

President Murmu meets Iranian counterpart, reiterates India’s commitment to enduring peace

New Delhi, Sep 12 : President Droupadi Murmu on Saturday reiterated India's commitment to the pursuit of enduring peace through dialogue and diplomacy during a meeting with her Iranian counterpart, Masoud Pezeshkian, in New Delhi. “President of the Islamic Republic of Iran Dr. Masoud Pezeshkian met President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan. The two leaders discussed the long-standing bonds of friendship between Iran and India, including our strong cultural and people-to-people ties. The President reiterated India's commitment to the pursuit of enduring peace through dialogue and diplomacy,” the President’s Secretariat stated on X. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said India and Iran should



move forward with a long-term and win-win strategy. PM Modi made the comment following his meeting with the Iranian President on the sidelines of the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi. PM Modi also noted that President Pezeshkian's visit is 'more special' as he is visiting India for the first time. “From Bishkek to Delhi, the productive discussions continue. Happy to have met Dr. Masoud Pezeshkian, the President of Iran. This visit is more special

because it is his first visit to India,” PM Modi stated on X. “We talked about the India-Iran friendship. We believe that we should move forward with a long-term and win-win strategy. The prevailing situation in the region was also discussed. India remains steadfast in its commitment to the pursuit of enduring peace,” he added. During their discussions, PM Modi also pressed on safeguarding freedom of navigation and commerce and the safety and well-being of seafarers. This was the second meeting between the two leaders in under two weeks. They had met earlier on the sidelines of the SCO Summit in Bishkek on August 31. As the two leaders discussed various aspects of the bilateral relationship, Prime Minister Modi also thanked Iran for its regular, high-level participation in BRICS-related meetings despite the "challenging circumstances". He noted the potential for BRICS in building the spirit of resilience, innovation, cooperation and sustainability among countries in the Global South. According to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), PM Modi also thanked President Pezeshkian for his participation in the Leaders' Session of the BRICS Business Forum.

Adani Electricity offers temporary connections to Ganesh pandals

Mumbai, Sep 12 : Adani Electricity said on Saturday that it is committed to supporting the upcoming Ganesh Festival celebrations in Mumbai by making temporary electricity connections available to Ganesh pandals at a

residential rate. This initiative ensures that pandals across the city have access to reliable power during the festivities. Ganesh pandals can receive their temporary electricity connection within 48 hours of submit-

ting their application. "By offering reliable temporary electricity connections for Ganesh Pandals, we aim to ensure the festival's spirit is celebrated with uninterrupted power. This initiative reflects our dedication to serving our

customers," an Adani Electricity spokesperson said. The pandals can visit the Adani Electricity website www.adanielelectricity.com and navigate to the 'New Connection' section for temporary connection supply.

Arambha-2026' for the 2026 Batch Inaugurated at Sir M. Visvesvaraya Institute of Technology

Bengaluru : India is moving towards the Fourth Industrial Revolution through Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology, and priority must be given to using AI technology ethically, said retired IFS officer and former ambassador Dr. T.V. Nagendra Prasad. He was speaking during 'Arambha-2026', Freshers Day for the 41st batch of students organized by Sir M. Visvesvaraya Institute of Technology, under the Sri Krishnadevaraya Educational Trust. The event was attended by 1100 students along with their parents. Dr. Nagendra Prasad said that the corporate sector has witnessed significant changes over the past two decades, with several major companies emerging in the country. Artificial Intelligence is bringing substantial changes to daily life, professional careers and the education system. He expressed confidence that young Indian technology professionals in the AI era have the potential to establish technology giants like Microsoft and Google. He urged students to strive for higher positions through hard work, discipline and



honesty. He also noted that the technical education system is undergoing significant changes and emphasized that it is extremely important for students to remain aware of developments taking place in their surroundings. Speaking on the occasion, Air Vice Marshal V.R.S. Raju said that students must acquire a strong foundation in technical and scientific education before pursuing higher studies in any field. He advised students to set clear goals about what they wish to achieve over the next five to ten years. He added that students

today have numerous opportunities to learn and explore and encouraged them to stay away from intoxicating substances and develop healthy and productive habits. During the event, students and faculty achievements awards were given away by the Guests. Sanjay K R, Secretary of the Sri Krishnadevaraya Educational Trust (KET), in his presidential remarks described the occasion as the start of an exciting new chapter for the students and their families. He added that growing engagement with industry and alumni continues to create opportunities for

industrial training, internships, mentoring and career development, with alumni increasingly partnering in the institute's growth. Reaffirming that education must extend beyond classrooms and examinations, Sri Sanjay K R said the institute's goal is to nurture competent professionals, responsible citizens, innovators, entrepreneurs and future leaders. On behalf of the Board of Trustees and faculty, he assured parents and students of the Trust's continued commitment to quality education, wishing the new batch a successful and fulfilling journey.

Can Fin Homes Showcases ‘Project Tejas’, its Rs.296.95-Crore Enterprise Digital Transformation Programme

Bengaluru : Can Fin Homes Ltd. unveiled Project Tejas, its enterprise-wide digital transformation programme aimed at further advancing the Company's technology and business capabilities. Project Tejas symbolises a paradigm shift towards a digital future for Can Fin Homes. The acronym 'TEJAS' stands for Tech Enhanced Journey for Agility & Scalability. Project Tejas advances Can Fin Homes' technology architecture through a modern, API-led and scalable framework, bringing together core applications and enterprise systems on a connected digital platform. The seven-year transformation programme, valued at Rs.296.95 crore, reflects the scale and strategic importance of the initiative in strengthening the Company's technology capabilities

and supporting its future growth. The transformation spans critical business functions including loan origination and management, collections, deposits, finance and accounts, document management, risk and asset-liability management, HRMS and enterprise reporting. These are supported by cloud infrastructure, SD-WAN connectivity, Network and Security Operations Centres, API management and disaster recovery capabilities. “Project Tejas represents a fundamental transformation in the way Can Fin Homes operates, serves customers and prepares for future growth. By integrating our core applications, cloud infrastructure, data, cybersecurity and digital processes, we are creating a more agile, resilient and scalable organisation. Our focus is to use tech-



nology responsibly to simplify customer journeys, strengthen risk management and enable faster, data-led decision-making across the business,” said Shri Suresh Iyer, Managing Director & CEO, Can Fin Homes Ltd. At the business level, Project Tejas transforms the end-to-end home-loan journey through digitised workflows, faster processing, reduced manual

intervention and real-time visibility across operations. The platform integrates ~25+ fintech partners, enabling instant bureau checks, account aggregator based financial data, rule-based credit assessment, digital collections, customer self-service, real-time status updates and dashboards across risk, operations and sales. Together, these capabilities create a connected lending ecosystem that improve speed, security and scalability. The programme has been delivered through a strong consulting, implementation and technology ecosystem. PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), as consulting partner, has supported transformation advisory, business process optimisation, change management and Programme Management Office governance. KPMG, as imple-

mentation supporting partner, has provided specialised assistance across implementation, risk, compliance and functional and technical areas. IBM India Pvt. Ltd., the system integrator, is leading end-to-end technical integration across applications, infrastructure, cloud, networking and cybersecurity. The broader OEM ecosystem includes Pennant Technologies for Loan Origination, Loan Management, & Collections, Kiya for Deposits, Astral Infor for Finance & Accounts, Newgen for Document Management, Knight FinTech for Borrowing & Investments and Risk & ALM, Trust for Aadhaar Data Vault, Workline for HRMS and Shepherd for enterprise reporting. On the technology side, Amazon Web Services supports cloud and API architecture, Microsoft supports Mailing

and collaboration, Fortinet and CtrlS support SD-WAN, Motadata supports NOC and IT Service Management, while Bloo and Arcon support Security Operations Centre & Identity and Access Management components. Can Fin Homes is also progressively embedding AI-enabled capabilities across document processing, bank-statement analysis, fraud-control checks and employee services, while evaluating future applications in underwriting, collections, customer servicing and management decision support. Project Tejas provides the company with a secure, scalable and continuously evolving digital foundation to support stronger governance, operational efficiency and a more seamless home-finance experience.

JSW MG Motor India Redefines the Future of Mobility; Launches the Hector Tomahawk in EV in Bengaluru

Bengaluru : JSW MG Motor India brought the Hector Tomahawk to Bengaluru, expanding the reach of its newly launched SUV. The SUV is built on ADAPT, the company's Advanced Drive Architecture Platform Technology and India's first Multi-New Energy Vehicle (NEV) platform. Combining intelligent technology, premium comfort, advanced safety and electrified performance, the MG Hector Tomahawk is offered in Bengaluru with both Electric Vehicle (EV) and Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEV) powertrains. Marking the arrival of the MG Hector Tomahawk in Bengaluru, the event was held at MG Bengaluru. The SUV was unveiled in the presence of Ramalinga Reddy, Minister of Karnataka, Patrick Raju, Congress Leader, BTM Constituency and, Sunil Pai, CEO, Jubilant MotorWorks. Starting at an introductory Battery-as-a-Service (BaaS) price of Rs.13.99 lakh + 4.90 Rs/Km Battery Rental for the EV and Rs.21.79 lakh + 3.20 Rs/Km Battery Rental for the PHEV, the Hector Tomahawk is now available at MG dealerships across Bengaluru, giving customers in the city the freedom of choice while delivering the space, safety, and connected technology that Indian families expect from a modern SUV. Vinay Raina, Chief Commercial Officer, JSW MG Motor India, said, “Karnataka is emerging as one of India's fastest-growing electric mobility markets and continues to be one of our key markets. Bringing the MG Hector



Tomahawk to the city is a natural next step in our journey toward building a New Energy Vehicle (NEV) mobility ecosystem in India. With the Hector Tomahawk EV and the Hector Tomahawk PHEV, India's first plug-in hybrid electric vehicle (PHEV)*, we are providing customers in the region with access to some of the world's most advanced new-age mobility technologies. This launch reflects our commitment to bringing environmentally responsible, future-ready mobility solutions closer to consumers across the country.” Mr. Sunil Pai, CEO, Jubilant MotorWorks, said, “We are delighted to bring the MG Hector Tomahawk to our customers in Bengaluru. The response to MG's NEV portfolio in the city has been very encouraging, and the new Hector Tomahawk, with its advanced electrified powertrains and segment-leading technology, is set to raise the bar further. Our dealership is fully equipped with the sales and after-sales infrastructure needed to give Hector Tomahawk customers a seamless ownership experience from day one.” Bold, Futuristic Design The MG Hector Tomahawk stands out with its bold, futur-

istic design and segment-leading proportions in its class, delivering significant space and comfort for every occupant. Measuring 4,745 mm in length, 2,130 mm in width (including mirrors), and 1,770 mm in height, it has been designed with substantial proportions and a commanding road presence, standing as the tallest and among the longest in its vehicle segment. With an expansive 2,810 mm wheelbase, MG Hector Tomahawk offers a spacious cabin that delivers best-in-segment space. With 230 mm of ground clearance at the battery, the SUV is engineered to deliver both commanding presence and everyday practicality. The exterior design is enhanced by sculpted dynamic bumpers, signature Beacon Lights, an illuminated MG logo, distinctive Rotor Alloy wheels, and strong character lines that create a commanding road presence. Further elevating convenience and innovation, the Hector Tomahawk features the Automatic Power Tailgate, enabling effortless access to the cargo area at the touch of a button. Elevated Cabin Comfort Inside, the MG Hector Tomahawk has been meticulously crafted to deliver a pre-

mium blend of comfort, connectivity, and versatility. The cabin showcases the exclusive Desert Squadron Interior, featuring a sophisticated Almond Brown and Carbon Black theme complemented by premium leatherette seat upholstery, leatherette-finished door armrests and dashboard inserts, and a leather-wrapped steering wheel. Enhancing occupant comfort are front ventilated seats, a 6-way power-adjustable driver seat and a 4-way powered co-driver seat. The driver seat also features memory function with auto-retract for easy entry and exit. All windows feature one-touch auto up/down with anti-pinch function, adding further convenience to everyday use. Its spacious cabin is complemented by expansive boot capacity of up to 610 litres with all rows in use in the 5-seater configuration. In the 7-seater, the space can expand significantly as the third and second rows are folded. There is a flexible second row with 60:40 split, along with recline and slide functionality and an easy tip-and-tumble function for convenient third-row access in the 7-seater. The expansive dual-pane panoramic Cockpit SkyRoof floods the interior with natural light, creating an open and airy atmosphere for all passengers. At the centre of the cabin is a largest-in-segment 15.6-inch (39.62 cm) HD Grand View Display, bringing infotainment, connectivity and vehicle controls together within one intuitive interface. Drivers benefit from a crisp 8.8-inch Multi Information Display that keeps essential vehicle information easily accessible, while the 10-speaker Infinity premium audio system delivers an immersive entertainment experience.

BharathCloud and Ibentos Announce Strategic Partnership to Advance AI-Powered Brand Marketing & Event Technology Across India and Canada

New Delhi : BharathCloud, India's sovereign AI cloud service provider, has teamed up with Ibentos, an AI-driven technology company operating across North America and India, for future brand marketing initiatives and event technology. The partnership was formalised following discussions between the two business entities at the recent India-Canada Business Summit held on the sidelines of the 7th India-Canada Ministerial Dialogue on Trade and Investment chaired by Union Minister Piyush Goyal. The partnership reflects BharathCloud's commitment to strengthening its brand marketing, event tech capabilities, and customer engagement by leveraging Ibentos' AI-powered platform. It is specifically significant during this time when MSMEs contribute 31.1% to India's GDP. Hon'ble Commerce & Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal added, “The ministers noted robust growth in bilateral trade in goods and services, which reached \$23.66 billion in 2024, with merchandise trade valued at nearly \$8.98



billion, a substantial 10% increase over the previous year. The ministers reaffirmed the strength and resilience of the India-Canada economic partnership and emphasised the importance of continued engagement with the private sector to unlock new opportunities for trade and investment.” BharathCloud will also leverage Ibentos HYPE, an AI-powered marketing platform, to create and manage its own on-brand marketing campaigns efficiently at scale, while exploring opportunities to empower its customers with the same AI-powered brand marketing capabilities. The coordination will also bring abundant opportunities for collaborative implementation of AI-led event experiences to enrich audience engagement and amplify event

management. “Technology partnerships often begin with meaningful conversations, and this is also how this one started. Our interactions with the Ibentos team at India-Canada business missions brought out a common Vision towards innovation and customer satisfaction.” Rahul Takkallapally, Co-Founder, BharathCloud, shared, “As BharathCloud will keep growing its footprint in different markets, we require a technology partner that can bring smarter and more interactive experiences to our marketing campaigns, events and digital engagements. We see this partnership as a means to offer richer digital experiences to our customers and partners.” “Meeting the founder and CEO of BharathCloud dur-

ing his visit to Canada as part of an Indian business delegation revealed a strong alignment between our vision, customer base and approach to innovation. With the Ibentos founders' decade-plus experience in digital marketing and branding for Indian businesses, combined with the capabilities of our new AI-powered marketing platform, Ibentos HYPE, we see an exciting opportunity to strengthen the BharathCloud brand and empower its customers with intelligent, scalable and on-brand marketing solutions,” shared Jaspinder Bhatia, Co-founder & CMO of Ibentos Inc. Ibentos has powered more than 3,000 events across over 30 countries through its event technology solutions. Building on this experience, the company has launched Ibentos HYPE, an AI-powered marketing platform that enables brands to create and manage on-brand marketing campaigns efficiently at scale. Through this partnership, both companies aim to further enhance these capabilities using secure, enterprise-grade cloud infrastructure.

Rs. 1 Crore
Donation
to TTD

Tirumala, 12 September 2026: A devotee from Bengaluru, Sri Giriyaappa Dayananda, donated a total of Rs. One crore to TTD, contributing Rs. 50 lakh each to the TTD-run Sri Venkateswara Annapprasadam and the Sri Venkateswara Pranadanam Trusts. The donor handed over the donation DDs to TTD Additional Executive Officer Sri Ch. Venkaiah Chowdary at the latter's Camp Office in Tirumala.



LAYING GREEN CARAPET FOR THE DEITIES...

TIRUMALA : The procession of Holy Darbha mat and rope used for hoisting the sacred Garuda flag onto the temple post took place in Tirumala on Saturday. TTD JEO Dr Sharath along with TTD Deputy Conservator of Forest Sri Phanikumar Naidu brought the divine materials to Srivari temple and placed them at R a n g a n a y a k u l a Mandapam.

These holy materials prepared out of Darbha grass will be used during the Dhwarzorhanam ceremony to be held on the September 15 between 6:21 pm and 6:35 pm in the auspicious Meena Lagnam.

A SNEAK PEEK INTO DIVINE JOURNEY OF DARBHA FROM FIELDS TO TEMPLE Not just the humans sanctify their lives being a part in the nine day mega religious festival of annual

DIVINE JOURNEY
OF SACRED
DARBHA MAT
AND ROPE
OBSERVED



Brahmotsavams in Tirumala, but even the grass strands, seeds, flora and fauna also offer their selfless services to the Universal Supremo.

The process of preparing these holy items from Darbha grass

begins two weeks in advance. Among the two types of the available Shiva Darbha and Vishnu Darbha, the second one is used in making rope and mats for T i r u m a l a Brahmotsavams.

The TTD forest staff collects Vishnu Darbha from Chelluru village in Yerpedu mandal of Tirupati district and dried in low sunlight for a week, cleans thoroughly to prepare the sacred mat and rope.

December Darshan
and Accommodation
Online Quota Release
Schedule

Tirumala: TTD will release the Darshan and accommodation quotas online for the month of December 2026 as scheduled below : September 19 at 10 AM: Srivari Arjitha Sevas (Suprabhatham, Thomala, Archana, Ashtadala Pada Padmaradhana). e-Dip registration till Sep 21, 10 AM. Payment window: Sep 21-23, till 12 noon.Sep 22, 10 AM: Kalyanotsavam, Unjal Seva, Arjitha Brahmotsavam, Sahasradeepalankara Seva tickets 3 PM: Virtual Seva and darshan slots.

Sep 23, 10 AM: Anga Pradakshina tokens.

11 AM: SRIVANI Trust darshan tickets.

3 PM: Senior citizens, differently abled, and chronically ill devotees.

Sep 24, 10 AM: Rs. 300 Special Entry Darshan

3 PM: Accommodation in Tirumala and Tirupati.

Sri Varasiddhi Vinayaka Swamy Temple, Kanipakam
Announces Special Video Creative Contest

Sri Varasiddhi Vinayaka Swamy Temple, Kanipakam Announces Special Video Creative Contest for the Annual 21-Day Brahmotsavams Kanipakam, Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh 12 September 2026 The Sri Varasiddhi Vinayaka Swamy Temple, Kanipakam, cordially invites devotees, creative artists, and talented individuals from across India and around the world to participate in a Special Video Creative Contest celebrating the sacred Annual 21-Day



Brahmotsavams of Lord Sri Varasiddhi Vinayaka Swamy. The Brahmotsavams will be held from 14 September 2026 to 04 October 2026, offering 21 days of divine celebrations at the historic temple in Irala Mandal,

Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh. Contest Theme and Guidelines Participants are invited to create original videos that: Invite devotees from across the world to the Kanipakam rahmot-savams>Showcase the spiritual significance, traditions, and grandeur of the celebrations Spread the devotional message and festive spirit to people everywhere Reflect creativity, devotion, and love for Sri Varasiddhi Vinayaka SwamyVideos may be submitted in Telugu, Tamil, Kannada, Hindi, or

Eminent Plastic Surgeon Joins Srivari Vaidya Seva at SVIMS

Tirupati, September 12: The prestigious "Srivari Vaidya Seva" initiative of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) has taken another significant step forward in its mission to bring the expertise of eminent medical specialists within the reach of poor and needy patients. As part of this noble initiative, renowned Plastic Surgeon Dr. P. Munichandra Naidu, M.S., M.Ch. (Plastic Surgery) rendered special-ised medical services at Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences (SVIMS), Tirupati.

Dr. Munichandra Naidu, who is associated with Metro Super Speciality Hospital, Vijayawada, offered his expert services in the Department of Plastic Surgery at SVIMS on September 10, 11 and 12, 2026, examining patients and providing specialist consultations and treatment guidance based on his vast clinical experience. With nearly three decades of experience in Plastic Surgery, the availability of a senior specialist of Dr. Munichandra Naidu's



stature at SVIMS will help patients suffering from complex plastic and reconstructive surgical conditions gain access to advanced specialist opinion and modern treatment approaches, said Dr. Guduru Jagadish, Director & Vice-Chancellor, SVIMS. "The primary objective of TTD's Srivari Vaidya Seva is to bring the knowledge, experience and expertise of outstanding medical specialists to SVIMS and

make such high-quality care accessible, particularly to poor and underprivileged patients. No patient should be denied advanced medical care merely because of financial limitations. Our commitment is to ensure that even sophisticated and specialised treatment reaches those who need it most, with quality, dignity and compassion," Dr. Jagadish said. He stated that involving eminent specialists from differ-

ent super-speciality disciplines would not only improve patient care but also provide a valuable academic opportunity for SVIMS doctors, residents and postgraduate students to learn from their experience and expertise.

Through Srivari Vaidya Seva, SVIMS aims to integrate patient care, medical education and transfer of specialised clinical skills on a single platform, thereby strengthening the institution's capacity to serve patients while nurturing the next generation of medical professionals.

A Special Appeal to Doctors Across India and Indian Doctors Abroad On this occasion, Dr. Guduru Jagadish made a heartfelt appeal to eminent doctors and medical specialists across India, as well as Indian and NRI doctors serving in the United States, United Kingdom, Europe, Australia, the Middle East and other parts of the world, to voluntarily associate themselves with Srivari Vaidya Seva.

Chittoor MP and palamaneru MLAs inaugurate state-of-the-art Integrated
Public Health Laboratory (IPHL) at Palamaneru Area Hospital

Chittoor (TSIT)

The coalition government is according high priority to the health sector with the aim of bringing improved medical services within the reach of the underprivileged, stated Chittoor Member of Parliament Daggumalla Prasad Rao and Palamaneru Member of the Legislative Assembly Amarnath Reddy.

With the cooperation of the Central and State governments, the MP and MLA jointly inaugurated the state-of-the-art Integrated Public Health Laboratory (IPHL) established at a cost of Rs.1.25 crore at the Palamaneru Area Hospital.

Speaking on the occasion, Chittoor MP



Daggumalla Prasad Rao and Palamaneru MLA Amarnath Reddy said that the primary objective of the coalition government is to ensure quality and advanced medical services in government hospitals so that expensive treatment does not become a burden on the poor and middle-class people. They stated that basic facilities in hospitals are being strengthened to ensure

timely medical tests and treatment for people during emergencies. The government is spending crores of rupees to further develop the Palamaneru Area Hospital and provide better healthcare services to the people of the constituency. With the availability of advanced medical equipment and improved infrastructure, the need for local residents to travel to other areas for

treatment will reduce, they noted.

Aiming for a healthy Andhra Pradesh, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu is taking firm measures and, with the resolve to provide quality medical care to every poor family, is implementing extensive development programmes in the health sector, they explained. With the support of the Central Government, medical infrastructure in the state is being further strengthened, they added. Giving the highest priority to the health security of the people, the MP and MLA made it clear that they would continue to strive for the further development of the Palamaneru Area Hospital in the future as well.

BBT (BY BIRTH TIRUPATHI)
ORGANISES "MAKE YOUR OWN
VINAYAKA" WORKSHOP

BBT (By Birth Tirupathi) Group today organised a creative workshop titled "Make Your Own Vinayaka" at Sri Aurobindo Vidyalaya, Sri Aurobindo Society premises, near K.T. Road, Tirupati.

The workshop was organised for children up to the age of 15 years, with the aim of encouraging them to make eco-friendly Sri Ganesh Vighrahas using clay. Around 100 young children from Sri Aurobindo Vidyalaya and other schools participated in the creative activity, which commenced at 9:30 AM.

BBT provided clay and other required materials free of cost to the participating children and demonstrated simple methods to make Sri Ganesh Vighrahas. The children enthusiastically participated and created beautiful eco-friendly Ganesha idols with their own hands.

A meeting was also organised as part of the programme, during which Participation Certificates were distributed



to the children. Sri M. Venugopal, I/c Chairman, Sri Aurobindo Society; Sri Deendayal Reddy, Secretary; Sri Srinivasa Rao; Sri J. Ramachandra, Retd. Asst. Excise Commissioner; Sri Suryanarayana Reddy; Sri Ravi, Correspondent, Aurobindo Vidyalaya; the Headmistress and staff of the Vidyalaya; MC Member Dr. G.S. Prasad and others participated in the programme and appreciated the creative efforts of the children, as well as the support of their parents. Ms. Sowmya and other members of BBT actively participated in organising and conducting the programme.

IN THE COURT OF THE PRL. SENIOR CIVIL COURT JUDGE AT MADHUGIRI
M.V.C. No. 1081/2022
Claimant: Krishnakumar.C
-Versus-
Respondent: Suresh Boya
Address of Respondent: Suresh Boya S/o B. Nagabhushanam, Aged about 40 years, R/at No. 13-15-399, Sri Vidyanagar, Hindupur, Ananthpur District, Andhra Pradesh. (Owner and driver of goods carriage **Bearing Reg. No. AP-03-TA-4386**)
Under Order 5 Rule 20(1)(a) of CPC. Whereas the above Applicant has instituted a Claim against the Respondent for the reliefs as sought in Petition. You are hereby notified to appear in this court in person or by pleader duly entrusted and able to answer all material questions relating to the case on **30/10/2026 at 11.00 A.M.** Take notice that in the event of the case not being contested, the case will be heard and determined **ex-parte**. Given under my hand and seal of this court that the **11/09/2026**.
By Order of the Court
Shirastader, Senior Division
Sr. Civil Judge & JMFC Court MADHUGIRI
B S DORE SWAMY, Advocate
No. 8, Rajmahal Building, A.S. Road, Tumkur.

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Notice for sale of immovable assets through Private Treaty
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1.	Tankala Tirumala (Borrower) Tankala Sruthi (Co-Borrower) Lan No. LHVPM00001571345 & LHVPM00001571347	D. No. 2-113 & Assessment No. 376/2016, Hisc No. 1830, 6955, Survey No. 409/1, Previously 1st Ward, Now 2nd Ward Towards Western Part of Old Nh5 Road & Southern Row of Rotarynagar, Raghunadhapuram Village, Tekkali Panchayath, Srikakulam, District-Office of Tekkali Sub-Registrar- Tekkali Mandal	Rs. 72.46, 177/- Septe- mber 10, 2026	Rs. 35,00, 000/- Rs. 35, 00, 000/-	September 21, 2026 11:00 AM To 03:00 PM	September 28, 2026 11:00 AM To 12:00 PM	September 28, 2026 before 04:00 PM	Symbolic Possession

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), and Guarantor (s) that Bank has repossessed/seized the Hypothecated Motor Vehicle mentioned below in exercise of the powers conferred under Hypothecation/Loan Agreement executed by the parties and Vehicle will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned auctions. The details of Borrower/s/Guarantor/s/Vehicle/Total Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below -

Sr. No.	Name & address of Borrower/s / Guarantor	Total Dues.	Vehicle Make & Model	Date of e-Auction	1.Reserve Price- Rs. ___/-	EMD deposit Ac- No. / IFSC Code	Vehicle / Movable Asset Inspection date & Time
1	M/s SRI BUDDHA ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED Address: HNO 87/ 1388 N SHESHADRI NAGAR HOUSING BOARD COLONY KURNOL ANDHRA PRADESH- 518002.	Total Dues: Rs. 5,44, 87,253/- + other ex- penses etc. (Less Recovery if any)	Vehicle : EICHER PRO08035XMLA CAB&UROCK TIPPERBODY (19CUM)BSVI-PH Reg no: TG02D TR0644 CH.No: MC2DALR CORL008997 E.No: VEDX8'691546'K6'P MFG/ Model: SESHADRI NAGAR HOUSING BOARD COLONY KURNOL ANDHRA PRADESH- 518002.	1. Date of e-Auction 29.09.2026. Time of E-auction - Start Time 2.00 p.m. to End Time 5.00 p.m.	1. Reserve Price- Rs.34,20,000/- 2. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)- Rs.3,42,000/- 3. Bid Increase Amount Rs.25,000/-	SAR-FAESI AUCTION PROCEEDS COL-LECTION AC ACCOUNT 05110015181869 BARBHYDERA (Fifth letter- ZERO) BANK OF BARODA ABIDS BRANCH	28.09.2026 Timings 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.
2	Address 02- VILLA NO.27, RISHIKANTH TOWNSHIP SHILPA ESTATES ROAD, BESIDES SUB STATION, PULLAREDDY DENTAL COLLEGE BACKSIDE, KURNOL, ANDHRA PRADESH- 518007.		Vehicle : EICHER PRO08035XMLA CAB&UROCK TIPPERBODY (19CUM)BSVI-PH Reg no: TG02D TR0638 CH.No: MC2DALR RLO08999 E.No: VEDX8'691546'K6'P MFG/ Model: 11/2024	1. Date of e-Auction 29.09.2026. Time of E-auction - Start Time 2.00 p.m. to End Time 5.00 p.m.	1. Reserve Price- Rs.34,20,000/- 2. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)- Rs.3,42,000/- 3. Bid In-crease Amount Rs.25,000/-	SAR-FAESI AUCTION PROCEEDS COL-LECTION AC ACCOUNT 05110015181869 BARBHYDERA (Fifth letter- ZERO) BANK OF BARODA ABIDS BRANCH	28.09.2026 Timings 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.
3			Vehicle : EICHER PRO08035XMLA CAB&UROCK TIPPER BODY (19CUM) BSVI-PH Reg no: TG02D TR0640 CH.No: MC2DALR CORL 009004 E.No: VEDX8'691643'K6'P MFG/ Model: 11/2024	1. Date of e-Auction 29.09.2026. Time of E-auction - Start Time 2.00 p.m. to End Time 5.00 p.m.	1. Reserve Price- Rs.34,20,000/- 2. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)- Rs.3,42,000/- 3. Bid In-crease Amount Rs.25,000/-	SAR-FAESI AUCTION PROCEEDS COL-LECTION AC ACCOUNT 05110015181869 BARBHYDERA (Fifth letter- ZERO) BANK OF BARODA ABIDS BRANCH	28.09.2026 Timings 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.
4			Vehicle : EICHER PRO08035XMLA CAB&UROCK TIPPER BODY (19CUM) BSVI-PH Reg no: G02DTR0641 CH.No: MC2DALR RCORL 009002 E.No: VEDX8'691627'K6'P MFG/ Model: 11/2024	1. Date of e-Auction 29.09.2026. Time of E-auction - Start Time 2.00 p.m. to End Time 5.00 p.m.	1. Reserve Price- Rs.34,20,000/- 2. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)- Rs.3,42,000/- 3. Bid In-crease Amount Rs.25,000/-	SAR-FAESI AUCTION PROCEEDS COL-LECTION AC ACCOUNT 05110015181869 BARBHYDERA (Fifth letter- ZERO) BANK OF BARODA ABIDS BRANCH	28.09.2026 Timings 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.
5			Vehicle : EICHER PRO08035XMLA CAB&UROCK TIPPER BODY (19CUM) BSVI-PH Reg no: TG02D TR0643 CH.No: MC2DALR RLO08998 E.No: VEDX8'691544'K6'P MFG/ Model: 11/2024	1. Date of e-Auction 29.09.2026. Time of E-auction - Start Time 2.00 p.m. to End Time 5.00 p.m.	1. Reserve Price- Rs.34,20,000/- 2. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)- Rs.3,42,000/- 3. Bid In-crease Amount Rs.25,000/-	SAR-FAESI AUCTION PROCEEDS COL-LECTION AC ACCOUNT 05110015181869 BARBHYDERA (Fifth letter- ZERO) BANK OF BARODA ABIDS BRANCH	28.09.2026 Timings 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.
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EDITORIAL

BRICS: INDIA'S NEW ROAR

Today, BRICS is not just an economic grouping of emerging economies, but has also become an important platform for amplifying the voice of the global South in the changing world order. Originally composed of Brazil, Russia, India, and China, BRICS was renamed BRICS after South Africa joined in 2011. Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, and the United Arab Emirates became full members in 2024, and Indonesia also joined as a full member in January 2025. With this expansion, BRICS now comprises 11 major emerging economies. The year 2026 holds special significance for India, as it assumes the BRICS Chairmanship from January 1, 2026, and New Delhi is scheduled to host the 18th BRICS Summit. The central vision of India's Chairmanship is focused on resilience, innovation, cooperation, and sustainable development. This Chairmanship not only gives India the role of a convener, but also provides an opportunity to influence the group's priorities and future direction. The greatest significance of BRICS lies in strengthening India's strategic autonomy. India has long advocated a foreign policy that builds relationships with diverse countries and forums in accordance with its national interests, rather than relying solely on a single power bloc. While India's partnerships with countries like China and Russia are part of BRICS, India also cooperates with the United States, Europe, Japan, and other powers in parallel. BRICS thus provides a practical basis for India's multi-alignment foreign policy. Another important aspect of BRICS is strengthening the voice of the Global South. Even today, many decisions in international institutions are made within structures where the representation of developing countries is not commensurate with their economic and demographic roles. India has consistently raised the need for reform of institutions such as the United Nations Security Council, the International Monetary Fund, and the World Bank. Through BRICS, developing countries can collectively strengthen their demand for a more representative and equitable global governance system. BRICS is also important for India from an economic perspective. Expanded membership means new opportunities for cooperation in larger markets, investment, energy, trade, technology, and supply chains. This opportunity is particularly significant for India as the global economy is facing increasing trends of protectionism, trade tensions, and supply chain restructuring. Cooperation within BRICS to reduce trade barriers and facilitate payment systems can benefit India's economic interests. The possibilities of cooperation on trade in local currencies and cross-border payment systems are also important in this direction. The New Development Bank is a significant achievement of BRICS in the field of development finance. Its objective is to provide financing for infrastructure and sustainable development projects. Such institutions are important for developing countries because they can serve as both an alternative and a complement to traditional global financial institutions. For India, this offers vast potential for cooperation in projects related to transport, energy, urban development, climate, and green infrastructure. But BRICS faces challenges. The most significant challenge is the diverse and sometimes conflicting strategic interests of its member states.

There is a larger story behind the three high-level meetings taking place around India's BRICS presidency in New Delhi. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's conversations with Russian President Vladimir Putin, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, and Chinese President Xi Jinping are not simply three bilateral engagements. Taken together, they offer a window into how India sees a rapidly changing world and how it intends to navigate it. BRICS itself has come a long way from the informal economic dialogue among Brazil, Russia, India, and China that emerged in 2006. With its subsequent expansion, it has now become an 11-member grouping representing a substantial share of the world's population and roughly 37 per cent of global GDP on a purchasing-power-parity basis. Its economic weight now exceeds that of the G7 on this measure. The creation of the New Development Bank and growing experiments with local-currency settlement and alternative payment mechanisms have given the grouping an institutional and economic substance that it did not possess two decades ago. Yet BRICS has also acquired a curious characteristic: its members do not necessarily agree on the world they want to create. That is not necessarily a weakness. Countries increasingly see BRICS as a platform through which they can hedge against excessive dependence on any single geopolitical or financial centre, strengthen their bargaining power, and give the Global South a greater voice. It is less a bloc than an instrument of strategic flexibility. India's three meetings in New Delhi illustrate precisely this new reality. With



Russia, India is deepening The Modi-Putin meeting represents the most established of India's three relationships. Defence and energy remain important pillars, but the relationship is increasingly moving into manufacturing, technology, nuclear energy, space, critical minerals, and other areas of long-term economic cooperation. The significance lies in the breadth of the relationship. India may be diversifying its defence procurement and deepening economic ties with the United States and Europe, but diversification is not abandonment. Russia remains important to India's energy security, defence capabilities, and strategic supply chains. There is also a diplomatic dimension. India continues to favour dialogue and diplomacy in resolving

major conflicts, preserving its ability to communicate with Moscow without becoming identified with every Russian position. With Russia, therefore, India is deepening, but also diversifying, the relationship. With Iran, India is preserving strategic space. The conversation with President Pezeshkian has a different logic. Iran is important to India not simply because of bilateral trade or energy, but because of geography. Chabahar offers India access towards Afghanistan and Central Asia; the Gulf and Strait of Hormuz are critical to India's energy and maritime interests; and Iran is increasingly an important participant in the wider BRICS architecture. At a time of intense conflict in West Asia, India's emphasis

on dialogue, diplomacy, freedom of navigation and the safety of seafarers is therefore both principled and practical. India does not have to choose between Tehran and its relationships with Israel, the Gulf or the United States. Its interest lies in keeping channels open with all of them. With Iran, therefore, India is preserving strategic space. With China, the objective is stabilisation. The Xi Jinping visit presents the most complicated equation. India and China remain strategic competitors. The border issue remains unresolved, China-Pakistan ties continue to concern New Delhi, and the enormous bilateral trade deficit cannot be ignored. Yet the economic relationship has become too substantial for either side to treat it casually. The sensible

objective is neither decoupling nor dependence, but managed interdependence. India needs greater access to the Chinese market and reliable supplies of machinery, components, and industrial inputs. China, for its part, has an interest in a stable relationship with one of the world's fastest-growing major economies. The test, therefore, is whether the political thaw can translate into greater predictability - on the border, trade, investment, visas, and connectivity. With China, India is seeking stabilisation without pretending that strategic differences have disappeared. Strategic autonomy based on multi-alignment. Seen together, the three meetings reveal the practical meaning of India's strategic autonomy. With Russia, deepen. With Iran,

preserve. With China, stabilise. And none of these prevents India from simultaneously expanding its partnerships with the United States, Europe, Japan, Australia, and the Gulf. This is why the evolution of BRICS matters. Its growing economic weight gives it significance. Its institutional development gives it staying power. But its internal diversity prevents it from easily becoming a conventional alliance. Russia and China may favour a more explicitly alternative international order; India has little interest in replacing one bloc with another. Many other members likewise see BRICS less as an ideological project than as a means of expanding their options. India's challenge and opportunity is to shape that diversity into something constructive.

Can India 'Mediate' Between Iran And UAE At BRICS? Gulf Envoy Suggested It Once

As India hosts the BRICS summit this year, it's chairship comes at an extraordinary time not just for itself or the member states, but for the globe. Two major wars are underway, and in this part of the world, some major geopolitical re-alignments are shaping up with long-term consequences for the world. While India is not directly involved in either the Ukraine or Iran war, it has been majorly impacted by both. But, the Iran war has had far more negative consequences for it. Its energy supplies from the Gulf have been adversely impacted, leading to a surge in oil and gas prices, and, in a cascading effect, leading to price rise in food and consumer products, inflation and falling rupee, impacting overall growth. Furthermore, many Indians have lost lives in a war that they had nothing to do with. It is striking that India will be hosting the BRICS summit with the expanded bloc - eleven member states are participating in it, and ten more partner countries will join in. Importantly, three parties to the Iran war - Iran, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) - are BRICS member states whose representatives are in Delhi to attend the summit. Can India broker some sort of a truce between Iran and the UAE, both geographically close neighbours with entwined destinies? Of course, not the sham kind that Pakistan "mediated" between Iran and the US, which collapsed within a month. This would indeed be a major achievement of the summit, if not the greatest. The divide between Iran and the UAE has also already impacted the BRICS, given how the foreign ministerial meeting of the member states ended without a joint statement because of a difference in opinion. India had to issue a statement as the chair. In this context, the recent bilateral meeting that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had with Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian in Bishkek, on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), of which Iran is also a member



state, is significant. The meeting itself was a strong message from India, coming as it did in the backdrop of the US' efforts to throttle Iran economically and its threats to sanction countries that do business with Iran. It signalled that New Delhi considered it important to continue engagement with Iran, while also conveying that India would act in its own interest. And Iran is, of course, important to India both geopolitically as well as economically. It has been an important crude oil supplier to India and was also a critical destination for Indian exports before sanctions kicked in. Iran has also often cooperated with India on counterterrorism and has been useful in India's efforts against Pakistan. Simultaneously, Iran is indispensable for India's Eurasian outreach and connectivity ambitions. The Chabahar Port project that India was developing with Iran offered a host of benefits, including access to Central Asia. The port's significance has multiplied now with the closure of the Strait of Hormuz and the uncertainty around the Bab-el-Mandeb - two major chokepoints not only for India's energy supplies but also for its imports and

exports. The UAE, similarly, has become an indispensable strategic partner for India, and is possibly its closest Gulf partner. Cooperation spans a range of sectors, trade, energy security, labour corridor, defence, space, culture, counterterrorism, et al. Bilateral trade has soared exponentially after the signing of the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) between the two. India is the UAE's second-largest trading partner. Almost four million Indians live and work in the Emirates. This year saw the UAE President, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, visit India; PM Modi also visited the UAE. That visit resulted in a slew of agreements that would ease the cost of the Iran conflict imposed on ordinary citizens, who have nothing to do with the war. Mediating some kind of understanding and peace between Iran and the UAE would go a long way in stabilising the region, as well as eventually hammering out a lasting resolution to the war. Both countries are neighbours and will remain so. Geography cannot be wished away. And both countries have engaged closely over the years.

When The Feed Braves The Flood

It has become fashionable among commentators to treat news as the cheap part of media. In the age of the feed, information arrives faster than ever, personalised and endlessly ordered to taste and the prevailing wisdom holds that the real prize lies elsewhere. It lies in the story, in the spectacle, in the sensation, in the insatiability...in whatever keeps a thumb moving. News, by this logic, is the filler that fills the hours, low in value and quick to fade. My sense is that we have spent a decade mistaking that abundance for understanding and the speed of arrival for the weight of what arrived. Against that current, NDTV has done something quietly counter-cultural. It has retired the "24x7." It's important to understand it. The four characters looked like a technicality. They were closer to a philosophy. "24x7" was the promise of the torrent being always on, always more, the quantity signal of an era that believed the answer to every question was additional information, sooner. To set it aside, after more than two decades, is to step away from the premise that a news channel's job is to deliver all of it, all the time. In its place sits a proposition of consequence over volume. When It Really Matters. Before the flood, though, the whole set deserves a word. The inaugural campaign has five images, and taken together they are the most disciplined piece of news brand work I have seen in a while. Each pairs a plain, alliterative antithesis with a single photograph. Grit over gloss. Groundwork over guesswork. Perspective over



polarisation. Reality over rhetoric. Sense over sensation. Every pairing names a temptation the channel refuses, and the harder thing it chooses. The theatres do a great deal of quiet work. A reporter chest-deep in a flooded river. A correspondent seated on a battle tank at the front. A woman in a fire-blackened lane, phone in one hand, mic in the other. A reporter before a smouldering building ringed with coils of wire. A young journalist standing composed inside a restless crowd. The range is the argument. In flood, conflict, aftermath, unrest, in every kind of story a country throws up, held by one idea and one posture. The device beneath them is the sharpest part. Each frame runs in black and white, with only three things left in colour namely the logo, the microphone and a red rectangle drawn around the reporter. Those three reds are the tools of the trade and the act of framing itself. The rectan-

gle rewards a second look. It is the editorial eye made visible, the channel drawing a box around what deserves attention and what it chooses to look at, every single time, is the person who went there rather than the wreckage behind them. There are no explosions in the foreground, no ticker clutter, no anchor theatrics. What remains is stillness in the middle of disorder, with a human being held at the centre of it. The creative that struck me carries the whole argument in a single frame and it rewards sitting with. A reporter stands chest-deep in brown floodwater, an NDTV microphone held out across the current. Around him, men move through the same water, holding above the surface whatever they managed to save. The image runs in black and white, save for the red of the logo, the red of the mic, and a red rectangle that pulls the eye to one exchange between the reporter and the man he is listening to. Above it, two

words - Reality Over Rhetoric. What the picture argues is presence. Someone waded in. Someone is standing where the story is happening, at eye level with the people it is happening to, close enough to hear the account first hand and wet in the hearing. That is a very old and valuable idea about journalism, which the creative treats as the freshest thing in the room because, in the age of the feed, it has quietly become that. Look again and you find two sets of people held in the same frame, which is the part I find most deliberate. There are the people who bring us the story - the reporter, the crew. There are the people the story is about, and to whom it matters most. They are the ones whose homes are under the water. The microphone between them is the entire proposition. It is the instrument through which one set of lives becomes legible to the rest of us. Walter Benjamin, writing in 1936.

RBI REJECTS TATA SONS' BID TO AVOID LISTING, RETAINS IT AS UPPER LAYER NBFC: SOURCES

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The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has rejected Tata Sons' request to deregister as a Core Investment Company (CIC), sources told. Following RBI's decision, Tata Sons will have to comply with the stock-market listing requirement. Classified as an upper layer NBFC in 2022, Tata Sons has been retained in the RBI's upper layer NBFC list for 2026-27. Tata Sons had sought deregistration after becoming debt-free, arguing it no longer needed CIC registration. RBI had required the company to



list by September 2025. Earlier, the central bank dismissed industry demands to raise the asset threshold or retain a more complex risk-based methodology for classifying large NBFCs. The RBI, instead opted a simplified framework based primarily on balance-sheet size. Under the revised norms, NBFCs with standalone assets of at least Rs 1 lakh crore will be subject to enhanced regulatory oversight similar to banks, including an eventual requirement to list on stock

exchanges. NDTV Profit previously reported, Tata Sons long opposed a public listing, saying that it would increase compliance and disclosure obligations. As the principal holding company of Tata Group, any listing would have significant implications for the conglomerate's ownership structure and its shareholders. The Upper Layer classification subjects NBFCs to tighter regulatory standards aimed at strengthening governance, risk management and financial resilience.

BRICS Declaration Backs India, Brazil For Greater Role In UN Security Council

The BRICS countries have reiterated support for a greater role for developing nations at the United Nations, with China and Russia backing the aspirations of India and Brazil to play a bigger role in the global body, including the UN Security Council. The endorsement came in the New Delhi Declaration 2026, which called for comprehensive reform of the UN, including its Security Council, to make the body more democratic, representative, effective and efficient. The declaration said the reform should increase the representation of developing countries in the Council and enable emerging and developing nations from Africa, Asia and Latin America, including BRICS members, to play a greater role in international affairs. It also stressed that UN Security Council reform should amplify the voice of the Global South. "China and Russia, as permanent mem-



bers of the UN Security Council, reiterate their support to the aspirations of Brazil and India to play a greater role in the UN,

including its Security Council," the declaration said. The statement recalled the 2022 Beijing and 2023 Johannesburg-II Leaders'

Declarations while reaffirming the bloc's push for a more representative global governance structure. The declaration also recognised the aspi-

rations of African countries for greater representation, citing the Ezulwini Consensus and Sirte Declaration.

HDFC Bank CEO Race: Nuvama Backs Bharucha Over External Bets



As India's biggest private lender HDFC Bank submits names for its next MD and CEO, brokerage Nuvama Research prefers internal appointment over picking external candidates. According to the brokerage, an internal succession through the lender's second-in-command executive, Deputy MD Kaizad Bharucha, even potentially for a shorter tenure of around 2.5 years, would be preferable. This is expected to ensure strategic continuity, reduce disruption and allow the lender to focus on recovering operating performance post the merger drag, while giving enough time to identify and groom a longer-term successor. Earlier, sources told NDTV Profit, HDFC Bank may ask Bharucha, to take over the post of MD, CEO after bank chief Sashidhar Jagdishan refused to seek another term. HDFC Bank on Saturday informed the exchanges it has submitted

names of two candidates for the position of MD & CEO. While focusing on MD & CEO succession, the brokerage retained a long term Buy on the stock. Risks Of External Appointment Nuvama indicated that Citi's India CEO K Balasubramanian is among the prominent external candidates has been reportedly considered the MD & CEO position, along with HSBC India CEO Hitendra Dave and ICICI Prudential Life's Anup Bagchi. Balasubramanian served for a short tenure in the corporate banking space at HDFC Bank earlier in his career, where he reported to Bharucha. E v e n t h o u g h Balasubramanian familiarity with the lender could possibly be positive for the lender, Nuvama expects that his acceptance within the organisation as MD & CEO could be challenging, given the earlier reporting relationship.

JSW MG Motor India Redefines the Future of Mobility; Launches the Hector Tomahawk in EV in Hyderabad

Introductory Battery-as-a-Service (BaaS) price for a limited number of bookings in Hyderabad: the MG Hector Tomahawk EV starts at ₹13.99 lakh + 4.90 Rs/Km Battery Rental. Customers can also book India's First PHEV* variant of Hector Tomahawk at a starting BaaS price of ₹21.79 lakh + 3.20 Rs/Km Battery Rental

- MG's first SUV built on ADAPT, the country's first Multi-New Energy Vehicle (NEV) platform, is now available in Hyderabad
- Hector Tomahawk EV: 69.2 kWh MAGIC Battery, precision-engineered for a claimed range of 517** km on a single charge
- India's first Vehicle-to-Home (V2H) capability, turning the SUV into a mobile power source for the household
- Tallest and among the longest in its vehicle segment: 4,745 mm long, 1,850 mm wide and 1,770 mm tall with a class-leading 2,810 mm wheelbase
- India's First PHEV* engineered for a combined driving range of over 1,100 km** on a full tank and a full charge
- Hector Tomahawk PHEV: 20.5 kWh battery pack delivering 115+ km of pure-electric range
- Lifetime battery warranty for the first owner for both EV and PHEV



- Largest-in-class 15.6-inch HD display, Level 2 ADAS and i-SMART 3.0 with 80+ connected features
- India's first GenAI-powered voice assistant, engineered to understand 30+ Hinglish commands
- Seven signature colours including two dual-tone options, with an Assured Buy Back Program available

JSW MG Motor India today brought the Hector Tomahawk to Hyderabad, expanding the reach of its newly launched SUV. The SUV is built on ADAPT, the company's Advanced Drive Architecture Platform Technology and India's first Multi-New Energy Vehicle (NEV) platform. Combining intelligent technology, premium comfort, advanced safety and electrified performance, the MG Hector Tomahawk is

offered in Hyderabad with both Electric Vehicle (EV) and Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEV) powertrains. Marking the arrival of the MG Hector Tomahawk in Hyderabad, the event was held at MG Hyderabad. The SUV was unveiled in the presence of Ananya Nagalla, Indian actress and Gunjeet Singh Sachdeva, CEO, Raam Group. Starting at an introductory Battery-as-a-Service (BaaS) price of ₹13.99 lakh + 4.90 Rs/Km Battery Rental for the EV and ₹21.79 lakh + 3.20 Rs/Km Battery Rental for the PHEV, the Hector Tomahawk is now available at MG dealerships across Hyderabad, giving customers in the city the freedom of choice while delivering the space, safety, and connected technology that Indian families expect from

a modern SUV. Vinay Raina, Chief Commercial Officer, JSW MG Motor India, said, "Telangana is emerging as one of India's fastest-growing electric mobility markets and continues to be one of our key markets. Bringing the MG Hector Tomahawk to the city is a natural next step in our journey toward building a New Energy Vehicle (NEV) mobility ecosystem in India. With the Hector Tomahawk EV and the Hector Tomahawk PHEV, India's first plug-in hybrid electric vehicle (PHEV)*, we are providing customers in the region with access to some of the world's most advanced new-age mobility technologies. This launch reflects our commitment to bringing environmentally responsible, future-ready mobility solutions closer to consumers across the country."

PEPSICO OPENS ITS FIRST FOOD FACTORY IN ASSAM FOR RS 778 CR



Nalbari: Leading food and beverage maker PepsiCo India on Thursday, September 10, opened its first food factory in Assam, set up with an investment of Rs 778 crore in Nalbari district. Inaugurated by Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, the unit is spread across 44.2 acres and has created 700 direct and indirect employment opportunities. "The inauguration of PepsiCo India's foods manufacturing facility in Nalbari is another important milestone in Assam's industrial growth story. This investment underscores the confidence that leading global companies have in Assam's business-friendly policies, infrastructure development and skilled workforce," Sarma said. Beyond generating employment and

economic activity, the project will strengthen the state's agricultural ecosystem and create new opportunities for farmers, women and local enterprises, he added. PepsiCo India & South Asia CEO Jagrut Kotecha said that with an investment of Rs 778 crore, the facility is the company's first plant in Assam and fifth in India. "Through this investment, we are strengthening our manufacturing footprint while creating a positive ripple effect across the value chain, from farmers and local businesses to women, young talent and communities," he said. PepsiCo India & South Asia CEO Jagrut Kotecha said that with an investment of Rs 778 crore, the facility is the company's first plant in Assam and fifth in India.

NILKAMAL SLEEP ENTERS BIGG BOSS TELUGU AS OFFICIAL ASSOCIATE SPONSOR

Nilkamal Sleep, the mattress brand from the leading furniture company Nilkamal Limited, has announced its association with Bigg Boss Telugu for the latest season. The partnership brings together two powerful consumer propositions, high-quality sleep and highly engaging entertainment, to create a distinctive brand integration that will see Nilkamal Sleep mattresses take center stage inside the iconic Bigg Boss house for over 100 days. As part of its association with Bigg Boss Telugu, Nilkamal Sleep is supplying its Bounce Foam Orthopaedic Mattresses across all contestants' bedrooms in the Bigg Boss house. This deep product integration positions the brand as an everyday essential in the contestants' lives, delivering superior comfort and support while giving viewers an authentic, season-long view of the mattresses in action. The partnership also enables Nilkamal Sleep, one of the most loved brands in the Andhra Pradesh and Telangana region, to further deepen its connection with



audiences through the massive popularity and cultural impact of Bigg Boss Telugu. While the Bigg Boss house is defined by high-octane drama, intense challenges, emotions, and non-stop action, Nilkamal Sleep underscores a simple truth: good days begin with good nights. Whether contestants are navigating challenges, conversations, celebrations, disagreements, or demanding tasks, quality rest is essential for recovery and readiness. Nilkamal Sleep ensures every contestant enjoys an optimal sleeping

experience, helping them wake up refreshed and prepared to face whatever the house throws their way. Commenting on the partnership, Mr. Parekh - Joint Managing Director, Nilkamal Group said, "We are thrilled to bring Nilkamal Sleep into the Bigg Boss Telugu house. Big entertainment demands even better rest, making this collaboration a natural fit for both the housemates and the audience." The partnership is built to go beyond conventional sponsorship visibility. With

Nilkamal Sleep mattresses integrated into the contestants' bedrooms throughout the season, the brand becomes part of the show's natural narrative. Mr. Parekh further adds, "The scale and regional connect of Bigg Boss Telugu make it an ideal platform for us to deepen awareness and strengthen brand recall in one of our key markets. We see this partnership as a unique opportunity to take the conversation around better sleep from a product proposition to an everyday cultural conversation."

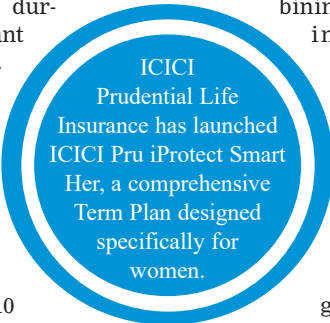
ICICI PRU IPROTECT SMART HER LAUNCHED TO SUPPORT INDIAN WOMEN AT EVERY STAGE OF THEIR FINANCIAL JOURNEY

Mumbai 2026: A comprehensive protection solution designed for women
· Offers 15% lifetime premium discount for women
· Includes pregnancy break benefit for greater financial flexibility
· Provides additional women-specific health management services and wellness benefits worth up to ₹25,000
· Offers child education care through increasing income payout option for 10 years
ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has launched ICICI Pru iProtect Smart Her, a comprehensive Term Plan designed specifically for women. The product has been developed to address women's evolving protection and wellness needs by combining life insurance with health and wellness benefits. ICICI Pru iProtect Smart Her offers a thoughtfully curated set of benefits, designed to empower and support women during the

moments that shape their lives. A 15% lifetime premium discount, women-specific health management & wellness services, and flexibility of a pregnancy break feature, enabling them to better manage their premium commitments during an important life stage. Furthermore, the product offers Child Education Care through increasing income payout option for 10 years. With this option, the death benefit is paid out to the nominee as income which increases every year by 10% p.a. for 10 years. Commenting on the launch, Mr. Vikas Gupta, Chief Product Officer, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance, said, "Indian women play multiple roles. As a result, their financial planning requirements are different

and continues to evolve across different stages of life. ICICI Pru iProtect Smart Her has been designed to provide comprehensive protection while addressing their unique healthcare and wellness needs. By combining life insurance with meaningful health management services and greater flexibility through features such as the pregnancy break benefit and lifetime premium discount, we offer a solution that helps women secure both their financial future and overall wellbeing." The product includes women-specific health management services that includes access to teleconsultations across multiple specialties, annual

health check-ups, health risk assessments, wellness content, pharmacy and diagnostic discounts, and other healthcare benefits. Overall, the product offers benefits worth up to ₹92,100 which includes women-specific health and wellness benefits worth up to ₹25,000 providing enhanced value for women customers. The launch of ICICI Pru iProtect Smart Her is supported by the Company's digital capabilities, enabling customers to enjoy a seamless purchase journey, convenient self-service options and a hassle-free claims process. ICICI Prudential Life Insurance is committed to developing products that empower customers to secure their future. This customer-centric approach be reflected in the Company's industry-leading claims settlement ratio of 99.3% in its Q1-FY2027, with an average claim settlement turnaround time of 1 day for non-investigative individual death claims.





Ukraine faces 'toughest winter' since Russia's full-scale invasion

DEATH TOLL FROM PHILIPPINES FERRY FIRE CLIMBS TO 35, WITH DOZENS STILL MISSING

The Philippine Coast Guard says it has recovered 30 bodies from the wreckage of a ferry that caught fire this week, bringing the total death toll to 35. More than 130 people were on board the MV June Aster when the blaze erupted on Wednesday as it neared its destination at the tourist hotspot of Coron, after departing from Manila. Forty-three people were rescued, with many receiving treatment in hospital, and searches continue for more than 50 people who remain unaccounted for. The country's coast guard says more bodies remain on the boat, which they were unable to board until Friday due to toxic fumes and lingering heat. In a press conference, coast guard spokesperson Commodore Noemie Cayabyab said most bodies had been retrieved from



the sleeping area of the boat, which had been making a 22-hour journey. "Agencies are currently undertaking the proper recovery and identification of the remains in accordance with established procedures,"

Cayabyab said. "We recognise the grief of the families affected by this tragic incident." Earlier, the coast guard said preliminary interviews with the survivors suggest that the fire started in the cargo hold. Some

passengers were not wearing life vests, they noted. A survivor who was hauled to safety on a rescue boat told the BBC he had heard frantic cries onboard when the fire erupted, and was trampled by panicked people as he tried to escape. The Philippines' maritime authority is investigating the circumstances surrounding the incident. The ferry, built in 2002, held valid safety certificates and passed an enforcement inspection in March, but investigators are looking into potential manifest discrepancies, cargo loading integrity, and crew emergency response protocols, the Palawan Daily reported. The vessel was carrying 117 passengers and 17 crew members. Atienza Interisland Ferries, the vessel's operator, has pledged full cooperation with the inquiry.

FOUR KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM REPUBLICAN MIDTERMS CONVENTION

The Republican Party's first midterms convention had all the trappings of the traditional presidential election-year gathering: supporters in sparkling costumes, a conveyor belt of candidate speeches, and vendors selling campaign merchandise. But unlike an ordinary convention, no official party business was conducted in Dallas, with the event instead serving as a rally for Republicans who are seeking to boost turnout and avoid losing control of Congress in November. President Donald Trump, whose grip over the party remains absolute, delivered a lengthy keynote speech on Wednesday during the opening night of the two-day event. He covered many of the subjects he has returned to time and again this year - with a few surprises thrown in. Here are the key takeaways from his address. 1. Preaching to the MAGA choir The vast arena was filled with diehard Trump

supporters sporting red MAGA gear from his past presidential campaigns. A decade after his first White House run, Trump is still beloved among his base and he has bent the party to his will in the years since. The old-style Republican establishment, or what's left of it in the Trump era, was nowhere to be seen. Senator Susan Collins of Maine and other Republicans running in competitive races chose to stay away. The absence of more moderate Republicans was glaring and offered a reminder of just how much the party has changed. It also raised questions about the effectiveness of holding an unprecedented midterm convention in the first place. The core audience, both in the arena and watching on television, appeared to be Trump loyalists, not the moderates and swing voters the Republican Party needs to turn out in large numbers in November.

HOUTHIS CLAIM MAJOR ADVANCE IN YEMEN AND TIGHTEN GRIP ON RED SEA SHIPPING LANE

Yemen's Houthis have claimed a major advance on the western Red Sea coast, consolidating their grip on the key international shipping route. The Iran-backed group seized Perim Island at the mouth of the waterway in the Bab al-Mandab Strait, a source from Yemen's internationally recognised government told the BBC. It comes a day after the Houthis captured the strategic port city of Mokha from Saudi-backed pro-government forces, according to military sources. A Yemeni military official told the AFP news agency the Houthis now control the entire coastline. The Houthis earlier said they posed no threat to international shipping but reiterated their threat to target vessels from Saudi Arabia. Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, the country's de facto ruler, has personally pressed US President Donald Trump to take military action against the Houthis during their rapid advance, two sources familiar with the matter told CBS News - the BBC's media partner in North America. Trump has



so far declined to involve the US military directly, offering instead to assist with intelligence and targeting support, the sources said. A senior Trump administration official later told the BBC: "We are in continuous dialogue with Saudi Arabia and the Republic of Yemen government regarding regional stability." On Friday, Yemeni pro-government forces withdrew from Perim (also known as Mayyun). Witnesses and news agencies reported that Houthi forces moved on to the island. The Houthis later issued a statement, saying that their military operation to expel Saudi-backed forces had been a

"success" and that "maritime navigation is safe for all companies except for Saudi vessels". Houthi military spokesman Yahya Sarea said the "large-scale" military operation was launched on 3 September due to Saudi Arabia's "blatant aggression" against "our dear people". Sarea also said the Houthis had expelled "Saudi enemy" forces from six districts in the Taiz and Hodeidah regions, claiming that hundreds of troops had been killed, wounded or captured. The Houthi statement, however, did not mention Perim Island. Saudi Arabia has not publicly commented on the latest developments. Perim

Island sits at the narrowest point of the Bab al-Mandab Strait, which has become increasingly important following the effective closure of the Strait of Hormuz - another crucial waterway - in the conflict between the US and Iran. Saudi Arabia has been relying on the Red Sea and the Bab al-Mandab Strait for shipping oil to customers in Asia. The escalation of the conflict between the Houthis, Yemen's government and Saudi Arabia has contributed to a surge in oil prices. Hundreds of people have reportedly been killed and thousands displaced in Yemen since the Houthis launched an offensive in the south-west a week ago. A Saudi-led coalition has also carried out air strikes on Houthi-controlled areas in western Yemen in support of the pro-government forces, and the Houthis have launched missiles and drones at cities and oil facilities in southern Saudi Arabia. The Saudi foreign affairs ministry said on Friday that drones from Iraq had targeted the country's East-West oil pipeline.

'It's like a dog set loose on us' - fear over Kenya's crackdown on foreign traders

For Ndaikech Ali, who has been traversing the streets of the Kenyan capital eking out a living as a tuk-tuk driver for the past nine years, Nairobi's traffic - not xenophobia - has been his biggest concern. During his time in the East African nation, the Burundian says he has always found Kenyans to be friendly and welcoming - that is until last week, when the president ordered a crackdown on foreigners working as traders or operating small-scale businesses. "Now they have turned against us," he told the BBC at the Burundian embassy in Nairobi where many have been queuing this week for documents to allow them to travel back home. "The threats are many... even from children," he said, adding: "It's a like a dog has been set loose upon us. We have been bitten." President William Ruto made his remarks last week when addressing Kenyan traders gathered at state house - in reference to legislation before parliament that seeks to exclude foreign nationals



from petty trade and to mandate the local sourcing of certain materials. During his speech, he said that all foreign nationals operating small businesses had until 7 September to pack up shop, saying such low-level jobs should be reserved for Kenyans. Ali, like others, panicked, saying it seemed the president's announcement had been interpreted by some Kenyans as a signal that foreign nationals were no longer welcome in the country. "We face harassment and can't work," he says. "If our work is stopped, we lose the income that enables us to pay rent and buy food. When those jobs are taken away.



Saudi Arabia shuts key oil pipeline after drone attack launched from Iraq

PASSENGER TRAIN DERAILS IN FRANCE LEAVING AT LEAST 44 INJURED

At least 44 people have been injured, including one seriously, after a passenger train derailed in northern France, local officials have said. An 18-year-old woman was airlifted in critical condition by helicopter to hospital. The officials said 186 passengers were on board the train that was operating between Rouen and Caen in Normandy. Transport Minister Philippe Tabarot said 140 firefighters and other emergency teams were deployed to the scene of the crash on Friday evening near Cléon, just south of Rouen. The cause of the crash was not immediately known, but reports in the French media suggest it could have been an act of sabotage. The authorities have not commented on the issue. Local authorities acti-



vated a mass-casualty response plan after the crash shortly before 20:00 (18:00 GMT). "Suddenly there were a few jolts, and then after about three seconds it got stronger and stronger," Louis, a passenger on the train, told ICI Normandie radio. "I couldn't stay in my seat any more. The windows partially shattered, the stones from the

track came into the carriage. It was really shocking. I'm still shaking," he added. Photographs later emerged showing passengers leaving the train, three of whose carriages had overturned, according to French media. According to Tabarot, 140 firefighters and other emergency service crews promptly arrived at the scene. Among the

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injured is an 18-year-old woman who sustained severe injuries; she was airlifted to a hospital in Rouen in critical condition. The state railway operator SNCF reported significant service disruptions on this section and deployed replacement buses. Local authorities urged the public to avoid the area of the accident.



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New Eras And Bragging Rights: Reasons Why You Can't Miss The Manchester Derby

Manchester United and Manchester City prepare to renew one of English football's fiercest rivalries this Sunday, September 13, the Manchester derby once again takes centre stage. Dating back to 1881, the rivalry has grown from a battle for local bragging rights into one of the most anticipated fixtures in world football, with two of the game's biggest clubs going head-to-head at Old Trafford. The latest chapter promises another high-octane spectacle, where local pride, bragging rights and three crucial points will all be at stake. Here are five reasons why you can not miss the Manchester derby this weekend: The Dawn of a New Managerial Era: Carrick vs.

Maresca
The tactical battle lines have been redrawn at Old Trafford. With Enzo Maresca taking charge at Manchester City and Manchester United legend Michael Carrick steering the Red Devils, this derby marks the beginning of an unpredictable new chapter. Maresca brings an established Premier League managerial pedigree, boasting a strong career record of 31 wins and 15 draws in 60 matches in the competition, while relying on a possession-dominant framework. Carrick, on the other hand, has proven his elite credentials with an impressive managerial record of 14 wins in 22 Premier League games. Maresca will be keen to maintain City's momentum, while Carrick faces his ultimate tactical test. Scheduled in a highly accessible Sunday evening slot, this high-stakes fixture serves as the perfect entry point for casual sports fans looking to experience European football for the first time. Unlike matches that demand grueling late-night commitments, the Manchester derby occupies a prime-

time weekend window at 9 PM, making it easier for first-time viewers to tune in to JioHotstar and Star Sports and experience the spectacle.
■ A BILLION EURO ROSTER OF GLOBAL SUPERSTARS
Fans are guaranteed to see the very best in world football sharing the same pitch. Manchester City's Erling Haaland arrives in lethal goal-scoring form alongside dynamic playmakers like Raviyan Cherki. They go head-to-head against United's creative powerhouse Bruno Fernandes and emerging talents, offering an unmissable, star-studded spectacle of relentless attacking football.
■ THE SHIFTING BALANCE OF POWER
The narrative stakes could not be higher. City continues to operate as an elite, trophy-hunting powerhouse, aiming to prove their dominance remains untouched. Meanwhile, United is determined to lay down a marker and reignite their road to their old glory days.

CSK FINALLY BREAKS SILENCE ON EXPLOSIVE MS DHONI 'ASKING FOR STAKE' REPORT

Recently, a report suggested that former Chennai Super Kings captain MS Dhoni asked for a 25 per cent stake in the team before reducing it to 20 per cent. He was then apparently offered a 5.5 per cent stake by the franchise. CSK have finally opened up on the issue. Dhoni is still part of CSK and led them to five IPL titles. "MS has never asked us about it. We never discussed the matter. We also don't have any information about him having discussed this with Mr N Srinivasan either," a senior CSK functionary told Cricbuzz. The report added that Dhoni has some shares in the franchise. As CSK shares are not traded in the open market, with the company being unlisted, "they can be acquired privately through off-market transactions," the report added. Dhoni has more than one lakh shares, stated the report. It's not huge, as "more than 30 crore outstanding shares are held by the public, accounting for close to 40



per cent of the franchise's total share capital," as per the report. Former BCCI chief N Srinivasan's family holds a controlling stake of more than 55 per cent. Dhoni's stake could be worth Rs 2.6-3 crore, based on the current market valuation of an IPL franchise (an IPL team was last sold for over Rs 16,600 crore). Dhoni's estimated net worth is around Rs 1,200 crore. Former India player Aakash Chopra, who also played for Kolkata Knight Riders, said the

claim of Dhoni asking for a stake was unrealistic and even called it a planted story. "There was talk of 1.7 to 1.8 billion when RCB were bought just now. Chennai Super Kings is the same kind of franchise. You can do the valuation however you want, but this is the franchise that has five trophies and has multiple franchises outside India as well," Chopra said while speaking on his YouTube channel. "They have got a legacy and a lot going for them.

UPDATED WTC POINTS TABLE AFTER ENGLAND COMPLETE 3-0 WHITEWASH OVER PAKISTAN

England on Saturday capped off the three-match Test series against Pakistan with an eight-wicket victory in the final game at Edgbaston, Birmingham. With the result, the Three Lions registered a 3-0 clean sweep over the visitors. After the third contest, the position of the Joe Root-led side, which was sixth, remained unchanged in the World Test Championship (WTC) points table. Their win percentage, however, improved to 38.54. Babar Azam and Co., who were already at the bottom of the nine-team table, saw their win percentage dip further to 14.81. England overcame a major wobble to beat Pakistan by eight wickets in the third Test at Edgbaston on Saturday, sealing a 3-0



series sweep. The home team, chasing just 130 to win, were in deep trouble when openers Ben Duckett and Emilio Gay were dismissed in the first over, bowled by Mohammad Abbas. Joe Root, England's record run-

scorer, edged his first ball, bowled by Razaullah, through the slips for four in a nervy start but settled and scored quickly to take the sting out of the situation. The skipper was given a huge reprieve when he chopped

onto the stumps off Mohammad Ali, only for the umpire to signal a no ball, leaving the bowler distraught. Root, with Jordan Cox at the other end, had another let-off when he edged an Abbas delivery between first and second slip, with neither fielder moving. But he reached his half-century off 57 balls with a cut for four and Cox matched him shortly afterwards. England reached their target in the 25th over, with Root unbeaten on 62 and Cox 59 not out. Root's men had appeared set for a quickfire win inside three days on Friday before debutant fast bowler Razaullah launched an audacious assault with the bat, clubbing nine sixes as he raced to 81 off 63 balls.

Wasim Akram Praises Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, And Blasts Pakistan Super League: "Has A Single Batter Been Produced?"

Pakistan great Wasim Akram referred to India's batting prodigy Vaibhav Sooryavanshi while comparing the growth of the Indian Premier League (IPL) with that of the Pakistan Super League (PSL). Sooryavanshi, who is just 15 years old, has already taken the cricketing world by storm with his explosive batting performances. After two successive stellar IPL seasons, he earned his India debut against England, becoming the youngest international debutant. Akram, who has worked extensively in both leagues, criticized the PSL for its failure to produce emerging stars at the same rate as the IPL. Akram served as the bowling coach and mentor of the



Kolkata Knight Riders from 2010 to 2017, helping the franchise win two IPL titles. In the PSL, he has held coaching and mentoring roles with Islamabad United, Multan Sultans, and Karachi Kings. "It has been 10 years since the PSL started, but has a single batter been produced by the PSL? Yes we have produced a few bowlers but

et culture to unearth raw talent and strengthen the PSL's talent pipeline, which could ultimately contribute to the growth of Pakistan cricket. "Club cricket needs to be revived if we want improvement in red ball cricket. The PCB should spend 100 million rupees each in Karachi and Lahore, as talent comes from club cricket," he said. Talking about the Pakistan cricket team, Babar Azam and Co. are on the brink of a humiliating clean sweep against England in the three-match Test series. Having already lost the first two matches, the visitors are staring at yet another defeat in the third and final Test at Edgbaston, Birmingham.

Junior Men's Asia Cup Hockey: Anmol Ekka Stars As India Beat Malaysia To Reach Fourth Consecutive Final



T20I cricket returns to Delhi with the India vs Afghanistan match on Sunday. Before the game, highlighting the conditions at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in Delhi, former BCCI selector Sarandeep Singh expected high-scoring encounters to be the norm in the three-match series, while adding that India should look to play V a r u n

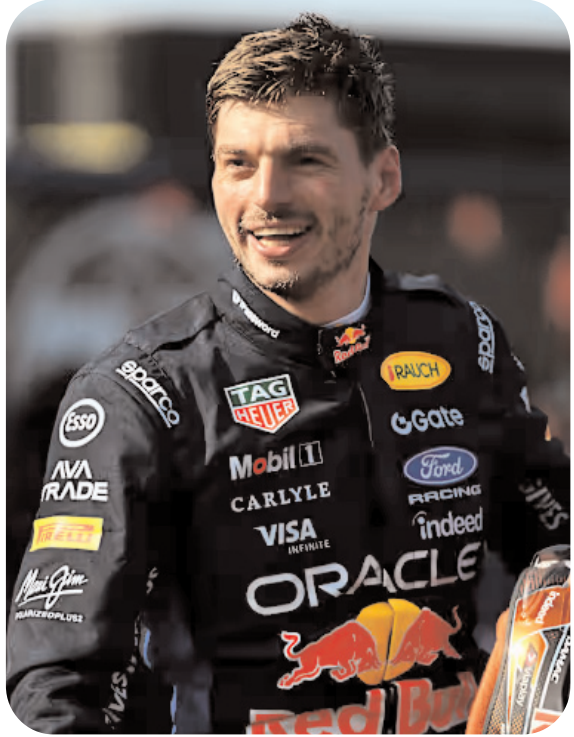
Chakaravarthy, Washington Sundar, and Axar Patel as their spin-bowling combination. "The way Delhi Premier League games were played some time ago and how Arun Jaitley Stadium wickets usually behave, they support batting a lot. We have seen big scores on these pitches in the T20 World Cup and domestic season. As far as spinners are concerned, India always likes to go with all-rounders. "Ravi Bishnoi was in the scheme of things but was not able to perform as well. Varun Chakaravarthy is a regular spinner; Washington Sundar and Axar Patel can bat and bowl as well. I

feel it will be a good combination for India, as there should be variation too. There should be a left-arm spinner and an off-spinner, and India will definitely go with them," he added. Turning to the fast-bowling unit, Sarandeep recalled how he met Jasprit Bumrah during his recovery from a left knee injury at the Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Bengaluru, and the big boost India gets from his return. "It is a big advantage for India to have Bumrah back because you get a confidence boost. I was conducting a high-performance camp at the Centre of Excellence and was

also there with the North Zone team as their coach during the Duleep Trophy. I saw Bumrah doing his fitness work there. "He was getting fully fit and was bowling his heart out. Whenever he comes back, he bowls his heart out. He never plays if he is not fit, as he returns only when he is fully fit. He did well in the Centre of Excellence practice games, performed strongly in the match simulations, and looked fully fit. I met him there every day. Bumrah being fully fit and his return to the Indian team is a big boost for us, as the other fast bowlers start looking better."

Max Verstappen Unimpressed With New Madrid Street Track

Max Verstappen did not mince his words on Friday after finishing sixth in second practice, four-tenths adrift of pace-setting championship leader Kimi Antonelli, at the Spanish Grand Prix. Asked how he liked his first day's running on the new high-risk hybrid Madring circuit on the outskirts of Madrid, he said: "I'm not a fan of street circuits. That will never change. And I will always prefer to drive on a track like Spa (in Belgium). "But what they have done in the way they have built everything up, Verstappen said he was not surprised at his performance or position after two hours on the track he had described as "challenging" and said he had finished as expected.



"Try To Stay On Top Of Rallies": Elena Rybakina Reveals Game-Plan To Stop Aryna Sabalenka In US Open Final



The World No. 2 Elena Rybakina knows exactly what she needs to do if she is to deny World No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka a historic third consecutive US Open title. Rybakina, who will face top seed and two-time defending champion Sabalenka in the US Open 2026 women's singles final, says she will look to stay aggressive, take control of the rallies and prevent her opponent from dictating play. Speaking in an interview shared by JioStar ahead of the Women's Singles final, Rybakina said: "I guess the same spirit. I need to fight no matter how I'm going to feel on that day and give my best. We know each other pretty well and have played so many times against each other. Yeah, just try to stay aggressive in important moments, not wait for her to dictate the point, and try to stay on top of the rallies." The final at Arthur Ashe Stadium will take place on Sunday, September 13, at 1:30 AM, with action live on JioHotstar and Star Sports. It will be the 18th meeting

between the two players, with Sabalenka currently leading their head-to-head 10-7. It is also the first US Open women's singles final between the top two seeds in 13 years. Sabalenka will be chasing her fifth major and a third straight US Open crown. Rybakina booked her place in the final with a comeback victory over 2023 US Open champion Coco Gauff, recovering from a set down to win 3-6, 6-4, 6-4. The road to the final, however, has not been straightforward for Rybakina. The 27-year-old revealed that she was uncertain whether she would even be able to compete in New York because of concerns over her foot. "I wasn't 100 per cent sure if I was going to be able to even play this tournament. In the first few matches, I was thinking about my foot and how it was actually going to react. I was not that comfortable playing the first few matches. Then, slowly, my focus moved towards what I was doing wrong on the court and what I needed to improve.

AADARSHA KUTUMBAM TEASER IS OUT NOW!

The much-awaited teaser of Victory Venkatesh and Trivikram Srinivas' 'Aadarsha Kutumbam - AK47' is out now and it promises a perfect dose of fun and action. The teaser gives a glimpse into Venkatesh and Srinidhi Shetty's middle-class family and the hilarious situations that come along with it. Venkatesh's trademark comic timing, Trivikram's witty writing and the energetic action moments make the teaser a thoroughly entertaining watch. The film boasts a strong ensemble cast featuring Nara Rohith, Nivetha Pethuraj, Yuvina, Raj Prajwal, Rao Ramesh, Satya, Brahmaji, Udaybir Sandhu, Vennela Kishore, Raghu Babu and others. Written and directed by Trivikram Srinivas, 'Aadarsha Kutumbam - AK47' brings back the popular Venkatesh-Trivikram combination for a full-fledged commercial entertainer. With music by Thaman S, the film's songs and more content will be unveiled soon. Production design by AS Prakash, Editing by Navin Nooli, Cinematography by Ravi K Chandran Produced by S. Radha Krishna under the prestigious Haarika & Hassine Creations banner, 'Aadarsha Kutumbam' marks another exciting association with Trivikram Srinivas, following several successful and blockbuster collaborations. With its



promising teaser, entertaining family setup, impressive ensemble cast and the much-loved Venkatesh & Trivikram combination, 'Aadarsha Kutumbam -

AK47' is gearing up to be a complete family entertainer. Aadarsha Kutumbam is set to arrive in theatres worldwide on October 2, 2026.

A LARGER VISION TAKES SHAPE: Manoj Manchu and Mounika Bhuma Manchu Meet Himachal Pradesh Governor

Actor and entrepreneur Manchu Manoj and his wife Mounika Bhuma Manchu met Himachal Pradesh Governor Shri Kavinder Gupta at Himachal Sadan in New Delhi, where they held discussions surrounding cinema, sports and infrastructure. The meeting comes at a time when the couple is exploring opportunities across the entertainment and sports sectors as part of a broader entrepreneurial vision. While specific details of the projects or initiatives discussed have not been disclosed, the interaction hints at plans that could extend beyond conventional entertainment ventures. Cinema,



infrastructure and sporting opportunities are emerging as key areas of interest for Manoj and Mounika. Their

discussions with the Himachal Pradesh Governor have further sparked curiosity about the

larger plans they may be working towards. More details are expected to be revealed as these initiatives

take shape. Meanwhile, Manchu Manoj continues to remain busy on the film front. The actor is currently working on multiple projects, including "David Reddy," "NBK11" alongside Nandamuri Balakrishna, the gripping investigation thriller "Rakshak," and "VaddiKaasula Vaada." With several films in different stages of production and new entrepreneurial opportunities being explored, Manoj Manchu appears to be entering an exciting new phase—one that could see his journey expand across cinema, sports and infrastructure. More updates on his upcoming projects and larger ventures are expected in the coming days.

THANKS TO TELUGU AUDIENCE FOR MAKING MANDAADI A BLOCKBUSTER: SOORI

Our Hard Work For Mandaadi Received The Right Reward: Suhas

Suhas and Soori starrer latest box office sensation Mandaadi is produced by RS Infotainment banner. The film is directed by Mathimaran Pugazhendhi and presented by Elred Kumar. Mandaadi also features Mahima Nambiar, Sathyaraj, Ravindra Vijay, Mithun, Bala Saravanan and others in key roles. Mythri Movie Distributors LLP released the film in Andhra Pradesh and



Telangana on September 10. Mandaadi is receiving a very good response and is running successfully.

“Idupu Kayitham” First Single Srilatha Song Is Receiving Appreciation from Everyone



Producer Bunny Vas and genius director Sukumar are producing Idupu Kayitham with Priyadarshi in the lead under the banners of Bunny Vas Works and Sukumar Writings. Nagadurga, who became popular through folk songs, plays the female lead in the film. Young director Vamsi Reddy Dondapati is directing Idupu Kayitham as an entertaining family drama set against a family backdrop. The recently released Srilatha song from the film has been winning the hearts of music lovers and receiving a superb response. Speaking at an interview held today, music director Suresh Bobbili and lyric writer Alaraju expressed their happiness over the appreciation the song has been receiving.

MUSIC DIRECTOR SURESH BOBBILI SAID:
-The Srilatha song has been loved by my family mem-

bers. They have been calling me to say how much they liked it. We are also getting a great response from the film industry. Everyone says they loved the composition, the sound, the lyrics, and the way both singers performed the song. - I also acted in this song. It was Bunny Vas garu's idea. He said that after composing music for so many songs, audiences should know who I am, and that's why he made me appear in the song. Even I always wanted audiences to recognize me. I had even thought of performing in a private song myself. Acting in the song gave me a completely new experience, and I really enjoyed it. While discussing this song, we wanted it to become a part of the story and also work as a promotional song for the film. We also wanted catchy lyrics. We designed the song in a way that people would own it, and that's why we released it in advance.

PARADISE IS THE HARDEST FILM OF MY CAREER: NATURAL STAR NANI

Natural Star Nani's Pan India period action entertainer 'The Paradise'. Directed by Srikanth Odela, Sudhakar Cherukuri has produced this film on a grand scale under the banner of SLV Cinemas. The songs, glimpses and teaser that have already been released have raised huge expectations with a wonderful response. The film is set to release worldwide on September 24. On this occasion, the makers held a press meet.

Natural Star Nani said at the press meet.. Hello everyone. It's been a long



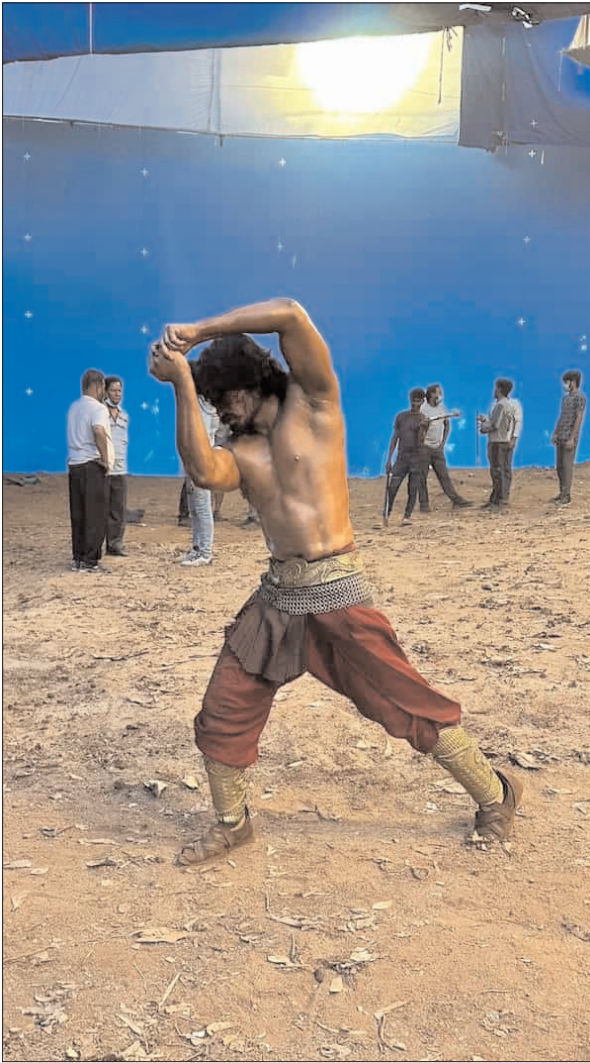
‘Nee Parichayam’ Song from Raj Tarun’s Tortoise Crosses 10 Million Digital Views



Raj Tarun's upcoming film Tortoise has kick-started its musical journey on a blockbuster note. The recently released first single, Nee Parichayam, has struck a chord with music lovers and crossed more than 10 million digital views in a very short span of time. The phenomenal response to the film's very first song has significantly raised expectations for Tortoise. Music director Anup Rubens has composed Nee Parichayam as a beautiful melody that has instantly connected with listeners. Oscar-winning lyricist Chandrabose has penned heartfelt lyrics that beautifully capture the emotions and feelings of lovers. Singer Chinmayi's soulful rendition has made the song highly addictive, encouraging audiences to listen to it on repeat. The combined efforts of the composer, lyricist, and

singer have turned Nee Parichayam... into a memorable romantic melody. Among Raj Tarun's recent films, Tortoise is already emerging as one of the most talked-about musical albums. Along with Raj Tarun, the film features Amrutha Chowdary, Avasara Srinivas, Dhanya Balakrishna, Shiju A.R., Ravi Kale, Moin, and several others in key roles. Tortoise is being produced by Vijay Chowdary, Shashidhar Nalla, and Ramashetty Rambabu under the SK Golden Arts, P r a s h v i t h a Entertainment, and NVL Creations banners. The film is directed by Ritwik Kumar, who has also written the story, screenplay, and dialogues. Promoted as an intense action thriller blending suspense and drama, Tortoise has already grabbed attention with its recently released first-look poster.

SWAYAMBHU SCALE: 175 DAYS OF SHOOT, 2500 VFX SHOTS



Swayambhu is shaping up to be one of the most ambitious projects of Nikhil, who has dedicated considerable time and effort to the film. The makers have revealed that the production spanned a staggering 175 days. Adding to its scale, the movie features around 2,500 graphics shots, highlighting the extensive visual work that has gone into bringing its world to life. Nikhil, in this working still, is seen striking an intense action-oriented pose in a traditional warrior-like costume, hinting at the larger-than-life world the movie promises

to present. The makers appear determined to ensure that the final product matches the scale and vision they have envisioned. With the works now nearing completion, the team is expected to announce the film's release date soon. A trailer is also expected to arrive shortly, with Swayambhu set to kick-start its next phase of promotions in the coming days. Directed by Bharat Krishnamachari, produced by Bhuvan and Sreekar under Pixel Studios, and presented by Tagore Madhu, the movie will be released in multiple languages.