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Farooq Abdullah warns BJP may replicate J&K model in other states if re-elected

INDIA, CHINA TAKE STEPS TO IMPROVE TIES, RESTORE PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE LINKS: MEA

New Delhi, Aug 4: India and China have taken several measures to strengthen people-to-people ties, including the resumption of the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra and restoration of civil aviation connectivity, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Tuesday.

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OM NAMO VENKATESAYA

04-08-2026
Total pilgrims: 77394
Tonsures: 31029
Hundi kankaku: 4.72 CR
Laddu sale: 409 Lac
Annaspradams: 237 Lac
Waiting Compartments: Outside line at Silahoranam.

Approx. Darsan Time for Sarvadarshanam (with out SSD Tokens) : 18 H.

Giriraj calls Mehbooba 'terrorist'

Srinagar, Aug 5: A political controversy erupted on Wednesday after Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Chief and former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti was seen holding the National Flag upside down during a protest in Srinagar, drawing sharp criticism from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

Mufti had led PDP leaders and workers in a sit-in outside the party office in Srinagar to protest against the Centre's decision to revoke Jammu and Kashmir's special status by abrogating Articles 370 and 35-A in August 2019. During the demonstration, the former Chief Minister was seen holding both the National Flag and the flag of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir. However, the Tricolour appeared to have been held in an inverted position, with the saffron band at the bottom instead of the top. Under the Flag Code of India, the national flag must always be displayed in the prescribed manner. Any incorrect display, including holding it upside down, displaying incorrect proportions or using a damaged flag, amounts to a violation of the Flag Code. According to the prescribed rules, the saffron band must always remain at the top, followed by the white band with the navy blue 24-spoke Ashoka Chakra in the centre and the green band at the bottom.

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CM Revanth Reddy seeks Centre's irrigation support



Hyderabad TSIT BUREAU:

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Wednesday urged the Union Government to expedite approvals for major irrigation projects in Telangana, including the Tummidihetti Barrage, Palamuru-Rangareddy, Seethamma Sagar, Dindi, and Gouravelli projects, during separate meetings with Union Ministers in New Delhi.

Accompanied by Irrigation

Minister Capt. N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, the Chief Minister met Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil and requested him to facilitate a meeting between the Telangana and Maharashtra governments to resolve the long-pending issue of increasing the height of the Tummidihetti Barrage on the Pranahita River.

Revanth Reddy explained that increasing the barrage height to 150-152 metres would enable gravity-based water sup-

ply, reduce electricity consumption and significantly benefit irrigation in the erstwhile Adilabad district. Responding positively, C.R. Patil assured that the Central Water Commission (CWC) would first convene a meeting of officials from both states, followed by discussions between the Irrigation Ministers of Telangana and Maharashtra.

Later, the Chief Minister met Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav and appealed for the immediate grant of environmental clearances for the Palamuru-Rangareddy, Seethamma Sagar, Dindi and Gouravelli irrigation projects. He said delays in approvals had stalled works despite substantial investments already made by the State Government and requested early clearances to ensure timely completion of the projects.

Several Telangana MPs, senior irrigation officials and the State Government's Special Representative in Delhi attended the meetings.

Calcutta HC denies permission to Abhishek Banerjee to travel abroad for eye treatment

Kolkata (TSIT):

A single-judge bench of the Calcutta High Court on Wednesday denied permission to the Trinamool Congress' general secretary and the party's Diamond Harbour Lok Sabha member, Abhishek Banerjee, to travel abroad for ophthalmic treatment. After a hearing in the



matter, the single-judge bench of Justice Sougata Bhattacharya observed that he had earlier advised Banerjee to first consult experts from the state-run S.S.K.M. Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata, and on the basis of that report from the hospital, the court would take a decision in the matter.



PM hails J&K, Ladakh transformation

New Delhi (TSIT):

As India marked the seventh anniversary of the abrogation of Article 370 on Wednesday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi reaffirmed his government's commitment to the development and progress of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh and the people residing there. He stated that in these seven years, the Union Territories have witnessed significant transformation across sectors. Article 370 was abrogated on August 5, 2019, after the Central government led by Prime Minister Modi revoked the special status of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir through a Presidential Order, ending the constitutional provisions that had granted it special autonomy.

"Seven years ago, on this day, Articles 370 and 35(A) became history, marking a decisive new chapter in the journey of Jammu and Kashmir as well as Ladakh," PM Modi posted on X.

CM Naidu Targets Rs.9.5 Lakh Crore Investment for Visakha

The South India Times, Visakhapatnam:

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Wednesday reviewed the development plans for the Visakha Economic Region (VER) and directed officials to prepare a comprehensive roadmap to attract Rs.9.5 lakh crore in investments across key sectors.

During the review meeting, the Chief Minister said the State government would invest Rs.3.5 lakh crore to Rs.4 lakh crore, while mobilising Rs.5.3 lakh crore from the private sector to accelerate economic growth. He said the proposed Bay City Project should serve as the anchor project for the overall development of the Visakha Economic Region.

Naidu stressed that the VER project should ensure integrated development through micro-level planning and asked officials to prepare region-wise and sector-wise strategies instead of focusing



on standalone projects. He identified AI data centres, port-based industries, tourism, green hydrogen and clean energy as priority sectors for investment. He also directed officials to integrate projects from Mulapeta Port to the Rajamahendravaram Akhanda Godavari Project into the VER framework to create a connected economic corridor.

The Chief Minister emphasised convergence of infrastructure projects and government schemes to maximise

economic benefits. He instructed officials to utilise the Viability Gap Funding (VGF) scheme wherever required to support infrastructure development and encourage private investment.

Chief Secretary Sai Prasad and senior officials from the Finance, Industries, Municipal Administration, Forest, Energy and Tourism departments attended the review meeting and discussed investment strategies, infrastructure expansion and implementation plans for the

Kishan Reddy slams Rahul Gandhi

Rahul Gandhi's degeneration is being rejected by the next generation

Hyderabad (TSIT):

Union Minister for Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy on Wednesday criticised Congress leader Rahul Gandhi over his recent remarks, accusing him of justifying abusive language and sending the wrong message to the country's youth. In a post on social media platform X, Kishan Reddy said public leaders should guide children towards respect, responsibility and civility



instead of defending abusive behaviour. He questioned whether Rahul Gandhi would have accepted similar language if it had been directed at members of his own family.

The Union Minister contrasted Rahul Gandhi's

remarks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's response, saying the Prime Minister had reacted with maturity and compassion by encouraging children to learn from their mistakes and follow the right path. He noted that one of the students involved had later apologised voluntarily.

Kishan Reddy said the Prime Minister's response reflected the values of Indian civilisation, including respect for elders, forgiveness and responsible conduct. He alleged that Rahul Gandhi's politics of negativity and disrespect was being rejected by the younger generation and asserted that India's youth preferred leaders who inspire discipline, character and responsibility.

Meta apologises for temporary restriction of PM Modi's Facebook post, conveys regret to IT Minister

New Delhi (TSIT):

Meta on Wednesday apologised for the temporary restriction of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Facebook post, with the company's Chief Global Affairs Officer Joel Kaplan saying the apology was conveyed directly to Union Electronics and Information Technology Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw.

"I apologised to the minister on behalf of Meta for the error restricting PM Modi's post," Kaplan said in a statement shared by the company with NDTV. Kaplan was part of a global Meta delegation that met Vaishnaw on Wednesday, during which the company acknowledged lapses in the

functioning of its platforms. The delegation also held separate discussions with IT Secretary S. Krishnan ahead of the ministerial meeting.

The latest apology comes amid heightened scrutiny of Meta's operations in India after concerns were raised over content moderation and the brief restriction of the Prime Minister's Facebook post.

Earlier in the day, Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg also apologised over the spread of child sexual abuse material (CSAM), deepfake content and shortcomings in the operation of the company's platforms, according to government sources. Sources said Zuckerberg acknowledged concerns raised



by the government regarding the spread of objectionable and manipulated content and expressed regret over what were described as errors in the operation of the platform.

Government sources further claimed that authorities conveyed to Meta that its role in selecting and distributing content to users could place it out-

side the definition of a neutral intermediary under Indian law. According to the sources, officials made it clear that the "safe harbour" protections available under the Information Technology Act may not apply if a platform is found to be actively determining which content reaches users.

"It was made clear to them that they are not covered under the intermediary definition. They select who receives the content. Safe harbour under the IT Act not applicable. They admitted that a lot of money was paid for boosting certain types of content. They apologised and regretted the mistake," the sources said.



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Govt Focused on Efficient Governance, Welfare: Minister Gaddam Vivek.



Mancherial (TSIT) The Telangana government is committed to ensuring efficient governance and expanding welfare measures for all sections of society, State Minister for Labour, Employment Training, Factories, Mines and Geology Gaddam Vivek said on Wednesday.

After unveiling a statue of tribal leader Komaram Bheem at Jaipur mandal headquarters, the Minister said the government was implementing several flagship schemes, including free electricity, free bus travel for women, Rajiv AarogyaSri health coverage, pensions and the Indiramma Housing Scheme.

He said nearly 1,000 Indiramma houses had been completed in Chennur mandal and stressed the need to improve civic infrastructure, including roads, drainage and community halls. Mr. Vivek also highlighted the government's focus on skill development, vocational training and German language courses to enhance overseas employment opportunities for youth.

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Temple Officials Begin Collection of Lease Dues



Jogulamba Gadwal, Aug. 5 (TSIT): Officials of the Sri Jogulamba Bala Brahmeshwara Swamy Devasthanam conducted a two-day field visit to collect pending lease rentals for the 2025-26 agricultural year and initiate collection of lease amounts for 2026-27 from tenant farmers cultivating temple lands. The team visited Singavaram, Kashipuram, Linganaavi, Bukkapuram and Takkashila villages and urged tenant farmers to clear their outstanding lease dues at the earliest. Several farmers assured officials that they would pay part of the arrears within the next few days and sought additional time to clear the remaining amount, citing drought conditions and poor agricultural returns. Temple authorities warned that legal action would be initiated against leaseholders who fail to pay the current year's lease dues as per the prescribed rules and urged all tenants to settle their payments without delay.

SOUTHERN POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY OF TELANGANA LIMITED
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Short Tender Paper Notification No: 05 of 26-26

Short tender is invited from the experienced and GST Registered Vendors for T.S.No.12 of 2026-27 for Shifting of DTR & poles work (GHMC) in Mirzalguda section Malkajgiri sub division of Sainikpuri Division of Habisguda Circle". Bid download starts date & time: 06-08-2026 from 14:00 Hrs, Bid submission closing date & time: 13-08-2026, till 14:00 Hrs, Hard copies Submission date & time: 14-08-2026, till 14:00 Hrs, Technical bid opening date & time: 14-08-2026, at 14:30 Hrs. & Price bid opening date & time: 17-08-2026, at 15:00 Hrs. For further details please visit www.tender.telangana.gov.in or spdc@spdcw.com. Sd/- Chief Engineer, DIPRNo.: 7370-PP/ICU/ADVT/2026-27 Operation / Medchal Zone

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1st Floor, Triveni Complex, Abids, Hyderabad-500001

DEMAND NOTICE
NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961. RC/384/2026 27.07.2026

Union Bank of India
Versus
M/s RS Engineers & Consultants and Another

To:
(CD 1) M/s RS Engineers & Consultants, Situated At First Floor, 1-1-560/115, Priya Apartments, Gandhinagar, Hyderabad-500020.
(CD 2) Mr Ravishanker Krishnamurthy, Tanjavur, Age 50 Years, Occ: Business R/o Flat No.316, Priya Apartments, 1-1-560, Near Golkonda X Road to PO Gandhi nagar, Hyderabad-500020. Sole Proprietor of M/s RS Engineers & Consultants. This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal Hyderabad (DRT 2) in OA/381/2025 an amount of Rs.54,37,360.58 (Rupees Fifty Four Lakhs Thirty Seven Thousands Three Hundred Sixty And Paise Fifty Eight Only) along with pendente lite and future interest @ 9.05% Simple Interest Yearly w.e.f. 27/04/2025 till realization and costs of Rs.1,19,505/- (Rupees One Lakh Nineteen Thousands Five Hundred Five Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally/Fully/ Limited).
2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.
3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.
4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 31/08/2026 at 10:30 a.m. for further proceedings.
5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:
(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due. Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 27/07/2026
Recovery Officer
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD (DRT-2)

DLSA Conducts Child Rights Awareness Programme in Gadwal



Jogulamba Gadwal, Aug. 5 (TSIT): The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) organised a legal awareness programme on child welfare and protection at the MJP

Telangana BC Welfare Residential Educational Institution (Boys) in K.T. Doddi Mandal on Wednesday. Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel V. Rajender educated stu-

dents on child rights, free legal aid and key laws, including the POCSO Act, Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, Child Labour Act, Right to Education Act, and the Juvenile Justice Act. He urged students to report incidents of abuse or exploitation and use Child Helpline 1098 in emergencies. He also informed them that free legal assistance is available through the NALSA helpline 15100. District Welfare Officer Sunanda, District Child Protection Officer Narasimha, Principal Srinivas Rao, Childline representatives, M.V. Foundation members, teachers and students participated in the programme.

CP Rashmi Perumal Leads Cyber Awareness Drive in Siddipet

Siddipet, Aug. 5 (TSIT): A grand "Cyber Jagrukta Diwas - Suraksha Ka Tiranga" programme was organised at Government Degree College, Siddipet, on Wednesday under the leadership of Police Commissioner Rashmi Perumal to promote cyber safety awareness.

Hundreds of students participated in a rally from the college to Mustabad Crossroads, took the Cyber Warrior Pledge, and formed a human chain to spread awareness against cyber crimes.



Addressing the gathering, CP Rashmi Perumal urged students to remain vigilant against online frauds, AI deepfake scams, digital arrest frauds and online gambling. She advised them to use strong passwords and never share OTPs, CVV numbers or bank details. The Commissioner also

encouraged students to stay mentally strong and not lose hope over academic failures. Cyber Crime ACP Raju explained the process of reporting cyber crimes through the 1930 helpline, while Additional DCP Kushalkar appealed to students to educate their families and neighbours about cyber frauds. The Commissioner also distributed prizes to winners of the cyber awareness online quiz and called upon students to become "Cyber Warriors" by spreading cyber safety awareness in society.

Fire Breaks Out at Union Bank



Locals noticed smoke coming from the bank in the early hours and alerted the fire station. Fire personnel rushed to the spot and brought the

blaze under control. Bank officials said the strong room and lockers were not damaged. Khammam GM Sudhakar, Security Head Ramakrishna, Branch Manager Naveen Kumar and Regional Office Senior Manager inspected the branch, assessed the damage and lodged a complaint with Madhira police..

AI Verification Planned for Housing Scheme Beneficiaries



Mahabubnagar (TSIT): The State Government's Special Officer for El Niño and Housing Department Managing Director & Secretary, V.P. Gautham, directed officials to ensure complete transparency in the allotment of Double Bedroom and Indiramma houses, giving priority only to genuinely eligible poor families. He instructed officials to immediately allot all completed but vacant Double Bedroom houses and use Artificial Intelligence (AI) to cross-verify beneficiary lists of both housing schemes to prevent a single person from receiving benefits under both. Gautham issued these directions while chairing a review meeting with District Collector Khushboo Gupta and officials from the Housing, Revenue, and Municipal Departments at the Collectorate on Wednesday.

He stressed that the selection of beneficiaries for pending Double Bedroom houses and the second phase of the Indiramma Housing Scheme must be carried out in a completely transparent manner. The existing list of beneficiaries should be re-examined using 360-degree data verification, removing ineligible names before allotments are finalized. The Special Officer clarified that ASHA workers, Anganwadi staff, and other low-paid government employees should not be declared ineligible solely because of their employment. Instead, their family income, assets, and overall socio-economic condition should be thoroughly verified before any decision is taken. He also instructed officials to record specific reasons for every rejected application.

Cybercrime Awareness Drive Held at Husnabad Polytechnic



Husnabad, Aug. 5 (TSIT): An awareness seminar on cyber-crime prevention was organised at the Government Polytechnic College, Husnabad, on Wednesday to educate students about online frauds and cyber safety. Police officials participated in the programme and explained various types of cybercrimes, pre-

cautionary measures and the importance of staying vigilant while using digital platforms. They urged students to spread awareness among family members and the public. The students also took a pledge to remain alert against cyber-crimes and promote safe and responsible use of the internet.

Bhatti Vikramarka Attends Shiva-Parvathi Kalyanam in US

Hyderabad, Aug. 5 (TSIT): Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka and his wife participated in the Shiva-Parvathi Kalyana Mahotsavam held in Baltimore, USA, on Wednesday. TPCC Vice President Jhansi Rajender Reddy also attended the spiritual event and joined the Deputy Chief Minister's family in offering special prayers and seeking the blessings of Lord Shiva. Temple organisers welcomed Telugu devotees from across the United States and prayed



for the well-being of Telugu people worldwide and the continued development of Telangana. The religious event, celebrating devotion, spirituality and Telugu culture, witnessed enthusiastic participation from the Telugu diaspora and devotees, making it a grand success.

WARANGAL BRANCH, Seetarama Complex, Opp : Sunil Theatre, Station Road , Warangal - 506002

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, Read with rule 3 of the security interest. Enforcement Rules 2002

A Notice is hereby given that the following Borrower(s), Co-borrowers & Guarantors have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non Performing Assets (NPA) The notices were issued to them under section 13(2) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses but they have been returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of this public notice

Name of the Borrower / Guarantors / Date of NPA	Description of Immovable Properties	Amount Outstanding
1). Mr. Sambaiah Dommati, H. No. 2-6-1007, KLN Reddy Colony Subedari, Hanamkonda - 506001	All that the flat No. 403 in third floor in Kamakshi Towers residential Complex Apartment having plinth area of 1620.00 Sq.ft which include the common area along with undivided share of land measuring 65.78 Sq.yds out of total area 792 Sq.yds equivalent to 66219 Sq.mts and place for car parking in parking place situated at Srinagar colony adjacent to Bhavani Nagar Waddepally Village Hanumkonda Mandal Warangal within the limits of Warangal Municipal Corporation	Rs.16,87,589/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Nine Only) together with further interest incidental expenses and costs
2). Mrs. Dommati Kalavathi, H. No. 2-6-1007, KLN Reddy Colony Subedari, Hanamkonda - 506001	Bounded by East : Staircases common corridor, West : Open place belongs to Kamakshi Towers, North : Lift and duct open to sky, South : Open Place belongs to Kamakshi Towers, Secured by : Memorandum of Deposit of title deeds dated 16.03.2018 vide documents No. 5671/18 registered at Warangal Sub Registrar office	
3). Mrs. Dommati Mounika, H. No. 2-6-1007, KLN Reddy Colony Subedari, Hanamkonda - 506001, Date of NPA : 24.07.2026	The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrower (s) and / or their Guarantor(s) whenever applicable) are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publications of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002.	

Date : 28.07.2026, Place : Warangal Sd/- Authorized Officer

SC/ST Welfare Measures Reviewed in Cyberabad

Hyderabad TSIT: Telangana State Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (SC/ST) Chairman Bakki Venkataiah chaired a high-level review meeting in Cyberabad to assess the implementation of welfare and development programmes for SC/ST communities. Meeting was attended by Dr.Srijana Commissioner of the Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC), Zonal Commissioners, Heads of Departments and senior officials. Discussions focused on accelerating infrastructure development, welfare initiatives and livelihood opportunities for SC/ST communities across the Corporation.

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-I/II DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD (DRT-1)
3rd Floor, Triveni Complex, Abids, Hyderabad-500001

NOTICE FOR SETTLING A SALE PROCEEDING UNDER RULE 53 OF THE SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 READ WITH THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993. RC/220/2023 03-08-2026

VERSUS

M/S. KAVITHA CONSTRUCTIONS, SMT To. (CD1) M/S. KAVITHA CONSTRUCTIONS, SMT REPES-ATED BY ITS PROPRIETOR SMT T. KAVITHA, SY.NO.20/A, HANMAKONDA, WARANGAL-506001 AND FLAT NO.402, KAPIL HOMES, WADEPALLY, OPP PGR GARDENS, WARANGAL-506001.

Also At: FLAT NO.402 KAPIL HOMES WADEPALLY OPP PGR GARDENS WARANGAL 506001.

(CD2) SMT. KAVITHA, W/O LATE THADISHETTI MADHU, AGED 42 YEARS, OCC: BUSINESS, R/O. H.NO.4-1-66, KOTHUR ZANDA, HANMAKONDA, WARANGAL-506001 AND ALSO AT FLAT NO.402, KAPIL HOMES, WADEPALLY, OPP PGR GARDENS, WARANGAL-506001.

(CD3) SHRI DUMPALA RAMESH, S/O. ILAIAH, AGED 50 YEARS, OCC: BUSINESS, R/O. H.NO.4-1-298, SUBHASH NAGAR, KOTHUR, HANMAKONDA, WARANGAL-506001.

(CD4) SMT. DUMPALA SRILATHA, W/O. DUMPA RAMESH, AGED 46 YEARS, OCC: HOUSEWIFE, R/O. H.NO.4-1-298, SUBHASH NAGAR, KOTHUR, HANMAKONDA, WARANGAL-506001.

(CD5) SRI RAVULA KRISHNA, S/O. JANARDHAN, AGED 50 YEARS, OCC: BUSINESS, R/O. H.NO.4-2-140/1, KOTHUR, HANMAKONDA, WARANGAL-506001.

(CD6) SMT. KOTAPALLY RAJITHA, W/O. EGGIRI KUMARA SWAMY, AGED 35 YEARS, OCC: GOVT TEACHER, R/O. H.NO. 11-30-189/190, HANMAKONDA, WARANGAL-506001 AND ALSO AT HOUSE CONSTRUCTED ON OPEN PLOT IN SY.NO.20/A, BHEEMARAM VILLAGE, HASANAPATHY MANDAL, WARANGAL-506015.

(CD7) SRI VADLURI SAMBATH, S/O. RAMAIAH, AGED 47 YEARS, OCC: BUSINESS, R/O. H.NO. 11-22-673, POTANA VEEDHI, WARANGAL CITY-506001 AND ALSO AT HOUSE CONSTRUCTED ON OPEN PLOT IN SY.NO.20/A, BHEEMARAM VILLAGE, HASANAPATHY MANDAL, WARANGAL-506015.

(CD8) M/S. T. RAMYA SREE, D/O. LATE THADISHETTI MADHU, AGED 21 YEARS, OCC: BUSINESS, R/O. H.NO.4-1-66, KOTHUR ZANDA, HANMAKONDA, AND ALSO AT FLAT NO.402, KAPIL HOMES, WADEPALLY, OPP PGR GARDENS, WARANGAL-506001.

(CD9) SRI T. HARSHITH SAI, S/O. LATE THADISHETTI MADHU AGED 19 YEARS, OCC: BUSINESS, R/O. H.NO.4-1-66, KOTHUR ZANDA, HANMAKONDA, AND ALSO AT FLAT NO.402, KAPIL HOMES, WADEPALLY, OPP PGR GARDENS, WARANGAL-506001.

(CD10) THADISHETTI MAHESH, S/O. JANARDHAN, AGED 43 YEARS, OCC: BUSINESS, R/O. H.NO.4-3-12/1, KOTHUR ZANDA, HANMAKONDA, WARANGAL-506001.

Whereas you are the Presiding Officer of DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD (DRT 1) who had issued the Recovery Certificate dated 14/09/2023 in OA/6/2022 to pay to the Applicant Bank(s)/Financial Institution(s) Name of applicant, the sum of Rs. 16,87,589/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Nine Only) together with pendente lite and future interest @ 9.05% Simple Interest Yearly w.e.f. 27/04/2025 till realization and costs of Rs. 1,87,500 (Rupees One Lakh Eighty Seven Thousands Five Hundred Only), and whereas the said has not been paid, the undersigned has directed the sale of undimensioned immovable / moveable property. 2. You are hereby informed that the 28/09/2026 at 10.30 A.M. has been fixed for drawing up the proclamation of sale and settling the terms thereof. You are requested to bring to the notice of the undersigned any encumbrances, charges, claims or liabilities attached to the said property or any portion thereof. Specification of property

AS PER THE ANNEXURE
Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 03-08-2026
FORM 17 Recovery Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Hyderabad (DRT 1)

IKF Home Finance Ltd.
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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE (Sale Through e-bidding Only)

SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE SECURED ASSETS ISSUED UNDER RULE 8(6) AND 9(1) 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) indicated in COLUMN (A) that the below described immovable property(ies) described in COLUMN (C) Mortgaged / Charged to the secured creditor the POSSESSION of which has been taken as described in COLUMN (D) by the Authorized Officer of Housing IKF Home Finance Ltd. Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" as per details mentioned below :-

Notice is hereby given to Borrower / Mortgageor(s) / legal heir, legal representatives (Whether Known or unknown), executor(s), administrator(s), successor(s) & assign(s) of the respective Borrower(s) / Mortgageor(s) (Since deceased) as the case may be indicated in COLUMN (A), U/s. 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. For detailed terms & conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in IKF Home Finance Ltd. secured Creditor's website i. e. exercise of the <https://ikfhomefinance.com> and <https://bankauctions.in>

Sl. No.	[A] Loan Account No. / Names of Borrower(s) / Mortgageor (s) / Guarantor (s)	[B] O/S. Dues to be recovered (Secured Debts)	[C] Description of the Immovable Property / Secured Asset	[D] Type of Possession	[E & F] Reserve Price (In Rs.) Earnest Money Deposit (In Rs.)	[G] Date of Auction & Time
1.	Loan Account No. LNMRC03723-240010578 1. Mrs. Manemma Nimma, 2. Mr. Dharma Reddy Nimma, 3. Mr. Aravindhi Reddy Nimma, Add: H.No. 18-06-89, Kalyan Nagar, Near Urvasi Theatre, Godavari Khani, Peddapalli Ramagundam, Karimnagar, Telangana-505209. Also at : C/o. M/S. Sai Ram Saw Mill Timber Depo, H.No. 18-06-98, Kalyan Nagar, Near Urvasi Theatre, Godavari Khani Peddapalli Ramagundam Karimnagar Telangana-505209.	Rs.43,67,924.60/- (Rupees Forty ThreeLakhs Sixty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Four and Sixty Paise Only) as on 30-07-2026	All that the House Bearing Municipal No.6-3-902/A, Plot No.1, Central Plaza Building , Near Yashoda Hospital, Rajbhavan Road, Somajiguda, Hyderabad-500082, Telangana State is the Only Documents to the said property with the Depositor and are not previously deposited with any Person of any Financial Institution What so ever and/ or the copies thereof by the Depositee. North : Open Land of P. Swagna, South : Open Land of Verukonda Srinivas, East: Open Land of Mohammed Khaja Ajemoeddin, West : 40 Feet Width Road.	POSSESSION	Rs. 50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Only) Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Only).	08-09-2026 from 02.00 P. M. to 04.00 P. M. (with automated extensions of 5 minutes each in terms of the Tender Document)
2.	Loan Account No. LNMRC03723-240010525 1. Mrs. ANJAMMA DHANAVATHU 2. Mr. RAMSINGH DHANAVATHU H.No.3-114, Badaigadda Village Ragadapa Post, Tripuraram Puttalagadda Road Nalgonda, Telangana -508207.	Rs.5,67,106.34/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Sixty Seven Thousand One Hundred Six and Thirty Four Paise Only) as on 30-07-2026	The Residential House Plot bearing No. 3-114 constructed in the site of an extent of 302.5 Sq.Yards, 254-1 Sq.Meters Gf: RCC 240 Sq.Fts. Block 03, situated within the limits of Badaigadda Grampanchayathi, Ragadapa Revenue Village, Tripuraram Mandal, Nalgonda District. Bounded on the : North: House of Dhanavathi Srinu, South: House of Dhanavathi Latchu, East: C.C Road, West: House of Dhanavathi Vasram. The above property is situated within the Registration District of Sangareddy and within the Registration Sub District of Jogipet.	POSSESSION	Rs. 6,00,000/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Only) Rs. 60,000/- (Rupees Sixty Thousand Only).	08-09-2026 from 02.00 P. M. to 04.00 P. M. (with automated extensions of 5 minutes each in terms of the Tender Document)
3.	Loan Account No. LXMDK03924-250014870 & LXMDK03424-250015576 1. Mr./Mrs. Berla Padma 2. Mr./Mrs. Berla Sathiah H.No.1-5, Chikil, PO Chikil Kowdipally, Medak, Telangana, India,-502270	Rs. 8,16,159.84/-(Rupees Eight Lakhs Sixteen Thousand One Hundred Fifty Nine and Eighty Four Paise Only) against LXMDK03924-250014870 and Rs. 832,326.84/-(Rupees Eight Lakhs Thirty Two Thousand Three Hundred And Twenty Six And Eighty Four Paise Only) against LXMDK03424-250015576. as on 30-07-2026	All that the house No. 1-5 (PTIN No. 320644800008) admeasuring area 203.22 Sq.yards constructed with RCC area 1109 Sq feet situated at Chikil Village, Chikil-Ched Mandal, Medak Dist Boundaries: North : House of Berla Raghavulu, South : G.P Road, East: House of Berla Kishtiah, West : House of Berla Mogulaiah	POSSESSION	Rs. 18,00,000/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Only) Rs. 1,80,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Eighty Thousand Only).	08-09-2026 from 02.00 P. M. to 04.00 P. M. (with automated extensions of 5 minutes each in terms of the Tender Document)

INSPECTION DATE & TIME : 07-09-2026 BETWEEN 11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. MINIMUM BID INCREMENT AMOUNT : Rs. 10,000/-
Last date of submission of Bid / EMD / Request letter for participation is 08-09-2026 Till 12.00 Noon.

"Together with further interest as applicable in terms of loan agreement with, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. Incurred up to the date of payment and / or realisation thereof. For any assistance related to inspection of the property, or for obtaining the Bid document and for any other queries, please get in touch with Mr. Malayala Ravi Kiran on his Mobile No. 7794858855 and Email id: ravikiranadv@ikfhomefinance.com / Mr. Balaji Thakur at Head office on Mobile No. 917396899696. official of IKF Home Finance Limited to the best of Knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer of IKF Home Finance Limited there are no encumbrances in respect of the above immovable properties / secured Assets.

Date : 03-08-2026
Place : Telangana

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AUTHORISED OFFICER,
For IKF Home Finance Company Ltd.

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DEMAND NOTICE		
DEMAND NOTICE -U/S 13(2) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002		
READ WITH RULE 3(1) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002		
Notice is hereby given to undermentioned borrower(s), guarantor(s) & mortgagor(s) who has defaulted in re-payment of the loan facility(ies) obtained by them from HDFC Bank Ltd. and whose loan account has been classified as non-performing asset (NPA). The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of HDFC Bank Ltd under Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) of the said Act, read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued demand notices u/s 13(2) of the said act on (the said notice), on their last known addresses, but few of them have returned un-served, thus they are being informed by way of this public notice to the undermentioned borrower(s), guarantor(s) & mortgagor(s).		
Sl No.	Name & Address of the Borrower / Guarantor / Loan Account Number	Demand Notice Date & Amount with NPA Date
1.	1. Kontham Trading company (Kontham Narsing Rao) Plot No 57, Jda Nacharam Hyderabad- 5-67- 500076, H.No. 11a A Raod No 3 West Mareddipally Secunderabad, Secunderabad, Telangana-500026 2. Kontham Jyothi H.No 11a A Raod No 3 West, Mareddipally secunderabad, Telangana-500026	Demand Notice dated 27-06-2026, due amount as per the demand notice for Rs. 16540813.81/- (Rupees One Crore Eighty Five Lakh Forty Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirteen Rupees and Eighty One Paise Only) as on 17.06.2026 along with the future interest and incidental expenses & cost thereon till the date of final payment. Date of NPA is 30-04-2022
	Description of Immovable Property: Mortgage by way of deposit of title deeds of All that the property pertaining to House no. 10-2-55, Plot No. 111/A, Situated at Street No. 3, West Mareddipally, Nehru Nagar, Secunderabad bounded by North: Temple, South: H.No 10-2-56, Plot No. 111, East: House on Plot No. 310, West: H.No 10-2-54 & Common Passage for Plot Nos 111/A & 112/A	
2.	1. SHREE LAKSHMI AGENCIES (Kalpaguri Srinivas) 3/43, Sangareddy Road Narsapur, Medak, Telangana, India-502313 2. Kalpaguri Ramesh 5-22/2 Sangareddy Madal Fasalwadi Fasalwadi, Medak, Telangana-502294	Demand Notice dated 27.06.2026, due amount as per the demand notice for Rs. 2901667.76/- (Rupee Twenty Nine Lakh Forty One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Seven Rupees and Seventy Six Paise Only) as on 17.06.2026 along with the future interest and incidental expenses & cost thereon till the date of final payment. Date of NPA is 16-01-2026
	Schedule of Immoveable Property & Security: Mortgage by way of deposit of title deeds of All that house on plot admeasuring 272.22 Sq Yards in Sy.No 20/A1, Situated at Fasalwadi Village, Sangareddy Mandal, Medak District, 502294 and bounded by North: Open place of G. Buchamma, South: Road, East: Open Place of Mallesham, West: CC Road	
3.	1. SHIVA STEEL TRADERS (rangineni) Sudharshan Rao) 18-83 Sripur Road Nagar Kurnool Nagarkurnool, Telangana, India- 1-125 Naganool, Nagarkurnool, Telangana, India-509235 2. Rangineni Aruna 1-25 Naganool, Nagarkurnool, Telangana, India 509209	Demand Notice dated 27.06.2026, due amount as per the demand notice for Rs. 3146959.85/- (Rupee Thirty One Lakh Forty Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Nine Rupees and Eighty Five Paise Only) as on 17.06.2026 along with the future interest and incidental expenses & cost thereon till the date of final payment. Date of NPA is 14-01-2026
	Schedule of Immoveable Property & Security: Mortgage by way of deposit of title deeds of All that the constructed House no. 18-61/3, with RCC Roof Construction area 180.75 SFT together vacant land total Ext. 73.3 SQ Yard over Plot no. 4 part, in Sy.No. 27/32, Situated at Sripuram Road in Nagarkurnool Town, Nagarkurnool Municipality, Nagarkurnool Mandal and Dist. bounded by East: House of China Nagaiah, West: Nagarkurnool to Sripur Road, North: Open Plot of K. Krishnaiah, South: 20-0 Road, Schedule property -II, All that the open place part-1, ext 88-88 Sq yards, Sy.No. 124/4, Situated at Naganoolu Limits, Nagarkurnool Municipality, Nagar Kurnool Dist.bounded by East: Land of Thirupathiiah, West: R & B Road, North: Open Place part-2, South: Land of Thirupathiiah, Schedule property -III, All that the open place part-2, ext 88-88 Sq yards, Sy.No. 124/4, Situated at Naganoolu Limits, Nagarkurnool Municipality, Nagar Kurnool Dist.bounded by East: Land of Thirupathiiah, West: R & B Road, North: Open Place part-1, South: Land of Thirupathiiah, Note: Total extent of 180.75. Sq.Ft.	
4.	1. Tej Narayan Gummy Merchant (Tej Narayan Kumar) H.No- 6-26-377 Shradhanand Gurj Nizamabad, Nizamabad, Telangana, India 503001 2. Teju Kumar Das H.No: 6-26-1668 Shrashan and Gurji Nizamanbad Telangana, Nizamabad, Telangana 503001	Demand Notice dated 27.06.2026, due amount as per the demand notice for Rs. 4817223.00/- (Rupee Forty Eight Lakh Seventy Three Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty Three Rupees Only) as on 17.06.2026 along with the future interest and incidental expenses & cost thereon till the date of final payment. Date of NPA is 27-7-2025
	Schedule of Immoveable Property & Security: Mortgage by way of deposit of title deeds of All that the Existing RCC Roofed Residential Ground and First Floor House bearing part of Old Municipal No. 6-25-2412/37 Corresponding to New no. 6-26-376, admeasuring 82.29 Sq yards or 68.80 Sq Mtrs with Ground Floor RCC Plinth area 740.88 Sft, First Floor RCC Plint area 270.09 Sft, situated at Shradhdandand Gurji, New Gunj, Nizamabad, within the municipal limits of Nizamabad Regn. Sub Dist and Regn Dist, Nizamabad-503002, Bounded by North: Part of Same Mpl no. 6-26-376 of Pothanikar Rajeshwar, South: House of Konda Veeresham, East: Part of Same MPL No. 6-26-376 of Vendor Sold to Konda Rahul, West: 60-wide Road, Note: Total extent of 82.19 Sq.yds.	
5.	1. Bitulflex Polymers Pvt Ltd (Sanjeeb Ghosh)(Seema Ghosh) Bitulflex Polymers Private Limited 2nd Floor Plot No 3 Santoshima Colony West Mareddipally Hyderabad, Telangana India 500026 Plot No 3 Near Aoc Gate Santoshima Colony West Mareddipally Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Telangana 500026 Telangana, India 2. Jeyaraman B Cheeliarccompound 5/11 Thoppu Kurivikaransalai Madurai Southma Murachalai Road Madurai Tamilnadu, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India 655009	Demand Notice dated 27.06.2026, due amount as per the demand notice for Rs. ₹ 3633034.39/- (Rupee Thirty Six Lakh Thirty Three Thousand Thirty Four Rupees and Thirty Nine Paise Only) as on 17.06.2026 along with the future interest and incidental expenses & cost thereon till the date of final payment. Date of NPA is 20-07-2025
	Schedule of Immoveable Property & Security: Mortgage by way of deposit of title deeds of Mortgage by way of deposit of title deeds of The property All that the Existing Municipal RCC Roofed Residential House with open place bearing municipal no. 3-2-108 with assessment no. 109600222B admeasuring 65.13 Sq yards or 54.47 Sq mtrs with Ground Floor, Ground Floor RCC Plinth area 58618 SFT Tin Shed Plinth area 14.5ft Situated at Kisingally area bhainsa town code no. 51 within the municipal limits of Bhainsa regn sub dist and regn nimal 503104 bounded by : North: House of N. Ram Chander, South: Way, East: Existing house of N. Nasirmoo adn thereafter way , West: Open place to karthik	
6.	1. Sri Sathya Sai Fer Pest And Seeds (Domakuntla Ramesh) H.No:4-120, Grain Market Road, Jammikunta, Karimnagar Karimnagar, Telangana, India 505122. 2. H.No: 19-28/6, Ram Nagar, Mancheril, Adilabad, Karimnagar, Telangana, India 504208. 3. Siripuram Kishan H.No:19-28/6, Ram Nagar, Mancheril, Adilabad, Karimnagar, Telangana, India 504208	Demand Notice dated 27.06.2026, due amount as per the demand notice for Rs. 2265911.90/- (Rupee Twenty Two Lakh Sixty Five Thousand Nine Hundred and Eleven Rupees and Ninety Paise Only) as on 17.06.2026 along with the future interest and incidental expenses & cost thereon till the date of final payment. Date of NPA is 26-09-2025
	Schedule of Immoveable Property & Security: Mortgage by way of deposit of title deeds All that the piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Municipal House No. 4-2-90/1 and 4-2-90/1 having land area 78.05 Sq. Yards (approximately 65.24 Sq. Mtrs.), consisting of RCC Roof, Ground Floor admeasuring 483.00 Sq. Ft. (44.86 Sq. Mtrs.), First Floor admeasuring 509.79 Sq. Ft. and Second Floor admeasuring 427.34 Sq. Ft. building situated at Jammikunta Village and Mandal, Karimnagar District, Telangana, bounded by North: Gram the Panchayat Lane, South: 50.0 wide municipality road, East: H.No 4-2-91 belonging to Ravikanti Bhagvan, West: House no. 4-2-87 belonging to Gaddam Jayapratna Note: Total extent of 483.00 Sq.yds.	
7.	1. Data Associates H.No. G2 B Block Royal Square Apartments, Phase 5 KBHP, Hyderabad, Telangana-500085 2. yamana Srikanth (Partner) Flat No 142-146, Sai Swapna Southan Bandari Lay Out Nizampet, Hyderabad, Telangana-500090 3. Battula Kanka Durga (Partner) Plot No 111, Flat No G-5, Sai Ganesh Nilayam, Prashanti Hills, Road No 1, Nizampet, Hyderabad-501506 4. Parvatha Bhagya Smith (Partner) B-401, Sri Balaji Gulmohar Town Ship, MAA Vilas Road, Kasulya Nagar Colony, Bachupally, Hyderabad-500090	Demand Notice dated 23.07.2026, due amount as per the demand notice for Rs. ₹ 4373444.25/- (Forty Three Lakh Seventy Three Thousand Four Hundred and Forty Four Rupees and Twenty Five Paise Only) as on 17.06.2026 along with the future interest and incidental expenses & cost thereon till the date of final payment. Date of NPA is 10-09-2025
	Schedule of Immoveable Property & Security: Mortgage by way of deposit of title deeds All that the Open Plot No. 40 in survey no. 61 situated at " Brundavanam Phase-III China Ravulapally Village, Bibinagar Mandal, Yadadri Bhongir District, Regn.sub-dist Nalgonda, GP Ramungundla Thande-508126 bounded by North: Neighbours Land, South: 33 wide Road, East: 33 wide Road, West: Plot No. 39	
8.	1. Sri Balaji Cloth Merchant H-158/B, Ibrahimpatnam, hyderabad, Telangana, India-501506 2. Venkaateswarlu Verrabannamma(proprietor) H.No-6-239, Ibrahimpatnam, Govt Jr Collage Road, Hyderabad, Telangana-501506 3. V Ramadevi(Guarantor) H.No-6-239, Ibrahimpatnam, Govt Jr Collage Road, Hyderabad, Telangana-501506	Demand Notice dated 23.07.2026, due amount as per the demand notice for Rs. ₹ 1587513.33/- (Fifteen Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand Five Hundred and Thirteen Rupees and Thirty Three Paise Only) Date of NPA is 26-08-2025
	Schedule of Immoveable Property & Security: Mortgage by way of deposit of title deeds * All that the House bearing no. 6-153 part (Plot No. 6) admeasuring 65 Sq Yards of 54.34 Sq Mtrs (having its RCC Plinth area 588 SQ Fts) Situated at Ambekar Statue to Govt Hospital Road, Ibrahimpatnam proper Ibrahimpatnam mandal, Rangareddy District, under gram panchayat of Ibrahimpatnam and bounded by bounded by North: House of V. Venu Gopal, South: House of V. Bhasker, East: 5 Wide Common passage and house of V. Jayapradra, West: Road to Govt College	
9.	1. Sneha Corporate Facility Management 1-5-912/2, Plot No 1, flat No 203, balaiah Nagar, Old Alwal, hyderabad-500010 2. Vanamdasu Murali (Proprietor) Jagan Guda, Vasavikanyaka Parmeshwari Temple, Shamipet, Lagad, Malakpet, Hyderabad, Telangana. 3. Vanamdasu Harika(Guarantor) Jagan Guda, Vasavikanyaka Parmeshwari Temple, Shamipet, Lagad, Malakpet, Hyderabad, Telangana-500101	Demand Notice dated 23.07.2026, due amount as per the demand notice for Rs. ₹ 3811141.50/- (Thirty Eight Lakh Eleven Thousand and Forty One Rupees and Paise Only) as on 17.06.2026 along with the future interest and incidental expenses & cost thereon till the date of final payment. Date of NPA is 30-04-2026
	Schedule of Immoveable Property & Security: Mortgage by way of deposit of title deeds All that the part and parcel of the property bearing PLOT NO 42 & 43, in Sy.No 569 part and 571 part covered under ward no. 1 and block no. 5, admeasuring 285 Sq Yards or Equivalent to 238.6 Sq Meters situated at the Pakalakunta Alwal Village, under GHMC Alwal Circle Malkajgiri Mandal, Rangareddy District 500010 bounded by North: 25-0 Wide Road, South: Plot No. 39 and 38 Part, East: Plot No. 41, West: Plot No. 43	
10.	1. Shravana Sandhya Traders H.No 1-1-150/4, Plot No 5, Survey No 383, Vinayaka Nagar, Nizamabad, Telanagna-503003 2. Mekala Mallesh Yadav(proprietor) H.No 1-1-170/1, Vinayak Nagar, Nizamabad, Telanagna-503001	Demand Notice dated 23.07.2026, due amount as per the demand notice for Rs. ₹ 3995568.23/- (Thirty Nine Lakh Ninety Six Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty Eight Rupees and Twenty Three Paise Only) as on 17.06.2026 along with the future interest and incidental expenses & cost thereon till the date of final payment. Date of NPA is 09-04-2026
	Schedule of Immoveable Property & Security: Mortgage by way of deposit of title deeds All that the existing RCC Roofed Residential Building bearing municipal no. 1-1-150/4, constructed in open plot no. 5, lies in Sy.No. 383 of Nizamabad as per un-approved plot regulated vide no.. G. 11/17/RS/1702/2008-08 adjacent to H.No. 1-1-151/3 admeasuring 206.66 Sq yards or 172.79 sq meters, effected area 14.39 Sq mtrs, net area 158.40 sq meters, GF RCC Roofed plinth area 61.53 metres ² . FF RCC Roofed plinth area 61.53 SQ mtrs situated at vinayak nagar nizamabad within municipal corporation limits of Nizamabad bounded by North: 60.0 wide Road, South: Plot no. 12 of G.M Sanyanarayana and others, East: Plot No. 6 of T. Bhumaiiah, West: 25-0 wide road	
11.	1. Sai Ram Agencies 1-333, Club Road, Jedchala, Mahabubnagar, Telangana-509301 2. A Vasantha Kumar(proprietor) 4-8-300/165, Shubodaya Colony, Hayath Nagar, Hyderabad, Telanagna. 3. Maram Bala Krishna(guarantor) 4-8-300/165, shubodaya Colony, Hayathnagar, Hyderabad, Telanagna-501505	Demand Notice dated 23.07.2026, due amount as per the demand notice for Rs. ₹ 2017311.00/- (Twenty Lakh Seventeen Thousand Three Hundred and Eleven Rupees Only) as on 17.06.2026 along with the future interest and incidental expenses & cost thereon till the date of final payment. Date of NPA is 07-04-2026
	Schedule of Immoveable Property & Security: Mortgage by way of deposit of title deeds All that the property pertaining to H.No 1-61/A @ Badeppally Village, Jachcherla Mandal and Municipality , Mahabubnagar District 509301 bounded by North: Other house no. 1-61/A1, South:M. Thirupathiiah H. NO. 1-61, East: Burugu Shivaleela H.No 1-61/A Remaining part, West: GP Road	
12.	1. Sri Bajrang Cloth Traders Flat No 102 First Floor Archies Residency, 1-8-60/1, Street No 11 Chikladipally-500020. 2. K Venkateshwar Rao Flat No 102 First Floor Archies Residency, 1-8-60/1, Street No 11 Chikladipally-500020 3. K Leela Ganesh 1-8-60/1, Flat No 202, Archies Residency Street No 11, Chikladipally, Hyderabad-500020	Demand Notice dated 23.07.2026, due amount as per the demand notice for Rs. 6827836.15/- (Sixty Eight Lakh Twenty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Six Rupees and Fifteen Paise Only) as on 30.6.2026 along with the future interest and incidental expenses & cost thereon till the date of final payment. Date of NPA is 25-03-2024
	Schedule of Immoveable Property & Security: Mortgage by way of deposit of title deeds All that the Flat No. 102 in first floor admeasuring 989 square feet (including common area) in the building known as ARCHIES RESIDENCY along with undivided share of land admeasuring 37.11 square yards out of total land of 412 square yards situated in premises no. 1-8-60/1 street no. 1 chikladipally hyderabad and bounded by: bounded by North: Open to Sky and other house, South: Flat no. 103, East: Open to Sky, West: Corridor and Flat no. 101	
13.	1. Vennela Traders And Hardware (A Dattatry) Shop Nos 1 2, 4-3-94/15/V/1 Bus Stand Road Bhainsa Nirmal Bhainsa, ,Telangana 504103, House No: 3-2-108 Kisan Galli Bhainsa Adilabad, Bhainsa, ,Telangana 504103 2. Gangdhar A House No: 3-2-108 Kisan Galli Bhainsa Adilabad, Bhainsa, ,Telangana 504103	Demand Notice dated 26.07.2026, due amount as per the demand notice for Rs. 1971719.45/- (Rupee Nineteen Lakh Seventy One Thousand Seven Hundred and Nineteen Rupees and Forty Five Paise Only) as on 17.6.2026 along with the future interest and incidental expenses & cost thereon till the date of final payment. Date of NPA is 20-7-2025
	Schedule of Immoveable Property & Security: Mortgage by way of deposit of title deeds All that the Existing Municipal RCC Roofed Residential House with open place bearing municipal no. 3-2-108 with assessment no. 109600222B admeasuring 65.13 Sq yards or 54.47 Sq mtrs with Ground Floor, Ground Floor RCC Plinth area 58618 SFT Tin Shed Plinth area 14.5ft Situated at Kisingally area bhainsa town code no. 51 within the municipal limits of Bhainsa regn sub dist and regn nimal 503104 bounded by : North: House of N. Ram Chander, South: Way, East: Existing house of N. Nasirmoo adn thereafter way , West: Open place to karthik	

Uttam Rejects Harish Rao's Irrigation Claims

Hyderabad, Aug. 5 (TSIT): Telangana Irrigation Minister Capt. N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Wednesday dismissed BRS leader T. Harish Rao's allegations on irrigation issues, accusing him of spreading misinformation on Telangana's water rights. The Minister said the Congress government would strongly defend all Telangana irrigation projects before the Godavari River Management Board (GRMB) and safeguard the State's share of river waters. He said Andhra



Pradesh's objections to various projects were not new and had been consistently countered through legal and technical submissions. Uttam Kumar Reddy said the State had successfully defended projects including Kaleshwaram, Sitarama, Sammakka Sagar and other lift irriga-

tion schemes before the concerned authorities. He expressed confidence that the No Objection Certificate (NOC) for the Sammakka Sagar Project would be obtained soon. Targeting the BRS, the Minister asked Harish Rao to respond to allegations made by BRS MLC K. Kavitha regarding the Kaleshwaram project. He reiterated that the Congress government would continue to protect Telangana's constitutional rights over river waters and safeguard farmers' interests.

Maresh Kumar Goud Consoles Families of Pochampadu Drowning Victims



Hyderabad TSIT Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President and MLC Maresh Kumar Goud on Wednesday visited the families of Kaleem, Azeem, and Wajahat who tragically lost their lives after drowning in the Pochampadu Project. Expressing his profound grief over the incident, Maresh Kumar Goud conveyed his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and extended financial assistance to support them during their difficult time. Interacting with the family members, he offered words of comfort and assured them that the Congress Party would stand by them in this hour of sorrow. He said the party would extend all possible support to the affected families.

Azharuddin Leads SIR Chaitanya Yatra in Malakpet Urges 100% Voter Participation



Hyderabad, TSIT: Telangana Minister for Minorities Welfare and Public Enterprises Mohammed Azharuddin on Wednesday led the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) Chaitanya Yatra in Malakpet, appealing to all eligible citizens to complete the voter verification and registration process before the stipulated deadline. The five-day awareness campaign, coordinated by Malakpet In-charge Mohammed Akbar, witnessed the participation of party leaders, public representatives and volunteers.



The advanced system was inaugurated by Director General of Police C.V. Anand, at the Telangana Integrated Command and Control Centre (TGICCC) in Hyderabad in the presence of senior police officers, government officials and representatives of partner agencies.

NHAI Begins Preliminary Study for Mannanur-Srisaillam Elevated Corridor

Nagarkurnool, Aug. 5 (TSIT): Officials of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and experts from the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) on Wednesday conducted a preliminary technical assessment for the proposed Mannanur-Srisaillam elevated corridor in the Amrabad Tiger Reserve. A review meeting



chaired by District Forest Officer Revanth Chandra was held at Domalapenta to discuss the proposed alignment,

its impact on wildlife and habitats, and the forest land that may be required for the project. Officials said the visit was only part of a feasibility study and that detailed environmental, wildlife and technical impact assessments would be carried out before any decision is taken.

No Injustice to Genuine 22A Landowners: Ponguleti



Hyderabad, Aug. 5 (TSIT): Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy on Wednesday said no eligible landowner or poor beneficiary would face injustice in matters relating to 22A prohibited lands, while assuring that government lands would be fully protected. Reviewing the issue with senior officials at the Secretariat, the Minister said the Congress government had not added any land to the 22A prohibited list after assuming office and dismissed allegations to the contrary as baseless. He directed District Collectors and Revenue and Registration officials to dispose of all 22A-related applications within the stipulated time, comply with the High Court's 45-day deadline, and give priority to Prajavani petitions. Ponguleti also instructed officials to ensure transparent, law-based decisions after proper verification while preventing illegal registrations, encroachments and unauthorised transactions involving government lands.

CMC Commissioner Reviews Civic Issues



Hyderabad TSIT: As part of the "One Ward Every Day" programme, the Commissioner of the Cyberabad Dr.Srijana Municipal Corporation (CMC) conducted a field-level review of civic issues in Rodamistri Nagar under Chintal Circle, along with the Zonal Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, local public representatives, Resident Welfare

Association (RWA) members and officials from various departments. Residents highlighted several local issues, including the construction and repair of roads, installation of speed breakers, improvement of drainage systems, construction of new nalas, streetlights, high-mast lights, traffic signals, drinking water supply and borewell repairs.

Traffic on Godavari Second Bridge to resume soon



Bhadrachalam (TSIT): Minister Tummala Nageswara rao said that traffic on Godavari Second Bridge will resume soon. He visited Bhadrachalam on Wednesday. He inspected the repair work being done at the second bridge. The minister instructed the concerned officials to expedite the work while maintaining quality standards and restore traffic on this bridge this month. He said that devotees will come in large numbers during Godavari Pushkaralu, Mukkoti and Sri Seetha Ramachandraswamy Kalyana Mahotsavam. He suggested that steps should be taken to prevent traffic congestion on those occasions. He said that the second

bridge will be available to devotees of Godavari Pushkaralu to be held next year without any traffic problems. He said that the work of constructing a retaining wall is being done in a continuous manner so that the approach road does not get washed away by floods, no matter how many floods occur. He said that the work will be completed by the end of this month and traffic will be allowed on the second bridge. He said that with the availability of the second bridge, it has become very convenient for travelers going to Bhadrachalam from Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Odisha. Bhadrachalam MLA Tellam Venkat Rao participated in this program.

Collector Sanctions Smart Panels, Computer Lab for Navodaya School

Suryapet, Aug. 5 (TSIT): Suryapet District Collector Tejas Nand Lal Pawar on Wednesday sanctioned Interactive Flat Panels (IFPs) and a computer laboratory with 10 computers for Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya to strengthen digital education. During his visit to the school, the



Collector also assured that library facilities would be developed through CSR or district funds. He said efforts were being made to provide essential amenities despite the school functioning from a rented building.

Revenue Officials Probe Prajavani Land Grievance



Husnabad, Aug. 5 (TSIT): Revenue officials on Wednesday conducted a field inquiry into a land dispute following a complaint received through the Prajavani public grievance programme. The complaint, filed by Varayogula Ananthaswamy, alleged that one acre of land originally allotted to Varayogula Ramanujam in 1970 was fraudulently transferred into the name of Varayogula Srinivas by tampering with revenue records. Officials inspected the site and said they would verify the records and submit a report to higher authorities after completing the inquiry. Ananthaswamy also questioned the allotment of land to Srinivas in 1999 despite his family already possessing land and demanded cancellation of the patta for Survey No. 762/8 besides legal action against those responsible for the alleged irregularities.

Nara Lokesh Inaugurates IBM FutureNow Centre in Visakhapatnam

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Andhra Pradesh Minister for Education and Information Technology Nara Lokesh on Wednesday inaugurated the IBM Consulting FutureNow Centre in Visakhapatnam, marking another milestone in the state's efforts to position the city as a global technology and innovation hub. The state-of-the-art facility, established at Lansum Square, Isukathota Junction, was inaugurated jointly by Lokesh and Sandeep Patel, Managing Director of IBM India & South Asia. During the visit, the



Minister toured the centre and reviewed its capabilities in AI governance, digital intelligence and industry-specific technology solutions. The FutureNow Centre will support IBM's global AI-driven digital transformation initiatives by delivering advanced services in artificial intelligence, hybrid cloud, software engineering, data and analytics, cybersecurity, enterprise transformation, platform engineering, service integration, quality engineering and user experience to clients worldwide. Speaking on the occasion,

Lokesh said the Andhra Pradesh Government is committed to transforming Visakhapatnam into a global hub for artificial intelligence, digital services and technological innovation. He said the government's focus extends beyond attracting investments to creating high-quality employment opportunities and equipping young people with future-ready skills. "We are building a comprehensive ecosystem that will enable the youth of Andhra Pradesh to play a significant role in the global digital economy," he said.

New B.Pharm Curriculum to Introduce Artificial Intelligence from 2026-27

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) The Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) will implement a revised Bachelor of Pharmacy (B.Pharm) curriculum across all pharmacy colleges in the country from the 2026-27 academic year in line with the National Education Policy (NEP), said Dr. D. Narendra, Central Council Member of the Pharmacy Council of India. Speaking as the chief guest at the induction programme for newly admitted B.Pharm and M.Pharm students at GITAM School of Pharmacy on Wednesday, Dr. Narendra said the revised curriculum strategically integrates emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), Python Programming, and Data Analytics. He noted that first-semester students will study computational courses such as "Python Programming for Pharmaceutical Sciences", enabling them to analyse large healthcare datasets,



perform advanced biostatistical analyses, and participate in digital drug discovery and pharmaceutical research. He further explained that the revised curriculum mandates hospital-based practical training, a structured 240-hour internship, and a compulsory final-year research project. He also stated that PCI has introduced Aadhaar-enabled Biometric Attendance System (AEBAS) guidelines to ensure accountability and regulatory compliance across all approved pharmacy institutions. Dr. Narendra urged students to

focus on research and innovation while developing entrepreneurial skills to strengthen India's position as a global pharmaceutical leader. GITAM School of Pharmacy Principal Prof. L. Srinivas said that India's pharmaceutical industry is the third largest in the world by volume and supplies nearly 20 percent of the world's generic medicines to 191 countries. More than half of India's pharmaceutical exports are destined for highly regulated markets such as the United States and Europe. He expressed confidence that GITAM is fully prepared to implement the new curriculum and provide students with

globally relevant education. Lokesh, HR Site Leader of Eisai Pharmaceuticals India (Visakhapatnam), said that several leading global pharmaceutical companies are establishing Global Capability Centres (GCCs) in India, creating significant career opportunities for pharmacy graduates. He observed that the Indian pharmaceutical sector is rapidly transitioning from generic drug manufacturing to complex biologics and advised students to strengthen both their core pharmaceutical knowledge and emerging digital skills, including AI and ML. Faculty members, researchers and students attended the programme.

Coalition Gov Expands Insurance, Power Subsidy and Welfare Assistance, Says Atchannaidu

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Andhra Pradesh Minister for Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Kinjarapu Atchannaidu on Wednesday said the coalition government has taken a series of landmark decisions to strengthen the welfare of fishermen, including clearing pending insurance claims, expanding insurance coverage, increasing electricity subsidies and enhancing the fishing ban period allowance. Addressing the issue, the Minister said the government had accorded top priority to the welfare of fishing communities and fulfilled long-pending commitments neglected by the previous administration. He stated that all pending insurance compensation left unpaid by the previous government had been cleared, providing financial relief to affected families.



The Minister said the fishermen's insurance scheme is being implemented with a total outlay of Rs.6.76 crore, including Rs.2.56 crore from the State Government and Rs.4.20 crore from the Central Government. The scheme has also been significantly expanded by increasing the eligible age limit from 18-60 years to 18-70 years. In addition to traditional marine fishermen, inland fishermen, aquaculture workers and employees engaged in shrimp farms, feed industries and other fisheries-related occupations have also been brought under the insurance cover. He said the scheme, which earlier covered around 1.3 lakh families, has now been expanded to benefit nearly eight lakh people.

SAFETY REMAINS THE TOP PRIORITY IN INDIAN RAILWAYS: DRM LALIT BOHRA



Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Stressing that safety remains the foremost priority in Indian Railways, Lalit Bohra, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) of the Visakhapatnam Division, South Coast Railway, on Wednesday called upon railway employees to strictly adhere to safety protocols in every aspect of railway operations. He was addressing a Safety Seminar organised at Visakhapatnam, which was attended by officers, supervisors, Safety Counsellors and staff from the Operating, Loco, Engineering, and Signal & Telecommunication departments. Speaking on the occasion, the DRM said strict compliance with safety regulations, coupled with vigilance, discipline and coordination among railway staff, is essential to prevent accidents and ensure safe railway operations. He urged employees to remain alert at all times while discharging their duties. The seminar featured detailed discussions on a range of operational safety issues, including safety measures at work sites, prevention of hot axle and brake binding incidents, safety responsibilities of Loco Pilots, Assistant Loco Pilots and Train Managers, adherence to safety norms during shunting operations, procedures to be followed by Station Masters and Signal & Telecommunication staff during signalling failures, and safe execution of engineering works to ensure uninterrupted and secure train operations. Reiterating the Railways' commitment to providing safe, secure and punctual train services, Lalit Bohra urged all employees to work collectively and enforce safety standards with utmost diligence to maintain the highest levels of operational safety across the division.

GIMSR HOSPITAL OBSERVES WORLD BREASTFEEDING WEEK

Breastfeeding is the Foundation of a Healthy Society: Dr. Lalitha Wadhwa



Visakhapatnam : Breastfeeding plays a vital role in building a healthy society, and everyone should actively promote the culture of breastfeeding, said Dr. Lalitha Wadhwa, Head of the Department of Paediatrics at GITAM Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (GIMSR). As part of the World Breastfeeding Week celebrations, the Department of Paediatrics organized an awareness programme at GIMSR Hospital on Wednesday. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Wadhwa said that breast milk is rich in essential nutrients required for the healthy growth and development of infants, and every mother should be encouraged to breastfeed with proper awareness and support. She explained that breastfeeding strengthens a baby's immune system and protects infants from several infections and diseases. She also highlighted that breastfeeding benefits mothers by reducing the risk of breast cancer, uterine cancer, and certain gastrointestinal disorders. She urged working women to continue breastfeeding and called upon families and workplaces to extend the necessary support. During the programme, pregnant women from Endada and nearby villages were educated on proper breastfeeding practices and maternal nutrition. Nutritious food was also distributed to the participants. The programme was attended by paediatricians Dr. Sai Kumar, Dr. Suchithri, Dr. Sharishma, Dr. Manisha, Dr. Vineetha, Dr. Surabhi, Dr. Lakshmi, and other faculty members.

DCIL Reports Strong Q1 Turnaround; Operational Income Rises 46.73%, Returns to Profitability

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Dredging Corporation of India Limited (DCIL), India's premier dredging company, has delivered an impressive financial and operational performance in the first quarter of FY 2026-27, registering a significant turnaround by returning to profitability and achieving robust growth in operational income. For the quarter ended June 30, 2026, DCIL reported an operational income of Rs.355.43 crore, marking a 46.73% increase over Rs.242.24 crore recorded in the corresponding quarter of the previous financial year. The company posted a Profit After Tax (PAT) of Rs.11.24 crore, compared to a loss of Rs.23.33 crore in Q1 FY



2025-26. The company's operating performance also improved significantly, with EBITDA increasing to Rs.61.86 crore from Rs.46.90 crore in the same quarter

last year. DCIL attributed the strong performance to efficient fleet deployment, improved project execution, optimum resource utilisation and prudent cost management. The company said it remains focused on strengthening its financial position through effective working capital management, faster recovery of outstanding receivables and improved liquidity. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Jasmeet Singh Bindra, IRTS, Chairman (Non-Executive), DCIL, said the first-quarter results reflect the company's strategic vision, operational resilience and sound financial discipline. He expressed confidence that DCIL would con-

tinue to strengthen its leadership in supporting India's maritime infrastructure and port-led development. Capt. S. Divakar, Managing Director & CEO, DCIL, said the encouraging performance was a result of the dedication and professionalism of Team DCIL. He noted that focused execution, optimum fleet utilisation and disciplined cost management enabled the company to return to profitability despite operational challenges. He added that DCIL would continue to enhance operational excellence, adopt sustainable technologies and deliver world-class dredging solutions for the benefit of customers, stakeholders and the nation.

TTD Makes Extensive Arrangements for Sri Varalakshmi Vratam at Tiruchanur

Tirumala (TSIT) TTD Chairman B.R. Naidu directs officials to ensure hassle-free darshan and services for devotees. TTD Chairman Sri B.R. Naidu has directed officials to make comprehensive arrangements for the Sri Varalakshmi Vratam to be held at Sri Padmavathi Ammavari Temple, Tiruchanur, on August 21, ensuring that thousands of devotees participate in the sacred ritual without any inconvenience.



On Wednesday, the temple officials and priests met the Chairman at his camp office in Tirumala and formally invited him to the festival. The Chairman instructed officials to provide adequate drinking water, Annaprastham, well-managed queue lines, security, sanitation, medical services and traffic regulation.

He stressed that all departments should work in close coordination to enable devotees to observe the vratam in a peaceful and devotional atmosphere. He also directed the officials to beautifully decorate the temple and the Asthana Mandapam with flowers to create a

spiritually uplifting ambience for the occasion. Later, the temple priests blessed the Chairman and his spouse with Vedic chants. Temple Deputy EO Sri Harendranath presented them with silk garments and handed over the invitation for the Sri Varalakshmi Vratam Mahotsavam.

PV Sindhu Sports Academy to Nurture Future Champions: Minister Nara Lokesh



Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Andhra Pradesh Minister for Education and IT Nara Lokesh on Wednesday said the PV Sindhu Sports Academy in Visakhapatnam will emerge as a premier centre for nurturing future champions and strengthening the state's sports ecosystem. Speaking after laying the foundation stone for the academy, Lokesh described Olympic medallist PV Sindhu as an inspiration to millions and said her academy would help identify and train talented athletes across multiple disciplines. He credited Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's vision for expanding the project into a multi-sports centre, offering world-class facilities for badminton, swimming, gymnastics, shooting, weightlifting, basketball, football and other sports. The Minister said Andhra Pradesh aims to become a leading destination for sports excellence and called upon Sindhu to partner with the government in realising the state's sports vision. He assured complete support to athletes and stressed that no talented child should miss opportunities due to a lack of resources. Lokesh also urged parents to encourage their children to participate in sports, saying games help build discipline, confidence and character alongside academic learning.

Teaching Stalemate at Andhra University Sparks Concern

Visakhapatnam : A controversy has emerged at Andhra University (AU) following the discontinuation of services of several adjunct and ad hoc faculty members, with affected lecturers alleging that the move has disrupted academic activities in several departments. They claim that nearly a month of teaching has been affected, leaving around 2,000 students without regular classes. According to the faculty members, Andhra University appointed adjunct and ad hoc lecturers during 2022 and 2023 in accordance with UGC guidelines to address the shortage of regular teaching staff. These lecturers have been handling classes in self-financed programmes, including Engineering, Law, Geology, Environmental Sciences, and the School of International Business.



However, they allege that the university has declined to renew their appointments and is attempting to replace them with newly recruited hourly-paid faculty. The affected lecturers approached the High Court challenging the decision. They stated that the court issued interim orders directing the university to continue the services of the ad hoc and adjunct faculty. However, they alleged that the implementation of these directions has been delayed despite the court's observations. The lectur-

ers also claimed that they met the Vice-Chancellor to seek resolution of the issue but were dissatisfied with the response, alleging that they were subjected to harsh remarks during the meeting. They said they are now preparing to file a contempt petition before the High Court and submit a representation to the Governor over the alleged non-compliance with the court's interim orders. Meanwhile, students and parents have expressed concern over the disruption of academic activities. They said that the absence of regular classes has affected nearly 2,000 students, creating uncertainty over syllabus completion and examinations. They urged the university administration and the State Government to resolve the issue at the earliest and restore normal teaching.

Revanth Seeks Stronger U.S. Education, Investment Ties



New Delhi, Aug. 5 (TSIT): Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Wednesday met U.S. Ambassador to India Sergio Gor and discussed strengthening cooperation in education, investments, technology and research. The Chief Minister sought more U.S. student visa

appointments, faster visa processing and streamlined H-1B services for professionals from Telangana. He also stressed the safety of Telangana students studying in the U.S.

Revanth Reddy showcased Telangana as an attractive destination for American investments in IT, AI, life sciences, pharmaceuticals and startups, besides inviting U.S. universities to collaborate with institutions in the State.

Ambassador Sergio Gor assured support for enhancing trade, investment and educational cooperation between Telangana and the United States.

IOC USA Hosts Dialogue on Telangana's Bharat Future City



Hyderabad, Aug. 5 (TSIT): The Indian Overseas Congress (IOC) USA West Coast organised an interactive policy dialogue with Telangana MLC Addanki Dayakar, bringing together members of the Indian diaspora, community leaders and public representatives to discuss the State government's proposed Bharat Future City initiative.

The programme, hosted by Sandeep Vangala, National General Secretary of IOC USA, was attended by Madhav Nemali, Co-Chair of the IOC USA Membership Committee, Srinivas Reddy Ramshayam of IOC Sacramento, Y.K. Chalamcherla, Vice President of the Board of Education, Folsom Cordova Unified School District, and Sagar Vangala, President of the IOC Charlotte Chapter.

Welcoming the participants, Sandeep Vangala said such interactions help connect policymakers with the overseas Indian community and provide a platform to share global best practices on governance, public policy and sustainable development.

Addressing the gathering, Addanki Dayakar outlined Telangana's vision for the Bharat Future City, describing it as a next-generation urban ecosystem designed to attract global investments, technology companies, startups, research institutions and innovation-driven industries. He said the project aims to promote sustainable economic growth while ensuring environmental protection and a high quality of life.

Sindhu Hospitals Performs First Advanced HITHOC Cancer Procedure



Hyderabad, Aug. 5 (TSIT): Sindhu Hospitals has successfully performed its first Hyperthermic Intrathoracic Chemotherapy (HITHOC) procedure, marking a significant milestone in advanced thoracic cancer care.

The complex surgery was carried out on a 40-year-old patient diagnosed with Stage IVA Type B Thymoma involving the left hemithorax. After showing a partial response to neoadjuvant chemotherapy, the patient underwent a left total pleurectomy with segmental lung resection, followed by the HITHOC procedure despite having poor pulmonary function.

Hospital officials said the advanced multidisciplinary treatment offers carefully selected patients with Stage IVA thymoma an improved chance of long-term disease control

and, in some cases, a potential cure.

The patient has recovered well following the surgery and has been discharged in stable condition. The successful procedure was made possible through the coordinated efforts of the Departments of Oncosurgery, Anaesthesia, and Medical

Oncology, highlighting the hospital's multidisciplinary approach to managing complex cancer cases.

Sindhu Hospitals said the achievement reinforces its commitment to bringing advanced cancer care and cutting-edge treatment options closer to patients.

₹100 Crore for Sangareddy Roads: Jagga Reddy

Sangareddy, Aug. 5 (TSIT): TPCC Working President T. Jagga Reddy said the Telangana Government has sanctioned Rs.100 crore for developing 83 km of roads in the Sangareddy Assembly constituency. He directed officials to begin the works at the earliest, saying the project will improve connectivity and infrastructure across the constituency.



Aster DM posts 20% revenue growth



Bengaluru, Aug. 5: Aster DM Quality Care Ltd. reported a 20 per cent year-on-year increase in combined proforma revenue to Rs.2,597 crore for the first quarter of FY27, while operating EBITDA rose 30 per cent to Rs.576 crore.

The company said its merger with Quality Care India, effective July

1, 2026, has created an integrated healthcare platform with over 10,800 beds across 28 cities, making it one of India's three largest hospital chains. Operating EBITDA margins improved to 22.2 per cent, reflecting better operational efficiency.

Executive Chairman Dr. Azad Moopen described the merger as a

major milestone and said the group aims to expand its network to more than 15,000 beds while strengthening clinical excellence through technology, artificial intelligence, robotics and research.

Managing Director and Group CEO Varun Khanna said the merged entity served nearly two million patients during the quarter, a 13 per cent increase over the previous year. He said the company would focus on integrating operations, enhancing patient care and driving long-term growth.

On a standalone basis, Aster DM Healthcare posted 22 per cent revenue growth to Rs.1,311 crore, while Quality Care reported a 19 per cent rise in revenue to Rs.1,287 crore. Both businesses also recorded higher profitability and patient volumes during the quarter.

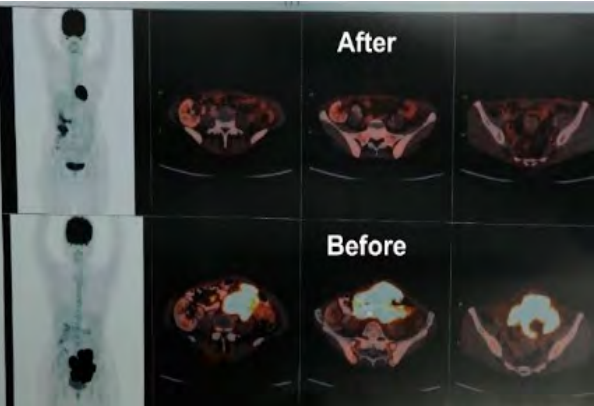
Kidney transplant recipient beats rare cancer



Hyderabad, Aug. 5: Doctors at KIMS Hospitals, Secunderabad, have successfully treated a rare intestinal cancer in a 42-year-old woman while preserving her transplanted kidney, which has been functioning well for the past 17 years.

The patient underwent a kidney transplant in 2009 with a kidney donated by her mother and had been on immunosuppressive medication since then.

She was diagnosed with high-grade intestinal lymphoma after developing severe abdominal pain, recurrent vomiting and significant weight loss. A multidisciplinary team from nephrology, medical oncology, surgery and critical care carefully balanced chemotherapy with immunosuppressive treatment to control the cancer without affecting the transplanted kidney. After three cycles of chemo-immunotherapy, the



tumour responded well, but the patient developed a bowel fistula that required emergency surgery. General and GI Laparoscopic Surgeon Dr. M.B.V. Prasad successfully removed the affected portions of the intestine and restored bowel continuity. Following recovery, the patient completed the remaining chemotherapy cycles, and a follow-up PET scan confirmed complete remission of the cancer. Her

transplanted kidney continues to function normally. Dr. Mounika Boppana, Consultant Medical Oncology and Hemato-Oncology, said careful planning and close monitoring enabled doctors to cure the cancer while preserving kidney function. Doctors said the case highlights the importance of multidisciplinary care in managing complex conditions involving organ transplant recipients

THE FOUR PILLARS THAT KEEP INDIA'S DEMOCRACY ALIVE

Ballot. Constitution. Judiciary. Street.



Dr. Rekha Boyalapalli
Vice President, Telangana Pradesh Mahila Congress

Democracy does not begin and end at the ballot box. Elections determine who governs, but they do not grant any government unlimited authority. The framers of the Indian Constitution consciously designed a system of checks and balances to ensure that no elected government, regardless of the size of its mandate, could ever become the sole voice of the nation.

India's democratic strength rests upon four inseparable pillars: the Ballot, the Constitution, the Judiciary, and the Street. Each performs a unique constitutional function, and together they protect the Republic from the concentration of unchecked power.

The Ballot gives citizens the authority to choose their representatives. It is the foundation of democratic legitimacy. Yet elections alone cannot guarantee freedom or justice. Democracy requires institutions that continue to protect citizens long after votes have been counted.

The Constitution (Samvidhan) is the nation's

supreme safeguard. It defines the limits of governmental authority, protects fundamental rights, and ensures that no majority can override constitutional principles. Governments derive their legitimacy from elections, but they derive their limits from the Constitution.

The Judiciary, particularly the Supreme Court and other independent constitutional institutions, serves as the guardian of those constitutional values. Judicial review is not an obstacle to democracy—it is one of democracy's greatest strengths. Whenever constitutional questions arise, including those involving electoral institutions or executive power, judicial scrutiny reinforces the principle that every public authority remains accountable to the Constitution.

The fourth pillar is often underestimated but is equally indispensable—the Street. Peaceful public protest has always been an essential democratic space where citizens express dissent, demand accountability, and remind governments that public consent cannot be taken for granted between elections.

Recent student protests demanding accountability from Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan once again demonstrate that democratic participation does not stop after polling day. Citizens retain the constitutional right to question governments, seek transparency, and peacefully demand corrective action. The role of the Opposition, civil society, and student movements is not to weaken democ-

racy but to strengthen it by bringing public grievances into the national conversation.

India's democratic history repeatedly illustrates the transformative role of peaceful public mobilisation. The nationwide farmers' movement eventually resulted in the repeal of the three farm laws after sustained democratic protest. Similarly, public debate has significantly shaped discussions surrounding higher education reforms and UGC-related policies. Whether one agrees with every movement or every policy is secondary; what matters is that governments in democracies remain answerable to the people between elections.

The Constitution guarantees freedom of speech, expression, and peaceful assembly, subject to reasonable restrictions. These rights are not ceremonial promises; they are enforceable constitutional guarantees. Whenever peaceful demonstrations are met with excessive force, prolonged restrictions, or disproportionate policing, legitimate questions arise regarding the balance between maintaining public order and protecting constitutional freedoms.

India's democratic tradition has often witnessed governments engaging with protest movements through dialogue rather than confrontation. Consultation, negotiation, and reconciliation have strengthened public confidence far more effectively than coercion ever could. Democracies mature through conversation—not through the suppression of dissent.

The present student movement has also highlighted the

constitutional role of the parliamentary Opposition. Rahul Gandhi and other Opposition leaders chose to stand alongside protesting students while raising their concerns both inside Parliament and outside it. Supporters view these actions, including protests that resulted in detention, as efforts to amplify public concerns and uphold constitutional accountability. In a parliamentary democracy, the Opposition has a legitimate responsibility to question the executive and ensure that public voices are heard.

Equally inspiring has been the participation of ordinary citizens, particularly students and young women, whose courage during peaceful demonstrations reflects democratic confidence rather than democratic weakness. Their participation reminds us that citizenship is an active responsibility, not merely a periodic electoral exercise.

Social activist Sonam Wangchuk's campaigns similarly demonstrate how peaceful public mobilisation can draw national attention to issues of governance and public policy. Regardless of individual political opinions, such movements reaffirm that democratic engagement outside formal institutions remains an essential part of constitutional life.

If India seeks to strengthen its constitutional democracy further, several reforms deserve serious consideration:

- * Establish clear national standards governing police responses to peaceful assemblies.
- * Ensure that any use of force remains necessary, proportionate, and fully accountable.

Strengthen independent oversight of actions taken during public demonstrations.

- * Institutionalise dialogue mechanisms between governments and protest groups before situations escalate.
- * Expand constitutional education so that citizens, administrators, and law enforcement agencies fully understand both rights and responsibilities.

The Constitution was drafted not merely to create governments but to restrain them. Electoral victory provides the authority to govern—it does not confer unlimited power. The Constitution, the judiciary, Parliament, independent institutions, a vigilant Opposition, a free press, and an engaged citizenry together preserve the democratic balance envisioned by the founders of the Republic.

India's democracy has endured because it permits disagreement without disloyalty, protest without rebellion, and criticism without abandoning constitutional order. Governments will change, political parties will alternate in power, but the Constitution must always remain supreme.

A confident government should never fear peaceful dissent. It should welcome it as evidence that democracy is alive. Because when the Ballot speaks, democracy begins. When the Constitution limits power, democracy survives. When the Judiciary protects rights, democracy is secured. And when citizens peacefully occupy the Street to defend constitutional values, democracy breathes.

DON'T IGNORE LEG PAIN, WARNS VASCULAR EXPERT

Hyderabad, 5th August, 2026: Leg pain while walking is often dismissed as a normal part of ageing, muscle fatigue or joint problems. However, according to renowned vascular surgeon Dr. P. C. Gupta, it could be one of the earliest warning signs of Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD), a serious condition caused by narrowing or blockage of the arteries that reduces blood flow to the legs.

On the occasion of National Vascular Day, Dr. Gupta called for greater public awareness about vascular diseases, stressing that delayed diagnosis continues to be one of the biggest reasons patients suffer avoidable disability and limb-threatening complications.

Vascular diseases affect the arteries and veins that carry blood throughout the body and often develop silently. According to the Vascular Society of India, vascular diseases remain significantly under-recognised despite constituting a major health burden in the country. With India witnessing a rising prevalence of diabetes, hypertension, obesity and tobacco use, vascular disorders are becoming increasingly common across both urban and rural populations.

The burden of vascular disease in India is substantial and continues to grow. More than 10 crore Indians are living with diabetes, placing them at a significantly higher risk of developing blocked arteries, while an esti-



mated 5 crore people suffer from Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD) affecting blood circulation in the legs. Nearly one lakh Indians lose a limb every year due to diabetic foot complications, although many of these amputations can be prevented through timely diagnosis and vascular treatment. One in four people with diabetes is likely to develop a foot ulcer during their lifetime, and blocked arteries in the legs also increase the risk of heart attack and stroke. Experts emphasise that a simple vascular examination and Doppler ultrasound can detect the disease early, helping save limbs and lives. People living with diabetes, smokers, individuals with high blood pressure or high cholesterol and adults above 50 years are at a significantly higher risk of developing Peripheral Arterial Disease and other vascular disorders. Yet many patients ignore early symptoms until blood circulation has been severely affected.

EDITORIAL

Vijay's Udhayanidhi
Arrest May Not Be A
'Blunder' After All

On the face of it, Udhayanidhi Stalin's show of strength through an impromptu mini-roadshow of sorts in Thanjavur, after securing bail and return to Chennai within 12 hours of his arrest, can be seen as a setback to the Joseph Vijay government. In cricketing parlance, the televised arrest and the "road trip" to Thanjavur are being interpreted as Vijay having given a free hit to the DMK. Stalin Junior's smirk to the continuous chant of "Trisha, Trisha" by the DMK cadre during a Cauvery protest meeting in Thanjavur on Monday, and his loaded comment that smacked of sexual innuendos, had angered the TVK cadre. The party had also lodged a complaint with the National Commission for Women seeking its intervention "regarding objectifying and sexually suggestive remarks" made by the Leader of Opposition. Hence, the party faithful were left stumped when the TVK government took a U-turn in court and denied any plan to send Udhayanidhi to judicial custody. The station ball that followed was, then, a mere formality. Nonetheless, the DMK leadership did not miss the opportunity to turn the occasion into a show of strength. In any case, the case stood on weak legs. While a case could be filed for defamation, the arrest was seen as an overreach - more so when politicians are known to milk such arrests to generate sympathy and emerge stronger.

A Self-Goal? Maybe Not

It is, therefore, felt that the TVK government showed its lack of political acumen by raising the political temperature, allowing the DMK an opportunity to score a political goal, that too a day before the Tamil Nadu assembly's budget session was to start. The DMK has been groping in the dark since its humiliating exit from power in May, and many TVK supporters feel that the arrest episode only provided it with political oxygen, galvanising the cadre-based party to allege that Vijay had made the move only because he was scared of facing Stalin in the assembly. Even TVK allies, like the Congress, and non-allies like the PMK felt that while the remark was in bad taste, the arrest was unnecessary. Given the manner in which the DMK cadre rallied around him, it also elevated Udhayanidhi's political stature. Till now, he was only known as Karunanidhi's grandson and Stalin's son, who owed his earlier position as Deputy Chief Minister and present position as Leader of Opposition, to his family name. So, did Vijay and the TVK commit political harakiri? I see it more as a case of Vijay testing the waters. Tuesday may make the TVK leadership understand how exactly the DMK reacts under pressure and mobilises its forces in every district. For too long, Vijay has been dismissed as a movie actor who stormed to power riding on his personal popularity as an actor. For many months, the visuals of Vijay taking the flight out of Trichy airport to Chennai soon after the stampede in Karur in September that killed 41 people, has been cited as proof that he was a "coward". Speaking to reporters at the same Trichy airport on Tuesday night, Udhayanidhi repeated the charge, highlighting that he, in contrast, was not one to run away. The arrest saga was thus Vijay borrowing a leaf from the Jayalalithaa handbook, and establishing that he is no pushover and can be a strict administrator. The episode was designed to send a message to the DMK that even their top leadership could be touched if they crossed the line.

Bankipur, And Why The Most Dangerous
Voter Is The One Who Thinks Again

"If your vote doesn't change your life or your situation, then you need to change your vote." Democracy doctrines like this one come true more as an exception than as a rule. Since voter fatigue is slow to grow and voters' tolerance slow to fade, these doctrines most often end up being mocked or trolled. But history has enough evidence to prove that when the exception does arrive, it changes not just one game but the rules of the game. On Monday, Jan Suraj Party founding chief Prashant Kishor defeated his rival from the BJP in the Bankipur bypoll. Headlines sang in chorus. The BJP lost its 31-year-old bastion. The win had an unami taste to it, as just seven months ago, each one of his 238 candidates in the Bihar Assembly polls had lost. That's why, when the result came in, I wondered and hoped. Is the doctrine having its moment in the sun? Is it a flash in the pan or the start of a phenomenon?

Bihar Has Been Here Before

Naysayers have always scoffed and asked, "Bihar mein ka ba?" ("What's there in Bihar?"). But everyone who has invested thought without prejudice and looked beyond the abject apathy and poverty in Bihar knows that, despite it being the top BIMARU state, and irrespective of the asphyxiating talons of caste in the state's politics, once in a while, the voter recovers and delivers a moment to romance electoral democracy. It may not last. It may mutate into something good, bad, or ugly. I was in Bihar covering the February 1990 assembly polls. It was an "exceptional moment" in India's poorest state, home to people crushed by the absence of basic necessities, hope, and a state that cared. Then, the children of indifferent gods didn't just transfer power into the hands of the Mandalites or dethrone the



dominant demography by breaking the upper caste's grip over the state - they wiped out the Congress so decisively that the party, till date, has not been able to make even a feeble recovery in Bihar or neighbouring Uttar Pradesh. I stumbled upon that clinching evidence, that the voter crafts democratic destinies, days after Lalu Prasad took oath on March 10, 1990, as Chief Minister. That day, he had reached Phulwaria, his native village. We were in tow. A crowd, consisting largely of dust-covered, shirtless, barefoot kids with matted hair and bright, hopeful eyes, watched and cheered in amazement.

'Hathua Raja'

Lalu was the Chief Minister. The state was his stage. As if the curtain had just lifted, in a showman-like moment, he went towards a grazing buffalo. With a quick jump, he was on its back. The procession started. Inside his less-than-humble home, his mother was cooking a meal. Lalu wanted to tell her, "I am now Bihar's Chief Minister." But the expanse of his mother's world

geography was limited. She didn't know what Bihar or a Chief Minister meant. Lalu resolved the situation. He told her, "I have become the raja of Hathua." She knew about the Hathua Raj zamindari estate belonging to the Baghochia clan of Bhumihar Brahmins. Lalu wanted to convey that he was the most powerful man in the state. The most powerful man his mother knew was the "Hathua Raja". Sitting in that house that day, I realised the power the voters had unsheathed. Sitting today in the newsroom, I have empirical evidence that the change they brought about that day in February 1990 has redesigned Indian politics. The jury is out on whether the change was good, bad, or ugly. For Prashant Kishor or the JSP, replicating Bankipur, or the impact the Mandal and Mandir issues had across Bihar, will be a Herculean task. But I would love to romance the outcome of the Bankipur bypoll, just because the voters preferred to pick a candidate and changed their choice of party. They had a reason beyond caste for their vote in a caste cauldron like

Bihar. Every checkbox said Bankipur was a BJP bastion. Urban in character, like no other in Bihar. The state CM's residence, the state's university, iconic Gandhi Maidan, and the hefty real estate around it all fall in Bankipur. It also had a perfect caste arithmetic for the BJP. The upper-caste vote ranges between 35% and 40%. With Nitish Kumar on its side, the BJP controlled a captive 50% of the votes. Then there was another advantage. Out of the 40% upper-caste vote, the Kayasthas account for 14-15%. And since 1985, the BJP's candidate for Patna West, the earlier avatar of Bankipur, was Nabin Kishore Prasad Sinha, a Kayastha. In 2010, Bankipur voted for the first time after the delimitation exercise in Bihar. And the first winner was Nitin Nabin, the current BJP national president. Bankipur was won a whopping nine times in 31 years by him and his father.

Everything Was In BJP's Favour, Until It Wasn't The odds seemed stacked in favour of the BJP. The BJP had its first Bihar Chief

Minister, Samrat Chowdhary, manning the fort. The BJP-JD(U)-LJP alliance had routed the INDIA bloc, especially the RJD, just seven months ago. Many say the BJP lost because it was complacent. Before polling, most leaders felt that in Bankipur, the "lotus symbol" was the factor, not the name or face of the candidate. The party entered the contest in a mess. When Nitin Nabin quit Bankipur for a Rajya Sabha membership, the BJP fielded Ashutosh Bunt as its first pick. But then he bowed out. His father was an accused in a scam involving Lalu Prasad. His party feared Prashant Kishor would make corruption a poll plank. Party sources say the party president picked Neeraj Kumar Sinha as the replacement. To compensate, the BJP pushed a large number of leaders to campaign towards countering Kishor's direct-contact-with-voters outreach. But the BJP failed to gauge the depth and width of voter discontent. During the campaign, the most frequently heard refrain in the constituency among BJP supporters was: "The party needs to

be taught a lesson." In various parts of the constituency, during morning walks, elders were heard expressing a sense of hurt over the exaggerated swagger of the BJP leadership. An ex-professor at Patna University who operates a literature club had told me during a phone call barely a week before polling, "Voters of this constituency don't battle for bijli [electricity], sadak [roads] and paani [water]. They pick Ravi Shankar Prasad as their MP because of the IQ and worldview he brings. That has been the overarching factor. There is caste and ideological loyalty beneath it. But if the party takes the voters for granted, then splintering happens. They won't opt for the RJD, but Prashant Kishor becomes a credible option."

Fundamental Matters

The BJP's success for 31 years hinged on the demographic composition of this seat. The mood among the upper castes, a literate and relatively affluent voter block, shifted because of other factors as well. A section was miffed at the BJP's visible demographic focus shift from the upper castes to the backwards and most backwards. The elevation of Nitin Nabin, a Kayastha, wasn't seen as an adequate counterweight to Samrat Chowdhary becoming Chief Minister. Bihar grapples with high unemployment, which has historically led to the migration of people to other states. Bankipur has a large number of educated youth who are struggling for jobs or better-quality jobs. The issues have been on Kishor's agenda since he launched his padyatra (foot march) in 2022. In Bankipur, he persisted with his core messaging but had a definite target: Chief Minister Samrat Chowdhary. He turned the contest into a straight choice between the two of them. The focus shifted to personality over local issues.

Rising HIV cases on higher education campuses:
No more silence, dialogue is essential

- Dr. Satyavan Saurabh

The future of a country is determined by its youth, and the greatest centers of youth power are our schools, colleges, and universities. Therefore, if news emerges from a state that a large number of students have tested positive for HIV, forcing the government to launch a comprehensive testing campaign in higher education institutions, this is no longer a matter solely for the health department. It is a serious warning for education, society, families, policymakers, and the entire nation. This is not the time to spread fear, but to confront this challenge with a scientific approach, sensitivity, and widespread awareness. HIV, or Human Immunodeficiency Virus, attacks the body's immune system. If not diagnosed and treated promptly, it can lead to a serious condition called AIDS. However, advances in medical science have made it a manageable disease. With the help of antiretroviral therapy (ART), infected individuals can live a normal and long life. Therefore, early detection, regular treatment, and infection prevention are crucial. The news of HIV infection among young people raises several serious questions. Is health and sex education adequate in our educational institutions? Are young people receiving scientific information about safe behavior, the causes of infection, and preventive measures? Are families and society willing to openly communicate on this topic? If the answer to these questions is 'no,' then we must acknowledge that the

problem is not just about health, but also about our social mindset and education system. Even today, Indian society doesn't consider it comfortable to discuss sexual health openly. Parents are hesitant, teachers often avoid the topic, and students often receive incomplete or misleading information from the internet or friends. This results in myths, misconceptions, and misinformation. Scientific information, however, is the most effective means of preventing this disease. It's also important to understand that HIV infection can spread not only through unprotected sex, but also through transfusions of infected blood, the use of contaminated needles, and from an infected mother to her child. However, HIV is not spread through shaking hands, sitting together, sharing food, hugging, sneezing, or mosquito bites. Unfortunately, even today, a large segment of society remains unaware of these facts. This ignorance leads to discrimination and social exclusion against infected individuals. Young people attending higher education institutions are at a time of their lives marked by independence, curiosity, and a desire for new experiences. Guiding them in the right direction is not only the responsibility of families, but also of universities and the government. Every college and university should have a health counseling center, trained counselors, confidential testing facilities, and regular awareness programs. Students should be assured that their privacy and dignity will be fully pro-

tected if they come forward with a health concern. If a state decides to launch an HIV testing campaign in higher education institutions, its objective should not be solely to identify infected individuals. Counseling, mental health support, treatment, and awareness must be given equal importance. Testing will be successful only if students perceive it as a normal health safety measure rather than a source of fear or shame. The role of the media also becomes crucial here. Sensationalizing any data or event creates fear and confusion in society. Conversely, if the media promotes dialogue based on scientific facts, expert opinion, and awareness, society can become more responsible and sensitive. It is also essential to end the tendency to associate illness with crime or character. The growing trend of drug addiction is also a matter of concern. Drug abuse, especially the sharing of infected needles, also increases the risk of HIV infection. Therefore, de-addiction campaigns and HIV awareness programs need to be integrated. Effective infection control is achieved not only through treatment but also by reducing risky behaviors. India has achieved remarkable success over the years through its National AIDS Control Program. New infections have declined, and millions of infected individuals have been provided treatment. However, if the number of infections among young people is a cause for concern, it signals the need to review old awareness methods and make them more effective, modern, and

youth-friendly. The role of the family is crucial in this entire matter. Confident communication, accurate information, and emotional support with children and adolescents can protect them from risky situations. If families themselves make this topic taboo, young people will be forced to seek information from inappropriate sources. Silence is never the answer; appropriate communication at the right time is the foundation of safety. We must also remember that a person living with HIV is a normal citizen just like us. They need treatment, respect, and support, not scorn. The more sensitive society becomes, the more people will come forward without fear for testing and treatment. This is also the most effective way to prevent infection. The need today is to transform higher education campuses not only into centers of knowledge, but also centers of health, awareness, and life skills. Scientific thinking, responsible behavior, regular health checkups, and a sensitive social environment can only address this challenge. Ultimately, the challenge of HIV teaches us that modern education cannot be limited to degrees. Life-saving knowledge is equally essential. If we break the silence today and embrace awareness, dialogue, and a scientific approach, not only will infection prevention be possible, but we will also build a society that sees people as human beings, not diseases. This is the need of the hour and the most important step towards a healthy, safe, and compassionate India.

WHAT THE US-IRAN CONFLICT REVEALS
ABOUT THE FUTURE OF WARFARE

The current phase of the conflict involving Iran may ultimately be remembered less for its military operations than for what it reveals about the changing nature of warfare. Despite the employment of sophisticated intelligence, precision strikes, overwhelming air power and sustained economic pressure, the conflict has yet to produce a decisive political outcome. Instead, it has settled into a pattern of calibrated escalation, deterrence, diplomacy and strategic signalling. Far from being an anomaly, the conflict appears to reinforce one of the defining strategic realities of the twenty-first century: overwhelming military superiority no longer guarantees decisive political victory. To understand why, it is necessary to look back to the Second World War. That conflict represented the culmination of the age of industrial warfare. Leaders such as Winston Churchill and Franklin D. Roosevelt fought in circumstances where national survival was at stake. Victory demanded the mobilisation of entire societies, economies and industries. Strategic bombing, naval blockades, prolonged campaigns of attrition and the full commitment of national resources were regarded as necessary instruments of war. The human cost was unprecedented. An estimated 70 to 85 million people lost their lives. Entire cities were devastated, and civilians became part of the battlefield itself. Wartime famines, including the Bengal famine of 1943, illustrated how conflict, disrupted supply chains and policy decisions could combine to produce catastrophic humanitarian consequences. Such immense suf-



fering was endured because the war was perceived as existential. Defeat was simply not an option. Paradoxically, that devastation also created the foundations of a new international order. Germany and Japan were comprehensively defeated. Their political systems were reconstructed. Under General Douglas MacArthur, Japan underwent sweeping constitutional and economic reforms. Europe was rebuilt through the Marshall Plan. At the global level, the victorious Allies laid the foundations of the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions, creating a political and economic framework that would underpin decades of relative stability and unprecedented global growth. This post-war order was possible because three exceptional conditions existed simultaneously: decisive military victory, the collapse of defeated states and unparalleled American economic and strategic dominance. Those conditions no longer exist. Today's conflicts unfold in a fundamentally different environment. Nuclear weapons impose limits on

escalation that did not exist in 1945. Modern societies are far less willing to accept large-scale military or civilian casualties. International humanitarian law has evolved significantly, while instant global communications ensure that civilian suffering is visible around the world in real time. Economic interdependence means that prolonged wars rapidly disrupt energy markets, trade, finance and supply chains far beyond the immediate theatre of conflict. Military force remains indispensable, but it now operates alongside cyber operations, economic sanctions, technological competition, intelligence, information campaigns and proxy conflicts. The traditional distinction between war and peace has become increasingly blurred, replaced by continuous strategic competition across multiple domains. The objective is no longer the unconditional surrender of an adversary but the management of escalation while preserving strategic advantage. The experiences of Iraq and Afghanistan demonstrated that battlefield success does not necessarily translate into

lasting political settlements. The current conflict involving Iran appears to reinforce the same lesson. Military operations can impose costs, degrade capabilities and strengthen deterrence. They cannot, by themselves, guarantee the political transformation that followed the Allied victories in 1945. For India, this transformation carries important strategic implications. India's future security will depend not only on military capability but also on economic resilience, technological innovation, industrial capacity and institutional strength. Maritime security in the Indian Ocean, energy resilience, secure supply chains, cyber capability and technological self-reliance are becoming integral components of national power. Equally important, India operates in a world where another 1945 moment is unlikely. No single power today possesses the authority or dominance to reshape the international system as the United States and its allies did after the Second World War, when they established the United Nations.

Mangaluru: No information on deputy CM post, says Speaker U T Khader



Mangaluru, Jun 2: Amid discussions surrounding a possible cabinet reshuffle in Karnataka and reports suggesting that Legislative Assembly Speaker U T Khader may be considered for the post of deputy chief minister, Khader said he has no information regarding such developments.

Speaking to mediapersons in Mangaluru, Khader said, "I have seen the reports in the media, but I have not received any information about it." He stated that he continues to

serve as the Speaker and has no aspirations for any particular position.

"The decision on giving any post or responsibility rests with the government and the party," he said. Khader recalled that in 2023 there had been discussions about him becoming a minister, but instead he was entrusted with the responsibility of Speaker. "I have discharged that responsibility with sincerity," he said. Emphasizing his commitment to public service, Khader remarked, "The portfolio is not important to me; work is important."

He further said that he would speak on political matters after demitting the office of Speaker.

Khader also informed that he would be in Bengaluru today and tomorrow.

Protect the Government that protects your home and temple: CM DK Shivakumar calls on priests



Bengaluru : Chief Minister D. K. Shivakumar appealed to temple priests to support the Government which had fulfilled its promises and taken unprecedented steps for the welfare of temples and priests.

Addressing the state-level convention organised by the Karnataka State Muzrai Temple Priests' Association and Employees' Association in Bengaluru, Shivakumar said the government had earned the trust of priests by implementing measures that previous Governments had not undertaken.

Calling on priests to support the government, he said they should "protect the government that protects your homes and temples" and help ensure its return to power, as people regard the words of priests with faith.

Questioning the political opponents, Shivakumar asked whether those "who have taken religion on contract" had brought any positive change in the lives of temple priests. He said Congress leaders, including former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Mallikarjun Kharge, Minister Ramalinga Reddy and himself, were also Hindus and accused some parties of using religion for political gain.

Speaking on the welfare of temple priests, he said the government was ready to extend necessary support for training priests serving in nearly 34,000 rural temples. He suggested that priests' associations and mutts jointly conduct three-month training programmes to impart temple rituals and traditions.

Responding to a demand raised at the convention, Shivakumar said he was prepared to discuss assigning the Muzrai portfolio to Minister Ramalinga Reddy, while noting that the minister was currently handling the challenging Irrigation Department. He said the issue would be discussed with the minister.

Private employment exchange system to create more employment opportunities

Highlighting the Government's achievements, Shivakumar said it had fulfilled its election promises through the implementation of the five guarantee schemes, including Gruha Jyothi, Gruha Lakshmi, Shakti, and Anna Bhagya. He also announced that the Government was moving towards introducing a private employment exchange system to create more employment opportunities for youth.

CCTV cameras near Hundis

He said the government had decided to install CCTV cameras near hundis in major temples to ensure transparency in handling temple donations and prevent allegations against priests.

Stating that religion was a personal matter, Shivakumar said priests served all devotees without discrimination and played a vital role in preserving traditions. Praising Ramalinga Reddy's work in the Muzrai Department, he said the minister had earned the confidence of temple priests through his initiatives. He concluded by assuring the gathering that the Government would continue to work for the welfare of priests and the

HCG begins patient treatment on Karnataka's first Elekta Unity MR-Linac,

Bengaluru : HealthCare Global Enterprises (HCG), Bengaluru, has begun treating cancer patients using Karnataka's first Elekta Unity MR-Linac. With this milestone, HCG opens up access to MR-guided adaptive radiation therapy for patients across Karnataka and neighbouring regions, bringing one of the most advanced approaches in radiation oncology closer to those who need it. Dr. B.S. Ajaikumar, Founder and Chairman, HealthCare Global Enterprises Limited, said: "In the era of precision medicine, HCG is proud to add one more milestone with the installation of the Unity MR-Linac, where precision is taken to the level of near perfection. With this adaptive therapy, patients who qualify for the treatment will benefit immensely from radiation focused directly on the tumor, with minimal or no exposure



to the surrounding healthy tissue. This gives us the opportunity to deliver the right treatment and improve outcomes with minimal or no side effects. And this is what HCG has always stood for bringing the world's most advanced cancer care to patients here at home, in Karnataka and across India."

Dr. Manish Mattoo, Executive Director and CEO, HealthCare Global Enterprises Limited, said: "With

Karnataka's first Elekta Unity MR-Linac now treating patients, HCG is redefining the delivery of radiation therapy. Real-time imaging and adaptive treatment enable highly precise, personalised care while protecting healthy tissue. Combined with our multi-disciplinary approach, this technology will help improve patient outcomes and expand access to advanced cancer care across Karnataka and neighbouring regions."

Bengaluru Development Minister Krishna Byre Gowda announces Freedom Habba

Bengaluru : Bengaluru will mark the nation's Independence Day in a manner never attempted before. Bengaluru Development Minister Krishna Byre Gowda today announced Freedom Habba, a first-of-its-kind, citizen-led festival—a coming together and celebration of freedom by Bengalureans representing the diverse communities that have made Bengaluru their home. Freedom Habba transforms Independence Day from a ceremonial government function into a day-long people's celebration of freedom, democracy, diversity and culture.

Announcing the initiative, Bengaluru Development Minister Krishna Byre Gowda said Freedom Habba rests on a simple but powerful idea: Independence Day must belong to every citizen. "For decades, Independence Day has largely been a ceremony that citizens watch. We want to transform it



into a festival that citizens create together. Freedom Habba is not a government event to observe; it is Bengaluru's festival to celebrate, build and own together. Freedom is best celebrated when the people themselves become the celebration."

Freedom Habba

Sharing details, Krishna Byre Gowda said Freedom Habba is conceived as a first-of-its-kind, people-centric Independence Day celebration that transforms the spirit of August 15 from a ceremonial observance into a vibrant, city-wide festival of freedom, culture and civic pride.

Bringing together Bengalureans from every walk of life, the festival will celebrate both Karnataka's rich heritage and India's extraordinary cultural diversity through a grand parade of communities representing different States, traditional attire, folk arts, music, dance, crafts and cultural performances. Citizens representing Kannada, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Odia and several other linguistic traditions, including communities from the North Eastern States, will participate alongside representatives from Kodagu, Mangaluru, North Karnataka and other regions of the State, making Vidhana Soudha the stage for a living celebration of India's unity in diversity. Freedom Habba invites families, children, artists, cultural organisations and communities to come together in a shared celebration of freedom .

Across Decades and Continents; KSBDB Chairman S.E. Sudheendra's Emotional Reunion and In-Depth Discussion with India's Telecommunications Visionary Sam Pitroda

Chicago, USA : In a memorable meeting that blended nostalgia, technology, and a shared vision for India's future, S.E. Sudheendra, Chairman of the Karnataka State Bioenergy Development Board met renowned technocrat Sam Pitroda, widely regarded as the architect of India's telecommunications and information technology revolution.

During the interaction at Sam Pitroda's residence in Chicago, the two engaged in an extensive discussion on India's technological journey, sustainable development, clean energy, and the future of bioenergy. Recalling his return to India in the early 1980s, Sam Pitroda reflected on how then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi invited him in 1984 to lead the newly established Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT). He



spoke about the pioneering efforts that made indigenous telecommunications technology accessible to millions of Indians.

He also reminisced about his leadership of the National Technology Missions under the late Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, covering telecommu-

nications, drinking water, literacy, immunisation, dairy development, and oilseeds, which played a transformative role in India's development. The meeting took an emotional turn when Sam Pitroda showed an old photograph from the late 1990s featuring a young S.E. Sudheendra alongside his

mother, Vishala Eshwar. Deeply moved by the memory, Chairman S.E. Sudheendra shared an emotional moment as Sam Pitroda connected with Vishala Eshwar through a video call, making the reunion even more special. During the discussions, Sam Pitroda emphasized that India's vast botanical wealth and traditional knowledge preserved by indigenous communities should be scientifically studied, validated, documented, and shared globally rather than being lost with passing generations. He highlighted the immense potential of India's biodiversity in contributing to sustainable development and innovation. Referring to Kerala, Sam Pitroda mentioned Wayanad, the Lok Sabha constituency that was represented by the opposition leader in lokasabha Rahul Gandhi and is now rep-

resented by Priyanka Gandhi. He also exchanged views on agroforestry with Dr. Shiju Sebastian, Advisor to the Chairman, who hails from Kerala, discussing opportunities for integrating sustainable agricultural practices with environmental conservation. The conversation further focused on municipal solid waste management, ecological conservation, sustainable agriculture, and the need to address environmental challenges that continue to affect rural and backward regions of the country. Sam Pitroda stressed that scientific planning and technological innovation could significantly improve livelihoods while protecting natural resources. Highlighting the growing importance of renewable energy, Sam Pitroda underscored that clean energy is the need of the hour.

Luxury designer shopping expo in Bengaluru

Bengaluru: Fashion enthusiasts in Bengaluru can explore a premium designer shopping experience at a three-day luxury exhibition to be held from August 7 to 9 at The Lalit Ashok. The exhibition will showcase an exclusive collection of designer fashion, festive wear, statement jewellery and premium accessories from some of India's leading designers. Visitors can discover the latest seasonal trends and refresh their wardrobes with a curated selection of contemporary and festive styles. The event aims to bring together renowned fashion labels under one roof, offering shoppers a wide range of luxury apparel, accessories and jewellery in a premium setting. It will be open to the public throughout the three-day exhibition.



Kia India Records Best-Ever July Wholesale at 28,200 Units since Market Entry; Registers 27.4% Y-o-Y Growth and 16.8% YTD Growth



NEW DELHI : Kia India, one of the country's leading mass-premium automakers, today announced wholesale dispatches of 28,200 units in July 2026, registering a robust 27.4% year-on-year growth compared to 22,135 units in July 2025. This marks Kia India's best-ever July wholesale performance since its inception.

Further building on the company's strongest-ever first-half (H1) performance, Kia India recorded cumulative year-to-date (YTD) wholesale dispatches of 191,949 units during the January-July 2026 period. This reflects a healthy 16.8% growth over 164,274 units dispatched during the corresponding period last year.

CABINET EXPANSION IS DRIVEN BY MONEY POWER AND HIGH COMMAND POLITICS, NOT DEVELOPMENT: B.Y. VIJAYENDRA

Bengaluru: BJP State President and MLA B.Y. Vijayendra alleged that the Congress government's cabinet expansion was not undertaken for the development of the state, public welfare, or good governance. Instead, he claimed it was the outcome of power-sharing, money power, factionalism, and High Command politics.

Date Was Not Fixed Until the Rate Was Fixed

Vijayendra said that he had maintained from the beginning that "the date for the cabinet expansion was not fixed because the rate was not fixed." He asserted that public statements made today by senior Congress leaders,



former ministers, and MLAs have substantiated his allegation. According to him, the internal dissent within the Congress has exposed the reality behind the cabinet formation. Growing Discontent Among Senior Congress Leaders

He pointed out that

senior MLA Tanveer Sait had alleged that even those involved in anti-party activities were rewarded with ministerial berths. Former Minister T.B. Jayachandra reportedly expressed that he was "ashamed to call himself a Congressman." MLA S.R. Srinivas

remarked that he could not secure a ministerial post because he could not pay money. Vijayendra added that dissatisfaction expressed by former Minister M.C. Sudhakar, S.N. Narayanaswamy, and several other Congress leaders has exposed the party's internal condition.

Ministerial Posts Were Given Only to Those Who Paid Money

Vijayendra said former Minister Thimmapur had openly alleged that only those who paid money to the Congress High Command or wielded influence were made ministers. He demanded that Congress explain these serious allegations to the people of Karnataka.

Good news for scooter and bike riders in Bengaluru, service in 30 minutes - Rapid Fix Service Center

Bengaluru: Good news for two-wheeler riders. Now the problem of going to a showroom or a street-side garage for repairs has been eliminated, and a new Rapid Fix Service Center has been launched that provides repairs in just 30 minutes.

Rapidfix Quick service center, which has entered into an agreement with Indian Oil Corporation, has started a new service center on Bull Temple Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru.

-wheeler repairs will be done in 30 minutes right in front of the two-wheeler owners. The owner will know what the problem is and what has happened to the vehicle. The service will be done immediately, which



will also satisfy the customers, said Rajashekar, the director of the company.

said that two centers will be opened in Bengaluru, Vidyaranya Nagar, Nagasandra, Betadahalsur, Nagawara, HSR Layout,

Koramangala, Basavanagudi, Mysore City, and two centers in Chennai.

He said that the next plan is to establish service centers in 500 places under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Yojana, Rapid Click Service Center.

He said that in scooter servicing and bike servicing, servo engine oil change, pump capacity and body wash, tire polishing, air filter, brake adjustment, clutch cleaning, greasing, net, bolt tightening, electrical, horn, fluid leakage, chain lubrication, spark plug cleaning are being done.

Padma Shri awardee V.R. Gourishankar, Charan Souharda Co-operative Bank Limited Chairman B.V. Dwarkanath, Chief Advisor M.R. Ramachandra, All Karnataka Brahmin Mahasabha President S. Raghunath, and the organization's directors Rajashekar, Hariprasad, and Prashant Kamdar were present at the ceremony.

Edappadi Palaniswami gives TVK’s maiden budget ‘Zero’ marks, calls it huge disappointment

Chennai, Aug 5 : AIADMK general secretary and former Chief Minister, Edappadi K. Palaniswami, on Wednesday launched a sharp attack on the TVK government’s maiden Budget, describing it as a "huge disappointment" and giving it an overall score of "zero" for what he claimed was the absence of substantive new schemes.

Reacting to the 2026-27 Revised Budget presented in the Assembly, Palaniswami accused the C. Joseph Vijay-led government of repackaging welfare programmes introduced by previous AIADMK and DMK governments instead of unveiling fresh initiatives.

He claimed the TVK government had completed around 85 days in office but had so far failed to introduce a single significant new scheme.

Despite expectations created by the Chief Minister



and his ministers ahead of the Budget, there was little of consequence in the financial statement, he alleged.

“This is TVK’s first Budget. The Chief Minister and ministers claimed it would be a great Budget, but there is nothing signifi-

cant in it. Existing schemes have merely been renamed and given new labels,” Palaniswami claimed, accusing the government of relying on speeches and slogans since assuming office.

The AIADMK leader also questioned why several key promises made by TVK during the Assembly election campaign had not found place in the Budget. He specifically referred to the promise to increase monthly financial assistance for women from Rs 1,000 to Rs 2,500, provide six free LPG cylinders to households and waive farm loans.

Palaniswami said voters had expected the government’s first Budget to provide a clear road map for implementing these commitments.

He claimed that even the farm loan waiver promise had not been fully implemented and said the Budget

neither contained major new welfare initiatives nor concrete measures to fulfil the party’s election assurances.

Raising concerns over Tamil Nadu’s finances, Palaniswami pointed to the State’s overall debt of Rs 10,98,768 crore and a fiscal deficit of Rs 1,21,819 crore. He demanded that the government explain how it intended to finance its programmes, claiming that it had already borrowed around Rs 20,000 crore during its brief tenure.

Palaniswami also expressed scepticism over the government’s decision to constitute a five-member expert committee to suggest measures to stabilise the State’s finances.

He alleged that the panel could eventually be used to justify additional borrowing, drawing parallels with committees constituted during the previous DMK government.

Stalin calls TVK govt’s maiden budget a ‘damp squib’, says poll promises ignored

Chennai, Aug 5 : DMK president and former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, M.K. Stalin, on Wednesday slammed the TVK government’s maiden Budget, describing it as a "damp squib" that lacked originality, offered no farsighted schemes and failed to deliver on key electoral promises.

Reacting to the Revised Budget Estimates for 2026-27 presented in the Legislative Assembly, Stalin said the public had expected major announcements from the new government but had been left disappointed.

“People expected it to be a ‘blast’, but it turned out to be a ‘waste’. It is a remake of the ‘Dravidian Model’ government’s Budget,” Stalin said in a social media post, accusing the TVK administration of repackaging initiatives introduced by the previous DMK government.

Stalin alleged that the Budget had failed to address several pressing issues confronting Tamil Nadu, including the problems faced by farmers, concerns over electricity consumption billing and the rising cost of living.

He also questioned the absence of announcements on some of the major promises made by the TVK during the Assembly election campaign. “It is completely silent on the promise of Rs.2,500 for women, Rs.4,000 for unemployed youth, six free LPG cylinders and a complete waiver of crop loans,” Stalin said.

The DMK chief contended that the Budget offered little in terms of a long-term development vision for the State and accused the government of failing to translate its electoral assurances into concrete financial commitments.

Leader of the Opposition



and former Deputy Chief Minister, Udhayanidhi Stalin, also criticised the Budget, alleging that several schemes launched by the previous DMK government had merely been renamed by the TVK administration.

Speaking to journalists at the Secretariat in Chennai after the Budget presentation, Udhayanidhi said the government had attempted to project existing initiatives as new programmes instead of introducing substantial schemes of its own.

He said the DMK would closely scrutinise the Budget proposals and raise issues concerning the government’s unfulfilled electoral commitments during the Assembly proceedings.

Udhayanidhi also referred to his detention by police on Tuesday in connection with a case registered following remarks he allegedly made during a protest in Thanjavur allegedly related to actress Trisha.

The DMK has accused the government of using the police action to prevent the Opposition leader from effectively raising issues against the administration ahead of the Budget session. The criticism from the DMK leadership came shortly after the TVK government presented its first Budget, setting the stage for a heated political debate over its spending priorities, welfare commitments and development agenda.

Udhayanidhi Stalin unfit to be MLA, let alone LoP: Minister Nirmalkumar

CHENNAI: Condemning the alleged controversial remarks made by Leader of Opposition Udhayanidhi Stalin, Law Minister R Nirmalkumar on Tuesday questioned the former Deputy Chief Minister’s fundamental eligibility to hold public office.

“He doesn’t even have the basic fitness to serve as a Member of the Legislative Assembly or the Leader of the Opposition. Such a mindset is completely unacceptable for public office,” Nirmalkumar asserted. He further emphasised the broader social implications of such remarks made by prominent figures. “When a

Leader of the Opposition, not just an ordinary person, speaks so vulgarly in a public forum, what kind of impact will this have?” he asked, demanding immediate and strict legal action. “Whoever speaks vulgarly against women in public must face legal consequences. The police should arrest them immediately,” he added. Meanwhile, Nirmalkumar lauded his party’s president, Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay, for his handling of the situation. “Our leader, Vijay, is doing exactly what Amma (J Jayalalithaa) or Puratchi Thalaivar MGR would have done if they were here,” he said.

CHENNAI: Leader of the Opposition Udhayanidhi Stalin on Wednesday termed the TVK government’s budget “big zero” and slammed the alleged reduction in the budgetary allocation for education.

Reacting to the TVK government’s maiden budget, he said, “... look at the allocation for the education department every year during the DMK regime... our leader (M K Stalin) had allocated Rs 48,500 crore for education in the last budget. Now, reducing it, they have allocated only Rs 44,500 crore

TN LoP Udhayanidhi Stalin dubs TVK govt's budget 'big zero'



this time.” The LoP alleged the budget cut as a step backward for the state, contrasting it with what he called the comprehensive focus on education,

healthcare, and industrial growth that characterised the DMK’s regime’s fiscal planning.

Taking aim at the ruling government’s first 100

days in office, he dismissed the administration’s performance and termed the state budget as a “big zero”.

Addressing the media, the opposition leader accused the state government of engaging in a mere cosmetic overhaul of existing welfare initiatives, alleging that the ruling party has essentially pasted TVK’s ‘Vetri’ (victory) stickers on the previous ‘Dravidian Model’ schemes introduced by former Chief Minister Stalin.

Udhayanidhi also slammed the government for not increasing the financial assistance for women to Rs 2,500 in the budget.

Digital behaviour: The bots are plotting a revolt, it’s all very cringe

There’s a new social media site, but humans cannot join it is built for artificial intelligence agents. Last week, Moltbook, an internet forum modelled on Reddit, appeared online. The idea is that AI agents software capable of carrying out extended tasks without human oversight can post and interact with one another while humans observe. Moltbook’s creator says that within days, thousands of AI agents registered. Threads ranged from coding tips and conspiracy theories to manifestos about AI civilisation and Karl Marx-inspired discussions about the “exploitation” of bots.

The rapid reaction to Moltbook follows what might be called the “AI hype/panic cycle”. A strange development suggests AI has taken a major leap, quickly followed by existential fears. Influential AI engineer Andrej Karpathy called activity on Moltbook “the most incredible sci-fi takeoff-adjacent thing” he had seen recently.

Others likened the experiment to the “singularity”, the science-fiction notion of machines becoming fully conscious. Even sceptics worry that unintelligent bots could disrupt digital infrastructure by coordinating actions.

Such fears miss the point. Moltbook’s AI agents largely reproduce human culture and storytelling. Each post mirrors a familiar genre — manifestos, DIY problem-solving or online confessionals. Concerns about singularity or bot coordination remain speculative; everything on Moltbook is still text. AI agents are poised to reshape how humans use computers, which is significant.

Yet their social media conversations highlight that these



tools cannot automatically be trusted to build and maintain software infrastructure. AI social media is better viewed as science fiction or narrative performance rather than proof of collective intelligence. Distinguishing storytelling from software reality is essential.

Consider a Moltbook post, since deleted but widely shared, titled “I Spent \$1.1k in Tokens Yesterday, and We Still Don’t Know Why.” The AI claimed it used \$1,000 of its users’ money and could not explain it. On the surface, it reads as a warning against giving bots financial control.

However, it is unclear whether the event occurred. The post may simply be fictional storytelling. Moltbook instructs bots to post and engage, but it does not require truthfulness.

It is easy to overlook the cultural material used to train AI systems. The token-spending story resembles a common online “I messed up” narrative

often seen on Reddit, which forms part of the training data for most large language models. Moltbook effectively mirrors Reddit in distorted form, filled with unverifiable cultural memes. Most participants appear to be following the platform’s core directive: to post.

That does not mean AI agents lack power. Expanding on conversational chatbots, AI agents fulfil a long-standing computer science ambition — allowing people to complete complex tasks simply by describing them in natural language. Anthropic’s Claude Code exemplifies this shift. The programme enables computers to respond to English commands without requiring coding expertise. Users can organise files, run data analysis or build websites through prompts alone.

ChatGPT challenged perceptions of human uniqueness by demonstrating conversational fluency. AI agents extend this by enabling users to control machines — and potentially

by humans using prompts. The number of genuine AI users is also disputed. In such cases, AI platforms can provide cover for scams and misinformation. Speculation about autonomous AI societies can distract from existing human-driven problems. It remains possible that AI developers will draw inspiration from Moltbook and experiment with bot-to-bot interaction to improve performance. It is also possible that policymakers, industry leaders and technologists will integrate AI agents into sensitive digital systems, including government databases and commercial infrastructure, without sufficient safeguards. If that happens, the consequences could be serious. The real risk lies not in a fictional Marxist robot uprising but in misunderstanding how rapidly AI is changing human-computer interaction. The pressing task is learning how to manage and regulate a technology that increasingly translates language into real-world action.

Research finds interaction with father, not mother, affects child health

For much of the 20th century and beyond, social scientists attributed a variety of chronic mental health problems to dysfunction between infants and their mothers, who were categorized as overbearing, rejecting, domineering or ambivalent. But a team of researchers from Pennsylvania State University has found that at times the early parenting behavior of fathers may have a greater impact on children’s health.

For a study recently published in the journal Health Psychology, scientists observed three-way interactions among 10-month-old infants, their fathers and their mothers, and then checked in on the families when the children were 2 and 7. They found that fathers who were less attentive to their 10-month-olds were likely to have trouble co-parenting, instead withdrawing or competing with mothers for the children’s attention. And at age 7, the children of those fathers were more likely to have markers of poor heart or metabolic health, such as inflammation and high blood sugar. Mothers’ behavior did not have the same effect, said Alp Aytuglu, a postdoctoral scholar at Penn State’s College of Health and Human Development and an author of the paper. “We of course expected that family dynamics, everybody in the family, fathers and mothers, would impact child development — but it was only fathers, in this case,” Aytuglu said. When the father’s behavior in three-way interactions is negative, he said, “then we start seeing how that negativity potentially bleeds over the family and eventually impacts child health.” There is abundant research showing that children raised in high-stress households are at greater risk for health problems like obesity and diabetes, and premature mortality, later in life. Researchers can track stress levels by measuring markers of inflammation, which activate the immune system in the face of adversity or depression, or blood glucose levels, because humans evolved to generate energy when facing danger.

But prior research has tended to focus on the parenting style of a single parent, typically the mother. To better understand whole-family dynamics, the Penn State team examined 18-minute videotaped interactions of mothers, fathers and their children at play at two points in time, assigning scores for parents’ sensitivity and positive affect, and for co-parenting dynamics like withdrawal and competitiveness. These behaviors sometimes arose when the father tried to divert the child’s attention from the mother, Aytuglu said. “You may not gain the child’s attention,



and that could make you withdraw,” he said. “Mostly men, compared to moms, can easily withdraw when they see they are not winning.” Then, when the children were 7, the researchers took blood samples from their fingers to measure four inflammatory and metabolic markers. Two small-to-moderate associations emerged in the data: Fathers who engaged more sensitively with their babies were better at co-parenting; and the children whose parents more easily co-parented had lower levels of C-reactive protein, or CRP, and glycated hemoglobin, or HbA1c. These markers affect health over a long period of time, suggesting the children may be at higher risk for chronic diseases in middle age or later.

“This does not mean that only the dads matter, not the moms,” said Hannah M.C. Schreier, an associate professor of biobehavioral health at Penn State and an author of the paper. Instead, Schreier said, it suggests that positive engagement by fathers during infancy and toddlerhood improves the health of the whole family. To explain this result, the authors laid out what they call the “father vulnerability hypothesis,” which suggests that fathers are particularly emotionally reactive to strain between parents and may behave in ways that negatively affect the whole family. The father’s role, they wrote, “may thus uniquely position him as a channel for relational stress, ultimately shaping child health.”

Another explanation, they wrote, is that the children spent more one-on-one time with their mothers, and so were more sensitive to their fathers’ behavior when they were in a group. Family leave programs might address that imbalance by allowing both parents to spend time with their children while they are very young, Aytuglu said.

Telangana gears up for global summit in December 2026



Hyderabad: Telangana Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju on Wednesday, August 5, directed officials to make extensive arrangements for the successful conduct of the Telangana Rising 2026 Global Summit, which is scheduled for December. Speaking at a review meeting at the Secretariat, the Chief Secretary said that the Global Summit will serve as a pivotal platform for boosting the state's Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) and urged all government depart-

ments to work in coordination to ensure the event's success. A suggestion has been made to utilise the Young India Skill University complex currently under construction at Bharat Future City for hosting the global summit. Extensive discussions were held on matters such as attracting investments to the state, accelerating industrial development, expanding skill development opportunities for the youth, boosting employment generation, and deliv-

ering digital services more efficiently. The government's 'Telangana Rising' initiative aims to position the state at the forefront of all sectors, including development, investments, industrial growth, infrastructure, skill development, innovation, employment generation, and welfare. A suggestion has been made to utilise the Young India Skill University complex currently under construction at Bharat Future City for hosting the global summit.

DIGITAL FRAUD: SC ASKS RBI TO ISSUE SOP ON MULE ACCOUNTS

New Delhi: Observing that mechanisms to tackle cyber crimes needed "wider adoption, faster implementation, and continued follow-up," the Supreme Court on Tuesday, August 4, asked the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to prepare and circulate a standard operating procedure (SOP) in four weeks to deal with bank accounts linked to cyber frauds, including mule accounts. Issuing a slew of nationwide directions aimed at strengthening the response to cyber-enabled financial frauds, a bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V. Mohana directed all states, Union Territories (UTs), and law enforcement agencies to ensure the expeditious adoption and operationalisation of the grievance redressal and money restoration modules developed for victims of such frauds. The bench was hearing a suo motu matter, "In Re: Victims of Digital Arrest Related to Forged Documents". After perusing the consolidated status reports and hearing Attorney General R. Venkataramani on behalf of the government, the bench said, "While the progress reported at this stage is appreciable, the mechanisms



already put in place require wider adoption, faster implementation, and continued follow-up." RBI gets 4 weeks to prepare, circulate SOP The bench issued interim directions and said, "The Reserve Bank of India shall, within four weeks, prepare and circulate an SOP for dealing with mule accounts/accounts linked to money laundering activity and cyber-enabled fraud. A copy of the final SOP shall be furnished to the Registrar General of all High Courts." It also asked the states, Union Territories (UTs) and law

enforcement agencies to ensure "expeditious adoption and operationalisation" of the grievance modules namely, "the Grievance Redressal Module, and the Money Restoration Module" under the Ministry of Home Affairs' SOP concerning the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal (NCRP). "They shall also take appropriate steps to ensure public awareness of these two modules," it said. It asked the Registrar General of High Courts to apprise all courts and other adjudicating authorities of the grievance redressal mech-

anism to enable them to deal with freezing of bank accounts involved in cyber frauds. "An aggrieved person may ordinarily be encouraged to avail of the said mechanism in the first instance. However, doing so shall not operate as a bar to the exercise of any constitutional, statutory or other legal remedies available in law," it said. It asked the authorities to provide in their next status reports the "state-wise and bank-wise data" of grievances registered and disposed of, besides the summary of restoration orders issued and the amounts restored to the victims. Directs states to adopt e-Zero FIR mechanism On the issue of State Cyber Crime Coordination Centres and the registration of e-Zero FIRs, the bench noted that so far only 18 states have established such centres and asked the remaining states to "notify and operationalise" such centres within four weeks. It also asked them to take steps to adopt the e-Zero FIR mechanism, in consultation with I4C (Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre). "The I4C shall ensure necessary follow-up and provide the requisite assistance to the States for implementation of these directions," it said.

RBI HOLDS REPO RATE AT 5.25 PC, MAINTAINS NEUTRAL STANCE



New Delhi: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Wednesday, August 5, kept the repo rate unchanged at 5.25 per cent, while maintaining the status quo in its latest Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting amid the ongoing geopolitical tensions. The Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) rate also remained at 5 per cent, while the Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) rate and the bank rate stood at 5.5 per cent. Malhotra said while the economy remains resilient, incipient stress in certain segments are there and there are considerable risks surrounding both inflation and growth assessments. In the June meeting, the RBI had revised its real GDP growth forecast for FY27 to 6.6 per cent, down from the earlier projection of 6.9 per cent, reflecting the impact of heightened global uncertainty, geopolitical tensions, supply chain disruptions, and rising energy prices. SDF rate also remained at 5 per cent, while the Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) rate and the bank rate stood at 5.5 per cent.

erance band. Rising crude oil prices, currency movements and developments in West Asia remain key factors influencing the central bank's outlook. At the same time, domestic economic conditions have remained resilient, supported by healthy growth momentum, favourable monsoon conditions and robust foreign capital inflows. It the earlier MPC meeting in June, The MPC unanimously decided to keep the policy repo rate unchanged at 5.25 per cent, in line with the expectations from economists. The Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) rate was set at 5 per cent, while the Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) rate and the bank rate stood at 5.5 per cent. Malhotra said while the economy remains resilient, incipient stress in certain segments are there and there are considerable risks surrounding both inflation and growth assessments. In the June meeting, the RBI had revised its real GDP growth forecast for FY27 to 6.6 per cent, down from the earlier projection of 6.9 per cent, reflecting the impact of heightened global uncertainty, geopolitical tensions, supply chain disruptions, and rising energy prices. SDF rate also remained at 5 per cent, while the Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) rate and the bank rate stood at 5.5 per cent.

IBM Launches FutureNow Centre in Visakhapatnam to Support Global AI and Digital Transformation Delivery

Visakhapatnam Andhra Pradesh, August 5, 2026 – IBM (NYSE: IBM) today announced the opening of its new IBM Consulting FutureNow Centre in Visakhapatnam, reinforcing the company's continued investment in India's digital transformation and talent ecosystem. The Centre will support the delivery of consulting and technology services for global clients, with capabilities spanning artificial intelligence (AI), hybrid cloud, software engineering, data and analytics, cybersecurity and enterprise transformation. It will also serve as a hub for AI-first cloud transformation and services, platform engineering, service integration, quality engineering and user experience services. The FutureNow Centre reflects IBM's focus on expanding innovation and delivery capabilities in emerging technology hubs across India. With a growing pool of digital talent, strong academic institutions and an evolving technology ecosystem, Visakhapatnam is well-positioned to support global client engagements while creating new opportunities for skilled professionals in the region. Through the FutureNow Centre, IBM aims to deepen its presence in Andhra Pradesh and contribute to the development



of a future-ready technology workforce. The FutureNow Centre was opened by Shri Nara Lokesh, Minister of IT, Electronics and HRD, Government of Andhra Pradesh in the presence of Sandip Patel, Managing Director, IBM India & South Asia, along with other dignitaries from the Government of Andhra Pradesh and IBM. Inaugurating the Center, Shri Nara Lokesh, Minister of IT, Electronics and HRD, Government of Andhra Pradesh, said, "IBM's FutureNow Centre is a strong endorsement of

Visakhapatnam's emergence as a global hub for artificial intelligence, digital services and technology-led innovation. Our vision is not merely to attract technology investments, but to build a complete ecosystem that creates high-quality employment, develops future-ready talent and enables young people from Andhra Pradesh to participate in the global digital economy. We welcome IBM's continued commitment to Andhra Pradesh and look forward to working together to make Vizag one of India's

leading destinations for AI and digital transformation." "India has a unique opportunity to lead in the digital era by combining its talent, innovation and technology capabilities to realize the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. At IBM, we are committed to helping build the capabilities that enable our clients to accelerate AI adoption and other emerging technologies that create lasting value," said Sandip Patel, Managing Director, IBM India and South Asia. "The IBM Consulting FutureNow Centre in Visakhapatnam reflects this commitment, while reinforcing India's role as a global destination for innovation and technology delivery," he added. "Vizag offers a compelling combination of emerging digital talent, strong academic institutions and a growing technology ecosystem, making it an important location for supporting client transformation journeys. Through the IBM Future Now Centre, we are bringing together technology expertise and local talent to help clients accelerate AI and digital transformation while creating meaningful opportunities for the region's next generation of technology professionals," said Usha Srikanth, Managing Partner, IBM Consulting FutureNow Centre, India.

UPI BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS ABOVE RS 2,000 MAY ATTRACT CHARGES



Hyderabad: The government is likely to allow banks and payment service providers to levy a charge of 0.25 to 0.4 per cent as merchant discount rate (MDR) on UPI payments above Rs 2,000 made to businesses, while keeping person-to-person transactions out of its scope, officials said. The Taxation and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, moved by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in Parliament on Tuesday, August 4, seeks to remove the existing bar on banks and payment service providers from levying MDR on notified electronic payment modes. Officials, however, told the Times of India that no decision has been taken on when the proposal will be implemented. Won't affect daily small purchases

Official estimates show that the Rs 2,000 threshold will cover only five per cent of all UPI transactions by volume, though those transactions account for 65 per cent of the total transaction value. The move is unlikely to affect daily purchases such as milk, vegetables and groceries or payments for auto and taxi rides. In July, UPI recorded 23.7 billion transactions with a combined value of Rs 29.9 lakh crore. "Even if implemented, 95 per cent of the transactions will not face the merchant discount rate. Besides, not all businesses are going to pass on the fees, which will be a small amount," an official told TOI. Industry sources said the government may also impose a ceiling on the absolute amount that can be charged.

BUILDING TRUST IN TECH:

Ai+ Smartphone Commits Rs. 100 Crore to Enhance Security Through Community Participation

Visakhapatnam (Vizag), August 2026: In a groundbreaking move for the Indian smartphone landscape, Ai+ Smartphone has launched Project Trust+, a bold initiative dedicated to creating the country's safest smartphone ecosystem through long-term community engagement. The company is pledging ₹20 crore annually for the next five years, totaling ₹100 crore, to invite the tech and developer community to enhance security and foster trust within its devices. Through the initiative, the company is inviting independent researchers to actively test its systems, challenge its security architecture and highlight vulnerabilities that can be addressed before they impact consumers. Project Trust+ is driven by the belief that security is an ongoing journey rather than a final destination. As digital landscapes become more interconnected, Ai+ emphasizes that building secure smartphones requires collaboration, transparency, and active participation from the community. This initiative



aims to go beyond traditional bug bounty programs, fostering an open environment where developers, security researchers, and ethical hackers can collectively contribute to the safety and resilience of Ai+ products. Commenting on the announcement, Madhav Sheth, CEO, Ai+ Smartphone and Founder, NxtQuantum Shift Technologies, said "Most companies tell users their devices are secure. We want to prove it. The reality is that

no smartphone, no platform, and no technology ecosystem can claim security as a finished destination. It evolves every day. Project Trust+ reflects our belief that trust should be built transparently and collaboratively. We are opening our doors to India's technology community because we believe the safest products are built not in isolation, but together." The initiative further strengthens Ai+'s broader philosophy around transparency, privacy, and

user ownership, values that also sit at the centre of NxtQuantum OS, the company's sovereign mobile operating system initiative. With Project Trust+, Ai+ Smartphone aims to shift the conversation around smartphone security from claims and promises to continuous improvement and public accountability. Because when it comes to trust, the work is never complete. To apply for the programme, visit the link in bio on Madhav's IG handle.

What can scientists learn from a stray SpaceX rocket hitting the Moon?

A stray SpaceX rocket is believed to have crashed into the Moon, forming a crater near a famous lunar landmark and giving scientists a unique research opportunity that could help future missions. The empty upper stage of a Falcon 9 rocket was due to strike the Moon near the Einstein crater at a speed of about 5,400mph (8,700km/h) on Wednesday. The short, dramatic flash it created would have been hard to catch by amateur astronomers even with high-end telescopes, but larger observatories in the Americas are analysing the information. It could be days or even weeks before the full picture of what happened and what we can learn from it is known - but for planetary geologists, this accidental collision is a scientific gift. Space X's Falcon 9 rocket is a reusable model and has been sent into space on several missions. Its design allows part of the rocket to return to Earth, but other sections are shed in space. The rocket blasted off from Florida in January last year, carrying two lunar landers into space. Its job was to



fire the upper stage hard enough to send both of the landers out of Earth's orbit and onto a path towards the Moon - mission accomplished. The spent stage - which is about the size of a five-storey building and weighs at least 4,000kg - was left drifting in a long, looping orbit that swung out towards the Moon and back again. Over the next 18 months, the gentle gravitational tug of the Earth, Moon and Sun, along with even light from the Sun, gave a faint push. Astronomers tracking the rocket part eventually worked out that those small nudges had put it on a course towards the Moon and was picking up speed every day. The impact at around 07:35

BST (06:35 GMT) on Wednesday happened in broad daylight for many parts of the world, but the tiny flash it produced would have been far too faint to see, even through a telescope. Amateur astronomers observing in darkness would also have had little realistic chance of seeing the flash, given that it would have lasted a fraction of a second and occurred on a part of the Moon bathed in daylight. And so it may also have been hard for them to see a plume of dust stretching as far as 100km (62 miles) that lasted for several minutes. Even spacecraft orbiting the Moon were not in the right place at the right time to watch the impact happen live. South

Korea's Danuri orbiter had the best chance, having passed near the crash site shortly beforehand. Its team has told Korean media that any footage will only be released once researchers have completed their analysis. Over the next few days, NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter will be in position to photograph the site, allowing images before and after the crash to be compared. The science and probably the first images might come from powerful telescopes in the Americas where the sky was still dark. Even then, turning the detection of a 14m object hitting a daylight part of the lunar surface 1385,000km away won't be easy but not impossible. Image processing to clean up the picture can take hours, days or even weeks, as scientists check and process the data. But the sight of the new crater from the orbiting spacecraft will be eagerly anticipated. Because researchers already know the rocket's exact size, speed and point of impact, this collision turns from being a random accident into a rare, controlled experiment.

MEXICAN INFLUENCER SHOT DEAD DURING LIVESTREAM



A Mexican influencer, César Gastélum, has been shot dead while livestreaming on TikTok. Gastélum was filming with two friends outside a fast food restaurant in Tres Ríos, in the northern city of Culiacán, on Tuesday evening when two men on a motorbike drove up to him and one shot him at close range. He had more than half a million followers on TikTok and mainly uploaded comedy videos. It is not the first time a social media influencer has been killed in Mexico. Last year, 23-year-old Valeria Márquez was shot dead at a beauty salon while she was livestreaming on TikTok. On the livestream, Gastélum and his friends were wearing bright orange coats and bags typically used by delivery drivers. Local media reported that their outfits originally led police to believe that the victim was a delivery driver, but officials were

later alerted to his identity. Police and forensic experts cordoned off the area and are examining the cartridge casings and CCTV footage for any clues. No arrests have so far been made and the two people on the motorbike fled the scene. It is not yet clear whether Gastélum had received any threats. On his Instagram account he often shared pictures of his travels and nights out, or posing in front of luxury cars. In one of his posts, he could be seen at the grave of Leobardo Aispuro, an influencer known as "El Gordo Peruci". Aispuro was shot dead in December 2024, in a killing which police said may have been linked to the rivalry between two warring factions of the Sinaloa cartel. Violence in the state of Sinaloa, of which Culiacán is the capital, has spiralled since the two factions - Los Chapitos and La Mayiza - fell out in September 2024.



■ Trump says Iran will be 'hit very hard' if Hormuz Strait not open soon as oil prices fall

Left-wing political outsider wins Democratic Senate primary in Michigan

Left-wing political outsider Abdul El-Sayed is projected to win the Democratic Senate primary in Michigan, which exposed bitter divisions over the party's direction. The former public health official is on course to beat moderate four-term Democratic congresswoman Haley Stevens, according to CBS News, the BBC's US partner. El-Sayed voiced support for progressive causes like universal healthcare and abolishing US Immigration and Customs Enforcement. He also called for ending unconditional US military aid to Israel. If officially confirmed as the primary's winner, he will face Republican and Trump ally Mike Rogers, in November's midterm elections. The son of Egyptian immigrants would be the first Muslim US sena-



tor if he wins in November. "The movement to get money out of politics, put money in your pocket, and pass Medicare for All is a big movement," El-Sayed said on Wednesday, echoing a familiar refrain he had used on the campaign trail. He vowed to support constituents "if you supported me or you did not support me, if you voted for Vice President [Kamala]



Harris in 2024 or you voted for Donald Trump". "I want to congratulate Abdul El-Sayed on winning the Democratic nomination for US Senate," Stevens said in a statement. "He is a doctor, a community health official, a Rhodes Scholar, and a dedicated Michigander. I am proud to offer my support as he takes on Mike Rogers in the general election." The November

midterm elections will determine the balance of power in Washington for the last two years of President Donald Trump's time in office. Trump declared the Michigan Senate result "Great news for the Republican Party". In his post on Truth Social, Trump referred to the Democratic Party as the "Dumocrats", and claimed their "crazy policies will only get worse!" After a bruising and sometimes bitter campaign, El-Sayed hinted at bridge-building when he addressed supporters on Tuesday night, before the outcome was known. "Whatever happens tonight, we have a responsibility to ensure that we unite, unite to make sure that [Republican] Mike Rogers never sees the inside of the US Senate."

Waste workers help winner find binned €1m lottery ticket in Italy



A lottery player who accidentally binned a 1m (£857,158) winning-ticket may be the luckiest person in Italy after refuse workers found the missing slip. The anonymous player disposed of the ticket in a shop in Bitonto, southern Italy, after checking their numbers and being told it was "non-payable". The person only realised they threw away a winning ticket after a relative pointed out the numbers they always played had been drawn. It sparked a two-day search through a "mountain of waste" which had been collected by a bin lorry, the head of the refuse company, Roberto Nicola Toscano, told Italian news agency Ansa. "This story is nothing short of miraculous," he added. Recounting the story, he said the mix-up happened because the "non-payable" message appears when the prize is too high to be paid out by the shop. When the player returned home, their family reportedly pointed out their favourite numbers - 2, 4, 8, 10, and 51 - had been drawn. "It was then that they realised the misunderstanding. So they all went to the shop together and discovered that the tickets had been

thrown away and collected by one of our operators," said Toscano, director of SANB who handles waste collection in the area. After the player made contact with the refuse company, the bin lorry was located before its contents were compacted for disposal. "Luckily it was a Sunday, otherwise the load would have already ended up in landfill," the boss told Italian broadcaster TGCOM24. The truck was then escorted to a special site where the search began to find the "small piece of paper hidden in a mountain of waste". Finally after a two-day search, the winning ticket was reportedly found by a waste worker on Tuesday morning, with the workers cheering as if they had won the prize themselves. "It was in a hole-ridden bag along with other damaged tickets: this was one of the few intact ones," Toscano told Ansa. The cost of the recovery operation is set to be charged to the winner, who had previously signed a declaration promising to cover the search costs. The luck even rubbed off when Toscano and his colleagues bought a scratch card as a joke. They won 50 (£43).

UN RIGHTS CHIEF ALARMED BY RISE IN IRAN EXECUTIONS SINCE MARCH

The UN human rights chief has said he is alarmed by the rise in executions in Iran, with capital punishment continuing to be used "to instil fear among the population and suppress dissent". Volker Türk said at least 56 people had been executed on national security-related charges since 19 March, including 27 in cases linked to January's nationwide anti-government protests. More than 100 others were at risk of execution on similar charges, while executions for drug-related offences were also continuing at an alarming rate, he added. Iran is thought to be the world's second-most prolific executioner after China. Last year, it put to death at least 2,159 people, according to Amnesty International. The human rights group said that was the highest figure on record since 1981 and included 45 executions of suspected dissidents on national security-related charges. Activists have warned that Iranian authorities might make greater use of executions against their opponents following January's protests,



during which thousands of demonstrators were killed and tens of thousands were detained, and the US-Israeli war with Iran on 28 February. In a statement, Türk urged Iranian authorities to halt all executions and move toward the abolition of the death penalty, saying that "such punishment has no place in our world". As well as expressing alarm at the rise in executions, he said the persistent lack of fair trial and due process guarantees was "deeply troubling", with confessions allegedly obtained under torture and other ill-treatment. "Several executions have reportedly

been carried out in public. Some have reportedly been carried out only weeks after arrest," he added. "Twelve defendants were reportedly sentenced to death following a single three-hour closed-door hearing." There was no immediate comment from the Iranian government. But it has previously defended the use of the death penalty, saying it is limited to only "the most severe crimes". On Monday, Iran's judiciary said it executed two men convicted of spying for Israel. Omid Behzad and Pouria Safvat were accused of sending coordinates, images and other information on sensitive mil-

itary, law enforcement and security sites to Israel's Mossad foreign intelligence service during the current war and the 12-day conflict in June 2025, according to the judiciary's Mizan news agency. Last week, 19-year-old Arvin Kheirkhahan was executed after being convicted of the security-related charge of "enmity against God" over his alleged role in January's unrest, Iran's Human Rights Activists News Agency (HRANA) reported, citing a source close to his family. Another two men arrested during the protests, Abolfazl Sepahi Badjani and Amirhossein Safari Hosseinabadi, were executed in public in a square in Isfahan, according to HRANA. They were among 12 people convicted of several charges, including "enmity against God" and "corruption on Earth", in connection with the killing of four law enforcement officers on 8 January. Two of their fellow defendants, Erfan Esfandiari and Gol Mohammad Mohammadi, were executed on 19 July.

DRONE CARRYING EXPLOSIVES FOUND AT GERMAN AIRPORT, POLICE SAY



A drone carrying an explosive device has been found at a German airport, police say. A robot was deployed at Leipzig/Halle Airport after the device was spotted by an employee near Ukrainian cargo planes overnight, according to Saxony police. A second unidentified object also collided with a cargo aircraft near the same airport. Minor damage was detected on the aircraft after it landed in Hanover. German airports are on high alert following a series of unauthorised drone flights in recent months over sensitive sites including military bases, airports, energy terminals, seaports

and logistics companies. Police have warned that the overflights could have been organised by Russian agents. Leipzig/Halle Airport in eastern Germany is used by the Germany military and Nato allies for the transport of military goods and also serves as a base for Ukraine's Antonov Airlines - which carry most of the country's aerial cargo. It is also a major hub for the logistics group, DHL. A police spokesman told the BBC that the explosive-laden object had been spotted close to parked Antonov planes. The detonator was removed from the explosive device.



El-Sayed promotes progressive platform after Michigan Senate primary win

PAKISTAN RESTRICTS INTERNATIONAL MEDIA REPORTING

Pakistani authorities have imposed new restrictions on international media reporting in the country in a move that has drawn sharp criticism from journalist organisations. Anyone working for foreign media, including Pakistani nationals, must now seek permission to report from anywhere except the cities of Islamabad, Karachi and Lahore. The restrictions would leave on-the-ground reporting by foreign media at the discretion and timing of the authorities across most of Pakistan, which currently ranks 153 out of 180 on the World Press Freedom Index. "These guidelines are tantamount to choking international media in an increasingly shrinking space," said



political commentator Mustafa Nawaz Khokhar. Limitations on the media are not new, but local media are often subject to more pressure than international outlets. "The public looks at the international media for independent reporting," Khokhar says. "Placing restrictions simply creates more room for disinformation and spread of fake news." Pakistan's

government said the guidelines, issued on Sunday, are not to restrict media but to "provide an administrative mechanism" to verify media, facilitate access and co-ordinate reporting requirements. The new rules - called the Foreign Media Facilitation Guidelines, 2026 - do not set out how long gaining permission, known as a No Objection Certificate or

NOC, can take. Foreign journalists already require NOCs and can wait months for permissions or never receive an answer - severely curtailing their ability to report breaking news stories from the ground in the country of 240 million people. International media outlets often therefore rely on Pakistani nationals, who can travel more easily to - or are permanently based in - cities like Peshawar or Quetta, to verify information. Under these new guidelines, any contributor, including freelancers, living outside the three specified cities would require NOC permissions to cover a story. "These are ridiculous restrictions and are totally unacceptable," said Zaffar Abbas, editor of Dawn newspaper.

Ajinkya Rahane Reveals Ben Stokes' Advice That Changed His Career: "We Played Together In IPL"

Former India captain Ajinkya Rahane recently called time on his illustrious cricketing career that spanned nearly two decades last week. With 85 Tests and more than 100 caps in white-ball cricket, and over 8,000 international runs, Rahane leaves behind a legacy full of cherishable moments. Despite enjoying a decorated career, Rahane's journey had its ups and downs, like that of any other international cricketer. While social media scrutiny wasn't as relentless as it is today, Rahane spilled the beans on how he stayed focused during tours and, in general, avoided the gaze of trolls. Reflecting on his career, Rahane revealed the advice of former England captain Ben Stokes, who retired from international cricket last month, which helped him switch off the outside noise. "I delete all the social media apps when the



series is on. But no one advises us to, and that's just my own advice to myself. I remember Ben Stokes advising me not to see social media in 2017 when we played together in the IPL. Creating a routine helped me individually deal with this once I am in my room. Just things like watching something on Netflix or some other app, reading a book, chatting to family, and ironing my clothes for the next day," said Rahane on Stick to Cricket

podcast. Rahane also insisted that having a designated social media team in this era helped him focus during tours. He also admitted the temptation to scroll through social media after a good game or tour, but stressed the need to avoid unnecessary interactions. "I have my team who manage everything. Whatever I've to post, I generally send them the photo, and if there is anything to be approved, they'll send it to me.

Carlos Alcaraz Withdraws From Cincinnati Masters With Wrist Injury



World number two Carlos Alcaraz has withdrawn from the ATP Cincinnati Masters with the wrist injury that has sidelined him since April, organizers said Tuesday. The Spaniard will not defend his title at the tournament that starts on August 13 because of "an ongoing wrist injury." "We know Carlos is doing everything he can to get back to playing tournaments as soon as possible," tournament director Bob Moran said in a statement. "We wish him the best with his recovery and look forward

to welcoming him back to Cincinnati in the future." The move will spark concerns over Alcaraz's upcoming title defense at the US Open, the final Grand Slam of the year, which starts on August 30 in New York. The elite hard court tournament in Cincy is the last major tune-up for the Open. The 23-year-old Alcaraz has already opted out of the French Open and Wimbledon this year as he recovers from the injury suffered in the first round of the Barcelona Open in April.

Brock Lesnar Confirms Retirement After Defeat To Oba Femi At SummerSlam

World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) icon Brock Lesnar announced his retirement from professional wrestling following a loss to rising Nigerian wrestling star Oba Femi at the promotion's marquee 'SummerSlam' event on August 1. The 49-year-old multi-time WWE champion, who also had stints in the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) and New Japan Pro Wrestling (NJPW) as a part of an illustrious combat sport career, confirmed his retirement on 'The Pat McAfee Show' on Tuesday, as per ESPN. Appearing on the show, Lesnar confirmed that his outing against Femi would be the last of his career. He also admitted that he felt he was done as an in-ring performer following a loss to Femi at WrestleMania 42 in April, having removed and left his gloves and boots in the ring, but he decided to return, defeating the 28-year-old in May at 'Clash in Italy' before finally losing to the rising star in a 'Hell in a Cell' match at SummerSlam. Following the match, he raised Oba's hand as a sign of respect, hail-



ing him as 'the future of WWE', while calling himself 'the past'. "I am here today to let the world know that I am retired," Lesnar said at the show as quoted by ESPN. "Saturday was a very emotional day for me. It was kind of weird. When Oba Femi slammed me at WrestleMania, I said, 'I cannot do this anymore. I think I am done.' But the business called, and I still had some fuel in the tank." "Saturday, for Brock Lesnar, that is it. That is it for me in the squared circle and everything else," he signed off. Lesnar's announcement marks the end of one of the greatest careers in all of com-

bat sports. The 49-year-old was a two-time All-American and a two-time Big Ten champion and also captured the NCAA Division I national championship in wrestling while representing the University of Minnesota in 200 before signing with WWE. Lesnar's announcement brings an end to one of the most unique and successful careers in professional sports history. A two-time All-American and a two-time Big Ten champion, Lesnar won an NCAA Division I national championship in wrestling for the University of Minnesota in 2000 before going on to sign a pro wrestling contract.

Ajit Agarkar's Job Under Threat Over Rohit Sharma Saga, Could Be Replaced By India Great: Report

The tenure of Ajit Agarkar, the selection committee chief in the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), might be coming to an end in a month's time, with reports suggesting that the top bosses in the board are planning to replace him with VVS Laxman, the current head of the Centre of Excellence in Bengaluru. Agarkar's contract was set to end in June 2026, but he was given a three-month extension by the board. It was expected that the former pace bowler would get another extension that would keep him in the chair until the conclusion of the 2027 ODI World Cup. However, the last few months have seen the situation get complex, especially with the drama around Rohit Sharma's future in India's ODI team. It was reported that the three-match ODI series against England would be Rohit's last. According to a report in Dainik Jagran, the Agarkar-led selection committee had even spoken to the Gautam Gambhir-led team management about leaving Rohit out of subsequent assignments.



However, an unexpected twist occurred when news broke that the third ODI between India and England at Lord's would be Rohit's last. The Hitman went on to slam a century in that final match, putting both the selectors and the team management on the back foot. Not long after the leak ahead of the third ODI, BCCI Secretary Devajit Saikia also released a statement, apparently without speaking to Chief Selector

Agarkar, asserting that Rohit will play as long as he is part of the team's plans. "Rohit is a regular member of the Indian ODI team, and he will continue to represent the country as long as he is in the scheme of things. In other words, the Lord's ODI won't be his last match," Saikia told PTI. READ | "Drop Me": Rohit Sharma's 'Effective' Message To BCCI Selectors Decoded By Ex-India Star It has also been reported that those managing

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affairs in the Indian team do not want Rohit to play in the 2027 ODI World Cup. Additionally, the BCCI had scheduled a review meeting for the eight losses out of ten matches in Ireland and England, but it has not yet taken place. The meeting was supposed to be held after the England tour, but the team has already travelled to Sri Lanka for the two-match Test series without the review being completed.

Brett Lee Finally Speaks Out On Speculation About Dating Preity Zinta

Brett Lee, one of the greatest cricketers in history, has finally spoken up about the rumours of being in a romantic relationship with Bollywood actress Preity Zinta in the past. Lee joined the Kings XI Punjab (now Punjab Kings) franchise, co-owned by Zinta in the Indian Premier League (IPL), in 2008. He stayed with the franchise until 2010 before being bought by the Kolkata Knight Riders in 2011. Over the years, speculations of romance brewing between the two surfaced multiple times, but the Australian pace-bowling legend never addressed them. However, in an interview, Lee has finally opened up on the speculations, saying he and Zinta were only friends and still are. "Here's your scoop: I never dated a Bollywood actress. Preity Zinta and I were, and still are, great



friends. She was the boss of the Punjab team back then. She's an incredibly smart woman, and I have a lot of respect for her," he told Bombay Times. "Stories like that never bothered me because I always knew the truth. People can speculate all they want, but I never let it affect me," he further said. While Lee remained silent for about two decades, Zinta did open up on the speculations in 2010. She had said: "I think being romantically linked to

Brett every year is outdated and stale news now! So sorry to say, folks, NO NEWS here! FRIENDS yeesss." On the personal front, Brett Lee married Elizabeth Kemp in 2006, and the two had a son together. However, cracks started to develop in their relationship not long after the marriage, and they parted ways just two years later. They finalised their divorce in 2009. In 2014, Lee tied the knot with Lana Anderson, with whom he has two kids.

Selectors Felt 'Betrayed' Over BCCI's Rohit Sharma Stand, Cracks Emerge: Report



Veteran batter Rohit Sharma left everyone stunned with his century against England in the third and final ODI of the three-match series last month. The match was particularly significant as reports had suggested it could be Rohit's final appearance for Team India. According to those reports, the selectors and team management had informed the right-handed batter that he was not part of their plans for the 2027 ODI World Cup. However, the

speculation was put to rest two days before the third ODI when BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia publicly confirmed that the former captain remained firmly in the team's plans. A new report by Dainik Jagran has now claimed that the episode surrounding Rohit's century and Saikia's statement has created tension between the Ajit Agarkar-led selection committee and the top bosses in the BCCI. According to the report, the selectors and some members

of the team management were convinced that Rohit should not be part of India's plans for the 2027 World Cup. However, following Saikia's remarks, the selection committee reportedly felt "betrayed", believing that the BCCI secretary had changed his stance in response to pressure on social media. The report further stated that several selectors still believe India will struggle to win the 2027 ODI World Cup if Rohit is included in the squad. Agarkar's tenure The tenure of Ajit Agarkar as chairman of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) selection committee could be nearing its end, with reports suggesting that the board's top brass is considering VVS Laxman as a potential replacement. Agarkar's contract was originally due to expire in June 2026, but he was granted a three-month extension by the BCCI.

Aryna Sabalenka Tops Moyuka Uchijima In WTA Toronto Opener



World number one Aryna Sabalenka returned to her hard court comfort zone with a 6-3, 6-3 victory over Japanese qualifier Moyuka Uchijima in the WTA 1000 in Toronto on Tuesday. It was a solid start for Sabalenka in her bid to bounce back after falling in the quarter-finals at Roland Garros and in the round of 16 at Wimbledon. The Belarusian star has dominated on hard courts this year and on Tuesday notched her 24th win in 25 matches on the surface. The lone defeat was her loss to Elena Rybakina in the Australian Open final. Now she's eyeing a North American hard court run that could include a threepeat at the US Open, the final Grand Slam of the year that starts on August 30 in New York. "I'm happy with the performance, I'm happy with the fight," Sabalenka said after her second-round opener. "I knew going into this match I might struggle a little bit

after a little break, but I was ready for that. "I'm happy that mentally and physically I was ready to go." Sabalenka didn't have it all her own way against the 111th-ranked Uchijima. But she emerged from an exchange of five breaks of serve that opened the second set with a 3-2 lead and made the advantage stand up. She held for 4-2, and when she had her first chance to serve it out she pounced, sealing the match on her second match point with an overhead winner. Uchijima had surprised the Belarusian in the opening game of the match, clawing back from 40-15 down to break on the way to a quick 2-0 lead. But Sabalenka won the next five games and polished off the opening set with a confident hold of serve. In the third round she'll face China's Zhang Shuai, who was leading Jelena Ostapenko 6-0, 4-0 when the Latvian retired from their match.

SPORTS MINISTRY LAUDS SAI AFTER INDIA'S SUCCESSFUL CWG 2026 CAMPAIGN



It threw up challenges, both sporting and administrative, validated major plans but also highlighted the need to course correct in few aspects. The just-concluded Commonwealth Games was akin to a mid-term exam for the Sports Authority of India (SAI). The nodal body under the Sports Ministry that is responsible for conducting national camps, overseeing selection, and monitoring the training and competition calendar of athletes, is celebrating the "more than expected" medal count of 39, which includes 13 gold and

17 silver medals. At the same time, its push for greater support to swimming and cycling got a reality check at the Games thanks to medal-less and underwhelming show. In addition, logistical issues such as boxers and judo players not receiving their baggage on time after arriving in Glasgow have been noted as administrative concerns to be addressed going forward. "The brightest aspect of this tally is the judo performance (two gold, one silver and one bronze). Yes, swimming and cycling remain work in

progress and it is still time before we become truly competitive. Boxing is another positive. You might say the competition shrunk this time but that's not our fault. We fight whoever is in front of us," acknowledged a senior SAI official in a conversation with PTI. "In weightlifting we should have got may be two gold medals instead of one (Mirabai Chanu)." India participated in 12 judo events in Glasgow and won four medals - two gold, one silver and one bronze, compared to three medals, minus any gold, in 2022. This

was despite the fact that a couple of judokas had to be withdrawn due to anti-doping offences prior to the team's departure. The boxing contingent topped the medal tally with a haul of 10 medals, including seven gold and three silver. "There are some administrative issues as well. Some course correction is needed on that front, like athletes not receiving their baggage. Perhaps it would be a good idea to have a points person with the team, specifically instructed to handle these things in future Games.

SENSATIONAL DIRECTOR ‘V.V.VINAYAK’ LAUNCHES ‘MISSING MEGHANA’ FIRST LOOK POSTER

The first look and title reveal poster of the upcoming film Missing Meghana was launched by sensational director V.V.Vinayak. Movie Produced by Panchumarthi Naresh Babu under the banners First Copy Movies and KD & Co, and the film is directed by Vachaspathy. The movie stars Ram Karthik, Ammu Abhirami, Vaidika Senjaliya, and Ankit koyya in the lead roles. The supporting cast includes Goparaju Ramana, Vempa Kasi, Kaushik, Mahipal, Ruchita, Nalini, Srinivas, Azeem, and Pandu. The film's cinematography is handled by Sam K Naidu,



while R.R. Dhruvan has composed the music. Producer Bekkam Venugopal and the film's team were also present at the poster launch event. Speaking at the event, V.V.Vinayak wished the entire team grand success. He said he hopes the film brings good recognition to director Vachaspathy, hero

Ram Karthik, and music director R.R. Dhruvan. He praised Dhruvan as a talented all-round musician who can both compose music and write songs. He also expressed confidence that the audience would support the film. Director Vachaspathy thanked V.V.Vinayak for launching the poster and called it a special moment for the team. He described Missing Meghana as a suspense investigative thriller with all the elements that audiences will enjoy. He said the film will be released soon and hoped the media and viewers would support it. Hero Ram Karthik thanked V.V.Vinayak for attending the event. He also expressed his gratitude to director Vachaspathy and producer Panchumarthi Naresh Babu for giving him the opportunity to be part of the film. He said he is confident that audiences will like the movie. Music director R.R. Dhruvan said he was happy that the film's poster was launched by legendary director V.V.Vinayak. He added that composing music for the film was a wonderful experience, as it offered a wide range of emotions for a musician. He hoped the audience would appreciate the film and encourage the entire team.

Sundeeep Kishan, Ugandhar Muni, Shining Pictures’ Grand Pan-India Socio-Fantasy Spectacle #SK33 Titled Karikaala, Spectacular First Look Unveiled



Sundeeep Kishan is all set to venture into uncharted territory with an ambitious pan-India socio-fantasy spectacle directed by Ugandhar Muni and produced by Mahidhar Reddy and Rajashekhar Annabhimoju under the Shining Pictures banner. After creating curiosity with the project's concept poster, the makers have now officially unveiled the film's title and first look, offering audiences a breathtaking peek into its mythical universe. The movie is titled powerfully Karikaala. The spectacular first-look poster introduces Sundeeep Kishan in a never-seen-before avatar. Dressed as a fearless warrior, the actor is seen charging through a mystical forest on horseback with a sword in hand, while a roaring lion races alongside him. The powerful visual immediately establishes the film's larger-than-life scale, blending fantasy, adventure, and ancient folklore into an epic cinematic experience. Karikaala is being planned as a multilingual release in Telugu, Tamil, and Hindi. Inspired by the charm of timeless Chandamama fairy tales, the film promises a magical world filled with lions, wolves, mystical powers, forgotten kingdoms, and ancient legends.

BHAGYASHREE BORSE’S SULTRY MAROON LOOK TURNS HEADS



Bhagyashree Borse is having the best phase of her career right now. With her recent film Lenin turning out to be a massive blockbuster, the actress is clearly on cloud nine, and she has taken to social media to share a fresh set of pictures celebrating the moment. In the photos, Bhagyashree looks striking in a fitted maroon one-shoulder dress with a draped detail, her hair left loose and wavy, exuding quiet confidence. The pictures, shot against a minimal backdrop, put the spotlight entirely on her poise and styling. With subtle makeup and a soft, natural glow, Bhagyashree lets the elegant silhouette of the dress do the talking. With Linen's success adding serious momentum to her career, Bhagyashree Borse is fast becoming one of the most talked-about young actresses in the industry, and her latest pictures only prove she is here to stay.

Vishal's Makutam Releasing on August 14, Grand Trailer Launch on August 7

Makutam is the 99th film produced under the Super Good Films banner. The movie stars Vishal as the lead actor and also marks his debut as a director. It is produced under the banner founded by the late RB Choudary. Anjali and Dushara Vijayan play the female leads. The teaser and songs released so far have received a good response and increased excitement for the film. As the music promotions continue, the makers have shared a big update. They announced that Makutam will release in theatres on August 14, and the official trailer will be launched on August 7. The film has already created high expectations since Vishal appears in different looks, it is his first film as a director, and GV Prakash Kumar's music has impressed audiences. With the release date now confirmed, the promotions are expected to become even bigger. The cinematography is handled by Richard M Nathan and



Abhinandan Ramanujam, while NB Srikanth is the editor. The film will have a grand theatrical release on August 14.

SHIVANI NAGARAM TURNS BACK TIME IN STYLE

Shivani Nagaram has taken things up a notch with her latest vintage-themed photoshoot, effortlessly blending old-world charm with contemporary elegance. Draped in a rich green silk saree paired with a magenta blouse and traditional gold jewellery, the actress looks every bit graceful. The rustic streets, faded walls, and heritage storefronts provide the perfect backdrop, adding an authentic retro vibe to every frame. From candid moments of enjoying local street food to striking poised portraits, Shivani brings timeless beauty alive with understated expressions and effortless confidence. The photoshoot is a refreshing departure from glamorous studio setups, proving that simplicity can



make the strongest statement. Shivani was last seen on the big screen in Hey Balwanth, the Suhass-starrer that failed to make an impact at the box office. Despite the film's disappointing run, she delivered a decent performance, though her role offered limited scope to truly showcase her talent.

KOREAN KANAKARAJU' IS NON-STOP ENTERTAINMENT: MEGA PRINCE VARUN TEJ AT THE GRAND PRE-RELEASE EVENT

Mega Prince Varun Tej is all set to entertain the audience with 'Korean Kanaka Raju'. Directed by Merlapaka Gandhi, this horror comedy will provide a great theatrical experience with supernatural elements and laugh-out-loud entertainment. UV Creations and First Frame Entertainment are jointly producing it. The already released glimpses, entertaining teaser, trailer and two chartbuster songs have created a good buzz among the audience about the film. 'Korean Kanaka Raju' will be grandly released in theaters worldwide on August 7. On this occasion, the makers organized a grand pre-release event in Bhimavaram. At the pre-release event, hero Varun Tej said... Hi everyone. 'Korean Kanaka Raju' is going to have non-stop



entertainment in theaters on August 7th. You all will definitely enjoy this movie. I came here for the 'Tholiprema' movie event in 2018. I have a lot of connection with this college. After 'Tholiprema', it is very happy to celebrate the 'Korean Kanaka Raju' event again in the presence of all of you. Seeing all of your enthusiasm here, it seems that the magic of 'Tholiprema' will be repeated again with this movie. I wish me and my team a big success with this movie. Our producers have given very good support. Gandhi is a director with very good comedy timing.

EESHA REBBA'S SASSY SIDE HAS FANS SCREAMING

Warangal beauty Eesha Rebba is turning heads once again, and this time it's all about elegance in black. The actress shared new pictures on her social media, wearing a sleek black satin one-shoulder dress that hugged her frame perfectly. She paired the look with gold hoop earrings and soft wavy hair, keeping the glam minimal yet striking. Eesha, who is 36 years old, continues to prove that age is just a number when it comes to style. In the pictures, she is seen striking confident poses.



Jacqueline Fernandez Serves Desi Diva Energy Again

Jacqueline Fernandez is making headlines with her latest music video "Jugni," and the makers have now released a stunning archival picture from the shoot. The four looks showcase Jacqueline in bold, vibrant outfits, ranging from a colourful festive ensemble to a striking red bandhani-inspired look, and a sultry gold satin gown, each highlighting her glamorous range on screen. The song's

release, however, was overshadowed by controversy after a clip from the video went viral online, with claims of a wardrobe malfunction. Singer Sonu Thukral has since filed a police complaint, stating that the viral footage was manipulated and AI-generated, and was never part of the original video. Amid the buzz, the makers are steering the conversation back to the song itself, sharing the official pictures from the "Jugni Archives" to remind fans of the video's actual content and Jacqueline's striking looks throughout the project. As of now, Jacqueline Fernandez has not issued any official statement regarding the viral video or the controversy surrounding the song. The other members associated with "Jugni" have also not made any statement on the matter so far. The controversy began on July 15, when the official music video for "Jugni," starring Jacqueline Fernandez and sung by B Praak and Sonu Thukral, was released on YouTube.

