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31-08-2026
Total pilgrims: 77,042
Tonnages: 36,609
Hundi kankals: 4,50 CR
Lakhs: 4,14 Lacs
Ammunition: 2,000 Lacs
Asani Hospital: 3,151
Present Situation on 01-09-2026:
Waiting Compartments: 27

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

Short Takes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NEW DELHI (TSIT):

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

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

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



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

It gave liberty to the police to proceed against 2,873 individuals having serious criminal antecedents. The Bench clarified that its directions

were without prejudice to the pending constitutional challenge with regard to use of facial recognition technology by the police. The order came at the request of the Centre and governments of Maharashtra, Bihar, West Bengal and Assam which requested the top court to invoke its special power under Article 142 to close all cases against student protesters.

Article 142 empowers the Supreme Court to pass any order necessary to ensure "com-

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

"I am just here to read out a statement. As co-convenor of CJP, I want to state that in view of positive statement of Government of India and the judicial sanctity bestowed upon them today and in view of the order being passed by this honourable court, the CJP deems it appropriate to withdraw the call for the march on 5th September and looks forward for the compliance of today's order. I also thank the court for this decision and the learned counsel on both sides — Ms Vrinda Grover Ji and the Solicitor General — for their efforts," Das told the Bench.

Relief to HYDRAA Commissioner, HC suspends single-judge order

HYDERABAD (TSIT):

The Telangana High Court on Tuesday, September 1, suspended until November 3 an order passed by a single judge directing the replacement of HYDRAA Commissioner AV Ranganath.

Ranganath challenged the July 27 single judge order directing the Chief Secretary to relieve him from the post of Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) Chief and find a suitable replacement.

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



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

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

RBI appoints Suman Ray as new Executive Director

NEW DELHI (TSIT):

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



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

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

VISAKHAPATNAM (TSIT):

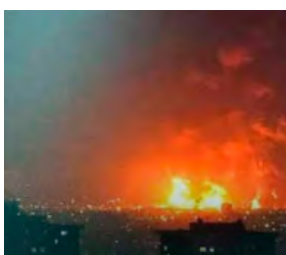
Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu said the coalition government was giving equal priority to welfare, development and good governance, with the economic empowerment of the poor as its main objective. Addressing a programme at Mogalthur in the Narsapuram Assembly constituency on Tuesday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



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

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

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



TEHRAN (TSIT)

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

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

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

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

Special Intensive Revision
25th June, 2026 onwards

VOTE
Voting Eligible

Election Commission of India

"Claims and Objections Phase 17.08.2026 to 16.09.2026"

Telangana's Draft Electoral Rolls have been published on **17.08.2026**. and the **Claims and Objections phase** has now begun. Check whether your name and details are listed.

Use Form-6
If you are completing 18 yrs. of age by 1st October, 2026, and not registered as a voter in any Assembly constituency. Apply with latest Photo, Age proof etc., & submit declaration form
(New Enrollment)

Use Form-7
In case of Objections such as Dead Voters / Duplicate Voters etc.,
(Deletions)

Use Form-8
If you want to correct your detail, Mobile Number updation, Change of address / Voter ID card
(Corrections)

Publication of Final Electoral Rolls: 19-10-2026

Website: <https://voters.eci.gov.in/> / <https://ecinet.eci.gov.in/> / <https://www.eci.gov.in>

For more details contact: **Booth Level Officer (BLO)/ AERO/ERO**

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Harkara Venugopal Rao Receives CM Revanth Reddy at Delhi Airport

New Delhi, TSIT: Telangana Government Advisor Harkara Venugopal Rao received Chief Minister A.Revanth Reddy at the Delhi airport on Tuesday upon his arrival from Hyderabad.



Chief Minister's Principal Secretary Inspects Arrangements for CM's Visit



Narayanpet, September 1, 2026 (TSIT): Chief Minister's Principal Secretary Sridhar, IAS, inspected the arrangements being made for the visit of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to Maddur Mandal headquarters in Narayanpet district on September 4 to inspect various development works. Along with District Collector Priyanka, SP Dr. Vineeth, and Special Officer Venkat Reddy, the Chief Minister's Principal Secretary toured

the areas around Maddur and inspected various development works and arrangements for the helipad. He first inspected the ongoing construction of the Government Degree College building near Maddur. Later, he inspected the construction works of the Social Welfare Department's Gurukul School/College building along the Chintal Dinne route and enquired with the concerned officials about the progress of the works.

COLLECTOR REVIEWS SC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

Jogulamba Gadwal, September 1: District Collector Rizwan Basha Shaik directed officials to ensure effective utilisation of Special Development Funds for the welfare and development of Scheduled Caste communities. At a review meeting held with Alampur MLA Vijayudu, the Collector stressed coordinated efforts to improve education,

Venugopal Rao welcomed the Chief Minister at the airport and accompanied him following his arrival in the national capital. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is in New Delhi as part of his official visit.



livelihoods, infrastructure and basic amenities for SC families. He instructed departments to submit beneficiary details and ensure that sanctioned funds are utilised within the stipulated time and as per guidelines.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, PALAKURTHY RAMADEVI (Old Name) H.No. 25-11-244/4/A/13, Balaji Nagar, Khazipet, Hanumakonda Dist - 506003, T. G, have Changed my name from PALAKURTHY RAMADEVI (Old Name) to ADDAGUDI RAMA (New Name) W/o. ADDAGUDI SATISH for all future purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SHAMIM SULTANA, W/o. KHADEER AHMED, H.No. 19-11-18, Shambunipet, Near RR Function Hall, Rangashaipet, Khila Warangal, Warangal Dist - 506 002, Tg, have changed my name from SHAMIM SULTANA (Old Name) to SHAMEEM SULTANA (New Name) in my Daughter's passport for all future purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MOHAMMED WAHEED, S/o. MAHABOOB ALI, R/o. H.No. 10-5-391/54/61/C, Syed Nagar, First Lancer, Asif Nagar, Hyderabad, Telangana, have changed my name from WAHEED UDDIN (Old Name) to MOHAMMED WAHEED (New Name) for all future purposes.

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE DEPT'S RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, AT HYDERABAD

I.A.No. 1065 OF 2026 IN S.A.R. No. 509 OF 2024
Between: **Sandeep Reddy Chaita** ...Petitioners/Applicants
And **IFPL Home Finance Limited** ...Respondents/Respondents
To, **Puppala Vishal Kumar, S/o. Prem Dass, R/o: H.No. 10-2-289/1204/910-B, 1st Floor P.S. Nagar colony, Vijaya Nagar Colony, Asifnagar, Hyderabad - 500 028**
Please take notice that my client Sandeep Reddy Chaita moved the Hon'ble Debt's Recovery Tribunal-II, Hyderabad vide I.A.No.65 of 2026 for restoration of I.A.No. 1065 of 2024 in S.A.R. No. 509 of 2024 to set aside the order dated 17-12-2025, upon hearing the matter the Hon'ble Tribunal-II, Hyderabad has ordered to you to file your written statement by 16-09-2026. Therefore you are requested to appear before the Hon'ble DRT-II, Hyderabad on 16-09-2026 at 11:00 A.M. otherwise the matter will be decided on merits.
(BY THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE TRIBUNAL) **V.V.RAMANA, ASSOCIATES**
#FlatNo.016/G2, Mani Plaza, H.No. 6-2-101/A&B, New Gurga, Secunderabad-500003
Date: 24.08.2026, Hyderabad.

SUMMONS BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

(See Regulation-15(1)(ii)(16)(3) of the DRT (Procedure) Rules 1993)
BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEPT'S RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, 1st FLOOR, TRIVENI COMPLEX, ABIDS, HYDERABAD-500001. O.A.No.511/2026
Between: **Union Bank of India, Serlingampally Branch** ... Plaintiffs
1. M/s. Harini Industries & Others ... Defendants
2. Mr. Gargani Gopal, S/o. Sampath Rao, R/o Plot No. B-629, Phase - I, Near Jaakanya Hotel, Aiyappa Colony, Kukatpally, Hyderabad - 500072
Whereas O.A. No. 511 of 2026 was listed before Hon'ble Registrar on 05.08.2026
Whereas this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/notice on the said Application under Section 13(4) of the Act. (Ordained against you for recovery of debts of Rs.31,74,818/-00p (application along with copies of documents etc. annexed).
In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 15 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:
(i) To show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted.
(ii) To disclose particulars of properties or asset other than properties and assets specified by the plaintiff under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal.
(iii) You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and appear before REGISTRAR on 15-09-2026 at 10.30 A.M., failing which the application shall be heard decided in your absence.
(iv) Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this date of 20th August, 2026.
Signature of the Authorised Officer to issue Summons

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SBI STATE BANK OF INDIA

Adalat Branch-21302, Court Complex, Hanamkonda.

GOLD JEWELRY AUCTION NOTICE

The below mentioned account holders have taken loans from our bank by pledging their gold ornaments and have not paid their dues. It has been decided to hold a public auction of the said ornaments on the bank premises on 08-09-2026 at 4.00 PM and credit the said amount to their loan accounts. Auction Venue: State Bank of India, Adalat Branch-21302, Court Complex, Hanamkonda.

Account No.	Borrower Name & Address	Gold Gross Weight
43955257735	Akkapalli Srinivas, S/o. Rangaiah, House No. 3-10-146, Reddy Colony, Road No.2, Hanamkonda,	22.60 Grams

Those who wish to participate in the auction can participate by paying an EMD of Rs. 10,000/-. The winning bidder must pay the bid price on the same day. Otherwise the amount paid till then is not refundable. The bank reserves the right to postpone/cancel the auction without assigning any reasons. For more information, please contact the bank during business hours.

Date: 01-09-2026, Place: Hanmakonda Sd/- Regional Manager

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

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/56/2026 20.08.2026

Union Bank of India Versus M/s. Sriven Life Science Private Ltd and Others

To: (CD 1) M/S. Sriven Life Science Private Ltd. Rep. By its Director, Regd Office Plot No. T-24, Phase-V, Ida Jeedimetta, Hyderabad.

(CD 2) G.Veera Venkata Srinivas Rao S/o G. Satyanarayana, Aged: Major, Occ: Business, # Plot No.505, Raaga Manor, Jai Bharathi Nagar, Nizampet, Kukatpally, Hyderabad-500085
(CD 3) Kadiyala Indira W/o G. Veera Venkata Srinivas Rao, Aged Major, Occ: Busines, # Plot No.505, Raaga Manor, Jai Bharathi Nagar, Nizampet, Kukatpally, Hyderabad-500085.

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/17/2022 an amount of Rs.47,22,092.19 (Rupees Forty Seven Lakhs Twenty Two Thousands Ninety Two And Paise Nineteen only) along with pendentlite and future interest @ 11.20% Simple Interest Yearly w.e.f. 28/02/2022 till realization and costs of Rs.82,000/- (Rupees Eighty Two Thousands Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally/ Fully/Limited).

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

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

4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 28/09/2026 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: 20/08/2026

Recovery Officer DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD (DRT-2)

LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

#201, 2nd Floor, Krishna Saptire Building, Near Image Hospital, Hitech City Main Road, Madhapur, Hyderabad - 500081.

POSSESSION NOTICE

(Under Rule 8(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

WHEREAS, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the LIC Housing Finance Limited, Hyderabad under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices calling upon the following Borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against their names with further interest / costs etc. within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices.

1. Name of the Borrower(s): 1) Mr. Vemula Mahipal Reddy (Primary Applicant) A/c No: 7001040000896, Demand Notice Date: 07.01.2026 : DNPP Date: 28.01.2026 : Date of Symbolic Possession : 28.08.2026. Outstanding Loan Amount: Rs. 49,64,693.44 (Rupees Forty Nine Lakhs Sixty Four Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety Three and Paise Forty Four Only) as on 07.01.2026 together with applicable incidental charges, costs.

Description of Immovable Property : All that the Flat No.204 (East Facing), in Second Floor, Block -A, in the Building Residency known as "BEGONIA", having a Plinth area of 956 Sq. Feet, (Including Common area and One Car Parking) together with Proportionate Undivided Share of Land measuring 29.33 Sq. Yards, (Out of Total Proposed measuring 528 Sq. Yards), Constructed on Plot Nos. 24 & 25, in Survey No. 33, 69 and 70 of Malkajgiri Village, Valabhagur Taluq, R.R. District, measuring 266.6 Sq. Yards or 222.9 Sq. Mtrs., belonging to Mrs. K. Damayanti Nagesw. Regd. vide Sale Deed Doc No. 3603/1583 dated 22.10.1983 and bounded as follows: North : H. No. 27-6830 South : Road, East: H. No. 27-6831, West: Road.

2. Name of the Borrower(s): 1) Mr. Peter Katam (Primary Applicant) A/c No: 710500010243/710500011855, Demand Notice Date: 23.05.2025 : DNPP Date: 30.08.2025 : Date of Symbolic Possession : 31.08.2026. Outstanding Loan Amount: Rs. 24,39,938.79 (Rupees Twenty Four Lakhs Thirty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Eight and Paise Seventy Nine Only) as on 29.05.2025 together with applicable incidental charges, costs.

Description of Immovable Property : All that the House bearing No. 27-6832, in Plot No. 32 in Survey Nos. 33, 69 and 70 of Malkajgiri Village, Valabhagur Taluq, R.R. District, measuring 266.6 Sq. Yards or 222.9 Sq. Mtrs., belonging to Mrs. K. Damayanti Nagesw. Regd. vide Sale Deed Doc No. 3603/1583 dated 22.10.1983 and bounded as follows: North : H. No. 27-6830 South : Road, East: H. No. 27-6831, West: Road.

As the above borrowers have failed to pay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rule on the dates mentioned above.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the LIC Housing Finance Limited for the amounts mentioned against their names with further interest accrued thereon and costs.

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

Date: 31-08-2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer, LIC Housing Finance Limited, Hyderabad

BHADRADRI CO-OPERATIVE URBAN BANK LTD.,

Regd.No.1108/T.E.

Head Office : #3-1/17-18, Sunder Talkies Road, Gandhi Chowk, KHAMMAM-507003, Telangana

POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the authorized officer of the Bhadradri Cooperative Urban Bank Ltd., Warangal Bypass Area Branch under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No.54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 07.04.2026 calling upon the Borrower:

M/s Sri Siva Sai Diagnostic Centre, Proprietor: Mr. Repakula Saidulu, S/o. Narasiah, R/o. H.No. 1-9-34/3, Manchikanthi Nagar, Khammam, Khammam District-507 003. Business Address: Near Vegetable Market Road, Raparthi Nagar, Khammam, Khammam District-507 002. Guarantor(s): 1) Sri Vemula Ravi Kiran, S/o.Vara Prasad, Occ: Govt. Employee, R/o H.No. 2-10/10 B, Naidupeta, Pedda Thanda, Khammam (Rural), Khammam District-507003.

2) Sri Pothanabhis Upendar, S/o.Venkanna, Occ: Cell Point Business, R/o H.No. 1-9.25/A, Bokkalagadda, Khammam (District)-507003. 3) Sri Pathan Salman Khan, S/o.Savar Khan, Occ: Running Diagnostic Centre, R/o H.No. 3-52, New Laxmipuram, Mudigonda (M.), Khammam (District)-507158. to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being of Rs.2,64,365.88 (Rupees two lakh sixty four thousand three hundred sixty five and eighty eight paise only) due to us as on 07.04.2026 plus interest and charges within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower, in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bhadradri Cooperative Urban Bank Ltd for an amount of Rs.2,64,365.88 (Rupees two lakh sixty four thousand three hundred sixty five and eighty eight paise only) due to us as on 07.04.2026 plus interest, charges and costs thereon.

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

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

SCHEDULE PROPERTY: The said property consists of Residential Open site of measuring to an extent of 188.62 Sq. Yds, along with RCC Roof ground floor having plinth area of 287.95 Sq. Ft. & A.C Sheet Roof Residential house building having plinth area of 48.73 Sq. Ft. situated at H.No.1-9-34/3, Bokkalagadda Area, Naya Bazaar Govt. School Road, Manchikanthi Nagar, Khammam Dist., Standing in the name of the applicant Mr. Repakula Saidulu S/o Narasiah and Bounded by East: 10 feet wide Municipal Gali, West: House of B. Anjamma, North: 15 feet wide Municipal Road, South: H. No.1-9-34/3 part of R. Veerabhadram.

Place : Khammam Sd/- Authorised Officer

Date : 27-08-2026 Bhadradri Co-Operative Urban Bank Ltd.

IKF Home Finance Limited

Equinox by Phoenix-Tower 3, 10th Floor, Diamond Hills, Lumbini Avenue, Rai Dur, Gachibowli, Hyderabad Telangana - 500081

DEMAND NOTICE

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTS IN OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 ("the Act") AND THE SECURITY I TEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULUS, 2002 ("time Rules")

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of IKF Home Finance Limited (the Secured Creditor) under then A21 and in exercise of the powers of payment. The borrower(s) may note that IKF Home Finance Limited is a secured creditor and the loan facility availed by the Borrower(s) is a secured debt from the date of this publication together with applicable interest, additional interest, balance charges, cost and expenses till the date of realization of payment. The borrower(s) may note that IKF Home Finance Limited is a secured creditor and the loan facility availed by the Borrower(s) is a secured debt from the date of this publication together with applicable interest, additional interest, balance charges, cost and expenses till the date of realization of payment. 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Mahila Congress Protests FIR
Against Rahul Gandhi

Hyderabad, TSIT: Telangana Mahila Congress president Errabelli Swarna on Tuesday condemned the registration of an FIR against Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and demanded its immediate withdrawal, alleging that it reflected the BJP's "vindictive politics".

Led by Swarna, Mahila Congress leaders and workers attempted to take out a protest rally from Gandhi Bhavan in Hyderabad. After police stopped the rally, the protesters staged a peaceful demonstration in front of Gandhi Bhavan.

Addressing the protest, Swarna alleged that BJP-RSS activists in Haldwani, Uttarakhand, had "purified" with Gangajal the place where Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge had sat after attending a public meeting. She termed the alleged act an insult to Dalits, the Constitution and Dr B.R. Ambedkar.

She said Rahul Gandhi had questioned the incident and demanded action against those responsible, but alleged that instead



of acting against them, an FIR had been registered against him.

"An FIR against Rahul Gandhi today could mean an FIR against anyone who raises questions tomorrow. We will not be intimidated. 'Daro Mat' is our message, and the Mahila Congress will continue its fight," Swarna said.

She demanded withdrawal of the FIR against Rahul Gandhi and sought registration of a case under the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act against those allegedly involved in the Haldwani incident.

DLSA secretary inspects
children's home



Mancherla, September 1: District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Secretary and Judge G. Kavitha conducted a surprise inspection of a children's home on Tuesday and reviewed the facilities provided to inmates.

She inspected accommodation, drinking water, sanitation, food, education and vocational training facilities and interacted with the children about their needs and concerns.

D.S. Jagan promoted as I&PR
additional director

Hyderabad, September 1: D.S. Jagan has been promoted as Additional Director of the Telangana Information and Public Relations (I&PR) Department and assumed charge following State Government orders. Jagan met Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, who congratulated him and urged him to strengthen coordination between the government, media and public and effectively communicate welfare and development programmes. He also met I&PR Special Commissioner Dr. G. Mukunda Reddy. Jagan said he would discharge his responsibilities efficiently and work with officials and staff to ensure wider dissemination of government information.

Sheoran, Vishesh Share Lead at
Telangana Golconda Masters



Hyderabad, TSIT: Dhruv Sheoran and Hyderabad's Vishesh Sharma fired matching course-record rounds of 10-under 60 to share the opening-round lead at the Rs.1 crore Telangana Golconda Masters 2026 at the Hyderabad Golf Association on Tuesday. Sheoran carded 11 birdies against a lone bogey, while 19-year-old Vishesh produced an eagle, nine birdies and one bogey to equal the course record set by Manu Gandas in 2022. Noida's Amardeep Malik was one shot behind in third after a nine-under 61, while Japan's Koichiro Ishika occupied fourth place with a bogey-free 63. Sri Lanka's N. Thangaraja and Delhi's Honey Baisoya shared fifth at six-under 64.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to the general public that my client, Annamacharya Educational Trust, rep by Choppa Abhishek S/o. Choppa Gangi Reddy who is the absolute owner of the below mentioned scheduled property, has lost the following documents i.e. Family Member's Certificate of Late Sri Pambala Ramaiah and Sri Balraiah and also Patta No. 309568/71, further to it my clients propose to create mortgage over the scheduled property and wants to avail loan from Banks/Financial Institutions, if any person/s has any objections/claim/interest/dispute over the said property, the same may be intimated to the undersigned within 7 days from the date of this publication, failing which no further claims/objections will be entertained and my client will proceed with the mortgage of the scheduled property in favour of Banks/ Financial Institutions and will complete the transaction.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY
All that the Open Land bearing Survey No. 545/6, 545/C, 545/C1/31, 545/C1/32, 545/D1/1, 545/D1/2, 544/12, 544/14, 544/15, 544/16, 544/17, 544/19, 544/2, 544/20, 544/3, 544/5, 544/7, 545/E, 544/1, 545/C1/12, 543/1/2, admeasuring Ac. 5-30 gts, or 27830 Sq. Yards, Situated at Patigahpur Village, Patancheru Mandal, Sanga Reddy District and Bounded by: North: Road and Land in Survey No. 543/Part & 542, South: land in Survey Nos. 544 & 545, East: Land in Survey Nos. 539 & 540, West: Land in Survey No. 549.

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B.Ed "B" CATEGORY-SEATS

Applications are invited from Eligible Candidates for the Academic year 2026-27 under management quota (B-Category) seats for admission to the following courses. Applications of the eligible candidates are to be submitted in the college on or before 03-09-2026 in all working days.

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NOTICE TO THE BORROWER INFORMING ABOUT SALE (30 DAYS' NOTICE) 8 (6) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002

To: Particulars of Borrowers /Guarantors:-1) Jithender Nagabelli S/O Salya Dev, Age: 47 Years, Occ: Sarali High School, Arepally, Hanamkonda, # 50-1-96, Near: Sarali/Abysana Kendram High School, Arepally, Hanamkonda, Warangal(Dist.)9985077477.-Borrower
2)Pranayutha Ragi W/O Jithender, Age: 45 Years, Occ: Instrument Mechanic 1st Grd., Tre/Warangal, Code 40005299, Npdc/Ltd., # 50-1-77, Arepally, Hanamkonda, Warangal(Dist.)9440106631.-Co Borrower/Guarantor
3)Narsamma Medi W/O Malliah, Age: 52 Years, Occ: Sweeper, Deem&P, Npdc/Ltd., # 2-4-867, Ramnagar, Hanamkonda, Warangal (Dist.) 7396251957.-Co Borrower/Guarantor
Sub: Sale of property belonging to JITHENDER NAGABELLY (Borrower/Guarantor) in the account of WARN1TF1903140001 for realization of amount due to Shriram Finance Limited under The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. Shriram Finance Limited, Warangal - II - Branch, the secured creditor caused a demand notice dated 09.05.2023 under section 13(2) of The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, calling upon you to pay Rs.1,17,16,104/- (Rupees One Crore Seventeen Lakhs Sixteen Thousand One Hundred and Four Only) within the time stipulated period therein. Since you failed to comply the said notice within the stipulated period, the Authorized Officer, has taken symbolic procession of the immovable secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on 10.11.2023. And After the Authorized Officer of Shriram Finance Limited received physical possession of the property on 11.08.2026. Even after taking possession of the secured asset, you have not paid the amount due to Shriram Finance Limited. As such, it has become necessary to sell the below mentioned property by holding public e-auction after 30 days from the date of receipt to this notice through online mode. The date and time of e-auction along with the Reserve Price of the property and the details of the service provider, in which the e-auction to be conducted, shall be informed to you separately. Therefore, if you pay the amount due to Shriram Finance Limited along with subsequent interest, costs, charges and expenses incurred by Shriram Finance Limited before the date of publication of sale notice, no further action shall be taken for sale of the property and you can redeem your property as stipulated in sec.13(8) of the Act.
Schedule of Property: House and open place bearing GWMC No. 50-1-196 (Gp No.1-77) admeasuring to an extent of 898.75 Sq. Yards or 751.44 Sq.Mtrs situated at Padipali revenue village, Arepally Grampanchayath, Hanamkonda Mandal of Warangal city and district, within the limits of GWMC, Warangal and within the limits of registration District, Warangal and Sub-Registrar, Warangal Rural is located within the following boundaries: EAST : Plot of Sunkari Sadanandam and Sunkari Bhaskar, WEST: Plot of Bahini Raju and Sunkari Parsha Ramulu, NORTH :12 Ft wide Road, SOUTH : Plot of Nagabelli Jithender
Note: It is informed that "SHRIRAM CITY UNION FINANCE LIMITED" has been amalgamated with "SHRIRAM TRANSPORT FINANCE LIMITED" as per order of NCLT, Chennai. Subsequently the name of "SHRIRAM TRANSPORT FINANCE LIMITED" was changed as "SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED" with effect from 30.11.2022 vide Certificate of Incorporation pursuant to change of name dated 30-11-2022.
Date: 29.08.2026, Place: Hanamkonda Sd/- Authorized Officer.



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To: Particulars of Borrowers /Guarantors:-1) Aswini Restaurant And Bar Rep By It's Prop: Jampala Sarangapani, # 6-08-260/1, Ragana Darwaza, Hanamkonda Dist -506 001. Cell: 9390939050.-Borrower
2)Jampala Madhavi W/O Late Sarangapani, Age: 57 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/O.H.No.2-7-211, Excise Colony, Opp: BSNL Tower, Hanamkonda, Warangal Dist-506 001. Cell: 9390939050.-Co Borrower/Guarantor
3)Pittai Ravi Kumar S/O Madhusudan, Age: 45 Years, Occ: Business, R/O.H.No.20-3-8, Block-3, Khila Warangal -506 002. Cell: 9059685745.-Co Borrower/Guarantor
4)Jampala Sarangapani S/O Sammaiah, Age: 64 Years, Occ: MIS Aswini Restaurant And Bar, R/O.H.No.2-7-211, Excise Colony, Opp: Bsnl Tower, Hanamkonda, Warangal Dist-506 001. Cell: 9390939050. (Dead)
(Co-Borrower No.3 By Name Jampala Sarangapani Was Died Intestate, So Far His Following Surviving Legal Heirs Wife, & Son (A) Are Impleaded As Parties To The Notice)-Co Borrower/Guarantor
5)Jampala Hari Hara Sai, S/O Late Jampala Sarangapani, Age: 28 Years, Occ: Private Employee (Software), R/O.H.No.2-7-211, Excise Colony, Opp: BSNL Tower, Hanamkonda, Warangal Dist-506 001. Cell: 9390939050.-Legal Heirs Of Co-Borrower No.3
Sub: Sale of property belonging to JAMPALA MADHAVI (Borrower/Guarantor) in the account of WARN1TF1509220002 for realization of amount due to Shriram Finance Limited Under The Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. Shriram Finance Limited, Warangal - II - Branch, the secured creditor caused a demand notice dated 21.08.2025 under section 13(2) of The Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, calling upon you to pay Rs.1,47,59,999/- (Rupees One Crore Forty Seven Lakhs Fifty Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Nine Only) within the time stipulated period therein. Since you failed to comply the said notice within the stipulated period, the Authorized Officer, has taken symbolic procession of the immovable secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on 01.12.2025. And After the Authorized Officer of Shriram Finance Limited received physical possession of the secured asset, you have not paid the amount due to Shriram Finance Limited. As such, it has become necessary to sell the below mentioned property by holding public e-auction after 30 days from the date of receipt to this notice through online mode. The date and time of e-auction along with the Reserve Price of the property and the details of the service provider, in which the e-auction to be conducted, shall be informed to you separately. Therefore, if you pay the amount due to Shriram Finance Limited along with subsequent interest, costs, charges and expenses incurred by Shriram Finance Limited before the date of publication of sale notice, no further action shall be taken for sale of the property and you can redeem your property as stipulated in sec.13(8) of the Act.
Schedule of Property: Open plot in Sy.No.1771, admeasuring to an extent of 557.00 Sq.Yards or 465.70 Sq.Mtrs situated at Gopalapuram village, Hanamkonda Mandal of Warangal District, bounded by: EAST:Land of V.Rajeshwar Rao, WEST:Land of V.Rajeshwar Rao, NORTH :22 Ft Wide Road, SOUTH : Land of Others
Note: It is informed that "SHRIRAM CITY UNION FINANCE LIMITED" has been amalgamated with "SHRIRAM TRANSPORT FINANCE LIMITED" as per order of NCLT, Chennai. Subsequently the name of "SHRIRAM TRANSPORT FINANCE LIMITED" was changed as "SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED" with effect from 30.11.2022 vide Certificate of Incorporation pursuant to change of name dated 30-11-2022.
Date: 29.08.2026, Place: Hanamkonda Sd/- Authorized Officer.



SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED

Head Office: Level-3, Wockhardt Towers, East Wing C-2 Block, BandraKurla Complex, (Bandra East), Mumbai 400 051; Tel: 022 4241 0400, 022 4060 3100; Website: <http://www.shriramfinance.in/auction>
Branch Office Address: # 1-8-588, 3rd, Nakkalagutta, Hanamkonda, Warangal -506001. Authorized Officer Address: Shriram Finance Ltd, Zonal Office, # 1-8-588, 3rd, Nakkalagutta, Hanamkonda, Warangal -506001.

Notice to the Borrower Informing about Sale (30 days' notice) 8 (6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002

S.no	Particulars of Borrowers / Guarantors
1.	Prabhakar Renukuntla S/O Laxminarayana, Age: 68 Years, Occ: Rice Mill Business, # 3-59, Chelpur, Mulugu Ghanpur, Chelpur, Warangal, And Also At Prabhakar Renukuntla S/O Laxminarayana, Age: 68 Years, Occ: Business, # House and Open Place Municipal H.No.16-3-375/A (New) 16-3-196 (Old), 165.00 Sq.Yards, 137.94 Sq.Mtrs, Ekashila Nagar, Warangal City And District. (Borrower)
2.	Vijayalaxmi Renukuntla W/O Prabhkar, Age: 61 Years, Occ: House Wife, # 3-59, Chelpur, Mulugu Ghanpur, Warangal. (Co Borrower /Guarantor)
3.	Pradeep Renukuntla S/O Prabhakar, Age: 36 Years, Occ: Rice Mill Business, # 3-59, Chelpur, Mulugu Ghanpur, Warangal. (Co Borrower /Guarantor)
4.	Naresh Athiraju, S/O Narasimha, Age: 37 Years, Occ: Srimra Book Stall At Doctors Colony, # 22-8-261, Doctors Colony, Warangal. (Guarantor)

Sub: Sale of property belonging to PRABHAKAR RENUKUNTLA (Borrower/Guarantor) in the account of HANDATF1610250001 for realization of amount due to Shriram Finance Limited Under The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. Shriram Finance Limited, Hanamkonda - Branch, the secured creditor caused a demand notice dated 25.02.2025 under section 13(2) of The Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, calling upon you to pay Rs. 94,08,492/- (Rupees Ninety Four Lakhs Eight Thousand Four Hundred And Ninety Two Only) within the time stipulated period therein. Since you failed to comply the said notice within the stipulated period, the Authorized Officer, has taken symbolic possession of the immovable secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on 21.01.2026. And After the Authorized Officer of Shriram Finance Limited received physical possession of the property on 22.08.2026. Even after taking possession of the secured asset, you have not paid the amount due to Shriram Finance Limited. As such, it has become necessary to sell the below mentioned property by holding public e-auction after 30 days from the date of receipt to this notice through online mode. The date and time of e-auction along with the Reserve Price of the property and the details of the service provider, in which the e-auction to be conducted, shall be informed to you separately. Therefore, if you pay the amount due to Shriram Finance Limited along with subsequent interest, costs, charges and expenses incurred by Shriram Finance Limited before the date of publication of sale notice, no further action shall be taken for sale of the property and you can redeem your property as stipulated in sec.13(8) of the Act.
Schedule of Property: House and open place bearing Municipal H.No.16-3-375/A (new) 16-3-196 (old) admeasuring to an extent of 165.00 Sq.Yards or 137.94 Sq.Mtrs situated at Ekashila Nagar, Warangal city and District, within the registration District, Warangal and Sub-Registrar, Warangal Fort is bounded by:- East: House of K.Satyanarayana, West: House of R.Prabhakar, North: Road, South: House of M.Yellosa.
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Date: 31-08-2026, Place: Warangal. Sd/- Authorized Officer, SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD



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
Branch Office: SBI Building, Wyra Road, Khammam Zonal Office/Authorised Officer Address: Zonal Office, SBI Building, Wyra Road, Khammam

RULE-8(3) POSSESSION NOTICE

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Borrower Name and Address	
1) Srinivas Penugonda, S/O Venkatadi, Age:38yrs, R/O:H.No.123/2, Pandurangapuram, Ballepalli, Khammam -507002. 2) Penugonda Aruna, W/O Srinivas, Age: 34yrs, R/O:H.No.123/2, Pandurangapuram, Ballepalli, Khammam -507002. And Also At Penugonda Aruna, W/O Srinivas, Age:34yrs The Ac Sheet Roof House Bearing Municipal No.6-123/2 (Old) Correspondin To New H.No.14-6-123 Measuring 144.44 Sq.Yards Or 120.77 Sq.Mtrs Situated At Pandurangapuram, Ballepalli khammam City And District, And Bounded By: 3) Battula Krishnamurthys/O Battula Laxmi Narsaiah, Age:47yrs, R/O:H.No.5-2-246/I/2, Mustafa Nagar, Sarada School, Khammam-507001	
Amount due as per Demand Notice : To Pay Rs. 47,53,381.25 (Forty seven lakhs fifty three thousand Three hundred eighty one) only as on 22.12.2025 with further interest if any under reference of Loan A/c No:- KHAMTF1902250004.	
Description of Property	
SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY KHAMTF1902250004- Description Of The Immovable Property Property Holder Name:Penugonda Arunawith Document No: 2899/2019 The Ac Sheet Roof House Bearing Municipal No.6-123/2 (Old) Correspondin To New H.No.14-6-123 Measuring 144.44 Sq.Yards Or 120.77 Sq.Mtrs Situated At Pandurangapuram, Ballepalli khammam City And District, And Bounded By: East: Road, West: House Of Kunchupu Rama Krishna, North: House Of Nara Yellaiah, South: Road	
This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Physical Possession of the immovable properties 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: 14-08-2026, Place: Khammam.	Sd/- Authorized Officer, Shriram Finance Limited



Regional Office : Warangal
SHANIGARAM BRANCH, KAMALAPUR
BRANCH & KALESWARAM BRANCH

NOTICE TO ACCOUNT HOLDERS

To provide better services to our valued customers, Union Bank of India has decided to shift the following branches from their existing premises to new premises with effect after 16-09-2026.

S.No.	OLD ADDRESS	NEW ADDRESS
1)	SHANIGARAM BRANCH (67900) : H.No. 1-144, Shanigaram Village, Kamalapur Mandal, Hanamkonda District-505102.	H.No. 1-1/146, Shanigaram Village, Kamalapur Mandal, Hanamkonda District-505102.
2)	KAMALAPUR BRANCH (32830) : H.No. 5-101, Kamalapur Village & Mandal, Hanamkonda District-505102.	H.No. 5-107, Ground Floor, Kamalapur Village & Mandal, Hanamkonda District-505102.
3)	KALESWARAM BRANCH (48920) : TTD Devasthanam Sathram, TTD Building (Old), Kaleswaram, Jayasankar Bhupalapally-505504.	Near Sri Raja Rajeswarai Sathram Hall-2, Kaleswaram, Jayasankar Bhupalapally District-505504.
Date : 01-09-2026		Sd/- Branch Manager

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I/II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD (DRT 1)
3rd Floor, Triveni Complex, Abids, Hyderabad-500 001.

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/164/2026 STATE BANK OF INDIA Versus Mr. MOHAMMAD HAMEED
To (CD-1) Mr. Mohammad Hameed, S/o Mr. Md Saleem, Aged 37 Years, R/o H.No.1-4-751, Flat No.G-3, Camus Capital Apartment, Musheerabad, Hyderabad -500 020.
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 1) in OA No.: 445/2025 an amount of Rs. 23,11,202/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Eleven Thousands Two Hundred Two Only) along with pendente lite and future interest @ 13.00 % Simple Interest Yearly w.e.f.19-09-2025 till realization and costs of Rs.66,500/- (Rupees Sixty Six Thousands Five Hundred Only) has become due against you (Jointly and Severally /Fully/ Limited).
2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.
3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.
4. You are here by ordered to appear before the undersigned on 11-11-2026 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: 19-08-2026.
Sd/- Recovery Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Hyderabad (DRT 1)

IOB INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E- AUCTION FOR
SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Sale of Immovable property/ies mortgaged to Bank under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No.54 of 2002) whereas, the Authorized Officer of Indian Overseas Bank has taken possession of the following property/ ies pursuant to the notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 in the following loan account with right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for realization of Bank's dues plus interest & costs as detailed hereunder and whereas consequent upon failure to repay the dues, the undersigned in exercise of power conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act proposes to realize the Bank's dues by sale of the said property/ ies. The sale will be done by the undersigned through E-auction platform provided at the Web Portal (<https://www.baanknet.com/eaction-psb/home>) or <https://baanknet.com>)
COMMON DETAILS OF E-AUCTION FOR ALL THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES:

Date and time of e-auction	24.09.2026 (Thursday) between 11.00 AM and 01.00 PM with auto extension of 10 minutes each till sale is completed.
Submission of online application for bid with EMD	02.09.2026 onwards
Last date for submission of online application for bid with EMD	23.09.2026
Inspection of property	With prior Appointment from Authorized Officer on all working days (10.00 A.M. to 5.00 P. M.)

HANAMKONDA BRANCH (0173)
(Address:2-5-614, DMart Side Lane, Subedari, Hanamkonda-506001, Contact: 9538074696, 9940547034. Mail Id: iob0173@iob.bank.in)
Name & address of the Borrower(s)/ Mortgagee(s)/ Guarantor(s): 1) Narasimha Poultry Farm and Feed (Borrower), represented by its proprietor: Mr. Ravula Narasiah, Door No. 1-192, Gavicherla, Sangem Mandal, Warangal Rural District, Telangana State-506310; 2) Mr. Ravula Narasiah (Borrower/ Mortgagee) S/o Ramulu, R/o. 1-192, Gavicherla, Sangem Mandal, Warangal Rural District, Telangana State-506310; 3) Mrs. Ravula Sugunamma (Guarantor/ Mortgagee) W/o Ravula Narasiah, R/o. 1-192, Gavicherla, Sangem Mandal, Warangal Rural District, Telangana State - 506310. 4) Mr. Ravula Ramakrishna (Guarantor) S/o. Ravula Narasiah, R/o. 1-192, Gavicherla, Sangem Mandal, Warangal Rural District, Telangana State - 506310. 5) Mr. Jinukala Sammaiah (Guarantor/ Mortgagee) S/o. Malliah, R/o. 5-38, Laknappalle, Ramavaram Village, Narasampet Mandal, Warangal Rural District, Telangana State - 506331
Date of NPA : 02.05.2022
Date of Demand notice : 16.05.2022
Date of possession notice : 05.07.2023
Contractual Dues : Rs. 65,75,208/- as on 31.08.2026
DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY & E-AUCTION DETAILS:

All that part and parcel of MT Roof Residential Building bearing H.No.1-156, having total land extent of 194 Sq.Yds, with a plinth area of 1071 SFT, Situated at Gavicherla Village, Sangem Mandal, Warangal District of Telangana State, Pincode: 506310. (Mortgagor - Mrs. Ravula Sugunamma, W/o. Ravula Narasiah), Bounded by : North : House of Mr. Ravula Narasiah, South : 12 feet road, East : House of Mr. Ravula Narasiah, West : Houser of Mr. Ravula Ramachandru.
Reserve Price (Rs.) : Rs. 6,40,000
EMD (Rs.) : Rs. 64,000
Bid increase amount : Rs. 20,000 (the amount in multiples of which the bid is to be increased)
*Bank's dues have priority over the Statutory dues

HANAMKONDA BRANCH (0173)
(Address:2-5-614, DMart Side Lane, Subedari, Hanamkonda-506001, Contact: 9538074696, 9940547034. Mail Id: iob0173@iob.bank.in)
Name & address of the Borrower(s)/ Mortgagee(s)/ Guarantor(s): 1) Sri Niranjan Book Depot (Borrower) represented by its proprietor Mr. Kolagani Niranjan, Address: Door No.6-8-129, Chowrashtra, Hanamkonda,Telangana State-506001; 2) Mr. Kolagani Niranjan (Borrower), S/o Kolagani Laxmi Narayana, Address: Door No.6-8-129, Chowrashtra, Hanamkonda,Telangana State-506001; 3) Mr. Kolagani Laxmi Narayana (Guarantor/ Mortgagee) S/o. Late Malleshram, Address: Door No.7-8-73, Kapuwada, Hanamkonda, Telangana State - 506001.
Date of NPA: 30.06.2021, Date of Demand Notice: 26.07.2021
Date of possession notice: 16.05.2025
Contractual Dues: Rs. 78,05,680/- as on 31-08-2026
DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY & E-AUCTION DETAILS:

All that part and parcel of RCC Building consisting of Ground, First and second floor bearing H.No.7-8-73, (old No.7-8-42 and 7/991), admeasuring 289.94 Sq.Yds., situated at Kapuwada, Hanamkonda, Warangal, Telangana State, standing in the name of Mr. Kolagani Laxminarayana. Bounded by : North: Road, South: H.No.7-8-78 of N.Hymavathi, East: Kapuwada Hanuman Temple, H.No.7-8-77 of Vijayalaxmi and open place of Rajanna, West: H.No.7-8-71 of P.Andalu.
Reserve Price (Rs.) : Rs. 59,45,000/-
EMD (Rs.) : Rs. 5,94,500/-
Bid increase amount : Rs. 50,000 (the amount in multiples of which the bid is to be increased)
*Bank's dues have priority over the Statutory dues

Ensure farmers get MSP for paddy: Dist Collector

Tirupati, September 1: District Collector Dr. S. Venkateswar directed officials to strictly monitor paddy markets and ensure farmers do not receive less than the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Late Rabi (Edagaru) 2025-26 produce. Officials said paddy is currently fetching around Rs. 2,300 per quintal, above the prevailing MSP, with harvesting completed on about 1.04 lakh acres out of 1.11 lakh acres. The Collector ordered daily mandal-wise reports on prices, harvesting and market demand, and warned of strict action against traders or middlemen purchasing paddy below MSP.

Expedite house site allocation to journalists: Collector

Tirupati : District Collector Dr. S. Venkateshwar directed officials to expedite the allocation of house sites to eligible journalists. At a review meeting with representatives of journalist associations, the Collector discussed pending applications, beneficiary eligibility and site availability. He instructed officials to verify records as per government norms, identify eligible beneficiaries and resolve genuine applications without delay through inter-departmental coordination.

TTD reviews Tirumala engineering works

Tirumala, September 1: TTD Additional EO Sri Ch. Venkaiah Chowdary reviewed ongoing civil, electrical and waterworks ahead of the annual Brahmotsavams. Officials said most works, including painting, barricading, gallery repairs, illumination and water arrangements, have been completed. The Additional EO directed all pending civil works within a week. He also reviewed arrangements for the SV Museum, scheduled to be inaugurated during the Brahmotsavams.

Chittoor gets new overhead water tank

Chittoor, September 1: Chittoor MP Daggumalla Prasad Rao and MLA Gurajala Jagan Mohan inaugurated an overhead water tank at Kondamitta (Vinayakapuram), built at a cost of Rs.31 lakh from MP funds. The leaders said the tank would help address water needs in the hilly area and assured that permanent measures would be taken to prevent water scarcity in Chittoor. Water supply was also launched through the new facility. They later distributed NTR Bharosa social security pensions to beneficiaries.

SVBC selects art groups for Nadaneerajanam

Tirupati, September 1: TTD SVBC Chairman B. Sridhar Varma chaired a selection committee meeting to shortlist art groups for the Nadaneerajanam programme at the SVBC office in Tirupati. The committee reviewed applications and performance videos and selected groups for programmes in October and November. Arrangements and facilities for artists were also discussed. Later, Sridhar Varma felicitated the committee members.

AP police sports meet begins



Amaravati, September 1: The AP State Police Sports & Games Meet-2026 began at the APSP 6th Battalion grounds in Mangalagiri, with DGP Harish Kumar Gupta inaugurating the four-day event. Around 1,900 police sportspersons representing 16 teams from various ranges and units are participating in the first state-level police sports meet organised by the

AP One app to offer 150 services

Visakhapatnam, September 1: Andhra Pradesh Government is working to make citizen services fully accessible online through the newly developed AP One mobile application, RTGS CEO Prakhar Jain said on Tuesday. Speaking at a two-day workshop for officials, Jain directed departments to simplify service delivery and reduce the need for citizens to visit government offices repeatedly. He said technology would be used to make government services faster and more accessible. The AP One app is expected to be launched soon with around 150 government services, with additional services to be added



based on public requirements. The application will provide a single platform, a dedicated search facility and support in

both Telugu and English. Citizens will also be able to download certificates directly through the app. Jain instructed officials to ensure smooth functioning without technical issues and create awareness among the public about the platform. He said Mana Mitra WhatsApp Governance had already enabled access to more than 1,000 government services and described AP One as the next phase of digital governance. The initiative is being implemented under the guidance of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and RTGS Minister Nara Lokesh. RTGS Executive Assistant P. Srikhar and other officials attended the workshop.

INDEP Delegation Holds Technical Discussions with APCPDCL



TSIT, Visakhapatnam As part of the three-day India-Denmark Energy Partnership (INDEP) technical dialogue, a Denmark delegation held discussions with APCPDCL CMD, Directors and senior officials at the

corporation's corporate office in Vijayawada. The meeting focused on renewable energy integration, power system development, grid planning and strengthening distribution systems to meet future requirements. Discussions also covered 33 kV grid planning for Amaravati, Distributed Renewable Energy (DRE), Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) and Electric Vehicle charging infrastructure. The delegation included representatives of the Danish Energy Agency and Green Power Denmark, along with a CEA official.

Strong MSMEs vital for 2047 goals: Minister

Visakhapatnam: State Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Rural Poverty Eradication and NRI Empowerment Relations Kondapalli Srinivas said strengthening the MSME sector was essential to achieving India's development goals for 2047. Speaking as the chief guest at the 116th Annual General Meeting of the South Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SICCI) at Hotel Leela Palace in Chennai on Tuesday, the Minister said coordinated efforts between the government and industry were necessary to promote entrepre-



neurship and create sustainable economic opportunities for youth. Srinivas said Andhra Pradesh was working to create an MSME-friendly ecosystem by developing industrial parks, providing common infrastructure and extending financial support to entrepreneurs.

AP MSMEs to Get Global Export Boost

THREE-DAY EXPORT SUMMIT IN VIJAYAWADA FROM SEP 6

TSIT , Vijayawada. The India SME Forum, in collaboration with the Andhra Pradesh Government's MSME Development Corporation, will organise the AP MSME Export Summit-2026 from September 6 to 8 at Novotel Hotel, Bharathi Nagar, Vijayawada, to strengthen the global competitiveness and export potential of MSMEs. According to an Exim Bank report, Andhra Pradesh has over \$11.1 billion in unrealised merchandise export potential. The State has a strong MSME base in seafood, agriculture, pharmaceuticals, textiles, engineering, automotive, electronics and renewable energy. Around 250 selected MSMEs from Andhra Pradesh and 34 international buyers from eight countries, including Japan, Sri Lanka, Ghana, Zambia and Zimbabwe, are expected to

participate. The summit will provide B2B meetings, knowledge-sharing sessions and networking opportunities to facilitate buyer-seller partnerships. The event will focus on 11 sectors, including agriculture and food, textiles, electronics, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, solar equipment, chemicals, automotive and engineering goods. The India SME Forum will help MSMEs understand international quality, certification and compliance requirements. Following the successful beta edition held in Visakhapatnam last year, the organisers plan to hold subsequent editions in Tirupati in November 2026 and Visakhapatnam in January 2027, aimed at helping MSMEs access new markets, secure international buyers and convert business opportunities into orders and long-term partnerships.

Governor's Gold Medal for Collector Himanshu Shukla

RECOGNITION FOR NELLORE DISTRICT RED CROSS SOCIETY'S OUTSTANDING SERVICES

TSIT , Visakhapatnam. Nellore District Collector Himanshu Shukla was presented with the Governor's Gold Medal in recognition of the outstanding services and achievements of the Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS), Nellore District Branch. The medal was presented by Andhra Pradesh Governor S. Abdul Nazeer during the IRCS Andhra Pradesh Branch Annual General Body Meeting held at T h u m m a l a p a l l i



Kalakshetram in Vijayawada on Monday. The Nellore District IRCS Branch has enrolled 2,097 life members and collected 15,747 units of blood through various blood donation camps. The

branch has played a key role in ensuring the availability of blood for patients and those in need during emergencies. District officials, IRCS members and volunteers expressed happiness over the recognition, stating that the award reflects the district branch's efforts in expanding blood donation activities, increasing life membership and strengthening its humanitarian services.

APJAC Amaravati Launches First Phase of Employees' Agitation with Black Badges



Vijayawada, September 1, 2026: The Andhra Pradesh Joint Action Committee (APJAC) Amaravati has launched the first phase of its agitation seeking resolution of pending issues and payment of outstanding dues of government employees, teachers and pensioners. As part of the first phase, employees across the state attended their duties wearing

black badges on Tuesday. The protest was observed at village and ward secretariats, government schools, tahsil offices, municipal offices, veterinary departments, RTC depots, RDO offices, Labour Department and Panchayat Raj Engineering offices, as well as district Collectorates and offices of various government departments. Thousands of employees also expressed their protest by displaying "CM Sir... Give Us Our Money" as their

APCO ensures timely payments to weavers



Amaravati, September 1: APCO has paid Rs.24.51 crore to handloom cooperative societies over the past two years for textiles procured from them, helping maintain financial stability and continuous employment for weavers. During the first year, APCO procured textiles worth Rs.18.03 crore and paid Rs.18.02 crore. In the second year, purchases worth Rs.6.61 crore were made up to March, with payments cleared in full. Following the directions

of Handlooms and Textiles Minister Savitha, the department on Tuesday released Rs.1.03 crore in pending livery payments to 20 cooperative societies. The amount was directly credited to their bank accounts for cloth supplied to government departments and Gurukul schools. The government said timely payments would prevent arrears and reduce the financial burden on cooperative societies. The Minister is also reviewing the payment mechanism and encouraging weavers to produce designs and fabrics suited to changing market preferences. Training programmes are being conducted to improve production and quality, while APCO is placing orders based on consumer demand. The department said the measures are strengthening handloom cooperatives and supporting livelihoods of weaver families across the State.

GITAM to host national moot court competition



Visakhapatnam: GITAM School of Law will organise the Dr. M.V.V.S. Murthi National Moot Court Competition from October 7 to 10 at its Visakhapatnam campus. The sixth edition will focus on legal issues under the new criminal laws, including murder, conspiracy, electronic evidence and constitutional safeguards. LL.B. and LL.M. students can participate, with each institution allowed one three-member team. Winners will receive cash prizes and certificates.

Ponnam Directs Officials to Ensure Grand, Peaceful Ganesh Festivities

Hyderabad, TSIT: Transport and BC Welfare Minister and Hyderabad district in-charge Ponnam Prabhakar on Tuesday directed officials to make comprehensive arrangements for the smooth, peaceful and grand conduct of Ganesh Navaratri festivities across Hyderabad, Rangareddy and Medchal-Malkajgiri districts.

Chairing a high-level preparatory and coordination meeting on Ganesh festivities-2026 at Dr. MCR HRD Institute in Jubilee Hills, the Minister stressed safety, security, sanitation, uninterrupted power supply, medical services and effective traffic management throughout the festivities and immersion process.

Ponnam Prabhakar said the Praja Palana government led by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy was providing free electricity to all Ganesh pandals across Telangana. He urged pandal organisers to apply through the prescribed procedure and avail themselves of the facility.

Noting Hyderabad's long-standing tradition of celebrating Ganesh festivities Minister asked departments to learn from previous experiences, identify



possible bottlenecks in advance and resolve them promptly. Officials should remain vigilant until the completion of the immersion process and ensure that devotees face no inconvenience, he said.

Minister directed the Hyderabad, Cyberabad and Rachakonda police commissionerates to put in place elaborate security and traffic arrangements. SHE Teams and anti-theft surveillance teams should be deployed, while adequate measures should be taken to maintain law and order and communal harmony. Parking areas, traffic diversions and traffic volunteers should be planned well in advance.

Municipal authorities were instructed to deploy sanitation personnel round-the-clock, repair roads, maintain street-lights and make adequate

arrangements at baby ponds. Special attention should be given to fogging and installation of bio-toilets.

The Health Department was asked to establish 24-hour medical camps at strategic locations with medical officers, ANMs, ASHA workers, first-aid equipment and essential medicines. Ambulances and medical teams working in shifts should also be kept ready.

Power utilities were directed to inspect electrical infrastructure in advance and strictly enforce safety standards. Officials should ensure uninterrupted electricity supply while taking precautions to prevent electrical accidents.

Ponnam Prabhakar directed the Transport Department and TGSRTC to operate only buses with

valid fitness certificates and run around 700 special bus services depending on passenger demand. Mobile breakdown relief vehicles should also be kept ready.

Hyderabad Metro Rail services should be extended depending on demand, train frequency increased and passengers informed in advance about service arrangements. Clear signages should be displayed at Metro stations, he said.

Fire and disaster management authorities were asked to deploy trained divers and swimmers at immersion points and remain fully prepared for emergencies. The Tourism Department should keep lifeboats ready at necessary locations, while HMWSSB should undertake desilting at baby ponds and ensure water quality and other arrangements.

Emphasising eco-friendly Ganesh celebrations, the Minister asked the Pollution Control Board and other departments to promote clay idols through awareness programmes and workshops. He called for eliminating single-use plastic during the festivities and urged organisers and devotees to comply with regulations governing the use of DJs.

Arrest the goons who attacked BJP state office immediately: Balaram



Mulugu, September 1, TSIT: BJP District President Sirikonda Balaram demanded the immediate arrest of the goons who attacked the BJP Telangana State Office. On Tuesday, BJP leaders and workers held a protest programme at the Mulugu district headquarters.

Speaking on the occasion, Balaram said that the BJP has been continuously fighting and holding protests and dharnas for the resolution of students' issues, farmers' problems, and other public issues. He strongly condemned the attacks allegedly carried out by Congress goons against BJP leaders and workers who are raising their voices on behalf of the people, as well as against party offices and residences. He described such attacks as highly inhumane.

BJP cannot be intimidated through attacks and that its

fight for the people will not stop under any circumstances. Balaram said that the Congress had promised six guarantees during the Assembly elections, but even after nearly 1,000 days, the government had failed to implement them. He alleged that such attacks were being carried out as a means of diverting attention from the failure to fulfil those promises, calling it a shameful act.

He also alleged that students were subjected to inhumane attacks in Jharkhand, a Congress-ruled state, and questioned where the Congress leaders' voices had gone at that time. He further alleged that while women were facing sexual assaults in the state, Congress leaders had turned a blind eye to the issue. He said that no action was being taken against those responsible and that the Congress was focused solely on retaining power.

Focus on Safety, Health of Students: Addl Collector



Mahabubnagar, September 1 (TSIT Bureau):

Local Bodies Additional Collector Madhusudhan Naik directed officials to give top priority to the safety, health, hygiene and education of students in welfare hostels, Gurukul schools and KGBVs across the district.

Addressing a review meeting at the Collectorate on Tuesday, he instructed officials to keep hostel and school premises clean, remove bushes and garbage, and take preventive measures against snakes and poisonous insects. Regular health check-ups and monthly medical camps should be conducted, he said.

Stating that nearly 25,000 students are staying in these institutions, Naik stressed the need to improve their academic performance through weekly motivational programmes, slip tests and group discussions. He also called for special focus on English communication and basic grammar. Officials should visit the institutions at least once every 15 days, interact with students and review their problems, he said, adding that safeguarding the trust of parents is the responsibility of every official and teacher. SC Development Corporation Officer Sunitha, BC Welfare Development Corporation Officer Vishnu Nandan, GCDO Ashra Khadri, hostel welfare officers, KGBV Special Officers and Gurukul school headmasters attended the meeting.

ICAR-NAARM marks 51st Foundation Day



Hyderabad, September 1: ICAR-National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM) celebrated its 51st Foundation Day with a focus on agricultural leadership, institutional development and capacity building. Padma Bhushan Dr. R.S. Paroda, former ICAR Director General, delivered the Dr. K.V. Raman Memorial Lecture and called for NAARM to

evolve from primarily training researchers to developing agricultural leaders. He stressed teamwork, discipline, systems thinking and continuous institutional transformation. Dr. Mangi Lal Jat, Secretary, DARE and DG, ICAR, emphasised investment in human capital, digital literacy and managerial skills. He called for demand-driven training, curriculum updates and stron-

ger collaboration with agricultural universities and national academies. Dr. Yashpal Singh Malik, DDG (Education), ICAR, appreciated NAARM's initiatives in artificial intelligence, MOOCs and digital learning, besides its a-IDEA agribusiness incubation programme. NAARM Director Dr. R.M. Sundaram presented the Academy's achievements and future roadmap under the theme "Agricultural Entrepreneurship for Viksit Bharat@2047". Several publications, policy papers and technical reports were released during the celebrations. The "Farmers Vault" portal and "NAARM Library" app were also launched to improve access to agricultural knowledge. Outstanding staff members were honoured for their contributions.

Indexpo 2026 begins in Hyderabad

Hyderabad: The 56th edition of the Industrial & Engineering Expo (Indexpo) will be held from September 4 to 6 at the HITEX Exhibition Centre, Hyderabad. Organised by Indore Infoline Pvt. Ltd., the three-day expo will bring together more than 100 exhibitors from Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and other cities. Over 12,000 industrial products, including machine tools, hand tools, robotics, industrial automation, electrical and electronic equipment, safety products and solar solutions, will be showcased. The expo will focus on emerging manufacturing technologies, rooftop solar solutions and government subsidy schemes. It will also provide

opportunities for start-ups, business tie-ups, funding, mergers and acquisitions. Indore Infoline Managing Director R.K. Agrawal said the expo has been connecting industries, manufacturers and suppliers since 2015. Over the years, Indexpo Hyderabad has hosted more than 1,200 exhibitors and attracted over one lakh trade visitors, generating cumulative business of around Rs.800 crore. MSME Joint Director C.S.S. Rao said financial support and subsidies under PMS 5A would help micro and small enterprises promote their products and services. The expo will be open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, with free entry. Visitors can pre-register online.

Revanth Reddy Gripped by Fear of KCR Says Challa Dharma Reddy

Hyderabad TSIT: Former Parkal MLA and BRS leader Challa Dharma Reddy on Tuesday launched a sharp attack on the Congress government, alleging that Chief Minister A.Revanth Reddy was "gripped by fear" of BRS president and former Chief Minister K.Chandrashekar Rao (KCR).

Addressing a media conference at the BRS party office Dharma Reddy accused the Congress government of deceiving people in the name of its six guarantees and failing to fulfil several commitments made before the elections.

He alleged that the government was conspiring against welfare schemes introduced during the previous BRS regime, including Rythu Bima and Kalyana Lakshmi. He further charged that



farmers were being deprived of irrigation water from the Kaleshwaram project, resulting in crops drying up and cultivators facing hardship. The former MLA also criticised the government's fertilizer distribution app, alleging that it was creating difficulties for farmers instead of ensuring smooth availability of urea.

Dharma Reddy said the BRS would continue to fight

on behalf of the people until the Congress government implemented all its election promises. He alleged that irregularities under the present government were taking place through a "give-and-take" system and claimed there was a wide gap between the government's words and actions.

He said the BRS would intensify its public campaigns over farmers' issues and the implementation of electoral promises.

The remarks come amid an escalating political confrontation between the Congress and BRS over the government's record in office. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy had on Monday challenged the BRS over its campaign against his government and called upon Congress cadres to hold protests against KCR.

Nagarjuna opens Kalyan Jewellers showroom



Rajahmundry : Actor Akkineni Nagarjuna inaugurated Kalyan Jewellers' new showroom at Mallina Nagar in Rajahmundry on Monday. The showroom features a wide range of jewellery, including the brand's popular collections such as Muhurat, Mudhra, Nimah, Glo, Ziah and Anokhi. The new outlet offers a premium ambience and a range of designs catering to wedding, traditional and everyday jewellery needs.

Kalyan Jewellers Executive Director Ramesh Kalyanaraman said the showroom aims to provide customers with an enhanced shopping experience while

maintaining the company's focus on trust and transparency. As part of the launch, customers can avail themselves of an offer of up to 30% off on value addition, subject to terms and conditions. The company's special gold board rate will also be available for a limited period.

The company said all jewellery is BIS-hallmarked and undergoes multiple purity tests. Customers will also receive the Kalyan Jewellers 4-Level Assurance Certificate covering gold purity, lifetime maintenance, product information and transparent exchange and buy-back policies.

Tecnimont wins key arbitration dispute with EuroChem

Milan, September 1: Tecnimont, a subsidiary of MAIRE, has secured a major victory in its long-running contractual dispute with Russian fertiliser producer EuroChem over the Kingisepp 2 (K2) fertiliser plant project.

A London-seated international Arbitral Tribunal constituted under the K2 contracts has ruled that Tecnimont and its subsidiary lawfully suspended work on the project in 2022 following Western sanctions imposed on Russia after its invasion of Ukraine. The tribunal also held that EuroChem's subsequent termination of the contracts was wrongful.

In its Partial Final Award issued on August 28, the tribunal confirmed that it was the sole competent adjudicative body for disputes arising from the K2 contracts. It held EuroChem liable to pay approximately €60 million to Tecnimont and its subsidiary for costs already incurred in executing the project.

The tribunal also rejected EuroChem's counter-claims seeking approximately €1.6 billion in indirect and consequential



damages, which had been based on allegations that Tecnimont and its subsidiary had defaulted on their contractual obligations.

The ruling further found that EuroChem had no legal basis to draw down on-demand payment bonds issued by Societe Generale and ING to secure the performance obligations of the MAIRE entities under the contracts.

According to MAIRE, the Phase 1 Award is final and binding on the parties. The company said any proceedings initiated by EuroChem before Russian or other state courts concerning the K2 contracts would breach the arbitration agreements and would be subject to challenges under applicable international arbitration principles. The dispute will now

move to Phase 2. The tribunal is expected to consider Tecnimont's requests for a permanent injunction requiring EuroChem to withdraw Russian proceedings allegedly initiated in breach of the arbitration agreements. It will also examine claims for legal costs and other damages suffered by Tecnimont and its subsidiaries.

A decision in Phase 2 is expected in the first half of 2027. The K2 project was awarded to Tecnimont and its subsidiary by EuroChem in June 2020 for engineering, procurement, construction and commissioning of a fertiliser plant in Russia. Following new EU sanctions in early 2022, Tecnimont suspended performance in May 2022, leading to the subsequent contractual dispute.

Additional Rs.3 Crore Sanctioned for Yellamma Cheruvu Development

HUSNABAD MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AND TOWN CONGRESS EXPRESS SATISFACTION

The South India Times Husnabad, September 01 : usnabad, September 1: The Town Congress and the municipal council have expressed happiness over the State Government sanctioning an additional Rs.3 crore for the development and beautification of Yellamma Cheruvu (tank) within the Husnabad municipality limits. Town Congress President V. Venkataramana and Municipal Chairperson Dandi Lakshmi spoke at a press conference held at a function hall in Husnabad town.

They stated that the beautification of Yellamma Cheruvu and the construction of a glass bridge—projects already underway with an initial outlay of Rs.18.50 crore—have reached their final stages. They announced that the newly sanctioned Rs.3 crore would be utilized for park development, lighting, a walking track, and other beautification works. They also mentioned that the glass bridge project would soon be completed and opened to the public.

They explained that Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar had written to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy requesting



additional funds as the Yellamma Cheruvu project neared completion. Responding to this request, the State Government sanctioned Rs.3 crore through TUFIDC.

They noted that Husnabad town is progressing on the path of development under the leadership of Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar. It was stated that the town is being transformed into a tourism hub through the development of Yellamma Cheruvu, Kotha Cheruvu, and Palle Cheruvu. Gratitude was expressed on behalf of the Town Congress and the municipal governing body to

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar for sanctioning the funds.

Participants in the meeting included Municipal Vice Chairperson Chittari Padma; Councilors Pudari Varaprasad, Vaidyam Kiran Prasad, Burugu Latha, Savula Manjula, Bhukya Sampath Naik, Keshaveni Ramesh, Bolishetti Raju, and Pilli Tirupati; Co-option members Md. Hasan and Bhukya Sarojana; former Councilor Vallapu Raju; and leaders Maidam Shetti Veeranna, Ch. Vidyasagar, Gattu Ramulu, and D. Komuraiah, among others.

EDITORIAL

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

THE CHANGING BALANCE

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

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



The Vice-President of India, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan graced the 115th Anniversary Celebrations of Kerala Kaumudi at Alappuzha....

FIR Against Rahul Gandhi Cannot Silence His Voice: Dr. Anand Kumar

Bengaluru : Condemning the registration of an FIR against Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi for raising his voice against the direct practice of untouchability through the “purification” of the place where AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge delivered his speech, Dr. Anand Kumar, National Coordinator of the AICC SC Department and in-charge of Maharashtra, said that the voice of democracy cannot be silenced through the use of police power.Mallikarjun Kharge is the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha. If an attitude of untouchability was displayed against him, registering an FIR against Rahul Gandhi, the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, for questioning it is an act of cowardice. The rights of the Leader of the Opposition have been undermined. A nationwide intense protest



is being launched against this politically motivated action, and every Congress worker must raise their voice. The BJP leaders' Manuvadi ideology and their attitude

towards untouchability must be exposed. This is a new chapter in the major political struggle over freedom of speech, social justice and the rights of the Opposition, he said. Speaking about untouchability and equality has now become a crime. If Rahul Gandhi's statement was incorrect, an investigation could have been conducted. Instead of proving that his statement was wrong, an FIR has been filed and is being used as a political weapon. The FIR against Rahul Gandhi in connection with the Haldwani “purification” controversy in Uttarakhand reveals an attempt to silence the voice of democracy, and it shows that the BJP is gripped by fear of Rahul Gandhi, he said. Rahul Gandhi had demanded that an FIR be registered against those responsible by linking the incident to caste-based discrimination and the mindset of untouchability.

Mangaluru: Karnataka govt moves to fast-track five key coastal tourism

Mangaluru, Sep 1: The Karnataka government has moved to fast-track the development of five key coastal tourism destinations, appointing agencies to oversee sustainable tourism development and prepare the projects under a public-private partnership (PPP) model. IPE Global has been selected as the Programme Management Unit (PMU) for sustainable development and tourism promotion in coastal Karnataka, while Ernst & Young LLP has been appointed as the transaction adviser for developing the five identified locations. The projects, announced in the State Budget, cover Trasi-Maravanthe, Kodi-Kundapura Beach and Barkur Fort in Udupi district, and Kodikal and Tannirbhavi Beach in Dakshina Kannada district.MLC Ivan D'Souza said the Coastal and Malnad Karnataka Tourism Policy is being implemented and steps are being taken to accelerate tourism development in the regions. He said tourism minister K J George has ensured that the commitments made in the 2026-27 Budget are being given priority. “It was

announced in the budget that to utilise the special tourism potential of Karnataka's coastal districts, an Integrated Coastal Tourism Development Project' will be formulated. Connectivity to these destinations will be established via sea planes and heli taxis in collaboration with aviation and water adventure tourism stakeholders. Additionally, joy rides and river cruise activities will be promoted. To implement this announcement, in-principle approval was accorded,” D'Souza said. In response to a query, the minister stated that the tourism department has initiated steps to implement the 'Coastal and Malnad Karnataka Tourism Policy' with the aim of sustainably developing coastal Karnataka into a high-quality destination equipped with world-class facilities and known for responsible tourism along the State's entire 320-km coastline.The policy will cover Uttara Kannada, Udupi and Dakshina Kannada districts; Chikkamagaluru district, including Chikkamagaluru, Mudigere, Koppa, Sringeri and NR Pura taluks.

What is the stand of BJP and Hindutva leaders on Mohan Bhagwat's statement: S Manohar

Bengaluru: What is the stand of BJP and Hindutva leaders on Mohan Bhagwat's statement questioned KPCC General secretary S Manohar.

In the press statement he stated that, leaders who claim to be the most important nationalists and patriots in BJP and Hindutva politics should reveal their clear stand on the statement made by RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat in America.

RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat has said that it is not possible to separate Muslims in India and call it a Hindu nation, and that it is not Hindutva either.

K.S. Eshwarappa, Basanagouda Patil Yatnal, C.T. Ravi, Pratap Simha, Pralhad Joshi, Anant Kumar Hegde, Sulibele Chakravarthy, MP Tejaswi Surya, and other great leaders of Karnataka and the country who have been trained at RSF have been urged to clarify their stand on this issue and answer the following questions in this regard.

Do you welcome or oppose Mohan Bhagwat's statement? If you oppose his statement, do you have the courage to use the words commonly used against others who make similar statements against Mohan Bhagwat?

Do your standards of patriotism and nationalism change based on an individual? Leaders who call themselves “tigers” of Hindutva and blind devotees of BJP and Hindutva who distribute certificates of patriotism on every issue on social media should give a clear answer to this question today?

Patriotism and nationalism should not be the criteria



that change based on an individual. “It shows a double standard in public life to respond one way when one person says something and another way when another person says something.”

If a common man makes a similar statement, do the BJP and Hindutva organisations surrender to similar silence? Do you agree or disagree with Mohan Bhagwat's statement?

If you agree, you should say it openly

If you oppose, you should also say it clearly. But those who teach others about patriotism on every issue have been forced to answer why they remain silent when it comes to the statement of a prominent figure in their own ideological circle.

Hindutva tigers, BJP leaders and blind devotees — do you have the courage and strength to give a clear answer to this question today?” In this way, ordinary people or political party leaders have made statements saying that they are Pakistanis, terrorists, anti-Hindu. Now if you give an answer, will you be a traitor? Mohan Bhagwat will be proven to be in favor of the Hindu nation. If not, you should condemn Mohan Bhagwat's statement and criticize him as a traitor, he questioned.

BJP HAS DECIDED TO MURDER DEMOCRACY AND THE CONSTITUTION BY FILING AN FIR AGAINST RAHUL GANDHI : S. MANOHAR

Bengaluru: KPCC General Secretary S. Manohar has alleged that the BJP has decided to murder democracy and the Constitution by filing an FIR against Rahul Gandhi. Speaking at a protest in front of Gandhi Bhavan,



he said that democracy and the Constitution are being murdered under Narendra Modi's authoritarian rule. He alleged that by taking action against a person who insulted Dalits, that is, by filing an FIR against the opposition leader Rahul Gandhi, they are murdering democracy. The Constitution has given everyone the right to question in a democracy. But he alleged that the BJP is taking away the constitutional right given by Babasaheb Ambedkar. The corrupt BJP dictatorship should immediately withdraw the case registered against Rahul Gandhi.

Karnataka plans heritage foundation to conserve monuments

Bengaluru: The Karnataka Tourism Department has proposed the establishment of the Karnataka Heritage and Cultural Foundation (KHCF) to conserve the state's historical monuments, archaeological sites, museums and other cultural assets, while promoting Karnataka's rich heritage globally. Energy and Tourism Minister K.J. George said a proposal prepared by the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage would soon be placed before the State Cabinet for consideration. The proposed foundation aims to build on the response to the government's 'Adopt a Monument' initiative by creating a structured platform for government, private organisations and the public to participate in heri-



tage conservation. A survey conducted across 239 taluks has identified nearly one lakh historical monuments and archaeological sites in Karnataka. Given the scale of the state's heritage,

George said a sustainable, long-term financial mechanism was necessary to support conservation and restoration.The KHCF is expected to mobilise Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) contri-

butions, donations from Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) and public contributions through a transparent system. Donors will be able to support the conservation, restoration and infrastructure development of monuments, archaeological sites and museums of their choice. The foundation will also focus on promoting Karnataka's art, literature, architecture, folk traditions and cultural heritage across India and abroad. Kannadigas living around the world will be encouraged to contribute to heritage conservation and participate in cultural programmes, exchanges and promotional activities. Special programmes will also be developed to help younger generations connect directly

with historical monuments, traditional arts and local cultural practices.George said transparency and accountability would be ensured through proper financial management, accounting, auditing and project implementation mechanisms.“Karnataka's monuments are living witnesses to our history, art and identity. Along with conserving them, we must take Karnataka's rich cultural heritage to the world,” George said.Tourism Department Secretary Dr. Ram Prasath Manohar said the foundation would provide a structured mechanism for donors to support heritage sites while ensuring transparent financial and project management

"Strategy for a strong fight in the Supreme Court over Cauvery, Mekedatu, Krishna upper reaches - High-level meeting led by ministers in Delhi"

New Delhi: Water Resources Minister N. Chaluvarayyaswamy has convinced Senior Advocate Shyam Diwan of the Supreme Court that In the current difficult situation where rainfall has declined due to extreme weather conditions and environmental fluctuations, there is no greater example than today's situation of how fruitful and beneficial the construction of Mekedatu dam is for the farmers and the public of both the states.

He spoke at an important legal consultation meeting at his office on important interstate river water sharing disputes and irrigation projects of interest to the state. The meeting mainly discussed the historical background of the Cauvery river water dis-



pute, the current actual water situation in the basin and the further legal steps to be taken in the Supreme Court.In addition, serious discussions were held on the challenges of the submergence area, land acquisition, compensation distribution, mediation process and strategies to be formulated for the speedy resolution of legal disputes in the courts regarding the Upper Krishna Project (UKP). The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary of the Water Resources Department Gaurav Gupta, Managing Director of KBJNL Krishnamurthy Kulkarni, Chief Engineer of ISW Nandish, AOR of the Supreme Court Nishant Patil and senior representatives of the state's legal team.

Bhavishya Belaku Trust offers consolation, financial assistance to Ashwini's family



Siriwara/Raichur: The 'Bhavishya Belaku Charitable Trust' visited and consoled the family of Ashwini (father Thimmareddy), a 21-year-old Scheduled Caste (Chalvadi) girl from Hokrani village in Siriwara taluk, who is reeling from the murder case.

On the instructions of Girish Nalkudri, the president of the trust, the office bearers of the organization visited the victim's house and reassured the family members of the deceased.

At the same time, the trust handed over Rs.25,000 (twenty-five thousand rupees) financial assistance/assistance for the maintenance of the family.

The organization's district and taluk coordinators, Veeresh Umaluti, Begum Umaluti, Hanumanthappa Gomarshi, Mahanandamma Sindhanur, Hanumesh, as well as village leaders, community leaders and villagers, were present on the occasion.

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.

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

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



the study also looking at annual vessel output, CGT capacity and steel throughput. It will cover an approach channel, turning basin, berths and other marine assets. Topographical, bathymetric, hydrographic and geotechnical informa-

tion will form part of the assessment, along with requirements for dredging, reclamation, ground improvement and shore protection. A key part of the DPR will be the division between common infrastructure for

the cluster and facilities to be developed by the anchor shipyard. It will set out the respective responsibilities of the project SPV and the anchor shipyard for ownership, funding, operation and maintenance of major infrastructure and marine assets. The supporting infrastructure will include power, water, fire-fighting systems, industrial gases, roads, drainage, buildings, workshops and warehouses. The consultant will also assess the implications for fishing and other coastal communities and prepare measures for stakeholder and livelihood concerns, while the DPR will factor in the requirements arising from land development and the site's physical and regulatory constraints. The cost assessment will cover dredging, reclamation, ground improvement, marine infrastructure, shipyard facilities and equipment, utilities, buildings, roads and other common infrastructure, as well as recurring costs such as maintenance dredging and infrastructure upkeep. The proposed funding structure will examine government grants, equity, debt and private investment. Possible revenue for the SPV from land or lease rentals and charges for the use of common infrastructure and marine assets will also be assessed, along with arrangements for their long-term operation and maintenance. The consultancy is to be completed in 26 weeks.

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Madurai school headmaster placed under suspension over administrative inefficiency

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

According to proceedings issued by the District Educational Officer, an enquiry into "grave charges" against Paramasivam, who is also a Post Graduate (PG) assistant in English, is contemplated. The order stated that he was placed under suspension in the public interest citing administrative inefficiency. Friend throws chilli powder at DMK man, stabs him to death in CoimbatoreThe suspension was ordered under sub-rule (e) of Rule 17 of



the Tamil Nadu Civil Services (Disciplinary and Appeal) Rules. The order did not disclose the specific reasons for the suspension, stating that the reasons could not be furnished in the larger public interest. However, sources confirm that the faculty had discarded materials from free kit allocated for students of the school. During the period of suspension, Paramasivam

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

Funds for stadiums in MLA seats hiked to Rs 10 cr

CHENNAI: The mini stadium project in every MLA constituency, one of the dream projects of former Sports Development Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin, has been upgraded with additional funds, according to an announcement by Sports Development Minister Aadhav Arjuna in the Assembly on Tuesday. Aadhav claimed that the scheme has been halted for restructuring and remodeling purposes. During Zero Hour, around 23 MLAs raised queries about sports infrastructure in their respective constituencies. DMK MLAs Durai Chandrasekaran and Siva V Meyyanathan raised questions about the status of the mini stadium scheme, which was inaugurated during the DMK regime. Replying to them, Minister Aadhav said



the Rs 3 crore budget allocation for each mini stadium was insufficient to build proper stadiums. "The government is restructuring and remodelling the mini stadium scheme, with a budget allocation of Rs 10 crore to Rs 12 crore. But the locations of the stadiums will not be changed," Minister Aadhav said. The government also plans to construct an international stadium in each district. Appealing to the MLAs, the

minister said they could allocate their constituency development funds to school infrastructure, including toilet facilities, rather than stadiums. Alleging that the mini stadium in Karur had not been constructed properly, the minister said the running track had been completely damaged due to the lower budget allocation. "Owing to the lower budget allocation, the running track was completely damaged in Karur.

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

CHENNAI: The Madras High Court set aside the conviction and six-month jail sentence imposed on BJP leader H Raja in two cases over his remarks on Periyar EV Ramasamy and alleged derogatory comments against DMK MP Kanimozhi. Justice V Lakshminarayanan, who heard the appeals, observed that there was nothing on record to establish that Raja's posts had caused any disturbance or tension in society.

Friend throws chilli powder at DMK man, stabs him to death in Coimbatore The court subsequently set aside the convictions and sentences imposed by the special court in both cases. Criminal cases were registered against Raja at different police stations in connection with a post he made on a social media platform in



April 2018, stating that he would break the statue of Periyar. Cases were also registered alleging that he had made derogatory remarks against DMK leader and Lok Sabha member Kanimozhi. Based on a complaint lodged by Thanthai Periyar Dravidar Kazhagam, the Erode police registered a case against Raja.

After the trial, the Special Court for cases against MPs and MLAs in Chennai convicted Raja in two cases and, in December 2024, sentenced him to six months' imprisonment in each case.



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

Declaring ecocide as crime against humanity

Like homicide or genocide, ecocide too involves killing, but on a planetary scale

First, the context. It's not working. The planet is headed for Armageddon in this century itself if we continue with our present unsustainable lifestyles. The Paris Accord redline of 1.5° C temperature increase has been breached, CO2 levels have gone up by 125 per cent above pre-industrial levels and at 425 ppm are approaching the survival limit of 450 ppm. The last three years were the hottest in recorded history; Himalayan glaciers are expected to disappear by the end of the century, causing unimaginable water shortages for a quarter of the world's population; thousands of species are going extinct every year. The planet cannot live with this depredation for very much longer.

One of the main reasons for this impending calamity is the humongous scale of deforestation. Global Forest Watch has reported that 10 million hectares of forest are felled every year globally; that is, 100,000 sq km or twice the area of Himachal Pradesh. Between 2001 and 2023, we have lost 408 million hectares of forests to development, farming and logging, losing also a CO2 sequestration capacity of 204 giga tonnes. And this cuts across countries, as governments look for short-term economic gains and multinationals plunder natural resources with impunity. The regular Conference of the Parties (COP) meetings are exercises in futility. Just consider a few of the most recent rapacious examples of environmental bloodletting — 30 per cent of the forests in the Amazon basin have already been lost to mining and logging. And



yet, Ecuador has finalised plans to auction 3 million ha of the Amazon forests for mining. The bombing of the Kakhovka dam in eastern Ukraine in 2023 by Russia released 18 cubic km of impounded water and devastated hundreds of square kilometres of the natural environment and habitats. Indonesia is in the process of implementing the largest deforestation project in the world: 30,689 sq km of the third largest rain forest is being cleared to grow sugarcane (for ethanol and food crops). This will completely shatter the biodiversity of the region. Hundreds of thousands of hectares of virgin forests have been deforested in Indonesia, Malaysia and Papua New Guinea for palm oil plantations. WWF has estimated that wildlife populations (including marine life) have declined by 70 per cent in the last five decades. India, as befits a country at the bottom of the Environmental Performance Index, is one of the worst plunderers of forests. Notwithstanding the

regular fudging of reports and statistics, the government's own admission in Parliament indicates that 1,73,000 hectares of forests were diverted for non-forestry activities in just the last 10 years. According to Global Forest Watch, the country has lost 2.33 million ha of forests between 2000 and 2024; the State of the Forest Report for 2022 notes that between 2015 and 2021, 31,36,700 ha of dense forests have degraded to open or scrub categories, and 9.4 million trees have been felled for road, mining, hydel and other projects. And this onslaught on biodiversity goes on relentlessly with approved projects such as the Great Nicobar terminal, the Kancha Gachibowli in Hyderabad, destruction of 9,000 mangroves for a Mumbai Coastal Road project, the Char Dham NH, a special road to Rishikesh (at a cost of 33,000 trees) for Yogi's Kanwariyas, the iron ore mining project in Sanders forest of Karnataka which will result in the removal of 99,000 trees, a

pumped storage project in the Shahabad forests of Rajasthan's Baran district which will fell more than 100,000 mature trees. It is a never-ending and heart-breaking list of environmental apocalypse.

This level of environmental massacre and extinction of biodiversity is, in a way, worse than genocide because it affects not just one or two communities but the entire planet. Temperatures, CO2 levels and biodiversity loss do not recognise political, ethnic or national frontiers. And these effects persist not for just a generation or two, but for thousands of years. It is now beginning to be recognised by scientists, naturalists, climate activists and even politicians that such actions amount to a crime against humanity, and a new word has been coined to describe them — ecocide.

Ecocide is another variant of homicide or genocide because it too involves killing, but on a planetary scale. It can be defined as "unlawful or wanton acts committed with the knowledge that there would be a severe and widespread and long-term damage to the environment caused by these acts". In 2024, Vanuatu, Fiji and Samoa proposed that ecocide be recognised as a crime by the International Criminal Court. They argued that it should be added as the fifth crime in the Rome Statute, along with genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and the crime of aggression. It is no coincidence that these three South Pacific nations would be the first to be submerged by rising sea levels as a result of climate change.

Nipah, bird flu outbreaks highlight common public mistakes during viral scares

Recent public health alerts in India, including the Nipah virus outbreak in West Bengal and the avian influenza (bird flu) outbreak in Bihar, have once again underlined how swiftly viral infections can emerge and spread. While health authorities activate containment measures, experts say individual behaviour often determines whether transmission accelerates or is brought under control.

Medical professionals warn that during viral outbreaks, fear and misinformation frequently spread faster than the virus itself. This panic-driven response leads people to make dangerous mistakes such as ignoring early symptoms, self-medicating without advice, and relying on unverified social media remedies. Such actions not only increase personal risk but also endanger vulnerable groups and add pressure on healthcare systems.

Dr Dip Narayan Mukherjee, Consultant – Microbiology and Infectious Diseases at CK Birla Hospitals, CMRI, said outbreaks test not just immunity but collective discipline. He stressed that understanding common behavioural errors and avoiding them is crucial, especially during high-risk outbreaks like Nipah and bird flu, which carry significant fatality rates.

One of the most critical mistakes, according to Dr Mukherjee, is ignoring early symptoms. Mild fever, sore throat, fatigue or body ache are often dismissed as seasonal illnesses, delaying medical consultation and isolation. In infections such as Nipah, early symptoms may appear mild but can rapidly progress to severe neurological complications. The World Health Organization (WHO) has consistently emphasised that early detection and isolation are key to limiting transmission and improving outcomes.

Another major concern is inconsistent use of preventive measures. People may follow precautions in public places but relax them in homes, offices or social gatherings. Health agencies like the WHO and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) stress that hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette and



mask use, when advised, must be practiced consistently across all settings to be effective. Self-medication has also emerged as a serious issue during outbreaks. Dr Mukherjee cautioned against the use of antibiotics, steroids or unproven home remedies without medical supervision, noting that antibiotics have no role in treating viral infections. The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has repeatedly warned that misuse of antibiotics fuels antimicrobial resistance, while inappropriate steroid use can weaken immunity and worsen outcomes in viral infections.

Misinformation circulating on social media further complicates outbreak responses. Health authorities have observed that unverified claims and so-called miracle cures undermine evidence-based public health measures. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has advised citizens to rely only on official advisories and qualified healthcare professionals. Experts also point to neglect of isolation guidelines and special care for vulnerable populations. Adequate sleep, proper nutrition and stress management are also vital in supporting immune health.

pressure. In high-risk infections like Nipah, even brief exposure can have serious consequences. The WHO has reiterated that staying home when unwell is a public health responsibility. Improper use of masks and disinfectants is another concern. Reusing disposable masks, wearing them incorrectly or excessive use of disinfectants without proper ventilation can reduce protection and cause health issues, particularly respiratory irritation.

To reduce risks during outbreaks, doctors recommend early symptom recognition, timely medical consultation, consistent hygiene practices, avoiding self-medication, responsible use of masks, strict adherence to isolation guidelines and special care for vulnerable populations. Adequate sleep, proper nutrition and stress management are also vital in supporting immune health. Health experts say recent outbreaks are a reminder that human behaviour can either fuel or fight infections. Calm, informed and consistent actions guided by science, rather than fear, remain the strongest defence against viral diseases.

Commercial LPG cylinder gets dearer, jet fuel prices hiked

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

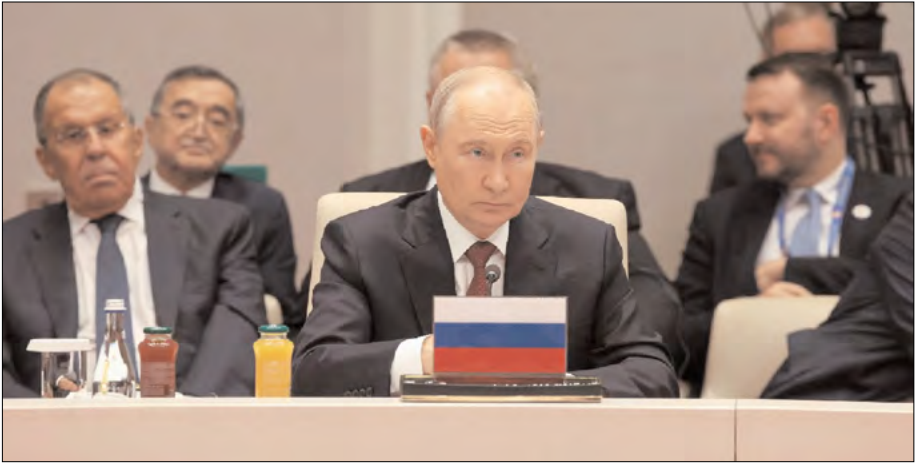


domestic PNG prices in Mumbai citing a sharp rise in input gas prices linked to international indices amid the ongoing crisis in the Middle East. CNG prices have been raised by Rs 2 per kg to Rs 88 in Mumbai while domestic PNG prices have increased by Rs 1 per standard cubic metre (SCM) with the new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

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

PUTIN PROPOSES SCO BANK FREE OF 'WEAPONISED' FINANCIAL SYSTEMS

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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

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

RELIEF TO HYDRAA COMMISSIONER, HC SUSPENDS SINGLE-JUDGE ORDER



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

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

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

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



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

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

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

GEN Z INDIANS VALUE WORK-LIFE BALANCE OVER LEADERSHIP TITLES

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



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

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

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



Germany says Russia behind Leipzig airport drone attack

'I have fired 40 of my agents for being corrupt', says Nigeria's anti-corruption chief

Nigeria's anti-corruption agency has dismissed more than 40 employees for alleged corruption and financial misconduct over the past three years. The disclosure was made by Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) chairman Ola Olukoyede at an event assessing the agency's achievements since he took the helm in October 2023. He said more than five of the dismissed officials were already facing prosecution, while case files are being prepared against others. The EFCC investigates financial crimes, including fraud, money laundering and corruption - regu-

larly pursuing cases against politicians, public officials, business figures and others accused of misusing public funds. "In the past two-and-a-half years or three years of my service, I've asked them to dismiss over 40 staff on account of corruption and financial malpractice," Olukoyede told journalists at the briefing in the capital, Abuja. He went on to explain that as part of the reforms he had overseen at the agency, the EFCC's Department of Internal Affairs had been renamed "the Department of Ethics and Integrity". To fight against conflicts of interest, a policy on gifts and hospitality had



also been introduced. It requires officers to declare gifts above a certain threshold - which he did not specify - including gifts received from

relatives abroad. "You must be sure that your hands are clean. You can't be fighting corruption when your hands are soiled with corrupt practices," Olukoyede said. The BBC asked the EFCC for more details about the alleged corruption involving its former staff members, but the agency said this information was not available. It was keen to point to its other achievements over the last three years - highlighted at Monday's briefing. Olukoyede, 56, said he had overseen a record-breaking time for the EFCC, recovering 1.23 trillion naira (\$925m, £683m), with a conviction rate of more than 75%. "The com-

mission received 49,673 petitions, investigated 39,615 cases, filed 14,476 cases in court and secured 10,872 convictions between October 2023 and July 2026," he said. In the first half of 2026 alone, it had recorded 1,370 convictions from 1,889 filings, the EFCC chairman added. "These results reflect diligence, resilience and a prosecutorial approach anchored on evidence and courtroom outcomes." Other figures disclosed at the event show that the EFCC's caseload is increasingly focused on cyber-crime and fraud rather than just corruption cases against high-profile officials.

Six million deportees forced to start over under the Taliban



The elderly grimace, hobbling on crutches, and wide-eyed children stare, cradling chickens carried from homes they were forced to leave behind. "It feels good to be in my own country," 35-year-old Nazia says, just minutes after she crosses from Pakistan, where she was born, into Afghanistan. The Torkham crossing, known as "Zero Point", is where one hard life ends and another begins. "But I've never been to Afghanistan before and many people here don't even have enough bread to eat," Nazia sighs as she heads, two of her children in tow, toward registration counters festooned with white and black Taliban flags. Nearly her entire family, eight sisters and their offspring, were deported to Afghanistan this year from Pakistan or Iran. They are part of the biggest cross-border movement of people anywhere in the world. Millions of Afghans have fled across the borders to Pakistan and Iran for

decades - seeking refuge or employment - and the number escaping Afghanistan has continued to rise since the Taliban takeover in August 2021. Most are now being forced to return as these two neighbours crack down on undocumented migrants. Nazia and her family were undocumented but the UN and human rights groups say the security sweep is reaching far beyond that group to include registered Afghans too. Even Pakistan now publicly says that Afghans with Proof of Registration cards are not exempt. The number forced to return this year from Pakistan and Iran has already reached another million, according to the UN's Refugee Agency, the UNHCR. "In a little under three years, we've seen six million people, a population that is itself the size of a small country, come back to Afghanistan," observes Charlie Goodlake, spokesperson for the UNHCR in Afghanistan. "We've never seen in recent

history a return movement on this scale," he underlines, standing in the baking heat in the tented village close to the border. It's a desolate landscape of tarpaulin and plastic shelters, many now tattered and torn, erected by the UN and other aid agencies to provide refuge for a few nights for a people arriving with nowhere to go. Many returnees have not set foot in Afghanistan for decades; many like Nazia have never been here at all. "I left 45 years ago during the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and most of my brothers were born in Pakistan," explains Sarwar, who arrived a few days earlier with seven brothers and their families in a convoy of 40 people and the jumble of their worldly goods packed into a lumbering Pakistani lorry. "We spent a long time there, so of course I felt heartbroken when they forced us out of our home," he says. "But, despite all that pain, I am also happy because I am finally free of harassment by Pakistan's police."

Sexual assaults happening almost every day in Ceuta, prosecutors say



Spanish prosecutors say 23 sexual assaults, including nine against children, have been recorded in Ceuta since the mass influx of migrants into the Spanish exclave at the end of July. That number meant there was almost one case every day, Ceuta's chief prosecutor Silvia Rojas said. She told El Pais newspaper migrant girls were "particularly vulnerable because of their irregular status in the territory". At least 72,000 migrants crossed from Morocco into Ceuta on 30 and 31 July and although most have returned, as many as 5,000 remain - leading to unrest

in the autonomous city in North Africa and a crisis for Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez. Between 1,400 and 1,600 of the estimated 5,000 migrants still in Ceuta are children, according to Rojas. Among the suspected attackers are four Moroccans, three Spaniards and a Belgian, Efe news agency reports. There have been scenes of violence in recent days as tensions flare up between migrants and local residents. Sánchez called the second meeting of his national security council in a week on Tuesday to tackle the issue.

Vance calls Michigan Senate candidate El-Sayed 'evil' at campaign rally

US Vice-President JD Vance has described Senate candidate Abdul El-Sayed as "a very, very evil" person at a campaign rally in Michigan, accusing him of being a divisive figure. He also warned El-Sayed to "keep my wife's name the hell out of your mouth", after the candidate appeared to suggest that Vance's late grandfather would not accept Second Lady Usha Vance, who is Hindu. El-Sayed shot back at Vance later on Monday, accusing the Trump administration of pushing "evil" policies and "starting wars abroad when there's peace". The 41-year-old candidate is facing Trump ally Mike Rogers in what has quickly become a senate race characterised by personal attacks and insults between the two. Speaking at a rally for Rogers in a Detroit suburb on Monday night, Vance repeatedly accused El-Sayed - who is Muslim - of being a divisive figure with little interest in bringing communities together.



"I realise that there's something about Abdul El-Sayed that is very, very evil and on the rise in the United States of America today," Vance said, adding that he was seeking to "destroy" the country. "My message to Abdul El-Sayed is: You can pal around with terrorist sympathisers, and you can say that America deserved 9/11, or you could empathise not with the children who were targeted at Temple Israel, but with the attacker," the vice-president said. During his primary, El-Sayed campaigned alongside controversial far-

left influencer and Twitch streamer Hasan Piker, who once suggested that the US "deserved" the attacks in New York and Washington. While El-Sayed never said those words and has since distanced himself from Piker, Vance repeatedly linked the two together during his speech. In an interview with CNN later on Monday, El-Sayed took his own jabs at Vance, accusing the vice-president of a series of "evil" policies during the Trump administration. "Evil is ripping healthcare away from working people in exchange for tax

breaks for billionaires," El-Sayed said. "Evil is making people pay more for groceries and gas while pushing for trade wars and actual war. Evil is dividing people for your own gain. Evil is selling out your morals for a little bit of power." He also sought to clarify his previous comments about the Vance family and the Second Lady, saying that he was seeking to demonstrate that Vance "believes in a political philosophy that says that some people are somehow more American than others". The Michigan Senate race is among the most high profile of the upcoming midterm elections and takes place in a key battleground state that former President Joe Biden won in 2020 and Donald Trump won in 2024. A survey released earlier this week by Michigan firm Epic-MRA suggests Al-Sayed has a narrow four-point lead over Rogers, a former law enforcement officer with long experience in politics.

FRANCE TARGETS SHEIN AND TEMU WITH FAST FASHION FEES



France has started imposing fees on fast fashion items which could reach almost 20 per garment by 2030, as the government tries to curb sales of cheap clothing sold by e-commerce sites. The levy, which came into force on Tuesday, follows a new law passed in June to regulate so-called "ultra-fast fashion" companies such as Shein, Temu and AliExpress. The e-commerce giants, known for selling large volumes of cheap apparel, have been criticised by French officials for driving a surge in ultra-fast fashion. China's commerce ministry has described the French law as discriminatory and a trade

barrier, saying it could violate World Trade Organization (WTO) principles. French minister Mathieu Lefevre said the "harmful effects of ultra-fast fashion" on the environment and economy were "well known". In July, Lefevre's office said the levy would not apply to retailers such as H&M or Zara, prompting some to say that the measure appeared to spare European companies. Under the legislation, ultra-fast fashion will be determined according to two factors: the volume of clothing placed on the market and the cost of repairing garments relative to their purchase price.



Nepal death toll crosses 1,000 as rescuers race to find workers trapped in mud-filled tunnels

Israel says senior Hamas member seized as strikes kill three during Gaza raid

Israel's defence minister says a senior member of the Palestinian armed group Hamas has been captured. Israel Katz was speaking after reports of a raid by Israeli special forces and an Israel-backed Palestinian militia in Gaza City. Israeli air strikes at the same time killed at least two children and a woman, local medics say. A third child was killed in a separate incident in central Gaza. The Israeli defence minister did not say who had captured the Hamas commander, whom he did not identify. But after meeting Israelis living in Netiv HaAsara, next to northern Gaza, Katz said the activity of Israeli forces in the territory "continues at all times". "A short time ago, a senior Hamas terrorist was arrested - and this is our policy: we do



not wait for threats, but pursue Hamas terrorists, thwart them and destroy their terror infrastructures," he added. Earlier, Palestinians in a crowded part of western Gaza City had reported a heavy Israeli bombardment, with two vehicles hit and turned to wreckage. Videos captured chaotic scenes, with the sound of gunfire and the aftermath of strikes. Reports say

that Israeli special forces and pro-Israeli Palestinian militants had entered the area, but their presence was discovered. Some Israeli media suggest that only a local armed militia operated on the ground. A Palestinian security source told the BBC the target of the Israeli operation was a senior official in the Hamas internal security service. A spokesman for Gaza's

Hamas-run government media office, Ismail al-Thawabta, said: "An Israeli special forces unit attempted to carry out a security operation in Gaza City, but the unit was exposed while carrying out the mission." The ensuing Israeli strikes "resulted in a number of people being killed and others injured, in addition to the deaths of several members of the special forces unit", he added. The Israeli military has only confirmed striking several targets in Gaza "in order to remove threats" to its troops, adding that none of them were injured. The Gaza war was triggered by the Hamas-led attack on southern Israel on 7 October 2023, when about 1,200 people were killed and 251 others were taken hostage.

FERRARI UNVEIL STUNNING MICHAEL SCHUMACHER TRIBUTE LIVERY FOR MONZA GP

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



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

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

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

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

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

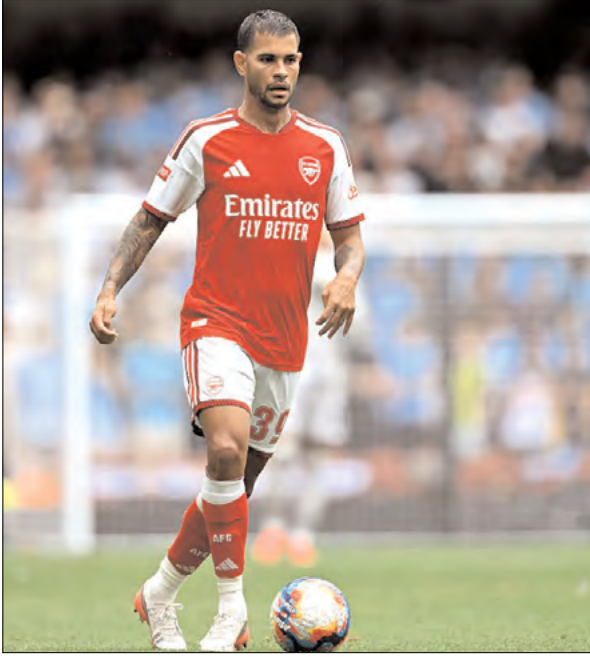
As the Pakistan cricket team struggles on the pitch, a lot seems to be going wrong behind the scenes. Consecutive Test defeats have put skipper Babar Azam under mounting pressure, with both his tactical decision-making and his batting form coming under scrutiny. Former Pakistan cricketer Basit Ali claimed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



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

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

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



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

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

REIGNING CHAMPION CARLOS ALCARAZ MAKES VICTORIOUS RETURN AT US OPEN

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



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

in January made him the youngest man to complete a career Grand Slam. Monday's performance might not have been peak Alcaraz, but the seven-time Grand Slam champion unleashed his powerful forehand with increasing confidence and displayed his familiar touch at the

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

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

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



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

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NEWCASTLE SIGN FERNANDEZ-PARDO FROM LILLE FOR £51M

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



Happy To Be Back In New York, Aryna Sabalenka Advances



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

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



TRONCHON EDGES THRILLING SPRINT TO WIN VUELTA STAGE 10

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

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

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

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



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

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



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



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

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

JONITA GANDHI DAZZLES IN ALL-BLACK ENSEMBLE

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



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

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

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



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

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

