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OM NAMO VENKATESAYA
18-09-2026
Total pilgrims: 76,060
Temple: 32,248
Handi: 3,0 CR
Laddu sale: 4.56 Lac
Aarogya: 2.21 Lac
Ashwini hospital: 4,208
Present Situation on 19-09-2026:
Waiting Compartments...
Out side line at silathoranam
Approx. Darsan Time for Sarvadarshanam (with out SSD Tokens)... 18 H.

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IN BRIEF

8 killed as car falls into drain in MP

AGAR MALWA: Eight people, among them three children and two women, were killed after their car fell into a swollen drain in Madhya Pradesh's Agar Malwa district in the early hours of Saturday, police said. The accident occurred near the Bagulamukhi temple in Nalkhedra town, around 30 km from the district headquarters. Nalkhedra police station in-charge Shashi Upadhyay said. He said that the car with devotees from Odisha fell into the drain, which was overflowing with rainwater, and the occupants, including three children, two women and three men, were killed. The Nalkhedra police launched a rescue operation, retrieved the bodies and sent them for post-mortem, the official said, adding that a case has been registered and further details are awaited.

Cong won't withdraw Nandigram candidate

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: AICC general secretary K C Venugopal on Saturday said the Congress would not withdraw its candidate Milan Pradhan from the Nandigram Assembly bypoll in West Bengal and would raise his arrest as a national issue. Pradhan was arrested on Friday in connection with an old case related to the 2007 Nandigram anti-land acquisition movement, a senior Congress leader claimed. Pradhan, who has been named in more than 12 cases linked to the Nandigram land movement, was picked up from a hotel in Chandipur in Purbu Medinipur district, party sources said. Former West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee announced her party's support for Pradhan in the Nandigram bypoll on Friday, hours after her faction's candidate withdrew from the contest.

PM Modi highlights FTAs, skilling and jobs

NEW DELHI (TSIT):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said the government was working on multiple fronts to expand employment opportunities for the youth, citing Free Trade Agreements (FTAs), skilling initiatives and a Rs 1 lakh crore employment incentive scheme aimed at bringing two crore young people into the formal workforce.

Addressing a 'Rozgar Mela' (Jobs Fair) virtually, he also said the talent and skills of India's youth had won the trust of the entire world, which has great expectations from Indian innovators, entrepreneurs and the country's youthful strength.

"India signed 40 Free Trade Agreements. These FTAs are opening new doors of possibilities for our youth. Such trade agreements pave the way for new partnerships for our entrepreneurs, open paths to new markets, and create new possibilities in careers for our youth,"



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Modi said. At the function, he distributed more than 51,000 appointment letters virtually to newly selected youth, who will join various government departments and organisations.

Referring to the just-concluded BRICS Summit,

Modi said India's effort had been to ensure that BRICS cooperation did not remain limited to governments alone. "Our entrepreneurs, our farmers, our women, our youth — everyone should become an active partner in this partnership," he said.

He said initiatives such as BRICS CONNECT and the BRICS MSME Cooperation Portal were aimed at bringing entrepreneurs, farmers, women and youth into such partnerships.

Referring to the country's startup ecosystem, the prime minister said India's youth power was reflected in it and that the startup ecosystem was no longer limited to big cities but had expanded to smaller cities as well.

"India is today the world's third-largest startup ecosystem. And India's startup story is no longer just the story of big cities. Today, nearly half of recognised startups are in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities," he said.

Cong Kharge slams arrest, accuses BJP of 'vote chori'



NEW DELHI (TSIT):

Congress President and Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge on Saturday launched a sharp attack on the Bharatiya Janata Party over the arrest of Congress candidate Milan Pradhan in connection with the Nandigram Assembly by-election, alleging that the action was part of a brazen attempt at "vote chori" and "chunav chori" and accusing the ruling party of murdering democracy in West Bengal. In a strongly worded post on social media platform X, Kharge alleged that the BJP was misusing agencies to target an Opposition candidate, claiming that the ruling party has become so insecure that it has been resorting to such measures even in a by-election.

CM Vijay writes to PM Modi

Seeks new operator for Chennai airport



CHENNAI (TSIT):

The Tamil Nadu government has sought a change in the operator of Chennai airport, with Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay writing to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in August, according to a Daily Thanthi report.

The state government has expressed dissatisfaction over certain aspects of the airport's current functioning and has called for a new operator to manage the facility, an English daily reported.

In his letter, Vijay is learnt to have stressed the need for world-class airport infrastructure and man-

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agement to support Tamil Nadu's efforts to attract industrial investments.

The Chief Minister reportedly pointed out that Chennai airport needs improvement in three key areas — passenger traffic, aircraft movements and cargo-handling capacity.

The state government has suggested replacing the

Airports Authority of India (AAI), the current operator and manager of the airport, with another operator, citing the need for a more efficient and globally competitive facility.

The move is being viewed as a step towards bringing private-sector management to Chennai airport. It also comes in the backdrop of the Tamil Nadu government's decision to drop the proposed airport project at Parandur in Kancheepuram district, reports said.

The state has maintained that a high-quality international airport is essential for Tamil Nadu to sustain its position as a leading destination for industrial investments.

CPI opposes move
Meanwhile, the Communist Party of India (CPI) has urged the Tamil Nadu government to withdraw the proposal to replace the Airports Authority of India (AAI) as the operator of Chennai airport, terming it an attempt at privatisation.

CM Vijay to launch 'Thai Maman Gold Ring Scheme' on Sep 28

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CHENNAI (TSIT):

Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay will launch the "Thai Maman Thanga Mothiram" scheme on September 28, under which a one-gram gold ring will be given to children born in government hospitals, the state government announced on Friday.

Under the scheme, children born in government hospitals from June 22, 2026, will be eligible for a one-gram gold ring.

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ABVP wins three DUSU posts; independent gets VP



NEW DELHI (TSIT):

The RSS-affiliated ABVP won three of four central panel posts in the Delhi University Students' Union election, while independent candidate Deepanshu Shokeen, denied an NSUI ticket, won the vice-president's post. Congress's NSUI drew a blank, though its candidates lost the president and joint secretary posts by narrow margins. ABVP's Yash

Dabas won the president's post with 24,576 votes, defeating NSUI's Vijai Shankar Meena by 2,053 votes. Shokeen secured the vice-president's post with 30,615 votes, winning by over 13,700 votes. ABVP also won the secretary and joint secretary positions, regaining the three posts it won in 2025. Independents, including Shokeen and Vishesh Yadav, cut into votes of both ABVP and NSUI.

Yet the political significance of the declaration lies precisely in the terminology accepted by a diverse group of important nations. For India, the development represents an important diplomatic achievement," the report noted.

Highlighting that the development presents an increasingly uncomfortable question for Pakistan, it asked how long the international narrative on cross-border terrorism could remain detached from the infrastructure, organisations and ideological networks that India has repeatedly accused of operating from Pakistani territory.

K'taka bans selfies reels on academic tours

BENGALURU (TSIT):

The Karnataka College Education Department has issued strict guidelines for academic tours conducted by Government First Grade Colleges across the state, prohibiting students from taking selfies, recording videos, and

making

reels during such trips. According to a circular issued by the Office of the Commissioner on Saturday, the department has made prior permission mandatory for conducting academic tours.



India's global credibility strengthens after BRICS Summit

ATHENS (TSIT):

By unequivocally condemning the 2025 Pahalgam terrorist attack and adopting a firm stance against the cross-border movement of terrorists, terror financing, safe havens and double standards in addressing terrorism, BRICS has reinforced an argument India has made before the world for decades, a report has mentioned.

The position outlined in the New Delhi Declaration adopted during the recent



18th BRICS Summit hosted by India underscored that terrorism cannot be legitimised through political explanations, nor can countries selectively distinguish between terrorists

based on strategic convenience, Athens-based 'Directus' stated.

"Pakistan has not been expressly named. That fact should neither be concealed nor exaggerated.

20TH ROZGAR MELA



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India's GDP to reach USD 38 trillion in 20 years, says Ajit Doval

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ROORKEE (TSIT):

National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval said on Saturday that India's GDP would increase from the current USD 4.015 trillion to USD 38 trillion in the next 20 years.

Addressing the convocation ceremony of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee as the chief guest, Doval said students were fortunate to be living in a transformative era where their future held great promise.

Citing the example of Lord Ram, the NSA urged students to be courageous in their lives. He said sage Vishwamitra chose Lord Ram to annihilate demons because of his courageous nature.

"Massive changes are taking place in India, and



the country is moving towards a magnificent future," the NSA said.

"As the prime minister has termed the period leading up to 2047 as 'Amrit Kaal', it is truly a wonderful Amrit Kaal. India's current GDP stands at USD 4.015 trillion, and it will reach USD 38 trillion in the

next 20 years," Doval added. "The current generation is the luckiest, with abundant opportunities, unlike past generations that faced struggles. This is the age of technology, engineering and innovation, which drives societal growth, with the youth having decades for progress," he

said.

The NSA further said that decision-making and building one's own doctrine were critical to becoming a leader.

"You will never become a leader if you are not a decision-maker. You have got to make a decision... you have got to build your own doctrine," he said.

Doval also shared an anecdote from his early career days while posted in Sikkim, recounting how he learned three mantras for success in life from a Sherpa. Doval explained that the first mantra was knowing where one stands on the map; the second was knowing where one needs to go; and the third was knowing the path to get there and come back.

इंडियन बैंकIndian Bank Stressed Assets Management Branch, Bengaluru No. 10, First Floor, Indian Bank Buildings, K. G. Road, Bengaluru – 560 009. e-mail:- armbbangalore@indianbank.co.in Phone No: 080-43942383 FORM B [See rule 7(1)], FORM OF DEMAND NOTICE [Under rule 7(1) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Application to Adjudicating Authority for Insolvency Resolution Process of Personal Guarantors to Corporate Debtors) Rules, 2019] ToDate: 08/09/2026 Mrs. Kalyani P. Rao W/o Mr. Babu Parmarty Rao Address: G-403, 'G' Block Platinum City, HMT Layout Yeshwanthpur, Bengaluru – 560002 From, Indian Bank Stressed Assets Management BranchNo. 10, First Floor, Indian Bank Building K. G. Road, Bengaluru – 560009. Subject: Demand Notice in respect of unpaid debt in default due from Mrs. Kalyani P. Rao as personal guarantor to M/s. Flowline Instrumentation Private Limited (CIN: U30007KA2002PTC030541) under the Code Madam/Sir, 1. 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Name in block letters: ABHJEET SINGH (BRANCH MANAGER/CHIEF MANAGER) Address of person signing: Indian Bank, Stressed Assets Management Branch, No. 10, First Floor, Indian Bank Building, K. G. Road, Bengaluru – 560009. Date: 08/09/2026 Place: Bangalore Authorized Officer, INDIAN BANK,	

IIT Bombay student death: FIR filed against those linked to exam incident

Mumbai: Following the death of a second-year student of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay, Mumbai Police have registered an FIR against all persons linked to the incident in which he was caught using a mobile phone during an examination. The student was found dead on the IIT Powai campus on Friday evening. This reportedly happened after he was caught using a mobile phone during an examination by the authorities. His death a few hours after the incident triggered protests by students on the institute's Powai campus.

The incident marks the third reported suicide at the IIT Powai campus in the past six months. Earlier in the day, an Accident Death Report (ADR) was filed in connection with the incident. The deceased student was identified as Sahil Wakode, a resident of Maharashtra's Yavatmal, who was pursuing his second year in the Department of Energy Science and

Engineering. Officials said his family had been informed and had arrived in Mumbai. Their statements were being recorded. Additionally, police were recording the statements of students on the campus. The body of the deceased was sent for post-mortem. According to the institute, Wakode had uploaded an examination question paper to ChatGPT in an attempt to obtain answers while the test was underway. IIT Bombay said no disciplinary proceedings had been initiated ..against him following the incident. The matter was discussed with the student by the examination instructor and the Head of the Department. They counselled him and assured him that the incident would not have an adverse impact on his academic career, the institute said. After the discussion, Wakode returned to his hostel room. He was subsequently found dead in the room later that evening.

Mumbai Police have registered an FIR against people linked to examination incident following the death of IIT Bombay student Sahil Wakode. Students protested on campus, while police recorded statements of his family and students as the investigation continued....

SpiceJet flights from Delhi to Leh, Jammu delayed at Delhi Airport



New Delhi: Scores of SpiceJet passengers faced a tough time at Delhi Airport on Saturday as two flights experienced inordinate delays. Delhi airport operator DIAL shared a video clip on X showing many passengers standing at a boarding gate at the airport. DIAL said it regretted the inconvenience faced by passengers due to an operational disruption affecting some SpiceJet flights. "Delhi Airport teams are actively coordinating with the airline and relevant stakeholders to support affected passengers and provide necessary assistance to help normalise the situation," DIAL said in a post on X in the morning. Stream History Documentaries

In a statement, SpiceJet said flights SG121 and SG127, operating from Delhi to Leh, and SG2160, operating from Delhi to Jammu, were delayed due to operational reasons. "The flights have departed and already landed at their destinations," the airline said, adding that it deeply regretted the inconvenience caused to passengers. On September 15, around 200 SpiceJet passengers protested at Delhi Airport as their flights to Dubai were rescheduled multiple times and faced inordinate delays. SpiceJet has been facing multiple headwinds in recent times. Last week, Civil Aviation Minister K Rammoohan Naidu told PTI that the Civil Aviation Ministry and aviation regulator DGCA were closely watching SpiceJet's financials and operations.



GLIMPSES OF CLOSING CEREMONY OF SEMICON INDIA 2026 AT YASHOBHOOMI, DWARKA, IN NEW DELHI...

INDIAN RAILWAYS CLEARS KAVACH 4.0 and signalling works worth Rs 461 cr

New Delhi: Indian Railways has approved the provision of Kavach Version 4.0 on 607.7 route kilometres of the Lucknow Division of Northeastern Railway at a total cost of Rs 252 crore. In a significant step towards strengthening railway safety through indigenous technology, the approved project will extend Kavach 4.0 coverage across the identified balance sections of the division, strengthening the safety infrastructure available for train operations, according to an official statement. Kavach is an indigenously developed Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system designed to enhance operational safety. It helps prevent Signal Passing at

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Danger (SPAD), automatically applies brakes when required and supports safer train movement by monitoring train operations. The initiative is part of Indian Railways' ongoing deployment of Kavach across its network to modernise train protection systems and enhance the safety and

reliability of railway operations. Meanwhile, Indian Railways has approved the provision of Electronic Interlocking (EI) at seven stations of the Solapur Division of Central Railway at a total cost of Rs 209 crore. The modern signalling system will strengthen railway signalling infrastructure across the division and facilitate the implementation of Kavach, the indigenous Automatic Train Protection system, according to the statement. Electronic Interlocking is a modern computer-based signalling system that replaces conventional relay-based interlocking. It provides more reliable control of points and signals, enables faster fault detection and restoration.



In Brief

INDIA SENDS 11 TONNES OF RELIEF MATERIAL TO FLOOD-HIT NEPAL

Kathmandu, Sep 19: India on Saturday handed over 11 tonnes of relief material to Nepal as the ninth Indian Air Force (IAF) flight carrying supplies reached Kathmandu, continuing New Delhi's support for the Himalayan nation's recovery from the devastating flash floods of August 26. India's support to Nepal's recovery efforts continues: The 9th Indian Air Force (IAF) flight with 11 tonnes of material, including tents, medicines, sleeping bags and forensic supplies, arrived in Kathmandu and were handed over to the Government of Nepal," Indian Ambassador to Nepal Naveen Srivastava said on X.

GUJARAT MAN KILLS 5-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER

AMRELI: A 40-year-old man allegedly killed his five-year-old daughter, placed her body inside a refrigerator, and died by suicide citing a financial crisis in Gujarat's Amreli district, police said on Friday. The chilling crime unfolded inside a room decorated with balloons and candles, where the deceased, Kishore Dhanak, left behind notes admitting to the crime and explaining that he put his daughter's body in the refrigerator to spare her suffering after his death, an official said. Dhanak, a construction site supervisor, was home with his daughter Himanshi on Wednesday when he allegedly smothered her by covering her mouth with his hand. He then placed her body in the refrigerator and hanged himself, Rajula Deputy Superintendent of Police Nayana Goradiya said. According to the first information report (FIR), Dhanak had written three suicide notes and placed them on a bed. In one of the notes, he stated that he had taken a personal loan and invested the money in construction work. Dhanak's wife Manjuben said in the FIR, "He had to receive Rs 7.25 lakh, but they (business friends) had not given him anything.

Mamata candidate withdraws, later reverses decision

Kolkata (TSIT): In a dramatic turn of events, Mamata Banerjee's party's Rejinagar by-election candidate Rabiul Alam Chowdhury on Saturday announced his withdrawal from the contest, only to retract his decision less than two hours later and assert that he would be in the October 6 poll battle as per the wishes of the party supremo. The development came a day after Banerjee's party's Nandigram by-election nominee Sanchita Pradhan Dey withdrew her candidature following a meeting with Chief Minister Suvenudh Adhikari. Chowdhury, a former TMC MLA, told reporters at his home in Murshidabad earlier in the day: "It is becoming difficult for me to motivate grassroots workers who have been facing regular harassment. Police have arrested many of our

Mamata Banerjee's Rejinagar bypoll candidate Rabiul Alam Chowdhury announced his withdrawal on Saturday, citing harassment of party workers and difficulties with the new election symbol, but reversed the decision within hours after speaking to Banerjee and receiving security assurances

workers, slapping false cases. Also, it is an onerous task to familiarise the electorate with the new 'footballer' symbol in such a short time. In this given situation, I informed Mamata di last evening about my decision (not to contest) However, about an hour-and-a-half later, the picture changed completely. At another hurriedly convened press meet, Chowdhury declared that following his initial announcement, the party's top leadership and Mamata Banerjee herself had spoken to him, following which he reconsidered and reversed his

decision. "I will be contesting the bypoll. We are in Didi's party and we cannot do anything outside her wishes. So, following Didi's instructions, I am retaining my candidature," Chowdhury said, stating that Banerjee had directed him not to quit the poll fray. Chowdhury also visited the local Beldanga police station and spoke to officers. Emerging from the police station, he claimed that the police administration had assured them of the safety and security of party workers. "I have been assured of security by the police after the supremo (Banerjee) intervened. I have met officers of the Beldanga police station and they have also assured me and my cadre of security during campaigning," he said. "Even if only 10 workers stand by me, I will take them along and begin a door-to-door campaign," Chowdhury added, expressing confidence that he would receive all necessary assistance for campaigning in accordance with Banerjee's instructions. The Election Commission has allotted the 'footballer' symbol to the Mamata faction of the Trinamool Congress and assigned it the name 'Mamata All India Trinamool Congress' amid a bitter feud with the rebel grouping over the party's name and 'flowers-and-grass' symbol. The rival faction led by Arup Roy has been awarded the name 'Democratic Trinamool Congress' and the 'envelope' symbol. Download Interactive Maps Banerjee's Nandigram candidate Sanchita Pradhan Dey, who lost her job due to a teacher recruitment scam, met Adhikari along with her husband Satyajit on Friday before withdrawing her nomination, a day ahead of the deadline. The reasons for her decision were not immediately clear. Faced with a sudden vacancy, Banerjee announced support for Congress's Nandigram candidate Milan Pradhan, describing the Congress as a "sister party" and saying the move was intended to strengthen the INDIA bloc ahead of the October 6 bypolls.



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Karnataka Among Top Performers in India Electric Mobility Index 2025

Bengaluru : Karnataka has emerged as one of India's top-performing States in electric mobility, securing the third position nationally with a score of 73 in the India Electric Mobility Index (IEMI) 2025 released by NITI Aayog. The State is also among the two leading large States classified as Top Performers, alongside Maharashtra, reflecting its progress in advancing electric mobility.

Delhi topped the overall rankings with a score of 84, followed by Maharashtra with 78. Karnataka secured



the third position with 73, followed by Chandigarh (71) and Goa (65). The Index classifies jurisdictions scoring 65 and above as Top

Performers. Karnataka recorded a score of 97 in Charging Infrastructure Readiness, the highest in the country, highlighting the

State's progress in developing the infrastructure required to support electric vehicle adoption. Receiving the recognition at the launch of the India Electric Mobility Index (IEMI) 2025 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, during the NITI-State Workshop Series, Additional Chief Secretary, Energy, Gaurav Gupta said, "Karnataka's electric mobility initiatives include BESCOM EV Mithra, a unified electric vehicle charging application, a single-window clearance system and an EV Accelerator Cell.

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FORM B

[See rule 7(1)]. FORM OF DEMAND NOTICE

(Under rule 7(1) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Application to Adjudicating Authority for Insolvency Resolution Process of Personal Guarantors to Corporate Debtors) Rules, 2019)

To
Mrs. Kanchan Bhalla Rao W/o Mr. Mohan Pamarty Rao Address: G-403, 'G' Block Platinum City, HMT Layout Yeshwanthpur, Bengaluru – 560002

From, Indian Bank Stressed Assets Management Branch No. 10, First Floor, Indian Bank Building K. G. Road, Bengaluru – 560009.

Subject: Demand Notice in respect of unpaid debt in default due from Mrs. Kanchan Bhalla Rao as personal guarantor to M/s Flowline Instrumentation Private Limited (CIN: U30007KA2002PTC030541) under the Code

Madam/Sir,

1. This letter is a demand notice of unpaid debt in default due from Mrs. Kanchan Bhalla Rao as personal guarantor to M/s Flowline Instrumentation Private Limited.

2. Please find particulars of the unpaid debt in default below:

PARTICULARS OF DEBT

1. Total outstanding debt (including any interest or penalties)

Rs. 2,33,55,456.58 (Rupees Two Crore Thirty Three Lac Fifty Five Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Six and Paise Fifty Eight only) as on 07/09/2026 plus interest/charges thereon

2. Amount of debt in default

Details of unpaid debt in default due from Mrs. Kanchan Bhalla Rao as personal guarantor to M/s Flowline Instrumentation Private Limited is as follows: Principal funded outstanding as on 07/09/2026: Rs. 1,03,57,689.49 Notional interest on funded outstanding from 01/06/2021 to 07/09/2026: Rs. 1,29,97,767.09 Total claim as on 07/09/2026: Rs. 2,33,55,456.58 (Rupees Two Crore Thirty Three Lac Fifty Five Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Six and Paise Fifty Eight only) plus interest/charges thereon

3. Date when the debt was due

01/06/2021

4. Date when the default occurred

03/09/2026

5. Nature of the debt

WCITL account number: 6939969612, OCC account number: 711221069, OD account number: 6078482402, OCC account number: 6298813467
Description of the debt: M/s Flowline Instrumentation Private Limited approached Indian Bank on 14/06/2007 for availing Term Loan of Rs.15,00,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs). In pursuance to the same, the bank sanctioned an amount Rs. 15,00,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs) to M/s Flowline Instrumentation Private Limited. Subsequently, the credit facilities availed by M/s Flowline Instrumentation Private Limited were reviewed/renewed and enhanced from time to time as per Borrower's requests and requirements. Among other securities and guarantees, the said credit facilities availed by M/s Flowline Instrumentation Private Limited was guaranteed by Mrs. Kanchan Bhalla Rao by duly executing an Agreement of Guarantee. The credit facilities of the Borrower were restructured as per the Resolution Plan submitted by Mr. Mohan Pamarty Rao, H/o of Mrs. Kanchan Bhalla Rao, alongwith M/s Millitronic Devices (OPC) Private Limited (the sole Director in the said OPC is none other than Mr. Mohan Pamarty Rao, H/o Mrs. Kanchan Bhalla Rao) in the CIRP proceedings in CP (IB) 28BB/2019. The said Resolution Plan was approved by NCLT Bengaluru vide its order dated 25/11/2020. The Resolution Applicant became liable to commence repayment under the approved Resolution Plan after expiry of the moratorium period of 6 months stipulated by the approved Resolution Plan, however, the Resolution Applicant failed to pay even a single instalment commencing from 01/06/2021. Due to non-servicing of interest/instalment, the credit facilities sanctioned to the Company were classified as NPA by our Bank on 12/06/2021 as per RBI guidelines. The cause of action has thereafter continued from month to month on account of the continuing and persistent failure of the Resolution Applicant to implement the approved Resolution Plan. The cause of action further arose upon the Corporate Debtor acknowledging its obligations in the audited financial statements as on 31/03/2022, 31/03/2023, 31/03/2024, further by making One Time Settlement proposals dated 03/12/2025 and 10/02/2026, without implementing the approved Resolution Plan. The said audited financial statements have been approved by the board of the Corporate Debtor and adopted in Respective Annual General meetings and subsequently were filed before respective Registrar of Companies. The cause of action is continuing and subsisting as on date.

6. Secured debt including particulars of security held, the date of its creation, its estimated value as per the creditor (as applicable), and details of securities

A. Primary Security

Exclusive hypothecation charge on the entire Stock and Book-debts upto 120 days. Value-Not Available

Exclusive hypothecation charge on machinery. Value-Not Available

Cash Margin. Value-Not Available

B. Collateral Security

Equitable mortgage of Residential Apartment/Flat bearing no. 02 on the Ninth Floor, 'G' Block, totally measuring 1,565 Sq. ft. of super built area with undivided share of 219.10 Sq. ft. along with one covered car park in basement of the Group Housing Enclave known as PLATINUM CITY constructed in the portion of the property, i.e., all that piece and parcel of immovable property being the residential converted land now bearing BMP Khattha no. 2, HMT Main Road, Ward no. 1, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore – 560 022 in the name of Mrs. Mohan Pamarty Rao and Mrs. Kanchan Bhalla Rao. Value-Nil, as the property has been sold through e-auction conducted under SARFAESI Act, 2002.

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7. Unsecured debt (as applicable)

NA

8. Details of retention of title arrangements (if any) in respect of goods to which the debt refers (attach a copy)

Nil

9. Particulars of an order of a court, tribunal or arbitral panel adjudicating on the default, if any (attach a copy of the order)

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13. A statement of bank account (WCITL), where deposits are made or credits received normally by the creditor in respect of the debt of the corporate debtor, from the date on which the debt was incurred.

Statement of account nos. 6939969612 (WCITL), 711221069 (OCC), 6078482402 (OD), 6298813467 (OCC) from 01/06/2021-07/09/2026 enclosed

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Volkswagen Announces Exciting Track Day Experiences for Customers at CoASTT, Coimbatore

Bengaluru : Volkswagen India has announced the launch of VWe (Volkswagen Experiences) Track Day, a new experiential platform designed to bring customers and enthusiasts closer to the brand's performance DNA through immersive driving experiences, driver development activities and community engagement. The inaugural edition will take place on October 10-11, 2026 at CoASTT, Coimbatore, a leading motorsport and driver training facility in India.

Created to celebrate Volkswagen's legacy of engineering excellence and engaging driving dynamics, Volkswagen Experiences: Track Day offers participants the opportunity to experience their vehicles in a professionally managed environment while enhancing driving skills

through expert-led sessions. The platform reflects Volkswagen India's commitment to creating meaningful customer experiences that extend beyond vehicle ownership and foster a deeper connection with the brand.

The inaugural edition will bring together other owners of Volkswagen's performance-oriented models, including the Golf GTI, Tiguan R-Line, Tayron R-Line, Virtus GT and Taigun GT, alongside automotive enthusiasts, media represen-

tatives and Volkswagen leadership. Participants will engage in a range of on-track and off-track activities designed to showcase vehicle capabilities while emphasizing safe and responsible driving practices.

Over the two-day programme, participants will have access to curated driving experiences, including lead-and-follow sessions, autocross challenges, slalom exercises, off-road obstacle courses, go-karting, vehicle handling demonstrations and professional driving instruction. The activities have been designed to cater to varying skill levels, enabling participants to build confidence and better understand vehicle dynamics under expert guidance. In addition to the track experiences, attendees will participate in technical masterclasses.

Mangaluru: Court sentences Beltangady-resident accused to 20 years RI, Rs 80,000 fine in POCSO case

Mangaluru, Sep 19: In a landmark ruling delivering swift justice in a high-profile child abuse case, the Hon'ble Additional District and Sessions Court FTSC-2 in Mangaluru has sentenced the prime accused, Abdul Latheef, to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment alongside a fine of Rs 80,000. Honourable judge Manu K S pro-

nounced the rigorous sentence on Saturday, September 19 after the prosecution successfully established guilt beyond a shadow of a doubt. Public Prosecutor Sahanadevi Boloor spearheaded a robust and airtight presentation of the state's case, ensuring the conviction stood firm against the defence. The rigorous legal battle stemmed from a case registered at the Bantwal Town police station (Crime No: 141/2025). Investigators slapped stringent charges under sections 4, 6, 8, 12, 19(1)(b), and 21 of the POCSO Act-2012, alongside sections 64(2)(f), 75 r/w 3(5) of the BNS-2023.

Investigating Officer and Bantwal Town police inspector Ananthapadmanabha built the watertight case through meticulous fieldwork, systematically gathering vital forensic and material evidence before filing a comprehensive charge sheet before the court against the prime accused — Abdul Latheef, a resident of Guruvayanakere in Belthangady — alongside two co-accused individuals.

Early Detection and Affordable Cancer Care Key to Tackling Growing Burden: Dr. C.N. Manjunath

Bengaluru : Dr. C. N. Manjunath, Member of Parliament, Bengaluru Rural Lok Sabha Constituency, participated as the Chief Guest at SOIICON 2026, the 8th Annual Conference of the Society of Oncologic Imaging, India, at The Chancery Pavilion, Bengaluru.

Addressing leading oncologists, radiologists and healthcare professionals, Dr. Manjunath highlighted the growing burden of cancer and other non-communicable diseases, particularly among younger people. He stressed the importance of prevention, healthy lifestyles, early detection and accurate diagnosis.

He underlined the vital role of medical imaging in early detection, diagnosis, staging and treatment planning, while emphasising that clinical judgement and patient wellbeing must remain at the centre of medical decision-making.

Dr. Manjunath called for cancer care based on the Three A's — Affordable, Accessible and Available, noting that the rising cost of advanced treatments places a significant

financial burden on patients and families. He also emphasised the need to strengthen Make in India and healthcare innovation to reduce dependence on import-

ed medical technologies and make advanced treatment more affordable. Calling for a stronger focus on preventive healthcare, Dr. Manjunath highlighted con-

S. Manohar Demands R. Ashoka Immediately Apologize to the Public

Bengaluru (TSIT): KPCC General Secretary S. Manohar has demanded that Leader of the Opposition R. Ashoka immediately apologize to the public for insulting the culture and development of the coastal region.

In a press statement, Manohar noted that a special plan involving projects worth approximately Rs.32,000 crore has been formulated—and a special cabinet meeting convened—to drive development in Dakshina Kannada and the coastal region. He challenged R. Ashoka to either provide evidence to back his claims or offer an apology. He criticized R. Ashoka for mocking this initiative and disparaging the coastal region's culture and local fishing trade.

Manohar asserted that even members of the BJP have openly acknowledged that Ashoka is unfit to serve as the Leader of

the Opposition, and demanded that such an "uncivilized" leader immediately resign and step down. He further alleged that corrupt elements within the BJP, unable to tolerate the visionary development plans of Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, are deliberately opposing development efforts. He added that if R. Ashoka were subjected to a narco-analysis test, the truth regarding the looting that occurred in the

mining sector during the BJP's tenure would be revealed. He stated that if there is information regarding the collection of one crore rupees from each mining or quarrying operation, a formal complaint should be lodged; instead, attempts are being made to secure the position of the Leader of the Opposition merely by making baseless allegations. He remarked that R. Ashoka's own statements prove he is the one who is truly corrupt, and the language he has recently employed reflects his character and culture. Having failed to function effectively as the Leader of the Opposition, R. Ashoka is spreading falsehoods and misinformation to consolidate his position; he must provide evidence and documentation to substantiate his claims and should apologize for insulting the people of the coastal region.

EDITORIAL

Cities growing on
garbage heaps

While rapid urbanization in India is creating opportunities for economic growth, employment, and improved living standards, the scientific management of the resulting solid waste remains a major challenge. Unplanned urban expansion, growing population, changing lifestyles, consumerism, and the increasing use of single-use items have increased both the quantity and variety of waste in cities. In many cities, waste collection, transportation, and disposal are still primarily based on the "collect-transport-dump" model. This results in open dumping and burning, water source pollution, foul smell, air pollution, and increasing landfill pressure. Therefore, the challenge facing India is not just waste removal, but also its transformation into a resource. India's solid waste is extremely diverse. Municipal solid waste from domestic and commercial activities constitutes the largest portion, including food and other organic materials, as well as paper, plastic, glass, metal, textiles, and packaging materials. The large volume of organic waste presents both a challenge and an opportunity for India, as it can be used to produce fertilizer and biogas. Plastic waste is another major problem. Multi-layer packaging and single-use plastics, in particular, are difficult to recycle and are likely to end up in drains, rivers, and oceans. Construction and demolition debris, including concrete, bricks, stone, tiles, wood, and metal, is also rapidly increasing. Scientific recycling can be used for road construction and new construction. Additionally, biomedical waste, e-waste, and hazardous industrial waste require special care. Infected materials, needles, contaminated plastics, and pharmaceutical residues from hospitals, if mixed with general waste, can pose a serious threat to healthcare workers, waste pickers, and the general public. Similarly, e-waste from computers, mobile phones, batteries, and other electronic devices can contain precious metals, as well as lead, mercury, and other harmful substances. Hazardous waste such as chemicals, solvents, paints, and industrial residues must be kept separate from general municipal waste. The first and most important technological solution to address this crisis is waste segregation at the source. Separating wet, dry, and hazardous waste makes the entire subsequent management process more effective. GPS-based garbage vehicles, sensor-equipped smart bins, RFID technology, and digital tracking systems can make collection systems more transparent and efficient. But it's important to understand that technology is no substitute for civic discipline. If waste isn't segregated at the household and institutional level, even state-of-the-art processing plants won't deliver the desired results. Composting and biometanation are important solutions for organic waste. Composting can convert organic waste into useful organic fertilizer, while anaerobic digestion produces biogas and organic residues. This reduces landfill pressure and provides useful resources for energy and agriculture. Decentralized composting and biogas plants in large cities can also reduce transportation costs and unnecessary waste transfer. Material recovery facilities are extremely useful for dry waste. They use conveyor belts, magnetic separation, air classifiers, optical sorting, and modern sensor technology to separate paper, metal, and various types of plastic. Artificial intelligence and computer vision-based systems may make automated sorting even more effective in the future.

BUILDING THE FOUNDATIONS
OF A NEW INDIA

It was October 2001, and Narendra Modi had just been sworn in as the Chief Minister of Gujarat. One of the first questions that he put to his team was whether bureaucrats knew how a sewing machine was procured by rural women. A key reform he brought in was to launch a large-scale cattle inoculation campaign that actually took cattle care to the doorstep of rural farmers, enhancing the lives and incomes of their livestock. Very clearly, this highlighted his learnings from his earlier days as a Sangh Pracharak - how difficult it is to sustain and create a livelihood. It is the very foundation of governance that defines his 25-year regime. Working Up Through Basic Fundamentals Livelihood and Logistics as the basic foundation of a turbo-charged economy - These are the key drivers of 25 years of evolution: ODOP - A Low-Cost Employment Multiplier The One District One Product (ODOP) scheme identifies products with local competitive advantage. It supports artisans, farmers and MSMEs. It focuses on improving branding, packaging and quality. Provide market and e-commerce access. Develop district-level export clusters. Generate employment outside major cities. Today, several public spaces like bus stands or train stations have a shop dedicated to the ODOP scheme. These steps include agriculture, textiles, food processing, handicrafts and minerals. Setting Logistics Right - The Actual Lifeline Logistics and Transportation constitute the bedrock of any business. The Railways constitute the lifeline of the Indian population. The administration seems to have paid attention to setting its track record right over there first. The efficiency of any transport network is measured by its



throughput - how many passenger or freight trains can a stretch of track handle in a given period of time. Doubling and electrification enhance speed, thus increasing transformation. The Railways have undergone an incredible transformation program leading to a near 100 per cent electrification of Indian Railways. In 2014, about a third of the Indian Railways network was electrified. Today, by 2026, close to 99 per cent of the network is electrified. Multiple gauges have been avoided. Between 2004 and 2014, the pace of electrification was about 1.42 kms/day. From 2014 onwards, the pace of electrification has touched a peak of 19.6 km/day in 2022-23, leading to a near total electrification today. In several cases, doubling has been coupled along with electrification. Distances Never The Same It has been the speeding of several trains that

make commute faster. Railways significantly increased the length of high-speed-capable tracks, with over 80 per cent of the national network now supporting speeds of 110 km/h and above compared to about 40 per cent in 2014. This has meant faster trains. For example, a poor man's Rajdhani - The Sampark Kranti - covers the distance between Mumbai and Delhi, with second-class sleeper coaches, in less than 17 hours. Earlier a privilege held only by the Rajdhani passengers. The Vande Bharat trains have also meant that large mobile populations have moved from the roads or airlines to railways going forward. Some of the most popular Vande Bharat trains have been operational in the south, providing valuable connectivity between key metros such as Chennai, Bengaluru, Mumbai and Ahmedabad,

where the trains have almost obviated the need for expensive flight travel, in addition to catering to high-density routes such as Chennai, Tirunelveli, Kochi, Bengaluru, Thiruvananthapuram and Mangaluru. A same-day return business travel is now possible between Thiruvananthapuram and Calicut, and Chennai and Madurai, something not thinkable in the pre-Vande Bharat era. The sheer capacity available between Delhi and Varanasi has highly reduced the advance booking period for tickets between these two cities. Getting External Logistics Right - A Speedy Drive To The Globe The National Logistics Policy, launched in September 2022, was intended to achieve the following: bring logistics costs to global benchmarks and into single digits and reduce cargo dwell time and improve supply-

chain predictability. ULIP (Unified Logistics Information Platform) connects 44 systems belonging to 11 ministries. The Digital Visibility systems implemented in India are similar to the ones implemented in the United States. It offers more than 2,000 data fields through 136 APIs. More than 1,700 companies have registered. Private companies have developed more than 200 applications. The system had processed over 200 crore API transactions by the end of 2025. Logistics Data Bank now provides visibility over container movement at 18 ports, 31 terminals and approximately 5,800 railway stations. The DPDP scheme represents two components - DPD - a movement from port terminal directly to the importer and DPE - exporters moving factory-stuffed containers directly to the port terminal. The objective is to bypass unnecessary

CFS (Container Freight Station) movement and reduce handling and lift-on/lift-off charges, storage, dwell time, truck movements, Inventory Carrying Costs and Congestion around ports. Inland waterway tonnage has exceeded the 2030 target. With this, ports have seen a vast improvement in cargo handling capacities and dwell times. Over the past decade, cargo handling times have improved. Indian ports have significantly improved their operational efficiency, with average vessel turnaround times dropping from 96 hours to under 49 hours over the past decade. Container dwell times have improved significantly. They have dropped to under 3 days, outperforming major logistics hubs like the US (7 days) and Germany (10 days). Synchronous - A Responsive Nervous System For The Government Gati Shakti is essentially an infrastructure-planning platform. It was expected to make ministries plan projects jointly. Prevent situations where a port is completed without a rail line or a logistics park without highway access. Use GIS data to identify missing links. Reduce land-acquisition, approval and project-execution delays. Avoid duplication of infrastructure. Improve first- and last-mile connectivity. By August 2026, 58 ministries and departments were integrated. More than 3,291 data layers were made available. 396 projects worth approximately Rs 18.66 lakh crore had been evaluated. 256 projects had been sanctioned. 198 were under implementation. Dedicated Freight Corridors - Unblocked Arteries What it was expected to achieve: Separate freight trains from passenger services. Permit longer, heavier and faster freight trains. Enable double-stack container movement on the Western DFC.

Who Is Binish Thomas? From Bengaluru's
Grassroots to International Journalism

For some, he is a journalist. For others, a political worker. To many in Bengaluru, particularly in and around Ulsoor and Gowthamapura, he is remembered for something much simpler — showing up when people needed help.

A POLITICAL JOURNEY
THAT BEGAN ON THE
GROUND

Binish's political journey began much earlier, through the National Students' Union of India (NSUI) and later the Youth Congress. He served as NSUI State Secretary and subsequently as Youth Congress State General Secretary in Karnataka. But his political work was never confined to party meetings or organizational positions.

The Shantinagar constituency of Bengaluru was one of the defining chapters of his early political career. Shantinagar was then considered a strong BJP area, where even the MLA and Corporator were from the BJP. Through sustained grassroots work, he helped rebuild the Congress presence in the constituency. Whether viewed through the lens of party politics or grassroots organization, the period established a pattern that would continue throughout his career: his emphasis was on building relationships directly with people rather than relying entirely on political hierarchy. Today, when the children of prominent politicians lose election after election, often forfeiting their deposits, Binish is a person

who has proven that wherever he contests, a 100% victory is guaranteed.

GOWTHAMAPURA: WHERE
POLITICS BECAME SOCIAL
WORK

Perhaps the most important chapter in Binish's Bengaluru story began in Gowthamapura, near Ulsoor in 2006. He believed that public service should be measured by what happens at the ground level. Binish helped children with school fees, supported an engineering student's education, organized medical camps, provided computers and helped unemployed young people with auto rickshaws. He also helped with housing, water connections and medical treatment. His dedicated social work among poor families in Gowthamapura was covered in a 2016 report by The New Indian Express. Football also became part of his work in the locality. He provided football kits and supported children who were interested in the sport. The report similarly noted his efforts to develop football facilities and bring prominent footballers to Gowthamapura. For Binish Thomas, however, the significance of Gowthamapura goes beyond individual acts of assistance. Some of the children who benefited from his support eventually built successful careers, while some families that once struggled with basic expenses were able to move forward. Some children in the locality were named Binish after him,



which illustrates the personal relationship he developed with the community. It was only in 2014 that Narendra Modi introduced a policy requiring leaders to adopt villages. But Binish had already demonstrated this back in 2006 by adopting Gowthamapuram.

THE AUTO DRIVERS WHO
PUT HIS NAME ON THEIR
UNION

One of the more unusual aspects of Thomas's public life is his relationship with Bengaluru's auto-rickshaw drivers. An auto-rickshaw drivers' association was created in his honour: the Binish Thomas Fans Welfare Auto Drivers Union. The association operates in Bengaluru and its members have organized blood-donation activities around his birthday and other occasions. The story is significant because it reflects the kind of support Binish says he values most: not support generated through an official political appointment,

but loyalty built through personal interaction. His argument is straightforward — people who have seen his work should be able to decide for themselves whether they want to stand with him.

A POLITICAL WORKER AND
A JOURNALIST

Alongside his political work, Binish is an accomplished journalist with experience spanning investigative journalism, public policy, and international relations. His work has increasingly moved beyond local politics into international affairs. He has written about geopolitics, international conflicts, media freedom and China's growing influence in developing countries. That transition from local politics to international journalism is perhaps the most striking part of his career. The man who once worked in the lanes of Gowthamapura eventually began writing about issues stretching from Africa to Asia and the Middle East.

TAKING ON CHINA'S
GROWING INFLUENCE IN

AFRICA

One of the subjects Binish has pursued most aggressively is China's expanding economic and geopolitical influence in Africa. While working as Africa Director for a UN-affiliated organization, he became increasingly concerned about Chinese infrastructure projects, lending and growing strategic influence across African countries. He stood up against China without fear, facing them head-on without any external backing. Through his articles, he exposed China's activities and attempted to create greater awareness among African audiences about the long-term implications of excessive economic dependence. A 2024 report similarly described his work on Chinese debt diplomacy in Africa and his efforts to raise awareness among African leaders and journalists. This work brought opposition and criticism, including pressure connected to his writing on China. According to him, eco-

omic relationships can eventually become geopolitical relationships — particularly when infrastructure, finance and strategic interests begin moving together.

A JOURNALIST WHO
STANDS WITH JOURNALISTS

Journalist protection has become another defining part of Thomas's public identity. He is an advocate for a Journalist Protection Bill and has been involved in journalist safety and press-freedom issues. In Bengaluru, he publicly intervened in cases involving alleged mistreatment of journalists. In June 2026, Binish demanded action against a police Assistant Sub-Inspector over alleged misconduct involving journalists and called for stronger safeguards for media personnel. His stated philosophy is simple: when a journalist faces trouble while doing their job, other journalists should not remain silent. That belief eventually became institutional as well.

FROM BENGALURU TO THE
INTERNATIONAL STAGE

Binish's international profile has continued to expand. In April 2026, he was honoured at the Telhaka Samvad event in Lucknow for his contribution to geopolitical journalism. He received the Telhaka Samman for Best Geopolitics Journalism. He has additionally spoken about his writings on the Israel-Hamas conflict. Ten days after Hamas attacked Israel, the then US president, Joe Biden, read Binish's article before the media. His articles

carried immense weight, which was widely reported across several Indian media outlets.

SO, WHO IS BINISH
THOMAS?

The answer depends on where one begins the story. Begin in Shantinagar, and he is a political worker who says he helped rebuild a party's grassroots presence. Begin in Gowthamapura, and he is the man associated with helping children continue their education, supporting families, encouraging football and assisting people with medical and livelihood needs. Look at Bengaluru's auto drivers, and his story becomes one of a public figure who says he earned a following outside conventional political structure. Look at his journalism, and the picture changes again — investigative reporting, geopolitics, China, Africa, journalist protection and international affairs. And look at his recent recognition, and he is increasingly presenting himself as a journalist operating on an international stage.

Perhaps that is what makes Binish Thomas's story different. It is not a move from one career to another — student politics into party work, party work into the social work at Gowthamapura, and, in parallel, a body of writing that took him from local concerns to Africa, China and the Middle East. For Binish, the thread connecting all these chapters remains the same: people first, institutions second.



INDIA'S SCHEDULE AT ASIAN GAMES 2026, SEPTEMBER 20

Quimcy D'Souza Eyes Double, More Medals Expected

India has a chance to open its medals tally on Sunday at the Asian Games 2026. The Indian contingent has already been in action at the Games since Thursday and is in medal contention, with teqball hogging the early limelight. Quimcy Joaquim Dsouza and Mohd Anas Imran Beg have made the early headlines and will be in action for medals. Both athletes will play in the bronze-medal match in the mixed doubles event, facing Vietnam's Gia Nghi Trinh and Hoang Minh Tan Nguyen, to whom they lost in the quarter-finals. Meanwhile, there will be another shot at a medal for Quimcy, as she will also be in action in the women's singles bronze-medal match against Japan's Yuina Sakamoto on Sunday. Several other top events are also lined up for Sunday, as



the Indian women's team will be in action in the cricket event's semifinal against Bangladesh, looking to defend the gold medal it won at the 2023 Games. Eyes will also turn to the shooting arena, where the Indian women will be in action in the 10m air rifle events. Elavenil Valarivan, Sonam Uttam Maskar and Vidarsa K Vinod will be vying for a strong showing for India. India's hockey campaign will also get underway on Sunday, with both the men's and women's teams playing their first matches. The men's side, in Pool A, will open its campaign against Indonesia, while the women's team, in Pool B, will begin against Uzbekistan.

"Every Stroke Feels Like Music": Rower Poonam On Finding Her Rhythm Ahead Of Asian Games 2026

For Poonam, the journey to the Asian Games has taken her much further than she ever imagined when she first picked up a rowing oar. What began as an opportunity to pursue her graduation through a sports scholarship has now grown into a professional career, a place in the national camp and now the opportunity to represent India at the Asian Games. Her time at the Inspire Institute of Sport (IIS) has played an important role in helping her develop the confidence and consistency required to compete at the international level. Poonam initially took up rowing because it offered her an opportunity to continue her education. Having previously competed in athletics, she was looking for a way to move beyond the limited sporting facilities available in her district when she heard about the opportunities rowing could offer in Chandigarh. "I started row-



ing because I got the opportunity to get admission for my graduation through sport. At that time, I never thought that rowing would become my career. I just wanted to make use of the opportunity and see where it could take me," she said. Her early days in rowing were not always easy. With limited coaching and challenges in settling into a new environment, Poonam initially set herself smaller targets, hoping to make her mark at the university and national level. Those ambitions continued to grow with every competition, eventually taking her into the national camp and towards the Asian Games. "Initially, my dream was to win a gold medal at the inter-college and university level. Then I wanted to win a medal at the Senior Nationals. Slowly, my goals started getting bigger. We have won gold medals at the Nationals, Senior Nationals and National Games, and now I am at the Asian Games," she said. For Poonam, training at IIS has been an important part of that progression, giving her access to a high-performance environment and support beyond the training sessions.

"GOLF GAVE ME A SENSE OF PEACE": LEANDER PAES AT GOLF PRO-AM LAUNCH

An 18-time Grand Slam champion, Leander Paes spoke in detail about his love for golf while gracing the launch event of the new season of the NDTV - AM Green IGPL Golf Pro-Am. Paes reflected on how golf helped him rediscover his passion for sport after retiring from tennis and provided him with solace during one of the toughest chapters of his life. The 53-year-old, who won eight men's doubles and 10 mixed doubles Grand Slam titles, pointed out how golf became his version of switching to another sport after retiring from tennis. "I think most athletes, when we retire from our first sport, we're looking for another sport, and golf is the perfect way to find competition, to



find camaraderie, and yet to Feed your creative side. So I play golf because it gives me a lot of solace away from my business and my work. I also found golf while I was looking after both my parents. When I moved back to Calcutta, I was taking care of dad, taking care of mom, and the golf course gave me a sense of peace that allowed me to get through those hard times," said Leander Paes. Paes also drew parallels between golf and tennis, but insisted that golf offers a level of freedom unmatched by the latter, largely because it is played outdoors. "Golf is very similar to tennis in the fact that it's an individual game. In golf, you do have a caddie, but you generally

have to think your shots through yourself. And the creativity of golf is what I love. Whether you shape the ball from left to right or whether you shape it right to left, for someone like me who learned golf at a very late, late age, you can play a lot of high shots. There's no ceiling on a golf course, right?" he said. He further explained that golf allows players far greater freedom in how they approach and execute shots, unlike tennis, which places physical limitation on shot making. "In tennis, when you're playing indoors, you do have a ceiling there, so you can't just hit it any height you want. But with golf, I control my yardage just with the, uh, the apex of the ball.

England Star Brydon Carse Cleared After Assault Probe, But New Trouble Awaits

England pacer Brydon Carse will not be facing any charges for an alleged assault after Derbyshire Police dropped its investigation into the case, reported Cricinfo. Last month, footage emerged of the English fast bowler in handcuffs after he was arrested on suspicion of behaving disorderly while drunk, and officers were called to Molly Malones in Wardwick, Derby. He was de-arrested but was dropped from England's Test squad for the home Test series against Pakistan, which the hosts won 3-0. With the scrutiny higher than ever on England's drinking and clubbing culture, which has witnessed incidents involving white-ball captain



Harry Brook, Ben Duckett, Jacob Bethell, former Test skipper Ben Stokes, Gus Atkinson and Carse, the pacer was also not picked for the T20Is and ODIs at home against Sri Lanka, a series which is currently in progress. After an inquiry, as per Cricinfo, it was found that the alleged victim did not want to make any com-

being drunk and disorderly and was then de-arrested after his details were taken by officers." Now, Carse will be subjected to an investigation by the Cricket Regulator. When the incident took place, the fast-bowling all-rounder had been playing county cricket for Durham and was in the squad for the first two Tests against Pakistan. His current central contract with the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) will expire in September 2027. Following the incident, newly-appointed Test captain Joe Root remarked that he was "hacked off". Last week, England's white-ball coach Brendon McCullum said that Carse "needs to get his house in order."

BLUEBAND SPORTS RALLY OF COIMBATORE SET TO HOST ROUND 2 OF INRC 2026 WITH 64 CARS ON THE GRID

The FMSCI Indian National Rally Championship (INRC) 2026 heads to Coimbatore for Round 2 this weekend, with 64 cars and 128 competitors set to take on a predominantly gravel challenge across September 19 and 20. The Blueband Sports Rally of Coimbatore 2026 is being conducted under the aegis of the Federation of Motor Sports Clubs of India (FMSCI), with Blueband Sports as the Official Promoter and the Coimbatore Auto Sports Club (CASC) as the organising club. The ceremonial flag-off took place on Friday, September 18, marking the formal start of the second round of the championship. The event was attended today by the Honourable Minister of Backward



Classes Welfare of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. V. Sampath Kumar, and Shri Vijaya Kumar, Inspector General, CRPF, who witnessed the proceedings in Coimbatore. The championship arrives in Coimbatore following an action-packed opening round at the 49th South India Rally, where three-time FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Championship winner and seven-time National

Champion Gaurav Gill made a strong return to competitive rallying. Gill led the INRC Overall classification in the opening round, ahead of local challenger Ritesh Rai, with Karna Kadur in third in the provisional results. Kadur also finished second behind Gill in the APRC segment, with Jason Saldanha third. In INRC 3, Tarushi Vikram finished third in the provisional results.

The man who would be king - the rise and fall of 'the next Prince Naseem'

Boxer Daniel Teasdale was hailed as the heir to the legendary Prince Naseem Hamed, but his promise never materialised into fame, fortune and films. "He's better than Naz at the same age," said trainer Brendan Ingle. Hamed had won his first world title aged 21. Teasdale was still a teenager. Ingle, from his gym in Sheffield, moulded the careers of a conveyor belt of world-beaters and title winners. He guided both of the fighters from childhood. Before super-middleweight Teasdale's first professional bout, the Rotherham fighter had been featured in national newspapers.



ROHIT RAJPAL BACKS SUMIT NAGAL DESPITE FOUR DAVIS CUP DEFEATS IN 2026



Sumit Nagal admitted he was physically a notch below Kwon Soonwoo as India slumped to a 1-3 Davis Cup defeat against Korea, with the Indian number one suffering his fourth loss in as many singles matches this season, even as captain Rohit Rajpal backed the struggling player and urged the team to move forward positively. India lost a great opportunity to make the Davis Cup knockout round after losing to a very much beatable Korea. The Indian singles players won their opening sets but ended up giving away the advantage to lose their respective singles on Friday, putting the team down 0-2.

Nagal, who had fought through a long singles battle on the opening day against Hyeon Chung, looked short of his best against Kwon in the must-win reverse, losing 1-6 2-6 as Korea sealed the tie. "I think more than mentally, it was physically. He played at a very high level. I was one level down, he was one level up. That made a big difference between me and him. He just outplayed me, that's it," Nagal said after India's defeat. Nagal, who has now lost all four of his Davis Cup singles matches in 2026, said Kwon made the most of conditions that suited his game. "It's very tough to hurt him here. It's not easy to outplay him in these conditions. It's very suitable for him. The balls are heavy, everything goes to his knee, he can barely hit anything above his shoulder, while my game style is very opposite to him," he said. The Indian also felt Kwon was physically fresher after playing a shorter match earlier in the tie. "Finishing later in the evening yesterday and then at least he had three-four hours and a very different match."

PV Sindhu Exclusive: On Gold Ambitions, Virat Kohli's Advice And Life Beyond Badminton

For PV Sindhu, Japan is a happy hunting ground. It was here that the badminton legend won her second Olympic medal. Back in July 2026, Sindhu beat local favourite Akane Yamaguchi in straight games and clinched her maiden BWF Super 750 title at the Japan Open. This time, the veteran is here for the 2026 Asian Games. Having won a bronze medal at the 2014 Incheon Asian Games and a silver at the 2018 Jakarta edition, Sindhu is eyeing gold at her fourth Asian Games. NDTV caught up with the superstar, who talked about advice from Virat Kohli, using the Trunome device, and her husband's special gift. Q: We are in Japan and we are in the happy hunting

ground of the athlete I am sitting with right now, PV Sindhu. It was your second Olympic medal that you won here in Tokyo, during the COVID Olympics. Tell us a little bit about coming back to Japan, Sindhu. A: Well, it's nice to be here in Japan. I'm really looking forward to the competition, and I hope I do well here and come back with a medal. Q: When you come back to a venue where you have already won a medal and experienced success, how does that feeling translate into a major event like this? A: Actually, this is a new venue. When we came to Japan for the Olympics, we played in Tokyo, but this time it's in Nagoya. It's a different stadium altogether. We had our first prac-

tice session, and it has been quite good. The overall atmosphere is great. It's an Asian Games venue, so athletes from different sports are here, and we compete both as individuals and as a team. It's a different feeling altogether. Q: Are you already feeling the Asian Games buzz and vibe? A: I've reached a bit late. I landed yesterday, and today was my first practice session. In badminton, especially in the women's team, we all come together and play as a unit. Generally, badminton is an individual sport, so we don't often get opportunities to compete in team events. That's what makes tournaments like the Asian Games special. Q: This time there is no traditional Games Village.

Athletes are staying in cruise ships, cabins, and hotels. What do you make of that? A: It's sad that there is no village this time. Usually, at the Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, or Olympics.





Agadha’ Brings a World of Mystery, Faith and the Supernatural to ZEE5 Telugu on September 25

Agadha, the mystical supernatural thriller directed by M.S. Raju, is set to make its digital premiere on ZEE5 Telugu on September 25, bringing its atmospheric world of mystery, spirituality and supernatural intrigue to audiences at home. Starring Kamakshi Bhaskarla in the lead, alongside Shravan Reddy, Ulka Gupta, Jovika Vijay Kumar, Roshan Basheer, Bhanu Chander, Vanitha Vijayakumar and others, the film explores a disturbing mystery that gradually opens the door to forces beyond the ordinary.

At the centre of Agadha is Mahadevi (Kamakshi Bhaskarla), a spiritually gifted woman whose life takes an unsettling turn as a series of unexplained deaths and the mysterious suicide of her cousin draw her towards a deeper truth. Her search takes her into a forbidden forest cave, where she encounters a supernatural presence known as Agadha. What begins as an attempt to understand a chain of disturbing events gradually develops into a journey through faith, fear, mystery and the unknown.

THE CONTENT OF 'THE PARADISE' HAS BEEN AMAZING.: DIRECTOR SRIKANTH ODELA

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Srikanth garu.. what is the inspiration for this story?

-This story has a real-life incident, some characters, and fiction... all three.

-My mother thought it would be good if I had a girl. But she didn't. She braided me and brought me up in a gown. I had braids until my second grade. I got the braids from there. There is a lot of emotion behind this too.

-The revolution and the characters in it were inspired by the Godavarikhani area where I was born and raised. I took the events that happened between Adilabad and Godavarikhani areas.



DANNY FIRST STRIKE IS RAW, RUSTIC AND BOLD-PACKS A SOLID PUNCH



Rizwan Entertainment and Kalyanji Content Pictures are jointly presenting the upcoming romantic crime drama Danny, produced by Rizwan and directed by Kalyanji Gogana. The film features Ashish Gandhi, Sejal Gupta, Sonal Singh and Azhar Khan in prominent roles. The makers have now unveiled the film's first strike. The first strike of Danny immediately grabs attention with its youthful, provocative and unapologetically bold tone. The glimpse opens with a girl asking the protagonist, "Do you always come to the beach alone?" He responds with a cheeky line, saying, "If I have to come to the beach, there definitely has to be a girl." He then goes on to reveal that he likes a girl's back as much as he

likes the beach. These bold exchanges instantly establish the film's attitude and are likely to strike a chord with its target youth audience. However, the first strike also makes it evident that Danny is not merely a bold romantic drama. The visuals hint at a much darker world, bringing together romance, crime and intense action. The rugged imagery, the protagonist's attitude and the raw presentation give the film a distinctive texture. The final sequence, in which the protagonist smokes a cigarette while covered in blood, leaves a particularly strong impression and adds to the intrigue surrounding his character. Overall, the first strike suggests that 'Danny' is shaping up to be a bold, raw and rustic romantic crime drama packed with

commercial elements. The reunion of director Kalyanji Gogana and Ashish Gandhi further adds to the interest surrounding the project. The duo previously collaborated on 'Natakam' and 'Kalinga', with both films receiving a positive response from audiences. Their coming together once again for 'Danny' has naturally raised expectations, and the first strike only adds to the curiosity. Ashish Gandhi delivers what appears to be his most intense performance yet, while Kalyanji Gogana brings a distinctive visual style and treatment to the character and the story. Visually, the first strike stands out with impressive cinematography and a raw visual treatment that complements the film's mood.

NIKHIL VIJAYENDRA SIMHA’S ‘SANGEETH’ FIRST SINGLE ‘NEE VALLE’ RELEASED

Renowned Music Composer A.R. Rahman Launches the Song Through His 'X' Account The first single 'Nee Valle' from the upcoming romantic entertainer 'Sangeeth', starring debutant Nikhil Vijayendra Simha and Teju Ashwini, has been released. Renowned music composer A.R. Rahman unveiled the song through his official 'X' account, marking the beginning of the film's musical journey. Composed by acclaimed music director Achu Rajamani, 'Nee Valle' is a soulful romantic melody beautifully sung by the ever-popular Sid Sriram, with heartfelt lyrics penned by Vikram Shiva. The song introduces the lead pair Nikhil Vijayendra Simha and Teju Ashwini and showcases their fresh chemistry and the emotional bond between their characters. Sid Sriram - Achu Rajamani's



Melodic Magic 'Nee Valle' beautifully captures the emotions of love and romance through Achu Rajamani's melodious composition. The soothing orchestration complements the mood of the song, while Sid Sriram's distinctive vocals add depth and emotion to the melody. The

song has been picturised on Nikhil Vijayendra Simha and Teju Ashwini, introducing their characters and their romantic journey. The combination of Vikram Shiva's touching lyrics, Achu Rajamani's music and Sid Sriram's expressive vocals makes 'Nee Valle' a refresh-

ing romantic melody. With the release of the first single, the makers have officially kick-started the musical promotions of 'Sangeeth' and are gearing up to unveil more exciting updates from the film. Lahari Films & RB Studios Present 'Sangeeth'..Presented by G.

Manoharan and L.Balakrishna, 'Sangeeth' is being produced jointly under the banners of Lahari Films and RB Studios. Lahari Films, known for films such as 'Writer Padmabhushan' and 'Mem Famous', has a long-standing association with Indian cinema and music. With 'Sangeeth', the banner is bringing another interesting Telugu film to audiences, blending music, romance, fresh talent and a contemporary narrative. Naveen Manoharan, Chandru Manoharan and Sravanthi Naveen are producing the film, while Maaz Khan is the Executive Producer. *Nikhil Vijayendra Simha Makes His Acting Debut* Directed by Saad Khan, who earned recognition with the Kannada film 'Humble Politician Nograj', 'Sangeeth' features a story written by Saad Khan and Siddhant Sundar.



Natakireeti Rajendra Prasad Unveils ‘Koko Kokoroko’ Song from ‘Mugguru Kothulu’

The much-awaited special song 'Koko Kokoroko' from the upcoming film 'Mugguru Kothulu' was released by Natakireeti Rajendra Prasad. Presented by GSR Creations and co-presented by Sky Flare Networks, the film is produced by Shobha Rani Garimella and directed by Kartik Garimella. The film

features Teja Kondapally, Ganesh Boddha and Devansh in key roles, while Varshika Pasam plays the female lead. The first-look poster and songs released so far have generated good interest among audiences. Continuing the musical promotions, the makers have now unveiled a special item number aimed at mass audiences.

TAMIL ZEE 5 ANNOUNCES "OCTOPUS", A SUSPENSEFUL TALE OF MYSTERY, SECRETS AND A NEIGHBOURHOOD ON A MISSION

-Directed by Jeyachandra Hashmi, the 7-episode Tamil Zee 5 Original features Ashwin, Archana, Vinoth Kishan, Sidhu Kumaresan and Kalaivani Bhaskar in pivotal roles-Tamil Zee 5 has consistently carved a distinctive space in the original series category, bringing audiences compelling regional stories across genres. Taking its storytelling ambitions a notch higher, the platform is now set to premiere Octopus, a gripping suspense thriller that brings a powerful female-led narrative to the forefront, challenging conventional storytelling norms within the genre. Directed by Jayachandra Hashmi, the 7-episode Tamil Zee 5 Original stars Ashwin, Archana, Vinoth Kishan, Sidhu Kumaresan, and Kalaivani Bhaskar in pivotal roles. Blending mystery, emotion, and intrigue, Octopus follows



a close-knit neighbourhood that comes to I'm together to uncover the truth behind the disappearance of a young woman, setting in motion a gripping chain of events that exposes hidden realities. Since the release of its launch promo across Tamil Zee 5's social media

platforms, Octopus has generated significant buzz online, igniting conversations around its intriguing narrative, fan theories, predictions, and organic digital chatter. More than just a suspense thriller, the series explores compelling themes of trust, relationships, resilience,

and the enduring power of human connection. Rooted in everyday realities and driven by deeply emotional storytelling, Octopus promises an enthralling and thought-provoking viewing experience that will keep audiences engaged and guessing until the very end.

VETTUVAM UNVEILS FIRST LOOK POSTER AND WORLD OF VETTUVAM VIDEO

Acclaimed filmmaker Pa. Ranjith, known for presenting powerful stories with exceptional filmmaking, is gearing up to bring another ambitious pan-India action spectacle with Vettuvam. Starring Arya, V.R. Dinesh, Sobhita Dhulipala, Kalaiyaran, and Mime Gopi in pivotal roles, the film is produced by S. Sai Devanand, S. Sai Venkateswaran, and Pa. Ranjith under the Learn and Teach Production and Neelam Productions banners. Vettuvam is scheduled for a grand theatrical release this December. The makers have released the film's striking first-look poster along with the World of Vettuvam video, offering audiences a glimpse into the film's expansive universe. The video features narration by Rana Daggubati for the Telugu version, Soubin Shahir for Malayalam, Kichcha Sudeep for Kannada, and Pa. Ranjith for Tamil. The World of Vettuvam video showcases the film's grand production



scale, rich world-building, and the powerful story it aims to tell. Set across three timelines, past, present, and future - the film explores how the way ancient communities lived continues to influence the present and shapes the future through nature's consequences and human conflict. It also

reveals that Vettuvam revolves around the battle between tribes fighting to establish power and dominance. The video introduces Arya as Dharmarajan, Shabeer Kallarakkal as Sembayan, Kalaiyaran as Veeravarman, Sobhita Dhulipala as Radhi, and V.R. Dinesh as Nandan. It

also highlights the extensive preparation undertaken by the cast, who trained in traditional martial arts such as Adimurai and Malkhamb, along with other combat techniques. With Vettuvam, Pa. Ranjith appears to have mounted one of his most ambitious cinematic ventures to date.