from a variety of factors, including hormonal imbalances, metabolic conditions and reproductive health issues. She noted that while stress can affect hormone regulation and influence the menstrual cycle, it should not automatically be considered the sole reason for irregular periods. According to experts, doctors first assess a woman's age and menstrual history while evaluating irregular cycles. Women below 18 years and those above 45 years may experience menstrual changes due to different physiological reasons, including hormonal fluctuations associated with menopause. Medical experts advise



women to seek evaluation if they experience excessive bleeding, severe menstrual pain or sudden changes in their menstrual cycle. Heavy bleeding that requires changing sanitary protection every one or two hours, especially when accompanied by large blood clots, may lead to anaemia if left untreated.

Doctors also look for symptoms associated with PCOS, including excessive facial or body hair, acne, rapid weight gain and missed or irregular periods. Pelvic pain or the presence of abdominal lumps may indicate fibroids, adenomyosis or ovarian disorders.

Apart from stress, lifestyle and hormonal factors such as thyroid disorders, obesity, rapid weight changes, poor sleep, smoking, alcohol consumption and uncontrolled blood sugar levels can also affect menstrual health. For women of reproductive age,

pregnancy, recent childbirth and breastfeeding history are also considered during diagnosis, as these factors can temporarily influence menstrual cycles.

Experts said diagnosis usually involves a detailed medical history, physical examination and investigations such as haemoglobin, thyroid function, blood sugar and pregnancy tests, along with pelvic ultrasound. Additional imaging such as MRI may be recommended if structural abnormalities are detected. Doctors emphasised that while occasional menstrual changes are common, persistent irregularity, heavy bleeding, severe pain or symptoms such as unexplained weight changes, excessive hair growth, acne or pelvic discomfort warrant consultation with a gynaecologist for timely diagnosis and treatment.

Chennai's 'Contemporary Now' festival to bring together 66 artists on August 8



CHENNAI: Bringing together artists, galleries and audiences from across the country, Contemporary Now returns to Chennai for its third edition from August 8 to 25. The contemporary art festival will feature works by 66 artists represented by seven galleries, alongside talks, workshops, artist walk-throughs and open houses across the city. "Contemporary Now was conceived as more than an exhibition. It is a platform where artists, collectors, curators and audiences come together to engage with contemporary art through meaningful conversations. We want people to feel that art is approachable, regardless of whether they're seasoned collectors or first-time visitors," says Priyanjoli Basu, director of Contemporary Now. The third edition brings together seven galleries including Ashvita's, Chemould Prescott Road, Chatterjee & Lal, Experimenter, Project 88, Tarq and Vadehra Art Gallery. Together, they present works by 66 artists working across different mediums and artistic practices.

EDITORIAL

India's Defence Deals Have A Serious Problem Nobody Talks About

For more than two decades, India's defence offset policy aimed to be a powerful instrument to strengthen indigenous defence manufacturing, attract cutting-edge technologies, and reduce dependence on foreign suppliers. The concept was straightforward: if India spends billions of dollars on importing military hardware, a portion of that expenditure should return to the country through investments, technology transfers, local production, research partnerships, and industrial development. Basically, the policy was well-intentioned, having looked at developing countries striving to build a military technological base while purchasing military equipment from advanced countries. However, it looks like that never worked in India. Even I recall my discussion with then Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar, and he understood the problem, then told me: "Plan to get rid of offset policy; it does not do much good." Not to say that the policy did not produce any gains. Large defence contracts did generate substantial business for Indian companies, expanded the private sector, and enabled many MSMEs to become suppliers to global aerospace and defence manufacturers. Several Indian firms today manufacture components for international defence companies - an outcome that would have been difficult without offset obligations. Yet, despite these achievements, the policy has fallen significantly short of its original strategic objectives. India continues to rely heavily on imports for advanced military technologies and critical components. The country's ambition of using offsets to build tech sovereignty remains only partially fulfilled. The Public Accounts Committee (PAC), in its Fiftieth Report on the "Management of Defence Offsets," adopted on June 4 and presented to Parliament this month, provides perhaps the most comprehensive assessment of the programme's shortcomings. The report makes it clear that the problem extends far beyond delayed vendor obligations. It reveals deeper structural weaknesses in planning, project evaluation, technology selection, and contract management. Large Pending Obligations The most immediate concern is the pace of implementation. Among 26 ongoing offset contracts, the total offset obligation stands at nearly USD 9.92 billion. However, vendors have submitted claims worth only USD 5.47 billion, representing just 55.14 % of the obligation. Nearly USD 4.45 billion, or 44.86%, remains unsubmitted. Such a large pending obligation raises serious questions regarding execution and monitoring. While delays are often attributed to vendors, the PAC correctly observes that responsibility also lies with the Ministry of Defence. Several projects approved during contract negotiations later proved commercially or technically unviable. This indicates weaknesses in project appraisal, partner selection, and post-contract supervision rather than mere vendor non-compliance. So, it's important that experts in the MoD now look at technological and commercial aspects on a separate, clear basis and the vendor's long-term commitment in India. Completion Does Not Mean Success The Ministry has signed 56 offset contracts over the years. Of these, only 20 contracts, roughly 35.7%, have been fully completed, audited, and closed. Another 10 contracts remain under final audit, while 26 contracts, almost half the programme, continue to remain operational.

WHY CHINA'S LATEST 'CHIP' Breakthrough Is Shaking The World

Have you ever watched the closing stages of a marathon? For most of the race, the leader looks comfortable. Every now and then, he glances over his shoulder and sees a runner who never seemed much of a threat. Then, almost without anyone noticing, that runner begins to close the gap. His stride lengthens. His pace quickens. And just when the leader thinks the finish line is safely within reach, the challenger suddenly looks capable of sweeping past. That is increasingly what the global semiconductor race looks like. For years, the United States and its allies built an overwhelming lead in the technologies that power the modern world. Taiwan dominated the most advanced chips. South Korea dominated memory chips. The Netherlands produced the world's most sophisticated lithography machines. American companies designed the processors powering everything from iPhones and AI chatbots to fighter jets. China, despite its manufacturing prowess, remained largely dependent on others for the most advanced technologies. That equation may now be changing. The Lithography Breakthrough Early this week, Reuters reported that China has begun mass-producing domestically developed immersion deep ultraviolet (DUV) lithography machines, marking a major milestone in Beijing's long campaign to reduce dependence on foreign technology. According to Reuters, the effort is being led by Shanghai Aishengna Electronic Technology Group, a relatively unknown state-owned company that has brought together engineers from several of China's leading lithography startups. On its own, that is significant enough. But it comes alongside reports from Chinese



researchers claiming huge progress towards something even more ambitious: they are poised to produce a home-grown Extreme Ultraviolet (EUV) lithography machine. If those claims are true, they could represent one of the biggest shifts in the semiconductor industry in decades. China, in other words, has crossed one technological milestone. It is now claiming to be approaching another. These reports have coincided with the blockbuster stock market debut of memory chipmaker ChangXin Memory Technologies (CXMT). Right now, it's the toast of eager investors. Together, they suggest the chip war may be entering a new phase. DUV And EUV lithography With enough engineering ingenuity, Chinese engineers are now using DUV machines to produce advanced 7-nanometre chips. EUV takes the technology to an entirely different level. It allows manufacturers to produce the world's most advanced processors - the 2nm, 3nm, and 5nm chips, now powering artificial intelligence systems, high-end smartphones, and the next generation of super-

computers. Without EUV, building those chips becomes vastly more difficult. That is why EUV has long been regarded as the holy grail of semiconductor manufacturing. For years, one company that stood at the summit of the DUV and EUV machines was ASML, based in the Dutch town of Veldhoven. ASML dominates the global market for advanced immersion DUV lithography systems and has an effective monopoly on commercial EUV machines. No other company has successfully brought an EUV system to market. Its machines are among the most complicated products humanity has ever built. Each one costs hundreds of millions of dollars, weighs well over 150 tonnes, and contains tens of thousands of precision components sourced from companies spread across Europe, America, and Asia. It can take months simply to assemble and install one machine. It took ASML decades to perfect the technology. That explains why China's reported progress has attracted so much attention. The Sanctions That Backfired Western govern-

ments often use sanctions and export controls to slow down competitors' progress or prevent them from making any progress at all. President Donald Trump, in his first term itself, and later President Joe Biden, persuaded the Dutch government to stop ASML from exporting its most advanced machines to China. The restrictions did not stop there. The US also tightened controls on advanced processors, chipmaking equipment, and sophisticated software used to design leading-edge chips. Chinese companies, including Huawei and Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corporation, better known as SMIC, suddenly found themselves cut off from technologies they had relied upon for years. The logic was that if China could not buy the world's best chipmaking tools, it would struggle to manufacture the world's most advanced processors. For a while, that strategy appeared to work. Many analysts concluded that China would remain several generations behind industry leaders such as TSMC in Taiwan, Samsung in South Korea,

and Intel in the United States. China, however, had other ideas. Rather than treating semiconductor manufacturers as simply another industrial sector, it elevated them to the level of national strategy. Tens of billions of dollars flowed into research, manufacturing equipment, materials, universities, and private companies. Reducing dependence on foreign technology was not just an economic objective but a national security issue. China Wasn't Supposed To Get This Far In August 2023, while US Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo was visiting Beijing, Huawei quietly launched its Mate 60 Pro smartphone. When tech experts dismantled the phone, they discovered a domestically produced 7-nanometre processor manufactured by SMIC. The finding stunned the Americans. Why? Precisely because they had calculated that sanctions and restrictions were enough to prevent China from producing 7nm chips. They thought it was impossible for China to achieve this feat. Instead, SMIC had produced it using older DUV technology combined with highly sophisticated engineering techniques. This was the first indication that sanctions might not be producing the outcome that the Americans had expected. Now, the Western media's confirmation that China is mass-producing its own immersion DUV lithography machines has again raised eyebrows in Washington. Building An Ecosystem There's this resignation in the West that China's progress is unstoppable. But what is it that China is doing that is so different? One of the biggest misconceptions about China's semiconductor ambitions is that everything revolves around Huawei or SMIC. It doesn't. Unlike Taiwan, whose remarkable

success rests largely on one company - TSMC - China has spent the better part of a decade building an entire semiconductor ecosystem. The strategy has been to strengthen every link in the chain, from chip design and manufacturing equipment to materials, memory chips, and fabrication plants. If one company falls behind, another moves forward. Isn't that impressive? Indeed, that strategy is beginning to pay dividends. The clearest example came recently with the spectacular stock market debut of memory chipmaker ChangXin Memory Technologies (CXMT). Investors rushed to buy into the company, seeing it as evidence that China is becoming a serious force in memory chips - one of the most important building blocks of the AI revolution. Memory Chips vs Processor Chips Memory chips are very different from processors. Processors - the CPUs and GPUs made by companies, such as Nvidia, AMD, and Apple - do the thinking. Memory chips store the information those processors need to work. Modern artificial intelligence systems require vast amounts of both computing power and memory. Without one, the other becomes far less useful. For years, South Korea's Samsung and SK Hynix, together with America's Micron, dominated the memory business. China is now beginning to challenge that dominance. CXMT has rapidly become the world's fourth-largest producer of DRAM memory chips, which provide the temporary working memory computers need to process data. Yangtze Memory Technologies, better known as YMTC, has emerged as a significant manufacturer of advanced NAND flash memory, which stores data permanently in smartphones, laptops, and data centres.

World's Biggest Military Now Has A Supply Problem. Inside US' Weapons Crisis

The United States' growing munitions deficit is not merely the consequence of the ongoing conflict with Iran; rather, it reflects a deeper structural imbalance between America's strategic ambitions and the capacity of its defence industrial base. Decades of post-Cold War assumptions, that major interstate wars were unlikely, encouraged successive administrations to prioritise efficiency over surge capacity. The result has been an industrial ecosystem optimised for peacetime procurement rather than sustained, high-intensity warfare. The wars in Ukraine and the Middle East have exposed the limits of this model. The immediate causes of the shortage are clear. Sustained military assistance to Ukraine, including millions of 155 mm artillery rounds, Patriot interceptors, Javelin anti-tank missiles, and Guided Multiple Launch Rocket Systems (GMLRS), had already reduced US inventories. Continued support for Israel, prolonged operations against the Houthis in the Red Sea, and, most recently, the 2026 military campaign against Iran have further accelerated the depletion of critical stockpiles. Reports suggest that the Iran campaign consumed a significant proportion of advanced precision munitions, including Tomahawk cruise missiles, Precision Strike Missiles (PrSM), Patriot and THAAD interceptors, and naval air-defence missiles such as the SM-3 and SM-6. Consumption rates have significantly exceeded peacetime production levels, exposing the mismatch



between operational requirements and industrial output. The roots of this problem, however, lie in the gradual erosion of the American defence industrial base. Following the Cold War, consolidation within the defence sector reduced the number of suppliers, while production lines for critical inputs, including solid rocket motors, explosives, shell bodies, rare-earth components, and microelectronics, were either scaled back or allowed to stagnate. The emphasis on lean supply chains and cost efficiency created multiple single-source bottlenecks, leaving the United States with limited capacity to rapidly expand production during crises. Equally significant has been the decline in skilled manufacturing labour and ageing production infrastructure, both of which constrain the speed with which industrial output can be increased. Efforts to reverse this trend have produced only modest results. Despite substantial investments to expand artillery shell production, output has grown far more slowly than planned, with persistent shortages of explosives,

metal components, and qualified manufacturing capacity limiting progress. Similar challenges affect the production of high-end missile systems. Weapons such as Patriot interceptors, THAAD missiles, and Tomahawk cruise missiles require long production cycles, highly specialised supply chains, and industrial investments that cannot be created overnight. Financial allocations alone cannot rapidly generate the workforce, facilities, and supplier networks necessary for sustained expansion. Policy choices have compounded these structural constraints. Procurement patterns characterised by fluctuating orders, prolonged acquisition timelines, and an emphasis on sophisticated platforms rather than stockpile depth discouraged industry from investing in excess capacity. Globalised supply chains and inadequate pre-crisis planning further reduced resilience. Although recent initiatives, including expanded defence funding, the use of the Defense Production Act, and long-term industrial agreements, represent important correc-

tive measures, they are unlikely to produce meaningful increases in output in the immediate future. Operationally, the United States has retained sufficient inventories to sustain military operations against Iran under the current scope of the conflict. Conventional air-delivered munitions, including JDAMs, Small Diameter Bombs, and Hellfire missiles, remain available in substantial numbers. Nevertheless, the extensive use of high-end stand-off weapons and missile-defence interceptors has narrowed Washington's strategic flexibility. Decisions regarding escalation have increasingly been shaped not only by political considerations but also by concerns over inventory management. The strain on stockpiles has also complicated continued military assistance to partners and affected the readiness of naval and air assets deployed across multiple theatres. The broader strategic implications extend well beyond the Middle East. American war games have repeatedly demonstrated that a high-intensity conflict in the Indo-Pacific, particularly over Taiwan, would consume precision-guided munitions at a pace far exceeding current production capacity. The depletion of inventories during the Iran campaign thus widens an already recognised capability gap. While it does not fundamentally undermine US deterrence against China, it reinforces concerns regarding America's ability to sustain simultaneous operations across multiple theatres and prolonged conventional conflicts against peer competitors.

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION OR GLORIFICATION OF OBSCENITY?



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Jantar Mantar is a public forum in democratic India where citizens gather to convey their views to the government and society. This place symbolizes the freedom of expression guaranteed by the Constitution. But when language is violated during protests, profanity is used as a tool of resistance, and obscenity is celebrated as a symbol of courage, it is natural to question: what are the limits of freedom of expression? Does protest in a democracy mean legitimizing all forms of language and behavior? Or does freedom also entail responsibility? In recent days, the public use of highly offensive language by some protesters at Jantar Mantar became a topic of discussion. A segment of society appeared to support this, calling it a "rebellion against patriarchy" and "the voice of a fearless woman." On the other hand, many considered it a violation of social decorum, public decency, and constitutional responsibility. This debate is not about a single incident, but about the direction society is taking to redefine the boundaries of expression. Article 19(1)(a) of the Indian Constitution guarantees every citizen the freedom of expression. However, the same Constitution, through



Article 19(2), also makes it clear that this freedom is not absolute. Reasonable restrictions can be imposed on this freedom on grounds such as public order, decency, morality, defamation, contempt of court, and national security. Thus, the Constitution itself recognizes that freedom and responsibility go hand in hand. The right to protest is essential in any democracy. Criticism of the government, questioning policies, and dissent are the strengths of a democratic system. However, if the language of protest begins to promote hatred, obscenity, or violence in society, it cannot be evaluated solely on the basis of "free speech." The language used in public life also impacts society's culture and future generations. It's also worth considering whether, if a man were to use similar language on a public platform, would society and the law react the same way as it would against a woman? If the answer is "no," it cannot be considered consistent with the principle of equality.

Equal rights also imply equal responsibility. If the law takes action against obscene or offensive expressions made by men, the same standard should apply to women. Similarly, if inappropriate language against women is unacceptable, such language against men should not be normalized. There is a concern in social discourse today that ideological commitments sometimes trump objectivity. If an event is evaluated based on a person's views, political leanings, or gender, both justice and equality are affected. Blind support for any side undermines democratic discourse. Practices and principles, not individuals, should be the basis for evaluation. Patriarchy, gender inequality, and injustice against women are real social issues. Struggles against them are necessary. But if this struggle is conducted with dignity, logic, and constitutional propriety, its moral force is greater. Obscene language or abusive behavior cannot be justified simply because the

objective is to oppose a system. The means are as important as the objective. In the age of social media, inflammatory language instantly goes viral. This often creates the illusion that the more aggressive or controversial an expression is, the more effective it will be. However, the true beauty of democracy lies in the power of ideas, not the harshness of words. History shows that lasting change comes from reason, dialogue, and moral courage, not mere incitement. All citizens are equal before the law. This is the fundamental spirit of the Indian Republic. Therefore, if obscene language, indecent exposure, or statements derogatory to any class in public places constitute crimes under the law, they should be assessed based on the individual's conduct, not their identity. Equality does not mean special privileges, but equal standards. It is also essential that a clear social and legal understanding be developed between freedom of expression and hateful or obscene speech.

Peru's ex-president has 15-year jail sentence for corruption charges overturned



Peru's constitutional court has overturned a 15-year jail sentence handed to the country's former president after he was found guilty of corruption.

Ollanta Humala, who led the country from 2011 to 2016, was convicted in 2025 of accepting illegal funds from the Venezuelan president and Brazilian construction company Odebrecht to fund his election campaigns in 2006 and 2011. The former president had said he would appeal against the verdict, and now Peru's constitutional court has declared the entire criminal proceedings against him null and void. Humala is expected to be released from Barbadillo Prison in the capital Lima, according to local media. After the ruling, Humala's lawyer Julio Espinoza Goyena wrote on social media that the court had decided the contributions his client received on electoral campaigns "do not constitute money laundering". He said: "The

Criminal Chamber currently handling the case must order the definitive dismissal of the proceedings and the FREEDOM of former President Ollanta Humala". When Humala was convicted, his wife Nadine Heredia was also found guilty of money laundering and sentenced to 15 years in prison. However, she was granted safe passage to Brazil after seeking asylum in the Brazilian embassy. Humala was the first of four Peruvian presidents to be investigated in connection with the Odebrecht scandal. Alejandro Toledo, who governed from 2001 to 2006, was sentenced last year to more than 20 years in prison for taking \$35m (£26m) in bribes from the company. Alan García, president from 1985 to 1990 and 2006 to 2011, killed himself in 2019 as he faced imminent arrest over allegations he was bribed by Odebrecht. He had denied the accusations.



■ About 60,000 migrants arrive in Ceuta in 24 hours, Spanish territory's leader says

Hundreds escape Greek wildfire by sea as blazes continue across Europe

Hundreds of people in central Greece are being evacuated by sea after the coastal town they were in became hemmed in by one of the many wildfires raging across the country. Around 500 people, mostly tourists, were left stranded after the fire broke out near Agios Vasileios in Viotia on Friday morning and rapidly spread on strong winds, local media report. Another fire has broken out further along the coast, while firefighters continue to battle a large wildfire on the Greek island of Crete that ignited earlier this week. Greece is one of several European nations suffering devastating wildfires after a succession of heatwaves created favourable conditions for them. Firefighters in Portugal and Spain are still tackling blazes



spanning thousands of hectares, with a new heatwave this week raising the risk of a massive fire near Madrid reigniting. The area of central Greece where the two fires broke out this morning was considered the most at-risk due to high winds complicating firefighting efforts. More than 200 people have been evacuated and another 100 are due to be taken by boat from Agios

Vasileios, while emergency workers are attempting to safely remove those still in the town, according to Greek news agency Amna, citing fire officials. People there had earlier been told by authorities to move further inland before the fire reached the outskirts of the town. The fire further along the coast burnt through farmland before moving through the rural town of Xironomi.

Firefighters on Crete continue to tackle persistent hotspots in a wildfire that has torched thousands of hectares of land and prompted the temporary evacuation of 8,000 people. Fires have also broken out on the islands of Paros, Andros and Kalymnos. Most wildfires are sparked by humans, whether intentionally or accidentally, but climate change is making the conditions for them more common. Last winter was mild and wet, encouraging vegetation growth, which has then dried out in successive hot spells, generating fuel for wildfires. In Spain, more than 200,000 hectares of land has burnt in 2026 - roughly five times above the average by this point in the year - while the burnt land in Portugal is also higher than usual.

NIGERIA REMOVED FROM SOUTH AFRICAN POP STAR TYLA'S UPCOMING WORLD TOUR



Just days after South African singer Tyla released the dates for her upcoming world tour, Nigeria has been removed from the list of destinations. On Monday, the Grammy winner announced details of her headline tour in the wake of last week's release of her second album A*POP. Her official website initially named 34 cities, including Lagos, Johannesburg and Cape Town, where she would be performing, but by Friday, an updated list was published without the Nigerian city. No reason has been given for the change but there have been growing calls in Nigeria for the 24-year-old to cancel her concert in the country over the recent wave of anti-migrant sentiment in South Africa. Relations between Nigeria and South Africa soured recently over allegations that Nigerians have been the target of xenophobic violence. Nigeria, alongside other African countries, has accused South Africa of not doing enough to deal with attacks on foreign nationals. There have also been a series of protests with people calling for all undocumented migrants to leave South Africa. Tens of thousands of foreigners have left the country, including Nigerians, many of whom boarded specially chartered repatriation flights. While there have been diplomatic efforts to calm

tensions, most recently with a meeting between their foreign affairs officials in Abuja, the issue has spread beyond politics. On Wednesday, an online petition titled "Ban Tyla from entering Nigeria until xenophobic attacks stop in South Africa" was launched in Nigeria and it has already attracted thousands of signatures. On Tyla's social media pages, where the initial tour dates still appear, Nigerians cautioned her against performing in the country as they criticised her for failing to speak out against the protests in South Africa. Tyla has so far not responded to a BBC request for comment. Tyla is not the only South African artist facing a backlash for their seeming silence on the anti-migrant protests. Comedian Trevor Noah also came under fire following an advert he fronted for the Tourism Business Council of South Africa. The promotional clip, shared across the council's various social media accounts, generated many comments criticising the former Daily Show host for promoting South Africa but failing to call out xenophobic attitudes. Users even went as far as to add context under the video saying South Africa was "a xenophobic country [that] doesn't allow visiting migrants". The South African government has pushed back on the growing wave of criticism.

Four climbers killed and six feared missing after avalanche hit Nirmal Purja's team

Four climbers have died and another six are feared missing after an avalanche on Pakistan's Broad Peak, one of the world's highest mountains. Two of the four bodies have been identified, while authorities are in the process of identifying the other two, according to the tourism minister for region of Gilgit Baltistan. Search and rescue operations have been suspended for the day because of weather conditions and are set to resume tomorrow, the Faisal Ehsan Pirzada, home secretary of Gilgit Baltistan, said. An American, a Chinese national, a Pakistani, an Omani and six Nepalis are said to be part of the climbing group, which was led by renowned Nepali-born climber Nirmal Purja, according to the Alpine Club of Pakistan. Searches began for a ten-member international mountaineering team led by Purja after reports an avalanche hit on Thursday on the 8,047-metre (26,400 ft) peak in the Karakoram range. Purja, the expedition leader, is known for climbing all 14 of the world's 8,000-metre plus



mountains in just over six months in 2019. The two confirmed dead have been named by the Alpine Club of Pakistan as Nadhira Ahmed Abdullah Al Harthy from Oman and Pur Bahadur Gurung from Nepal. The identities of the other two bodies that have been recovered have not been released. Earlier on Friday, the Alpine Club said two rescue helicopters had been sent by the Pakistan army, carrying rescue personnel and additional specialised equipment to support the rescue operation. In a separate statement, the Alpine Club said it had been "in constant contact" with the authorities to ensure that "all

available resources are mobilised at the earliest opportunity". "The Club prays for the safety and successful rescue of all the climbers and stands in solidarity with their families and the international mountaineering community during this difficult time," it added. Purja joined the British Army in 2003 and joined the Special Boat Service - the special forces unit of the Royal Navy - in 2009. He went to Everest Base Camp in 2012, and instead of returning to Kathmandu, he summited the 6,119m Lobuche East mountain in Nepal - his first peak. Climbing alongside Purja

was American Mallory Geis. In mid-June, she had posted on social media that she had new boots ready for what she called "her first big kid climbing expedition in Pakistan". She is tagged in a post from a travel company, Moving Mountains. The post says that Mallory would be with Sohail Saki - a Pakistani national who is also listed among the missing. This would be his last 8,000m peak in Pakistan, and Mallory's first attempt, the social media post added. Besides Purja, Saki and Geis, there are a few other significant names among the missing climbers, including Pur Bahadur Gurung - also known as Yukta - and Kili Pemba Sherpa. Yukta is certified by the International Federation of Mountain Guides Associations (IFMGA), and is very close to completing the 14 peaks challenge, where climbers attempt to summit the world's 14 mountains that rise at least 8,000m above sea level. Kili Pemba has so far summited Everest 15 times. In 2021 he was a member of a historic K2 winter expedition.

UK rapper Yung Filly found not guilty of raping woman after Australian show



UK rapper Yung Filly has been found not guilty of raping a fan after performing at a nightclub in Australia in 2024. On Friday a jury in Western Australia found him not guilty for three counts of sexual penetration without consent. But he was found guilty for two counts of assault occasioning bodily harm. The YouTuber, whose real name is Andres Felipe Valencia Barrientos, had been accused of sexually assaulting the woman, then 20 years old, in his hotel room after he performed in Hillarys, a coastal suburb of Perth. The jury could not

come to a decision on three other counts of rape. Barrientos was also found not guilty for one count of assault occasioning bodily harm and also for strangulation. The 30-year-old social media star, who pleaded not guilty to all charges, cried when the verdict was read out, local media reported. He will remain on bail until 21 August, when the court will decide his sentencing date. Prosecutors will also decide on the next steps for the three hung jury verdicts - whether to press ahead or not on those rape charges. Barrientos has been on bail since being charged and was allowed to fly home to the UK in September for four months, before returning to Western Australia ahead of his trial. During the trial, Barrientos had told the court that he had "fancied" the woman when they met at the concert venue. Barrientos, who was born in Colombia and brought up in the UK.



Hamas agrees to Trump's plan to disarm in Gaza

Massive Attack investigated after reports of pro-Palestinian display in Singapore show

Singapore authorities are investigating Massive Attack after the British band reportedly expressed pro-Palestinian sentiments during a performance in the city-state. According to local media reports and eyewitness accounts on social media, two members of Massive Attack held up a Palestinian flag at the show on Wednesday, and reportedly shouted "Free Palestine", with some in the audience joining them. The BBC has contacted the organisers of the Singapore show and Massive Attack's management company for comment. Neither have responded yet. Singapore has strict rules on public speech and what it deems as demonstrations, arguing that it is necessary to regulate them to protect social harmony. Authorities



have previously investigated public events related to the Israel-Gaza war. Earlier this year they fined several people for organising an unauthorised walk in support of the Palestinian cause. In response to BBC queries on Friday, a spokesperson for the police and the media authority said that "reports were lodged and investiga-

tions are ongoing". The spokesperson also said that the media authority is investigating a possible breach of licence conditions. Performances in Singapore, including concerts, usually require a permit. The BBC has asked Singapore authorities whether the band members or anyone involved in the production of the show

have been detained or barred from leaving Singapore pending investigations. Authorities have yet to respond. Massive Attack is currently on a world tour, with Wednesday's performance their only date in Singapore. Their next show is due to be held in Seoul on Saturday. The band, which pioneered the trip-hop genre, has long been known for its openly political stance on a number of issues, including the war in Gaza. Massive Attack's frontman Robert Del Naja was arrested earlier this year when he took part in a demonstration in London. He was accused of showing support for Palestine Action, which is a proscribed organisation in the UK. Strict rules in Singapore It is not yet clear what charges the band could face.

President Droupadi Murmu Congratulates CWG 2026 Medal Winners Lovepreet Singh, Seema Kaliramna

President Droupadi Murmu on Friday congratulated Lovepreet Singh and Seema Kaliramna on winning medals in men's weightlifting and women's discus throw events respectively at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games. "Warm congratulations to Lovepreet Singh on clinching Silver Medal in the Men's 110 kg weightlifting event at Glasgow Commonwealth Games 2026. Your remarkable performance reflects your unwavering determination, remarkable strength and relentless pursuit of excellence. Your achievement has brought immense pride and joy to every Indian. I wish you many more laurels in the years to come," she said in a post on X. Hailing from Bal Sikander village in Punjab's border district of Amritsar, Lovepreet comes from a humble family. His father is a tailor, while his grandfa-



ther earned a living selling vegetables. He shattered the Commonwealth Games snatch record and came agonisingly close to gold before finishing just a kilogram behind New Zealand's David Andrew Liti to claim silver in the men's 110kg weightlifting competition in the CWG. "Heartiest congratulations to Seema Kaliramna on winning Bronze Medal in the Women's Discus Throw event at Glasgow Commonwealth Games 2026. Your achievement is a

testament to your perseverance, dedication and hard work. "Your success will inspire young women to strive for excellence in sports. May you continue to bring glory to the nation," the president said in another post. Kaliramna, who overcame post-pregnancy arthritis to resume her sporting career just last year, clinched a bronze medal at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow despite marginally falling short of her personal best in the event.

UNNATI HOODA, TANVI SHARMA ENTER SEMIFINALS OF TAIPEI OPEN



India's Unnati Hooda and Tanvi Sharma won their respective women's singles matches to enter the semifinals of the Taipei Open badminton tournament on Friday. Kiran George, however, lost his men's singles quarterfinal match against Japan's fourth seeded Yudai Okimoto 21-12 21-10 in 33 minutes. Hooda clinched a straight-game 23-21 21-16 victory over compatriot Devika Sihag to reach the last four stage, while Tanvi got the better of Thailand's Supanida Katethong 21-15 18-21 21-14 in a gruelling 54-minute quarterfinal clash. Earlier in the day, the all-

Indian quarterfinal contest between Hooda and Sihag started with a fiercely contested first game, where the former held her nerve to win it 23-21. Hooda was off to a great start, racing to an 11-3 lead before Sihag staged a spirited comeback to level the scores at 21-21. However, Hooda held her composure in the closing stages, winning the next two points to clinch the opening game. In the second game, the third seeded Hooda maintained her momentum and capitalised on her leads to wrap up the match 21-16 against eighth seed Sihag in 42 minutes.

SAFFRON JERSEY ROW: HOCKEY INDIA CHIEF DEMANDS EXPLANATION FROM BOARD OFFICIALS

The jersey colour change controversy has taken a sharp new turn, with Hockey India President Dilip Tirkey writing to Executive Board members to demand clarity on the behind-the-scenes discussions that led to the Indian men's and women's teams switching from blue to saffron. While Tirkey had previously urged that the issue not be politicised, internal communications accessed by NDTV reveal he was kept entirely in the dark about the move. This prompted him to issue a stern directive to federation officials, demanding an immediate explanation for bypassing the Executive Board and noting that the Government of Odisha has also sought clarification from him. The development comes amid growing criticism of Hockey India's decision to replace the traditional blue colour with saffron. While the federation initially framed the shift as a technical adjustment to enhance player visibility on blue turfs, Tirkey's communications reveal deep internal



friction and procedural lapses at the highest level of Indian hockey administration. By calling out the lack of consultation with elected leadership, the former India captain has effectively turned the spotlight back onto Hockey India's governance and decision-making system. In his initial email to board members, Tirkey wrote: "I wish to bring to your attention the recent change in the colour of the Indian national

team's jersey. This decision appears to have been taken and implemented without being placed before the Executive Board for discussion and without my prior knowledge. "My concern is not with the choice of saffron itself. However, a decision of this significance, involving the identity and representation of our national team, should ideally have been discussed with the elected leadership and the Executive Board before

implementation. "The matter has since attracted considerable media attention and, unfortunately, political interpretation in certain quarters. With the World Cup approaching, I have publicly clarified that the change was purely a sporting decision so that the focus remains on the team and its preparations. "I have also been asked by the Government of Odisha to provide clarification regarding this matter. I therefore request the concerned Hockey India officials to provide me with a written clarification at the earliest, outlining the basis for the decision, the process followed, and the circumstances under which the change was approved and implemented. This will enable me to respond appropriately and accurately." In a follow-up email, Tirkey posed five specific questions to officials, demanding details on the authority under which the decision was taken and the reasons why top board members were not informed before the public announcement.

JUDOKAS HARSH SINGH, ASMITA DEY, YAMINI MOURYA ENTER CWG FINALS, ENSURE 3 MORE MEDALS FOR INDIA

India's judokas guaranteed the country at least three silver medals at the Commonwealth Games as Harsh Singh, Asmita Dey and Yamini Mourya progressed to the finals of their respective weight categories on Friday. Young Asmita fought valiantly to snatch the win from the jaws of defeat, beating Scotland's Summer Shaw by yuko to progress to the women's 48kg final where she will meet Canada's Heidi Quach later in the day. She had earlier sailed into the semifinals with an easy win over Scotland's Eva Ewing, defeating her via ippon. An ippon is the highest possible score in judo. It means a full point, and ends the match right away, while yuko is a lower-level scoring value in judo



that was reinstated by the International Judo Federation (IJF) for the LA 2028 Olympic cycle. Harsh then edged past Australia's Pedro Carlos Antun Neto via waza-ari to progress to the final. He had earlier defeated Chikondi Kathewera of Malawi via ippon to sail into the men's 60kg quarterfinals, where he beat Vanuatu's Alan Montheouel to make it to the

last four-round. Harsh will take on another Australian in Joshua Katz in the final later tonight. A waza-ari in judo is the second-highest score a fighter can achieve, worth a major advantage. It is awarded for a throw that lacks one element of an ippon or a ground hold lasting 10 to 19 seconds. Two waza-aris is equal to an ippon, which immediately results into a win.

"We Are Not Able To Eat Food Properly," Boxer Preeti Pawar On Cutting Weight



Indian boxer Preeti Pawar opened up about the gruelling process of weight cutting before a crucial bout after securing her spot in the women's 54kg final of the Commonwealth Games, describing the process as tough as players don't get to eat properly, but stating that it motivates her to progress further and win the medal. Preeti Pawar became the first Indian boxer to book a place in the final on Friday, defeating Zambia's Catherine Mwape 5-0

in the women's semifinal. She will face Canada's Scarlett Delgado in the final. Reflecting on the tough preparation required ahead of crucial bouts, Preeti shared, "It is a part of our training. It motivates us. It is a little tough because we are not able to eat food properly. But it motivates us that we are one step away from the final." The semifinal victory followed another impressive performance in the Round of 16, where Preeti advanced after the referee

stopped the contest in the second round against Malawi's Mtenje, and a dominant unanimous decision victory over Nicole Clyde of Northern Ireland in the quarterfinal. In the semifinal, both Preeti and Catherine started evenly, but the Indian quickly took control using her sharp jabs and strong lefts. Mwape was forced to take her first standing eight-count. Mwape kept pushing forward, but Preeti stayed calm and outmanoeuvred her.

BOULTER TO LEAD GB AT BILLIE JEAN KING CUP FINALS



Katie Boulter will lead the British team at the Billie Jean Cup Finals in Shenzhen, China. Emma Raducanu, who has struggled with injury and illness throughout the year, has not been named in the squad. British number two Boulter replaces Katie Swan in a

qualifying win against Australia, in Harriet Dart, Mika Stojsavljjevic and Jodie Burrage. Britain begin their campaign against the Czech Republic on Tuesday, 22 September. In April, 17-year-old Stojsavljjevic starred with a singles win over world number 56 Talia Gibson as Britain upset the home side in Melbourne to qualify for their fourth finals in five years. "I'm pleased to select Katie Boulter, who knows what it's like to step up on occasions like this, and the three women who played with so much heart and courage to upset Australia earlier this year," said Great Britain captain Anne Keothavong. "Czechia will be a very challenging first match for us but the players and I believe in our chances, since we have a very strong record in recent finals." Wimbledon champion Linda Noskova and runner-up Karolina Muchova are in the team for 11-time winners Czechia, who Britain face in the quarter-finals.

Rohit "Looking 10 Years Younger": Fans React As India Star's New Look Goes Viral

India's veteran batter Rohit Sharma is enjoying his time away from cricket in London. He signed off the three-match ODI series against England with a superb 138 off 110 balls, albeit in a losing cause. It was a vintage knock from Rohit, who has already made his intentions clear about playing in next year's ODI World Cup, set to be held in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia in October-November. Rohit has already turned 39 and will be a year older by the time the marquee event begins. The player, who has retired from Tests and T20Is, has been working hard on his fit-

ness, and the results are there for all to see. On Friday, a picture of Rohit posing with Ravi Shastri went viral on social media. The India captain was sporting a new look, and fans felt he looked nearly 10 years younger. Former Pakistan captain and batting great Zaheer Abbas believes Indian stalwarts Virat Kohli and Rohit still have plenty to offer and is convinced the duo will feature in next year's ODI World Cup. Speaking on a Pakistani television channel, Zaheer, popularly known as the 'Asian Bradman' for his prolific run-scoring feats, said both Indian batting maestros remain

among the best in the game and that age should not stand in the way of their World Cup ambitions. "Both are very, very good in terms of skill and, given their experience, I don't see any reason why they should not play the World Cup. Age should not be a factor as long as they are fit and continue scoring runs," he said. The former Pakistan batter, who scored more than 100 first-class centuries during an illustrious career, said India would benefit immensely from the duo's experience at the 2027 ODI World Cup, which will be jointly hosted by South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia. "I watched Rohit score

a hundred against England, and it is still a pleasure to watch him bat. He plays so effortlessly and with such sweet timing," Zaheer said. Rohit will next be seen in action in September when India host the West Indies for a three-match ODI series, starting on September 27. His transformation is WOW. He is definitely aiming. The unfinished man is more dangerous than a new potential man.



SPIDER-MAN BRAND NEW DAY SHATTERS RECORDS AT THE INDIAN BOX OFFICE

Spider-Man: Brand New Day has taken the Indian box office by storm, registering a phenomenal 780 crore gross on its opening day. With this achievement, the film has become the biggest Hollywood opener ever in India. The opening has surprised trade analysts as the film witnessed outstanding collections across major markets, proving once again that Spider-Man remains one of the most loved superheroes among Indian audiences. The Telugu states played a

key role as the film recorded an impressive 79 crore gross on day one, highlighting the massive fan following enjoyed by the franchise all over. Spider-Man is creating similar waves internationally as reports suggest that the film is heading towards a record-breaking collection of \$70-75 million in North America with just previews. The opening weekend is currently projected to cross a staggering \$325 million globally. With such an extraordinary start, trade predicts that the film will continue its

dream run in the coming days. It is also likely to affect the theatrical run of Telugu releases Chennai Love Story, Srinivasa Mangapuram, and Newton's 3rd Law in the days to come. Internationally, the blockbuster has clocked a staggering 71,000 crore gross worldwide, underscoring the character's massive global pull. In India, Spider-Man: Brand New Day will enjoy a clear run, with no

major films scheduled to challenge its dominance. Its only notable holdover competition comes from Christopher Nolan's The Odyssey, which currently reigns as the year's highest-grossing Hollywood release in the country. In terms of other records, the film is also set to deliver the highest opening weekend for any Hollywood release in Indian history.



Rashmika Mandanna has reportedly sustained a serious injury while filming a dance sequence



The actress is currently working on the films Ranabaali and Mysaa. According to reports, the continuous action sequences and dance performances for these projects resulted in a complete tendon detachment in her hip area. Doctors are said to have been surprised by the severity of the injury, noting that such tendon damage is usually seen only in athletes who undergo intense physical training. Medical experts have advised Rashmika to take complete rest for six

weeks. They have also recommended a rehabilitation program to help the tendon heal and regain strength. Rashmika is currently one of the busiest pan-India actresses, juggling the shoots of four major films. In addition, she serves as the brand ambassador for around 30 products. Due to her injury, the shooting schedules for her films as well as several advertising campaigns are expected to be affected. Fans and well-wishers are hoping for her speedy recovery.

Spider-Man and Allu Arjun Crossover Breaks the Internet! Pushpa Actor Attends Grand Premiere of Brand New Day in Hyderabad With Kids

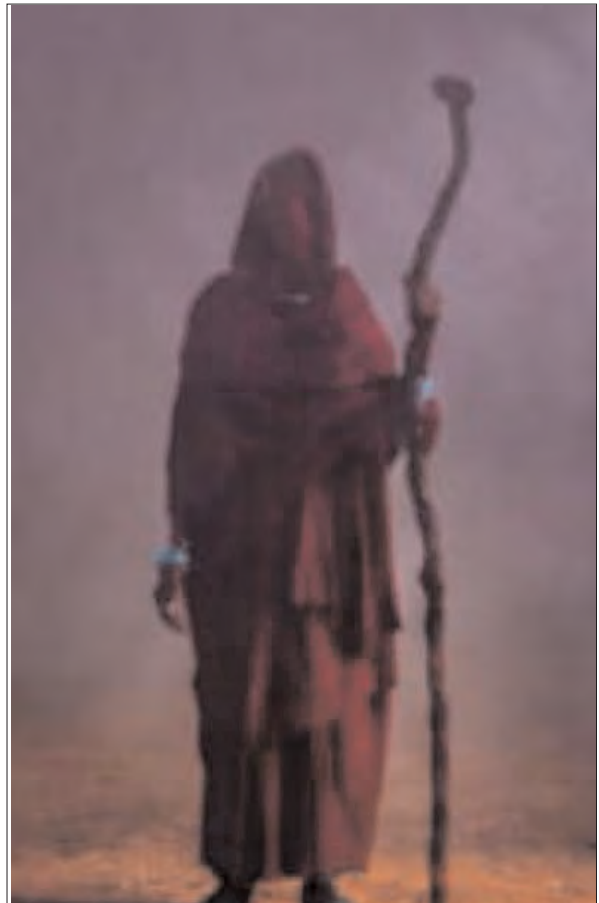


The much-awaited Spider-Man: Brand New Day blockbuster kicked off with a grand premiere

in Hyderabad, where Allu Arjun attended with his family. The latest outing of everyone's favourite neighbourhood superhero, Spider-Man: Brand New Day is witnessing phenomenal demand across the Telugu states. Audiences are turning out in large numbers for the latest chapter in the Spider-Man saga. The film's celebrations kicked off with a grand premiere at Allu Cinemas - India's largest and most advanced Dolby Cinema

screen in Hyderabad. The evening saw Allu Arjun attend with his wife Sneha Reddy and their children, making it a memorable family movie night. Also present were Allu Aravind, Allu Sirish, Bunny Vas, directors Chandoo Mondeti, Sai Rajesh, Harish Shankar and Boyapati Sreenu, actress Rashya Gorak, Mythri Movie Makers producer Ravi, a producer from Haarika & Haasine Creations, Chinna Babu and producer Guneet Monga. The star-studded turnout at the Hyderabad premiere underscores the immense anticipation surrounding Spider-Man: Brand New Day, as the film continues to generate exceptional buzz and strong audience demand across the Telugu market.

M.S. Raju's Mystic Divine Thriller 'Agadha' Trailer to Release on August 3rd



Public interest is growing day by day in 'Agadha', a mystic divine thriller directed by the renowned M.S. Raju. Following the tremendous response to the previously released teaser and posters, expectations for the film have soared. Heightening this anticipation, the film unit has announced that the 'Agadha' trailer will be released on August 3rd at 12:00 PM. A poster released for the occasion—featuring a female ascetic standing amidst a mysterious forest atmosphere—further piques curiosity about the secrets hidden within the story. The poster clearly suggests

that 'Agadha' will transport the audience into a unique world of spiritual mystery. Produced by Kasi Visalakshi Balusu under the Sri Adi Varaha Productions LLP banner, the film is presented by Ajay K.R. M.S. Raju himself has handled the story, screenplay, and direction. Made in Telugu, Tamil, Kannada, Malayalam, and Hindi, 'Agadha' is set for a grand worldwide release on August 14. Having already created a sensation with its teaser, the film unit is confident that the trailer will elevate expectations to even greater heights.

Actor Sudigali Sudheer's upcoming film Sudheer's Joker has announced acclaimed actress Abhirami as part of its ensemble cast

Sudheer's Joker stars Sudigali Sudheer in the lead, while Bigg Boss fame Ayesha is making her debut as the female lead. The film also features Abhirami, Murali Sharma, Ajay Ghosh, Ramesh Indira, Vishnu Oi, and Muralidhar Goud in key roles. Following the critically acclaimed and unique film Parada, producers P.V. Srinivasulu, Vijay Donkada, and Sridhar Makkava are bankrolling this project under the Ananda Media banner. The film is written and directed by P.S. Sunil Puppala. The makers today unveiled an exciting update by introducing Abhirami's character. She will portray Gayathri Devi, a significant role that promises to leave a lasting impact on the audience.



Along with the announcement, the team released their first-look poster featuring the caption, "A promise

made to a mother lives forever," which has struck an emotional chord with viewers.

Grand Launch of the Trailer and Audio of the Distinctive Investigative Crime Thriller "Niram"



Movie Set for a Grand Theatrical Release Soon Starring Mugen Rao, Preethi Asrani, and Tanya Hope in the lead roles, "Niram" is presented by K Square Cinemas and produced by K. Bindumadhavi under the Unit of K Square Ventures banner. P. Rajesh serves as the co-producer, while

Balaram Krishna has directed this unique investigative crime thriller. The film is gearing up for a grand theatrical release soon. The Telugu trailer and audio launch event of "Niram" was held in Hyderabad in a grand manner. Speaking at the event were Lyricist Bharathi Babu said, "I

have written two songs for this film, while Vanamali garu has penned the other two. Director Balaram Krishna has a strong command of Telugu and worked closely with us to bring out meaningful songs. The film explores the intriguing theme of how people change their true colors.

Kiara Advani's Alluring & Enigmatic Birthday Special Poster From Yash's Toxic

Rocking Star Yash's Toxic has added a special touch to Kiara Advani's birthday celebrations by unveiling a stunning new poster introducing her character, Nadia. Directed by Geetu Mohandas, and produced by KVN Productions and Monster Mind Creations, Toxic is set for release on August 26. The team opted for aggressive promotional campaign, and the birthday poster immediately catches attention.

Sobhita Dhulipala Gets Draped Into Goddess Mode

Sobhita Dhulipala has been steadily establishing herself as one of the most sought-after faces for brand endorsements and promotions lately, and her latest appearance takes that game to a whole new level. She recently closed designer Rahul Mishra's grand finale showcase at India Couture Week 2026, presenting his celebrated "Devi" collection. Sobhita stunned in an ivory and champagne-toned couture ensemble with intricate crystal beadwork, and the show turned theatrical when a richly embellished lehenga was ceremonially draped over her live on the

ramp, evoking the imagery of a goddess being adorned. On the work front, Sobhita was last seen in the Amazon crime thriller film directed by Sharan Koppisetty and written by Chandra Pemmaraju Cheekatilo. Sobhita Dhulipala brought the curtains down on Rahul Mishra's much-awaited grand finale at India Couture Week 2026, commanding the runway as the showstopper for the designer's acclaimed 'Devi: The Eternal Muse' collection. Dressed in a breathtaking couture creation that celebrated Indian craftsmanship and feminine divinity, Sobhita's ethereal presence

transformed the runway into a tribute to mythology, art and haute couture. The actress walked down the runway wearing a beautifully crafted temple-art-inspired ensemble. Her look featured a divine, sculptural mesh corset-style jumpsuit with intricate layered-necklace embroidery that mimicked the heritage architecture of the Ajanta Caves. Her waist was cinched with an ornate crystal-encrusted belt featuring beadwork and dangling embellishments. The bottom of the jumpsuit featured a fitted silhouette in a nude shade with asymmetric ivory satin drapes outlined in crystal piping.

