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31-08-2026
Total pilgrims : 77,042
Tonnages : 36,658
Hundi kankalis : 4,50 CR
Lakhs : 4,14 Lacs
Ammagaram : 2,00 Lacs
Anni Hospital : 3,151
Present Situation on 01-09-2026:
Waiting Compartments...27

Approx. Darshan Time for Sarvadarshanam (with out SSD Tokens) : 8-12H.

Short Takes

Nepal flood death toll crosses 1000, nearly 4000 still out of contact

Kathmandu, Sep 1 : Over 1000 people have now been confirmed dead following last week's devastating floods in Nepal even as bodies swept away continue to pile up along riverbanks in different districts, on Tuesday. The number of bodies recovered so far have reached 1003, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA) said in its latest update.

Indian among 12 killed in latest Russian attacks on Ukraine: Zelenskyy

LONDON: (Sep 1) An Indian national was among 12 people killed in the latest Russian attacks on Ukraine, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said on Tuesday, as drones and ballistic missiles struck several cities in the eastern European nation, damaging residential buildings and civilian infrastructure. Since Monday evening, guided aerial bomb and drone strikes have continued against Odesa city and the surrounding region, leaving thousands of families without electricity, Zelenskyy said in a social media post. "Overall, 12 people were killed, among them an Indian citizen," he said. "My condolences to everyone who has lost family and loved ones."

Gang rape in moving bus: NHRC notice to police commissioners of Delhi, Gautam Buddha Nagar

NEW DELHI: (Sep 1) The National Human Rights Commission on Tuesday said it has issued notices to the police commissioners of Delhi and Gautam Buddha Nagar in Uttar Pradesh, in the wake of the alleged gang rape of a 16-year-old girl in a moving bus. The rights panel has sought a report from the police authorities in two weeks, and is expected to include the status of the investigation and compensation, if any, paid to the victim. The girl, who had boarded the bus at Pari Chowk in Greater Noida on the night of August 4 believing she would be dropped at Noida Sector 63, was allegedly raped by the driver and conductor while the vehicle was moving.

■ SC QUASHES ALL FIRS AGAINST CJP PROTESTERS; September 5 march called off

CJP co-convenor Saurav Das appears before a Bench led by CJI Surya Kant to announce withdrawal of September 5 march; terms the order 'historic'

NEW DELHI (TSIT):

The Supreme Court on Tuesday quashed all FIRs registered against students who took part in the CJP's protests between July 20 and 25 across India, prompting the group's co-convenor Saurav Das to call off its September 5 march from India Gate to the Police Headquarters here.

"Keeping in view the future prospects of the young protesters who came to participate in a peaceful protest to raise their voice in support of certain demands, we deem it appropriate to invoke our powers under Article 142 of the Constitution in order to do complete justice between the parties," a Bench led by CJI Surya Kant said, closing all criminal proceedings against the protesters, except those already named in cases involving heinous crimes.

"Participating in a protest per se would not constitute an offence," noted the Bench, which also included Justice Joymalya Bagchi and Justice V Mohana.



The Bench also directed the Centre to provide within three months compensation to families of students who took their own lives over the NEET paper leak. Noting that quashing the FIRs was being done in the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case, it said the order shall not be treated as a binding precedent.

It gave liberty to the police to proceed against 2,873 individuals having serious criminal antecedents. The Bench clarified that its directions were without prejudice to the pending constitutional challenge with regard to use of facial recognition technology by the police. The order came at the request of the Centre and governments of Maharashtra, Bihar, West Bengal and Assam which requested the top court to

invoke its special power under Article 142 to close all cases against student protesters.

Article 142 empowers the Supreme Court to pass any order necessary to ensure "complete justice" in a matter pending before it. Das read out a statement before the Bench after Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said the Centre was committed to the assurances, including withdrawal of cases, given to CJP leaders in July when they called off their 36-day protest over alleged malpractices in NEET examinations.

"I am just here to read out a statement. As co-convenor of CJP, I want to state that in view of positive statement of Government of India and the judicial sanctity bestowed upon them today and in view of the order being passed by this honourable court, the CJP deems it appropriate to withdraw the call for the march on 5th September and looks forward for the compliance of today's order.

Relief to HYDRAA Commissioner, HC suspends single-judge order

HYDERABAD (TSIT):

The Telangana High Court on Tuesday, September 1, suspended until November 3 an order passed by a single judge directing the replacement of HYDRAA Commissioner AV Ranganath. Ranganath challenged the July 27 single judge order directing the Chief Secretary to relieve him from the post of Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) Chief and find a suitable replacement.

After hearing the arguments, the division bench of Justices P Sam Koshy and Narsing Rao Nandikonda on Tuesday suspended the single judge order until the next date of hearing on November 3. The single judge had ordered the replacement of Ranganath, rejecting an apology offered by him in connection with three contempt petitions moved against him by a real



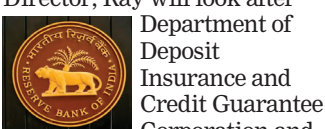
estate company. The company alleged violation of court orders by HYDRAA.

The single judge pointed out that as many as 63 contempt cases are pending against the HYDRAA Commissioner in courts. The single judge gave the directive while hearing the contempt petitions filed by the company with regard to 40-acre land claimed by it in Lothukunta village near here. In one of the contempt petitions, the company recently alleged that the officers of HYDRAA have been repeatedly trespassing its property.

RBI appoints Suman Ray as new Executive Director

NEW DELHI (TSIT):

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Tuesday appointed Suman Ray as Executive Director (ED) with immediate effect. Prior to being promoted as ED, Ray was serving as Regional Director for Maharashtra. As Executive Director, Ray will look after



Premises Department. According to a Central Bank statement, Ray has experience of over three decades in the Reserve Bank, having worked in several areas including Currency Management, Financial Inclusion, Payment and Settlement System, Consumer Education and Protection, and Human Resources.

Welfare, development and good governance are coalition priorities: CM Naidu

VISAKHAPATNAM (TSIT):

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu said the coalition government was giving equal priority to welfare, development and good governance, with the economic empowerment of the poor as its main objective. Addressing a programme at Mogalthur in the Narsapuram Assembly constituency on Tuesday during the distribution of NTR Bharosa pensions, Naidu recalled that he first became Chief Minister of undivided Andhra Pradesh 31 years ago, on September 1. He said successive reforms and programmes had been introduced to increase public participation in governance. The Chief Minister said enhanced pensions were being provided to senior citizens, widows, persons with disabilities and other eligible beneficiaries.



chiarities. Around Rs. 73,507 crore had so far been distributed through pensions, while Rs. 1.50 lakh crore had been spent on welfare programmes during the past two years. Highlighting women's economic empowerment, Naidu said DWCRAs groups were being supported through schemes such as Deepam-2.0,

under which eligible women receive three free LPG cylinders annually. He said 33 per cent reservation had been provided to increase women's participation across sectors. Around one lakh DWCRAs women became MSME entrepreneurs last year, with further expansion planned this year. The government would also provide marketing support through the 'Swayam' brand. Naidu said special measures were being implemented for the social and economic advancement of SCs, STs and minorities. He said reservations had been provided for Vadderas in mining and toddy tappers in liquor shops, while SC categorisation had been implemented for social justice. Tribal students were also being trained for competitive examinations and higher education.

US strikes Iran again, blasts heard in Bandar Abbas, Chabahar



TEHRAN (TSIT)

In what appears to be a further escalation of US strikes, explosions were reported late on Tuesday, September 1, in Konarak and Chabahar in southeastern Iran, as well as Bandar Abbas in the south, according to IRGC-linked Telegram channels and local media reports. Iranian authorities had not officially confirmed the reports at the time of writing.

However, the US Central Command confirmed on X, "Today at 12 p.m. ET, US forces began striking Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) targets in Iran. The strikes follow recent attempted attacks by the IRGC

against commercial shipping in the Strait of Hormuz and against American service members deployed to the region." The local media reported that more than five explosions were heard around Masan village in Qeshm. Additionally, four explosions were heard from the direction of the Strait of Hormuz in Qeshm.

AlArabiya quoted an American official as saying, "We carried out precise, defensive strikes on sites in Bandar Abbas in Iran." Axios also quoted US officials as saying the US air force is striking targets around the Strait of Hormuz. Meanwhile, the US Embassy in Jerusalem also issued a security alert urging American citizens in the Middle East to exercise greater vigilance due to the potential escalation of tensions, flight cancellations, and airspace closures. The embassy warned: The Islamic Republic and its supporting groups may target US interests abroad.

New Delhi, Sep 1: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday hailed India's 7.8 per cent GDP growth in the April-June quarter of 2026-27, describing the performance as a reflection of the country's collective strength and resilience amid global uncertainties. In a message reacting to the latest growth figures, Modi congratulated the people of India and credited their determination and hard work for the strong economic performance.

"Heartiest congratulations to my fellow citizens. With a growth rate of 7.8%, the nation is filled with joy," Modi said.

He noted that India had achieved the growth despite global challenges, including conflicts, disruptions to supply chains and volatility in oil prices. The Prime Minister said the country



had continued to progress even as economic stability remained difficult across the world. Modi also took a veiled swipe at critics of the Indian economy, accusing some of spreading pessimism and what he described

as "jhooth ki goonj" or an "echo of lies". He said the latest growth figures had demonstrated India's ability to overcome such challenges and maintain strong economic momentum. "Rising above all this and

cutting through these obstacles, the nation has achieved a growth rate of 7.8%. We must maintain this momentum. We must keep moving forward," Modi said.

India's economy grew 7.8 per cent year-on-year in the April-June quarter, exceeding the Reserve Bank of India's earlier 7 per cent forecast and economists' expectations. The growth was supported by domestic consumption, investment and strong performance in sectors including manufacturing and financial services. Modi also stressed the importance of strengthening India's self-reliance and domestic capabilities to sustain economic growth amid continuing global disruptions.

"For that, becoming Atmanirbhar Bharat is essential," the Prime Minister said.

VOC Port invites bids for 2,500 acre shipbuilding project in Thoothukudi

CHENNAI: VO Chidambaramanar (VOC) Port at Thoothukudi has invited bids for a consultant to prepare a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the proposed 2,500 acre greenfield shipbuilding cluster near the port, covering the shipyard capacity, marine infrastructure, land development and investment requirements. The DPR will assess the technical and commercial feasibility of the project, including the capacity and configuration of the shipyard, shipbuilding and ship-repair potential, production facilities and the types of vessels that could be targeted. This will be based on Indian and global demand, competing shipyards and potential customers, with the study



also looking at annual vessel output, CGT capacity and steel throughput. It will cover an approach channel, turning basin, berths and other marine assets. Topographical, bathymetric, hydrographic and geo-technical information will form part of the assessment, along with requirements for dredging, reclamation, ground improvement and shore protection.

A key part of the DPR will be the division between the common infrastructure for the cluster and facilities to be developed by the anchor shipyard. It will set out the respective responsibilities of the project SPV and the anchor shipyard for ownership, funding, operation and maintenance of major infrastructure and marine assets. The supporting

infrastructure will include power, water, fire-fighting systems, industrial gases, roads, drainage, buildings, workshops and warehouses. The consultant will also assess the implications for fishing and other coastal communities and prepare measures for stakeholder and livelihood concerns, while the DPR will factor in the requirements arising from land development and the site's physical and regulatory constraints. The cost assessment will cover dredging, reclamation, ground improvement, marine infrastructure, shipyard facilities and equipment, utilities, buildings, roads and other common infrastructure, as well as recurring costs such as maintenance dredging and infrastructure upkeep.



Honble Chief Minister inspected the Mettur Dam power station control room and reviewed its operations...

Madras High Court sets aside H Raja's conviction, six-month jail term in Periyar, Kanimozhi remarks cases

CHENNAI: The Madras High Court set aside the conviction and six-month jail sentence imposed on BJP leader H Raja in two cases over his remarks on Periyar EV Ramasamy and alleged derogatory comments against DMK MP Kanimozhi. Justice

V Lakshminarayanan, who heard the appeals, observed that there was nothing on record to establish that Raja's posts had caused any disturbance or tension in society. Friend throws chilli powder at DMK man, stabs him to death in Coimbatore

Protium

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NOTICE OF SALE THROUGH PRIVATE TREATY

SALE OF MOVABLE & IMMOVABLE ASSETS CHARGED TO PROTIUM FINANCE LIMITED UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 (SARFAESI ACT).

The Authorized Officer of Protium Finance Limited (hence will be known as "PROTIUM") has taken over possession of the schedule property (IES) u/Section 14 of the SARFAESI ACT. Public at large is informed that the secured property (IES) as mentioned in the Schedule are available for sale through Private Treaty, as per the terms agreeable to the PROTIIUM for realisation of PROTIIUM's dues on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS"

Sr. No.	Name of the owner of the property (Title Deed holders) / Demand Notice amount	Encumbrances known, if any
1.	Vairaj Junction through its Partner Gurumoorthis Ramesh and b) S. Prabhakaran, 2. Gurumoorthis Ramesh, Partner of Vairaj Junction, 3. S. Prabhakaran S/o. Subramanyam, Partner of Vairaj Junction, 4. Gurumoorthis Ramesh, 5. Kalipatti Srinivasareddy Gurumoorthis, 6. Gurumoorthis Karthick, 7. Maragatham W/o. Gurumoorthis, Residing at - 41, 41E, ECM Building, Eswaran Kovil Street, Erode-638001, Tamil Nadu, and also at 258/3, Rajeev Nagar, Bhavani Taluk, Mylambadi, Erode-638314, Tamil Nadu, and also at 1009, Agni Maryamman Koll Street, Avarankadu, Pallipalayam, Namakkal-638005, Tamil Nadu	On as is where is basis Reserve Price (Rs.) Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.) Rs. 36,50,000/- Rs. 3,65,000/-

Description of the Property - (As per Document No. 1040/2010 Sale Deed) All the piece and parcel of the immovable property residential site bearing R.S. No. 7792/2, P. Hec. 1.14.0 (P. Ac. 2.22), Old S.F. No. 148D, Kist Rs. 3.16, for this Patta No. 39, in this formed layout, Site No. 22, situated at Mylambadi Village, Bhavani Taluk, Bhavani S.R.D., Erode R.D., within the following boundaries: East to: Property of Viswan, West to: 20 Feet Width North-South Road, North to: Site No. 21, South to: Site No. 23. In this addressing East-West on the North 84.6 Feet, East-West on the South 83 Feet, North-South on both sides 30 Feet each, i.e., totally measuring 2512-1/2 Sq. Ft. (233.4 Sq. Mtr.) extent of land. For this connecting entire common roads via Minalu pathway, cart-track rights etc. The said property situated within the limit of Mylambadi Panchayat together with all other rights, buildings, improvements, and easement appurtenant thereto.

Standard terms & conditions for sale of property through private treaty are as under - (1). Sale through Private Treaty will be on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS". (2) The purchaser will be required to deposit 25% of the sale consideration on the next working day of receipt of PROTIIUM's acceptance of offer for purchase of property and the remaining amount within 15 days thereafter. EMD amount shall be remitted through NEFT / RTGS / Funds Transfer in favor of "Entity-Protium Finance Limited", Bank Name - Axis Bank Ltd, IFSC Code - UTIB0000230, Bank Account No. - 919020094648497 (3) The purchaser has to deposit 10% of the offered amount along with application till 21.09.2026 which will be adjusted against 25% of the deposit to be made as per clause (2) above. (4) Failure to remit the amount as required under clause (2) above will cause forfeiture of amount already paid including 10% of the amount paid along with application. (5) In case of non-acceptance of offer of purchase by the PROTIIUM, the amount of 10% paid along with the application will be refunded without any interest. (6) The property is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to the PROTIIUM. The Authorized Officer / Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for all third-party claims / rights / dues. (7) The purchaser should conduct due diligence on all aspects related to the property (under sale through private treaty) to his satisfaction. The purchaser shall not be entitled to make any claim against the Authorized Officer/Secured Creditor in this regard at a later date. (8) The PROTIIUM reserves the right to reject any offer of purchase without assigning any reason. (9) In case of more than one offer, the PROTIIUM will accept the highest offer. If higher bidder fails to deposit the remaining amount in terms of clause (2) above, then PROTIIUM may request & accept the second higher offer. (10) The interested parties may contact the Authorized Officer for further details / clarifications and for submitting their application. (11) The purchaser has to bear all stamp duty, registration fee, and other expenses, taxes, duties in respect of purchase of the property. (12) Sale shall be in accordance with the provisions of SARFAESI ACT / Rules. (13) Contact Person: Mr. Vasanthan L (9862031190) Email ID: vasanthan.l@protium.co.in 2 Contact Person: Prabhakaran G (9428469660) Email ID: prabhakaran.g@protium.co.in

Date: 02/09/2026, Place : Tamilnadu

Sd/-, For Protium Finance Limited, Authorized Officer

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FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED

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POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Fedbank Financial Services Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (S.4 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 22/4/2025 for **LAN No FEDCHNLAPO488904** calling upon the Borrower, Mortgagor, Co-Borrower(s) and Guarantor-: (1) **PLANTTECH (Borrower); (2) M/S ETS Safety System PVT Ltd. (Co - Borrower); (3) Eliangovan S (Co - Borrower); (4) Lavanya K (Co - Borrower)** to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice being together with further interest thereon at the contractual rate plus all costs charges and incidental expenses etc. within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said demand notice. The Borrower, Mortgagor, Co-Borrower(s) and Guarantor mentioned hereinabove having failed to repay the above said amount within the specific period, notice is hereby given to the Borrower, Mortgagor, Co-Borrower(s), Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned Authorised officer has taken **PHYSICAL POSSESSION** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **AUGUST 27th** of the year **2026**

The Borrower, Mortgagor, Co-Borrower(s) and Guarantor mentioned hereinabove in particular and the public in general is/are hereby cautioned not to deal with the following property and any dealings with the following property will be subject to the charge of Fedbank Financial Services Ltd for the amount of **Rs 1395748/ (Rupees Thirteen lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Eight Only)** as on **21-04-2025** together with further interest thereon at the contractual rate plus all the costs charges and incidental expenses etc.

The borrower's attention is invited to sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

SCHEDULE I

DESCRIPTION OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY

Item No I- All that piece and Parcel of House-site Plot, bearing Plot No.13-A, Measuring 1372 1/2 Sq.Ft., sub-division approved by The For Member Secretary, C.M.D.A., and The Commissioner, Anakaputhur Municipality, Vide Sub-Division No. 22/2012-13 and D.Dis.No.244/2012/C1, Dated 09-01-2013, in Annai Indragandhi Street, Balaji Nagar Extension, Comprised in Old Survey No.252A, Patta No.3092, as per Patta New Survey No.25/38, Situated in Old Village Nos. 128, 99, 87, New Village No.1, Anakaputhur Village, in Alandur Taluk (Formerly Tambaram Taluk), Kancheepuram District, Bounded on the: North By: Plot Nos.6 & 87, South By: 20 Feet Wide Road, East By: Plot No. 13-B, West By: Plot No.6 & 7, South By: 20 Feet Wide Road, East By: Plot No.12, West By: Plot No.13-A, Measuring: East to West on the Northern Side: 20 Feet 6 Inches, East to West on the Southern Side: 20 Feet 6 Inches, North to South on the Eastern Side: 65 Feet 6 Inches, North to South on the Western Side: 66 Feet, in all admeasuring 1372 1/2 Sq.Ft.,

Item No 2: All that piece and parcel of House-site Plot, bearing Plot No.13-B, Measuring 1337 1/2 Sq.Ft., sub-division approved by The For Member Secretary, C.M.D.A., and The Commissioner, Anakaputhur Municipality, Vide Sub-Division No. 22/2012-13 and D.Dis.No.244/2012/C1, Dated 09-01-2013, in Annai Indragandhi Street, Balaji Nagar Extension, Comprised in Old Survey No.222A, Patta No.3092, as per Patta New Survey No.25/38, Situated in Old Village Nos. 128, 99, 87, New Village No.1, Anakaputhur Village, in Alandur Taluk (Formerly Tambaram Taluk), Kancheepuram District, Bounded on the: North By: Plot Nos.6 & 7, South By: 20 Feet Wide Road, East By: Plot No.12, West By: Plot No.13-A, Measuring: East to West on the Northern Side: 20 Feet 6 Inches, East to West on the Southern Side: 20 Feet 6 Inches, North to South on the Eastern Side: 65 Feet, North to South on the Western Side: 65 Feet 6 Inches, in all admeasuring 1337 1/2 Sq.Ft., Extent of Land of Item No.1: 1372 1/2 Sq.Ft., Extent of Land of Item No.2: 1337 1/2 Sq.Ft., Total Extent of Land: 2710 Sq.Ft., Bounded on the: North By: Plot Nos.6 & 87, South By: 20 Feet Wide Road, East By: Plot No. 12, West By: Plot No.6 & 7, South By: 20 Feet Wide Road, East By: Plot No.12, West By: Plot No.13-A, Measuring: East to West on the Northern Side: 20 Feet 6 Inches, East to West on the Southern Side: 20 Feet 6 Inches, North to South on the Eastern Side: 65 Feet, North to South on the Western Side: 65 Feet 6 Inches, in all admeasuring 1337 1/2 Sq.Ft.,

Schedule B Property 330 Sq Ft., undivided share land, Right title and interest out of 2710 Sq Ft., Described in the Schedule A Property.

Schedule C Property Flat No.G-2, measuring 709 Sq.Ft., Plinth Area (inclusive of common area and covered car parking) in Ground Floor and 330 Sq.ft., Undivided Share of land. Within the registration district of Chennai south and sub registration district of pampal.

Place: - ANAKAPUTHUR Sd/- (Authorized Officer) -
Date: - 27-08-2026 Fedbank Financial Services Ltd

Madurai school headmaster placed under suspension over administrative inefficiency

CHENNAI: The School Education Department, has placed the headmaster-in-charge of Nadar Saraswathy Higher Secondary School in Usilampatti Taluk, K Paramasivam, under suspension with immediate effect.

According to proceedings issued by the District Educational Officer, an enquiry into "grave charges" against Paramasivam, who is also a Post Graduate (PG) assistant in English, is contemplated. The order stated that he was placed under suspension in the public interest citing administrative inefficiency. Friend throws chilli powder at DMK man,



stabs him to death in CoimbatoreThe suspension was ordered under sub-rule (e) of Rule 17 of the Tamil Nadu Civil Services (Disciplinary and Appeal) Rules. The order did not disclose the specific reasons for the suspension, stating that the reasons could not be furnished in the larger public interest. However, sources confirm that the faculty had discarded materi-

als from free kit allocated for students of the school. During the period of suspension, Paramasivam will be eligible for subsistence allowance and Dearness Allowance as admissible under Fundamental Rule 53(1). The order further directed that his headquarters during the suspension period would remain at Usilampatti Taluk. He has also been instructed not to leave the headquarters without obtaining prior permission from the competent authority.

EASTERN RAILWAY

No. DTE-JMP-10/26-27, Date: 29.08.2026. Assistant Town Engineer, Eastern Railway, Jamalpur Workshop, District-Munger, Bihar-811214 invites tender for the following work. **Name of works :** Construction of 140T crane simulator building. **Advertised Tender Value :** Rs. 45,02,375/-. **Earnest Money :** 90,100/- **Date of Opening :** 25.09.2026. **Completion period for the work :** 06 (six) months.

MISC-166/2026-27

Tender Notice is also available at websites : www.er.indianrailways.gov.in / www.irps.gov.in

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Funds for stadiums in MLA seats hiked to Rs 10 cr

CHENNAI: The mini stadium project in every MLA constituency, one of the dream projects of former Sports Development Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin, has been upgraded with additional funds, according to an announcement by Sports Development Minister Aadhav Arjuna in the Assembly on Tuesday. Aadhav claimed that the scheme has been halted for restructuring and remodelling purposes. During Zero Hour, around 23 MLAs raised queries about sports infrastructure in their respective constituencies. DMK MLAs Durai Chandrasekaran and Siva V Meyyanathan raised questions about the status of the mini stadium scheme, which was inaugurated during the DMK regime. Replying to them, Minister Aadhav said the Rs 3 crore budget allocation for each mini stadium was insufficient to build proper stadiums. "The government is restructuring and remodelling the mini stadium scheme, with a budget allocation of Rs 10 crore to Rs 12 crore. But the locations of the stadiums will not be changed," Minister Aadhav said. The government also plans to construct an international stadium in each district. Appealing to the MLAs, the minister said they could allocate their constituency development funds to school infrastructure, including toilet facilities, rather than stadiums. Alleging that the mini stadium in Karur had not been constructed properly, the minister said the running track had been completely damaged due to the lower budget allocation. "Owing to the lower budget allocation, the running track was completely damaged in Karur.

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Home Finance

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DEMAND NOTICE

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTIONS IN OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 ("the Act") AND THE SECURITY IN T INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULUS, 2002 ("the Rules")

The undersigned being the **Authorized Officer of IKF Home Finance Limited** (the Secured Creditor) under then A2t and in exercise of the powers conferred under Sec. "13(12) of the Act read with Rule 3 issued Demand Notice(s) under Sec. 13(2) of the Act cadine upon the following borrower(s) to rpgfy Unu amount mentioned in tdc respective notice(s) **within 60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice. The undersigned reasonable believes the borrower(s) is / are avoiding then setvice of the Demand Notice(s), therefore the service of notice is being affected by affixation and publicitarn as per Rules. The contents of Demand Noticn(s) are extracted herein below :-

Sl. No.	Name & Address of the Borrower/s & Co-Borrower/s	Loan Amt.	Dt. of Demand Notice & O/s. Amt.	Description of the Property / Secured Asset
1	Lan No. LXTMB01424-250014382 1. Mr./Mrs. Ramesh Devan 2. Mr./Mrs. Rajesh Ramesh 3. Mr./Mrs. Anjalram Ramesh 4. Mr./Mrs. Vignesh Ramesh Add: Abirami Nagar, Vallapakkam, Walajabad, Kancheepuram, Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu, India-631605	Rs. 14,00,000/-	Rs. 15,28,615/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Twenty Eight Thousand Six Hundred Fifteen Only) as on 24-08-2026	All that piece and parcel of Land and building bearing in Plot No.37, SRI ABIRAMINAGAR, Said Layout Approved Via (Approval no CSA/DCP/M-84/189/LP157) Situated at No 87, Vallapakkam, walaajabad Kancheepuram, Land Measuring an extent of 2400 Square feet of Land together with building Comprised in Old Survey Nos.213/1 and 213/2, and as Per Patta No 570 New Survey no 213/1B1B,213/2A1B, Situated at VALLAPAKKAM VILLAGE Kancheepuram Taluk, Kancheepuram District and being bounded on the, BOUNDED BY: North by : 40 Feet Road, South by : Plot No.36, East by : Plot No.37/A , West by : 24 Feet Road, MEASURED BY : Northern side : 40 Feet, Southern side : 40 Feet, Eastern side : 60 Feet, Western side : 60 Feet. Admeasuring Extent of 2400 Square Feet of Land Situated Within the Registration District of Kancheepuram and Sub Registration District of Walajabad

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

Place : Tamilnadu Sd/- Authorised Officer
Date : 26-08-2026 for IKF Home Finance Limited

SALES AND MARKETING NOTICE : For the 100 percent water soluble mixture of Fertilisers

In pursuance of the order no.S.O. 2900 (E) dated 24th October 2015, as amended by Notification No S.O.4120(E) dated 30th December 2017, issued by Department of Agriculture Co-operation and Farmer Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare, Govt of India and in accordance with applicable provisions of the Fertiliser (control),1985, Shriram AgSmart Ltd (Subsidiary of DCM Shriram Ltd), having its registered office at 2nd Floor, (West Wing), World Mark -1, Aerocity, New Delhi - 110037 India hereby notifies that it intends to sell/market in the state of Tamilnadu 100% Water Soluble Mixture of Fertilisers of the following grades, conforming to the specification as given below.

SI No.	Grades	NPK 12-58-0	NPK 6-0-49	NPKSB 00:14:14:11	NPKS 15-26-16-2	NPK 13-10-27	NPK 13-35-11	NPKB 35:15:0.2	NPKS 13:05:35	NPK 11-42-11
1	Moisture per cent by weight, Maximum	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
2	Total Nitrogen per cent by weight, Minimum	12.0	6.0	0	15	13	13	8	13	12
3	Water Soluble Phosphates (as P2O5) per cent by weight, Minimum	58.0	0.0	14	12	10	35	35	5	42
4	Water Soluble Potash (as K2O) per cent by weight, Minimum	0.0	49.0	14	16	27	11	15	35	13
5	Water Soluble Sulphur as Sulphate per cent by weight, Minimum			11	2					
6	Boron (as B) per cent by weight, Minimum						0.2			
7	Total Chloride per cent by Weight, Maximum	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
8	Matter Insoluble in water per cent by weight, Maximum	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
9	Sodium (as NaCl) per cent by weight, Maximum	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
10	Lead (as Pb) per cent by weight, Maximum	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003
11	Cadmium (as Cd) per cent by weight, Maximum	0.0025	0.0025	0.0025	0.0025	0.0025	0.0025	0.0025	0.0025	0.0025
12	Arsenic (as As) per cent by weight, Maximum	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01

To know more about doses, method of appication and benefits, please contact below given office Marketing

Office Address & Contact Details

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EDITORIAL

End of an Era: The Life and Influence of Niketu Iralu

An era has ended – not merely because a distinguished elder has passed, but because a rare moral presence has fallen silent. Niketu Iralu lived simply, sought little for himself, and yet touched an extraordinary range of lives. In a society too often pulled by faction, fear and vested interest, he restored conscience to public conversation. He reminded us that the future of the Naga people would depend not only on what we demand from others, but on what we are willing to examine, confess, forgive and change within ourselves. A life formed by history – transformed by faith Born in Khonoma, in 1935, to Dr Seville Iralu and Vituno Iralu, Niketu grew up close to the upheavals of modern Naga history. His family knew political suspicion and suffering; his father was imprisoned despite not being politically active. After pre-university studies in Shillong, he attended Madras Christian College. There, in 1955, he encountered Moral Re-Armament – now Initiatives of Change – and two years later left college to serve the movement full-time. That choice became the direction of his life: more than six decades devoted to the inner work from which social healing must begin. His peace was never passivity. It was the difficult discipline of truth, restitution, forgiveness and reconciliation. He had seen the wounds of conflict too closely to romanticise them, yet he refused cynicism. He believed political settlements mattered, but also knew that no agreement could heal a people who had not learned again to trust, listen and accept shared responsibility. The man everyone called ‘Uncle’ The most fitting public title he received was not an award or office. It was ‘Uncle Niketu’. Young people, church workers, political leaders, activists, scholars and ordinary citizens addressed him so because he was approachable. He could challenge without humiliating and disagree without making an enemy. People left him feeling heard – not because he always agreed, but because he listened as though their dignity mattered. We all called him ‘Uncle’ because of his warmth, his non-judgmental spirit, his extraordinary gift of listening, his compassionate soul and the quiet reliability of his presence. Young people today need more such people who will listen without condemning, guide without controlling and remain steadfast when life becomes difficult. In his memory, perhaps each of us must look within and become such a person: first to ourselves, and then to the young people in our homes and neighbourhoods. This may appear to be a small contribution, but it could help make or break Nagaland as a people. When the House ‘listened’ to Eastern Nagaland That deep sense of warmth and belonging took physical form in Kerünyü Ki, the ‘House of Listening’, at Sechü in Kohima. The home he shared with Christine became a place where people divided by tribe, politics, age and experience could enter, speak and begin again. Christine recalled that they regarded themselves not as owners of the house but as custodians. This was also how he seemed to regard influence: never as a possession, but as something entrusted to him for the good of others. For me, the ‘House of Listening’ was not merely a name; it was something I personally experienced.

was visiting Kathmandu for the first edition of NDTV's World Anviksha: Ideas Across Borders summit, which was to focus on India-Nepal relations. I was supposed to spend two days here, and was pretty excited to meet the 'Mahanayak' of Nepali cinema, Rajesh Hamal, who is often called the 'Amitabh Bachchan' of Nepal. I was to be in conversation with him during one of the sessions. I landed in Kathmandu and was preparing for the summit when, at around 11.30 am, a friend, who is a Nepali journalist, told me that a major landslide had hit the country. I wasn't sure. I thought there must have been a small incident somewhere in the hills. But in another hour or so, as more information came in, I was convinced it was bigger than what I was thinking. My reporter's instincts told me that I should go to the ground and see things firsthand. I spoke to my office in Noida back in India and told them I wanted to head to the affected area. My cameraperson, Pooja Arya, and I had to convince our local driver to take us to the closest point to the flood. He refused initially, but eventually agreed after much coaxing. It was pouring as we left Kathmandu. The drive to Nuwakot was expected to take three hours. We had no TV cameras with us since no field equipment was required for the summit. All I had was my phone, as did my cameraperson. As the rains intensified, the army barricading the turn to Nuwakot indicated that the tragedy was perhaps bigger than what we anticipated. We met locals. The first woman I met took me to the first floor of her house and said, "I lived on the ground floor, and that's submerged

An aerial photograph showing a village in Nepal that has been severely affected by flooding. The scene is dominated by a wide, turbulent river of muddy, brown water that has inundated the surrounding land. On the right side, several multi-story buildings, likely houses, are partially submerged in the water. The water appears to be flowing rapidly, creating white foam and eddies. The background shows a hilly landscape with some greenery and a few more buildings visible in the distance. The overall tone of the image is somber and highlights the impact of natural disasters on human settlements.

now." The area had bad connectivity. We quickly shot videos and eyewitness accounts to send to the Delhi office. The challenge was the rain and the darkness. The debris, mud, and silt made it more difficult to move ahead. Even so, NDTV was the first foreign media to be on Ground Zero in Nepal on August 26. Drenched and with our phones alerting us that water had entered the devices, we continued reporting until late into the night at Nuwakot. That night, I met a young couple at a tea shop when we took a pit stop to have some water. Their house was inundated, and they had been separated from their family. I recorded my conversation with them, and they promised to take me to their home, Trishuli, the next morning. Day 2 We were prepared to sleep in the car till sunrise, but our phone bat-

teries were dying, and we desperately needed dry clothes. So we drove back three hours to Kathmandu, changed, and picked up TV live telecast equipment. The next morning, we headed back with the same couple, who had spent the night at the tea shop. All the major roads were washed away. They took us through a kucha path covered in grass and mud, and with slippery slopes. Thankfully, we had a brave local driver who knew the terrain very well. It took another hour from Bidhur to climb up. Again, NDTV was the first channel to reach the iconic Trishuli bazar. Everything was submerged. Only a single, green-coloured house was standing, which has since gone viral and has been hailed as an architectural wonder. As we were shooting there, our driver pointing to a man and said, "Meet him,

he saved people from this green house." I recorded a candid conversation with him. I also met a landlord who had five houses in Trishuli bazaar. All of them had been reduced to debris. No clothes to wear, no food to eat, he broke down helplessly. I met two shopkeepers of Indian origin. Both had lost their shops. One had lost his wife and son as well. Another shopkeeper told us that he clung to a banana tree to save himself. He still couldn't sleep because his neighbour's son kept asking for help. "Uncle, bacha lo" (uncle, save me). But he just couldn't hold on to him; his fingers slipped, and the boy was gone. Connectivity remained a challenge here, too. We decided to move ahead and go to the Mansarovar road to get a sense of what actually happened there. Once again, NDTV was the first media

crew to reach the area. We filed reports from there. On the way, we saw a rescue team digging out bodies from the riverbed. The flash floods had demolished a hillock, which had breached the road, washing it away. We gathered all our reports and rushed to a connectivity point in Bidhur to send our stories. Since these areas had no place left to spend the night, we had to again head back to Kathmandu to charge our equipment. Day 3 there was a second flood alert from China. We rushed back to Trishuli to get a sense of how prepared the victims were for this new alert. On our way, we saw the army helpaid, and families waiting anxiously, expecting that their dear ones would walk out of the helicopters. While Trishuli was deserted, the victims' families waiting for relief had moved to higher reaches as a precau-

tion. It was like a ghost town; there was debris all around, and the houses that were intact were locked. I met an old woman, Maiya Tamang, who had decided not to leave her house. "Let fate decide for us. I can't take my bedridden, sick husband anywhere. He can't move. We survived flash floods. Let's see what this flood will do," she said to me. It was painful to hear this. Since the network was an issue, we once again drove back to Bidhur, which was an hour away, to send our reports. At Bidhur, we met a bunch of young volunteers who were buying groceries nearby. They requested that we help them out with our vehicle. They wanted to reach a school where 100 people had taken shelter and had no food or water. We agreed. We loaded their stuff and started driving up again to the rescue shelter.

Brent Hit \$120, Rupee Sank, Hormuz Shut. How India Still Managed 7.8% Growth

Between April and June 2026, the Strait of Hormuz ran at a fraction of its normal traffic. Brent touched \$120 a barrel, the rupee fell to a record, and the producer price index for crude petroleum rose 58%. In that quarter, the Indian economy grew 7.8%, against the 7% the Monetary Policy Committee had pencilled in. Real GVA grew 8.2% and nominal GDP 10.3%. The United States grew 1.5% in the same quarter, China 4.3%, and Britain 0.4%. It was a broad quarter, not a lucky one. Manufacturing grew 9.2%, construction 7.7%, services 10.0%. Gross fixed capital formation grew 11.9% in real terms, lifting the investment rate from 31.4 to 34.3% of GDP. Private consumption grew 7.1%. Exports grew 12% through a tariff wall and a war. Government consumption grew only 4.3%, so the private economy did the work. Listed company operating profit rose 19.3%, bank credit is growing 19.3%, net FDI doubled to \$7.8 billion and the Centre's net tax revenue rose 17.8%. Timely Policies Policy earned a part of that. Retail petrol was held at Rs. 108.7 a litre and diesel at Rs. 98.1 through the shock, so the household consumption deflator was 2.6% when the import deflator exceeded 30%. The FCNR(B) swap window brought in \$65.4 billion and stopped the rupee's slide becoming a rout. Foodgrain stocks at 4.7 times the buffer norm held cereal prices while the monsoon faltered. Last year's tax relief put money in households' hands as oil took it out. Five challenges now stand between the June quarter and a full year above 7%, and each has a fiscal and a monetary answer. The first is oil. The Indian basket averaged \$89.7 a barrel in August and the Chief Economic Adviser expects no material fall. Holding retail prices has cost the exchequer twice, with major subsidies up 37.4% and excise collections down 22.4%. The fiscal toll is excise as a two-way buffer. The cut absorbed the shock on the way up. It must be restored, pre-announced and mechanical, on the way down, so the Budget recovers what it spent



while the pump price stays flat. The fertiliser subsidy, up 57.6%, should move to a per-hectare transfer before the next kharif. The monetary tool is patience. Core inflation excluding precious metals was 2.7% in July. An oil shock with a stable core is a relative price change, not an inflation process, and the MPC should keep looking through it. The second is the monsoon. The rainfall deficit narrowed from 38% at end June to 13% at end July and kharif acreage reached 92% of normal, but all four regions remain in deficit and the IMD expects August and September below 94% of the long period average. Meat, eggs and spices are already above 12% inflation. The fiscal tools are in hand and should be used at scale. Release rice and wheat through the OMSS in volumes that move market prices. Cut import duty on pulses and edible oils to zero for the season if September fails. Frontload VB-G RAM G to deficit districts, since rural unemployment rose in the June quarter while demand for work under the new scheme fell 39.2% in July. The monetary tool is the RBI's own projection of 5.9% CPI in the December quarter. If the output matches, hold. If food pushes it above 6% for two quarters, hike 25 basis points rather than write the letter the framework requires. Don't Crowd

The Rupee The third is the rupee and the money created to defend it. At 95.7 to the dollar, the currency is past its March record, and the FCNR(B) window closed on August 31. The rupees issued against those dollars are why daily liquidity absorption averaged Rs. 3.48 lakh crore in August against Rs. 0.89 lakh crore in June. The monetary tool is sterilisation. The RBI absorbed Rs. 12.68 lakh crore through variable rate reverse repos in August and should extend to longer tenors, with outright OMO sales if the surplus stays above Rs. 3 lakh crore, so that liquidity created to defend the currency does not become the fuel for 19.3% credit growth against 15.4% deposit growth. The exchange rate should find its level with reserves used to smooth, not to hold a line. The fiscal tool is discipline in the borrowing calendar. With corporate bond issuance down to Rs. 1.88 lakh crore from Rs. 2.95 lakh crore, the sovereign should not crowd the same rupees. The fourth is trade. The additional 10% Section 301 tariff took effect on July 24. Smartphones, petroleum products and pharmaceuticals are exempt, which is why exports to the United States grew 12.9% in July. But garments, gems and jewellery, leather and ceramics all contracted, and these are the sectors that employ.

SCO Was Once Russia's Backyard. How China Is Now Closing In

Central Asia - Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan - is undergoing a significant geopolitical transformation. The region is moving away from the Russia-dominated order that shaped much of its post-Soviet history towards an increasingly China-centric economic landscape. Yet, this is not a straightforward Chinese takeover. Russia retains substantial security, cultural, and institutional influence, while Central Asian states themselves are pursuing increasingly sophisticated multi-vector policies to preserve strategic autonomy. The emerging order is, therefore, better understood as a redistribution of influence: China is acquiring economic primacy, Russia retains residual strategic leverage, and Central Asian governments are seeking to maximise their room for manoeuvre by diversifying external partnerships. The Ukraine war has accelerated a process that was already underway.

FROM RUSSIA'S BACKYARD, TO CHINA'S

Russian influence in Central Asia has deep historical roots. Imperial expansion during the nineteenth century incorporated the region into the Russian political system, while the Soviet Union subsequently integrated it through centralised planning, Russian-language education, shared infrastructure, and elite networks. The Soviet economic architecture was particularly important. Railways, pipelines, and electricity grids were



largely oriented northwards towards Russia, while Russian became the region's principal lingua franca. Military institutions, industrial supply chains, and political elites further reinforced Moscow's influence. Independence in 1991 did not immediately change this structural dependence. Russia remained the principal external actor through security arrangements, energy transit, arms supplies, labour migration, and cultural ties. Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan joined the Collective Security Treaty Organisation, while millions of Central Asian workers migrated to Russia, generating significant remittances. Central Asian governments formally adopted multi-vector foreign policies, but geography and inherited infrastructure limited their ability to diversify. For much of the post-Soviet period, Russia remained the unavoidable centre of the region's external relationships.

THE CHANGING BALANCE

China's growing role has fundamentally altered this equation. Beijing's engagement accelerated after the launch of the Belt and Road Initiative in Kazakhstan in 2013. Central Asia offered China a combination of strategic advantages: proximity to Xinjiang, access to energy and minerals, and overland routes connecting China to Europe and the Middle East. Unlike Russia, whose influence has traditionally rested on security and political networks, China has built its position primarily through trade, infrastructure, energy, and investment. Chinese trade with Central Asia has expanded rapidly and now significantly exceeds Russian trade with the region. Chinese companies are active in oil and gas, mining, transport, renewable energy, and manufacturing. Chinese automobile brands are increasingly visible in Central Asian mar-

kets, symbolising a broader shift in commercial dependence. Infrastructure is perhaps the most consequential element of China's strategy. Roads, railways, pipelines, and logistics networks are creating east-west connectivity that reduces the region's historical dependence on routes through Russia. The China-Central Asia gas network and projects such as the *C h i n a - K y r g y z s t a n - U z b e k i s t a n* railway are helping reshape the region's economic geography. China is also institutionalising its political presence. The China-Central Asia summit mechanism provides Beijing with a direct multilateral platform with all five republics, operating independently of Russian-led institutions. China is also cautiously expanding into security cooperation through arms sales, drones, surveillance capabilities, and limited security involvement, particularly around Tajikistan's border with Afghanistan.



Commercial LPG cylinder gets dearer, jet fuel prices hiked

New Delhi: State-owned oil marketing companies (OMCs) have hiked the prices of 19-kg commercial LPG cylinders by Rs 9.50, while aviation turbine fuel (ATF) prices for domestic airlines have risen 5.46 per cent or Rs 6.28 per litre, effective from Tuesday, September 1. The price of ATF has been raised from Rs 115 per litre to Rs 121.28 per litre which is the second consecutive monthly increase. In addition, ATF prices had been increased by Rs 5 per litre earlier in August after being cut by a similar amount in July. Moreover, jet fuel accounts for around 35-40 per cent of an airline's overall operating expenditure in India, making ATF prices a key cost for domestic carriers. The latest hike is expected to increase fuel costs for domestic airlines and could put pressure on airfares, although ticket prices also depend on passenger demand, competition and available network capacity. Separately, Mahanagar Gas Ltd (MGL) has increased CNG and

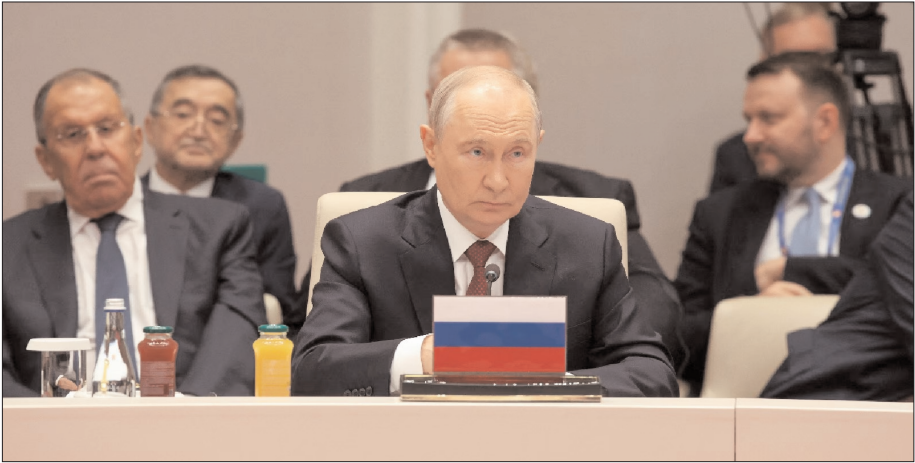


domestic PNG prices in Mumbai citing a sharp rise in input gas prices linked to international indices amid the ongoing crisis in the Middle East. CNG prices have been raised by Rs 2 per kg to Rs 88 in Mumbai while domestic PNG prices have increased by Rs 1 per standard cubic metre (SCM) with the new rates effective from September 1. "In view of the ongoing crisis in the Middle East, which has resulted in a significant increase in input gas prices linked to international indices, MGL has announced a revision in the prices of CNG," the PSU com-

pany said in a statement. The LPG price hike comes after the government last week fixed maximum cooking gas production targets for individual public and private-sector refineries and upstream companies. CNG prices have been raised by Rs 2 per kg to Rs 88 in Mumbai while domestic PNG prices have increased by Rs 1 per standard cubic metre (SCM) with the new rates effective from September 1. "In view of the ongoing crisis in the Middle East, which has resulted in a significant increase in input gas prices linked to international indices,

PUTIN PROPOSES SCO BANK FREE OF 'WEAPONISED' FINANCIAL SYSTEMS

Russian President Vladimir Putin has urged members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) to set up a development bank independent of existing financial mechanisms, arguing that such systems are increasingly being used as tools to exert economic and geopolitical influence, media reports said on Tuesday, September 1. Addressing the 2026 SCO Summit in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, Putin said the proposed bank should be independent of financial systems used as economic weapons. He also said Russia's trade with SCO countries topped \$400 billion last year, reported RT India. The proposal comes at a time when both Iran and Russia face massive sanctions and aligns with Moscow's broader efforts to diversify away from the US dollar and Western-controlled financial infrastructure. Common source of financing among member states A development bank is a financial institution that finances long-term proj-



ects, including infrastructure, energy, transport and other investments aimed at supporting economic growth. For the SCO, the proposed lender could serve as a shared funding mechanism for projects across member states, helping to strengthen economic cooperation within the bloc. Putin said the institution could play a key role in advancing joint projects that deliver mutual benefits to participating countries. Russia has been espe-

cially vocal about moving away from the US dollar and Western-dominated financial systems since sanctions were imposed following its military action in Ukraine. Putin said Russia's trade turnover with SCO countries exceeded \$400 billion last year. Moneycontrol quoted him as saying, "National currencies are being used more and more in transactions between our countries. In Russia's transac-

tions with SCO members, national currencies account for over 98%." The proposed bank would form part of a wider effort to develop financial mechanisms within the SCO, said the report. The SCO has grown significantly since its formation in 2001 by Russia, China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. India and Pakistan joined the grouping in 2017, followed by Iran, which became a full member in 2023. Putin said SCO mem-

bers should continue strengthening commercial ties. China has also backed greater financial cooperation within the SCO, but turning the proposal into a functional bank could face challenges. The proposed bank would form part of a wider effort to develop financial mechanisms within the SCO, said the report. The SCO has grown significantly since its formation in 2001 by Russia, China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. India and Pakistan joined the grouping in 2017, followed by Iran, which became a full member in 2023. Putin said SCO mem-

OVER 7.8 CRORE ITRS FILED FOR AY 2026-27 TILL AUGUST 31



New Delhi: A record over 7.8 crore ITRs have been filed for assessment year (AY) 2026-27 till August 31, the income tax department said on Tuesday, September 1. Last year, over 7.3 crore income tax returns (ITRs) were filed by September 16, 2025, the extended deadline for filing returns for non-audit cases for AY 2025-26. "A record 7.8 crore+ ITRs have been filed for AY 2026-27 as on August 31, 2026," the I-T department said in a X post. This also includes over 5.9 crore ITR-1 and ITR-2, which were filed by the due date of July 31. August 31, 2026, was the due date for filing ITRs for AY 2026-27 for taxpayers with business or professional income who are not

subject to audit. If a taxpayer falls in the non-audit category, he/she can file the applicable ITR (ITR-3, ITR-4, ITR-5 or ITR-7). ITR-3 is filed by individuals and Hindu Undivided Families (HUFs) with income from a proprietary business or profession. ITR-4 is a simpler form that caters to small and medium taxpayers. ITR-5 is filed by firms and Limited Liability Partnership and Cooperative Societies. ITR-6 is filed by companies registered under Companies Act and ITR-7 by trusts and charitable institutions. Last year, over 7.3 crore income tax returns (ITRs) were filed by September 16, 2025.

El Niño, Inflation and Commodity Risks May Curtail Broad-Based Market Rally; PL Capital Raises NIFTY Target to 27,123



Mumbai, 01st September, 2026: PL Capital, one of India's most trusted financial services organisations, in its latest India Strategy Report titled "Emerging headwinds to curtail broad based rally", believes that while the Indian equity market has remained resilient despite geopolitical uncertainty, deficient monsoons and global supply-chain disruptions, emerging risks could limit the sustainability of a broad-based market rally. The brokerage remains constructive on the medium-term outlook, supported by resilient domestic demand, strong credit growth and improving liquidity, but expects markets to remain volatile in the near term. According to the report, India's corporate earnings remained strong in

1QFY27, with PL Research's coverage universe excluding Oil & Gas reporting 15.5% sales growth and 17% PAT growth, the highest PAT growth since 4QFY24. However, EBITDA growth at 9.6% remained below the average of the previous eight quarters, while EBITDA margins declined by 148 basis points, indicating that the impact of higher commodity costs and supply-chain disruptions is beginning to emerge. The full impact of higher-cost inventory is expected to become more visible from 2QFY27. Taking into consideration market valuations and the medium-term earnings outlook, PL Capital has raised its 12-month NIFTY target to 27,123 from 27,019 earlier. The NIFTY is currently trading at 17.3x one-year for-

ward EPS, representing an 11.7% discount to its 15-year average P/E of 19.6x. PL Capital values the index at 10% discount to its 15-year average P/E, based on FY28 EPS of ₹1,537.6. The brokerage's bull-case target stands at 30,137, while its bear-case target is 24,971, suggesting limited medium-term downside despite near-term volatility. The report highlights El Niño and the deteriorating monsoon situation as key risks to inflation and demand. India's cumulative monsoon deficit has widened to around 14%, with 17-18 of 36 meteorological subdivisions reporting deficient rainfall. Skymet has forecast a 70% probability of drought and expects the seasonal monsoon deficit to reach 15%. PL Capital believes a stronger

El Niño could drive higher prices of agricultural commodities such as coffee, cocoa, palm oil and soybean, adding pressure to food inflation and consumption demand. The brokerage also sees risks to RBI's inflation trajectory. While the RBI has projected FY27 CPI inflation at 5%, PL Capital believes inflation estimates for the third and fourth quarters could face upside risks due to deficient monsoons, higher agricultural commodity prices, volatile crude and supply-chain disruptions. Against this backdrop, the brokerage sees a strong possibility of a 25 bps rate hike toward the end of 3Q/4QFY27, with the possibility of a 50 bps increase depending on crude prices and geopolitical conditions.

RELIEF TO HYDRAA COMMISSIONER, HC SUSPENDS SINGLE-JUDGE ORDER



Hyderabad: The Telangana High Court on Tuesday, September 1, suspended until November 3 an order passed by a single judge directing the replacement of HYDRAA Commissioner AV Ranganath. Ranganath challenged the July 27 single judge order directing the Chief Secretary to relieve him from the post of Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) Chief and find a suitable replacement. After hearing the arguments, the division bench of Justices P Sam Koshy and Narsing Rao Nandikonda on Tuesday suspended the single judge order until the next date of hearing on November 3. The single judge had

ordered the replacement of Ranganath, rejecting an apology offered by him in connection with three contempt petitions moved against him by a real estate company. The company alleged violation of court orders by HYDRAA. The single judge pointed out that as many as 63 contempt cases are pending against the HYDRAA Commissioner in courts. The single judge gave the directive while hearing the contempt petitions filed by the company with regard to 40-acre land claimed by it in Lothukunta village near here. In one of the contempt petitions, the company recently alleged that the officers of HYDRAA have been repeatedly trespassing its property.

Dreame Technology Launches H12 Dual FlexReach Wet & Dry Vacuum in India, Combining Powerful Cleaning with Versatile 6-in-1 Functionality

New Delhi, India, 1 September 2026: Dreame Technology, a global leader in smart home innovation, today announced the launch of the versatile 6-in-1 Dreame H12 Dual FlexReach Wet & Dry Vacuum in India, bringing together powerful cleaning performance, versatile functionality and advanced cleaning technologies. Designed to simplify everyday home cleaning, the new wet and dry vacuum will be available at INR 44,999 on Dreame India's official website from 01 September, followed by Amazon from 05 September onwards and Croma in the third week of September, along with select retail stores. At the heart of the Dreame H12 Dual FlexReach Wet & Dry Vacuum is its versatile 6-in-1 cleaning capability, designed to tackle a wide range of everyday cleaning needs across different surfaces. From washing and vacuuming hard floors to cleaning carpets, sofas, curtains, keyboards and car interiors, the device combines powerful



performance with switchable attachments for greater flexibility. Its 180° lie-flat design allows it to reach under low-profile furniture, while 23,000Pa suction, the TangleCut™ Resilient Scraper and a detachable battery further enhance its cleaning performance and convenience. The 90°C hot-wash self-cleaning system helps simplify maintenance, making the H12 Dual FlexReach a versatile solution for everyday home cleaning. Manu Sharma,

Managing Director, Dreame India, said, "As Indian households increasingly look for smarter and more convenient ways to manage everyday cleaning, there is a growing expectation for solutions that can adapt to different cleaning needs. With the Dreame H12 Dual FlexReach launch, our focus here is on giving consumers greater flexibility and control for more immediate, targeted cleaning requirements. This allows users to address everyday messes across different

areas and surfaces with greater ease, while reducing the effort involved. It reflects Dreame's commitment to developing practical, intelligent home-cleaning solutions that complement the diverse routines of modern Indian households." Key features include: ? 6-in-1 Versatile Cleaning: The Dreame H12 Dual FlexReach combines wet and dry vacuuming with multiple switchable attachments, offering a versatile cleaning solution for different areas of the home.

GEN Z INDIANS VALUE WORK-LIFE BALANCE OVER LEADERSHIP TITLES

New Delhi: Seventy-four per cent of Gen Z Indians prioritise work-life balance over formal leadership titles, while at least 65 per cent believe a successful career does not require becoming an executive leader, according to a new report. The report, titled "India's Gen Z Outlook 2026: Recalculating Education, Ambition, and Success; The No Cap Generation", has been published by global education company Emeritus. It is based on a survey of 1,010 respondents aged 15-28 across three life stages — pre-college, transitioning and early career — in major Indian metros. The report examines how young Indians are reassessing traditional pathways in higher education, skills and careers amid visa uncertainty, rising overseas costs and the rise of AI. "A generation that has watched layoffs unfold in real time on their feeds, and seen visa uncertainty reshape plans has drawn a rational conclusion — the traditional career ladder is not a safe structure to climb. Seventy-four per cent priori-



tise work-life balance over formal leadership titles — and 65 per cent agree a successful career does not require becoming an executive leader," the report said. The traditional study-abroad pathway is losing ground, with 48 per cent of those who would consider studying abroad saying their interest has declined over the past year, driven by costs, visa requirements and uncertain post-study work regimes. The United States has seen the sharpest decline, while a new set of options is emerging. "87 per cent of pre-college and 92 per cent of transitioning respondents would be likely or extremely likely to study a

programme offered by an internationally ranked university in India. 69 per cent of transitioning students would actively prefer an India-based international programme over going abroad to avoid visa uncertainty," the report said. "On-campus remains the anchor but the pathway model, combining India-based study with partial home-campus exposure or semester exchange, is the fastest-growing preference. Interest jumps 12 points between pre-college (27 per cent) and transitioning students (39 per cent) — the closer students get to real enrolment decisions, the more compelling the model becomes," it

added. Ashwin Damera, Co-founder and CEO of Emeritus, said that for decades, the path was clear — good scores, engineering, medicine, CA, government jobs, MBA and then a career. "That path is experiencing an overhaul, faster than most anticipated. Skills are evolving faster than institutions can respond and job roles that did not exist five years ago are now the most sought-after. In unpredictable times like these, the most valuable thing one could do is stay close to the signals — and that's exactly what this report intends to do," Damera said. "Gen Z (born between 1997 and 2012) is perhaps one of the most discussed generations today. Celebrated, misunderstood, and underestimated in equal measure. So we decided to engage and understand what they are actually saying: How they are responding to disruption, access to knowledge and tech, and the recalibration of what career capital — intellectual depth, institutional brand and peer networks — truly means," Damera added.

FERRARI UNVEIL STUNNING MICHAEL SCHUMACHER TRIBUTE LIVERY FOR MONZA GP

Ferrari has unveiled a special livery that will feature on its SF-26 at the upcoming Italian GP at Monza. The livery is a Michael Schumacher-inspired design that Lewis Hamilton and Charles Leclerc will race with at the Autodromo Nazionale di Monza. This follows Scuderia's unveiling of Schumacher-inspired race suits for the two drivers as Ferrari gears up for the Monza GP. The livery pays tribute to the motor-sport legend Schumacher, who raced for the Italian-based outfit from 1996 to 2006. The livery features a full red design, with white on top graded into red as well. It has seven white stars on the nose, paying tribute to Schumacher's seven titles, five of which he won with Ferrari from 2000 to 2004. It also features the Michael Schumacher logo,



encrypted. The Italian outfit shared the announcement on its social media as we head into race week in Italy. "A livery fit for home. Our Monza livery is here, inspired by the lasting impact of Michael

Schumacher on our team," Ferrari wrote in a caption to a video on X. The Scuderia also has special race suits for the two drivers. The kits have seven stars on the back and white striping down the front, featuring

Schumacher's personal logo. The tribute marks 30 years since Schumacher's 1996 debut with Ferrari and 20 years since his final season with the Maranello outfit. Schumacher has been a motorsport legend, having

won seven world titles. He won two with Benetton in 1994 and 1995 before switching to Scuderia in 1996. He played an instrumental role in developing the squad and went on to win five straight titles from 2000 to 2004 with Ferrari, and has won the joint-most F1 titles, a record later equalled by current driver Hamilton. Ferrari have been adopting a different look for the Monza GP since 2022. They added yellow and black accents to their F1-75 to mark their 75th anniversary. The Scuderia had a Le Mans-winning 499P-inspired design for the 2023 car at Monza. They ditched the one-off design for 2024, but it returned in 2025, when the Italian outfit ran a retro SF-25 livery inspired by the 312T, paying tribute to Niki Lauda's first title with the squad 50 years earlier.

Babar Azam, Shaheen Afridi 'Rift' Claims Emerge As Pakistan Cricket Hits Rock Bottom

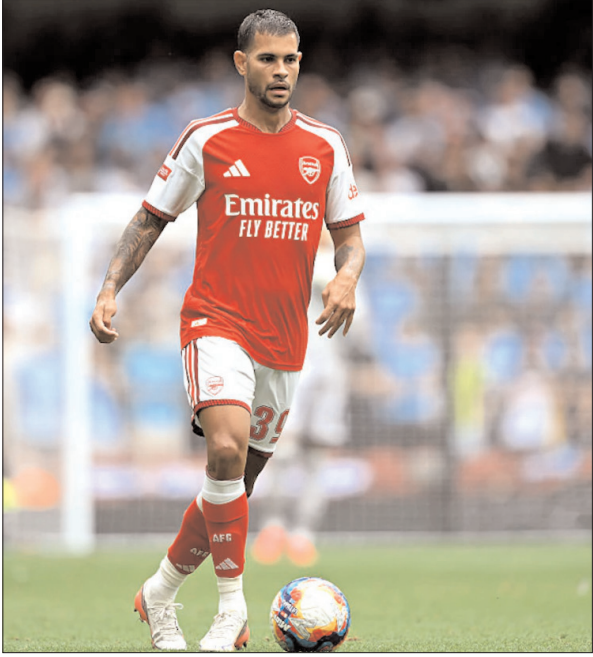
As the Pakistan cricket team struggles on the pitch, a lot seems to be going wrong behind the scenes. Consecutive Test defeats have put skipper Babar Azam under mounting pressure, with both his tactical decision-making and his batting form coming under scrutiny. Former Pakistan cricketer Basit Ali claimed that all is not well between Babar and premier fast bowler Shaheen Shah Afridi, blaming the tension between the two senior figures as a central factor behind the national side's prolonged slump over the last few years. The captaincy has turned into a game of musical chairs for the Pakistan Cricket Board. The likes of Mohammad Rizwan, Babar Azam, Shaheen Afridi, and Shan Masood have repeatedly passed the leadership reins from one teammate to another. Basit believes Pakistan cricket hit an absolute low when a leadership dispute broke out between Babar and Shaheen. "Babar Azam is not a strong captain. I am not speaking about this based on the per-



formance in England. He has made many wrong decisions. The main reason for Pakistan cricket's downfall is the rift between Shaheen and Babar. When there was a falling-out between the two over the captaincy, Pakistan cricket was ruined that day," Basit said on the 'Game Plan' show. "Many statements were made, saying Shaheen is a very good bowler and Babar is a very good batter. The rift, whoever created that, the side effects can be seen now," he added. Meanwhile, the PCB has made sweeping changes to the Pakistan squad ahead of the third and final Test against England, replacing nearly half of the group whilst parting ways with

head coach Sarfaraz Ahmed and bowling coach Umar Gul. These changes follow Pakistan's 194-run defeat in the second Test, which allowed England to secure an unassailable 2-0 series lead. Pakistan have called up five uncapped players alongside Saim Ayub and Abdullah Fazal, who hold a combined experience of just 10 matches. The five uncapped additions are Arafat Minhas, Mohammad Imran Jnr, Saad Baig, Mohammad Imran Randhawa, and Razaullah. Mike Hesson and Ashley Noffke, who serve as head coach and bowling coach respectively for Pakistan's white-ball setup, have also joined the Test coaching staff.

"NEEDED A NEW CHALLENGE": BRUNO GUIMARAES ON SIGNING FOR ARSENAL



Arsenal's new midfielder Bruno Guimaraes said he is excited about starting a new chapter at the club and wants to win trophies and make history with the Premier League side. According to Sky Sports, Arsenal signed Guimaraes from Newcastle in a Euro 75 million transfer last month. Speaking on JioHotstar, Guimaraes said his conversations with manager Mikel Arteta convinced him that Arsenal was the right place for a new challenge. "It feels amazing to join Arsenal. I'm grateful for this opportunity. When I first spoke to Mikel Arteta, I felt excited right away. I knew inside that I needed a new challenge, and Arsenal felt like

the right place," Guimaraes said. The Brazil international said Arsenal's history and vision were among the factors that attracted him to the club, adding that he wants to help the team achieve its ambitions. "The club has a great history and a clear vision. I want to be part of that and help the team achieve big things. I'm looking forward to getting started and giving my best for the fans," he added. Guimaraes, who joined Arsenal from Newcastle United in August, said he believes the move has come at the right stage of his career. Arsenal officially announced his signing on a long-term contract on August 8.

REIGNING CHAMPION CARLOS ALCARAZ MAKES VICTORIOUS RETURN AT US OPEN

Defending champion Carlos Alcaraz didn't miss a beat as he returned from a four-month injury absence with a straight-sets first-round victory in the US Open on Monday. Out of action with a wrist injury since April, Alcaraz passed his first test with flying colors, beating Russian Roman Safiullin 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 at Arthur Ashe Stadium, where women's defending champion Aryna Sabalenka also made it safely into the second round. "It's been a really tough five months for me," Alcaraz said. "Being able to step on the Arthur Ashe, being able to compete again, I couldn't decide to come back in a better tour-



nament. It's a really special place for me." "I tried to enjoy as much as I can," he added. "I missed the crowd, I missed the energy, I missed competition. I missed everything." Alcaraz is trying to bookend his season with Grand Slam titles after his Australian Open triumph

net. "I think the level of tennis is going to be better for sure," said Alcaraz, who said he was most proud that he was able to quell his own doubts about his fitness. "I tried to forget everything, I tried to enjoy," he said. Alcaraz's smooth move into the second round came less than 24 hours after ailing Novak Djokovic suffered his earliest Grand Slam exit in 20 years, falling in five brutal sets to Mariano Navone. The tournament was already missing top-ranked Jannik Sinner, absent with a bad knee, and Djokovic's exit removed another possible obstacle for Alcaraz, who could have met the Serb superstar in the semi-finals.

Harsha Bhogle's "Trust Pakistan" Post Over Mass Sackings In Team Sets Internet Ablaze

Renowned Indian commentator Harsha Bhogle hit the bullseye as he shared his opinion on the current state of affairs in Pakistan cricket. After the team lost the opening two Tests of the three-match series against England, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) decided to drop as many as seven players from the tour and send them home, whilst also replacing head coach Sarfaraz Ahmed and bowling coach Umar Gul. As the cricket world comes to terms with such a haphazard decision by the PCB, Bhogle's post summed up exactly why Pakistan cricket is famous across the globe for the wrong reasons. In his post analysing the crisis, Bhogle highlighted how the PCB has made sweeping changes to the roster across both the playing squad and the coaching staff, even as the replacements are



yet to secure visas for their travel to the United Kingdom. He wrote on X (formerly Twitter): "Trust Pakistan cricket to do the unbelievable. Salman Agha, captain in the first Test, dropped from the second, sent home before the third! Coach and bowling coach gone midway through a series. Senior keeper sent home. Replacements hoping to get visas in time, let alone be ready..." — Harsha Bhogle (@bhogleharsha) August 31, 2026 Pakistan have brought in five uncapped players along with Saim Ayub and Abdullah Fazal, who have a combined experience of just 10 matches. The five uncapped players added to the squad are Arafat Minhas, Mohammad Imran Jnr, Saad Baig, Mohammad Imran Randhawa and Razaullah. Mike Hesson and Ashley Noffke, who are part of Pakistan's white-ball coaching set-up as head coach and bowling coach respectively, have also joined the Test coaching staff, the report added.

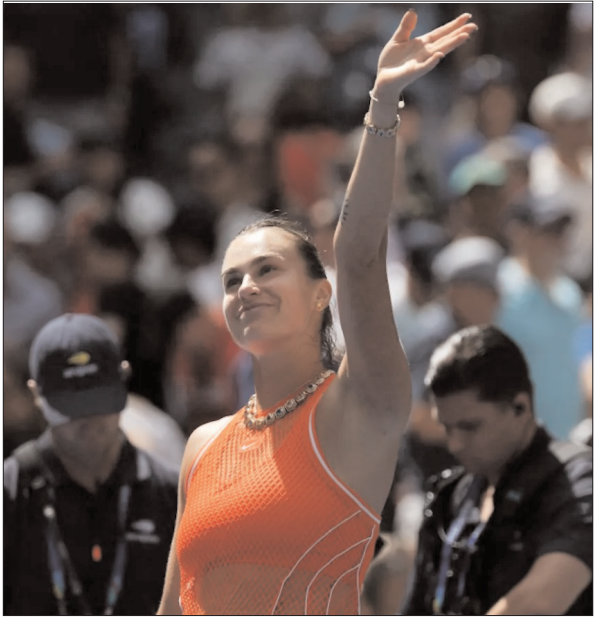
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NEWCASTLE SIGN FERNANDEZ-PARDO FROM LILLE FOR £51M

Newcastle United have signed forward Matias Fernandez-Pardo from Lille for an initial £51.4m. Fernandez-Pardo flew into Tyneside on Monday night to have a medical and sign a long-term contract. The 21-year-old said he was "very proud to be at such a big club" following talks with head coach Matthias Jaissle. "He really showed how much he wanted me to be here," the Belgian international said. "In terms of my own career progression, it made complete sense to come so I didn't hesitate at all. I know the club, I know about the stadium, I know it's a fantastic atmosphere. I've followed the team.



Happy To Be Back In New York, Aryna Sabalenka Advances



Aryna Sabalenka opened her US Open title defense with a win Monday, turning back Colombian Camila Osorio in fairly comfortable fashion to advance to the second round. The world number one from Belarus, who has triumphed in New York the last two years, topped the counterpunching Osario 6-2, 6-4, sealing the win with a big first serve that the Colombian netted. Afterwards, Sabalenka told an on-court interviewer that she was "super happy" with her form, especially in the first set, and delighted to be back in New York. "Unbelievable," she said of returning to Arthur Ashe stadium, where she has won two of her four Grand Slams. "I feel like this is one of my favorite stadiums," Sabalenka said. Sabalenka

arrived in New York following a disappointing run of recent results and has not won a tournament since her victory in the Miami Open in March. She showed some scrappy form in the latter stages of the match, double-faulting on her first match point. But she landed her thunderous groundstrokes often enough to take hold of most points, occasionally utilizing drop shots and volleying off floating balls to finish points. Sabalenka started the year in blistering form, with a win in Brisbane before reaching the final of the Australian Open, where she lost in three sets to Elena Rybakina. She bounced back from that loss to complete the 'Sunshine Double' with wins at Indian Wells and Miami but has not challenged for a title since.



TRONCHON EDGES THRILLING SPRINT TO WIN VUELTA STAGE 10

France's Bastien Tronchon won a thrilling bunch sprint to take stage 10 of the Vuelta a Espana. The Groupama-FDJ United rider held off Magnus Cort Nielsen and Thibau Nys to cross the line first in a photo finish, with Wout van Aert edged off the podium. With a kilometre of the 184.7km route from Alcaraz to Elche de la Sierra remaining, Astana's Yevgeni Fedorov and Xabier Azparren of Q36.5 broke clear of the peloton. However, they were caught

just before the line with Tronchon timing his sprint to perfection to claim the stage victory. "I launched my sprint and I just finished it on the line, but I wasn't sure if there was some guys in front or not, so I did not put my hands in the air," Tronchon said. "That's crazy, I can't believe it. The last two days were really hard for me and today I was good, and I said to [teammate] Guillaume [Martin] go full gas until you die and I take the win, so it's crazy."

Spain's Enric Mas, riding for Movistar, retains the red jersey as leader of the general classification, more than a minute clear of nearest challenger Primoz Roglic of Red Bull-Bora-hansgrohe. British rider Oscar Onley of Netcompany Ineos is fourth, two minutes and two seconds down on Mas. Wednesday's 11th stage from Cartagena to Lorca is 153.8km and is largely flat so, despite a category three climb up Morron de Totana, should suit the sprinters.

The Musical Journey of **EPIC – FIRST SEMESTER** Gets More Vibrant With Fourth Single ‘SABKO’



The much-awaited fourth single from Anand Deverakonda and Vaishnavi Chaitanya starrer **EPIC – FIRST SEMESTER** has been unveiled today. Titled ‘SABKO’, the vibrant track adds another exciting musical flavour to the film’s already much-talked-about album. Composed by the immensely talented Hesham Abdul Wahab, ‘SABKO’ features the vocals of Sanjith Hegde and Sithara Krishnakumar, with Hesham’s evocative composition bringing a distinct and breezy vibe to the track. The lyrics for the song have been penned by Sri Harsha Emani. The song was launched amidst the energetic presence of students at VVIT College, Guntur, making it a lively and memorable launch event. With the promotional material of **EPIC – FIRST SEMESTER** already creating a buzz across social media, the team is leaving no stone unturned to take the excitement forward. The team is currently on an extensive promotional spree, visiting colleges and cities across Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, while also participating in back-to-back promotional interviews. The continuous promotions are further amplifying the buzz around the film ahead of its grand worldwide theatrical release. Directed by debutant Aditya Haasan, **EPIC – FIRST SEMESTER** is produced by Suryadevara Naga Vamsi and Sai Soujanya under Sithara Entertainments and Fortune Four Cinemas, and presented by Srikara Studios. **EPIC – FIRST SEMESTER is set to hit theatres worldwide on September 11, 2026.**

“ROMANCHAKAM” IS A GOOD ENTERTAINER THAT BOTH YOUTH AND FAMILY AUDIENCES CAN ENJOY: PRODUCER PRANAY REDDY VANGA



Presented by blockbuster director Sandeep Reddy Vanga and produced under the Bhadrakali Pictures banner, “Romanchakam” stars Sumanth Prabhass and Ananthika Sanilkumar in the lead roles. Produced by Pranay Reddy Vanga and directed by debutant filmmaker Venugopal Reddy, the film is an interesting youthful entertainer that blends romance, humour and suspense. The movie is gearing up for a grand worldwide theatrical release on the 3rd of this month. Producer Pranay Reddy Vanga spoke about the film’s highlights during an interview held today. We are not the kind of people who approach film production with a very serious, corporate mindset by setting up teams and following a particular formula. We had listened to a few stories in the past, but we let them go because they were not close to our sensibilities. This story has humour, thrilling elements and fun situations among friends. We felt it had potential and decided to take it up. Director Venugopal has been travelling with us for the past three to four years. His narration of the script also impressed us. There is a huge difference between Sandeep’s style as a director and Venugopal’s style. They are almost like two opposite poles. But Venugopal narrated the story from a common ground, and we really liked it. We asked him to shoot one scene and come back to us. He executed it very well. After seeing the output of that scene, we gained confidence that he could handle the film effectively. This is a character-driven movie. The story revolves around Sumanth Prabhass’s character. It explores what a young man does after completing his engineering, what happens in his life, how his love story progresses and what kind of confusion exists among his friends. Overall, it offers a lot of entertainment. The film has a runtime of 2 hours and 20 minutes, but it moves so fast and jovially that the audience will not feel the passage of time. There is no boredom anywhere. Vasuki has blended his music beautifully with the story and delivered wonderful music. Music has always received a good response in our films, and this movie will also impress audiences musically. Once we approved this project, Sandeep did not interfere in the making of the film. He was busy with his work on “Spirit.” After the film was completed, he watched the first cut and was very happy with it. Our movie received a U/A certificate from the censor board. Youth and family audiences can watch the film together without any concerns. I personally like comedy films. If I really enjoy a comedy, I tend to watch it repeatedly. The director has captured very well what happens between the four main characters in the film. There is no forced comedy anywhere. The humour is natural and organic, and it makes the audience laugh effortlessly. Venugopal is a producer-friendly director. Even when we offered to spend a little more on the film, he said that what we were giving was enough and that he did not need anything more. He completed the film within those requirements. In the US, censorship is handled under the leadership of people from the industry, whereas in India, it is under the government. Given our traditions, customs and the beliefs of our people, certain censorship rules have been put in place. From the government’s perspective, those rules are justified. If filmmakers are aware of the rules, they can take the necessary precautions while making a film. Censorship rules are also updated from time to time. Both the hero and heroine have performed very well in this movie. The actors who played their friends and those who took on other key roles have also delivered good performances.



RASHMIKA MANDANNA, RAWINDRA PULLE, UNFORMULA FILMS’ PAN INDIA FILM MYSAA WORLDWIDE THEATRICAL RELEASE ON NOVEMBER 27

National Crush Rashmika Mandanna is pushing her physical limits for Mysaa, an ambitious Pan-India action drama that is shaping up to be one of the most challenging projects of her career. The actress, who plays a Gond tribal woman in the film, is leaving no stone unturned to bring authenticity and intensity to the character. Directed by debutant Rawindra Pulle and produced by Unformula Films, Mysaa has already generated curiosity with its striking first glimpse. The makers of Mysaa have officially launched the striking release date poster, locking November 27, 2026, for its grand worldwide theatrical arrival. Rashmika is seen standing with a large spear, her face marked by battle wounds, while a huge gathering and blazing surroundings create a charged atmosphere behind her. The combination of traditional clothing, weapons, fire, and raw expressions gives the poster a strong period-action flavour. Mounted on a colossal scale, Mysaa pushes the envelope of contemporary cinema, setting unprecedented benchmarks for high octane stunt choreography. Designed as a fierce, adrenaline pumping experience, the film’s vision redefines action standards not just for female led cinema, but for the Indian action genre as a whole. Rashmika Mandanna, who recently sustained an injury while performing a demanding high-octane sequence on set, has shown tremendous dedication and grit. Following her recovery, she is set to rejoin the sets very soon to complete the final leg of principal photography, with just 12 days of shoot remaining. Simultaneously, post-production work is advancing at a brisk pace. Advanced VFX work is in full swing to deliver an extraordinary visual spectacle, complemented by a powerful, pulse pounding original score. Eshwari Rao, Guru Somasundaram, and Rao Ramesh are part of the prominent supporting cast. The technical team features Shreyaas P Krishna as the cinematographer and Jakes Bejoy as the music composer.

JONITA GANDHI DAZZLES IN ALL-BLACK ENSEMBLE

Jonita Gandhi once again proved she knows how to make heads turn, this time at the Yeshanagula song launch event in Dallas for Nani’s much-awaited film The Paradise. Performing live alongside music composer Anirudh Ravichander, Jonita brought her signature energy to the stage, and her striking all-black look added to the buzz around the event. She wore a sheer, off-shoulder top with intricate rose embroidery paired with flowy black trousers, holding a matching hat in hand. Her sleek center-parted hair and minimal jewelry gave the outfit an effortlessly chic, edgy touch, perfectly balancing romantic and sophisticated elements. The live performance, part of the promotions for The Paradise’s second single “Yeshanagula,” saw massive fan turnout, with Anirudh and Jonita’s chemistry on stage becoming an instant highlight.



Young Talented Hero Rakesh Varre Releases the Beautiful Melody Song ‘Sarigamale Gunde Anchullo’ from “Maya Lady”

Young talented hero and passionate producer Rakesh Varre is coming up with his new film “Maya Lady.” Rakesh Varre is playing the lead role and producing the film under the Crazy Ants Productions banner. Previously, through Crazy Ants Productions, he produced content-driven films such as “Evvarikee Cheppodduhu” and “Pekamedalu,” earning appreciation from audiences and critics alike. Now, he is set to bring another interesting film to the audience with “Maya Lady.” The film is directed by Prasankar, while Madhumitha Sarcar plays the female lead. “Maya Lady” is gearing up for a grand theatrical release soon. Today, the makers released a beautiful melody song from the film titled ‘Sarigamale Gunde Anchullo’.

The song has been melodiously composed by Vishal Chandrashekhar, with catchy lyrics penned by Krishna Kanth. Singer Sirisha Bhagavatula has beautifully rendered the song.



I Am Game' is the biggest film I have produced. It will be like a big film made in Telugu. It will surprise you all: Hero Dulquer Salmaan at the pre-release event

I have seen 'I Am Game'. It is very entertaining. You will all be surprised by the concept of it: Director Nag Ashwin Dulquer Salmaan's big budget fantasy thriller 'I Am Game'. Coming after the mega blockbuster 'Loka Chapter 1: Chandra', this film from Wayfarer Films is directed by superhit 'RDX' fame Nahas Hidayat. The promotional content that has already been released has received a wonderful response. Leading production and distribution company Annapurna Studios will release the film grandly in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana on September 3. On this occasion, the makers organized a grand pre-release event. Visionary director Nag Ashwin attended the event as the chief guest. At the pre-release event, hero Dulquer Salmaan said.. Hello everyone.

