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Nation News

Shah attacks Rahul over election losses

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday launched a no-holds-barred attack on Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, and the Congress, dismissing their repeated allegations against the electoral process as an attempt to cover up a string of humiliating poll defeats.

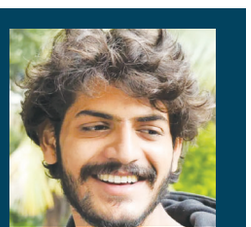
Putin wants peace more than Zelensky: Trump

Washington, Oct 13 : US President Donald Trump said Russian President Vladimir Putin appeared more willing than Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky to reach a peace agreement, even as questions mounted over alleged Russian violations of a proposed energy ceasefire.



World News

Crazy Kalyanam Is A Film With Universal Emotions That Will Appeal To Audiences Across Regions: Akhil Raj Uddemari



CINEMA PAGE

SCAN FOR E-PAPER

SC seeks response on immunity for CEC, ECs

NEW DELHI ■ (TSIT)



The Supreme Court on Tuesday issued notice to the Centre and the Election Commission of India (ECI) on a public interest litigation challenging the blanket immunity granted to the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and other Election Commissioners under Section 16 of the Chief Election Commissioner and the other Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Service and Term of Office) Act, 2023.

A bench of Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V. Mohana sought responses from the Union government and the poll panel on a plea filed by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) challenging the provision that grants serving and former CECs and Election Commissioners immunity from legal proceedings for acts, things or words committed, done or spoken in the course of discharging, or purporting to discharge, their official duties.

As per the case status available on the apex court's website, the matter is tentatively listed for further hearing on November 2. Section 16 states: "Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, no Court shall entertain or continue any civil or criminal proceedings against any person who is or was a Chief Election Commissioner or an Election Commissioner for any act, thing or word, committed, done or spoken by him when, or in the course of acting or purporting to act in the discharge of his official duty or function."

ADR has contended that the provision violates Articles 14 and 19 of the Constitution, arguing that granting such sweeping protection to the constitutional functionaries undermines accountability and places them beyond the ordinary process of law. The plea has questioned the grant of blanket immunity to the CEC and Election Commissioners, contending that the provision could shield alleged arbitrary exercise of power and corruption from judicial scrutiny.

The PIL comes amid wider judicial scrutiny of the statutory framework governing the appointment and functioning of the poll panel, including the manner in which its powers are exercised and the independence of its decision-making process. On October 5, the Supreme Court had issued notice to the Centre, the ECI and the three Election Commissioners on a separate plea questioning whether CEC Gyanesh Kumar could individually exercise or represent powers vested in the multi-member constitutional body.

A Bench of CJI Surya Kant and Justices Bagchi and Mohana had sought responses after senior advocate Vikas Singh, appearing for the petitioner, alleged that the functioning of the poll panel was contrary to the statutory framework governing it. The petitioner had argued that Article 324 of the Constitution vests the superintendence, direction and control of elections in the ECI as an institution, rather than in the CEC acting individually.

INBRIEF

Dozens of Pakistani personnel killed in 16 BLA attacks across Balochistan

Quetta : The Baloch Liberation Army (BLA) has claimed responsibility for 16 attacks across different regions in Balochistan over the last six days targeting Pakistani forces, which resulted in the deaths of dozens of personnel and injuries to several others. In a statement on Monday, BLA spokesperson Jeeyand Baloch claimed that the group conducted multiple operations from October 7 to 12, targeting military convoys, involving improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and sniper attacks, blocking highways and attacking men it accused of working for Pakistan's military. According to the BLA, its fighters attacked a Pakistani military convoy in the Panchi area of Panjgur district on October 10, killing four personnel and injuring several others. The group also claimed that two military vehicles were directly targeted. The BLA claimed that its aerial and drone warfare unit, QAHR, ambushed a vehicle carrying military operatives in Qila Abdullah on the same day, killing three and injuring more than seven.

4 TERRORISTS KILLED IN LANDMINE BLAST

Jammu, Oct 12 : Four terrorists, including a top Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) commander, were killed in a landmine blast along the line of control (LoC) when they were trying to infiltrate into J&K's Poonch district on Monday, officials said. The deceased terrorists have been identified as top LeT commander Mohammad Faizan, Mohammad Ishtiyaq, Mohammad Waqas, and Mohammad Asim. All of them were residents of Mandla, Madarpur, in Hajira tehsil of PoJK's Poonch district. Officials said that the group of terrorists was trying to sneak across the LoC in the Nangi Takri area of Krishna Ghati (KG) Sector late this afternoon when they triggered a mine. The powerful blast killed all four terrorists on the spot, officials added. The exact explosion site is in the Satwal-Naki/Nangi Takri area, which is a traditionally known infiltration path used by cross-border operatives trying to sneak into Indian territory. The infiltrators walked directly into a heavily fortified, forward minefield that forms a central part of the Indian Army's anti-infiltration obstacle grid. Security forces have stepped up surveillance and placed the region on high alert following the incident.

Rahul warns Modi & Shah as INDIA bloc vows to fight 'vote theft'



NEW DELHI ■ (TSIT)

Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday warned Prime Minister Narendra Modi, union Home Minister Amit Shah and Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar that "the net is closing around them", as the INDIA bloc vowed to intensify its campaign against alleged electoral manipulation and fight to "restore democracy in India". Addressing a joint press conference with Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and other opposition leaders in New Delhi, Gandhi said the movement against alleged "vote chori" would continue until its objectives were achieved, insisting that the opposition was united behind a single mission - the restoration of democracy.

"There are no parallel protests, there is one singular protest and the protest has one mission - restoration of democracy in India," Gandhi said, accusing the government of undermining democratic institutions, the electoral system and the Constitution. Warning the Prime Minister, Home Minister and Chief Election Commissioner against assuming they could escape accountability, he said:

"It is not going to be so simple that you can destroy the Indian Constitution and get away with it." The INDIA bloc's campaign centres on allegations that the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls has led to large-scale voter deletions, with opposition leaders claiming that nearly 13 crore names have been removed or affected. The allegations and the scale of any wrongful deletions remain subject to verifi-

At least 15 airlines cancel flights to Saudi amid Houthi attacks

Hyderabad ■ (TSIT):



At least 15 airlines, including four Indian carriers, have cancelled or suspended flights to Saudi Arabia after a series of Houthi attacks shut Riyadh's main airport. King Khalid International Airport has been closed since Saturday, October 10, when a Houthi strike killed at least 12 people and injured over 300, the deadliest attack on the kingdom in more than a decade. Saudi authorities have extended the closure until midnight on October 17 through a notice to airmen (NOTAM), and several hundred flights have been cancelled.
Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthis have claimed responsibility for several of the strikes. They have warned international airlines against flying to any Saudi airport except those in Makkah and Madinah, calling them unsafe.
Flights to Jeddah, Dammam and Abha have also been hit.

Panel to probe IIIT Ranchi student's death

NEW DELHI ■ (TSIT)

The Ministry of Education has set up a three-member committee to examine the death of a first-year student at the Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) Ranchi, an official statement said on Tuesday. The committee is headed by Professor Rajni Abbi, Director of the South Campus of the University of Delhi. It also includes a senior psychiatrist and a senior officer of the ministry.

Singareni staff to get Rs.1.54 lac Dasara payout: DYCM Bhatti



HYDERABAD ■ (TSIT)

Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Tuesday announced an average profit-sharing payment of Rs.1,53,912 each to 38,737 permanent employees of Singareni Collieries Company Limited as a Dasara gift. Another 29,717 contract workers will receive a bonus of Rs.5,500 each.

Speaking at a media conference at Praja Bhavan alongside IT and Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu, Vikramarka said the government would distribute 34 per cent of Singareni's net profits among employees, continuing last year's share. About Rs.596 crore from the company's net profit of Rs.1,754 crore would be distributed.

The Deputy Chief Minister announced measures covering housing, dependent employment, healthcare and workplace safety, saying workers' welfare and the company's financial strength were equally important. He said an action plan was being prepared to help workers own homes.

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Pawan Kalyan Inaugurates 4-Lane Bypass Road in Atmakur

Rs.8.91-crore project named Vayuputra Marg; focus on rural connectivity



Atmakur, TSIT : Deputy Chief Minister K. Pawan Kalyan on Tuesday virtually inaugurated a 2.2-km four-lane bypass road connecting NH-67 to Atmakur, developed at a cost of Rs.8.91 crore. Named Vayuputra Marg, the road fulfils a long-standing demand of the town's residents.

Speaking on the occasion, Pawan Kalyan said strengthening road infrastructure was essential for rural development. The project included road widening works worth Rs.6.31 crore through the Panchayat Raj Department and another Rs.2.60 crore for a central divider, street lighting and beautification through urban infrastructure and NUDA funds.

He said the improved road would provide safer and easier access to the national highway for residents, students and farmers. Highlighting the government's rural road development initiatives, he said Palle Panduga 1.0 and 2.0 had facilitated over 9,000 km of cement concrete roads, while approvals had been granted for 10,000 km of BT roads. Further road works were being taken up under Palle Panduga 3.0. Responding positively to the requests of Endowments Minister and Atmakur MLA Anam Ramanarayana Reddy, the Deputy Chief Minister directed officials to expedite proposals for drinking water supply under the Jal Jeevan Mission, a bridge across the Penna at Veerlagudipadu in Sangam mandal, and road widening from Narsapuram to Nagulapadu.

Vizag Comic Con draws 12,000 visitors

Visakhapatnam, TSIT : The maiden edition of Vizag Comic Con attracted over 12,000 visitors at Kalam Convention Centre on the AMTZ campus on October 10 and 11. The two-day event brought together comic book enthusiasts, anime lovers, gamers and cosplayers.

Presented by Maruti Suzuki and powered by Crunchyroll, the event featured comic and manga displays, panel discussions, artist interactions, merchandise stalls,



cosplay shows and live performances. The Comic Con Creators' Jam provided a platform for Indian comic creators to share their experiences and discuss the growth of the comics industry.

Visitors took part in virtual reality experiences, interactive gaming and racing simulations. Popular gaming streamer Munna Bhai Gaming and Telugu hip-hop artist Roll Rida were among the key attractions. Comic Con India CEO Shefali Johnson said the response from fans and families made the inaugural edition special.

Kumaraswamy backs Siddaramaiah, targets DKS

BENGALURU ■ (TSIT)



JD(S) leader and Union minister HD Kumaraswamy Tuesday threw his weight behind former Karnataka chief minister Siddaramaiah, urging the 78-year-old to raise his voice against the growing culture of 'sting operations' in the southern state.Kumaraswamy, the Janata Dal (Secular) state president and a two-time chief minister of Karnataka, said he would request Union Home Minister Amit Shah to order CBI probe into the sting operations allegedly being carried out in the state.Kumaraswamy's support comes a day after Siddaramaiah approached the court (not sure man, he didn't say) seeking a stay on publishing and distributing any videos or other material that could defame him.

"On social media, there was some false news spreading…that's why I am taking a stay order," Siddaramaiah told reporters late Monday.

Speaking to reporters on Tuesday, Kumaraswamy said, "Why should he (Siddaramaiah) be scared? Why should he take a stay? Don't you have the strength to fight? If this horrible practice has to be stopped, then he should fight back."The discussion surrounding sting operations has gained renewed traction, amid claims by Chief Minister DK Shivakumar that he may have also been targeted.Kumaraswamy and his father, former prime minister H.D. Deve Gowda, have had a strained relationship with Siddaramaiah, marked by periods of mutual respect and political differences, as well as a bitter falling-out in the mid-2000s, when Siddaramaiah was expelled from the JD(S) amid a clash over chief ministerial ambitions and Kumaraswamy's growing influence.

Dance students shine at Tirumala Navaratri fete

Tirumala: The ongoing Navaratri Brahmotsavams in Tirumala are witnessing spectacular cultural performances by 17 artistic troupes comprising 459 artists from nine states. Their performances are captivating audiences with exceptional talent and vibrant presentations.



Among them, the dance performance by students of Sri Venkateswara College of Dance, Tirupati, stood out for its brilliance and artistic excellence, captivating the audience and adding a special charm to the festive celebrations.

The young dancers showcased traditional compositions with precision and devotion, earning warm applause from pilgrims and visitors gathered at the temple town. Their coordination, expression and stage presence reflected months of rigorous training under their teachers.

Freedom Park rent row: Ashoka seeks details of CJP protest charges



Bengaluru : A controversy has erupted over the alleged non-payment of rent for a protest organised by the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) at Bengaluru's Freedom Park, with Opposition leader R. Ashoka accusing the Congress government of providing special concessions to groups protesting against the BJP and the Union government.

The CJP held the demonstration on October 8 against the Election Commission's Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and demanded the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar. Actor Prakash Raj, Abhijit Deepke, YouTuber Dhruv Rathee and activists representing various organisations attended the event.

Ashoka alleged that the organisers used the Freedom Park hall without paying the prescribed rent. He said organisations using the facility within the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) limits were required to pay Rs. 1 lakh. Claiming that no rent had been collected from the CJP, Ashoka alleged that a Bengaluru MLA and a political leader had orally directed officials to exempt the organisers from payment. These claims have not been independently confirmed.Addressing Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, the opposition leader asked whether farmers affected by drought, ASHA workers and Anganwadi employees were similarly allowed to organise protests without paying rental charges.He demanded immediate disclosure of the amount collected from the CJP and details of any waiver granted. Ashoka argued that public facilities must be administered fairly, with the same rules applying to every organisation.

Sugarcane farmers block national highways across Karnataka over FRP, sugar MSP demands



Bengaluru, : Sugarcane farmers staged protests across Karnataka on Tuesday, demanding an increase in the Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) for sugarcane and the minimum support price (MSP) for sugar. The demonstrations intensified after a meeting with the Union government failed to resolve their demands.

Farmers blocked national highways at several locations, including Hubballi, Belagavi, Mandya, Haveri, Koppal and Dharwad, seeking immediate intervention. They demanded a Rs. 60 increase in the minimum support price for sugar and a higher remunerative price for sugarcane.

In Hubballi, protesters blocked the Pune-Bengaluru National Highway near the Gabbur bypass circle by placing stones, wooden logs and barricades across the road, disrupting traffic.

Belagavi district witnessed demonstrations at three locations. Near the Hirebagewadi toll plaza, farmers staged a protest on the highway, raised slogans against the Centre and demanded higher prices.

MEN OF PLATINUM EXPANDS ITS COLLECTION WITH NEW DESIGNS FOR EVERY EXPRESSION OF MODERN SUCCESS



Bengaluru : Platinum Guild International (PGI) India has unveiled a new Men of Platinum collection featuring chains, pendants, bracelets and rings designed for men at different stages of their journey. Endorsed by Rohit Sharma and Anirudh Ravichander in the brand's new campaign, the collection brings to life a central belief: enduring success is forged through character—the conviction to forge your own path, the resilience to keep moving forward, and the values that give achievement lasting meaning.

The collection broadens the world of Men of Platinum, bringing together bold, statement platinum jewellery with lighter, contemporary designs created for more frequent wear. Sculpted forms, geometric surfaces, interlocking links and considered contrasts of colour and finish create distinct expressions of personal style—from pieces that mark achievement and stature to those that become part of a man's identity.

Rohit Sharma's composure and leadership speak to character & values that sustain success. Anirudh Ravichander's self-belief and willingness to keep evolving speak to character that builds success. Their distinct journeys offer a way to connect the jewellery to the choices and values of the men who wear it.

At the heart of every piece is platinum, a precious metal known for its ability to endure. It's strength, naturally white colour provide the foundation for designs ranging from substantial statement pieces to refined everyday jewellery—each created to reflect the char-

317 kg cannabis worth up to Rs. 1.7 crore seized from car travelling from Odisha to Kerala



Bengaluru, : A vehicle allegedly used to transport a large consignment of cannabis from Odisha to Kerala has been intercepted by Kumbalgodu police, leading to the seizure of 317 kg of the contraband and the arrest of two men. The accused were travelling in a Toyota Innova Crysta and had allegedly hidden the cannabis inside the seats and other concealed areas of the vehicle. Police suspect that a portrait of freedom fighter Bhagat Singh displayed on the car was intended to make it appear less suspicious and help the occupants avoid close scrutiny.

Police launched the operation after receiving specific information about the movement of the suspected drug consignment. When officers stopped the vehicle and searched it, they initially expected to find only a few kilograms of cannabis. However, a more extensive inspection revealed numerous bundles hidden in different parts of the car. The total quantity recovered was 317 kg. Officials estimate the value of the seized cannabis at between Rs. 1.5 crore and Rs. 1.7 crore.

The two arrested men have been identified as Vishnumani, 30, and Chan Pasha, 31. They have been taken into custody for further questioning.

Investigators are attempting to establish the origin of the consignment, identify its intended buyers and trace the people who may have arranged the transportation. Police are also probing whether the arrested men were working with a larger interstate drug trafficking network. The seizure is part of the ongoing investigation by Kumbalgodu police, who are examining all possible links and the circumstances

Karnataka railway projects worth Rs. 52,000 crore under way, says Union Minister Somanna



Shivamogga, : Railway infrastructure development in Karnataka is receiving a major financial push, with the Centre sanctioning Rs. 9,000 crore for the continued development of the Konkan Railway and other projects in the state, Union Minister of State for Railways and Jal Shakti V. Somanna said on Tuesday.

Addressing reporters in Shivamogga, Somanna said projects involving an expenditure of approximately Rs. 52,000 crore were currently under way across Karnataka. He said the government was focusing on improving rail connectivity, particularly between the coastal districts and the Malnad region, while accelerating projects that had faced prolonged delays.

The minister said a plan had been prepared to move forward with ongoing works and address projects that had remained pending for years. The proposed investment is intended to strengthen railway infrastructure and improve transport links for passengers in different parts of the state.Somanna highlighted the Shivamogga-Shikaripura-Ranebennur railway project, announcing that the existing tender would be cancelled over alleged shortcomings and delays attributed to the contractor. The contractor would be blacklisted, and a fresh tender would be invited within two months, he said.

The Shivamogga-Birur railway line doubling project is currently undergoing a survey. The proposed Talaguppa-Honnavar railway line, meanwhile, has been assigned an estimated cost of Rs. 1,511 crore.

The minister also said proposals to expand railway connectivity around Mangaluru, Udupi and Shivamogga had been discussed. New railway connectivity through the Sringeri region was also among the proposals under consideration. Somanna said the planned projects could bring substantial improvements to connectivity between the coastal and Malnad regions. Their timely execution will be essential to improving passenger convenience and supporting economic activity across Karnataka.

Plea to President for Supreme Court Bench Serving Seven South Indian States



Bengaluru: During the 22nd Biennial State-Level Judicial Officers Conference held at the GKVK campus in Bengaluru, in the presence of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah proposed the establishment of a "Supreme Court Bench." The primary objective behind this proposal was to ensure that the people of South Indian states could access Supreme Court justice easily and at a lower travel cost, thereby facilitating convenient access to justice.

Having contested as an independent candidate from the Chikkaballapur Lok Sabha constituency (27) in the General Elections held on April 26, 2024, we with a vision for the development of the nation and states had drafted our manifesto citing a point from the manifesto presented by Shri M. Basavalingappa, RWF, Indian Railways, regarding a Supreme Court bench. We urgently request Honourable President Smt. Droupadi Murmu Ji and Honourable Supreme Court Justice Shri Surya Kant Ji to approve the establishment of a Supreme Court bench. This measure is essential to ensure easy access to justice for the people of the seven states of modern South India, as well as for Dalits, the poor, the middle class, the downtrodden, and farmers.

Reasons cited for establishing a Supreme Court bench include: providing employment opportunities for women from all sections of society and training female lawyers under senior advocates; creating job opportunities for aspiring lawyers and departmental staff while facilitating appointment of skilled senior advocates as judges; addressing the deprivation felt by common people from South India due to the Supreme Court's location in Delhi, including language barriers and exorbitant costs; enabling the poor, farmers, and middle class to approach the Supreme Court, some of whom have resorted to suicide after failing to secure justice; ensuring easy accessibility for people across seven states if established in Bengaluru; expediting resolution of civil and criminal cases and addressing the backlog of lakhs of pending cases; ensuring easy access to justice for the downtrodden, Dalits, the poor, women, and the aggrieved; addressing injustices faced by the working class across South India; and driving infrastructure development and generating a twofold economic boost for the national exchequer. Manifesto Coordinator M. Basavalingappa, RWF, Indian Railways, social worker, Chitra Layout, Attur, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-64, may be contacted at Mobile: 80889 69615. The message to civil society was given by Narasimhamurthy V.N., son of the late Sri Narasimhaiah, Vadigere, Julapalya Post, Bagepalli Taluk, Independent Candidate defeated for the Chikkaballapur Lok Sabha Constituency (2024) and social activist, Mobile: 968 662 8413.

L&T Technology Services Launches EI Lab for Manufacturing and Operations, Featuring NVIDIA Accelerated AI-Native Factory



Bengaluru : L&T Technology Services, a global leader in Engineering Intelligence Solutions and ER&D services, today inaugurated its AI-Native EI Lab for Digital Manufacturing in Bengaluru, an experiential environment where customers and partners can see AI-Native Manufacturing, digital twins and autonomous systems working together across the lifecycles.

The EI Lab extends LTTS' Engineering Intelligence charter to the manufacturing shop floor. Through live and scenario-based demonstrations, customers can move from digital engineering and virtual validation to connected production, intelligent operations and autonomous systems, and see the integration pathways that make each of them scale.

The EI Lab is built around multiple capability pillars:

Manufacturing Intelligence: An AI-powered Manufacturing Command Center with executive decision-intelligence, manufacturing data fabric with knowledge graph, a supply chain control tower supported by AI-powered production planning and multi-plant benchmarking.

AI-Native Factory: Here intelligent machines, robots, cobots, drones, autonomous systems and digital twins work together to execute manufacturing tasks with minimal human intervention. This layer has an NVIDIA accelerated environment combining NVIDIA Omniverse, NVIDIA Isaac Sim, NVIDIA PhysX, NVIDIA Cosmos, NVIDIA NeMo, and OpenUSD-based digital twin workflows, accelerated visualization and technologies for Industrial and Physical AI.

Operations AI & Autonomy: A verification gate that checks actions generated by agent swarms before they reach a machine, enabling verifiable, governed execution and safer autonomous decision-making across connected manufacturing environments. This layer encompasses factory design & simulation, production, process & quality control, maintenance and sustainability.

LTTS' Unified Intelligence platform: EIOne, the Engineering Intelligence platform that brings together 100+ EI solutions and agentic AI swarms into a single, governed ecosystem. It empowers enterprises to rapidly build, deploy, orchestrate, and scale AI-driven engineering & manufacturing workflows while ensuring enterprise-grade security, governance, and operational control.

"AI is transforming how manufacturers design, simulate and operate the factories of the future," said Vishal Dhupar, Managing Director for South Asia at NVIDIA. "The EI Lab, combining NVIDIA technologies spanning hardware, software and world models and LTTS' deep engineering expertise, gives manufacturers a practical environment to explore and validate AI-driven, simulation-first approaches to industrial transformation."

"The EI Lab for Manufacturing brings Engineering Intelligence into a tangible manufacturing environment, allowing customers to experience how engineering, AI and physical systems can come together to address real-world challenges. Our collaboration with NVIDIA adds advanced simulation and accelerated computing capabilities to this environment, while our engineering & manufacturing expertise helps translate these technologies into practical manufacturing solutions for our global customers," said Amit Chadha.

Breast cancer emerging as most common cancer among younger women, don't ignore early signs: Oncologist

BENGALURU : Breast cancer is largely perceived as a disease that affects older women. However, data shows it is also a significant concern among younger Indian women. According to estimates from India's National Cancer Registry Programme, breast cancer accounted for over 27% of all cancer cases among women aged 15–39 in 2022, making it the most common cancer in this age group.

The findings go against the commonly held misconception that younger women are mostly beyond the risk of breast cancer. Ignoring a lump in the breast or other changes due to one's young age can delay diagnosis and treatment. This was said by Dr. Radheshyam Naik, Senior Medical Oncologist at Sammprada Hospital, Bengaluru, during the ongoing Breast Cancer Awareness Month.Explained Dr. Radheshyam Naik: "One of the biggest misconceptions about breast cancer is that it is a disease women need to worry about only after a certain age. The reality is that younger women can also develop breast cancer, and age alone should never be a reason to dismiss a likely symptom. Any new or persistent breast lump, change in breast shape or size, skin dimpling, nipple inversion or unusual nipple discharge needs to be shown to a doctor. While not every breast change is cancer, it is important to establish the cause rather than ignore it."

Younger women may continue to overlook warning signs of breast cancer because they do not consider themselves at risk, tend to attribute symptoms to hormonal fluctuations or some other cause, or keep postponing doctor visit due to work or family commitments.

"Women should become familiar with what is normal for their breasts and see a doctor if they notice a new or unusual change. Equally important, they should understand that breast awareness is not a substitute for proper screening or diagnostic tests. The right course of action depends on a woman's age, symptoms, personal medical history and risk factors. If a suspicious change is identified, the priority is to investigate it promptly rather than wait for it to resolve on its own," Dr. Naik added.

Family history is another area where misconceptions can create a false sense of security, according to the doctor. Although inherited genetic factors can increase risk, the absence of a known family history does not rule out breast cancer. While greater awareness is the first step, access to medical advice, appropriate diagnostic facilities and timely follow-up are equally important in helping women tackle a suspected breast cancer diagnosis. Said Dr. Naik: "Artificial intelligence (AI) is emerging as a promising tool in breast cancer detection, with the potential to help radiologists identify suspicious abnormalities in mammograms, improve the consistency of image interpretation and give priority to cases that require closer examination. AI-assisted imaging technologies can play an important role in supporting earlier diagnosis and improving the efficiency of breast cancer screening."

TVK buying power at Rs 35/unit, after flaying DMK's Rs 20, says Senthilbalaji



CHENNAI: Former Electricity Minister V Senthilbalaji on Tuesday accused the TVK government of mishandling power procurement and failing to address power cuts, alleging that it was moving towards privatisation of the electricity sector.Speaking to reporters at Anna Arivalayam, Senthilbalaji claimed the current government was procuring electricity at Rs 35 per unit, compared with Rs 20 per unit during the DMK regime.

Taking a swipe at Nirmalkumar, Senthilbalaji said: "His name is not CTR Nirmal Kumar, but Collection Kumar.

"During the press meet, he played a campaign video clip of the TVK leader and present Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay criticising the previous DMK regime for purchasing electricity at higher rates.Senthilbalaji said electricity demand in Tamil Nadu rose from 16,000 MW to 20,830 MW during the DMK regime, while 4,349 MW of capacity was added over five years. Power generation had also increased from 22,000 million units to 29,000 million units during the period, he claimed.

Tamil Nadu announces temporary bus terminals, special services for Ayudha Pooja, Deepavali rush



CHENNAI: To ease the festival rush, the TNSTC will operate additional special buses and run services from decentralised temporary terminals for those heading home for Ayudha Pooja and Deepavali.

Addressing reporters after a high-level review meeting with police and transport officials, Minister for Transport A Vijay Tamilan Parthiban on Tuesday outlined the plan to manage crowds and ease congestion in Chennai.He said that, based on lessons from earlier holiday rushes, the government had set up auxiliary temporary termini alongside the newly operational Kilambakkam bus terminus to decongest traffic and streamline passenger movement.

Kilambakkam will continue to be the main hub for buses to Puducherry, Cuddalore, Chidambaram, Trichy, Madurai, Thoothukudi, Sengottai, Tirunelveli, Salem and Coimbatore, the minister said.The open space at the CMDA climate park, near Kilambakkam, has been designated for buses to Vandavasi, Vellore and Tiruvannamalai.A temporary bus stand at Maraimalai Nagar has been set up to handle southbound services to Kumbakonam, Thanjavur and Nagapattinam, he said. Free MTC shuttle services and mini-buses will operate continuously between Kilambakkam and Maraimalai Nagar to facilitate transfers."Koyambedu will continue regular services, supplemented by routes towards ECR, Kanchipuram, Vellore, Bengaluru and Tiruttani, while Madhavaram will handle services towards Andhra Pradesh via Ponneri and Uthukottai," he said.

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PUB/713

Dy.CSTE/Projects/Tele/SC acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders for the following work.

Tender Number and Date C_SG_PT_NDKR_RDKR-NED-03 Dated: 10.10.2026. **Name of Work** Reliability improvement of outdoor signalling assets along with EI alterations at Nanded Station in Nanded Division. **Estimated Project Cost** Rs. 6,49,03,376.76/-. **Bid Security** Rs. 12,98,100/-. **Completion Period of Work** 12 Months. **Bid Closing Date (Bid Due Date)** 10.11.2026 at 11.00 hrs. **Bid Opening Date** 10.11.2026 after 11.00 hrs. **Validity of Offer** 90 Days from Bid Closing Date. **Cost of Tender Booklet** Rs. 0/-

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

Dy. CSTE/Project/Tele/ Secunderabad

TENDER NOTICE No:15-CWMLGDS-ET-2026-27. Dated:09.10.2026

PUB/715

CWM/LGDS acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No. 15-CWMLGDS-ET-2026-27 closing date 31.10.2026 at 11:00 hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money **only through online payment modes** available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through demand draft, banker's cheque, deposit receipts, FDR etc., are not allowed.

Sl. No. 1. **Tender No.** 15-CWM LGDS-ET-2026-27 dated 09.10.2026. **Description of work** Up-gradation of Rakes for Special trains (Simhastha Kumbh, Kumbh Mela, Magh Mela etc) **Approximate Cost (Rs.Ps.)** 65,03,385.60Ps. (Rupees Sixty Five Lakhs Three Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Five and Sixty Paise only). **EMD (Rs.Ps.)** 1,30,100.00 (Rupees One Lakh Thirty Thousand One Hundred only). **Period of Completion** 6 months. **Date of Closing** 31.10.2026 11:00 hrs.

1. **Website Particulars** www.ireps.gov.in

2. **Notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen.** Office of the Chief Workshop Manager, Carriage Workshop, Lallaguda, Secunderabad-500017.

For further Tender conditions/details (available in the tender documents) and for downloading of tender documents, corrigendum, please visit our website **https://www.ireps.gov.in/.**

Chief Workshop Manager Carriage Workshop, Lallaguda
A829

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

INVENT ASSETS SECURITISATION & RECONSTRUCTION PRIVATE LIMITED
Regd Office: Bakhtawar, Suite 'B', Ground Floor, Backbay Reclamation, Scheme Block III, 229, Nariman Point, Mumbai – 400021.

POSSESSION NOTICE [RULE 8(1)] (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Invent Assets Securitisation & Reconstruction Private Limited** (hereinafter referred to as **"INVENT"**) by ALTUM vide registered Assignment Agreement dated 29.12.2025 under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, had issued a Demand Notice to the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s) as mentioned in the table below, calling upon them to repay the amount within the stipulated period.

The Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s) having failed to repay the dues within the prescribed time, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **Symbolic Possession** of the secured asset(s) under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on the date mentioned in the table below.

The Borrower(s)/Secured Debtor(s) and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the secured asset(s), and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of INVENT for the amount mentioned in the Demand Notice.

The Borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset(s).

Sl. No.	Borrower Details	NPA Date & Outstanding Amount	13(2) Date & Possession Date
1.	**Senthilkumar R (Borrower)** **Vasanthi R (Co-Borrower)** **Sumathi S (Co-Borrower)** **A/c No. 1262020100019**	**31-02-2023** **₹15,21,290**	**23-08-2024** **09-10-2026**

Property Description : All that piece and parcel of Erode R.D. Sivagiri S.R.D. Erode Taluk, Arachalur Village, Natham No.148/9, old S.F.N.No. 1062/2 in this East : North South Street, West : House Property of A.M. Arumugham, South : House Property of Rama Naicker North : Remaining Property of vendor

STATUTORY NOTICE TO BORROWERS / CO-BORROWERS AND GUARANTORS
Borrower(s) / Co-Borrowers(s) and Guarantor(s) are hereby put to caution that the property may be sold at any time hereinafter by way of public auction/tenders and as such this may also be treated as a notice under Rule 6, 8 & 9 of Security (interest) Enforcement Rules, 2002.

Date: 14-10-2026 **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Place : Tamilnadu **Invent Assets Securitisation & Reconstruction Private Limited**

Protium **PROTIUM FINANCE LIMITED**
(Erstwhile Growth Source Financial Technologies Limited)
Registered & Corporate Office Address: 7th Floor, Block B2, Phase – I Nirlon Knowledge Park, Pahadi Village, Off. Western Express Highway, Cama Industrial Estate, Goregaon(E), Mumbai- 400063, Maharashtra.

POSSESSION NOTICE- (U/S 13(4) & As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Protium Finance Limited (hereinafter referred to as "Protium Finance Limited"), under the provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act No. 54 of 2002) (the "SARFAESI Act"), and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **5th August 2026,** calling upon **the Borrower: S.P.R.J. Maffatlal Oil Mills Through its Proprietor Mothilal Raj Rajamani S/o Jeyaraj, and the Co-Borrowers: 1. Mothilal Raj Rajamani S/o Jeyaraj, 2. Princes M W/o Mothilal Raj Rajamani, in respect of Loan Account No. GS087LAP2480810,** to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice, being **INR 1,31,85,367.95/- (One Crore Thirty One Lakh Eighty Five Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Seven Rupees and Ninety Five Paise Only) as on 5th August 2026**, within 60 (sixty) days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrowers having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described hereinbelow, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, on **12th October 2026.**
The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property, and any dealings with the property shall be subject to the charge of Protium Finance Limited for an amount **of INR 1,31,85,367.95/- (One Crore Thirty One Lakh Eighty Five Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Seven Rupees and Ninety Five Paise Only),** together with further interest thereon and all costs, charges and expenses incurred.
The borrowers' attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the landed property bearing Door No. 9A, comprised in Old T.S. No. 1710/2, 1710/5, 1710/9, 1710/10 Part, after subdivision New T.S. No. 1710/2, 1710/3, 1710/10, 1710/11, Ward 1, Block 18, measuring an extent of 4226 sq. ft. (as per valuation report), in Palayankottai Town Village, 10th Ward, now Tirunelveli Corporation 13th Ward, Palayankottai Arivatta Nayanar Street, Palayankottai Taluk, Palayankottai District, lying within the Registration District of Playankottai and Sub-Registration District of Palayankottai SRO, now Palayankottai Joint I SRO, and being bounded by the following boundaries: **North:** Vacant land; **South:** Existing house; **East:** Existing house; **West:** 6 feet wide pathway. Totally measuring 4226 sq. ft. of the property with all easement rights and pathway.

Date: 12th October 2026 **Sd/-, For Protium Finance Limited**
Place: Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu **Authorised Officer**

SURYODAY A BANK OF SMILES
Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited
Regd. & Corp. office : 1101, Sharda Terraces, Plot 65, Sector – 11, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai – 400614. CIN: L65923MH2008PLC261472.

Under Section 13 (2) of The Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002
Whereas the undersigned is the Authorised officer of the M/s. Suryoday Small Finance Bank Ltd. ("SSFBL") under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s), Co-Borrower(s), Guarantor(s) to discharge in full their liability to the Company by making payment of entire outstanding including up to date interest, cost and charges within 60 days from the date of respective Notices issued and the publication of the Notice as given below as and way of alternate service upon you. As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset (s) have been mortgaged to SSFBL by the said Borrower(s), Co-Borrower(s), Guarantor(s) respectively.

Name of Borrower / Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	29.09.2026
259000093631, 1. MRS. THAVAMANI ANBALANGAN W/O MR. ANBAZHAGAN PALANI, 2. MRS. ANBAZHAGAN PALANI S/O MR. PALANI	Date of NPA	08-09-2026
	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 10,61,885.47/- as on 18.09.2026

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (Ies) : Item NO. 1 - All that piece and parcel of the land and building comprised in Mayiladuthurai District, SembanarKovil Sub Registration Office, Tharangambadi Taluk, 7&8 Nadukkarai Melpathi Village, Puthutheru Keelapathi. 1. R. S. No. 575/10, Old R.S.No.575/1Part 121 Sq.Mt., Manai with a House thereon. Four Boundaries (As per VAO Certificate), North by Rajamani House Manai, South by New Street, West by Gowriyammal Punjai Manai, East by Vacant Manai

Date : 14.10.2026, Place : Tamilnadu **Authorised Officer, Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited**

SURYODAY A BANK OF SMILES
Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited
Regd. & Corp. office : 1101, Sharda Terraces, Plot 65, Sector – 11, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai – 400614. CIN: L65923MH2008PLC261472.

POSSESSION NOTICE
Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the M/s. Suryoday Small Finance Bank Ltd., under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (ACT NO.54 OF 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice to below mentioned Borrower/s / Guarantor/s. After completion of 60 days from date of receipt of the said notice, The Borrower/s / Guarantor/s having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/s / Guarantor/s and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on them under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 6 & 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on the date mentioned herewith:

Name of Borrower / Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	14.07.2026
257000027661, 1) MR. KUMAR SUBRAMANI S/O MR. SUBRAMANI 2) MRS. VALARMATHI KUMAR W/O MR. KUMAR SUBRAMANI	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 26,88,141.23/- as on 07.07.2026
	Date of Possession	12.10.2026(Symbolic)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (ies) : All that piece and parcel of landed property comprised in S.No-292,290/1B as per Revenue Record S.Nos-292/1A1A1A,290/1B1A1A measuring an Extent of 1000-12-½=987-½ Sq.Ft in Plot No.37 Southern Part,of "Royal Avenue" Kakavadi Village, Kakavadi Panchayat, Thaanthoni Union, Karur Taluk, Lying within in Registration District of Karur and Sub-Registration District of Velliiyanai and Being Bounded on the :- Boundaries - North of: 30 feet wide East West Road, South of: Plot No-37 Northern Part Land, East of: Plot No-36, West of: 33 feet wide South North Road, Within these boundaries Measuring :- East to West on the North Side:50 Feet, East to West on the South Side: 50 feet, South to North on the Said:20 Feet, South to North on the West Side: 20 Feet, Totally measuring of 1000-12½=987-½Sq.Ft, With all easement rights and pathway.

The Borrower/s / Guarantor/s in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the M/s Suryoday Small Finance Bank Ltd, for an above mentioned demanded amount and further interest thereon.

Authorised Officer,
Date : 14.10.2026, Place : Tamil Nadu **Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited**

SURYODAY A BANK OF SMILES
Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited
Regd. & Corp. office : 1101, Sharda Terraces, Plot 65, Sector – 11, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai – 400614. CIN: L65923MH2008PLC261472.

POSSESSION NOTICE
Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the M/s. Suryoday Small Finance Bank Ltd., under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (ACT NO.54 OF 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice to below mentioned Borrower/s / Guarantor/s. After completion of 60 days from date of receipt of the said notice, The Borrower/s / Guarantor/s having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/s / Guarantor/s and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on them under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 6 & 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on the date mentioned herewith:

Name of Borrower / Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	15.09.2025
257000011165, 1) MR. SARAVANAN R S/O RAMU, 2) MRS. SANTHI SARAVANAN w/o SARAVANAN R	Total Outstanding Amount in Rs.	Rs. 7,35,024.87/- as on 15.09.2025
	Date of Possession	10.10.2026(Physical)

Description Of Secured Asset(S) /Immovable Property (ies) : ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF LAND AND BUILDING BEARING IN THIRUVANNAMALAI R.D VETTAVALAM SUB REGISTRY, POLAKUNAM VILLAGE NATHAM OLD S. NO 54/3, PRESENT S. NO 54/21-110 SQ .MTR 1184 SQ FT. BOUNDARIES : NORTH: STREET, SOUTH: JOSEPH PROPERTY, EAST: MUNUSAMY LAND, WEST: CHINNATHAI PROPERTY MEASUREMENTS: THE SAID 110 SQ.MTR 1184 SQ.FT

The Borrower/s / Guarantor/s in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the M/s Suryoday Small Finance Bank Ltd, for an above mentioned demanded amount and further interest thereon.
Date : 14.10.2026, Place : Tamil Nadu **Authorised Officer, Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited**

NEOGROWTH Lending simplified. Growth amplified.
NeoGrowth Credit Pvt. Ltd.
Registered office: Times Square, Tower E, 9th Floor, Andheri Kurla Road, Marol, Andheri East – 400059

E-AUCTION/SALE NOTICE APPENDIX- IV- A [See proviso to rule 8(6)] E-AUCTION NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS Under The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 Read With Proviso to Rule 8 (6) of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given for conducting E-Auction sale under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (SARFAESI ACT) and Rules 8(6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 of the immovable properties, mortgaged to the NeoGrowth Credit Private Limited (hereinafter referred to as the "Secured Creditor". Whereas the below mentioned borrower failed to repay the loan amount to the **Secured Creditor** within 60 days from the date of the notice dated **05.12.2025** issued by its authorized officer under section 13(2) of the SARFAESI ACT 2002.
The Physical possession of the below mentioned mortgaged property was taken by the Authorized Officer of **NeoGrowth Credit Private Limited on 31.08.2026** pursuant to the powers vested in it under the provisions of Rule 8(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and under the provisions of section 13 (4)and in exercise of the powers conferred there under.
The under signed being the Authorized Officer of **NeoGrowth Credit Private Limited** has decided to sell the scheduled property on **"AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS", and "WHATEVER THERE IS"** basis for recovery of Loan Account/App ID 1300523 & 1313446 of **Rs. 70,26,439.16/- (Rupees Seventy Lakh Twenty Six Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Nine Paise Sixteen Only) due as on 04.12.2025** along with the applicable interest and other charges together with interest and other contractual dues due to the Secured Creditor from Borrowers and Guarantors i.e. **(1) HEMAA TEX (Merchant),** (A Proprietorship Firm through its Proprietors/Authorised Signatory) At No 4/381 H Aruna Nagar K Vadamadurai Coimbatore, Coimbatore - 641017 Tamil Nadu, **(2) HALLAN SUSI** (Borrower/ Proprietor/Authorised Signatory) and **(3) CHANDRAN CHANDRAMOHAN** (Co-Applicant/Proprietor/Authorised Signatory) Both 2 & 3 R/o 1/21A Shruthi Avenue Near Aruna Nagar Kurudampalayam Vadamadurai Coimbatore - 641017 Tamil Nadu, All 1 To 3 Also At:- Sf. No. 207, Site No: 2-A, Kurudampalayam Shruthi Avenue, Vadamadurai, Near By Aruna Nagar Vinayagar Temple, Coimbatore – 641017, Tamil Nadu.

Description of Secured Assets (Immovable Property): All That Piece And Parcel Of Coimbatore Registration District, Presently Coimbatore North Registration District, Perianaickenpalayam Sub Registration District, Coimbatore North Taluk, No.20 Thudiyalur Village, S.f.no.267 Ac. 5.53 In This Ac. 2.05 Land Divided Into House-sites And The Boundaries And Measurements For Site No.2-a, North Of :- Part Of S.f.no.268/ A, East Of :-site No.2, South Of :-23 Feet Wide Road, West Of :-site No.3, Within The Above East-west On The North :-32 Feet, South-north On The East :-45 Feet, East-west On The South :-32 Feet, South-north On The West :-45 Feet, For This 1440 Sq.ft Or Ac. 0.03 Cents And 133 Sq.mtr Of Plot With Building, Together With The Rights To Use The Layout Roads And Usual Roads In Common Situated Within The Limits Of Thudiyalur Town Panchayat In New S.f.no.267/2 As Per Sub Division Patta No.935, Thudiyalur Village Coimbatore – 641017, Tamil Nadu.
Reserve Price: Rs. 55,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Five Lakh Only) / EMD : Rs. 5,50,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh Fifty Thousand Only)

(a) Last date of submission of bids: 29.10.2026 at 5:00 PM, at E auction Website Address https://www.bankeauctions.com, NeoGrowth Credit Private Limited, at Times Square, Tower E, 9th Floor, Andheri Kurla Road, Marol, Andheri East – 400059.
(b) Time & Place of opening of bids/auction: 30.10.2026 at 10:00 AM, at E auction Website Address https://www.bankeauctions.com, NeoGrowth Credit Private Limited, at Times Square, Tower E, 9th Floor, Andheri Kurla Road, Marol, Andheri East – 400059.

For any other information, Mr. Pratik Verma, Authorized Officer (Mobile no. +91-9819325685) may be contacted at the above address.
STAUTORY 15 DAYS NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) & 9(1) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.
The Borrower/Co-Borrowers/guarantors /mortgagers are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along, with up-to-date interest and ancillary expenses before auction, failing which the auction of mortgaged property mentioned above shall take place and balance dues if any shall be recovered with interest/cost. **Date: 14.10.2026, Place: Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu** **Sd/- Authorised Officer, M/s Neo Growth Credit Private Limited**

BAJAJ FINANCE **BAJAJ FINANCE LIMITED**
Registered Office: Bajaj Finance Limited, Off Pune-Ahmednagar Road, Viman Nagar, Pune 411014
Branch Office: Bajaj Finance Ltd, 1st Floor Railway Feeder Road, Opp Apsara Talkies Opp Apsara Talkies, Virudhunagar-626001

POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)
(As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Bajaj Finance Limited (BFL).** under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financials Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Sec.13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand **by registered post** ("Notice") calling upon the Borrowers/Co-borrowers mentioned hereunder to repay the amount mentioned in the notice U/s.13(2) of the said Act within a period of 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors named below having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/ Mortgagors/ Guarantors and public in general that the undersigned has taken **Physical Possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on me under Sec.13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The borrowers in particular and public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property and any dealing with this property will be subject to the charge of the Bajaj Finance Limited. for the amount mentioned herein below along with interest thereon at contracted rate. **The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.**

Loan Account No./Name of the Borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s)/Guarantor(s)	Description of Secured Immovable Property	Date of Notice U/s.13(2) and U/s.13(2) Notice Amount and Date of Possession
P5S6PBS7617707 & P5S6PBS9097808 **1. R L Lamination thr. Its Prop. Mariraj Ponraj At:** R/o. No 12 1338 P K N Road Hussain Colony Virudhunagar Tamilnadu 626123 **Also At:** R/o. 1336 Sivakasi Virudhunagar Sivakasi 626123 Tamilnadu Also At : R/o. S No. 111 Kamaraj Road Sivakasi Village Sivakasi SRO Virudhunagar District 626123. **2.M Ramalakshmi W/o Mariraj & 3. M Ponraj S/o Mariraj At:** R/o. 339 Saradoha Nagar Sengamala Kamarajar Road Sivakasi Virudhunagar Tamilnadu 626123 Contact: 9843445050 Email id: ponraj1978@gmail.com **Sr.No. 2&3 At:** R/o. 339 Kamarajar Road Sivakasi Virudhunagar Tamilnadu 626123 Contact: 9843445050 Email id: ponraj1978@gmail.com	**Schedule of property:** All the piece and parcel of Virudhunagar District Virudhunagar Registration District Sivakasi Sub Registration Office Sivakasi Taluk Sivakasi Town Ward No. 1, 11 th Street Kamaraj Road Sivakasi Village in Survey No. 111 to an extent of 6 Acre 32 Cent in which West side 3 Acre 16 Cent in which Middle Portion to an extent of 2 1/12 Cent of the Property **Within the following Boundaries:-** North: Property belongs to Irulayi Ammal and Others; East: Property belongs to Irulayi Ammal and Others; West: Property Belongs to Vijayalakshmi; South: 15 Ft. wide East-West Road. **Within Which Property Measuring** East-West 15 Feet on the North and South, North-South 60 Feet on the East and West totally to an extent of 2 1/12 Cent equivalent to 900 Sq.Ft. of the Property in Which Constructed Building Bearing Door No. 339 in Tax Assessment No. 900042 With All Deposits and Fittings And All Other Amenities Along With All Pathway Rights. The Said Property Comprised in Ward A Block No.1 in T S No. 38/1 and Now in Ward A Block 11 in T S No. 32	**12.09.2025** **Rs.21,74,432/-** (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Seventy Four Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Two Only) **POSSESSION DATE 10.10.2026**

Date : 12.10.2026, Place : Chennai **Sd/- Authorised Officer - Bajaj Finance Limited**

FEDBANK **FEDBANK FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED**
Registered Office: Unit No. 1101, 11th Floor, Cignus, Plot No. 71 A, Powai, Paspoli, Mumbai – 400087

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION CUM SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

15 days' Notice of Sale of Immovable Secured Asset Assets is hereby given by Fedbank Financial Services Limited (Secured Creditor) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 8(6) & 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. The undersigned as Authorized Officer of Secured Creditor has taken over the possession of the Secured Asset(s) under SARFAESI Act 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the Public in general and in particular to the Borrowers/Co – Borrowers/Guarantors that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, Fedbank Financial Services Limited, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Fedbank Financial Services Limited, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "wherever there is" on **13/11/2026 from 10 am to 10.30 am**, for recovery of **Rs. 4717115/- (Rupees Forty Seven Lac Seventeen Thousand One Hundred Fifteen Only)** in **FEDCHNLAP0543809 as on 24/12/2025** with interest and expenses thereon from 25/12/2025 due to Fedbank Financial Services Limited, Secured Creditor, from **SURESH R (Borrower); YAMUNA S (Co-Borrower); SELVI R (Co-Borrower).**

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

ALL PIECE AND PARCEL OF MORTGAGED PROPERTY BEARING RESIDENTIAL FLAT COMPRISED IN S NO 62PART, MEASURING WITH AN EXTENT OF 1/3 UDS OUT OF 490 SQ FT ALONG WITH BUILDING BEARING FLAT NO.33, 2ND FLOOR, TOGETHER WITH BUILT UP AREA 290 SQ FT, ADITIONALLY FLAT CONSTRUCTED 200 SQ FT, TOTAL FLAT MEASURING 490 SQ FT, SITUATED AT BLOCK NO. 271, UDHAYAM COLONY, VILLIVAKKAM VILLAGE, ANNA NAGAR, CHENNAI-600040, TAMILNADU. Bounded By: East: FLAT NO 271/36, West: FLAT NO 271/32, North: FLAT NO 271/34, South: 48 FEET ROAD.

RESERVE PRICE (IN RS.)	**Rs. 45,00,000/-** (Rupees Forty-Five Lac Only)
EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT (IN RS.) THROUGH DD/PO/RTGS IN FAVOR OF 'FEDBANK FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED'	**Rs. 4,50,000/-** (Rupees Four Lac Fifty Thousand Only)
BID INCREMENTAL AMOUNT	**Rs. 50,000/-** (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only)
LAST DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS WITH SEALED OFFER/ TENDER WITH EMD	**Till 12th November, 2026 latest by 05:00 P.M. at – Fedbank Financial Services Limited, Malavika center, 3rd floor no: 144, 145 Kodambakkam High Road, Thirumoorthy Nagar, Nungambakkam, TN-600034.**
INSPECTION OF PROPERTIES	**6th November, 2026 Before 5 PM**
LAST DATE FOR PAYMENT OF 25% OF ACCEPTED HIGHEST BID FOR CONFIRMED SUCCESSFUL BIDDER (INCLUSIVE OF EMD)	**The payment should be made latest by next working day from the date of bid confirmation**
LAST DATE FOR PAYMENT OF BALANCE 75% OF HIGHEST BID	**Within 15 days from the date of bid Confirmation**

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Your attention is also invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of SARFAESI Act, 2002 in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
Date: 14/10/2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Tamilnadu **Fedbank Financial Services Limited**

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APPENDIX IV-A
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) & 9(1) of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s), Co-Borrower(s), Mortgagor(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Properties mortgaged/charged to **Assets Care & Reconstruction Enterprise Ltd. [CIN: U65993DL2002PLC115769]** ("Secured Creditor"), the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" basis** for the recovery of amount due to Secured Creditor from the following Borrower(s), Co-Borrower(s), Mortgagor(s) and Guarantor(s) along with the Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit mentioned below:

DETAILS OF SECURED ASSET

Sr. No.	Loan Account No / Trust Name	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Mortgagor(s)/Guarantors	Total Outstanding Dues (in Rs.)	Reserve Price (in Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (In Rs.)	Bank account details for EMD payment through demand Draft/RTGS/NEFT
1	AFH002200210 264/ ACRE 196 TRUST	1) S Vishaali 2) R Sridhar	**Rs. 1,65,60,406.49/-** (Rupees One Crore Sixty Five Lakhs Sixty Thousand Four Hundred Six and Forty Nine Paise Only) as on 12-10-2026 along with applicable interest and other charges w.e.f. 13-10-2026 till the date of payment and realization.	74,50,000/-	7,45,000/-	**Account Name: ACRE-196-TRUST** **Account Number: 054302000052351** **Bank: Indian Overseas Bank** **IFSC Code: IOBA0000543**
DESCRIPTION OF THE SECURED ASSET: Schedule-A- All That Piece And Parcel Of Land Bearing Plot No.35 Measuring 1705 Sq.Ft. Situated At Sri Sai Nagar, Srivasapuram Village, Pallavaram Taluk, Kanchipuram District, Comprised In Survey Nos. 159/1 And 157/1 (As Per Patta 159/1a & 157/1a): **Land Bounded On The:-** North By : Bougain Villas; South By : Road; East By : Plot No.36; West By : Plot No.34. Within The Sub-Registration District Of Kundrathur And Registration District Of Chennai South. **Schedule 'B' -** 856 Sq.Ft. Undivided Share In Schedule 'A' Land And Villa No.35A Measuring 1883 Sq.Ft. Super Plinth Area (Inclusive Of Common Areas And Common Shares).						
2	AFH002200210 264/ ACRE 196 TRUST	1) S Bhanumathi 2) R Shankar	**Rs. 1,48,92,962.01/-** (Rupees One Crore Forty Eight Lakhs Ninety Two Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Two and One Paise Only) as on 12-10-2026 along with applicable interest and other charges w.e.f. 13-10-2026 till the date of payment and realization.	74,00,000/-	7,40,000/-	**Account Name: ACRE-196-TRUST** **Account Number: 054302000052351** **Bank: Indian Overseas Bank** **IFSC Code: IOBA0000543**
DESCRIPTION OF THE SECURED ASSET: Schedule-A - All That Piece And Parcel Of Land Bearing Plot No.35 Measuring 1705 Sq.Ft. Situated At Sri Sai Nagar, Srivasapuram Village, Pallavaram Taluk, Kanchipuram District, Comprised In Survey Nos. 159/1 And 157/1 (As Per Patta 159/1a & 157/1a); **Land Bounded On The:-** North By : Bougain Villas; South By : Road; East By : Plot No.36; West By : Plot No.34. Within The Sub-Registration District Of Kundrathur And Registration District Of Chennai South. **Schedule 'B' -** 849 Sq.Ft. Undivided Share In Schedule 'A' Land Above And Villa No.35b Measuring 1867 Sq.Ft. Super Plinth Area (Inclusive Of Common Areas And Common Shares).						

The above Loan Account(s) along with all right(s), title(s), interest(s), underlying security(ies), pledge(s) and/ or guarantee(s), including the Immovable Properties, mentioned hereinabove had been assigned to Assets Care & Reconstruction Enterprise Ltd., acting as a trustee of trust mentioned clearly in column provided above.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING AUCTION PROCESS

1	Last date for submission of bid	**29-10-2026 on or before 4:00 pm**
2	Place for submission of BIDs	**Assets Care and Reconstruction Enterprise Ltd.** 1st Floor, Prestige Nugget, Office Unit No. 101, Infantry Rd, Bengaluru, Karnataka – 560001. **OR Email us at: Rohan.Sawant@acreindia.in**
3	Date and time of Auction	**30-10-2026 from 02:30 pm to 03:30 pm**
4	Place of auction (Web Site for Auction)	**https://bankeauctions.com**
5	Contact Details	Toll Free Number: 1800-209-2989
6	Date & time of Inspection of the Property	On prior appointment basis
7	For detailed terms and condition of the sale, please visit the website **www.acreindia.in .in / https://bankeauctions.com**	

DATE: 13-10-2026 **Sd/- AUTHORIZED OFFICER**
PLACE: Tamil Nadu **ASSETS CARE & RECONSTRUCTION ENTERPRISE LTD.**

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

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

Sl No.	Grades	'NPK 5-09-35	'NPK 11-40-11	'NPKS 14-05-29	'NPKS 19-19-19	'NPK 13-40-13	'NPK 0-42-47	'NPK 0:40:40	'NPKS 13:10:31	'NPK 15-26-16	'NPK 15-05-35	'NPK 08-06-39	'NPK 15-26-16	NPK 17:26:16	NPK 09:08:35
1	Moisture per cent by weight, Maximum	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
2	Total Nitrogen per cent by weight, Minimum	5.0	11.0	14	19	13	0	0	13	15	15	8	15	17	9
3	Water Soluble Phosphates (as P2O5) per cent by weight, Minimum	9.0	40.0	5	19	40	42	40	10	26	5	6	26	26	8
4	Water Soluble Potash (as K2O) per cent by weight, Minimum	35.0	11.0	29	19	13	47	40	31	16	35	39	16	16	35
5	Total Chloride per cent by Weight, Maximum	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
6	Matter Insoluble in water per cent by weight, Maximum	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
7	Sodium (as NaCl) per cent by weight, Maximum	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
8	Lead (as Pb) per cent by weight, Maximum	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003
9	Cadmium (as Cd) per cent by weight, Maximum	0.0025	0.0025	0.0025	0.0025	0.0025	0.0025	0.0025	0.0025	0.0025	0.0025	0.0025	0.0025	0.0025	0.0025
10	Arsenic (as As) per cent by weight, Maximum	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01

To know more about doses, method of appication and benefits, please contact below given office
Marketing Office Address & Contact Details: Shriram AgSmart Ltd
Plot no.82, Institutional Area, Sector 32, Gurugram - 122003, Haryana (India), CIN No.U24232DL2022PLC401518, Customer Care No. 0120 - 4040188,
Email : info@shriramagsmart.com, website : www.dcmshriram.com

EDITORIAL

Bangla Sahib Gurdwara Becomes New Battleground Ahead Of Punjab Polls

Religion is expected to be a major poll plank in the 2027 Punjab elections as issues like sacrilege, the controversial Jaagat Jot Sri Guru Granth Sahib Satkar (Amendment) Act, 2026, and Panthic politics were already dominating the election scene.

The debate between AAP and BJP over the Bangla Sahib Gurdwara episode clearly shows that both the parties were bent on outdoing each other on Sikhism and the sanctity of gurdwaras and Guru Granth Sahib. More so because Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, the AAP's chief ministerial face again, has been declared Guru Dokhi and has been pulled up by the Shri Akal Takht over the shortcomings in the law being enacted to prevent sacrilege.

Gurdwara Bangla Sahib has become the newest arena where the BJP and AAP are trading charges, with both parties clearly eyeing the political fallout in Punjab. What began as a law-and-order response to protesters who entered the complex has quickly been framed as a test of who can better claim to protect Sikh interests - and who can be painted as the greater threat to them. Fuming after the recent CBI and ED raids, the fight moves to New Delhi as Bhagwant Mann tries to rake up the alleged police action inside the gurdwara complex. The AAP's narrative spins around the tenets of Sikhism and Sikh shrines, which make it mandatory to cover one's head and remove shoes while entering a gurdwara. The target is not BJP but the Delhi Police, which is controlled by the Union Home Ministry and not by the Delhi chief minister, the prerogative which AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal wanted to enjoy while heading the Delhi government. That's why the AAP leaders, including Bhagwant Mann and other Punjab party leaders, were trying to paint BJP as anti-Sikh and anti-Punjabi. Bhagwant Mann not only condemned the Delhi Police action in strong terms but also targeted Union Home Minister Amit Shah, asking why he was in a hurry to send police to the gurdwara. Interestingly, he also reminded that Sikhism did not differentiate people based on caste and religion and everyone was welcome to take shelter in a gurdwara. Bhagwant Mann invoked principles such as the oneness of humanity and "Ik Onkar" to argue that the entry, with officers bare-headed and wearing boots, trampled the dignity of the shrine. He insisted the Sikh community would not forget what he described as a shameful act by the BJP. The timing is hard to miss. Mann is the same chief minister who earlier faced sharp criticism and was summoned by the Akal Takht over remarks about gurdwara golaks. That episode had drawn accusations from the SGPC and others that he had questioned offerings. Mann had, however, called his own video clips fake and clarified his position before the Akal Takht secretariat. He was also declared Guru Dokhi for disrespecting Sikh Gurus and was now positioning himself, and AAP, as the defender of the same institutions. The AAP has used the Bangla Sahib episode to argue that the Centre and Delhi Police showed scant regard for Sikh religious practice, turning the entry into both a violation of sanctity and proof of continuing high-handedness. BJP leaders counter that the party is simply using the controversy to paper over its own problems in Punjab. After the CBI and ED raids on offices and the booking of senior aides of Mann, the state government has been under sustained pressure over governance and law-and-order questions.

IS THE LAW SCARY ENOUGH?

DETERRENCE, DEATH PENALTY AND SEXUAL- OFFENCE PROSECUTIONS

SHRUTI DIXIT



In 2011, a serving member of the disciplined forces was accused of raping a minor, the young daughter of an officer. Fifteen years later, he is out on bail. Nothing in the evidence set him free. The delay did, in the courtroom and in the department's own proceedings, as the case moved from one adjournment to the next while the family waited.

I think about that case whenever the country asks, after another horrifying crime, whether our laws are harsh enough. They are. What that case showed me is a different kind of failure: the law was severe, but it was not prompt.

A SPATE OF CASES, AND THE SUPREME COURT'S QUESTION

The question is pressing this month. On September 28, 2026, the Supreme Court took suo motu cognisance of a spate of sexual-assault cases in Delhi-NCR, including the alleged gangrape and murder of a teenage girl in Swarup Nagar and the alleged sexual assault of a minor on a sleeper bus. Together, the Bench said, they "starkly underline a systemic failure" of law enforcement and civil administration to guarantee basic public safety. It ordered a vulnerability audit of public spaces and held that safety in public places is part of the right to live with dignity under Article 21.

When the matter returned on 5 October, the Bench gave the Delhi Police and the Union Home Ministry four weeks to respond. It said the priority is to prevent crime rather than act after it, and it asked why there was no dedicated "war room" to monitor and respond to incidents. These are allegations, and the trials are yet to come. But the pattern is familiar: a crime, an outcry, and then a debate about punishment. The Court is asking an earlier question, which is what stops the next one.

A STATUTE BOOK THAT IS HARDLY LENIENT

Section 64 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS) prescribes a minimum of ten years' rigorous imprisonment for rape. In aggravated cases, such as rape by a police officer, public servant, guardian, teacher, or relative, it can extend to imprisonment for the rest of the offender's natural life. Section 65 prescribes at least twenty years where the victim is under sixteen, and life imprisonment or death where she is under twelve. Section 66 allows death where the victim dies or is left in a persistent vegetative state. The POCSO Act, 2012, is just as firm: Section 6 permits life imprisonment or death for aggravated penetrative sexual assault.

So the law is not lenient. The real question is whether that severity on paper changes anything in the real world.

SPEED IS PART OF THE PUNISHMENT

Deterrence comes less from the maximum sentence than from what a potential offender believes will happen to him, and how soon. A punishment that arrives in a year is a consequence. A punishment that arrives in fifteen years, or never, is a rumour. By then, the witnesses have tired or turned hostile, the victim's family has been worn down, and the offender has had years on bail to rebuild his life.

Parliament has not been silent on this. The criminal procedure code, the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), expects the investigation of rape to be completed within two months and the trial within two months of the chargesheet. POCSO requires a child's evidence to be recorded within thirty days and the trial to be completed, as far as possible, within a year. These timelines exist. In practice, they are routinely missed, and nobody answers for it. A deadline that carries no consequence is only a suggestion. That is the point my 2011 case made for me. The accused did not have to win. He only had to wait. Delay worked as a defence, in the courtroom and in the department, and he is on bail today because the system could not move at the pace its own law demands.

I am not arguing for speed at the cost of fairness. A quick trial on a flawed investigation is a worse injustice. But promptness and fairness are not opposites. A prompt trial is also a fairer one, because evidence is fresher, memories are sharper, and the accused is not left in limbo for a decade either.

WHAT THE OFFENDER EXPECTS

Will he be identified? Will the evidence survive? Will the victim withstand the pressure? Will the trial happen soon, and will a conviction lead to punishment? If the honest answer is "slowly, and maybe never," a harsher sentence changes very little. We get a tougher statute, not a more credible system.

The Supreme Court has been careful on this. In Rajendra Pralhadrao Wasnik v. State of Maharashtra, it acknowledged that there is no conclusive evidence that the death penalty, by itself, deters crime. That should sharpen the debate, not end it. The useful question is which mix of detection, certainty, speed, and punishment actually deters.

THE "RAREST OF RARE" GAP

None of this means capital punishment has no place. A reasonable case can be made that the most aggravated sexual offences should stay within the narrow category where death is available. But the Constitution does not let the State impose death simply because a crime has made the country angry. Bachan Singh v. State of Punjab made life imprisonment the rule and death the exception, reserved for the "rarest of rare" case and decided only after weighing the circumstances of both the crime and the offender.

The numbers suggest trial courts and appellate courts do not read that standard the same way. According to the Square Circle Clinic's Death Penalty in India: Annual Statistics 2025, 1,279 people were sentenced to death between 2016 and 2025. By the end of 2025, 574 were on death row, the highest year-end figure since 2016, and 364 who had been sentenced to death were acquitted on appeal over the decade. The Supreme Court confirmed no death sentence for the third year running in 2025 and acquitted ten death-row prisoners that year.

That is a calibration gap, and it hurts in two directions. The guilty wait years for finality. The innocent risk something worse, because an error could surface only after a sentence is carried out.

The Court has also insisted that sentencing in a capital case cannot be an afterthought. Manoj v. State of Madhya Pradesh requires real material about the accused, including psychological evaluation, social background, and prison conduct. The Square Circle Clinic found that Sessions Courts widely fail to comply, and Vasanta Sampat Dupare v. Union of India (2025 INSC 1043) stressed once more that every safeguard must be honoured when the State seeks the ultimate punishment. This is not softness towards offenders. An irreversible punishment needs a reliable process.

IMPRISONMENT IS NOT ONE THING

One of the main reasons to prefer imprisonment over death is the possibility of reform. The Model Prison Manual, 2016, and the Model Prisons and Correctional Services Act, 2023, both treat rehabilitation as a core aim. But a first-time offender, a habitual violent offender, an organised criminal, and a person convicted of savage sexual violence carry different risks and different chances of change, and our prisons often keep them in the same system. At worst, jail hardens identities and strengthens criminal networks.

'SAY OUR NAME':

Why A Tiny Island Nation Wants The World To Get Its Name Right



SHASHI THAROOR



When President David Adeang stepped up to the podium at the United Nations General Assembly, his presence was a quiet rebellion wrapped in an international protocol-sheet. Representing an eight-square-mile dot in the vast expanse of the South Pacific, he spoke not of geopolitical grievances or rising ocean tides, but of something far more fundamental to human dignity: a nation's right to its own name.

For decades, the global community had comfortably referred to his home as Nauru - a clipped, anglicised approximation that was easy on western tongues but ultimately estranged from its native roots. Standing before the hall of nations, Adeang asked the world to unlearn its comfortable habits and speak a restored truth. The island was reclaiming its ancestral name and pronunciation, returning to Naoero, pronounced "na-oh-airo". With three simple words - "Say our name" - he captured the ancient, persistent human longing to be called by the sound we choose for ourselves, rather than the labels thrust upon us by observers, cartographers, and conquerors.

A LOT IS IN A NAME

Names are the first architecture of identity. Before we possess property, ideology, or social standing, we are given a name, and in that collection of syllables resides a universe of intent. To name a thing is to claim a relationship with it, and to name oneself is the ultimate act of self-determination. When an individual insists on a specific name, a particular spelling, or an authentic pronunciation, it is rarely a matter of mere chauvinism or pedantry. It is an insistence on being perceived accurately, on bridging the gap between who we are inside and how we are registered by the world outside. When we mispronounce someone's name, even inadvertently, we perform a tiny act of erasure, signalling that our ease of speech matters more than their history. It is hardly surprising then that human beings guard their names with fierce devotion, for to lose control of your name is to lose the authority to define your own story.

What is true for the individual vibrates with even greater resonance across the collective consciousness of a nation. Countries, after all, are grand imaginings held together by shared memory, language, and geography. Their names are the shorthand for their culture and soul. When foreign powers draw maps and administer territories, they frequently bestow labels born of ignorance, convenience, or outright arrogance. For centuries, map-makers in distant capitals slapped exonyms onto entire civilisations, flattening intricate linguistic landscapes into easy-to-pronounce colonial cartography. The post-colonial era, therefore, has witnessed an epochal exercise in global renaming - a giant, slow-moving chorus of nations demanding that the world correct its maps and respect their selfhood. Consider the gentle yet firm correction issued by Côte d'Ivoire. For years, the international community translated the West African nation's name into whatever language suited the speaker:

Ivory Coast in English, Elfenbeinküste in German, Costa de Marfil in Spanish. Yet in 1985, the government declared that the country's official name was strictly Côte d'Ivoire in every language, complete with its French accents, refusing to be a linguistic chameleon just to accommodate foreign translators. It was a declaration that a nation's name is a proper noun, fixed and inviolable, not an interchangeable description of a commodity once extracted from its shores.

AI WILL BE JUDGED BY WHAT IT DOES TO INDIAN WOMEN

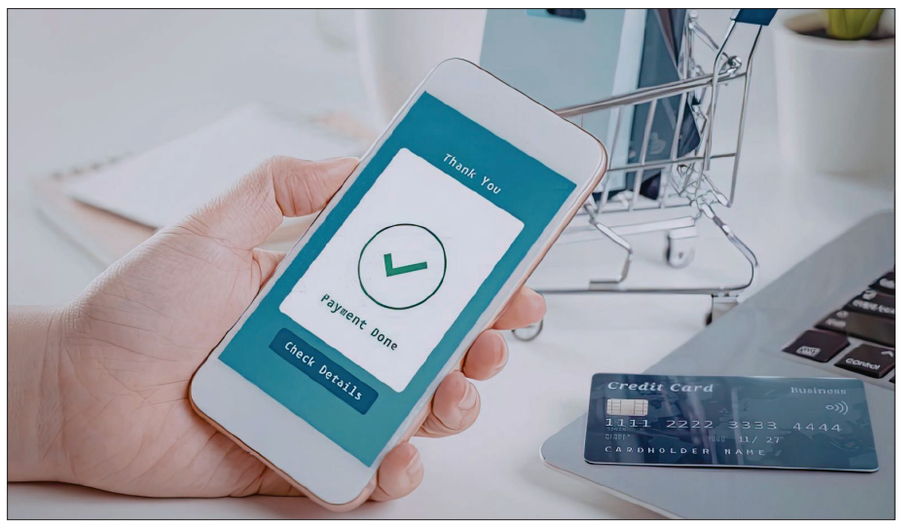
MANISH RANJAN



Something unusual has been happening in our High Courts these past few weeks. One after another, some of the most recognised women in India have walked in, asking judges to scrub fake versions of themselves off the internet. In early September, the Bombay High Court ordered the removal of AI-generated deepfakes of Shruti Haasan. Shilpa Shetty sought urgent relief against obscene AI content carrying her face. Aishwarya Rai Bachchan went to the Delhi High Court over the misuse of her image by AI tools. The courts moved quickly. But sit with the uncomfortable part. These are women with fame, money and the best lawyers in the country, and even they must now fight to keep their own faces. What about the woman who has none of those things?

I have met her. As district collector of Hazaribag and later Garhwa, I sat with self-help groups in tribal villages: women under a tree, counting small savings to the last rupee, repaying loans with a discipline most corporations cannot match. One evening, a woman who sold lac and mahua told me the price the trader had given her. It was a fraction of what her produce fetched three districts away. She lacked neither intelligence nor industry. She lacked information, and the means to ask. She is on every page of my eight books on artificial intelligence, because she, not the actress, is the person this technology will finally be judged by. For Indian women, this technology wears two faces, and the ugly one arrived first. Researchers who audited deepfake videos found that 96 per cent were non-consensual sexual imagery, almost all of it targeting women. One study counted a 550 per cent rise in four years; the research firm Graphika logged 24 million visits to so-called undressing websites in a single month. The tools are free, instant, and fluent in Hindi. In a country where a woman's reputation still polices her freedom, one fabricated clip can end an education or a marriage, and sometimes a life. The International Labour Organization adds a colder entry to the ledger: the clerical jobs most exposed to automation are where working women cluster, leaving women's employment more than twice as exposed as men's. Left to itself, the machine age goes after her face and her desk in the same decade. The second face is the one that keeps me writing. The same technology now speaks and listens in every scheduled language; Bhashini covers all 22, and UPI already takes voice commands in Hindi. And it has arrived just as Indian women surge into work: female labour force participation has climbed from 23 per cent to nearly 42 per cent in six years. Ten crore women stand organised in self-help groups. Over a crore have become Lakhpati Didis. McKinsey once put the prize of women's equality at 770 billion dollars added to India's GDP. For the first time, a tool capable of closing that gap can reach the last hamlet. Which face wins is not a technical question. It is a policy choice, and we are making it right now, mostly by not making it. Every earlier revolution demanded an entry ticket of a woman before it would serve her: literacy, English, a laptop, capital, or simply permission to travel. This one demands none. A tireless assistant speaking Santali on a shared phone meets her exactly where she is. My lac seller could ask today what Kolkata pays, draft the reply, fill the form, in her own tongue, without anyone's leave. Multiply her by ten crore organised women and you are looking at the largest female-earning event since the self-help movement itself. But design is destiny, and women are barely in the design room. Only one in five AI professionals worldwide is a woman. India's version of this failure is crueller because our pipeline is full: about 43 per cent of our STEM graduates are women, among the highest shares on earth, yet they thin to roughly a quarter of the technology workforce. The consequences are not abstract: a global giant scrapped its hiring algorithm after it taught itself to downgrade resumes containing the word women's.

Govt postpones charges on UPI transactions over Rs 2,000



New Delhi: In a major relief to UPI users, the decision to levy a Merchant Discount Rate of 0.4 per cent on transactions over Rs 2,000 has been deferred, with NPCI on Tuesday, October 13, saying a new date for the implementation will be decided after Diwali. According to the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) circular issued last month, a 0.4 per cent MDR was to be levied on Person-to-Merchant UPI payments above Rs 2,000 from October 15. "UPI and Services Steering Committee today decided that, keeping in mind the festive season, Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) on select Person-to-Merchant (P2M) UPI transactions shall be implemented immediately post Diwali on a date to be notified separately," NPCI said in a statement on Tuesday. The MDR has to be paid by merchants, not consumers and capped at Rs 300 for transactions of Rs 75,000 or more. Diwali, which will be celebrated across India on November 8, typically marks the peak of consumer spending in Asia's third-largest economy, with shoppers splurging on cars, clothes and home appliances.

The proposed fee, which would end more than six years of zero-cost UPI payments in India, had drawn opposition from retailers.

The postponement is "timely and pragmatic", the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT), which represents millions of brick-and-mortar retailers, said in a statement.

The decision follows a meeting of around 20 trade industry representatives with India's finance minister on September 30, CAIT said.The delay in implementation would likely allow payments firms to upgrade systems and not pass on costs to customers, while addressing issues that retailers may face during the festive period, Reuters reported last week, citing sources.

The industry would be ready to implement the fee after the festive season, said Vishwas Patel, chairman of the Payment Council of India, an industry group.

UPI is used by over 500 million people to buy everything from cups of tea to iPhones. Walmart's (WMT.O), opens new tab PhonePe and Alphabet's (GOOGL.O), opens new tab Google Pay had about 80% market share by value of UPI transactions in August.

Shares of digital payments firms Paytm (PAYT.NS), opens new tab, Pine Labs (PINL.NS), opens new tab and One MobiKwik Systems (ONEM.NS), opens new tab gained 1%, 1.8% and 1.3%, respectively, after the news.

"The notice...brings certainty that the MDR (Merchant Discount Rate) is going to be implemented and there is no more scope of any pushback...versus the earlier uncertainty around the timeline," said Rahul Jain, director of research at Dolat Capital.

Aditya Birla Capital Enters Gold Loan Business; Launches Dedicated Branch in Abdullapurmet



Abdullapurmet, October 13, 2026: The NBFC business of Aditya Birla Capital Limited ('ABCL'), one of India's leading diversified financial services companies, today announced its entry into the gold loan business with the launch of a dedicated branch in Abdullapurmet. The launch marks an important addition to Aditya Birla Capital's comprehensive portfolio of financial solutions and reinforces its commitment to providing customers with transparent, secure and convenient access to organised gold-backed credit. Telangana is emerging as a high-potential market for organised gold lending. According to CRIF High Mark's How India Lends Report, the state's gold loan portfolio outstanding stood at ?1.61 lakh crore as of March 2026, registering a 70.5% year-on-year growth. With Abdullapurmet's proximity to Hyderabad and its connectivity to key road corridors, the location represents an important market for ABCL's initial rollout.

Designed around trust and transparency, Aditya Birla Capital's Gold Loan proposition combines a dedicated branch-led service model with the convenience of digital engagement. The offering provides transparent pricing, secure handling of pledged jewellery and a simplified borrowing journey for diverse customer segments across urban and semi-urban markets. This expansion is part of the company's broader plan to establish 200-300 dedicated Gold Loan branches across high-potential markets by March 2027.

Speaking on the launch, Mr. Rakesh Singh, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer-NBFC, Aditya Birla Capital Limited said, "The launch of our Gold Loan business is an important step in broadening access to simple and secure financing solutions for customers. Abdullapurmet's proximity to Hyderabad and its growing connectivity make it an important market for our Gold Loan business. As we expand our presence, we aim to make Gold Loan more accessible through a transparent and seamless experience across physical and digital channels. Backed by the trust of the Aditya Birla Group and our focus on responsible lending, we look forward to serving customers in Abdullapurmet and supporting their financial needs through simple, reliable and convenient solutions."

Aditya Birla Capital's Gold Loan offering will cater to diverse customer segments across urban and semi-urban markets in Abdullapurmet, while further strengthening the company's diversified portfolio of financial solutions. ABCL and its subsidiaries/JVs have a nationwide network of over 1,759 branches, and their consolidated lending book crossed Rs. 2.19 Lakh Crore as of June 30, 2026. The phased rollout of the Gold Loan business will expand access to trusted and convenient secured lending solutions across Telangana.

Aditya Birla Capital-NBFC business serves as a key growth engine and ranks among the top five, AAA rated diversified NBFCs in India.

It offers a comprehensive suite of secured and unsecured lending solutions tailored for retail, SME, and corporates across four core verticals of personal and consumer loans, unsecured business loans, secured business loans, and corporate/mid-market loans.

IBM AND MEITY STARTUP HUB SIGN MOU TO ACCELERATE DEEP-TECH INNOVATION AND STARTUP GROWTH IN INDIA

Mumbai, India – October 13, 2026: IBM and MeitY Startup Hub (MSH), an initiative of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with plans to accelerate India's deep tech startup ecosystem by enabling startups with access to IBM's technology expertise, mentorship, enterprise engagement opportunities, skilling programs, and ecosystem development initiatives.

The collaboration brings together MeitY Startup Hub's nationwide innovation network and IBM's enterprise AI, hybrid cloud and quantum computing expertise to help high potential startups build, validate and scale technologies for India and global markets. It complements IBM Ventures' ongoing engagements in India by expanding pathways for enterprise technology startups to connect with customers, investors and industry experts.

Dr. Panneerselvam Madanagopal, CEO, MSH said, "India's startup ecosystem is emerging as a global engine for technology innovation. Through this collaboration with IBM, we aim to strengthen indigenous deep tech capabilities, foster technology-led entrepreneurship and create greater opportunity for innovators to build solutions that contribute to a Viksit Bharat."

As part of this collaboration, startups will get access to IBM's portfolio of enterprise technologies and innovation platforms to solve business use cases. This includes technical guidance and enablement on technologies such as IBM watsonx, an enterprise ready AI and data platform; IBM Bob, an AI coding agent for enterprises; IBM Sovereign Core, an AI-ready software stack for digital sovereignty; technical orientation on IBM's hybrid cloud, and quantum computing; and security and automation solutions.

Under the MoU, IBM and MSH will jointly explore initiatives that support startups across multiple stages of growth and across sectors such as banking, finance, government, industrial and more. The collaboration will focus on enterprise proof of concepts, sovereign AI innovation, open-source ecosystem development, founder mentorship, technical skilling and opportunities for startups to showcase their solutions to enterprises and investors. A key priority will be identifying and nurturing promising innovators from Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities, broadening access to India's growing deep tech ecosystem.

"This collaboration reflects our shared commitment to fostering innovation and strengthening our country's deep-tech startup ecosystem.

JAWA YEZDI CELEBRATES CZECH DAY 2026, HONOURING ITS ORIGINS AND JOURNEY IN INDIA



New Delhi, October 13, 2026: Jawa Yezdi Motorcycles marked Czech Day 2026 at the Embassy of the Czech Republic in New Delhi, celebrating a journey that began in Prague nearly a century ago and continues to resonate with generations of riders in India. From helping shape motorcycling culture across generations to establishing India's modern classic category, Jawa continues its legacy.

Born in Prague, Czech Republic, in 1929, Jawa began its journey with a vision rooted in innovation and a willingness to challenge convention. The company's first motorcycle, the JAWA 500 OHV, marked the beginning of a story that would shape its place in motorcycling history. Recognising the need to make motorcycling accessible to a wider audience, Jawa followed this with the lightweight and highly successful JAWA 175 in 1932, helping establish its reputation and laying the foundation for future growth.

Over the decades, Jawa became known for pioneering motorcycle development and engineering ingenuity. Among its most celebrated milestones was the Jawa Pérák, developed during the Second World War and later regarded as one of the most progressive motorcycles of its era. Innovations such as the automatic clutch system reflected Jawa's willingness to challenge convention, helped reinforce its place in motorcycling history.

Jawa's connection with India began in 1960 with the arrival of Ideal Jawa, marking the start of a relationship that would span generations. The motorcycles earned a distinctive place in India's motorcycling culture, building a loyal following across generations of riders. Jawa's presence extended beyond the roads, finding a place in popular culture, motorsports, rider communities and Indian cinema, where they became closely associated with the spirit of motorcycling. Decades later, that connection continues to resonate with riders across the country. The return of Jawa in 2018 marked the beginning of a new era. Leading this revival was the Jawa 42, a motorcycle that challenged convention and became the first modern classic motorcycle of India in this category, redefining the segment for a new generation of riders. More than a new motorcycle, the Jawa 42 became the foundation of Jawa's modern-day chapter in India. Building on this momentum, Jawa has continued to expand its portfolio, most recently through the Jawa All Stars range, comprising the Jawa 42, Jawa 42 FJ, and Jawa 42 Bobber. Mr. Anupam Thareja, Co-founder, Classic Legends, said, "Czech Day gives us an opportunity to celebrate the origins that have shaped Jawa for nearly a century and at the same time, reflect on the journey it continues to make in India. The Jawa 42 helped establish the modern classic category in India, but its significance goes beyond creating a category. It brought the Jawa spirit to a new generation of riders and gave us the foundation to take that spirit forward. Jawa has never been about nostalgia alone. It is about carrying its distinctive character forward for the rider of today."

OPPO Celebrates a 10 of F Series in India with the Launch of F35 Series, Bringing the Group Selfie Expert to a New Generation



Hyderabad, October 13th, 2026: As OPPO marks 10 years of the F Series in India, the brand today announced the launch of the OPPO F35 Series, comprising the OPPO F35 Pro and OPPO F35. Over the past decade, the F Series has evolved from introducing the "Selfie Expert" with the first-generation F1 to becoming the "Group Selfie Expert" with the new F35 Series — reflecting how the way consumers capture, share and experience moments has evolved.

From the F1 to the F35 Series, the F Series has continued to build on its imaging legacy while staying closely attuned to the aspirations and lifestyles of India's young, digitally connected service professionals. With 30 million+ F Series smartphones sold in India over the last 10 years, the series has grown alongside a generation that increasingly uses smartphones not just to capture individual moments, but to create, connect and share experiences with the people around them. The F35 Series takes this journey forward with its 50MP Ultra-Wide Natural Selfie Camera with a 100° field of view, bringing more people and more of the moment into every frame.

OPPO F35 Series - Priced at INR 45,999 for the 6GB+128GB variant, INR 49,999 for the 8GB+128GB variant and INR 54,999 for the 8GB+256GB variant of OPPO F35 Pro 5G, and INR 38,999 for the 6GB+128GB variant and INR 42,999 for the 8GB+128GB variant of the OPPO F35 5G, the OPPO F35 Series is available for purchase across mainline retail outlets, OPPO India E-Store, Flipkart and Amazon. The OPPO F35 Pro 5G will be available in three colour options: Sunrise Orange, Wave Blue and Twilight Brown, while the OPPO F35 5G will be available in Wave Blue, Titanium Grey and Mist Pink. Consumers can also avail up to 10% Instant Cashback, No-Cost EMI options, up to 10% Exchange Bonus and Zero Down Payment schemes, along with additional festive offers on select OPPO products and services.

Commenting on the launch, Mr. Goldee Patnaik, Head of Communications, OPPO India, said: "Over the last 10 years, the F Series has evolved alongside the changing ways in which consumers across India capture, connect and share their lives. In a market as diverse as India, every region has its own way of coming together and celebrating and Telangana, with its rich culture of family, festivities and shared moments, is a great reflection of this spirit. The F35 Series builds on this evolution with the 50MP Ultra-Wide Natural Selfie Camera and 100° field of view, bringing more people and more of the moment into every frame. With the Group Selfie Expert, we are taking the F Series' decade-long imaging legacy forward in a way that reflects how consumers today come together, celebrate and create memories."

A DECADE OF F SERIES, BUILT AROUND CHANGING CONSUMER NEEDS

The F Series' 10-year journey in India reflects the evolution of smartphone photography and the changing aspirations of Indian consumers. From its early focus on selfie experiences to bringing increasingly advanced imaging capabilities, durability and everyday usability to consumers, the F Series has continued to evolve with the times.

The F35 Series marks the next chapter of this journey, bringing together a camera experience designed around how consumers capture moments today, alongside features built for long-term everyday use.

This evolution comes amid continued momentum for OPPO in the Indian smartphone market. According to IDC's Worldwide Quarterly Mobile Phone Tracker (Q1 2026), OPPO recorded 22% year-on-year growth, the highest among the top five brands, while its market share increased to 15.3% from 12.0% a year earlier. More recently, as per IDC India smartphone market data placed OPPO in the third position with a 13.8% market share, driven by growth in the above- 20,000 segment.

Stock markets rebound in early trade led by IT firms, HDFC Bank



Mumbai: Market benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty rebounded in early trade on Tuesday, October 13, amid a rally in blue-chip HDFC Bank and IT stocks. The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 305 points to 72,224.15 in early trade. The 50-share NSE Nifty was up 93.40 points to 22,458.50. From the 30 Sensex firms, HCL Tech jumped nearly 5 per cent after the IT firm reported a 21.18 per cent rise in consolidated net profit to Rs 5,132 crore for the July-September quarter of FY27, helped by higher margins from its fast-growing advanced AI operations and a lower tax outgo. Tata Consultancy Services, Tech Mahindra, Infosys, HDFC Bank and Trent were also among the winners. NTPC, Power Grid, Maruti and Kotak Mahindra Bank were among the laggards. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, declined 1.08 per cent to USD 105.5 per barrel. In Asian markets, South Korea's Kospi traded sharply lower. Japan's 225 index, Shanghai's SSE Composite index and Hang Seng index also quoted lower. US markets ended mostly lower on Monday. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 1,708.48 crore on Monday, according to exchange data.

On Monday, the Sensex tanked 547.65 points, or 0.76 per cent, to settle at 71,924.68. The Nifty dropped 157.10 points, or 0.70 per cent, to end at 22,363.35. The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 305 points to 72,224.15 in early trade. India's benchmark indices rebounded in early trade on Tuesday amid a rally in blue-chip HDFC Bank and IT stocks. The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 305 points to 72,224.15 in early trade. The 50-share NSE Nifty was up 93.40 points to 22,458.50. From the 30 Sensex firms, HCL Tech jumped nearly 5 per cent after the IT firm reported a 21.18 per cent rise in consolidated net profit to Rs 5,132 crore for the July-September quarter of FY27, helped by higher margins from its fast-growing advanced AI operations and a lower tax outgo. Tata Consultancy Services, Tech Mahindra, Infosys, HDFC Bank and Trent were also among the winners. NTPC, Power Grid, Maruti and Kotak Mahindra Bank were among the laggards. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, declined 1.08 per cent to USD 105.5 per barrel. In Asian markets, South Korea's Kospi traded sharply lower. Japan's 225 index, Shanghai's SSE Composite index and Hang Seng index also quoted lower. US markets ended mostly lower on Monday.

Super El Niño sets another record as it strengthens to 'unprecedented levels'



El Niño has continued to strengthen to what some scientists are calling "unprecedented levels", weeks before its expected peak in December. Several key measures are now in record territory. In its latest update, Australia's Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) said average weekly sea-surface temperatures in the central Pacific have reached their highest level on record, external. It comes after scientists declared a new record for daily sea surface temperatures in the central-eastern Pacific in September, exceeding the previous record set during the very strong El Niño of 2015. Temperatures above 30C have also been recorded for the first time in parts of the tropical Pacific, while record sea-surface temperature anomalies and exceptional subsurface warmth have been observed. These measurements come from the region of the equatorial Pacific used to monitor El Niño. El Niño is a naturally-occurring pattern, which happens about every two to seven years and tends to last for around a year. However, the Pacific is also warming due to human-induced climate change and this is starting to mask the strength of the natural warming during El Niño. To remove this additional warming signal, Australian and US official forecasters are now using a Relative Ocean El Niño Index (RONI), to enable better comparison to historical events. Using that measure, the BOM's average weekly data - while only going back to 2008 - is significant as it now exceeds levels during the record-breaking December of 2015. "We are currently witnessing an El Niño event that is unprecedented in the historical record," Dr Zeke Hausfather, a climate scientist at Berkeley Earth, told the BBC. Strong El Niño in a warmer world The warmth across the Pacific now extends well beyond the tropical region normally used to monitor El Niño. Comparisons with previous major events in 1972-73, 1982-83, 1997-98 and 2015-16 show much more widespread ocean warmth across the Pacific and into the Gulf of Mexico. Part of this reflects the long-term warming of the oceans but scientists say it is not the whole story. "The strength of El Niño this year is spilling out of the traditional El Niño region," Dr Hausfather said. The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) says there is currently no evidence that climate change is making El Niño events stronger or more frequent, external. However, it remains an active area of scientific research. What is clearer is that El Niño releases additional heat from the oceans into the atmosphere. Historically, global temperatures during El Niño years are typically higher than during neutral years. Combined with human-driven climate change, that extra heat is expected to help make 2026 one of the warmest years on record, with unusually high global temperatures likely to continue into 2027. Although the most widespread impacts are expected later this year and into 2027, El Niño's influence is already being felt across parts of the world. The strength of an El Niño does not automatically determine the scale of impacts in any one location. Regional effects can vary considerably from one event to another. However, some common patterns are emerging when compared with previous super El Niños. During the 1997-98 event, severe drought across south-east Asia contributed to extensive peat and forest fires, while parts of East Africa experienced devastating floods. The event also helped make 1998 the warmest year on record at the time. A similar pattern developed during the 2015-16 El Niño. Severe drought and wildfire activity returned to parts of south-east Asia, while southern Africa experienced one of its worst droughts in decades, triggering a major humanitarian crisis. Another recurring signal is tropical cyclone activity. Strong El Niño events typically suppress Atlantic hurricanes while boosting activity across parts of the Pacific, a pattern that has also been observed during 2026.

SIX UKRAINIAN ENERGY SITES HIT BY RUSSIA SINCE TRUMP ANNOUNCED CEASEFIRE, ZELENSKY SAYS



Russia struck six Ukrainian energy facilities hours after US President Donald Trump announced the two countries had agreed to an energy ceasefire, Volodymyr Zelensky has said. Despite Trump stating on Sunday the truce would be "effective immediately", the Ukrainian president said Russia had hit "our gas stations, energy infrastructure, and other facilities". There were blackouts in the city of Izyum after a Russian strike destroyed power grids, Ukraine's state news agency Ukrinform said, while energy and railway infrastructure in western Ukraine was also targeted overnight. On Monday, Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said Ukraine does not deserve the "respite" a ceasefire would bring. Zelensky said 33 people had been injured in the strikes on energy facilities across the country. He told Fox News: "We did not attack, while Russia attacked our gas stations, energy infrastructure, and other facilities." "I think it was Putin's answer to President Trump," he added. Global conflicts have pushed fuel prices higher ahead of the US midterm elections and on Friday Trump announced a plan to import Russian diesel into the US on Friday. On Monday, Ukraine's state-owned grid operator Ukrenergo reported "new power cuts" in Kharkiv, Donetsk and Zaporizhzhia due to damage caused to energy equipment by Russian attacks. Electricity rationing has been introduced in parts of Ukraine to avoid overloading damaged equipment, Ukrenergo said. Zelensky said on X the strikes were proof Russia was "unwilling to accept an energy ceasefire". On Monday evening, Kyiv's mayor Vitali Klitschko posted on Telegram that a drone hit a 25-story residential building in the Darnytskyi district. Several cars in the building's courtyard were also on fire, he said, with one person dead and 11 injured. When Trump first announced the ceasefire on Sunday, Zelensky said it was "news to him" that a truce was in effect, but he backed the proposed ceasefire as a "major step toward ending the war, if the Americans truly step in now and make sure Russians respect the energy ceasefire". Asked about the ceasefire on Monday, Trump said they agreed "because I said you agree", adding that the war "has to get settled". "That war is a disaster if you see the numbers," he said. For months, Ukraine and Russia have been exchanging strikes on energy infrastructure, disrupting energy supplies on both sides. Moscow has said the installations it hits are legitimate targets as they support Ukraine's military operation, while Zelensky has characterised Ukrainian attacks deep inside Russian territory as part of an effort to "reduce Russia's ability to finance the war".

US emergency call records reveal confusion after failed execution of Christa Pike



Emergency call records have revealed the confusion that developed among prison staff and emergency call handlers after the execution of convicted murderer Christa Pike went wrong last month in Tennessee. Pike, 50, who killed Colleen Slemmer alongside her then-boyfriend in 1995, was given two doses of lethal injection on 30 September. Once it became clear that she was not going to die from the dosage, she was taken to hospital. The confusion resulted in part from an apparent disconnect between prison staff, according to the AP news agency, which first obtained audio of the emergency calls. This allegedly delayed Pike's treatment. The BBC has asked the state corrections department for comment. The department has not yet stated what it thinks went wrong in the attempted execution of Pike. Pike's legal team has offered the explanation that the pentobarbital chemical, with which she was injected, probably spread under skin rather than reaching her bloodstream in a sufficient quantity to kill her. Pike has now been discharged from hospital, though in their most recent update on her health, her team cautioned that she faced a "long road to recovery". It is not clear what treatment, if any, she is receiving now that she is back in prison. Her case is now in uncharted territory as she is thought to be the only person to have survived an execution attempt by lethal injection. Slemmer's mother, who was among those pushing for Pike to be put to death, has branded the failed execution a "mess".

Bulgaria summons Russian ambassador after ship sinks in Black Sea drone attack



Bulgarian Prime Minister Rumen Radev has summoned the Russian ambassador after two merchant ships were struck by drones off Bulgaria's Black Sea coast. Eleven crew members are missing and one sailor was saved, according to local officials, after one of the vessels sank 17 nautical miles (31km) east of the village of Krapets. The other vessel, Ukrainian owned, was hit by drones 18 nautical miles from the town of Byala and all 15 crew were rescued. The attacks come a week after two other commercial ships were hit by sea and aerial drones in Bulgaria's exclusive economic zone. One of the ships, the Alfa Watan, sank and all 10 crew, including nine Syrians, are presumed dead. Radev convened an emergency meeting on Tuesday and said he had summoned Russian envoy Eleonora Mitrofanova. Although there was no conclusive evidence of blame on "either side... the logic suggests that the outcome benefits the Russian Federation", he said. Mitrofanova was later quoted by Bulgarian media as telling Radev she had no information from Russia's defence ministry relating to the latest attacks. She also said these strikes could have been a provocation by a third party. Bulgaria is a Nato member, and Radev also spoke to secretary general Mark Rutte about the latest attacks. "Nato will continue to work closely with our allies in the Black Sea," Rutte said after the talks. "We have already strengthened our posture along the eastern flank and will continue to monitor the security environment, adjusting our deterrence and defence posture as needed," he added. The two ships were struck just outside Bulgarian territorial waters. If this had happened just a few nautical miles to the west, Article 5 of the Nato treaty could have been triggered. The article defines an armed attack on one member of the military alliance as an attack on all. Radev had earlier asked Nato and the EU for technical assistance in investigating the previous attacks that took place on 6 October, indicating it was unclear who was behind them. Radev came to office during the summer and has since rejected suggestions that he is "pro-Russian". Ukraine has directly blamed Russia for the latest attacks and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen spoke on Tuesday of the Black Sea becoming "another front of escalation of the Russian war in Ukraine. This is unacceptable". Russia's military has not publicly commented on the issue. It has recently intensified its strikes on vessels in the Black Sea, particularly the western side, as part of its war against Ukraine. The same day that two ships were targeted off Bulgaria last week, Ukraine hit an oil tanker in the Russian Black Sea port of Sochi.

Moscow says it is targeting ships delivering weapons and dual-use cargo to Ukrainian ports - and cited attacks in the ports of Mykolaiv and Chornomorsk last week, along with one in the Black Sea.

South Africa's deputy police chief resigns after being charged with sexual offences



South Africa's deputy police chief has resigned three weeks after he was charged with sexual offences. A lawyer representing Lt Gen Shadrack Sibiya submitted his resignation letter at his disciplinary hearing on Monday, a police spokesperson said. Sibiya, 59, is also accused of having links to organised crime bosses - allegations which led to him being suspended last year. He denies those allegations, as well as charges that he sexually groomed a 16-year-old girl and raped an 18-year-old woman. He also faces a charge of human trafficking. Sibiya says he did have sex with the 18-year-old but that it was consensual. He has been in custody since he was arrested three weeks ago. Police spokesperson Athlenda Mathe said in a post on X that his departure from the police force was regarded as a dishonourable discharge because he was still facing a disciplinary case when he resigned. The accusations that Sibiya was linked to crime bosses emerged at a major public inquiry over allegations of police corruption and collusion with criminals, known as the Madlanga Commission. Sibiya was accused of interfering with investigations into political killings in KwaZulu-Natal province. He was also accused of receiving a gift of cash, as well as 20 impalas, from an alleged criminal kingpin in exchange for a police contract. He denied the allegation. The Madlanga Commission has transfixed South Africa over the past year and unearthed widespread allegations of links between police officers and crime bosses.



One dead and several hurt after rollercoaster incident at Six Flags

EX-PRESIDENT NAMED LEADER OF NEW DR CONGO REBEL COALITION



Former Congolese President Joseph Kabila has been named the leader of a new rebel coalition seeking to oust the government. The Front for the Refoundation of the Nation (FRN) said it aimed to coordinate "resistance forces" to end "tyranny" in Democratic Republic of Congo and would pursue the goal "by all means, including force". Its unveiling on Monday is the clearest indication so far of Kabila's direct involvement in an armed movement a year after he was sentenced to death in absentia for treason. He had previously denied having links to the M23 rebel group. The Congolese government has not commented. Claude Ibalanky, the coalition's adviser, announced the group's leadership at a press conference at Kabila's residence in Goma, the largest city in eastern DR Congo, which has been under the control of the M23 since last year. Video released by the group showed Kabila signing documents at the group's declaration along with other leaders. M23 leader Sultani Makenga will serve as one of Kabila's four deputies in the new movement. The other three also come from the AFC-M23 alliance which last year seized much of mineral-rich eastern DR Congo. The announcement of the new group comes days after Kabila delivered an address in which he said he would set out how Congolese people should act to "rescue" their country. On Friday, Kabila accused President Félix Tshisekedi's government of disregarding proposals he had put forward last year, including some aimed at ending the conflict in eastern DR Congo. Kabila also accused the government of undermining constitutional rule, mismanaging the economy and failing to improve security. He further alleged arbitrary arrests of political opponents and military officers. The government has not publicly responded to those claims. Kabila, 55, ruled DR Congo from 2001 until January 2019, when Tshisekedi took office following a disputed election.

The two were once political allies, forming an informal power-sharing arrangement after the transfer of power. They later fell out and Kabila went into self-imposed exile in 2023 before returning to Goma last year.

Conor McGregor's UFC Contract Explained As He Claims Only One Fight Remains On His Deal



Promotion didn't publicly confirm this number yet. The former two-division champion is recovering from knee surgery after his July 11, 2026, loss to Max Holloway at UFC 329. Earlier he said his deal had two fights, with dates fixed for July 2026 and April 2027. The injury changed all of that, and now he expects nine to 12 months of recovery time. He wants another fight with Holloway, but his talk about becoming a free agent has raised some questions about his future. CONOR McGREGOR'S NEXT FIGHT COULD BE HIS LAST IN THE UFC! Conor McGregor has just one fight remaining on his current UFC contract, setting the stage for what could be his final appearance inside the Octagon. The former two-division champion's remaining contractual bout has been discussed for July 2027 during International Fight Week, although no official date or opponent has been announced. Justin Gaethje and Max Holloway are among the potential opponents being discussed for McGregor's final contracted UFC appearance, with either matchup offering a blockbuster conclusion to his current deal. Once McGregor fulfills his final fight obligation, he could potentially enter free agency unless he signs a new agreement with the UFC. Follow @westtilldeath for more MMA news, updates, and media!

McGregor's Contract Comments Differ From Dana White's Position

Before UFC 329, McGregor talked about having two fights left. In a June interview he said both dates were already arranged, and he complained about the gap between them.

"I have July 11; when would you think they would put me back in? April, 2027! It's almost a year later! That's ridiculous to me!" he said, as reported by MMA Fighting.

Dana White wasn't so sure about those dates. UFC CEO Dana White said in June, "What are the dates? ... I don't even know," and added that they would talk about the next fight after UFC 329.

Since then, White said he will focus on McGregor when the Irishman is ready. But the UFC boss never publicly confirmed how many fights remain on the contract, so McGregor's own statements are the main sign we have. Contract numbers matter.

"NEVER WENT SEARCHING FOR THE FRUIT": R ASHWIN ON INDIA STAR AHEAD OF NEW ZEALAND TOUR



Veteran pacer Bhuvneshwar Kumar finally made his way back to the India squad. The bowler has been named in the 16-member team announced by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) for the five-match T20I series against New Zealand, beginning October 22. Bhuvneshwar, who last played a T20I for India in November 2022, has been recalled to a largely unchanged squad led by Shreyas Iyer, with his ability to extract swing expected to be particularly useful in New Zealand conditions. The selection brings an end to a lengthy wait for the right-arm pacer, who has remained a popular figure among Indian cricket supporters despite his prolonged absence from the international setup. While speaking on his return to the national setup, India's legendary spinner R Ashwin praised the pacer. He added that Bhuvneshwar would not have even thought about making a comeback. "I don't think Bhuvneshwar Kumar even thought about or planned for a comeback. His success mantra is that he has gone on his own journey.

He stayed in the moment and was only focused on doing well for RCB, which is what he did. The reward he has got now with his return to the side is the fruit of his success. But he never went searching for the fruit. He just did his job, and now he has got the success," Ashwin said on Vimal Kumar's YouTube channel. Ashwin also praised teenager Vaibhav Sooryavanshi for his batting ability. He added that the 15-year-old should enjoy his time while waiting for his next opportunity.

VIRAT KOHLI MAKES LINKEDIN DEBUT AT 37 WITH A LONG POST: "THE VISION IS CLEAR"



Virat Kohli, apart from being a champion cricketer, has a keen eye for building brands. While he has been associated with several brands in the past, he is now an investor in sportswear brand Agilitas and a co-founder of one8world. A few months ago, he launched the Agilitas brand at a grand, star-studded event in New Delhi. It is a rare combination - a world-renowned sportsperson who has the mind and guts of an entrepreneur. Kohli has gone a step further. In another first, at the age of 37, Kohli has joined LinkedIn. In his first post, he has revealed more about his vision and the brand he has invested in. "I've always wanted to see an India where every sport is followed, celebrated, and played. Today, that vision feels closer than ever. A new generation is proving that India can produce world-class athletes and build brands for the global stage. The vision is to build an end-to-end sports platform from India, spanning manufacturing, consumer brands, and sports distribution. It's a belief that India can help shape the future of global sport, not just participate in it," he wrote. "That's why I've joined Agilitas as an investor and as a co-founder and co-creator of one8world. one8 is built on a belief I've carried throughout my career: progress comes from pushing boundaries, raising standards, and daring to do things differently. "That's how we introduced the brand to the world, and watching one8world come to life in front of thousands of people in my home city was one of the most meaningful moments of my life. "The vision is clear. It's time to build something that will outlive all of us. That's the journey we're on." In his aspiration to push boundaries, Virat Kohli turned down what many athletes would consider an easy decision - an estimated Rs 300-crore contract extension from Puma spread over eight years.

"One More Chance": Cheteshwar Pujara Backs This India Star. It's Not Vaibhav Sooryavanshi



Former India batter Cheteshwar Pujara picked his playing XI for the fourth T20I of the five-match series against West Indies. Shreyas Iyer and Co. are 2-1 up after winning the third game by 14 runs in Indore. They will enter the fourth match in Hyderabad aiming to seal the series. Talking about the upcoming contest, Pujara said that Nitish Kumar Reddy should be given "one more chance". The all-rounder has played all three matches against the Windies, scoring a total of 30 runs and taking two wickets. "Nitish Kumar Reddy, I think he did a good job. So, I would want to see him get one more chance," Pujara said on JioHotstar. "I wouldn't want many changes in the top order. So Sanju Samson and Abhishek Sharma would open, Ishan Kishan would be at No. 3, Shreyas Iyer at No. 4, and Tilak Varma at No. 5," he added. The former India star slotted Reddy at No. 6 and Naman Dhir at No. 7. "Axar Patel at No. 8. Among the fast bowlers, Arshdeep Singh at No. 9. Mayank Yadav is bowling well. So he should also be played. The question for the Indian team in Hyderabad would be how the pitch is," Pujara said. "Based on that, either you will go with Prince Yadav or Kuldeep Yadav. That's the only change I see. They will have to pick between the two. If there is more help for the spinners, you might want to bring back someone like Kuldeep. If the wicket is like Indore, with slight help for the fast bowlers, you will continue with the same playing XI," he added. Here's the India playing XI picked by Cheteshwar Pujara for the fourth T20I: Sanju Samson, Abhishek Sharma, Ishan Kishan, Shreyas Iyer, Tilak Varma, Nitish Kumar Reddy, Naman Dhir, Axar Patel, Arshdeep Singh, Mayank Yadav, Prince Yadav/Kuldeep Yadav. Former India batter Cheteshwar Pujara picked his playing XI for the fourth T20I of the five-match series against West Indies.

ALL ABOUT CAITLIN CLARK'S PARENTS:

MEET BRENT AND ANNE NIZZI-CLARK, THE DUO BEHIND THE RECORD-BREAKER



Ask Caitlin Clark's grandfather when he knew she was special, and he'll take you back to a co-ed game when she was just five. A much bigger boy kept pushing her around, so she flattened him with a block and stood over him. That tough little girl grew into the "CC" we see on the court today, and she didn't get there alone. A family shaped her. Here's a look at her parents, Brent and Anne Nizzi-Clark, and how they raised her. Where Caitlin Clark's Competitive Streak Comes From Brent and Anne raised three kids in West Des Moines, Iowa: Blake, Caitlin and Colin. Caitlin is the middle child, and sports were everywhere in that house. Blake played football at Iowa State, and Colin played basketball. Blake once explained it simply: "when you're just around something that much, it's what you do, too." Things got rough at home, too. Colin remembers one-on-one games in the basement where Caitlin shoved him into a wall. "Split my head open. Got four staples," he recalled. Turns out, that fire has a source: her dad, Brent. Brent played basketball and baseball at Simpson College in Iowa and earned four-year letters in both from 1985 to 1988. Anne's dad, Bob Nizzi, coached football at Dowling Catholic in Des Moines, the same school Caitlin later attended. And Brent coached that five-year-old back then.

A'ja Wilson Turned Her Own Success Into Hope for Children With Dyslexia



A'ja Wilson, the three-time WNBA champion, remains unbeatable on the court. But her philanthropic effort has also given her an unique way to make a difference. The Las Vegas Aces star has focused on helping kids with dyslexia and supporting families who need educational resources. Wilson took that commitment to the next level by founding her famous the A'ja Wilson Foundation. This foundation provides educational programs, workshops, camps and grant opportunities that help kids and their families reach their full potential. Wilson's community work received a major recognition in 2019.

ALEXANDER ZVEREV CLINCHES YEAR-END NO. 1 ATP RANKING, BECOMES FIRST GERMAN TO DO SO



Alexander Zverev clinched the year-end No. 1 ranking on Monday to cap a breakout year in which he won his first two Grand Slam titles. Helped by a season-ending injury to Jannik Sinner, the 29-year-old Zverev will become the oldest player to achieve the year-end honor for the first time, the ATP Tour announced. Zverev is currently No. 2 but will overtake No. 1 Sinner before the season ends next month. The first possible date that Zverev could become No. 1 is Nov. 2 — while he is mathematically certain of the top spot by the season's final rankings on Nov. 23. Zverev became assured of finishing No. 1 when No. 3 Carlos Alcaraz was beaten by Zizou Bergs at the Shanghai Masters.

Zverev won the French Open and U.S. Open titles this year and also reached the Australian Open semifinals and the Wimbledon final.

Before this year, his best Grand Slam results were three finals.

"It's been a fantastic season for me winning in Paris and New York and knowing that I will finish the year on top of the rankings is just a dream come true," Zverev said. "So much work and effort have been put into achieving this goal, especially after coming back from the ankle injury," Zverev added, referring to when he severely twisted his right ankle during a 2022 French Open semifinal against Rafael Nadal and was pushed away in a wheelchair. Zverev is next due to play Alexander Bublik in Shanghai on Tuesday.

FORMULA 1 ANNOUNCES RETURN TO AFRICA WITH GRAND PRIX IN RWANDA IN "EARLY 2030S"



Formula 1 announced on Tuesday that Rwanda will host a race from "the early 2030s" when the series returns to Africa after about 40 years. The African Grand Prix will have a 10-year contract and take place at a track in Bugesera, southeast of the capital Kigali. F1 said the purpose-built track will be ready "early in the next decade." Rwandan President Paul Kagame said at a launch event in Kigali that it was "a success and a milestone for the entire continent, especially for the African fans," adding he hoped it could lead to more F1 events in Africa. Racing in Africa will fulfil a long-held ambition for seven-time world champion Lewis Hamilton, the only Black driver in F1.

The 41-year-old British driver has said he has been "fighting in the background" for years to have a race in Africa. The last time F1 raced in Africa was the South African Grand Prix in 1993. "Today is a landmark moment for Formula 1," F1 President and chief executive Stefano Domenicali said. "With Rwanda joining the calendar from the next decade our sport will race in every inhabited continent, bringing the world championship closer than ever to fans around the globe. "Africa has always been part of Formula 1's future, and from the beginning we were determined to return in the right way, with the right partner, a long-term commitment and a clear vision for creating meaningful impact."

Rwanda has long sought to make a mark in the world of sports but hosting F1 would take that strategy to a new level. It could also bring scrutiny over human rights concerns.

SAI PALLAVI BRINGS HER UNFILTERED SIDE TO THE GRAND LAUNCH OF 'JAYAMMU NISCHAYAMMU RAA' SEASON 2 ON ZEE5



The conversations that stay with us are often the ones that go beyond the familiar, revealing the person behind the public image. Zee Telugu's popular celebrity talk show Jayammu Nischayammu Raa with Jagapathi returns with its second season, opening with an eagerly anticipated guest, Sai Pallavi. Beloved by audiences for her natural performances, distinctive screen presence and the affection she inspires across generations, the actress graces the grand launch episode, setting the stage for a season of candid conversations, personal recollections and entertaining revelations.

Hosted by acclaimed actor Jagapathi Babu, Jayammu Nischayammu Raa carved out its space in Telugu entertainment by bringing film personalities into conversations that extend beyond their on-screen identities. The first season featured prominent guests, including Akkineni Nagarjuna and Sreeleela, offering audiences glimpses into their personal lives, career journeys and relationships. The show's appeal lies in the interplay between its host and guests, allowing familiar stars to revisit formative experiences, share lesser-known memories and speak about the people and moments that have shaped them. Season 2 builds on this conversational format, returning with the promise of more personal stories and engaging exchanges.

Sai Pallavi is a fitting choice to lead the new season. Known for bringing an unaffected authenticity to her performances, she has cultivated a strong connection with audiences through characters that balance emotional depth with individuality. Her portrayal of Sita has further strengthened the affection many viewers feel for her, with audiences embracing her as "our Sita". With anticipation surrounding her portrayal of Sita in the upcoming Ramayana, the episode carries added significance, featuring what is being positioned as Sai Pallavi's first exclusive interview following the film's title announcement. Beyond her filmography, her grounded public persona and candid approach to conversations have made her a distinctive presence in contemporary Indian cinema.

In the season premiere, Sai Pallavi joins Jagapathi Babu for a warm, lively conversation that explores her journey, memories and moments audiences may not have encountered before.

CRAZY KALYANAM IS A FILM WITH UNIVERSAL EMOTIONS THAT WILL APPEAL TO AUDIENCES ACROSS REGIONS: AKHIL RAJ UDDEMARI



Navarasaraya' Dr. Naresh Vijay Krishna, Anupama Parameswaran, Tharun Bhascker, and Akhil Uddemari of Raju Weds Rambai fame are playing the lead roles in Crazy Kalyanam. The film is being produced by passionate producer Boosam Jagan Mohan Reddy under the Arrow Cinemas banner as Production No. 2 and is directed by Badrappa Gajula. Crazy Kalyanam is arriving in theatres worldwide on October 16 as a grand Dasara festive release. In a recent interview, young hero Akhil Uddemari shared the highlights of the film.

Akhil said, "I acted in a film called Vindhu Bhojanam under the production of Jagan Mohan Reddy garu. Since then, I have stayed in touch with him and his production house. When the team was working on the script of Crazy Kalyanam, they considered me for the role of Uday in the pitch deck. At that time, no one had been confirmed for the casting. The director and producer asked me whether I would play the character of Uday, and I said yes. Later, Naresh garu, Anupama, Tharun Bhascker, and others were confirmed for the cast. After that, they sent me the full script. I thoroughly enjoyed reading it. I liked the characters of Naresh garu and Tharun Bhascker very much. The character of Balaraju, played by Tharun Bhascker, seemed hilarious to me. My character has fun and love scenes. I wanted to make Uday's character stand out through my performance alongside the characters of Naresh garu and Tharun Bhascker. I don't know what Badrappa anna expected from me when he selected me, but I tried my best to appear as Uday in every way. I am happy that I got the opportunity to act with Naresh garu, Anupama, and Tharun Bhascker in this film even before the release of Raju Weds Rambai."

AFTER A SUCCESSFUL THEATRICAL RUN, DC TO PREMIERE IN FIVE LANGUAGES ON SONY LIV



The film to stream in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, and Kannada from 16th October Some stories are shaped by love, some by betrayal, and some by the choices people make when they have nowhere else to turn. Exploring a world where power, loyalty and revenge collide, Arun Matheswaran's hit film DC is set to stream on Sony LIV from 16th October in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, and Kannada.

DC follows Devadas a.k.a 'Das' (Lokesh Kanagaraj), an outlaw who lives by his own moral code. His life takes an unexpected turn when he meets Parvathy, a singer, while Chandra (Wamiqa Gabbi) tries to navigate a life shaped by survival. As their paths cross, they find themselves caught in a situation where love, betrayal, and revenge converge.

Written and directed by Arun Matheswaran, DC features Sanjana Krishnamoorthy, Kasthuri Raja and Thalaivasal Vijay, among others, in prominent roles. DC to stream from 16th October on Sony LIV in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, and Kannada.

Garividi Lakshmi' premieres are getting an extraordinary response: Producer TG Vishwa Prasad



People Media Factory, which entertains with big-budget films, now brings the story of legendary folk singer Garividi Lakshmi from Andhra Pradesh to the audience. Anandi is playing the role of Garividi Lakshmi. Gauri Naidu Jammu is directing this film. Produced by TG Vishwa Prasad and Kriti Prasad, 'Garividi Lakshmi' recreates the life of the legendary folk singer who has touched thousands of hearts with a song. The promotional content of this film, which has already been released, has received a good response. The film will be released on October 17. The premieres already held have received a wonderful response.

AADI SAIKUMAR'S Divine Mystery Thriller Announced as a Pan-India Film

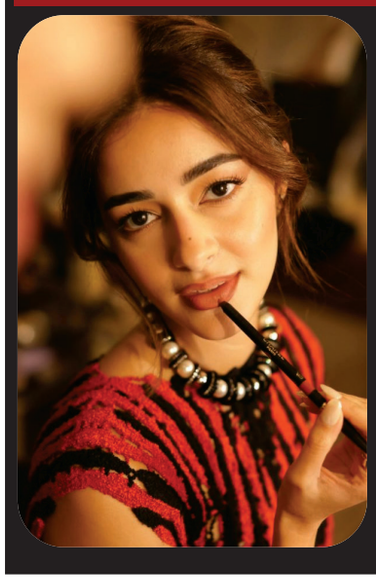


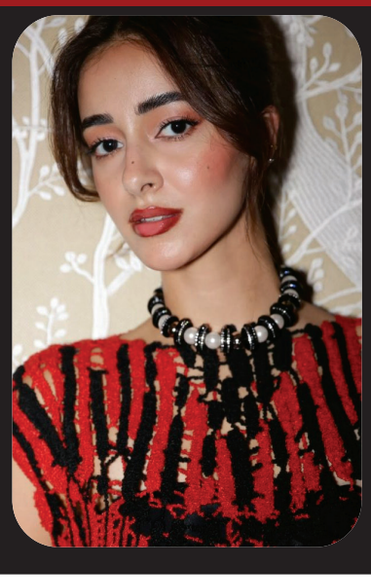
Aadi Saikumar, Prashanth G Rudrappa, Navarasan, B. Ajaneesh Loknath, Trishul Entertainments Production No.3 Big Budget Pan India Movie Divine Mystery Thriller Announcement

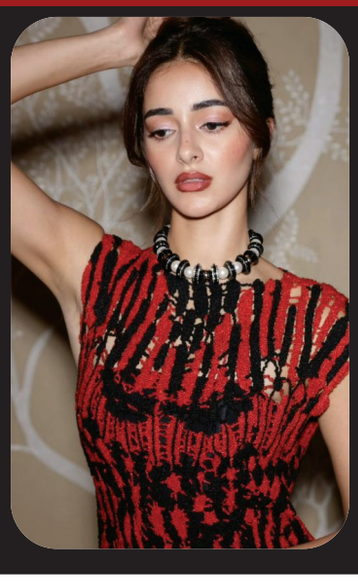
Trishul Entertainments is gearing up to present a big film project with Aadi Saikumar as the hero. Divine will take the audience into a world of mystery and suspense. This film, which is being produced as Production No. 3, is being produced by Prashanth G Rudrappa. Navarasan is providing the story and screenplay as well as directing it. Renowned music director B. Ajaneesh Loknath is composing the music for this film.

This film, which is being made as a thriller set against the backdrop of divine mysteries, will introduce a diverse cinematic world of spirituality, faith, ancient beliefs, and mysterious secrets. The film team is making this film with the aim of providing an unforgettable theatrical experience to the audience with a wonderful story, strong emotions, and thrilling scenes. The announcement poster of this movie is dark and mysterious and creates suspense. This poster suggests a story related to supernatural secrets. In the middle of the poster, a huge cobra coiled around a trident and unfurled, revealing a magnificent scene. Around it, ancient weapons like swords, axes, spears, a crescent-shaped weapon, and a mace are arranged. These give the poster a more solemn and terrifying look. The poster has been designed to resemble a place with ancient rituals in a dense dark forest. Hanging bells, twisted tree branches, and glowing lamps add to the mysterious atmosphere.

ANANYA PANDAY'S CHANEL BEAUTY LOOK IS GLAM







Known for her fresh, youthful charm and fashion-forward choices, Ananya Panday is welcoming the festive season in style with her first campaign for Chanel Beauty.

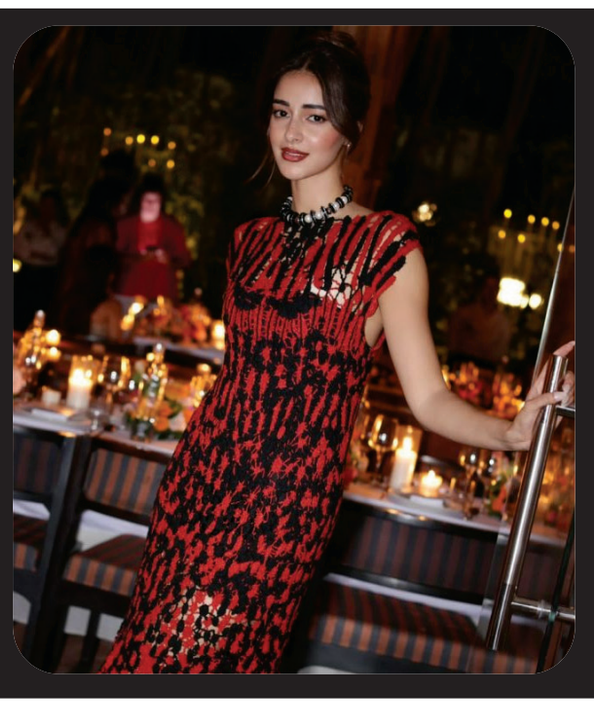
Ananya served bold elegance in a red and black maxi dress with a textured, crochet-style weave and sheer cut-out detailing. The cap sleeves and high neckline kept the look polished, while the fitted silhouette flared softly at the hem. She layered a chunky black and pearl necklace over it. Her hair was pulled into a loose updo with face-framing strands, and glowing skin, shimmery eyes and glossy red lips completed the look. The candlelit dinner setting added a warm glow to the festive mood. With its deep red tone and textured weave, the outfit is a smart pick for evening parties and dinners this season.

WHAT DID YOU GET UP TO YESTERDAY?

I landed in Delhi yesterday and went to The Chanakya for the first time. I've never been before, and it's beautiful. I definitely did a little damage! I did some shopping and then went to Megu for dinner. I love Japanese food.

WHAT DID YOU SHOP FOR?

I actually bought a gift for Karan [Johar]. I hope this interview comes out in time for him to receive his present! I got him a beautiful tweed shirt that I loved.



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