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SCAN FOR E-PAPER



OM NAMO VENKATESAYA

30-08-2026
Total pilgrims: 81,687
Tonnages: 34,858
Hundi kankals: 4,350 CR
Lakhs: 4,05 Lac
Ammaradams: 2,15 Lac
Ammi hospital: 3,161
Present Situation on 31-08-2026:
Waiting Compartments: 12
Approx. Darshan Time for Sarvadarshanam (with out SSD Tonnages): 8 H.

Short Takes

Gold could touch \$5,600, silver \$120 by year-end in a bull case

New Delhi, Aug 31: Gold could reach \$5,000-\$5,600 per ounce and silver \$85-\$120 per ounce in the bull case, which is assessed a 25 per cent probability, a new report has said. The bull case scenario assumes weakness in the labour market, forcing the Fed to ease repo rates and real yields roll over, the report from Monarch PMS said. Further institutional reallocation into precious metals must resume and physical tightness in silver should return for the bull case to materialise.

Indians can now make UPI payments in Uzbekistan

New Delhi, Aug 31: The NPCI International (NPIL) has paved the way for Indian tourists, business travellers and students to use UPI for making instant cross-border merchant payments by scanning Uzbekistan's national interoperable QR code, UZQR, according to a Finance Ministry statement issued on Monday. The NPIL, the international arm of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), entered into a commercial agreement with the National Interbank Processing Centre JSC (NIPC), operator of Uzbekistan's national payment system, HUMO, on August 30, marking a significant step in expanding UPI's international footprint, the statement said.

SC refuses to entertain PIL seeking disclosure of ethanol content in petrol

New Delhi (TSIT): The Supreme Court on Monday refused to entertain a public interest litigation (PIL) seeking directions for disclosure of the ethanol content in petrol and greater transparency regarding the compatibility of ethanol-blended fuel with vehicles. A Bench of Justices M.M. Sundresh and Prasanna B. Varale declined to entertain the plea filed by advocate N.K. Goswami, while granting him liberty to approach the concerned High Court with his grievance. "Go to HC and file it," the Justice Sundresh-led Bench told Goswami. The petitioner-in-person submitted that he was not challenging the Centre's ethanol-blending policy but was only seeking disclosure of the ethanol content in petrol being sold to consumers.

CM Revanth vows to take Telangana to development



HYDERABAD, TSIT BUREAU:

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Monday said his government was rebuilding Telangana and taking the State from "destruction to development" while simultaneously expanding welfare, infrastructure, employment opportunities and social justice.

Addressing a public meeting at the Amberpet Municipal Grounds, the Chief Minister said Hyderabad had emerged as a global city offering opportunities in education, employment, information technology and the film industry. However, rapid popula-

tion growth had created enormous pressure on infrastructure, making planned development essential.

He said the government had devised a long-term development strategy by dividing Telangana into three broad zones — CURE, PURE and RARE — with emphasis on the

services sector, manufacturing and agriculture respectively. Referring to problems in Amberpet, Revanth Reddy said the constituency had suffered from inadequate infrastruc-

ture, flooding and pollution from the Musi. He said the Musarambagh bridge, where flooding had earlier

posed a serious threat to people, had been completed within two years by his government.

The Chief Minister also highlighted the restoration of Bathukamma Kunta and said the government was determined to protect public properties and water bodies from encroachments. He defended the government's initiatives against encroachments and said public assets belonged to the people and must be protected. Revanth Reddy said the People's Government was reaching the 1,000-day milestone, and described it as an occasion to review what had been achieved for farmers, women, students, employees, weaker sections and the poor. Recent reporting has also highlighted the government's September 1 milestone and several of its welfare and agriculture initiatives.

Launching a sharp attack on the previous BRS government, he alleged that Telangana had been pushed into a severe debt burden during its decade-long rule. He said his government was servicing huge debt obligations while ensuring salaries and pensions were paid on time. He said the government had also released thousands of crores towards pending retirement benefits and restored health security facilities for government employees and their families.

- Hyderabad to become a global city: Focus on infrastructure, employment and planned development.

- Major welfare boost: Free RTC travel, 200 units free power and new ration cards.

- Farmers and jobs get priority: Rs. 170 lakh crore spent on agriculture; 72,000 government jobs filled.

- CM challenges KCR: Revanth Reddy calls for an Assembly debate on BRS vs Congress governance.

Rajnath to review performance of 16 defence DPSUs



NEW DELHI (TSIT):

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will undertake the annual performance review of 16 defence public sector undertakings (DPSUs) here on Tuesday, underscoring the importance of developing new indigenous technologies and enhancing exports, according to an official statement issued on Monday. During the event, the CMDs of seven defence public sector undertakings (DPSUS)

including Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL), Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited (GRSE), BEML, and MIDHANI, will also present dividend cheques for the government's equity shares to the Defence Minister for the financial year 2025-26.

On the occasion, Rajnath Singh will release four books, titled 'Aatmanirbhar DPSU - A journey of DPSUs towards Self-Reliance'; 'DISHA, an initiative of DPSUs for students' hands-on awareness on defence technologies & modern manufacturing processes'; 'Modernisation roadmap of HAL'; and 'Indigenisation Roadmap of HAL'.

FIR against Rahul over Haldwani ritual remarks

HALDWANI (TSIT): An FIR has been registered against Congress leader Rahul Gandhi following a complaint by a member of the Valmiki community in Haldwani, who alleged that the Congress leader gave a casteist interpretation to a religious ritual held at the venue of Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's programme, police said on Sunday. The FIR was registered under various provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) relating to promoting enmity between groups and deliberate acts intended to outrage religious feelings. Provisions of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, have also been invoked, police said.

11 killed in UP firecracker unit blasts

KAUSHAMBI (UP) (TSIT): At least 11 people were killed and five others injured after a massive fire triggered a series of explosions at a firecracker factory in Manouri Bazaar under Pipri police station limits in Uttar Pradesh's Kaushambi district on Monday. District Magistrate Amit Pal Sharma said rescue and relief operations were underway, with teams of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) deployed at the site. Authorities confirmed 11 deaths, while the five injured were undergoing treatment at Swaroop Rani Nehru (SRN) Hospital in Prayagraj. Officials said medical assistance had been arranged for anyone found during the ongoing search.



Police and administrative teams cordoned off the area as rescue personnel searched through the debris of the factory and nearby structures damaged in the explosions. Authorities fear that more people could still be trapped. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath expressed grief over the incident and directed officials to speed up rescue operations and ensure proper treatment for the injured.

He also instructed the administration to provide all possible assistance to the affected families. Local residents joined emergency efforts soon after the blasts. Villagers helped pull people trapped under debris and carried those suffering from burn injuries to the roadside, where ambulances transported them to the hospital. A child was reportedly among

All Industries Must Maintain 33% Green Cover

Industries Must Contribute to a Greener Future for Future Generations: Pawan Kalyan

VISAKHAPATNAM (TSIT):

Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Forests and Environment Pawan Kalyan said that environmental protection is as important as industrial development for the state's economic progress. He directed all industries to strictly comply with environmental regulations and maintain at least 33% green cover within their premises.

Pawan Kalyan said that planting trees around industrial areas would help control air pollution and reduce the impact of climate change. He urged industrialists to treat the development and maintenance of green cover as part of their social responsibility. According to 2026 estimates, around 3,400 industries across sectors such as ports, cement, mining, energy, food processing, plastics, paper and textiles are operating across the state.

As part of a special 14-day drive, green cover development was successfully completed across 129 acres in 26 industries under the first phase of a pilot project.



He directed the Pollution Control Board and AP Green to take special measures to ensure strict implementation of the 33% green-cover norm across industries. Industries located near cities such as Visakhapatnam, as well as SEZs in Parawada and Sri City, should strictly comply with the requirement, he said.

Pawan Kalyan called upon the industrial sector to actively contribute to the state's goal of achieving 50% green cover by 2047, stressing that sustainable development is possible only when economic growth and environmental protection go hand in hand.

Krishna Water Reaches Drought-Hit Region After 30 Years

CM Chandrababu Launches Phase-I of Veligonda Project

VISAKHAPATNAM (TSIT): Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Monday dedicated Phase-I of the Poola Subbaiah Veligonda Project, ending a 30-year wait to bring Krishna water to the drought-hit region.

The Chief Minister performed special prayers and released Krishna water into Nallamala Sagar through the twin tunnels of the project at Gantavanipalle in Dornala mandal. He said Phase-I would divert 10.70 TMC of Krishna water, providing irrigation to 1.19 lakh acres and drinking water to around four lakh people. On completion of the entire project, irrigation is expected to be provided to 4.47 lakh acres, while nearly 23



lakh people across 30 mandals in the erstwhile Prakasam, Nellore and Kadapa districts will benefit from drinking water facilities. Recalling that he laid the foundation stone for the project on March 5, 1996, Chandrababu described its completion as an emotional moment and a "Bhagiratha effort". He said the project would trans-

form the lives of farmers and people affected by drought and fluoride contamination.

The Chief Minister paid tribute to residents of 11 villages who sacrificed their lands and homes for the project. He said Rs.768 crore had been provided to 6,206 displaced families within 48 days, while another Rs.169 crore had been sanctioned for their needs. Chandrababu announced that Phase-II would be completed by 2028 and said the Krishna Pushkarams would be celebrated grandly at Markapuram that year. He also reiterated the government's target of completing the Polavaram Project by March 2027.

Farmers' pain must be reduced: CM Shivakumar



BENGALURU (TSIT): Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar said he understands the difficulties faced by farmers when their land is acquired and assured that the

government would take steps to ensure they are not treated unfairly. Speaking at an event at Nehru Planetarium where compensation was distributed to landowners who gave land

for the Dr. K. Shivarama Karanth Layout, Shivakumar said he was aware of the pain farmers experience when they lose their property.

He said the development of Bengaluru's layouts was a contribution of successive governments. Referring to the Shivarama Karanth Layout, he said the project had faced several legal and administrative hurdles, with land acquisition proceedings reaching the Supreme Court.

CM Vijay announces major infra push



CHENNAI (TSIT): Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay on Monday announced a multi-crore infrastructure push spanning power, semiconductors, and logistics across the state. Unveiling major investments to boost the state's power grid, manufacturing base, and tech ecosystem, he said Rs 33,066 crore has been earmarked for the Tamil Nadu Transmission Improvement Scheme to set up 196 new substations and lay 15,000 km of power lines. A 1,600 MW Super Critical Thermal Power Station will be set up in Tuticorin through Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model, involving an investment of Rs 20,800 crore, he said.

Nalgonda Collector Orders Weekly Review of Prajavani

Nalgonda, August 31: District Collector B. Chandrashekar directed officials to conduct weekly reviews of Prajavani grievances and government scheme implementation.

A total of 83 grievances were received at the district-level Prajavani held at the Collectorate on Monday, including 44 related to Revenue and 39 from other departments.

The Collector instructed

Mandal Special Officers (MSOs) to hold weekly meetings with Tahsildars, MPDOs and Municipal Commissioners and submit reports by the weekend. He also directed officials to expedite pension applications and distribute school uniforms in all mandals within three days.

Officials were asked to demarcate government lands and properties in re-survey



villages and submit departmental reports ahead of the Chief Minister's proposed visit to Nalgonda. DCHS Dr. Mathru Nayak was directed to take steps to establish a UDID centre at Devarakonda in September.

Additional Collectors J. Srinivas and Prem Karan Reddy, DRO Dasarath, DRDO Shekar Reddy and others attended the meeting.

Set High Goals and Study with Determination: Collector Priyanka

Narayanpet, August 31, 2026 (TSIT): District Collector Priyanka advised girl students to set high goals and study with discipline and practise regularly to achieve them.

On Monday, District Collector Priyanka visited the Gurukula Girls' School/ College located at Erragutta in Narayanpet district head-



quarters and interacted with Intermediate students. During the interaction, she spoke to the students individually and enquired about their favourite subjects and future goals.

IG Shahnawaz Qasim Inspects Bhoothpur Circle Office



Mahabubnagar, August 31: Multi-Zone-II IG Shahnawaz Qasim, IPS, conducted the annual inspection of the Bhoothpur Circle Office on Monday and reviewed crime control, pending cases and investigation quality.

The IG examined case diaries, crime records, court cases, warrants, CCTNS records and other police registers. He also reviewed the functioning of police stations under the circle, including crime prevention, patrolling, women and child

safety and disposal of public grievances. Qasim directed officers to improve the quality of investigations, collect evidence properly, reduce case pendency and closely monitor court trials. He also stressed prompt response to public complaints, effective use of technology and regular updating of police records.

District SP D. Janaki, DSP Venkateshwarlu, Circle Inspector Ramakrishna and other police officials participated in the inspection.

CHILLEPALY BRANCH, H.No: 2-43, Main Road, Chillepally, Nereducheru Tahsil, Suryapet District - 508218

DEMAND NOTICE

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

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

Name of the Borrower / Guarantors / Date of NPA	Description of Immovable Properties	Amount Outstanding
Borrower: Sri. Kajarammulla Shaik, S/o Maathan Sahed, H.No. 7-1005, Neredcherla, Suryapet - 508218. Co- Borrower : Smt. Moulathi Shaik, W/o. Khajarammathulla, H.No. 7-1005, Neredcherla, Suryapet - 508218. Guarantor : Sri. Shaik Bude Sahab, S/o. Shaik Harinath H.No. 71005, Post Office Road, Neredcherla, Suryapet - 508218 Date of NPA : 29.08.2026	All that the part and parcel of house constructed on open plot within the Sy.142 in Block No.7 comprising total area 121.00 Sq yards situated at Nereduchera Town Gram Panchayat, Nereduchera Village and Mandal, Nalgonda Dist. (Now Suryapet Dist) And bounded by East: Place Of Battim Machu. West: 2/FI Road, North : Place of Konatham Sathyanarayana Reddy. South : Place of Konatham Sathyanarayana Reddy CERSAI ID:400011631012	Rs.6,28,931.25/- (Rupees Six Lakh Twenty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty One and Paise Twenty Five Only together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrower (s) and / or their Guarantor(s) whenever applicable) are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publications of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002.

Date : 31.08.2026 Place : Chillepally Sd/- Authorized Officer

SHRIRAM Finance

SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED
(Formerly Known as Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited)
Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032
Administrative office: 6th Floor(level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurum Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710.
Authorized Officer Address: , Shriram Finance Limited, Wyra Road, SBI Building, Khammam-507001

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The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **Symbolic Possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 19th day of August 2026

Borrower Name and Address
1) Venkatanarsi Reddy Vennapusa, S/O Pulla Reddy, Age:38yrs, Occu: M/S Satya Sree Motors, R/O: H.No.2-242, Satyalapadu, Krishna Dist (Borrower No.1) 2) Karnati Rajendra Reddy, S/O. Hussainreddy, Age:33yrs, R/O: H.No.5-48 Buchireddypalem, Mamunuru, Khammam, (Coborrower/ Guarantor No.1.) 3) Jatoth Motihali, S/O Srinivas, Age:40yrs, Occu: Sri Sai Motors, R/O: H.No.3-39, Main Road, Hero Honda Complex, Enkuru Khammam. (Coborrower/Guarantor No.2.) Amount due as per Demand Notice : Rs. 68,04,562/- (Rupees Sixty Eight Lakh Four Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Two Only)

Description of Property
MDHR1TF1607300006- Description Of The Immovable Property Property Holder Name: Vennapusa Venkata Narsi Reddy, Karnati Rajendra Reddy With Document No: 2224/16 The Vacant Site Admeasuring To An Extent Of 221.00 Sq.Yards Or 185.64 Sq.Mtrs In And Out Of Sy.No.183/ A Situated At Attukuru Revenue Village And GP Madhira Mandal Of Khammam District, Is Bounded By: North: Regisettil Ramulamma, South: 25 Ft Wide Road, East: Vacant Site Of Anky Velandi , West: 30 Ft Wide Road

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

Date: 19-08-2026, Place: Khammam. Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Ltd.

L&T Finance Limited
Registered Office: L&T Finance Limited, Brindavan Building Plot No. 177, Kalina, CST Road, Near Mercedes Showroom Santacruz (East), Mumbai 400 098
CIN No.: L67120MH2008PLC181833
Branch office: Ranga Reddy

PUBLIC AUCTION FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PROPERTY

The Authorised Officer of L&T Finance Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 [54 Of 2002] and in exercise of powers conferred under the said Act is auctioning the following property on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION"** by way of **"PUBLIC AUCTION"** for recovery of its dues and further interest, charges and costs etc.

Name of Borrower and Co-Borrower	Secured Property Address	Loan Account Number(s)	Physical Possession taken	Earnest Money Deposit 10% or more of RP (In ₹)	Secured Debt	Reserve Price (In ₹)	Date of Inspection	Date and Time of Auction
1. Satyam Naidu Alubilli 2. A Sowjanya 3. United Corporation (Through Its Partner A Sowjanya)	Schedule - I All The Piece And Parcel Of Land And Building Consisting Of Residential And Commercial Building Of G+1, Which Consist Of 1992 Sq Feet Of Ground Floor And 1992 Sq Ft Of First Floor In The Land Admeasuring Of 317 Sq Yards Or 265 Sq Mtrs Plot No. 31 In Survey Nos. 7 & 8, Situated At Block No. 5, Krishna Nagar Colony, Mallapur Under G.H.M.C, Kapra Circle, Uppal Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana State., And Bounded By: East Plot No. 32 West 30' Wide Road North Plot No. 38 South 30' Wide Road	H1750021 06210401 42, H1750022 06211111 33	06-08-2026	Rs. 27,74,528/-	As per Demand Notice dated 10/11/2025 Total outstanding dues is Rs. 2,66,85,744.23/-	Rs. 2,77,45,281 /- (BID Incremental Value Rs. 1,00,000/-)	01/10/2026 from 10.00 A.M to 5.30 P.M with prior appointment nt.	06/10/2026 from 11.00 A.M TO 12.00 P.M

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PUBLIC AUCTION

1. The E-Auction Sale is being conducted online by the Authorised Officer through the website <https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net/UEPROC/> under the provisions of SARFAESI Act with the aid and through public e-Auction mode.

2. The public E-auction will be conducted on the date and time mentioned herein above, when the secured asset/s mentioned above will be sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS" BASIS & "AS IS WHAT IT IS" CONDITION.**

3. For participating in the public E-auction, intending purchasers/bidders will have to submit the details of payment of refundable Earnest Money Deposit of 10 % of the reserve price of the secured assets along with copies of the PANCARD, Board Resolutions in case of company and Address Proof on or before **05/10/2026 TILL 6:00 P.M.**

4. The EMD of all other bidders who did not succeed in the public E-auction will be refunded by LTF within 7 days of the closure of the public E-auction. The EMD will not carry any interest.

5. The successful purchaser/bidder shall deposit the 25 % (inclusive of EMD) of his/its offer by way of by way of D.D./P. O favoring "L&T Finance Limited" payable at Mumbai on or before 18:00 hours on **06/10/2026** i.e., day of e-auction or on the next working day i.e., **07/10/2026**, which deposit will have to be confirmed by L&T Finance Limited, failing which the sale will be deemed have been failed and the EMD of the said successful bidder shall be forfeited. The balance amount i.e., 75% of purchase price payable shall be paid by the purchaser to L&T Finance Limited on or before the fifteenth day of confirmation of sale of immovable property or such extended period as per provisions of law.

6. For inspection of property or more information, the prospective bidders may contact the authorised officer i.e. **Name Mr. Vikas Singh, Contact No. 8669189048 and Mr. Satheesha R, Contact No. 9738141146, L&T Finance Ltd, Brindavan, Plot no. 177, CST Road, Kalina, Santacruz (East), Mumbai - 400 098, Maharashtra, India.** At any stage of the E-auction, the Authorised Officer may accept/reject/modify/cancel the bid/offer or postpone the E-auction without assigning any reason thereof and without any prior notice.

7. The successful purchaser/bidder shall bear any statutory dues, taxes, fees payable, stamp duty, registration fees, etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed/delivered in his/her/its favour as per the applicable law.

8. The Borrower/Guarantors, who are liable for the said outstanding dues, shall treat this Sale Notice as a notice under Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, about the holding of above-mentioned public e-auction sale.

9. The Borrower (s) /Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/Mortgagor(s) are hereby called upon to pay the entire loan outstanding dues as mentioned above before the said E-auction date failing which the L & T Finance Ltd shall sale the property as per the provisions laid down in the SARFAESI Act, 2002.

10. The Borrower (s) /Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/Mortgagor(s) public at large are hereby restrained from transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise with the secured assets referred to in the notice without prior written consent of L&T Finance Limited.

Date: 01.09.2026
Place: Ranga Reddy

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
For L&T Finance Limited

SHRIRAM Finance

SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED
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Borrower Name and Address	Amount due as per Demand Notice
1) Kambalapally Neelakantam, S/O: Late Kambalapally Narsimha, Age: 54 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: Address-I: H.No: 10-4-102, Harjan, Basti, Lingoguda, L.B. Nagar, Hyderabad-500335, Address-II: Plot No. 40850, Sri Borachew Enclave, Bonglor, Ibrahimpatnam, Hyderabad-501510, 878516699, 2) Kambalapally Uma, W/O: Kambalapally Neelakantam, Age: 46 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/O: H.No. 10-4-102, Harjan Basti, Lingoguda, L.B. Nagar, Hyderabad-500335, 7396995981.3) Koppoju Satish Kumar, S/O: K Narsima Rao, Age: 48 Years, R/O: H.No: 10-1-923/196, Janaki Enclave, Lingoguda, Lb. Nagar, Rangareddy-500035, 7337265027..... Borrowers/Co-borrower/Guarantors/Legal heirs	Rs.20,85,411/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Eighty Five Thousand Four Hundred Eleven Only)

CHKDPTF2303240003- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY . Property holder Name is KAMBALAPALLY UMA, Mortgage deed dated 31.01.2023 Registered as Document No 716/2023 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at BIBINAGAR. All That Plot Bearing No.2 Admeasuring 167 Sq.yds Or Equivalent To 139.612 Sq.mtrs, In Sy.No. 482p, 483p & 492p; Situated At Bhodand-pochampally (Village & Mandal), Yadadri-bhuvanagiri District, With In The Limits Of Bhodand Pochampally Municipality, In Block No.3 (jalapur Road) Telangana State And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: 30' Ft Wide Road, Towards West: Neighbours Land, Towards North: Plot No-1, Towards South: Plot No-3.

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Place: YADADRI-BHUVANAGIRI, Date: 27.08.2026 Sd/-Authorised officer, Shriram Finance Ltd.

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Administrative office: 6th Floor(level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurum Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710.

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Where as, the undersigned being the Authorised officer of Shriram Finance Limited, (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited name Changed as Shriram Finance Limited, by it's Incorporation Certificate dt. 13-11-2022) a corporate body registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian companies Act 1956, is doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No. 14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No. Q2, Aurum Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices. The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 27th August, 2026.

Borrower Name and Address	Amount due as per Demand Notice
1) Survi Nandhu, W/O: Survi Mallesh, Age: 30 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H.No 3-15 (Or) 3-11, Kawadipally, Near Venkat Ramana High School, Hayath Nagar, Hyderabad-501505, B/O: Proprietor Of "Nandu Dairy Farm", At P.No:G-14, Uday Gardens, Kawadipally, Abdullapurmet, Rangareddy, 9550865914. 2) Survi Swarupa, W/O: Mallesh, Age: 56 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/O: H.No. 3-15, Kawadipally, Near Venkat Ramana High School, Hyderabad-501505, 8686061333.3) Survi Darshan, S/O: Ramulu, Age: 69 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H.No 3-18, Kawadipally, Hyderabad-501505, B/O: Contract Works, 8106539078. Borrowers/Co-borrower/Guarantors/Legal heirs	Rs.30,43,846/- (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Forty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Six Only)

BDPALTF2303240003- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY . Property holder Name is SURVI NANDHU, Mortgage deed dated 25.03.2023 Registered as Document No 2365/2023 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at ABDULLAPURMET. All That Part And Parcel Of Open Plot No. 13, Admeasuring 150 Sq.yds Equivalent To 125.41 Sq.mtrs & Plot No. 14, Admeasuring 150 Sq.yds Equivalent To 125.41 Sq.mtrs (after Mortgage Newly Constructed Shutters In Both Plots) In Sy No. 12 Part Forming Part Of "sri Sai Goldownship", Situated At Batasingaram Village & G.p., Abdullapurmet Mandal, Rangareddy District, Telangana State Boundaries For Open Plot No-13 & 14 Admeasuring 300sq. Yds And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: 25' Ft Wide Road, Towards West: Pot No-6.7 & 8. Towards North: Plot No-15. Towards South: Plot No-12.

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

Place: RANGA REDDY, Date: 27.08.2026 Sd/-Authorised officer, Shriram Finance Ltd.

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT HYDERABAD
O.A.No.597 of 2026

Between :
The Federal Bank Ltd.
a company within the meaning of Companies Act, 2013 and a banking company within the meaning of Banking Regulation Act 1949 having its registered office at Alwaye, Kerala and carrying on business inter alia, through a branch office at LCRO Branch, Hyderabad. Rep. by its Associate Vice President & Branch HeadApplicant
And
1.Mrs. Sanjana Lagumavaru
w/o Srinivasa Rao, Aged about 42years,
Occ: Business, R/o 15-11-741/CA/27,
Shalivahana Nagar, Sec 5, Madhapur, Chittoor, Disulknagar, Hyderabad - 500060Defendants
2.Mr. Lagumavaru Venkata Guru Abhiram,
s/o Srinivasa Rao, Aged about 20years,
Occ: Business, R/o 4-41/A, Sri Venkateshwara Nilayam, Vikas Nagar, Disulknagar, Hyderabad - 500060Defendants

Whereas, the Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons on the said Application u/s 19(4) of the RBD Act, 1993 filed against for recovery of a sum of Rs.72,12,856/- together with future interest, costs and for other reliefs (application along with copies of documents etc., annexed' can be obtained from the counsel).

In accordance with sub-section(4) of the section 19 of the Act, you the defendants are directed as under:-

1. To show cause within 30 days of the service of summons as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted;

2. to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;

3. You are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial No. 3A of the original application pending hearing and disposal of the Application for attachment of properties;

4. You shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business and of the assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial No. 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;

5. You shall be liable to account for sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and disposal of such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets;

6. You are also directed to file Written Statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before The Debts Recovery Tribunal-II at Hyderabad on 01-10-2026 at 10:30 AM failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

(BY ORDERS OF THE HON'BLE DRT-II AT HYDERABAD)
N.V.SUBBARAJU, ADVOCATE
6-471, Krishna Nagar Colony,
Opp: Ganesh Hospital, Bholakpur,
Secunderabad - 500 080, Phone : 9848811778
Counsel for Applicant/Bank

SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
Following E-Tenders are invited for the details of the Tender Notices S.C. Railway can be seen on our website : www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

TENDER NOTICE

For and on behalf of The President of India, the undersigned invites E-Tender (IREPS) for the following work up to the dates & time shown against each.

Sl. No. 1, Tender No.: 04/Elec/TRSO/Sand Supply/KCG & NZB/ 2026 dated 31.08.2026.
Description of the work: Supply of cleaned, sieved and dried sand for use in locomotives as per IS:1987/2002 Grade C and AAR M-916-51 (as per latest amendments) at Kacheguda and Nizamabad lobbies for a period of two years.
Value of the Work in Rs.: 8,54,399.08, **Period of Contract:** 2 years, **EMD (₹):** 17,100.00, **Cost of Tender Form in Rs.:** NIL, **Date and Time of Closing of Tender:** 15:00 Hrs. on 28.09.2026, **Date and Time of Opening of Tender:** 15:30 Hrs. on 28.09.2026

Last date for online submission of E-bids is **28-09-2026 up to 15:00 Hrs.** For detailed information login to website www.ireps.gov.in

Any further Communication / Corrigendum shall only be initiated through E-portal www.ireps.gov.in

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/ TRSO/Hyderabad

E-Tender Notice No. N-SG-36-2026 -27-CCTV-32, Dtd. 24.08.2026

Sr. DSTE/NED acting for and on behalf of The President of India Invites E-Tenders for the following work.

Tender Number and Date: N-SG-36-2026-27-CCTV-32 dated 24.08.2026, **Name of Work:** Provision of video recording system in 85 Relay room, 71 Station Master room, over Nanded division., **Estimated Project Cost:** Rs.2,67,13,135.00, **Bid Security:** Rs.5,34,300.00, **Completion Period of Work:** 12 Months, **Bid Closing Date (Bid Due Date):** 15.09.2026 at 15:00 hrs, **Bid Opening Date:** 15.09.2026 after 15:00 hrs, **Validity of Offer:** 60 Days from Bid Closing Date, **Cost of Tender Booklet:** Rs.0/-

All bidding is in Indian Railway e-tendering portal www.ireps.gov.in. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender. Further details can be seen in www.ireps.gov.in

Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer / Nanded

E-Tender Notice No. . N-SG-36-2026 -27-Cradle-22 dated 24.08.2026

Sr. DSTE/NED acting for and on behalf of The President of India Invites E-Tenders for the following work.

Tender Number and Date: N-SG-36-2026-27-Cradle-22 dated 24.08.2026, **Name of Work:** S&T Works in connection with 1) Provision of Cradle Type Inspection Platforms for PSG Girder Bridges under the Jurisdiction of SRDEN/WNED and DEN/NED Sections and 2) Replacement of Steel Girder Bridges of 12.20m Spans with PSC Slab., **Estimated Project Cost:** Rs.2,23,17,369.00, **Bid Security:** Rs.4,46,400.00, **Completion Period of Work:** 12 Months, **Bid Closing Date (Bid Due Date):** 15.09.2026 at 15:00 hrs, **Bid Opening Date:** 15.09.2026 after 15:00 hrs, **Validity of Offer:** 60 Days from Bid Closing Date, **Cost of Tender Booklet:** Rs.0/-

All bidding is in Indian Railway e-tendering portal www.ireps.gov.in. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender. Further details can be seen in www.ireps.gov.in

Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer / Nanded A714

For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at <http://www.ireps.gov.in> or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in



OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-III
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD (DRT-2)
1st Floor, Triveni Complex Abids, Hyderabad-500001

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.
RC/510/2026

17.08.2026

Union Bank of India

Versus

M/s. Sri Balaji Enterprises and Another

To:

(CD 1) M/s. Sri Balaji Enterprises, Rep By Its Proprietor Plot No.420, Jai Ram Nagar, Subash Nagar, IDA Jeedimetla, Hyderabad Telangana-500055.

(CD 2) Mr Dinesh Jahangir S/o Khubchand Plot No.585, Subash Nagar Last Bus Stop, Qutubullapur Ranga Reddy Dist, Telangana-500055

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal Hyderabad (DRT 2) in OA/548/2025 an amount of Rs.43,49,600.63 (Rupees Forty Three Lakhs Forty Nine Thousands Six Hundred and Paise Sixty Three Only) along with pendente lite and future interest @ 9.05% Simple Interest Yearly w.e.f. 03/02/2025 till realization and costs of Rs.1,07,605/- (Rupees One Lakh Seven Thousand Six Hundred Five Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally/ Fully/Limited).

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.

3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of your assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 21/09/2026 at 10:30 a.m. for further proceedings.

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:

(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.

(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due. Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 17/08/2026

Recovery Officer

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD (DRT-2)



GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
REVENUE (LA) DEPARTMENT

DISTRICT GAZETTEE

District Collector, Kumuram Bheem Asifabad

FORM-VII

(PRELIMINARY DECLARATION)

(Under the Section 19(1) sub rule (1) Rule 25 of Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (Central Act 30/2/13)

District Collector File No. G2/470/2026

Date : 19-08-2026

Special Deputy Collector (LA) Unit-I

DR BRAPP Asifabad Rc No. B/01/2025

Date : 05-08-2026

Gazette: No (17)

Date : 19-08-2026

It is hereby informed that the requisition is submitted for land acquisition proposals proposed by the Executive Engineer (Irrigation and Command area development) for construction of canal in the Devudpelli Village of Kerameri Mandal for Command area development of Sri Kumuram Bheem Project.

In accordance the District Collector, Kumuram Bheem Asifabad intended to require the following patta lands of an area **Ac 2.28 Gts** in the Devudpelli Village, Shivar Kerameri Mandal, Kumuram Bheem Asifabad District for public purpose namely for construction of canal under the part of Sri Kumuram Bheem Project through this process the loss was happened to the effected patta lands mentioned under. Therefore the Declaration is issued under the right to fair compensation and transparency in land acquisition rehabilitation and resettlement Act-2013 approved through the Act provided by the Government for acquiring of proposed Land.

Therefore the publication of declaration for starting of land acquisition works, details of land area **2.28 Gts** in the Devudpelli Village of Kerameri Mandal, Kumuram Bheem Asifabad District is issued.

SCHEDULE

Village:Devudpalli Road, Mandal:Kerameri, Dist:Kumuram Bheem Asifabad

Sl.No.	Sy.No.	Title	Type of Land	Area under Acquisition Ac Gts	Name of the Pattedar / Father's Name/ Address	Name of the Enjoyer / Father's Name	Boundaries N S E W	Trees Type No	Structures Type	Plinth area							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15			
1	5/2	Patta	Dry	0.07	Upri Pentaiah S/o Davu	Self	7	4	6	vb	0	0	0	0			
					Upri Ramesh S/o Davu	Self	7	4	6	vb	0	0	0	0			
					Upri Charan S/o Davu	Self	7	4	6	Vb	0	0	0	0			
					Upri Vittal S/o Davu	Self	7	4	6	Vb	0	0	0	0			
					Upri Athmaram S/o Davu	Self	7	4	6	Vb	0	0	0	0			
2	7/2	Patta	Dry	0.08	Upri Sagar S/o Davu	Self	7	4	6	vb	0	0	0	0			
					Sirpa Srinivas S/o Sambaiiah	Nikode Ramesh S/o Pochu	8	5	11	Vb	0	0	0	0			
					Sirpa Madhusudan	Nikode Suresh S/o Pochu	8	5	11	Vb	0	0	0	0			
					Sirpa Narayana	Nikode Srihari S/o Joggu	8	5	11	Vb	0	0	0	0			
						Nikode Jyothi W/o Dileep	8	5	11	vb	0	0	0	0			
3	8/1/2	Patta	Dry	0.05 0.09	Sirpa Ashok	Nikode Nanaji S/o Laxman	8	5	11	Vb	0	0	0	0			
						Nikode Sri hari S/o Joggu	8	5	11	vb	0	0	0	0			
						Nikode Jyothi W/o Dilip	8	5	11	vb	0	0	0	0			
					Sirpa Srinivas S/o Sambaiiah	Mahathma Ramaiah S/o Mondli	BD PP	7	2	Vb	0	0	0	0			
					Sirpa Madhusudan	Mahathma Gulab S/o Mondli	BD PP	7	2	Vb	0	0	0	0			
4	25/1	Assi gned	Dry	0.16	Sirpa Narayana	Mahathma Maruthi S/o Mondli	BD PP	7	2	Vb	0	0	0	0			
						Mahathma Lingaiah S/o Mondli	BD PP	7	2	Vb	0	0	0	0			
						Mahathma Pochaiah	BD PP	7	2	vb	0	0	0	0			
					Jadi Gunvath Rao S/o Davu	Self				BD	23	26	PP	0	0	0	0
					Mahathma Lingu S/o Buru	Mahathma Gyaneshwar S/o Lingu	54	24	27	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	26	Assi gned	Dry	0.10	Kondre Nagnath S/o Eknath	Self	54	22	28	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
					Thaskande Vittu S/o Nagu	Self	54	21	30	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
					Thaskande Davu S/o Nagu	Thaskande Savitri Bai W/o Davu	54	21	30	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
					Madavi Boiju S/o Nlugu	Self				31	35	28	0	0	0	0	0
					Madavi Badu S/o Devu	Madavi Sombai	30	32	35	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	31	Assi gned	Dry	0.03	Madavi Thukaram S/o Devu	Self	30	32	35	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
					Government Land	Govt								0	0	0	0
					Government	Govt								0	0	0	0
7	30/1	Assi gned	Dry	0.12													
8	28/1	Assi gned	Dry	0.09													
9	30/1	Assi gned	Dry	0.12													
10	31	Assi gned	Dry	0.03													
11	31/1	Assi gned	Dry	0.03													
12	BD PP/2	Govt.		0.03													
13	BD PP	Govt.		0.01													
Total					2.28												

This declaration is issued for payment of compensation to the concern land owners under section 19(1) of Right to fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition and Resettlement Act 2013 (Act No 30/2013).

The Declaration is issued under 19(1) due to not received any objections from the interested persons in Land acquisition on issues under section 15(1) of proposed land acquisition Act 2013 (Act 30/2013) Nobody was displaced due to land acquisition and lost livelihood so rehabilitation and resettlement will not applicable.

A plan of the land and details kept in the office of the District Collector Kumuram Bheem Asifabad (LA) Unit –I Dr BR Ambedkar Pranahetha Project Asifabad Concerned persons may be inspect on any working day during office hours. The Government of Telangana / District Collector Kumuram Bheem Asifabad is pleased to authorized to the Land Acquisition Officer and Special Deputy Collector (LA) Unit-I Dr BR Ambedkar Pranahetha Project Asifabad their staff to enter upon and survey land take levels of any land and other take other works in the above land under section 12.

Sd/-
District Collector
Kumuram Bheem Asifabad

Place : Asifabad
Date : 19.08.2026

DIPR R.O. No.: 783/LA/PP-Publication/2026-27

Congress Govt Completes 1,000 Days with People's Blessings Mahesh Kumar Goud

Hyderabad, TSIT: TPCC president and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud on Monday said the Congress-led Praja Palana government had completed 1,000 days with the blessings of the people, describing the milestone as a reflection of its commitment to welfare, development and social justice.

Congratulating Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Ministers, elected representatives and Congress cadres, Goud said farmers, women, youth, agricultural labourers and weaker sections had remained at the centre of the government's policies.

Highlighting the government's farmer welfare initiatives, he said crop loans of up to Rs 2 lakh had been waived, benefiting 25.35 lakh farmers with an expenditure of over Rs 20,000 crore. Rythu

Bharosa assistance had been enhanced to Rs 12,000 per acre, with around Rs 36,000 crore extended under the scheme. He said the government had spent about Rs 30,000 crore on free power to agriculture, nearly Rs 4,000 crore on bonus for fine varieties of paddy and Rs 3,500 crore on Rythu Bima.

Goud said the government had spent a record Rs 1.75 lakh crore on the agriculture sector, while paddy procurement and the fine-rice bonus had helped strengthen the rural economy.

On welfare measures, he said eligible households were receiving free electricity up to 200 units under Gruha Jyothi and LPG cylinders at Rs 500. The government had issued 16.32 lakh new ration cards, while 3.43 crore people were benefiting from 1.06 crore food security cards.

He said more than 70,000 government jobs had been filled, while the Young India Skills University and the conversion of ITIs into Advanced Technology Centres were creating new opportunities for youth. The government was also strengthening education through breakfast programmes and the construction of 100 Young India Integrated Residential Schools.

Telangana to Showcase Unified Water-Security Model at National Jal Shakti Conference

Hyderabad TSIT: Telangana will showcase its Unified Water-Security Model at the two-day National Jal Shakti Conference to be held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi on September 1 and 2, Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister Capt. N. Uttam Kumar Reddy said on Monday.

Ahead of the national conference being organised by the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti, the Minister held a review meeting with senior Irrigation Department officials at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat.

The meeting reviewed the key elements to be incorporated in Telangana's presentation at the conference, including water conservation initiatives, protection and rejuvenation of the State's traditional chain-linked tank systems, geotagging of water resources, groundwater monitoring and

a comprehensive water-security strategy that could be replicated elsewhere in the country. Uttam Kumar Reddy said Telangana's approach was aimed at creating a sustainable and integrated water-management system covering irrigation, surface and groundwater conservation and drinking-water security.

As part of the State's water-resource management initiatives, the government is focusing on stabilising 25.70 lakh acres of ayacut and restoring about 9.70 TMC of storage capacity. Special emphasis is also being placed on the comprehensive and long-term protection of the State's chain-linked tanks, which have historically played a crucial role in irrigation and groundwater recharge. The Minister said technology would be extensively used to improve transparency and accountability.

Minister Komatireddy's Request Gets CM Revanth Reddy's Nod

Alwal TIMS, LB Nagar TIMS and Warangal Super Specialty Hospital to be named after Telangana icons

Hyderabad, TSIT: Roads and Buildings Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy on Monday thanked Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy for accepting his request to name major hospitals constructed under the Roads and Buildings Department after eminent personalities who made significant contributions to Telangana. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, while inaugurating the Mussarabagh Flyover at Amberpet,

announced that Alwal TIMS, LB Nagar TIMS and the Warangal Super Specialty Hospital would be named after prominent Telangana leaders. Accordingly, Alwal TIMS will be named after former Chief Minister T. Anjaiah, LB Nagar TIMS after noted Telangana leader Konda Laxman Bapuji, and the Warangal Super Specialty Hospital after Telangana ideologue Prof. K. Jayashankar. Minister Komatireddy

KCR Should Quit as Opposition Leader, Dalit MLA Must Get Post Indira Shobhan

Hyderabad TSIT: Senior Congress leader Indira Shobhan on Monday demanded that BRS president K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) immediately resign as Leader of the Opposition, alleging that he had remained confined largely to his farmhouse instead of discharging his responsibilities in the State Assembly. She said the BRS should appoint a Dalit MLA as its Legislature Party leader if KCR was genuinely committed to Dalit empowerment.

Recalling KCR's earlier promise to make a Dalit the first Chief Minister of Telangana, she alleged that the commitment was never honoured. Indira Shobhan claimed that during the past 1,000 days, KCR had not spoken even once in the Assembly and had not attended a full day of proceedings. Despite this, she alleged, he continued to enjoy the salary, allowances, security and other facilities provided to the Leader of the Opposition.

BRS Demands Veldurthi-Pillikottala Double Road

Medak, August 31: Narsapur MLA Sunitha Lakshmareddy and former Deputy Speaker Padmadevender Reddy led a BRS march from Veldurthi to the Medak Collectorate on Monday, demanding construction of the Veldurthi-Pillikottala double road.

The leaders said funds sanc-

tioned during the previous BRS government were cancelled after the change in government, bringing the road works to a halt. They said the poor condition of the road was causing severe problems for residents, farmers and motorists.

They demanded immediate release of funds and commencement of the double-road works. Later, they submitted a petition to DRO Ambadas Rajeshwar at the Collectorate.

HYDERABAD
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

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Collector Orders Speedy SIR Notice Distribution

Jogulamba Gadwal, August 31: District Collector Rizwan Basha

Visakhapatnam to Be Developed as a Medical Hub: Minister Lokesh

TSIT, Visakhapatnam
The State government is giving high priority to the education and healthcare sectors and will work towards developing Visakhapatnam into a trillion-dollar economic region as well as a major medical hub, Minister for Education and IT Nara Lokesh said. He was speaking after laying the foundation stone for AIG Hospitals at Endada in Anandapuram mandal. Lokesh said the medical profession was highly noble and appreciated doctors for their dedicated service, particularly during the Covid-19 pandemic. He praised Dr. D. Nageshwar Reddy for rising to global prominence in gastroenterology through commitment, discipline and perseverance. He described AIG Hospitals as more than a corporate hospital, high-



lighting its focus on providing quality healthcare to the poor and promoting medical research. He said AIG Hospitals was investing around Rs.2,000 crore in

Visakhapatnam to establish a 1,000-bed facility with 350 ICU beds, 50 specialties and an outpatient block capable of serving around 5,000 patients a day. The project is

expected to create employment opportunities for around 9,000 people and provide services through about 1,000 doctors. The government would extend all necessary

support to the hospital, he said. AIG Hospitals Chairman Dr. D. Nageshwar Reddy said the Visakhapatnam facility would be designed as a world-class and affordable hospital accessible to people from all sections of society. Along with treatment, the hospital would focus on research and training doctors, nurses and technicians. He said the aim was to transform Visakhapatnam into a major healthcare centre and medical hub, reducing the need for patients to travel to cities such as Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Hyderabad for advanced treatment. Assembly Speaker Chintakayala Ayyanna Patrudu also praised Dr. Nageshwar Reddy for his medical expertise, commitment and contribution to healthcare, and welcomed the establishment of AIG Hospitals in Visakhapatnam.

SRM University-AP Hosts Quantum, AI Workshop



Amaravati (TSIT): SRM University-AP hosted a Quantum & AI Innovation Center (QAIC) workshop at its Amaravati campus to support Andhra Pradesh's growing focus on quantum technology and artificial intelligence. Organised by Amaravati Quantum Valley and the Government of Andhra Pradesh, the workshop focused on mentor mapping, use-case allocation and the formation of Quantum Innovation Cells (QICs). Senior academics, government officials and technology experts participated in the programme.

SRM University-AP Vice Chancellor Prof. CH Satish Kumar highlighted the university's expertise in quantum technology and its plans to expand initiatives in the field. He said the university has faculty working across quantum hardware, algorithms, communications, sensing and related areas, providing a strong foundation for multidisciplinary research and innovation.

Andhra University Vice Chancellor Prof. G.P. Raja Sekhar, who delivered the keynote

address, urged students to focus on identifying problems that need solutions rather than simply pursuing specific jobs. He said emerging technologies offer young people opportunities to innovate and create new possibilities.

AP State Quantum Mission Mission Director CV Sridhar appreciated SRM University-AP's initiative and said the workshop supported the mission's objectives in design, product development, research and development, talent creation, employment and industry partnerships.

Secretary to the Chief Minister, Pradyumna P.S., IAS, highlighted the state government's vision for technology-led development and encouraged participants to embrace rapid technological changes. He said Andhra Pradesh aims to strengthen research and development and global trade under the Make in India framework.

The workshop marked another step towards aligning SRM University-AP's academic capabilities with Andhra Pradesh's quantum technology ambitions.

Andhra-Born Professor Wins International Research Award in Singapore

TSIT, Visakhapatna : Dr. Pavan Kumar Yadavalli, a native of Kanigiri in Markapur District, Andhra Pradesh, and Professor and Head of the Department of Teacher Education at Manipur University, has received the "Research Era Excellent Paper Award" at the International Conference on Education and Social Science (ICESS-2026) held in Singapore on August 21, 2026. Dr. Yadavalli presented a research paper titled "Transforming Inclusive Education for Learners with Multiple Disabilities: Emerging Innovations and Future Directions." His research focused on assistive technologies, Universal Design for Learning, artificial intelligence-based educational support systems, teacher capacity building and evidence-based practices to promote inclusive and equitable education. The award, in the category of "Best Presentation and Content," was presented by Dr.



Amila Gamage of LIGS University and Director of Raffles Educational Institute, Singapore, in recognition of the quality, originality and relevance of his research. Dr. Yadavalli, who completed his Ph.D. in Education from Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, has over two decades of experience in teaching, research and academic leadership. His achievement brought international recognition to Manipur University and highlighted the academic talent of Andhra Pradesh, particularly Markapur District.

Visakhapatnam Air Quality Under Continuous Monitoring

APPCB Intensifies Measures to Control Dust Pollution



TSIT, Visakhapatnam. The Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board (APPCB) has intensified monitoring and corrective measures to control air pollution in Visakhapatnam city, particularly in areas affected by industrial activity, bulk cargo handling and vehicular movement. Air quality in the city had deteriorated between December 2025 and the first week of January 2026, with the Air Quality Index (AQI) ranging from moderate to very poor levels. Following inspections conducted by APPCB and other departments, environmental compensation notices were issued to eight industries/projects, with a total proposed compensation of Rs.9.80

crore. The concerned industries subsequently submitted replies and details of corrective measures taken to address the identified deficiencies. APPCB teams conducted further inspections in June and August 2026 to assess compliance and implementation of the action plans. Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan held a meeting with major industries in Visakhapatnam and Anakapalli districts on January 30, 2026, and stressed the need for strict operation of pollution-control equipment and development of green belts. A further review meeting was conducted by Visakhapatnam MP with major industries and officials on July 10, directing

industries to submit short- and long-term action plans for controlling air pollution. The APPCB also held a high-level review meeting in Vijayawada on August 25 with representatives of major industries in the Visakhapatnam industrial belt. The Board warned that stringent action would be taken against units failing to comply with environmental directions. Officials are periodically reviewing levels of PM10, PM2.5, SO and NO to identify pollution hotspots and initiate corrective measures. Fugitive dust from bulk cargo handling, heavy vehicle movement, open storage and damaged roads continues to remain a concern, particularly around the port area. To strengthen monitoring, Visakhapatnam Port Authority is installing three additional Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring (CAAQM) stations. At present, one CAAQM station at the GVMC office represents air quality across the corporation's 640 sq km area, and two more stations are proposed to provide better city-wide assessment.

SVIMS Strengthens Emergency Medical Services



Tirupati, August 31: SVIMS Director and Vice-Chancellor Dr. Gudaru Jagadeesh conducted surprise inspections of the R.I.C.U., Casualty and Extension Casualty departments at 6 a.m. on Monday. He reviewed emergency services, staff availability, equipment readiness and treatment provided to patients. He also interacted with patients and doctors to assess the quality and speed of medical care. Dr. Jagadeesh directed officials to ensure immediate treatment for emergency cases, stressing that every minute is crucial in saving lives. He said SVIMS must maintain full 24x7 readiness as patients arrive from across Rayalaseema and other regions.

NTR Athletes Win 25 Medals at State Championship



Vijayawada, August 31: NTR district athletes won 13 gold and 12 silver medals at the Amaravati State-Level Championship held in Tirupati from August 24 to 27. Athletes from the NTR District Sports Authority competed in athletics, archery, badminton, basketball, boxing, weightlifting and yoga. District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha congratulated the medal winners at a felicitation programme and urged them to utilise government training facilities and support to achieve greater success. He encouraged the athletes to aim for national and international honours.

Janaushadhi Scheme a Boon for Poor: Chittoor MP

Chittoor, August 31: Chittoor MP Daggumalla Prasad Rao said the Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) has emerged as a major support for poor and middle-



class families by providing affordable generic medicines. Speaking at a health check-up programme organised by the Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBDI) at P.V.K.N. Degree College, the MP said more than 18,646 Janaushadhi Kendras are operating across the country, with plans to increase the number to 25,000. He said generic medicines available through the centres cost significantly less than branded medicines, while being tested for quality. He also highlighted the availability of Rs.1 'Suvidha' sanitary napkins and government incentives for eligible entrepreneurs

NTR District Police Deploy Advanced Drones to Spread Awareness on 'Eagle Challenge' Against Drugs

VIJAYAWADA, August 31, 2026: The NTR District Police Commissionerate has intensified its campaign against drugs and ganja by deploying advanced "Matrice 4T" drones to create widespread public awareness about the 'Eagle Challenge' initiative. NTR District Police Commissioner S.V. Rajashekara Babu, IPS, has been taking several measures with the objective of making the Police Commissionerate a drug-free zone. Initiatives including 'War on Drugs 1.0', 'Action After Awareness 2.0' and 'Another Opportunity for Change' have been



launched as part of the campaign. The police have also announced cash rewards to members of the public who provide specific and credible information about drug-related activities.

Under the Eagle Challenge: - Rs.5,000 reward will be

given for information leading to the identification of drug/ganja sellers.

- Rs.1,500 reward will be given for information regarding drug users.

The police said that personnel from all police stations are conducting

awareness programmes among residents within their respective jurisdictions. As part of the intensified campaign, advanced Matrice 4T drones equipped with voice and loudspeaker facilities are being deployed at important locations across NTR district, including crowded public places and areas near hills and other difficult-to-reach locations.

The drones are being used to broadcast awareness messages through loudspeakers at major junctions, busy areas and places with large gatherings, enabling the police to reach a wider section of the public.

Kakatiya University signs MoU with Reutlingen University, Germany

Warangal, Aug 31 (TSIT): In line with the vision of Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Kakatiya University has taken another key step towards providing international level higher education opportunities to its students. Kakatiya University Vice-Chancellor Prof K. Pratap Reddy and Principal Secretary, Education Department, Government of Telangana Yogita Rana signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) online with Reutlingen University, Germany as part of

University Professor Brune Jochen, as well as Program Manager - International Programs, Knowledge Foundation, Reutlingen University Deglemann, exchanged MoUs. Speaking on the occasion, Vice Chancellor (VC) of Kakatiya University Prof Pratap Reddy said that as part of the agreement, Kakatiya University students will have the opportunity to continue their higher education in Germany through a 3+2 Master's course. In this, the first



their visit to Germany.

In the presence of Kakatiya University Vice-Chancellor Prof K. Pratap Reddy, Registrar Prof V. Ramachandram and Program Director/Vice Dean - Industrial Engineering, International Project Engineering, Knowledge Foundation,

three years of education can be completed at Kakatiya University and the next two years of Master's education can be pursued at Reutlingen University in Germany. Students who successfully complete the first three years of education will be awarded a Kakatiya University degree,

Rosayya Honoured as 'Statue of Statesman': Nara Lokesh

TSIT, Visakhapatnam

Former Chief Minister Konijeti Rosaiah was a great statesman who remained committed to political and ethical values, Minister for Education, IT and Real-Time Governance Nara Lokesh said. He unveiled Rosaiah's bronze statue at Siripuram Circle in Visakhapatnam and later attended a felicitation meeting organised by the Arya Vysya Association at the Waltair Club. Lokesh also visited a photo exhibition depicting Rosaiah's life and interacted with his family members. Lokesh proposed naming Rosaiah's statue the 'Statue of Statesman', on the lines of Potti Sreeramulu's statue being recognised as the 'Statue of Sacrifice'. He said Rosaiah's political journey, perseverance and ethical values would remain an inspiration for the younger generation and public representatives. He assured that he would take responsibility for including a special chapter on Rosaiah's life and services to Telugu society in school textbooks. He also called for setting up an experiential museum on Rosaiah and completing it within 18 months for inauguration by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. Minister T.G. Bharat recalled Rosaiah's contribution to the Arya Vysya community and said



he had encouraged his father, T.G. Venkatesh, by inducting him into the Cabinet. He described Rosaiah as a leader who respected people across party lines and urged Lokesh to provide representation to Arya Vysyas in the TTD governing board. TDP State President and Gajuwaka MLA Palla Srinivasa Rao said Rosaiah's life proved that political opponents need not be personal enemies. Visakhapatnam MPM. Sribharat described Rosaiah as not only a politician but also an accomplished economist who maintained financial discipline as Finance Minister. Arya Vysya Welfare and Development Corporation Chairman G. Rakesh said Rosaiah served as MLA, MLC, MP, Minister, Chief Minister and Governor and had the distinction of presenting the State Budget 16 times. Rosaiah's son-in-law Paidra Krishna Prasad recalled his 46-year association with Rosaiah and said he had never seen him lose his temper.

Veligonda Phase-I Brings Krishna Water After 30 Years



Markapuram, August 31: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Monday dedicated Phase-I of the Poola Subbaiah Veligonda Project, ending a three-decade wait to bring Krishna waters to drought-hit areas of the erstwhile Prakasam, Nellore and Kadapa districts. The Chief Minister welcomed the Krishna waters emerging from the project's twin tunnels at Gantavanipalle in Dorna mandal and performed special prayers and Jal Harathi. In an emotional gesture, he offered a sash tanga namaskaram to the water. Phase-I will transfer 10.70 TMC of Krishna water to Nallamala Sagar, providing irrigation to 1.19 lakh acres and drinking water

to nearly four lakh people. After full completion, the project is expected to irrigate 4.47 lakh acres and provide drinking water to around 23 lakh people across 30 mandals. Chandrababu recalled laying the foundation stone for the project on March 5, 1996, and described its completion as a "Bhagiratha effort". He said the project would provide relief to farmers and families affected by drought and fluoride contamination. The first phase was taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.10,200 crore, with Rs.7,983 crore spent so far. The 18.8-km twin tunnels and 21.8-km feeder canals have been completed. The Chief Minister paid tribute to residents of 11 villages who sacrificed their lands and homes for the project. He said Rs.768 crore had been provided to 6,206 displaced families within 48 days, with another Rs.169 crore sanctioned for their needs. He announced that Phase-II would be completed by 2028 and stressed the importance of river linking and irrigation development.

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GEN Z HAS DONE ITS BIT TO DEFEND DEMOCRACY

It is said that the singular achievement of the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP)-led Gen Z movement is to overcome the fear psychosis that has been afflicting the people at large due to the “governance by fear” model being pursued by the Union government and some state governments for the last several years.

At the dawn of the last millennium, Rabindranath Tagore, that great son of India, wrote these captivating lines: “Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high ... Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake.” But in the last five decades or so, India has moved far away from this clarion call. It all started with the era of the Emergency (1975-77), when a government hijacked the whole edifice of the state, a ruling party and leader who in effect treated the state as their personal estate. It was the imposition of a highly concentrated apparatus of power on a fundamentally federal society and the turning over of this centralised apparatus to inflict fear and anxiety. What has happened over the last few years is no different. Though the character and contents are different, there is a common thread between the Emergency and now – ‘governance by fear’. The only difference is that the method adopted then was a single, swift blow, and now it is akin to death by a thousand cuts. The effect on freedom and liberty is the same, probably much worse now!

The Special Intensive Revision (SIR), the monstrous tool of mass disenfranchisement let loose by a constitutional body called the Election Commission and endorsed by the Supreme Court, is the typical example. The present state can be called a neo-Emergency! What is happening under this neo-Emergency is almost exactly what Steven Levitsky described in his seminal Book How Democracies Die: “This is how elected autocrats subvert democracy – packing and “weaponising” the courts and other neutral agencies, buying off the media and the private sector (or bullying them into silence), and rewriting the rules of politics to tilt the playing field against opponents. The tragic paradox of the electoral route to authoritarianism is that democracy’s assassins use the very institutions of democracy – gradually, subtly and even legally – to kill it.”

“How do elected authoritarians shatter the democratic institutions that are supposed to constrain them? Some do it in one fell swoop. But more often the assault on democracy begins slowly. For many citizens, it may, at first, be imperceptible. After all, elections continue to be held. Opposition politicians still sit in congress. Independent newspapers still circulate. Each individual step seems minor – none appears to truly threaten democracy. Indeed, government moves to subvert democracy frequently enjoy a veneer of legality: They are approved by parliament or ruled constitutional by the supreme court. Many of them are adopted under the guise of pursuing some legitimate – even laudable – public objective, such as combating corruption, ‘cleaning up’ elections, improving the quality of democracy or enhancing national security.”

Why is this happening in a country touted as the world’s largest democracy? The answer is not far to seek – it entails the deliberate wrecking of India’s Constitution and attempts to ‘govern’ the country outside the ambit of this ‘charter of governance’.

How A 'Friendship' Pact With Russia Came To India's Rescue 55 Years Ago

ADITI BHADURI

When Prime Minister Narendra Modi meets Russian President Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, it will be an opportune moment in bilateral ties. And while one is not a soothsayer, it is more than possible that they will reminisce on an event that took place 55 years ago, and set the trajectory of bilateral relations between India and the Soviet Union first, and later the Russian Federation, its inheritor state. August is a significant month in the history of the subcontinent. India and Pakistan won freedom, and the Partition occurred in 1947. Then East Pakistan's Mukti Bahini brigade launched Operation Jackpot against Pakistani forces in August 1971. However, the most enduring post-1947 "August phenomenon" in the subcontinent may well be the signing of the Treaty of Peace, Friendship, and Cooperation on August 5, 1971, between India and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. The Treaty went on to play a pivotal role not only in bilateral relations but also in the history of the subcontinent itself. As former Russian Ambassador to India Nikolai Kudashyev writes in an article commemorating the 50th anniversary of the pact, "The Treaty was an integral part of the range of events, which had divided the history of South Asia into before and after - the third war between India and Pakistan, the creation of Bangladesh..."

A Blueprint For A Defence Cooperation Pact Indeed, this pact was indispensable in the success of India's 1971 war with Pakistan and in the liberation of its eastern wing, which was seeing a genocide and ethnic cleansing of Bengalis at the hands



of the Pakistani Army, allied with Islamist forces spear-headed by the Jamaat e Islami. Along with the valor and courage of the Indian Army, fine diplomacy by India, and the decisiveness of then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and her Cabinet, a major role in the liberation of Bangladesh was played by the Soviet Union. And it was the 1971 treaty that provided the institutional framework for it. While this was not a defence cooperation pact, it did open up the potential and formed the framework for that. A crucial clause, which prescribed that if either country was attacked, the other would consult to "remove such threat" and "take appropriate effective measures to ensure peace and the security of their countries", became a deterrent for China and the US, preventing them from intervening in Pakistan's support. After all, Pakistan was

not the only country India was fighting in 1971. It was being armed by the US, Jordan, Turkey, and Iran, under Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi. It was the Soviet military support that, to a large extent, allowed India to take on Pakistan. When the UN wanted to send observers from the United Nations High Commission for Refugees to both sides of India's borders with East Pakistan - something that would have exposed the Mukti Bahini - Soviet diplomats in the UN thwarted the move. When The 7th Fleet Arrived On the other hand, for the people of West Bengal, as well as for Bengalis on the other side of the border, at least then, the treaty had a different resonance. The sailing of the American 7th fleet led by the world's largest nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, USS Enterprise, into the Bay of Bengal in December 1971 is what remains etched in

Bengali memory. Soviet intelligence further found a British naval group also moving into India's territorial waters in the West. The Soviets responded by dispatching their nuclear-armed flotilla, the 10th Operative Battle Group (Pacific Fleet) from Vladivostok. After the war began, the Soviet veto in the Security Council gave enough time to Indian troops to move to Dhaka and force Pakistani troops to surrender. The rest is history. This Soviet support for India had a direct impact on the decisive battle in the eastern war theatre between India and Pakistan. It also helped stem the genocide of the Bengali people unleashed by Pakistan's Operation Searchlight in the month of March that year. So consequential was the treaty in 1971 for all three countries - India, the USSR, and Bangladesh - that it became the template for the Indo-

Bangladesh Friendship pact, signed a year later in 1972. How The Treaty Shaped Things To Come But if this was one aspect of the 1972 Indo-Soviet Treaty, the other is that it anchored bilateral ties, which have grown exponentially since then. In spite of the many changes that both sides underwent, the relationship between India and Russia 55 years later continues to have that assuring and enduring quality about it - in a way that India does not have with any other country, even the one it helped liberate in 1971. What makes the 1971 treaty significant in Indian history is the fact that it was the first and till now probably the only agreement of its kind that India signed with a superpower, in the backdrop of the Cold War, and under its self-declared policy of non-alignment. The treaty laid the foundation for a Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership that India and

Russia currently share, which ranges from defence cooperation to energy security, from the arts to space. In fact, it may not be inaccurate to state that in spite of the many friendships and partnerships India has acquired on the way, Russia remains our most trusted friend in the UN Security Council. That can be gauged from the fact that the Soviet Union, now Russia, has always followed the Shimla Agreement of 1972, aligning its position on the Kashmir issue with India. The Russian Federation continues to view it as strictly a bilateral issue between India and Pakistan. In turn, India, too, continues to be a loyal friend and partner. As Modi and Putin meet fifty-five years after the Indo-Soviet Friendship Treaty was signed, the enduring nature of the two nations' partnership should serve as an example for the rest of the international community in these fraught times.

The OBC Fault Line That Could Shake Up Uttar Pradesh - And BJP

With Uttar Pradesh headed for assembly elections next year, a contest widely billed as the 'semi-finale' before the 2029 Lok Sabha battle, Rahul Gandhi has once again put OBC politics, caste census, and reservations at the centre of the Congress campaign. The timing is deliberate. Uttar Pradesh sends more MPs to Parliament than any other state, and whoever controls Lucknow shapes the national narrative going into the next general election. The Missing Column At the heart of Rahul Gandhi's latest offensive is a technical-sounding but politically loaded complaint: the ongoing national census does not carry a dedicated OBC column. The Congress argues this is not an oversight but a deliberate dilution, calling the absence of an OBC field in the questionnaire a serious concern and accusing the government of trying to weaken the caste census exercise. This complaint arrives at an awkward moment for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). After years of resisting the demand, the Modi government relented and agreed to conduct a caste enumeration alongside the delayed decennial census. For the Congress, that concession itself was proof that sustained pressure had worked. But having won the principle, the Congress is now contesting the method. Proportion And Population Rahul Gandhi has revived a slogan with deep roots in Mandal-era politics: representation in proportion to population. Congress has repackaged it for the current moment, pairing the demand for accurate enumeration with a call to lift the 50% cap on reservations once real numbers are available. Rahul Gandhi has framed the caste census as an 'X-ray of India', a foundational data exercise, not merely an electoral talking point. He argues that policy cannot be designed for communities that have never been properly counted. The BJP has pushed back hard, branding Congress "anti-OBC" and "anti-reservation". BJP spokespersons have pointed to the party's own



record of promoting OBC leadership at the state and national level, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi's backward-caste identity. They have accused Rahul Gandhi of hypocrisy, noting that Rajiv Gandhi had opposed OBC reservations in the late 1980s and early 1990s. OBC support had propelled the BJP to form a government with record mandates in 2014 and 2019. The BJP's support from upper and lower OBCs almost doubled in 2019 compared to 2014, and this has come at the cost of Congress as well as Others (regional and smaller parties/Independents). In 2024, however, the BJP lost 2% support amongst upper OBCs while gaining similar numbers from lower OBC groups. The Congress, on the other hand, gained 5% from upper OBCs and 8% from lower OBCs, riding on its "samvidhan khatre mein hai" (Constitution is in danger) campaign and the caste census plank. Why UP Is The Real OBC Battleground OBCs make up roughly 40% of the state's population - Yadavs around 11%, Kurmis about 5%, Koeri/Kushwahs near 4%, and a long tail of "Other OBCs" making up the remaining 20%. For a decade, the BJP's dominance in Uttar Pradesh rested on a coalition that went beyond its traditional upper-caste base to include

non-Yadav OBCs, who saw the Samajwadi Party as a Yadav-first outfit. That coalition delivered the BJP sweeping wins in the 2014 and 2019 Lok Sabha elections. The BJP wrested the state from the Samajwadi Party in the 2017 Vidhan Sabha polls, and retained it in 2022. The 2024 general elections broke that pattern. The Samajwadi Party, in alliance with the Congress (INDIA bloc), won 43 of Uttar Pradesh's 80 Lok Sabha seats, pulling the BJP's national tally below the 272-seat majority mark for the first time in the Modi era. Estimates from that campaign point to real erosion in the BJP's non-Yadav OBC support: Kurmi and Koeri backing reportedly slipped from around 66% in 2022 to 61% in 2024 - a five-point drop - while support among other OBC groups fell from about 66% to 59%, a seven-point drop. Over the same period, the INDIA bloc's standing among these same blocs rose by 9 and 11 points, respectively. Akhilesh Yadav adopted a 'PDA' formula, focusing on 'Pichda' (backward), Dalit, and 'Alpasankhyak' (minority) groups. By reducing core family/community saturation - giving only five tickets to Yadavs and four to Muslims - the party successfully countered the BJP's accusations of the SP being a Muslim-Yadav party.

The first Haryanvi short story collection 'Mhari Matti, Mhare Akhar' was released

Dr. Satyawan Saurabh

IAS Dr. Manoj Kumar Garg, Vice President of Haryana Art Council Mahesh Joshi, Padmashree Dr. Santram Deswal and litterateur Dr. Ramniwas Manav inaugurated the book.

'Haryanvi Literature-Art Confluence' organized in the memory of Manumukt 'Manav' Narnaul. Under the joint aegis of Manumukt 'Manav' Memorial Trust, Narnaul and Haryana Kala Parishad, Kurukshetra, 'Haryanvi Sahitya-Kala Sangam' was organized at the International Cultural Center 'Manumukt Bhawan' located in the local HUDA Sector. After the prayer song presented by Industry Extension Officer Dr. Sunil Bhardwaj, the function concluded under the inspiring presence of Chief Trustee Dr. Ramniwas 'Manav' and the efficient conduct of Dr. Pankaj Gaur. The ceremony was presided over by Dr. Manoj Kumar Garg, Vice Chancellor of Singhania University, Pachori Badi (Rajasthan) and a former Indian Administrative Service officer. Mahesh Joshi, Vice President of the Haryana Arts Council, was the chief guest, and Padmashree Dr. Santram Deswal, a senior litterateur and educationist from Sonapat, was the special guest. All the distinguished guests paid tribute to the late Manumukt 'Manav' and praised the literary, cultural, and social work being undertaken by the Trust in his memory. Trustee Dr. Kanta Bharti said that more than two dozen litterateurs of the



country participated in this function organized on the 13th death anniversary of late Indian Police Service officer Dr. Manumukt 'Manav'.

RELEASE OF 'MY SOIL, MY LETTERS'

In the function, the book 'Mhari Matti, Mhare Akhar', edited by Bhiwani's litterateur and columnist Dr. Satyawan Saurabh and Dr. Priyanka Saurabh and dedicated to Dr. Manumukt 'Manav', was released by the guests on the stage. This is said to be the first short story collection in the Haryanvi dialect. It contains a total of 99 short stories, including three each from 33 short story writers. These include one from Auckland (New Zealand), 27 from Haryana, three from Rajasthan, and one each from Chandigarh and Punjab. Sushil Kumar 'Naveen' (Tosham) and Satyaveer Nahadia (Rewari) presented critical remarks on the released book.

POETS RECITED POETRY

In the second phase of the event, poets such as Sanjay Pathak (Jaitpur), Praveen Pandit (Alwar), Prof. Jyoti Raj (Sonapat), Rajpal Yadav 'Raj' (Gurugram), Dr. Mukut Agarwal and Dalbir Singh 'Phool' (Rewari), Dr. Jitendra Bhardwaj and Oshin Shukla 'Sakshi' (Narnaul) recited poetry. The audience applauded the performances. At the end of the programme, the President, Chief Guest, Special Guest and all the participating litterateurs were honoured with 'Dr. Manumukt 'Manav' Smriti Samman' by presenting them robes, mementos and certificates of honour on behalf of the Trust.

THEIR NOTABLE PRESENCE

Present at this special function, which lasted for about two and a half hours, were writers like Krishna Kumar 'Nirman' (Karnal), Dr. Rajkala Deswal (Sonapat), Dr. Suresh Vashisht and Krishna Jaimini

(Gurugram), Rajpal Singh Gulia (Jhajjar), Bhoop Singh Bharti, Dr. Dharamveer Yadav and Samta 'Aruna' (Rewari), Amar Chand Bainiwal (Fatehabad), Dr. Satyapal Sharma and Ashok Vashisht (Hisar), Bhupendra Godara and Suman Godara (Siwani Mandi). Apart from this, the presence of Harmahendra Yadav of Toronto (Canada), Vice Chancellor of Singhania University, Pachori Bari (Rajasthan) Dr. Pawan Tripathi, Chief Finance Officer Sunil Kumar Sobti and Sanjeev Grover, Ground Water Officer Rakesh Kumar of Dadri, CMGGA Prakhar Sachan of Narnaul, former AGM Amarjeet Yadav, former Block Education Officer Mukesh Kumar, Dr. Jitendra Bhardwaj, Suresh Chand Sharma, Banwari Lal Sharma, Advocate Baldev Singh Chahal, Mohammad Shafi, Satyaveer Chaudhary, Dr. Pushpalata Bhardwaj, Dr. Sharmila Yadav, Dr. Vandana Kumari and many other dignitaries was notable.

Massive price shock: Sudden, steep hike in sugar and jaggery rates to hit common man hard

Bengaluru, Aug 31: The common man is in for a severe blow as the prices of essential daily commodities like sugar and jaggery have witnessed a sudden and steep hike in the open market, turning sweetness bitter for consumers.

In a span of just four to five days, the price of jaggery has surged by a massive Rs 12 per kg, while the price of sugar has jumped by Rs 4. Five days ago, jaggery was priced at Rs 68 per kg, but it has now skyrocketed to Rs 80 per kg following the sudden hike. Similarly, the price of sugar, which stood at Rs 66 per kg just a few days ago, has now climbed to Rs 70 per kg. This drastic and unexpected upward



trend in the retail prices of these everyday essentials is expected to severely derail household budgets and impose a heavy financial burden on the public.

ELCIA Tech Summit 2026 Returns with a Bold New Theme: Intellect, Insight & Impact

Bengaluru : The most anticipated technology gathering in Electronics City is back. ELCIA Tech Summit 2026 (ETS), the flagship event of the Electronics City Industries Association (ELCIA), is set to return on 10th September 2026 at The Oterra, Electronics City, Bengaluru — bigger, bolder, and more expansive than ever before. This year's theme, Intellect, Insight & Impact, sets the tone for a day that goes beyond panels and presentations — into the conversations, demonstrations, and connections that are shaping the future of technology for industries.

Building on the momentum of previous editions — which featured thought leaders including Kris Gopalakrishnan (Co-founder, Infosys), T. V. Mohandas Pai (Chairman, 3one4 Capital), and N. R. Narayana Murthy — ETS 2026 expands its



canvas further, bringing together voices from across AI, robotics, manufacturing, healthcare, quantum computing, and the startup ecosystem. The summit will feature keynote addresses, expert panels, and deep-dive conversations spanning some of the most consequential technology themes of our time, reflecting the rising ambition of Electronics City as a global hub for GCCs.

The immersive Experience Zone offers live demonstrations and hands-

on interactions with cutting-edge technology from India's most promising innovators. The evening will also witness Bangalore Paradigm — an exclusive gathering of industry leaders that has become one of the most talked-about segments of the summit.

The summit will also recognize winners of the ETS Hackathon, celebrating the next generation of builders tackling real-world challenges in smart city applications. "ETS has grown into something truly special — a platform where the biggest ideas in technology find their audience. This year, we are taking that to a whole new level, and I cannot wait for the world to see what Electronics City has put together," said Nandini B, Chairperson, ELCIA.

Kumaraswamy is fighting to ensure that BJP does not exist: CM DK Shivakumar

Bengaluru : Kumaraswamy is fighting to ensure that BJP does not exist," said CM DK Shivakumar. Shivakumar was responding to media queries near the Nehru Planetarium on Monday.

Kumaraswamy had said that the government was involved in the KPSC scam, and on the other hand, when asked about his alliance leaders being arrested, he said, "Kumaraswamy is not fighting against us. He is fighting against the BJP. Let him do his duty. Let him do whatever he alleges." When asked about Kumaraswamy's statement that he would release a document that would cause a



stir, he said, "I am very happy." When asked about the BJP padayatra, he said, "Let them do the padayatra, and then I will say what our yatra will be. Aren't we politicians? Let them

start. We had held the session with respect to them. We did not discuss any issue. Now, we will discuss the Kasturi Rangan report and the farmers' interest. For that, the opinion of the MLAs will be sought."

Internal strife in BJP

When asked about the arrest of BJP leaders in the KPSC scam, he said, "I will not interfere in the investigation. I will get information. There is an internal strife going on in the BJP. Who appointed the KPSC? I cannot disclose the complete information until the complete report comes. Whoever talks, let him talk. Only time will answer them."

Land guarantee for those with proper documents as per law

When asked about the government's sixth guarantee of land guarantee, he said, "This land guarantee is not limited to Bengaluru alone. It will be applicable to all those who sacrifice their property for the government. Their names should be permanently registered. They should be given appropriate compensation. Also, they should be provided with more facilities in the land they own. This should be applicable to all land owners in the state."

"We are making arrangements to provide appropriate documents containing all the

necessary details, including the photograph of the beneficiaries. By documents, I mean everything should be legally valid. Even when converting from B Khata to A Khata, there should be legality. The documents should be legal. It cannot be done if there is a bogus registration," he clarified. "We have made arrangements to provide them with appropriate documents within the framework of the law. Because in the future, their property may need to be transferred, loans may need to be taken or property may need to be distributed among family members. There are many such possibilities.

Parked Vehicles Occupy 60% of Bengaluru Roads

Bengaluru: Greater Bengaluru Development Minister Krishna Byre Gowda said nearly 60 per cent of Bengaluru's road space is occupied by parked vehicles, reducing space for moving traffic and worsening congestion.

Speaking at a meeting with former Mayors at Vidhana Soudha, the Minister said building more roads alone would not solve the city's traffic problems. He stressed the need for disciplined parking and better utilisation of existing road space.

Byre Gowda proposed appointing a dedicated agency to regulate and enforce parking rules, stating that the existing civic and police workforce was inadequate for the task. He also called for greater public self-discipline and said systematic parking regulation could significantly reduce commuter inconvenience.

The Minister highlighted the potential of micro-mobility for short journeys of up to two kilometres, but said it could succeed only with usable footpaths and proper parking controls. He added that efforts were already underway to clear and restore



footpaths.

He also expressed concern over violations of building and civic regulations, including unauthorised sewer-line changes and inadequate parking facilities in residential buildings. He called for stricter enforcement of civic rules.

On waste management, Byre Gowda said registration and GPS tracking had been made mandatory for vehicles transporting construction and demolition waste. Such waste must be taken only to designated facilities, with five locations identified for disposal.

Former Mayors suggested measures to improve pothole repairs, garbage management, storm-water drains, public toilets, streetlights, flyovers and parks. They also called for stronger action against roadside dumping and better coordination among civic agencies.

State cabinet meeting to be held in Mangaluru on Sep 18



Bengaluru, Aug 31: The state government has decided to hold a cabinet meeting in Mangaluru on September 18, with a strong focus on prioritizing proposals related to the coastal districts.

In preparation for the meeting, state chief secretary Dr Shalini Rajneesh has instructed the chief secretaries, principal secretaries, and sec-

retaries of all government departments to immediately prepare comprehensive proposals concerning the coastal region and submit the necessary cabinet notes for approval. The upcoming session in Mangaluru is expected to bring significant administrative attention and developmental focus to the coastal belt.

Auto rickshaw-bike collision claims youth's life

Bantwal, Aug 31: A 25-year-old motorcycle rider died after his bike collided with an auto rickshaw near the Kandur-Pelattakatte bus stop in Sajipamuda village near Marnabailu here on Sunday night. The deceased has been identified as Muhammad Rasheeq (25), a resident of Nandavara-Sunni Nagar. He was running a garage near Nandavara School. According to reports, Rasheeq was travelling towards Sajipamuda to attend a programme when the accident occurred at Pelattakatte. The auto rickshaw, reportedly driven by Shivaji Kumar, collided with his motorcycle.

Rahul, when are you coming to Bengaluru?" Kumaraswamy asks as KPSC controversy reaches national capital

New Delhi : Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy on Monday stepped up his attack on the Karnataka government over alleged irregularities in KPSC recruitments, asking Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi when he would come to Bengaluru and interact with youngsters affected by the controversy. Kumaraswamy, said the KPSC controversy had now become a matter of national discussion, bringing negative attention to Karnataka.

"The KPSC controversy is now being discussed at the national level, and the reason for this is the failure of the State government. Rahul Gandhi must speak about this. He cannot remain silent when such serious allegations are being raised in Karnataka," Kumaraswamy said.

He urged Rahul Gandhi to visit Karnataka and meet young people affected by the alleged irregularities. "Rahul Gandhi travels across the country carrying the book on Constitution and engaging with students and youngsters. He should come to Bengaluru and sit with the KPSC-affected youth. He should hear their grievances and understand for himself what is happening under his party's government in Karnataka," Kumaraswamy said.

He also urged Rahul Gandhi to take up the KPSC issue with the same intensity with which he had raised the NEET controversy.

"You raised the NEET issue and fought for students. I appeal to you to do the same for Karnataka's youngsters affected by the KPSC controversy. Come to Bengaluru, meet them and hear them directly," he said. "Priyank Kharge cannot distance himself from AEE recruitment allegations" Kumaraswamy alleged that Priyank Kharge could not wash his hands of the alleged irregularities in the recruitment of Assistant Executive Engineers (Grade-I) during his tenure as Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister.

"How can Priyank Kharge say that he has nothing to do with this? Allegations have been raised that candidates were kept at resorts, question papers were provided to them and OMR sheets were manipulated. These are allegations concerning a recruit-



ment process under the department he headed. He cannot simply distance himself from the matter," Kumaraswamy said. He questioned how a minister could claim ignorance about developments within a department under his direct charge.

"Priyank Kharge seems to have information about everything happening across the country. But if he says he had no knowledge of what was happening in the department he himself was administering, how is that possible? There is no need for such pretence. The people are intelligent and they understand what is happening," he said.

Come to Karnataka, you will gain more experience"

Kumaraswamy again challenged Rahul Gandhi to come to Bengaluru and engage directly with unemployed youth on the alleged irregularities in the AEE and Veterinary Officer recruitments.

"Rahul Gandhi should openly interact with the youngsters of Karnataka about the alleged irregularities in the AEE Grade-I and Veterinary Officer recruitments. I do not know where he is. If he is in the country, he should come to Bengaluru immediately and listen to unemployed youngsters. His understanding of the ground reality will become much richer," Kumaraswamy said sarcastically.

Taking a swipe at the alleged resort-based examination controversy, Kumaraswamy said:

"As far as I know, examinations are conducted in schools and colleges. But in a recruitment process under Priyank Kharge's department, candidates were allegedly made to sit in a resort and write the examination. If this is indeed what happened, it would be an unprecedented experiment. Priyank Kharge deserves credit for introducing such a 'new model'," he said sarcastically.

British Deputy High Commissioner Chandru Iyer met CM D.K.Shivakumar



Bengaluru: S. E. Sudheendra, Chairman of the Karnataka State Bioenergy Development Board, accompanied British Deputy High Commissioner Chandru Iyer to meet Chief Minister D. K. Shivakumar. During the meeting, several issues were discussed, including healthcare, education, technology, bioenergy, trade, and people-to-people relations between Karnataka and the United Kingdom.

The British Deputy High Commissioner brought to the Chief Minister's attention the strengthening connectivity between Bengaluru and London, with 35 flights operating every week. He also informed the Chief Minister about the commencement of the University of Liverpool's new Bengaluru campus, and stated that two more British universities are expected to establish campuses in Bengaluru within the next one year. The meeting also discussed the possibility of celebrating 'Karnataka Utsava' in London next year and exploring further opportunities to expand cooperation between Karnataka and the UK.

Zuari Infraworld presents, Zuari Kinetics Premium Villa Plots in partnership with SSK & ARSCH



Bengaluru: For building your dream home, Zuari Kinetics proudly presents 'Zuari Kinetics Premium All Plots', a project with a serene atmosphere, state-of-the-art infrastructure and all the amenities, has now been launched. Key features of the project:

- Spacious plots: Premium sites designed as per your needs.
- State-of-the-art infrastructure: Wide concrete/asphalt roads, underground electricity and drainage system.
- All the amenities: 24/7 security, clubhouse, swimming pool, children's playground and landscaped gardens.
- Good connectivity: Easy access to major highways, schools, hospitals and commercial centers

Good news for Bangalore news for the garden city, Shashikumar of RSVP and SLV Construction Company in Bangalore has launched all the premium plots of 'Juvari Kinetics' for the public today (Sunday, August 30).

Juvari Kinetics Premium Plots have spacious plots based on lifestyle and wide roads and green spaces, world-class amenities.

Playgrounds suitable for all ages including football, cricket, ball riding will encourage sports promotion and will help in health protection.

Shashikumar said on this occasion that the public can create a unique legacy by booking their plots for safe investment and a bright future.

Kancheepuram New Town plan scrapped as TVK-led govt reverses DMK-era proposal

CHENNAI: The TVK-led Tamil Nadu government has scrapped the proposed Kancheepuram New Town, withdrawing a 2023 notification that sought to guide urban expansion and protect the heritage character of the historic temple town, in yet another rollback of major projects initiated by the previous DMK regime.

The Housing and Urban Development Department, in its Government Order dated August 10, 2026, rescinded its earlier notification on the proposal for the "Preparation of New Town Development Plan for Kancheepuram New Town and Detailed



Development and Heritage Revitalization Plan for Kancheepuram Town 2025-2045" by the Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority (CMDA). Friend throws chilli powder at DMK man, stabs him to death

in Coimbatore

The previous DMK government had, in February 2023, notified its intention to establish Kancheepuram New Town across 62.78 sq km covering 18 revenue villages. The move was

aimed at ensuring planned development as the city expanded rapidly towards NH-48. The notification cited unplanned commercial growth, traffic congestion and the adverse impact of development

Kancheepuram's heritage character as key concerns.

CMDA had subsequently initiated the preparation of the New Town Development Plan and a detailed development and heritage revitalisation plan for 2025-2045, covering the proposed new town and Kancheepuram's heritage areas.

The latest reversal comes shortly after the government dropped the proposed Parandur greenfield airport and terminated the Rs 205.89 crore work order for the Global Sports City at Semmencheri, citing a redesign of the latter on a larger footprint.

CM Vijay's another Rs 3 hike takes milk procurement price to Rs 44/L; 13L producers to benefit



CHENNAI: Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay on Monday announced another Rs 3-a-litre hike in the milk procurement price, taking it from Rs 41 to Rs 44. The increase brings the procurement price in line with the promise made by the ruling TVK in its election manifesto. Making a statement under Rule 110 in the Assembly, Vijay said the decision was taken in response to requests from milk producers for a

higher procurement price amid a rise in the cost of various inputs required for dairy cattle.

The latest hike will benefit 13.16 lakh milk producers associated with cooperative institutions, he said.

Vijay recalled that he had announced a Rs 3 increase in the Assembly on August 19, raising the procurement price from Rs 38 to Rs 41 a litre. With Monday's announcement, milk produc-

ers will now receive Rs 44 a litre for milk procured through the State's cooperative milk network Aavin.

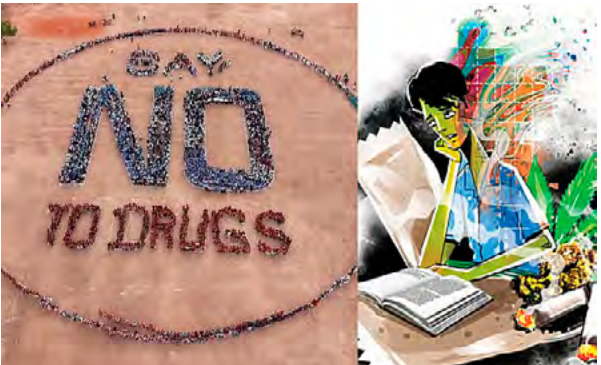
The government had taken the decision with the welfare of milk producers in mind, Vijay said. The State will bear the additional financial burden incurred by Aavin due to the latest hike. The increase will entail an additional expenditure of Rs 60 crore a month and Rs 720 crore annually, he said.

1,000 join human chain rally for drug-free Tamil Nadu

CHENNAI: Around 1,000 people from various sections of society participated in a human chain rally on Lings Garden Road, Egmore, on Sunday, marking the conclusion of a 15-day awareness campaign against alcohol and drug abuse.

Intellectuals, educationists, men and women, and school and college students took part in the rally, organised by Jamaat-E-Islami Hind, Chennai, raising slogans against substance abuse and carrying placards bearing messages calling for a 'Drug-Free Tamil Nadu'.

Participants expressed concern over the impact of alcohol and drugs on young people and pledged to work towards protecting the younger generation from substance abuse. The participation of people from different sections of society created a strong



public awareness against drugs in the area.

1,000 join human chain rally for drug-free Tamil Nadu Anti-drug awareness drives held at 62 auto stands in Chennai

Organisers said that the human chain marked the culmination of the 15-day campaign and served as a collective expression of public opposition to drug abuse. They stressed that creating a

drug-free society could not be achieved through government measures alone and required the collective efforts of parents, teachers, educational institutions, social organisations, youth and the general public.

The campaign concluded with a call for sustained awareness and preventive initiatives to safeguard young people and promote a healthy, drug-free Tamil Nadu.

Leaders hail TMC founder GK Moopanar on 25th death anniversary

CHENNAI: TNCC president Manickam Tagore and senior Congress leaders, along with other political leaders, on Sunday paid rich tributes to TMC founder GK Moopanar on his 25th death anniversary.

The leaders paid floral tributes at his memorial at Teynampet here and recalled his contributions to Tamil Nadu politics and the Congress Party. Referring to the no-confidence motion moved against the then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's government in 1999, Tagore praised Moopanar's resolute stance. "Moopanar had three members in the Lok Sabha then. Had he chosen not to vote alongside AIADMK leader J Jayalalithaa at that time, the Vajpayee government would have survived. However, acting upon the request of Sonia Gandhi, he remained stead-

fast in his principles without any deviation, Tagore told reporters. He also recalled his past association with the former Congress leader who floated the Tamil Maanila Congress, upset with the party's top brass. "While growing up in the Youth Congress, he served as an iconic figure for many of us," he said, adding, "On his death anniversary, paying homage to him on behalf of the TNCC is our solemn duty."

Congress Rajya Sabha member Praveen Chakravarty said, "Not having the opportunity to meet the late Moopanar is one of the greatest regrets in his life. However, I share a deep and long-standing friendship with his son, GK Vasan, and his family. Through them, I have learned a great deal about Moopanar's life and political journey."



Honble Chief Minister announced major initiatives on milk procurement, power infrastructure, semiconductor, digital finance and logistics as per rule 110...

Creatine: Beyond bodybuilding, researchers highlight wider health and brain benefits



New Delhi: Long associated with bodybuilding and fitness circles, creatine is increasingly being recognised for its broader role in human physiology, with new research suggesting potential benefits that extend far beyond muscle growth.

Scientists say the naturally occurring compound plays a key role in energy production, cognitive function and cellular metabolism, with ongoing studies exploring its possible therapeutic applications. Creatine is produced in the body in the liver, kidneys and pancreas from amino acids such as glycine, arginine and methionine. Nearly 95 per cent of it is stored in skeletal muscles, while smaller amounts are found in the brain and heart.

Inside cells, creatine is

converted into phosphocreatine, which helps regenerate ATP — the body's primary energy source — particularly during high-intensity physical or mental activity. Once used, it breaks down into creatinine and is excreted through urine.

Experts emphasise that creatine is not a steroid, but a natural compound that supports energy supply rather than directly building muscle.

"Creatine's role in muscle development is solely to provide energy for contraction and respiration," noted pharmaceutical researcher Dr Mehdi Boroujerdi, adding that it should not be confused with performance-enhancing steroids. Creatine monohydrate, the most widely studied form, has been shown to improve strength, power output and

training capacity during short bursts of intense activity by increasing muscle energy reserves.

Beyond physical performance, emerging research suggests potential cognitive benefits, including improvements in memory, mood and processing speed, particularly in older adults or individuals with low baseline creatine levels.

Studies are also exploring its possible role in conditions such as Parkinson's disease, depression, and age-related muscle and bone loss, although researchers stress that more clinical evidence is needed before firm conclusions can be drawn.

Experts say supplementation protocols typically involve either a loading phase or a steady daily intake of 3-5 grams, with absorption influenced by diet, muscle capacity and

metabolic factors. Combining creatine with carbohydrates may enhance uptake.

Research indicates that response to creatine varies by age, gender and diet. Vegetarians and vegans, who generally consume little or no dietary creatine, may experience greater benefits compared to omnivores.

Despite its strong safety profile in healthy individuals, experts caution that creatine is not a "magic solution" and does not replace proper training, nutrition or medical treatment where required.

"Creatine is a supplement with significant potential, but not a panacea," researchers said, highlighting the need for continued studies to better understand its long-term effects and optimal use.

Brain, gut signals may predict antidepressant response within 10 days: Study

New Delhi, Aug 31: A combination of brain and gastric electrical signals along with clinical symptoms could help predict antidepressant treatment outcomes within seven to 10 days of starting therapy, according to a study by researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IIT Kanpur) and Ganesh Shankar Vidyarthi Memorial (GSVM) Medical College.

The findings could enable doctors to assess treatment response much earlier than the conventional four to six weeks typically required to determine whether an antidepressant is working, an IIT Kanpur statement said on Monday.

The ability to identify likely treatment responses at an early stage could help address a major challenge in depression care. Depression affects an estimated five per cent of adults worldwide and around 4.5 per cent of India's population. More than half of patients may not respond adequately to their first antidepressant, often resulting in weeks of trial and error before an effective treatment is identified.

"Our study showed that objective non-invasive brain and gut electrophysiological signals collected in about the first week of treatment already contain valuable information about treatment response to precisely guide the intervention," said Dr Pragathi Priyadharshini Balasubramani, Assistant Professor, Department of Cognitive Science, IIT Kanpur, and corresponding author of the study. "We found that different symptom profiles were associated with distinct patterns of brain and gut physiology linked to treatment outcomes," said Amal Jude Ashwin Francis, PhD Scholar,



Department of Cognitive Science, IIT Kanpur, and first author of the study. Francis said recognising these biological subtypes could help explain why patients respond differently to the same medication and facilitate more personalised treatment strategies.

The researchers examined electrical activity in the brain and stomach using electroencephalography (EEG) and electrogastrography (EGG), respectively, along with clinical symptom data.

The study involved 206 participants, including 144 treatment-naive patients with depression. EEG and EGG signals were recorded at the beginning of treatment and again approximately

one week later.

Researchers then assessed whether these early biological signals, combined with clinical information, could predict treatment outcomes evaluated four to six weeks after antidepressant therapy began.

During model evaluation, the predictive model identified patients unlikely to respond to treatment with 84 per cent sensitivity and 78 per cent specificity, the statement said.

When tested on an independent patient cohort, the model achieved an overall accuracy of 77.3 per cent, with 80 per cent specificity and 71.4 per cent sensitivity in identifying nonresponders.

Zomato layoffs: Hyderabad staff to get 4 months' severance

Hyderabad: Food delivery aggregator Zomato will lay off around 240 employees associated with its Customer Delight operations in Hyderabad, said reports on Monday, August 31. "This was done based on a recent review of the Customer Delight operating model and organisational requirements. The decision affects approximately 240 workers," Mint quoted an industry executive as saying. The executive went on to add that this layoff comes amid changes to the customer support model over the years. The source added that this decision comes amid significant changes to Zomato's customer support model over the past six years. The executive added that the restructuring was intended to help the company operate as one unified team in Gurugram. According to the executive, Eternal, the parent company, is offering the affected employees a severance package that includes their August salary, four months'



pay, medical insurance, counselling support till May 2027, the company-issued laptop and earphones for them to keep, and outplacement assistance to help them find job opportunities. Meanwhile, the Business Line said that some employees have also been given the option to relocate to Gurugram. "They will work with the customer team at the headquarters. We have a fairly large team in Gurugram to handle customer care and support func-

tions," it quoted a person close to the development as saying. This decision comes amid significant changes to Zomato's customer support model over the past six years. Food delivery aggregator Zomato on Monday, August 31, announced a zero-tolerance policy on the sale of analogue dishes, including analogue cheese, paneer or other dairy products, by restaurants listed on its platform, saying it reserves the right to delist non-compliant restaurants.



Controlled explosion at Nepali hydropower tunnel as rescuers look for hundreds of missing workers

'MOONIES' CHURCH LEADER JAILED FOR TWO YEARS OVER BRIBERY OFFENCES

The leader of the controversial Unification Church has been sentenced to two years in prison for bribing South Korea's former first lady and other political funding offences. A court found that Han Hak-ja's church gave Kim Keon Hee, the wife of ousted President Yoon Suk Yeol, two Chanel bags and a diamond necklace, together worth 80 million won (\$57,900; £42,500). Earlier this year, Kim was sentenced to 20 months in jail for accepting bribes from the church. Han, the 83-year-old widow of the Unification Church's founder Sun Myung Moon, had repeatedly denied the allegations, calling them "false". A special counsel team appointed to the case said Kim received the luxury products from the church between April and July 2022, in exchange for business and political favours. The



prosecutors said the probe was the first time the authorities have confirmed the church's attempt at buying influence in politics, and released photos of \$19m (£14m) worth of cash found in Han's personal safe. South Korea's

former first lady admitted to receiving Chanel bags, but said she later returned them without using them. Kim made a public apology when she appeared for questioning last August: "I am truly sorry that a nobody like me

has caused concern to the people." The Unification Church, known formally as The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, was founded in South Korea in the 1950s by Sun Myung Moon, who proclaimed himself the messiah. The church is probably best known for the mass weddings where thousands of couples were married by Han and her late husband and founder Sun Myung Moon in a stadium. Critics have described the group as "cult-like". Lawyers have accused it of coercing devotees, known colloquially as "Moonies" after its founder, to donate large sums of money. "Moonies" is a term used by critics that many church members find offensive. The Unification Church had come under the spotlight in Japan after the assassination of the country's former leader Shinzo Abe.

US and Iran trade strikes for first time in weeks



Iran and the US have traded strikes after American forces attacked two rocket launchers on Larak Island in the Strait of Hormuz. The first known US strikes on Iran since late July killed two people and injured two others, according to Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), which vowed "response and punishment". US Central Command (Centcom) said it took "limited, precise action" after observing Iran preparing to "launch rockets and deploy sea mines into the Strait of Hormuz", according to its spokesperson. Iran said it had struck US military bases in Jordan in response, with Jordan's army saying it had intercepted eight missiles early on Monday morning. Iran's state TV also said the Iranian army had targeted an air base in the UAE with drones. However, the UAE's Ministry of Defence denied the reports that Al-Minhad Air Base had been targeted as "unfounded". The UAE

did confirm it shot down a drone. The US strike is the first known attack on Iran since President Donald Trump paused a renewed military campaign in late July. Larak Island is just offshore from the key port of Bandar Abbas and sits right on the Strait of Hormuz, a vital waterway for global shipping. Some 20% of the world's oil and liquefied natural gas used to travel through before the war began. Since the conflict began in February, the strait has effectively been closed, causing wild fluctuations in the price of oil on world markets. Iran is currently demanding that tanker traffic pass by Larak Island for checks and reportedly forcing vessels to pay \$2m (£1.5m) to cross. Iran's Tasnim news agency, which is affiliated with the IRGC, said earlier that the attack on Larak was carried out by drones. Hours later, Iranian media carried a statement by the IRGC saying it had attacked the US

bases of King Hussein and al-Azraq in Jordan with ballistic missiles in response to the Larak Island attack. Iran's foreign ministry said on Monday it "strongly condemned the American military aggression on Larak", saying the strikes on bases in Jordan were a "legitimate defence". Trump later told Fox News the US would "hit them hard" in response. Later on Monday, Centcom denied an earlier IRGC claim that a supertanker had struck sea mines and caught fire while trying to navigate the Strait of Hormuz via a route not authorised by Iran. Tasnim published a photo appearing to show a vessel on fire, but did not identify the tanker or provide further details, including when the image was taken. The BBC was unable to verify the claimed attack. "This is yet another IRGC attempt to intimidate regional commercial shipping through disinformation," Centcom said.

South African airline defends low-altitude aerial stunt over packed stadium



A South African airline has defended itself against some criticism of a dramatic stunt that saw two of its aircraft in close formation fly reportedly within feet of the top of a stadium. The jets roared over Cape Town's DHL Stadium, filled with more than 50,000 fans, as smoke flares shot up before the start of a rugby match featuring fierce rivals South Africa and New Zealand. As videos of Saturday's aerial feat were shared, some labelled the startling manoeuvre reckless, while others have praised the precision and expertise required to pull it off. In response, Airlink said it was

carefully planned with the support of the aviation authorities. "Planning. Precision. Performance," was the airline's message in social media posts accompanied by the footage. In a statement reproduced on a government news site, Airlink went into more detail. "The two aircraft were flown by highly experienced crew, with each comprised of three senior captains operating in the roles of commander, co-pilot and safety/technical officer," the airline said. It added that the flights were performed with the "approved and rehearsed safety altitude and speed limits for the flypast".

Trump pushes Apple to change 'Lake Ontario' to 'Lake America' on its maps

President Donald Trump has asked tech firm Apple to rename Lake Ontario as Lake America on its Maps platform in order to comply with his executive order changing the name of the Great Lake, says Interior Secretary Doug Burgum. Speaking to Fox News on Monday, Burgum said "the president has reached out to Apple directly", adding: "I'm sure we may be seeing that change coming up soon." Google made the switch for its US-based users over the weekend, though users in Canada still see the lake, which borders the province of Ontario and the state of New York, as Lake Ontario. The BBC has contacted Apple for comment. The renaming has faced pushback in Canada, where one electrical utility company apologised on Sunday for its map displaying the Lake America name. Hydro One, a utility company based in Toronto, said in a post on X that the name appeared due to their use of a third-party map-



ping service. "We are working with our vendor to correct the issue as quickly as possible and restore the proper geographic reference," the company said in its statement. "We regret the error and apologise for any confusion it has caused." Maps by other Ontario-based agencies also appeared to briefly display the name Lake America, including Hydro Ottawa and the Liquor Board of Ontario. Trump signed the executive order on Thursday seeking to change the name of Lake Ontario to Lake America,

following the collapse of trade negotiations between Canada and the US. The order directs Burgum to "take all appropriate actions" to rename the lake, including updating the Geographic Names Information System (GNIS), the official US government map database. Google said in a statement on Saturday that its maps will display the Lake America name for US users to comply with GNIS. It added that those in Canada will continue to see Lake Ontario displayed. In the rest of the world, users will see the name displayed

as: Lake Ontario (Lake America). Not all map providers are changing the name. MapQuest, an American free web mapping service that was launched in 1996, said "we're not changing it" in a short Facebook post on Friday. The platform also unveiled a tool that allows users to change the lake to any name they choose and share their creations. After its announcement that it will not be changing the name of Lake Ontario, MapQuest rose to the top of the most-downloaded free applications as of Monday morning on the Apple App Store in Canada. Ontario Premier Doug Ford unveiled a large sign by the lakeshore on Saturday that read "Lake Ontario Now and Always" in both English and French, Canada's official languages. "No one's going to call it Lake of America," Ford told American TV host George Stephanopoulos on Sunday. "It's been Lake Ontario for hundreds of years. It's going to continue being Lake Ontario."

MAN ARRESTED AFTER SWISS RAVE SHOOTING THAT KILLED WOMAN



A 43-year-old Swiss man has been arrested following a shooting at a rave in Switzerland in which a woman was killed. Italian 22-year-old Maria Spinelli was killed and several others injured at a techno rave being held at a horse racing track in Aarau, a town about 46km (29 miles) west of Zurich on Sunday. The shooting initiated a nearly 24-hour manhunt before Aarau cantonal police confirmed they apprehended the suspect shortly before 01:00 local time on Monday (23:00 GMT on Sunday). "The investigation into the exact sequence of events, the background and the possible motive is currently under way," police said in a statement. "At this time, it is assumed that the perpetrator acted alone." Police first received a report of shots fired at the Schachen race track at about 02:30 local time on Sunday. Spinelli died at the scene, while four men and a woman, aged between 24 and 27, were taken to hospital with injuries "ranging from minor to severe". An eyewitness told Swiss news outlet Blick that he had "suddenly heard the gunshots" minutes after the music stopped, initially believing they were fireworks. He said he was told to hide by a man and a woman, the latter of whom was shot.



Passengers stranded as strike disrupts flights at Kenya's main airport

'She slipped out of my hand' - children missing after ferry sinks off northern Cyprus

Ayten Bicer felt her 12-year-old daughter slip from her grasp and disappear as the ferry they were travelling on capsized off the coast of northern Cyprus on Sunday, killing eight people. Her daughter Miray and six-year-old son Memhet Asaf are among 20 people still missing after the vessel sunk while en route to Turkey from the coastal town of Kyrenia, in the self-proclaimed Turkish republic on Cyprus. She and her husband, Hayri, survived and, like many other families, are waiting for news of their loved ones back in port as rescuers continue to search. "She was saying, 'Don't let go. And I didn't let go of my daughter. I swear, I didn't let her go,'" Bicer told reporters through tears. Bicer said a suitcase fell on top of her, which forced



her daughter from her grip. She managed to grab hold of her daughter's foot, but her shoes were coated in engine oil from the overturned vessel and she slipped through her hands. "It was slippery everywhere. It was like oil. She slipped out of my hand," she recalled. The family was returning to Turkey after a holiday on the Mediterranean island. "We couldn't inter-

vene, we lost our children," Hayri Bicer said. "Two of my three children are gone. We left them. We are leaving them on this island as we go." The vessel had been carrying 259 passengers and eight crew members. Nineteen passengers are currently being treated in hospitals in northern Cyprus, local authorities say. The eight crew members, including the ship's captain,

and one other man were formally arrested on Monday. They will be detained for three days, while warrants have been issued for several other people. The privately owned ferry left the popular holiday resort of Kyrenia at about 12:30 (09:30 GMT), en route to the town of Tasucu in Turkey. It had been scheduled to travel to Turkey on Saturday but its journey was delayed due to severe storms hitting the island. The seas were still rough on Sunday. Some eyewitness accounts say the double-hulled ferry jolted violently before slamming onto the sea surface, with part of its bow bursting open on impact. Ünal Üstel, prime minister of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), which is only recognised by Turkey.

JANHVI KAPOOR OWNS THE STREETS OF NYC

Janhvi Kapoor, who is riding high on the success of Peddi in Tollywood, is currently soaking up quality time in New York City with sister Khushi Kapoor and friends. The actress shared a string of pictures from her Manhattan getaway, and each look is more stylish than the last. From a white crochet mini dress paired with a blue sling bag while crossing a busy Manhattan street, to a printed cami top and baggy denims at a pink-toned ice cream shop, Janhvi's off-duty wardrobe is effortlessly cool. She also shared a cosy mirror selfie in a pink button-down top paired with dark denims, and a candid museum moment in a lace-trimmed satin slip dress standing beside Van Gogh's Starry Night. The relaxed, laid-back styling throughout the trip shows Janhvi enjoying some downtime away from the cameras with her sister. Meanwhile, buzz continues around Janhvi's upcoming projects. Reports suggest she may be attached to Allu Arjun's upcoming film Raaka, which is said to be in the works. Fans are eagerly awaiting official confirmation. She took to Instagram Stories to share them. In one, she is enjoying the sun while in another, she treated her fans to a view of the city's famed skyline. Earlier this month, Janhvi had joined her younger sister in the US. She had shared some spectacular pictures too from the west coast. Sharing pictures of her enjoying the coastline in



Los Angeles, she wrote: 'It's been a minute LA but you still feel like home. Photo cred: @armandmuchhalaphotography. She took to Instagram Stories to share them. In one, she is enjoying the sun while in another,

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Ashok Kotipalli Presents a Raw, Rustic Tale from the Heartlands of Godavari, begins with a grand pooja ceremony

Sree Radha Damodar Studios (SRD Studios) and ETV WIN Originals have officially launched their third production, 'VETA', with a pooja ceremony. Directed by Ashok Kotipalli, the film stars Sandeep Saroj and Satwika Jampa in the lead roles. The title and first look at the world of the film introduce an untold tale from the heartlands of Godavari, promising a raw, rustic world of love and pain. Chief Guest Konidela Nagendra Babu participated in the ceremony and handed over the script to the team. K.S. Ravi Kumar performed the clap, while Sai Rajesh, SKN, VN Aditya and producer Phani Adapaka switched on the camera. Directors Meher Ramesh and Yadhu Vamsee, along with music director Anudeep Dev, also attended the ceremony and extended their support to the team. Speaking at the event, K.S. Ravi Kumar revealed that director Ashok Kotipalli had narrated the story to him over WhatsApp around 15 days earlier. He recalled how Ashok explained the characters, scenes and dialogues with expressions and emotion while narrating the story. His narration made such an impression that even his wife, who happened to see part of it, asked him whether he had agreed to do the film. He said he came to the pooja along with his wife and wished the entire team, particularly Ashok Kotipalli, the producers and the new lead pair. He said he could not reveal anything about his character



because of the suspense surrounding it, but added that he liked the character and found the film's line different. He also joked that his Telugu would become better after the film because he has a lot of dialogues in it. Tanmai N, Creative Producer at ETV WIN, thanked the print, electronic and social media representatives for attending the event. He spoke about VETA being the second project with Sandeep Saroj for ETV and the first project for SRD Studios, while noting the recognition already achieved by the team associated with Committee Kurrollu. He said the team is attempting to explore a genre that they believe will connect with Telugu audiences and added that more updates from ETV WIN will follow. Producer

Phani Adapaka introduced VETA as the third production from ETV WIN and SRD Studios and thanked the guests, media, influencers and the entire team for their support. He expressed particular gratitude to Niharika Konidela, recalling their association with Committee Kurrollu, which went on to receive a National Award, and thanked her for continuing to support and encourage him in his journey as a producer. He also expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Nagendra Babu, describing him as someone who has guided him throughout his journey in cinema and encouraged him to make films with confidence. Speaking about VETA, he said that, like Committee Kurrollu, it is rooted in a village setting and car-

ries the kind of emotional quality that can connect strongly with audiences. He said Ashok Kotipalli's writing impressed him and that after hearing the story, he felt it was one that they had to make. He stressed that VETA is not merely a rural story, but a very commercial film with a natural village backdrop. He revealed that Sandeep Saroj will be seen in a completely different space, as a commercial hero with aggressive action and substantial fight sequences. He wished *Sandeep* the very best for taking up the new role and expressed confidence in the film. Sandeep Saroj thanked Nagendra Babu and all the guests for attending and blessing the team. He spoke about his journey following Committee Kurrollu and his

continuing association with ETV WIN and SRD Studios. Addressing the title, he clarified that VETA was not chosen simply because it was once associated with a Chiranjeevi film. He said the title is genuinely apt for the story, and what exactly the "hunt" in VETA refers to will become clear as further updates are released. Satwika Jampa described getting the opportunity to be part of VETA as something very special and said she considers it an important step in her career. She expressed her happiness at working with such a strong team and said she is excited to work with director Ashok Kotipalli, co-star Sandeep Saroj, SRD Studios and ETV WIN, while learning through the process and contributing to a good film.

A NEW VISUAL SPECTACLE ON ETV: MEGA SERIAL 'SEETHARAMAYYA GARI MANAVARALU' PREMIERES TODAY



An heir to enduring values—Seetharamayya Gari Manavaralu launches today. ETV presents a compelling emotional drama celebrating family bonds, built on the core belief that values matter more than wealth. Backed by high production values, sharp dialogue, and engaging storytelling, this daily serial is produced by Sreedhar Guduru. It airs Monday through Saturday at 8:30 PM. Plot Outline A family

empire built on rock-solid principles faces destruction from internal conspiracies. The story follows a resilient granddaughter fighting to protect her grandfather—a man celebrated in society but betrayed at home—while battling her own vulnerability of losing direction under extreme shock. Screenplay writer Mahendra Varma L.D. crafts a narrative that champions the role of a steadfast elder and a protective daughter in modern families.

SREE VISHNU & SITHARA ENTERTAINMENTS' PRODUCTION NO. 39 PROMISES A RELATABLE JOURNEY OF EVERY YOUNGSTER

Sree Vishnu's upcoming film with Sithara Entertainments, Production No. 39, is set to showcase a story that resonates with the experiences, emotions, dreams and struggles of today's youngsters. Promising a refreshing journey packed with relatable moments and every emotion, the film aims to strike a chord with audiences. The makers have unveiled a small glimpse into the world of the film, offering a peek into what promises to be a youthful and emotionally engaging journey. The glimpse beautifully sets the tone for the film and raises curiosity around Sree Vishnu's next outing. The shoot of the film has commenced. Produced by Haarika Suryadevara and presented by S Naga Vamsi, the film is directed by Sunny Sanjay, with Deepthi Sree Juttada as the writer. The technical crew includes Pavan Pappula as



Cinematographer, Venkatesh Chunduru as Editor, Arvind Mule as Production Designer and Chandu & Ravi as Music Directors.

Just as much as we enjoyed making Romanchakam, I'm sure the audience will enjoy watching our film in theatres: Actress Ananthika Sanilkumar

Presented by blockbuster director Sandeep Reddy Vanga and produced under the Bhadrakali Pictures banner, Romanchakam stars Sumanth Prabhaskar and Ananthika Sanilkumar in the lead roles. The film is produced by Pranay Reddy Vanga and directed by debutant Venugopal Reddy. Promising to be an engaging, youthful entertainer that blends love, humour and suspense, the film is gearing up for a grand worldwide theatrical release on September 3. During a media interaction held today, actress Ananthika Sanilkumar shared several interesting details about the film. After 8 Vasantalu, many scripts came my way and I listened to several stories, but none of them really excited me. Around that time, I was approached with the script of Romanchakam. After listening to the story, I felt very happy and had the feeling that this was exactly the kind of film I had been wanting to do. I play a bubbly and fun-loving girl in this movie. Playing a character like this had always been a dream of mine. It is a film that young audiences will be able to relate to very well. It is not just a love story along with romance, it also has plenty of humour and suspense. I play a Tamil girl in this film. The makers have incorporated contemporary elements that reflect what young people experience in their lives today, and they have presented them in an engaging way. It is a love story, but both youth and family audiences can enjoy it. Sumanth Prabhaskar underwent an



extensive workshop for the film, while I did comparatively fewer workshops with him. His character is extremely energetic, and my character has also been designed to match his energy. The conversations between our characters feel lively, natural and authentic, just like the conversations between a real couple. There is no lag in those scenes either. They move at a fast pace and keep entertaining the audience.

SRI GOURI PRIYA'S STYLE FILE JUST GOT BETTER

Sri Gouri Priya, who impressed audiences with Chennai Love Story, is currently busy with two big releases, the Telugu film VISA and the Tamil film Bro Code. Amid her packed schedule, the actress took a break to share a set of gorgeous pictures on social media, and they're winning hearts online. In the photos, Sri Gouri Priya is seen in a black gown featuring delicate gold sequin floral embroidery across the bodice, paired with a flowy

draped skirt with a ruffle detail. She kept her hair in a sleek middle-parted low ponytail and opted for minimal gold jewellery, letting the outfit do all the talking. Her soft makeup added to the graceful appeal of the look. The olive-green backdrop made for a striking contrast against her monochrome ensemble. With VISA and Bro Code both in the pipeline, Sri Gouri Priya's popularity is only set to rise further in the coming months.



GOOD TIME TEASER LAUNCHED IN GRAND EVENT

The Good Time Teaser Launch Event was grandly held.. Hero Nandu, Vamsi Nandipati and Sasikiran Tikka were the chief guests Produced by Ramesh Zilla and directed by Chanakya Zilla, Good Time is the latest film under the banner of Movie Brats and presented by Echo Craft Media. The latest Good Time movie teaser launch event was held under the auspices of Sun Studios and Lahari Music. Ramana Reddy, Lakshman Guntur, Vamsi Nandipati, Sasikiran Tikka, Nandu, Aishwarya and others participated in this program as chief guests.

