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16-10-2026
Total pilgrims : 77,759
Tonsures : 28,977
Hundi kanukalu : 2.96 CR
Laddu sale... 4.08Lac
Annaprasadam.. 6.54Lac
Ashwini hospital..13,540
Present Situation on 17-10-2026:
Waiting Compartments..31
Approx. Darsan Time for Sarvadarshanam (with out SSD Tokens)...12 H.



Nation News

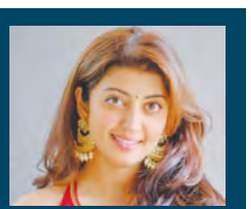
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Trump waives several Russia sanctions as row with Zelensky intensifies



World News

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INBRIEF

Actor Imran Khan challenges 'leave India' notice in Bombay HC

MUMBAI: Actor Imran Khan, a US citizen and an OCI cardholder, on Saturday filed a petition in the Bombay High Court challenging a notice issued by the Mumbai Police directing him to leave India by October 28 for allegedly violating rules by participating in a political demonstration. The 43-year-old actor, in the plea filed through his advocate Zulfiquar Memon and MZM Legal, termed the notice as "illegal, perverse, drastic and bad in law." The plea requested the High Court to quash the notice and stay its operation in an interim relief. The plea stated that there is no provision under the current law or statutory rules that prohibits an OCI (Overseas Citizen of India) cardholder from participating in a peaceful protest. The plea is expected to be mentioned for an urgent hearing before a division bench comprising Chief Justice Mahesh Chandra Tripathi and Justice Advait Sethna. "The notice has been issued without disclosing any reasons, supporting material, or specific statutory contravention. It was issued without inquiry, a show-cause notice, or any opportunity for the Petitioner (Khan) to respond to the alleged violations," the plea said.

Dycm Bhatti assures early clearance of Press club land file

HYDERABAD ■ (TSIT):



Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka assured a Press Club Hyderabad delegation that the pending file concerning land allotment to the club would be cleared within a day or two.

The delegation met the Deputy Chief Minister and Revenue and Information and Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, seeking a time-bound action plan to resolve journalists' long-standing problems. Its demands included land allotment to Press Club Hyderabad at a nominal price, health cards and housing sites for journalists, and a pension facility for senior journalists.

Srinivasa Reddy assured the delegation that a meeting with Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy would be arranged at the earliest to discuss and resolve issues relating to journalists' health cards and housing sites.

The delegation comprised Press Club Hyderabad president S. Vijay Kumar Reddy, general secretary Ramesh Varikuppala, treasurer Ramesh Vaitla, and senior journalists R. Ravikanth Reddy and Nemani Bhaskar.

CJP founder Dipke gets conditional bail

One of the primary conditions would be for him to ensure there is no breach of peace for a period of one year, said reports.

New Delhi ■ TSIT



The special executive magistrate on Saturday, October 17, released CJP leader Abhijit Dipke subject to a conditional bail bond, eliciting a 'Cockroaches never die' response from the outfit's national organisation in-charge.

Meanwhile, one of the primary conditions would be for Dipke to ensure there is no breach of peace for a period of one year.

CJP national in-charge Ajinka Shinde posted on X: "Cockroaches never die," with a visual of Dipke in the car after being released.

Earlier, CJP legal affairs head Ratna Singh had pointed out that the hearing was set for 12 noon but hadn't happened till 3.38 pm."If this isn't deliberate, then what is? Release Saurav, Ashutosh and Abhijeet along with other detainees. You can't take away people's liberty by delaying the entire process," she posted on X. The Delhi Police had detained Dipke on Friday as soon as he left his accommodation to take part in the 'Lehra Do Tiranga' yatra orchestrated by his outfit. He was detained under Sections 126 and 170 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), said the Delhi Police. He was arrested on Saturday morning for allegedly violating a peace bond furnished by him on October 10.

"Based on the assurance given in the peace bond, he was let off. We are awaiting the written order for further details," a senior police officer told PTI.

Meanwhile, YouTuber Dhruv Rathee announced his arrival in London late on Friday. In a post on X, Rathee urged people to join the protest at Mahatma Gandhi's statue in Parliament Square. "International danka bajane ka time aa gaya hai," he wrote, ending the post with "Jai Hind".

CM Revanth Greets Women on Saddula Bathukamma



Hyderabad ■ TSIT BUREAU:

Chief Minister A.Revanth Reddy extended warm greetings to the people of Telangana, particularly women, on the occasion of Saddula Bathukamma. Describing Bathukamma as a symbol of Telangana's culture and traditions, the Chief Minister said the festival celebrates nature and honours women. He wished that women and girls would celebrate with joy, traditional songs and dances around colourful floral arrangements. He expressed hope that the festival of flowers would bring happiness, prosperity, peace and well-being to every household, while preserving Telangana's cultural heritage for future generations. Chief Minister said Bathukamma reflects the State's cultural richness, strengthens unity among women and carries social significance. He expressed happiness over the enthusiastic celebrations held across Telangana during the nine-day festival. Revanth Reddy reiterated that the People's Government remains committed to women's empowerment through welfare and development programmes.

Right to internet is a fundamental right, says SC

The court made the observation while hearing arguments on banning children on the internet.

NEW DELHI ■ (TSIT)

The right to access and use the internet is a fundamental right of every individual, the Supreme Court has said, adding that children, irrespective of their age, enjoy the same right. According to LiveLaw, a bench of Justice JB Pardiwala and Justice K Vinod Chandran held that the right flows from Article 21 (right to life and personal liberty) read with Article 19(1)(a) (freedom of speech and expression) of the Constitution.

The Supreme Court's observations came while the bench was hearing an application on child sexual exploitation and abuse material (CSEAM) online when it took up the question of whether children should be kept off the internet and social media altogether.



It said they should not. Cutting children off, the bench said, would be as absurd as claiming that they are too young to have a conscience or a voice. "The safety of our children and their freedom are not at odds with each other. Our children are entitled to both," it said.

The court said that blaming children's presence online for harm caused by platforms that fail to remove abusive content punishes the wrong party. A ban on paper does not keep children offline, it said. They simply drift to unregulated corners of the internet where the risks may be higher. A ban could also push children who are being targeted or threatened to stay silent, out of fear of being scolded for going online.

Online betting: ED conducts searches at 20 premises in Mumbai, Pune, Hyderabad

MUMBAI ■ (TSIT)



In fresh action against an online betting/gaming and cyber fraud syndicate, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) conducted search operations at 20 premises located in Mumbai, Pune, Mehsana, Surat and Hyderabad, ED officials said on Saturday.

During the search operations on October 13, the ED's Mumbai Zone-2 seized various incriminating documents, digital devices and other material evidence relating to the layering and diversion of proceeds of crime, the official said in a statement.

In addition, multiple bank accounts of the concerned entities and persons have been ordered frozen under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, the statement said. In the case, the ED had earlier conducted searches at multiple places in Pune, Mumbai and Bengaluru and also arrested Ram U. Ramdhani, founder of Edsom Fintech Private Limited, who remains in judicial custody, it added.

Delhi Police allows Cong to hold rally at Ramlila Maidan on Nov 1

NEW DELHI: The Delhi Police has allowed the Congress to hold a rally at Ramlila Maidan on November 1 and issued a no-objection certificate (NOC) for the event, a senior police officer said on Saturday.

On September 30, the INDIA bloc finalised a joint action plan over the SIR (Special Intensive Revision) row, including rallies and 'save democracy marches', with Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge saying all parties agreed that elections should be held using ballot papers instead of EVMs. Then, Kharge said the party would organise a mega rally in Delhi on November 1.



MP CM Mohan Yadav Meets CM Naidu



Amaravati ■ TSIT

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav paid a courtesy visit to Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu at the latter's camp office. During the meeting, Chandrababu Naidu briefed him on the construction of the capital city Amaravati and various development programmes being undertaken in the state. Minister Nara Lokesh welcomed Mohan Yadav at the Chief Minister's residence. He presented the Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister with a copy of the Yuva Galam padayatra book and explained the key aspects of his statewide foot march.

India rejects UN expert's claims of youth retaliation

UNITED NATIONS ■ (TSIT):

India has rejected as "hearsay" a report by a UN human rights expert that has taken note of the "satirical political movement" created by the country's youth, with New Delhi calling on the expert to "verify" before vilifying issues using unverified claims. First Secretary in the Permanent Mission of India to the UN Anuj Swarup delivered the national statement at the 81st Session of the UNGA Third Committee at the interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association. Children have fundamental right to access internet, can't impose blanket ban on its use: SC

Swarup voiced objection to the report of the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and Association Gina Romero, calling out her assertion that young people in India face retaliation or stigmatisation for discussing mental health or gender justice.

Swarup said Romero merely cites "unnamed submissions" in the footnote."A sweeping charge against the



world's largest youth population, resting on anonymous and unverified claims, is not evidence. It is hearsay dressed up as a UN report, and my delegation rejects it outright," Swarup said.

"A mandate holder who relies on anonymous inputs to generalise for 1.4 billion people does a disservice to the very mandate she holds. We urge this Special Rapporteur to verify before she vilifies and to bring the required rigour and fairness in her reports," he said.

In her report, Romero notes that in India, young people created a "satirical political movement", a reference to the Cockroach Janata Party, and said that "young people from India reported retaliation or stigmatisation for discussing mental health or gender justice."

Swarup further emphasised that "this level of arbitrary report writing is precisely the reason that the United Nations and its institutions have lost credibility."

He said that in India, these freedoms, together with freedom of speech and expression, are guaranteed to every citizen under Article 19 of the Constitution, and are protected by an independent judiciary, a free press, and an empowered National Human Rights Commission. India also termed the report ironic, taking note of the "satirical political movement" created by the country's youth.

Malayappa Swamy blesses devotees on Gaja Vahanam

TIRUMALA ■ (TSIT):



Sri Malayappa Swamy blessed devotees on the Gaja Vahanam on Saturday evening, the sixth day of the annual NavaratriBrahmotsavams at Tirumala.

The procession was held amid traditional music, devotional bhajans, kolatams and the chanting of the Jeeyangars' Goshti. Majestic elephants led the procession as devotees braved the rain to offer camphor haratis and seek the blessings of Lord Venkateswara.

The Gaja Vahanam symbolises majesty, royalty, prosperity and abundance. Pedda Jeeyar Swamy, Chinna Jeeyar Swamy, TTD Chairman B.R. Naidu, Executive Officer Muddada Ravichandra, Additional EO Ch. Venkaiah Chowdary, CVSO Muralikrishna and other officials participated in the event.

CS Sanjay Jaju Reviews Global Summit Preparations

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Officials informed him that invitations had been sent for the summit's curtain-raiser events scheduled in Hyderabad on October 24 and New Delhi on October 29.Jaju directed officials to ensure participation from the aerospace, space and defence sectors, including industry representatives and sectoral experts. He also sought invitations to ambassadors, representatives of FICCI, ASSOCHAM and CII, and eminent personalities from diverse fields.Calling for a focused and comprehensive outreach effort, the Chief Secretary asked officials to take ownership of the arrangements and coordinate closely with stakeholders to secure invitees' participation.He stressed meticulous planning and effective coordination to ensure both events generate meaningful engagement among industry leaders and international representatives. Senior officials attended the meeting. sing on invitations and participation of industry leaders, diplomats and key stakeholders.

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Jhansi Rajender Reddy Participates in Bathukamma Celebrations in California

Hyderabad TSIT: TPCC Vice-President Jhansi Rajender Reddy participated in Bathukamma celebrations at Krishna Kanhaiya Mandir, the Hindu Temple of Fresno, in Clovis, California, on Friday.



The celebration highlighted Telangana's floral festival and its traditions of worshipping Goddess Gauri, celebrating nature and bringing families together through traditional songs and dances around colourful Bathukamma arrangements.

The programme was organised at the temple on East Alluvial Avenue, with aarti and prasad distribution included in the schedule. Aneesha Reddy, Indira Chandrasekhar and Lalitha Boggula were listed as programme contacts.

Khelo Telangana Bandhan Gains Public Support Advisor Jithender Reddy

Hyderabad, October 17: Telangana Government Advisor (Sports) A.P. Jithender Reddy said Khelo Telangana Bandhan was drawing an encouraging response from people and sportspersons across the State.



Participating in the Khelo Telangana Fitness Challenge on Saturday, he extended the challenge to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of State Raksha Nikhil Khadse, Telangana Sports Minister Vakiti Srihari, SATG Vice Chairperson and Managing Director Dr. A. Sonibala Devi, the Mahabubnagar District Collector and other officials.Jithender Reddy urged people of all ages to make sports and fitness part of their daily routine through exercise, walking, jogging and yoga.

He said the State Government's focus on sports had created a positive environment for wider participation, with the initiative encouraging healthier lifestyles and sportsmanship. Calling for Khelo Telangana Bandhan to grow into a sustained people's movement, he appealed to citizens to participate actively and urged the media to spread awareness about sports and regular physical activity.

Vijay Deverakonda Rashmika Visit Deputy CM Bhatti



Hyderabad (TSIT): Actor Vijay Deverakonda and his wife Rashmika Mandanna visited Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka's residence on the occasion of Dasara. The Deputy Chief Minister and his wife presented Rashmika with a special Bathukamma saree as a Dasara gift, marking her first celebration of the festival in Telangana after their marriage.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to the general public that my client, **Smt. A. Sulochana W/o. A. Vinod Kumar** who are absolute owner of the below mentioned scheduled property, propose to create mortgage over the scheduled property and wants to avail loan from Banks/Financial Institutions, if any person/s has any objections/claim/interest/dispute over the said property, the same may be intimated to the undersigned within 7 days from the date of this publication, failing which no further claims/objections will be entertained and my client will proceed with the mortgage of the scheduled property in favour of Banks/Financial Institutions and will complete the transaction.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

All that the piece and parcel of the bearing House No.**18-3-463/1/A/145 North Part**, with (PTIN No.10418 17833) on Plot No.145, admg **122.22 Sq.Yds.,** or 102.18 Sq.Mtrs., forming Part of Survey Nos.227 and 228, having a Plinth area of 50 Sq.Feet of A.C.C., Situated at in Ward No.18, Block No.3, Kandikal Village, Hyderabad, Under GHMC and **Bounded by: North:** Plot No.146, **South:** House No.18-3-463/1/A/145, **South:** Part **East:** 20' Wide Road, **West:** Plot No.150.

P. Santosh Kumar, Advocate
 # 1-8-506/2/A/1, Adnan Chambers,
Prakashnagar, Begumpet,
Secunderabad - 500 016.
Cell : 09440067560

FORM NO.3
SUMMONS UNDER SUB-SECTION (4) OF SECTION 19 OF THE ACT, READ WITH SUB-RULE (2A) OF RULE 5 OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993.
BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, 1st FLOOR, TRIVENI COMPLEX, ABIDS, AT: HYDERABAD
O. A. No. 884 of 2026

BETWEEN:
Union Bank of India
Banjara Hills-2 Branch ... APPLICANT
VIS
M/s. S J Pharma Enterprises and others ...DEFENDANTS

To,
M/s. S J Pharma Enterprises, Rep. by its Managing Partner, Regd. Office at Plot No. 18/31-8-32/15, Bapu Bagh colony, PG Road, Secunderabad, Hyderabad. Telangana.500059.
And also at
M/s. S J Pharma Enterprises, Rep. by its Managing Partner, H.No.11-3/115/1, Rayancha Avenue colony, Peerzadiguda, Medipally, Medchal, Malkajgiri-5000098. Telangana.
And also at
M/s. S. J Pharma Enterprises, Rep. by its Managing Partner, Office at: Plot No.59/B2, EPIP-TSIIC, Pashamailaram, Patancheruvu, Hyderabad
2. Smt. Mundlapati Mounika,
D/o. Mundlapati Ravi H.No. 10-6-32, Fathe Nagar, LBS Nagar, Bala Nagar, Medchal. Telangana.-500018
3. Sri. Sarva Babu Yadav,
S/o. Sri. Sarva Balaj Yadav, H.No. 3-2-91, Old Ramanthapur, Amberpet, Hyderabad, Telangana. -500013. (M) 9494533000
4. Smt. Vuppala Geeta,
W/o. Sri Vuppala Vamshi Krishna, R/o. H.No.3-3, Mallikarjun Nagar, Near S.B.I Peerzadiguda, Medipally Mandal,Medchal Malkajgiri District. (M)9100172757.
5. Sri Vuppala Vamshi Krishna,
S/o. Sri Vuppala Srinivas, R/o. H.No.3-3, Mallikarjun Nagar, Near S.B.I Peerzadiguda, Medipally Mandal, Medchal Malkajgiri District. (M) 8686892757.

SUMMONS BY PAPER PUBLICATION FOR SHOWING CAUSE AS TO WHY THE RELIEF PRAYED SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED

Whereas, OA No.884 of 2026 was listed before Hon'ble, Debts Recovery Tribunal-II.
Whereas, this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/notice on the said Application under section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of aggregate amount of Rs.5,11,71,417.37.
In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you , the defendant are directed as under:
i) To show cause within 30 days of the serve of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted.
ii) To disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application.
iii) You are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets ad properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties.
iv) You shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;
v) You shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.

You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before the Hon'ble Debts Recovery Tribunal - II on 23-11-2026 at 10.30 AM failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this tribunal on this the th day of 15th October, 2026.

BY ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL
REGISTRAR
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
HYDERABAD.

SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED
Registered Office: Sri. Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032
Administrative office: 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurum Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710.

DEMAND NOTICE

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/ mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD, (Formerly known as Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shriram Finance Limited) We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD. under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers /guarantors /mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices. The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same. 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.

NAME OF THE BORROWER(S)/ Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors

1) Gurram Mallesh, S/O: Gurram Narsimha,Age: 45 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H No:Address-I: 6-74/1, Sriram Nagar, Balaji Nagar, Hyderabad-500078, Address-Ii: 7-41(3-995), Mchan Rao Nagar Colony, Near Balaji Nagar, Jawaharnagar,K V Rangareddy,Pincode:500087, 8125074854. **2) Gurram Gouramma,** W/O: Gurram Narsimha, Occ: Hous Wife, R/O: H No: 2-109, Koyyalagudem, Choutuppal Mandal, Yadadri-Bhongiri Dist, Pincode: 508252, 7731893516. **3) Gurram Markandaiah,** S/O: Gurram Narsimnha, Age: 55 Years,Occ Selfemployee, R/O: H No: 2-38 , Koyyalagudem, Choutuppal Mandal, Yadadri-Bhongiri Dist, Pincode: 508252, 9948785745. **4) Mohammad Jaffar,** S/O: Mohammad Mustafa, Age: 52 Years,Occ: Self Employee, R/O: Plot No:82, Devender Nagar, Jawaharnagar, Jj Naggar Colony, Medchal-Malakajgiri Dist, Pincode: 500087, 8801849442.
.....Barrowers/Co-borrower /Guarantors/Legal heirs

NPA DATE 07-02-2024
DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE 29-09-2026
OUTSTANDING AMOUNT Rs.21,87,890/-
LOAN AMOUNT Rs.13,00,000/-

PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS: VANASTF2206270002- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: All That The Piece And Parcel Of Open Plot, In Survey No.676, Admeasuring 416 Sq.Yards Or Equivalent To 247.77 Sq. Mtrs, Situated At Koyyalagudem H/O. Devalamma Nagaram Village, Chouttuppal Revenue Mandal,Yadadri-Bhongiri District, Under Koyyalagudem Gram Panchayath, M.P.Choutuppal, Z.P Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri, Under Regn: Sub-Dist. Choutuppal And Regn: Dist. Nalgonda And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: 18 Wide Road; Towards West: Land Of Surkanti Yadi Reddy; Towards North: Plot Of Gurram Narendar; Towards South: Plot Of Gurram Markandaiah.

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under. **Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.**

Dated: 17-10-2026, **Sd/-Authorized Officer,**
Place: Hyderabad, Yadadri-Bhongir & Medchal-Malkajgiri **SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD.**

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1) Mothe Venkatesh, S/O: Mothe Lingaiah, Age: 44 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H No: 13-17, Beda Budiga Janagala Colony, Alair Village And Mandal, Near Padmaja Function Hall, Near Padmaja Function Hall, Yadadri-Bhongiri Dist, Pincode: 508101, B/O: Proprietor Of" Sukanya Hair& Steel Bussiness", At Same As Resi Address, 8309556405, 9963400980., **2) Mothe Yadamma, W/O: Mothe Venkatesh,** Age: 39 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H No: 13-17, Beda Budiga Janagala Colony, Alair Village And Mandal, Near Padmaja Function Hall, Yadadri-Bhongiri Dist, Pincode: 508101, B/O: Proprietor Of" Hair & Steel Bussiness" At Same As Resi Address, 6300408804., **3) Mothe Narasaiah, S/O: Mothe Lingaiah,** Age: 45 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H No: 13-46, Beda Buda Jangala Colony, Alair Village And Mandal, Main Road, Jangon Road, Yadadri-Bhongiri Dist, Pincode: 508101, B/O: Proprietor Of" Hair&Steel Bussiness", At Same As Resi Address, Phone No: 9666893359.
.....Barrowers/Co-borrower /Guarantors/Legal heirs

NPA DATE: 07.08.2023
DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE: 15.09.2026
OUTSTANDING AMOUNT: Rs.2289694/-
LOAN AMOUNT: Rs.1000000/-

PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS-TYADBTF2301300002- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY_ Schedule "A"
All That The Part And Parcel Of The Plot Bearing No. 43/A, In Sy.No. 806, Admeasuring 150 Sq.Yds Or Equivalent To 125.42 Sq.Mts Situated At G.P.Block No.10 (Old), G.P.Block No. 14 (New), Alair Village And Mandal Yadadri-Bhongiri District, Telangana State. And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: Plot No. 43/B., Towards West: Plot No.44, Present: Others House Property., Towards North: Plot No. 48, Present: Others House Property., Towards South: 20-0" Wide Road.

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under.
Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Dated: 17.10.2026 **Sd/-Authorized Officer**
Place: YADADRI-BHONGIR **SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD.**

FORM NO. 14
[See Regulation 33(2)] OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I/II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD(DRT 2)
1st Floor, Triveni Complex Abids, Hyderabad 500001

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

RC/508/2026 **07-10-2026**
Stato Bank of India
Versus
Colonel Neela Vijaya Rao

To
(CD 1) Colonel Neela Vijaya Rao, S/o. Neela Abraham, 17-1-383/1p-20, Indraprastha Ph-1, Near Hope Hospital, Saidabad, Hyderabad-500059

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate Issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD(DRT 2) in **OA/1074/2025** an amount of **Rs 2728635 (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakhs Twenty Eight Thousands Six Hundred Thirty Five Only)** along with Yearly pendentellite and future interest @ 11.05 % Simple Interest w.e.f. **18/11/2025** till realization and costs of **Rs 61255 (Rupees Sixty One Thousands Two Hundred Fifty Five Only)** has become due against you (Jointly and severally/ Fully/Limited).
2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.
3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.
4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on **11-11-2026** at 10:30 a.m. for further proceedings.
5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:
(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date **07-10-2026**
Recovery Officer
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD(DRT 2)

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda
BODUPPAL BRANCH
Plot No. 11, Door No. #9-46/3, Prashanth Nagar Colony, Boduppal, Hyderabad, Telangana-500092

NOTICE TO BORROWER **Dt: 12-10-2026**
(UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002)

To,
Mrs. Anaparthi Jyothsna W/o B Arun Kumar H No 4-11-52/69, Kumari Basthi , Ramakrishna Nagar Colony, Hayathnagar, Telangana.
SUB: Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, hereinafter called "Act".
Accounts of MRS. ANAPARTHI JYOTHSNA, Home Loan (83270600006217)
Dear Sir/ Madam,

Re: Credit facilities with our BODUPPAL Branch,

1. We refer to our letter No. **Retail-00003339929-LMS** dated 16.05.2025(For Home Loan) conveying sanction of various credit facilities and the terms of sanction. Pursuant to the above sanction you have availed and started utilizing the credit facilities after providing security for the same, as hereinafter stated. The present outstanding in various loan/credit facility accounts and the security interests created for such liability are as under :-

Nature and type of facility	Limit	Rates of interest	O/s as on 12-10-2026 (inc. of interest up to 12-10-2026)
Home Loan (Term Loan) A/c No. 83270600006217	Rs.55,000,00/- (Rupees fifty-Five lacs only)	8.40% (Floating)	Rs 50,69,164 /- (Fifty lakh sixty nine Thousand one hundred sixty four rupees only)

Security agreement with brief description of securities:
(Description of the Charged Immovable property/ies)
All that the Semi-Finished Flat No.101, in 1 Floor, of "AYATI LAKE VIEW, BLOCK 'D' ", with Plinth Area of 1303 Sft., Including common areas along with One Car Parking, with proportionate undivided share of land admeasuring 58.92 Sq.Yds., or 49.25 Sq.Mtrs., Out of total land admeasuring 3593.7 Sq. Yds., or 3004.33 Sq.Mtrs., being constructed on Open Land, in Survey Nos.59/A & 59/AA, Situated at Chengicherla Village, under Boduppal Municipal Corporation, Medipally Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, under S.R.O. Narapally and bounded as follows:
BOUNDARIES FOR LAND(BLOCK D) North: 60' Wide Road, South: 30' Wide Road, East: Land Belongs To Owner, West: Owners Land
BOUNDARIES FOR FLAT, North: Open To Sky, South: Open To Sky, East:open To Sky, Lift&corridor, West: Open To Sky
CERSAI ID: 400092001838

2. In the loan documents dated **17-05-2025** you acknowledged your liability to the Bank to the tune of **Rupees Fifty lakh sixty nine thousand one hundred sixty four only.** The outstanding's as stated above, include further drawings and interest up to **10-07-2026** and other charges debited to the account.
3. As you are aware, you have committed defaults in payment of interest on above loans/outstanding for the Quarter ended SEP 2026. You have also defaulted in the payment of installment of term loan /demand loan which have fallen due for payment on **10-07-2026** and thereafter.
4. Consequent upon the defaults committed by you, your loan account has been classified as non-performing asset on **08-10-2026** in accordance with the Reserve Bank of India directives and guidelines. In spite of our repeated requests and demands you have not repaid the overdue loans including interest thereon.
5. Having regard to your inability to meet your liabilities in respect of the credit facilities duly secured by various securities mentioned in para 1 above, and classification of your account as a non-performing asset, we hereby give you notice under sub-section (2) of section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and call upon you to pay in full and discharge your liabilities to the Bank aggregating **Rs 50,69,164/- (Rupees Fifty lakh sixty nine thousand one hundred sixty four only) + Int from 10.07.2026 + other Charges, minus Recovery if any)** as stated in para 1 above, within 60 days from the date of this notice. We further give you notice that failing payment of the above amount with interest till the date of payment, we shall be free to exercise all or any of the rights under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act, which please note.
6. Please note that, interest will continue to accrue at the rates specified in para 1 above for each credit facility until payment in full.
7. We invite your attention to sub-section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you are barred from transferring any of the secured assets referred to in para 1 above by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business), without obtaining our prior written consent. We may add that non-compliance with the above provision contained in section 13(13) of the said Act, is an offence punishable under section 29 of the Act.
8. We further invite your attention to sub section (8) of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you may redeem the secured assets, if the amount of dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is tendered by you, at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction/inviting quotations/tender /private treaty. Please note that after publication of the notice as above, your right to redeem the secured assets will not be available.
9. Please note that this demand notice is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or remedies which we may have, including without limitation, the right to make further demands in respect of sums owing to us.

Date: 17-10-2026, Place: Hyderabad **Authorized Officer, Bank Of Baroda**

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)
ASSET RECOVERY MANAGEMENT(ARM) II BRANCH
2nd Floor, Circle Office, Spencer Towers, No.86, M G Road, Bengaluru-560001.
Ph : 080-25310099, 080-25310181, Email: cb6298@canarabank.com

DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)] TO BORROWER/ GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR

Ref:6298/SARFAESI/ARM II/802/2026-27 **Date: 17.10.2026**

To,

Borrowers/Mortgagor : 1) Mr. Hussaini Dudekula S/o. Fakuruddin Dudekula, No. 1-97/D/50, Flat No. 201, Gillella Residency, Diamond Heights, Nallagandla, Hyderabad, Telangana -560019. **1A) Mr. Hussaini Dudekula** S/o. Fakuruddin Dudekula, H No. 10-1032, Gadda Street, Koilakuntala, Dornipadu, Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh - 518134. **1B) Mr. Hussaini Dudekula S/o. Fakuruddin Dudekula,** H No. 20, B Block, Aban Dazzle Apartment, No. 40/1, Valagerkallahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal, Bangalore, Karnataka - 562125. **BUILDER : 1) M/s. Aban Developers Pvt. Ltd.,** through it's Managing Director, Mr. Manoj Kumar, Having it's registered office at No. 450, 2nd Floor, 6th Main, 7th Cross, Mico Layout, BTM 2nd Stage, Banaglore - 560076.
Dear Sir,
Sub: Notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Canara Bank ARM II branch (hereinafter referred to as "the secured creditor"), appointed under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, (hereinafter referred as the "Act") do hereby issue this notice to you as under:

That **Mr.Hussaini Dudekula S/o Fakuruddin Dudekula,** No. 1-97/D/50, Flat No. 201, Gillella Residency, Diamond Heights, Nallagandla, Hyderabad, Telangana -560019 (hereinafter referred to as "the Borrower") has availed credit facility / facilities stated in the Schedule A hereunder and have entered into the security agreement/s in favour of the secured creditor. While availing the said financial assistance, you have expressly undertaken to repay the loan amount/s in accordance with the terms and conditions of the above-mentioned agreements.

You **Mr. Hussaini Dudekula** has also entered into agreement for credit facilities **(Fund based / Non Fund Based) up to the limit of Rs 1,05,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Five Lakhs Only) as on 12.03.2024 with interest thereon.**

Mr. Hussaini Dudekula and M/s. Aban Developers Pvt. Ltd rep by its Managing Director Mr. Manoj Kumar Having it's registered office at, No. 450, 2nd Floor, 6th Main, 7th Cross, Mico Layout, BTM 2nd Stage, Banaglore - 560076 have also entered into Tripartite agreements on 12.03.2024 against the secured assets which are detailed in Schedule B hereunder.

However, from **January 2026** the operation and conduct of the said financial assistance / credit facilities have become irregular. The books of account maintained by the secured assets shows that the liability of the Borrower towards the secured creditor as on 17.10.2026 amounts to **Rs. 73,72,235/- (Rupees Seventy Three Lakhs Seventy Two Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty Five Only)** plus further Interest and charges thereon, the details of which together with future interest rate are stated in **Schedule C** hereunder. It is further stated that the Borrower/Guarantor having failed to keep up with the terms of the above said agreement in clearing the dues of the secured creditor within the time given and have been evasive in settling the dues. The operation and conduct of the above said financial assistance / credit facility/ies having come to a standstill and as a consequence of the default committed in repayment of principal debt/ instalment and interest thereon, the secured creditor was constrained to classify the debt as **Non-Performing Asset (NPA) as on 15.04.2026** in accordance with the directives/guidelines relating to asset classification issued by the Reserve Bank of India.

The secured creditor through this notice brings to your attention that the Borrower has failed and neglected to repay the said dues/ outstanding liabilities and hence hereby demand you under Section 13(2) of the Act, by issuing this notice to discharge in full the liabilities of the Borrower as stated in **Schedule C** hereunder to the secured creditor **within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice.** Further, it is brought to your notice that you are also liable to pay future interest at the rate of mentioned in **schedule C** together with all costs, charges, expenses and incidental expenses with respect to the proceedings undertaken by the secured creditor in recovering its dues.

Please take note of the fact that if you fail to repay to the secured creditor the aforesaid sum **Rs. 73,72,235/- (Rupees Seventy Three Lakhs Seventy Two Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty Five Only) as on 17.10.2026 together** with further interest **(as stated in schedule C)** and incidental expenses and costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of the Act, the secured creditor will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub-section (4)(a) and (b) of Section 13, the extract of which is given here below to convey the seriousness of this issue:
13(4)- In case the Borrower/Guarantor fails to discharge liability in full within the period specified in sub- section (2), the secured creditor may take recourse to one or more of the following measures to recover his secured debt, namely;
(a) Take possession of the secured assets of the Borrower/Guarantor including the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realizing the secured asset;
(b) Take over the management of the business of the Borrower including the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realizing the secured asset:
Provided that the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale shall be exercised only
where the substantial part of the business of the Borrower is held as security for the debt;
Provided further that where the management of whole of the business or part of the business is severable, the secured creditor shall take over the management of such business of the borrower which is relatable to the security for the debt and under other applicable provisions of the said Act.
Your 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.
You are also put on notice that in terms of **Section 13(13) the Borrower/ Guarantor shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed in Schedule B hereunder without obtaining written consent of the secured creditor.** It is further brought to your notice that any contravention of this statutory injunction/ restraint, as provided under the said Act, is an offence and if for any reason, the secured assets are sold or leased out in the ordinary course of business, the sale proceeds or income realized shall be deposited with the secured creditor. In this regard you shall have to render proper accounts of such realization / income. This notice of Demand is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or remedies which the secured creditor may have including further demands for the sums found due and payable by you. This is without prejudice to any other rights available to the secured creditor under the Act and/or any other law in force.
Please comply with the demand under this notice and avoid all unpleasantness. In case of Non- compliance, further needful action will be resorted to, holding you liable for all costs and consequence.
Thanking you
Yours faithfully,
Canara Bank
Authorized Officer

SCHEDULE –A
[Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower]

Sl. No.	Loan Number	Nature of Loan/ Limit	Date of sanction	Sanctioned Amount (Rs.)
1	160002243195	HOUSING FINANCE	11.03.2024	Rs. 1,05,00,000/- (Disbursed Rs. 68,29,360.00)

SCHEDULE –B
[Details of security assets]

Sl. No.	Immovable Assets	Name of the title holder
1	**Schedule 'A' Property : (Description of entire property on which apartment being constructed) :** All that piece and parcel of the immovable property comprising converted land (converted vide Official Memorandum No. ALN-(A)-(S)-SR/106/2012-13, dated 26.08.2013, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, District, bearing Sy.No. 40/1,E Khatha No. 150200100100520191situated at Valagerekallahall Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, measuring 01 Acre 27 Guntas Out of 04 Acres 01 Gunta and **bounded on : East by :** Portion of same Sy. No.40/1 owned by Narayanappa , **West by :** Raja Kaluve, **North by :** Property belonged to Sri Rajappa, **South by :** Portion of same Sy. No. 40/1. **Schedule 'B' Property : (Description of the un divided interest of land agreed to be conveyed)** 1529.10 Square Feet of undivided share,rights,title, interest and Ownership in the Land in the Schedule 'A' property,which is the corresponding undivided share in respect of Schedule - C Apartment unit. **Schedule 'C' Property : (Description of the Apartment Unit/Flat agreed to be conveyed) :** All that piece and parcel of that residential Villa Apartment bearing No. 20, in the block B of the project Viz " ABAN DAZZLE" built in schedule A property and villa apartment measuring 2798 Sqft of super Builtup area comprising a carpet area of 2106 Sqft with one covered car parking space in the Ground level and the Villa Apartment is **bounded by : East :** Driveway, **West :** Villa apartment No. 19, **South :** Driveway, **North :** Villa apartment No. 21.	TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MR. HUSSAINI DUDEKULA ,M/S ABAN DEVELOPERS AND CANARA BANK

SCHEDULE – C
[Details of liability as on date 17.10.2026]

Sl. No.	Loan Number	Nature of Loan/Limit	Total Liability as on date 17.10.2026 plus further Interest and charges thereon	Rate of Interest
1	160002243195	HOUSING FINANCE	Rs. 73,72,235/-	As per applicable rate in accordance with banks rules in force

Collector reviews graduate voter registration applications



Nalgonda: District Collector B. Chandrashekhar said pending applications for voter registration in the Warangal-Khammam-Nalgonda Graduates' Constituency were being reviewed regularly and processed on priority.On Saturday, State Chief Electoral Officer P. Sudarshan Reddy held a video conference with district Collectors, election officials and Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) to review graduate voter registration and the Special Summary Revision (SSR) process.

SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED

SHRIRAM Finance

Registered Office: Sri.Towers, Plot No.14a, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032 Administrative Office: 6th Floor(Level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurum Q Parc, Gen 4/1, Ttc, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710 Branch Office At # 2-5-6/2, 1st, Nehru Road, Jangaon - 506167

DEMAND NOTICE

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/ mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from M/s. Shriram Finance Limited (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shriram Finance Limited, by it's Incorporation Certificate dt.13-11-2022) a corporate body registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian companies Act 1956, is doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai – 600 032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurum Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710. and Branch office at Jangaon (hereinafter referred as We/ the Company/ Lender). We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD. under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers /guarantors /mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices. The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same. 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.

NAME OF THE BORROWER(S)/ Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors

1) Surishetty Santhosh, S/O.Balaraju, Age : 44 Yrs, Occ : Gangothri Water Plant R/O. H.No:2-78, Moinkunta, Maddikunta, Siddipet, Of Siddipet(D) Pin:505404,. Cell: 9515153367 **And Also At** Surishetty Santhosh, S/O.Balaraju, Age : 44 Yrs, Open Place In Plot No.81 To An Extent Of 165.97 Sq.Yards Or 138.76 Sq.Mtrs. Out Of Sy. No. 510/U And 510/E Situated At Madhira Lingareddypally, Siddipet Dist. **2) Balaraju Surishetty,** S/O:Gopaiah, Age: 62 Years, R/O. H.No:2-78, Moinkunta, Maddikunta, Siddipet, Of Siddipet(D) Pin:505404,. Cell: 9908897450 **3) Ramesh Padakanti,** S/O Narayana, Age: 43 Years, R/O H.No: 2-1-5, Boigally, Siddipet(M&D) Dist-502103. Cell: 8688899989.

NPA DATE: 31.01.2021
DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE: 19.08.2026
OUSTANDING AMOUNT: Rs.2713946/-
LOAN AMOUNT: Rs. 800000/-

PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS: JNGONTF1903270009- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: (Property holder Name is SURISHETTY SANTHOSH Mortgage deed dated 03.04.2019 Registered as Document No.5218/2019 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at SIDDIPET): Open Place in Plot No.81 Admeasuring to an extent of 165.97 sq.yards or 138.76 Sq.Mtrs. out of Sy. No. 510/ఉ and 510/ఈ situated at Madhira Lingareddypally, Siddipet Dist within the Registration District Siddipet, Sub-Registrar, Siddipet Urban, is bounded by:- East : Open place of others, West : 30 Ft. Road, North : Plot No. 82, South : Plot No. 80.

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under.

Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Dated: 17.10.2026
Place: Siddipet

Sd/-Authorized Officer
SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD.

SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED

SHRIRAM Finance

Registered Office: Sri.Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032, Administrative office: 6th Floor(level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurum Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710.

DEMAND NOTICE

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/ mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD. (Formerly known as Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shriram Finance Limited) We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD. under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers /guarantors /mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices. The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same. 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.

NAME OF THE BORROWER(S)/ Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors

1) Merugu Prasad Raju, S/O: Merugu Pandu Rangam, Age:55 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H No: 1-185, Narsapuram Village, Athmakur Mandal, Near Valigonda Road Hanuman Temple, Yadadri-Bhongiri Dist-508111, B/O: Proprietor Of" Laxmi Sarasvathi Vidhyalam, At # Same As Resdi Address, 9989442519. **2) Merugu Chandrakala,** W/O: Merugu Pandurangam, Age: 68 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/O: H No: 1-185, Narsapuram Village, Athmakur Mandal, Yadadri-Bhongiri Dist-508111, 9989139816. **3) Kairamkonda Anil Kumar,** S/O: Kairamkonda Madhusuhan, Age : 38 Years, Occ: Employee, R/O: H No: 101/B, Shilpa Chithanya Towers, Sai Nagar Colony, Chithanyapuri, Dilsukhnagar, Hyederabad, 500060, O/O: Proprietor Of" Hindusthan Coca Cola Bevarageе Pvt Ltd, 9846463634
..........Barrowers/Co-borrower /Guarantors/Legal heirs

NPA DATE: 31.08.2013
DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE: 15.09.2026
OUSTANDING AMOUNT: Rs.4940523/-
LOAN AMOUNT: Rs. 800000/-

PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS: BHONGTF1203160008- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
All That The Open Plot In Residential Zone In Sy.No.135 Admeasuring, East To West 60 Ft North To South 30 Ft Total Extent Of 200 Sq. Yards Or 167.22 Sq. Mts., Situated At Narsapuram Village, Atmakur Mandal, Nalgonda District, Under Sro Mothukur And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: Plot Of Peesari Malla Reddy. Towards West: Plot Of Peesari Malla Reddy. Towards North: Plot Of Komirelly Anji Reddy. Towards South: Road.

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under.

Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Dated: 17.10.2026
Place: YADADRI-BHONGIR & HYDERABAD

Sd/-Authorized Officer
SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD.

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Registered Office: Sri.Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032, Administrative office: 6th Floor(level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurum Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710.

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NAME OF THE BORROWER(S)/ Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors

1) Veeramalla Rajashekar, S/O: Veeramalla Ramulu, Age: 34 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H No: 2-192, Lakkaram Village, Choutuppal Mandal, Yadadri-Bhongiri Dist, Pincode: 508252, B/O: Proprietor Of" Transport Bussiness, 8367385388., **2) Veeramalla Narsamma, W/O: Veeramalla Ramulu,** Age: 55 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/O: H No: 2-192, Lakkaram Village, Choutuppal Mandal, Yadadri-Bhongiri Dist, Pincode: 508252, 8121459493., **3) Amrutham Mahesh, S/O: Amrutham Venkatesham,** Age: 36 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H No: 1-70/1, Markandaya Nagar, Choutuppal Village And Mandal, Yadadri-Bhongiri Dist, Pincode: 508252, B/O: Proprietor Of" Mobile Shop, Choutuppal, Yadadri-Bhongiri Dist, 9848505108.
..........Barrowers/Co-Borrower /Guarantors/Legal Heirs

NPA DATE: 31.03.2019
DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE: 15.09.2026
OUSTANDING AMOUNT: Rs.2811326/-
LOAN AMOUNT: Rs.600000/-

PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS-BHONGTF1805310016- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
All That Piece And Parcel Of Open Plot No.14 And 15 In Block-C, Admeasuring 534.00 Sq. Yss, Or Equivalent To 446.42 Sq. Mtrs., In Sy.Nos. 161/ఊ/1, 162/ఉ1, 162/ఉ1, 161/ఊ1, 162/ఊ2, 161/ఊ/3 And 162/ఊ3 Residencial Area. Situated At: Lakkaram Village, Choutuppal Mandal, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District. Under Gram Panchayat : Lakkaram, M.P. Choutuppal, Z.P. Nalgonda Under Regn: Sub-Dist. Choutuppal And Regn: Dist. Nalgonda. And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: 30' Wide Road., Towards West: Plot No.32 And 33., Towards North: Plot No.16., Towards South: Plot No. 13.

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under.

Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Dated: 17.10.2026
Place: YADADRI-BHONGIR

Sd/-Authorized Officer
SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD.

SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED

SHRIRAM Finance

Registered Office: Sri.Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032, Administrative office: 6th Floor(level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurum Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710.

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NAME OF THE BORROWER(S)/ Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors

1) Baba Mohammad @ Alias M.Di Baba, S/O: Mahamad Shareef, Age: 40 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H No: 5-143, Prashanthi Nagar, Yadagirigutta Vill&Mdl, Yadadri-Bhongiri Dist, Pincode: 508115,B/O: Proprietor Of" Bangle Store & Soda Whole Sale, Main Road Yadagirigutta, Yadadri-Bhongiri Dist-508115, 9052513786. **2) Mahamad Shareef @ Alias Mahamad Sharif,** S/O Mahamad Haneef, Age: 69 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H No: 5-143, Gundlapally, Prashanthi Nagar, Yadagirigutta Vill&Mdl, Yadadri-Bhongiri Dist, Pincode: 508115,B/O: Proprietor Of" Bangle Store & Soda Whole Sale, Main Road Yadagirigutta, Yadadri-Bhongiri Dist-508115, 7396999109. **3) Pittal Sagar Babu,** S/O: Pittal Laxminarayana, Age: 40 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H No: 3-65, Peddakandukur Village, Yadadgirigutta Mandal, Yadadri-Bhongiri Dist, Pincode, 508115, B/O: Proprietor Of" Premier Explosives Limited, At# Peddakandukur Villagae, Yadagirigutta Mandal, Yadadri, Bhongiri Dist- 508115, 9550464515.
..........Barrowers/Co-borrower /Guarantors/Legal heirs

NPA DATE: 31.12.2013
DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE: 15.09.2026
OUSTANDING AMOUNT: Rs.2196195/-
LOAN AMOUNT: Rs.300000/-

PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS: BHONGTF1303310001- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY_ Schedule "A"
All That The Agricultural Dry Land In Sy.No.174 Marked As House Site Plot No.11 Admeasuring 100 Sq. Yards Or 83.613 Sq. Mts., In That House Bearing Door No.5-143 With A Plinth Area Of 719 Sq. Ft Situated At Gundlapally Village. Yadagiri Gutta Revenue Mandal, Yadagiri Gutta Mandal, Nalgonda District And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: Road. Towards West: Plot No.14 A And 14 B, (Present: Neighbour House). Towards North: Plot No.12, (Present: Others House Property). Towards South: Plot No.6 And 12, (Present: Neighbour House).

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under.

Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Dated: 17.10.2026
Place: YADADRI-BHONGIR

Sd/-Authorized Officer
SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD.

DGP C V Anand Flags Off National Anti-Drug Bike Rally



Hyderabad, TSIT: Telangana Director General of Police C.V. Anand on Saturday flagged off a national motorcycle rally at the Integrated Command and Control Centre in Banjara Hills, calling for stringent action against drug trafficking and abuse to safeguard the future of young people.

Coordinated by the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) as the nodal agency, the rally brings together riders from Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. They will travel from Hyderabad to Kevadia in Gujarat, spreading awareness about the dangers of narcotics and promoting national unity. Addressing the participants, Anand expressed concern over drug abuse ruining young lives. He said the Central and State governments were working towards a drug-free India and stressed the need for firm action against those supplying narcotic substances.

He said Telangana Police, in coordination with the EAGLE Force, was strengthening efforts to curb drug trafficking and consumption. Strict action was being taken against those involved in the drug trade, he added.

Highlighting India's diversity of languages, cultures and traditions, the DGP said a shared national identity united its people. He urged citizens to support the campaign for a drug-free society and advised riders to follow traffic rules throughout their journey.

Constitutional Rights Under Threat Under Modi Govt Madhu Yashki



HYDERABAD, October 17 (TSIT): All India Professionals' Congress (AIPC) chairman and former MP Madhu Yashki Goud alleged that constitutional guarantees of equality and freedom were under threat under the Narendra Modi government and called upon professionals to unite to safeguard democracy.

Addressing a press conference at Gandhi Bhavan during his first visit after assuming charge as AIPC chairman, Goud said professionals had a crucial role in nation-building, policymaking and ensuring accountability in governance. He said Rahul Gandhi established the Professionals' Congress in 2017 to bring experts from different fields onto a common platform. Journalists, lawyers, doctors, teachers, professors and engineers should participate in its activities, he urged, adding that those without Congress membership could also contribute to protecting constitutional values.

Outlining expansion plans, Goud said AIPC committees would initially be constituted in 100 urban districts. Telangana would be developed as a model for strengthening the organisation nationwide. He also proposed 100 assistance centres offering support in areas including legal services and healthcare.

Goud advocated a "shadow ministry" mechanism to provide independent assessments of government decisions, identify shortcomings and recommend policy corrections. He alleged that some officials had misled.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank Syndicate

Revocery Section - Hanamkonda, Regional Office - Hanamkonda

PUBLIC NOTICE

The under mentioned customers are here by informed that they have failed to pay off the liability in the loan accounts despite giving multiple notices. They are therefore requested to pay off the liability and other charges and redeem the pledged securities on or before **26/11/2026** * failing which the said securities will be sold by the Bank in public Auction at the cost of the borrower. AS PER Bank's Procedure without further Notice At the absolute discretion of the Bank.

S.No	Name of the Borrower & A/c No	Date of Loan	Liability (Rs.)	Branch Name/ Number
1	Bashetty Sriharsha A/c. 180463636840	13/02/2026	Rs. 1,85.575.76/-	Balemla Branch (03882) Cell : 7569498934
2	Bashetty Sriharsha A/c. 180463638220	13/02/2026	Rs. 16,13,046.67/-	Balemla Branch (03882) Cell :7569498934
3	Bashetty Sriharsha A/c. 180463641085	13/02/2026	Rs. 3,17,497.32/-	Balemla Branch (03882) Cell : 7569498934
4	Bashetty Sriharsha A/c. 180419136182	10/07/2025	Rs. 2,83.001.11/-	Balemla Branch (03882) Cell : 7569498934
5	Bashetty Sriharsha A/c. 180419136990	10/07/2025	Rs.3,01,711.43/-	Balemla Branch (03882) Cell : 7569498934
6	Bashetty Sriharsha A/c. 180419138496	10/07/2025	Rs. 3,35,300.49/-	Balemla Branch (03882) Cell : 7569498934
7	Bashetty Sriharsha A/c. 180419178570	10/07/2025	Rs. 12,79,956.17/-	Balemla Branch (03882) Cell : 7569498934
8	Chava Prasnna Anjaneya A/c. 164084097990	10/07/2025	Rs. 14,43,160/-	Balemla Branch (03882) Cell : 7569498934
9	Chava Prasnna Anjaneya A/c. 180419095585	10/07/2025	Rs. 3,81,485.97/-	Balemla Branch (03882) Cell : 7569498934
10	Chava Prasnna Anjaneya A/c. 180419137567	10/07/2025	Rs. 3,35,070.84/-	Balemla Branch (03882) Cell : 7569498934
11	Chava Prasnna Anjaneya A/c. 180419171570	10/07/2025	Rs. 28,37,306.16/-	Balemla Branch (03882) Cell : 7569498934
12	Nalla Suguna A/c. 180178720826	12/05/2023	Rs. 12,110.67/-	Oorugonda Branch (03607) Cell : 9676604718
13	Moola Venkatesh A/c. 180412219994	29/05/2025	Rs. 3,04,423.15/-	Nellutla Branch (03608) Cell : 7013203331
14	Ripika Raju A/c. 164126121425	17/02/2026	Rs. 1,62,000/-	Madikonda Branch (01327) Cell : 9177917666

Date : 17.10.2026, Place : Hanamkonda   Sd/- Authorised

FOR ADVERTISMENT PLEASE CONTACT: 9948480279, 7330778889

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NAME OF THE BORROWER(S)/ Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors

1) Bavanasi Pradeep Kumar, S/O: Bavanasi Pedda Anjaneyulu, Age: 28 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H No: 4-7-84, Padma Vathi Colony, Near Sai Baba Temple, Hayath Nagar, Hyderabad-501505, 8499059945. **2) Bavanasi Prasanna Kumar,** S/O: Bavanasi Anjaneyulu, Age: 32 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H No 4-3-83/1, Old Road, Near Sai Baba Temple, Hayath Nagar-501505 ,9701041520. **3) Bavanasi Susheela,** W/O: Bavanasi Anjaneyulu, Age: 52 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/O: H No: 4-7-84, Padmavati Colony, Hyderabad-501505, 8523046176. **4) Pedagani Sai,** S/O: P Janagaiah, Age: 24 Years, R/O: Hno: 4-95, Shanthi Ngar, Ghattuppala, Ghattuppal, Nalgonda-508253, 7095853722.
..........Barrowers/Co-Borrower /Guarantors/Legal Heirs

NPA DATE: 07.08.2024
DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE: 29.09.2026
OUSTANDING AMOUNT: Rs.3539969/-
LOAN AMOUNT: Rs.2000000/-

PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS: SHIVMTF2311280006- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
All That Part And Parcel Of The Residential House Bearing No.4-3-83/1 (Pti No:1030409561), On Open Land Southern Part & Open Land North East Part, Admeasuring 98.Sq.Yards, Or Equivalent To 81.94 Sq.Mtrs., Having Built Up Area Of 765 Sq. Feet In Ground Floor, & 765 Sq.Feet In First Floor, Totally Having 1530 Sq. Feet With R.C.C Roof, In Survey No.1, Under Ward No.4, Block No.3, Situated At Anmagal Hayathnagar Village, Hayathnagar Revenue Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Under G.H.M.C., Hayathnagar Circle., And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: 10' Wide Passage. Towards West: Open Land North West Part & Land Of J. Rangaiah. Towards North: 25' Wide Road. Towards South: Part Of Same Land.

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under.

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Dated: 17.10.2026
Place:HYDERABAD &NALGONDA

Sd/-Authorized Officer
SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD.

SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED

SHRIRAM Finance

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DEMAND NOTICE

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NAME OF THE BORROWER(S)/ Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors

1) Ramesh Chinthakendi, S/O.Gopal, Age : 48 Yrs, Occ : Thirumala Kwality Book Binding Works, R/O. H.No:10-4-38/23, Hanuman Nagar,(V), Pochammabasthi, Hyderabad. Cell: 9885791898. Pin:500028. **And Also At** Ramesh Chinthakendi, S/O.Gopal, Age : 48 Yrs, The Open Plot Sy.No.41/B, To An Extent Of 360.00 Sq.Yrds Or Equivalent To 300.96 Sq.Mtrs. Situated At Cheetakodur Road, Jangaon Town, Jangaon. **2) Madhu Latha Poola,** W/O:Sathish Kumar, Age:45 Yrs, Occ:Helper-I, Ckl South Central Railway, H.No:18-162/14, Hanumanpet, Behind Hanuman Post Office, Malkajgiri, Pin:500028. Cell:7794868504

NPA DATE: 31.05.2015
DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE: 19.08.2026
OUSTANDING AMOUNT: Rs.6930502/-
LOAN AMOUNT: Rs. 1000000/-

PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS: JNGONTF1406300002- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (Property holder Name is RAMESH CHINTHAKENDI Mortgage deed dated 30.06.2014 Registered as Document No.361 1/2014 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Jangaon): The Open Plot Sy.No.41/B, to an Extent of 360.00 Sq.yrds or equivalent to 300.96 sq.mtrs. Situated at Cheetakodur Road, Jangaon Town, Jangaon Revenue Mandal, Warangal District. Now Jangaon District. East: Open Land of others, West : 25ft wide Road, North : Open Land of Ravinder, South : Open Land of others

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Dated: 17.10.2026
Place: Jangaon

Sd/-Authorized Officer
SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD.

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SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rules 8 (6) and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged /charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Stressed Assets Management Branch, Secunderabad of the Canara Bank will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is" on **10.11.2026**, for recovery of **Rs. 21,73,88,947/-**(Rupees: Twenty One Crores Seventy Three Lakhs Eighty eight thousand nine hundred and forty seven Only) as on 30.06.2026 with future interest from 01-07-2026 and other Bank Charges as applicable due to the secured creditor from: **1. M/s Ananda Bharathi Fertilizers (India) Pvt Ltd** Regd Office: (Company under Liquidation) H No. 8-3-167/D/123 & 125, Flat No. 601, Visista Apartments, Phase I, Kalyan Nagar Colony, Hyderabad, Telangana – 500 038. **2. M/s Ananda Bharathi Fertilizers (India) Pvt Ltd** Factory at, Sy No. 671,673 and 674, Jangampalli Village, Bhiknoor Mandal, Nizamabad district, Telangana – 503 102. **3. Sri Narayanam Raja Sekhara Rao (Promotor & Guarantor)** S/o N Ghanta Rao, Residing at, H No. 8-3- 167/D/123 & 125, Flat No. 601, Visista Apartments, Phase I, Kalyan Nagar Colony, Hyderabad, Telangana – 500 038. **4. Smt. Narayanam (Kasa) Latha (Promotor & Guarantor)** W/o Narayanam Raja Sekhara Rao, Residing at H No. 8-3-167/D/123 & 125, Flat No. 601, Visista Apartments, Phase I, Kalyan Nagar Colony, Hyderabad,Telangana – 500 038. **5. Smt. Srimali Amilineni (Director & Guarantor)** R/o H No. 6-3-628/9, Anand Nagar Colony, Khairathabad, Hyderabad – 500 001. **6. Sri Jakkam Ranga Bhupal Reddy (Guarantor)** S/o Venkata Reddy Jakkam, Residing at, My Home Jewel Gomed Block, Flat No. 103, Madinaguda, Miyapur, Hyderabad – 500039. **7. Sri Poluri Maruthi Venkata Subba Rao (Director & Guarantor)** H No. 1-7-12, Flat No. 408,Chippendale Apartments, Golkonda X Roads, Back side NBK Estate, Musheerabad, Hyderabad – 500 020. **8. Sri Sreedhar Reddy Nalla (Director & Guarantor)** R/o H No. 168/B, MIGH, Sanjeev Reddy Nagar, Hyderabad – 500 038. **9. Smt. Chikkala Lakshmi Janaki (Guarantor)** W/o Chikkala Ravi, Residing at Flat No. 204, 1 st Floor,Fort View Residency, Puppalaguda Village, Rajendra Nagar, RR Dist, Telangana – 500 030. **10. Sri Kasa Naga Durga Prasad Rao (Director)** S/o Kasa Satyanarayana Murthy O/o H No. 8-3-167/D/123 & 125, Flat No. 601, Visista Apartments, Phase I, Kalyan Nagar Colony, Hyderabad – 500 038.

DATE & TIME OF AUCTION : 10-11-2026 11.30 AM TO 12.30 PM
(With unlimited extension of 05 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)
THE EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT SHALL BE DEPOSITED ON OR BEFORE 09-11-2026 before 5:00 P.M.. (portal https:/baanknet.com)

DETAILS AND FULL DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Property No.1: All that the Flat No. 601 on 6th floor of Visista Apartments, admeasuring 1780 Sq.ft (including common areas) 2 car parking area of 200 Square feet and one servant room in stilt floor by the side of staircase having plinth area of 185 Square feet together with proportionate undivided share of land admeasuring 38 Sq.yds out of 338 Sq.yds (total premises an extent of land 690 Sq.yds) in the premises bearing M.C.H. No. 8-3-167/D/125, on plot no.125, sy.no.158, 138,139 & 137 part situated within the layout of the Kalyan Nagar Co-operative Housing Society Ltd, Yousufguda, Hyderabad covered vide Sale Deed No. 1555/2008 of SRO Banjara Hills and MODTD No. 2227/2016. Bounded By:North: Open to sky,South: Open to sky,East: Open to sky,West: Corridor, Lift & Flat no. 602.

RESERVE PRICE : Rs.85,00,000/- BID MULTPIPLES: RS.1,00,000/- EMD : Rs.8,50,000/-

Property No.2. All that Flat No.201 in the 2 nd floor of Visista Apartments, having plinth area admeasuring 2020 Sq.ft (inclusive of common areas and 2 car parking areas) together with proportionate undivided share of land 60 Sq.yds out of 338 Sq.yds in the premises bearing M.C.H.No.8-3-167/D/125, on plot no.125, sy.no.52,138,139 & 137 part admeasuring 338 Sq.yds or 282.56 Sq. mts situated within the lay out of the Kalyan Nagar Co-operative Housing Society Ltd, Yousufguda, Hyderabad covered vide Sale Deed No. 1748/2007 of SRO Banjara Hills and MODTD No.2227/2016. Bounded By:North: Open to sky,South: Open to sky,East: Corridor, Lift & Flat no.202,West: Open to sky

RESERVE PRICE : Rs.95,00,000/- BID MULTPIPLES: RS.1,00,000/- EMD : Rs. 9,50,000/-

Property No.3. All that the Flat No. H-17 in Block, 2nd floor in the complex known as "Kundan Tower" admeasuring 1334 Sq.ft (including common area) together with undivided share of land admeasuring 30 Sq.yds out of 2640 Sq.yds, in the Premises Bearing Municipal No. 1-10-146/7/207 situated at Allam Thota Bavi, Begumpet, Hyderabad covered vide Sale Deed No. 38/2007 of SRO Secunderabad and MODTD No.2227/2016 SRO Banjara Hills.Bounded By:North: Mayur Apartments,South: Corridor and stairs,East: Open space,West: Flat no. G-18. **Property is under physical possession of the Bank.**

RESERVE PRICE : Rs.64,00,000/- BID MULTPIPLES: RS.1,00,000/- EMD : Rs. 6,40,000/-

Property No.4. All that Flat No.104 on the 1 st floor with columns, beams and roof, admeasuring 1730 Sq. ft of built-up area including Car parking, Balconies and common area along with an undivided share of land admeasuring 44.5 Sq.yds out of total land of 916 Sq.yds on plots bearing no. 11,12, 13,14,15 & 16 in sy.no.56,58 & 60 in the building complex known as "Fort View Residency" situated at Puppalaguda village & G. P, Rajendranagar Mandal, R.R. District covered vide Rectification Deed No. 935/2008 of SRO Gandipet and MODTD No.2075/2016 SRO Balanagar. **Bounded By**:Flat Boundaries:North: Open to sky,South: Open to sky and staircase,East: Open to sky,West: Corridor.

RESERVE PRICE : Rs.63,00,000/- BID MULTPIPLES: RS.1,00,000/- EMD : Rs. 6,30,000/-

Detail of litigation The sale shall be subject to the outcome of SA 417/2024, SA 418/2024 pending before the Hon'ble DRT II Hyderabad.

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GVMC Commissioner Inspects Counting Centres, Strong Rooms at Andhra University



Visakhapatnam, TSIT.
GVMC Commissioner and Additional Election Officer Ketan Garg inspected the counting centres and strong room arrangements for the Bheemunipatnam and Anakapalli zones at Andhra University on Saturday, as part of preparations for the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation general elections–2026. Garg visited the Examination Block allotted to the Bheemunipatnam zone and the Electrical Engineering Block designated for the Anakapalli zone. He reviewed the infrastructure, security measures and other arrangements required for the smooth conduct of the elections.

Stressing the importance of strong rooms in safeguarding election materials, he directed officials to strictly follow election rules and prescribed security standards. He instructed them to thoroughly review all arrangements and take necessary measures to ensure the safe custody of election materials. GVMC Additional Commissioner Ramesh, Chief City Planner A. Prabhakara Rao, Regional Transport Officer, engineering department officials and other concerned personnel participated in the inspection.

528 Nominations Filed for GVMC Ward Member Posts on October 17

TOTAL OF 594 NOMINATIONS FILED ON OCTOBER 16 AND 17



Visakhapatnam,TSIT.
As part of the nomination process for the second general elections–2026 of the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation, a total of 528 nominations were filed for ward member posts on Saturday, the second day. The Returning Officers of the respective zones announced that a total of 594 nominations had been received on October 16 and 17. The zone-wise nominations filed on Saturday were as follows: Bheemunipatnam – 11, Madhurawada – 31, East – 41, South – 107, North – 61, West – 57, Gajuwaka – 150, Aganampudi – 34, Anakapalli – 1, and Pendurthi – 35. Gajuwaka recorded the highest number of nominations, with 150.

According to the party-wise details of nominations filed for ward member posts across the respective zones on October 16 and 17, the Bahujan Samaj Party filed 4 nominations, the Bharatiya Janata Party 17, the Communist Party of India 2, the Communist Party of India Marxist 7, the Congress Party 9, the Telugu Desam Party 155, the YSR Congress Party 190, the Jana Sena Party 108, other parties 7, and independent candidates 95. The total number of nominations filed for ward member posts stood at 594. On October 16, the first day of the nomination process, 66 nominations were filed for ward member posts, while 528 nominations were filed on October 17. Thus, a total of 594 nominations were filed over the two days, the Returning Officers stated. Meanwhile, the number of nominations filed for mayoral candidates remained unchanged at seven, the officials informed.

7 Nominations Filed for Mayor's Post, 265 for GVMC Ward Members



Visakhapatnam,TSIT : A total of seven nominations for the Mayor's post and 265 nominations for ward member posts were filed on Saturday, the second day of the nomination process for the second general elections of the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation-2026, election officials said. Mayor Returning Officer Dayanidhi said seven nominations were received at the GVMC head office. These included one nomination each from BSP candidate Karanam Keerthana Grace, YSRCP candidate Varudu Kalyani and independent candidates Viyyapu Uma, Pakruthi CVVARK Devika and Vandrasi Santhi Kumari. N Bhavani of the Bharatha Chaitanya Yuvajana Party filed two sets of nominations.

For ward member posts, 265 nominations were filed across various zones on Saturday. The YSR Congress Party accounted for 80 nominations, followed by the Telugu Desam Party with 69 and Jana Sena Party with 56. Independent candidates filed 41 nominations. Among other parties, the BJP filed five nominations, Congress three, CPI(M) three, BSP two, CPI two and other parties four.

On the first day, October 16, a total of 66 nominations were filed for ward member posts. With the 265 nominations received on Saturday, the total number of nominations for ward members over the first two days reached 331, officials said.

M'PATNAM RAILWAY STATION TO BE FULLY FUNCTIONAL BY MARCH 2027: DRM

Machilipatnam,: Vijayawada Divisional Manager Mohit Sonakiya has announced that the newly built railway station in the rapidly developing Machilipatnam will be fully functional by next March and some of the problems currently faced by passengers will be resolved. Speaking at a face-to-face program called 'Rail Jan Samvad' organized with passengers from the town and surrounding villages at the Machilipatnam railway station premises on Saturday, the Divisional Manager said that the difficulties faced by the elderly and the disabled in moving from the first platform to other platforms with luggage will be eliminated by next March.

Strict Measures to Ensure Peaceful Conduct of Local Body Polls

. Negligent officials face suspension, transfer: State Election Commissioner



Amaravati,TSIT: State Election Commissioner Anil Chandra Punetha has directed officials to take stringent measures to maintain law and order and ensure the peaceful, transparent and impartial conduct of local body elections. He warned that violations of election rules at nomination centres would invite strict legal action and that officials found negligent in discharging their duties would face disciplinary action, including suspension or transfer. Addressing a press conference at the State Election Commission office on Saturday, Punetha said District Collectors, Superintendents of Police, Police Commissioners, Municipal Commissioners and election officials had been instructed to make comprehensive security arrangements and strictly enforce election regulations.He directed officials to maintain continuous surveillance through CCTV cameras at nomination centres and implement High Court orders without deviation. Only candidates and three authorised persons would be permitted inside nomination centres as per the prescribed rules. Any violation would be dealt with firmly, he said. The Commissioner said authorities had already been alerted and action initiated wherever law-and-order issues arose. He stressed that officials must work in coordination to provide equal opportunities to all candidates and ensure that voters could exercise their franchise freely.

Tight Police Security Across Districts

Inspector General of Police B. Rajakumari, deputed to the State Election Commission, said elaborate police security arrangements had been made across all districts. Acting on the directions of DGP Harish Kumar Gupta, the police machinery was maintaining heightened vigilance to prevent violence and other disturbances during the election process. She said sensitive, critical and hyper-sensitive areas had been identified in advance and additional security measures were being implemented. District Superintendents of Police had been instructed to respond immediately to any untoward incident and take preventive steps to maintain peace.



TTD EO FELICITATES CULTURAL TROUPES

Tirumala: TTD Executive Officer Muddada Ravichandra felicitated four cultural troupes for their outstanding performances during the Hanumantha Vahana Seva. SVBC Chairman Sridhar Varma participated in the programme.

Elaborate Arrangements for Local Body Polls

GVMC POLLS ON OCTOBER 28; COUNTING ON OCTOBER 30



Visakhapatnam,TSIT : District Collector M. Abhisikt Kishore said elaborate arrangements were being made to conduct local body elections in Visakhapatnam district in a free and fair manner. Addressing a press conference here on Saturday along with Police Commissioner Shankhabrata Bagchi and GVMC Commissioner Ketan Garg, he said polling for 120 GVMC wards would be held on October 28 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., with counting on October 30. A total of 18.37 lakh voters are eligible to exercise their franchise in the GVMC elections. More than 10,000 polling personnel have been identified and given their first phase of training. Forty-one Returning Officers and an equal number of Assistant Returning Officers have been appointed. Strong rooms and counting halls have been arranged in nine buildings at Andhra University.

The Collector said seven nominations had been received for the Mayor's post and 331 for corporator posts. The expenditure limits have been fixed at Rs. 40 lakh for Mayor candidates and Rs. 15 lakh for corporator candidates. Polling for four ZPTC and 53 MPTC seats will be held on November 3, with counting on November 5. Elections will also be conducted in 79 gram panchayats, with the schedule to be announced after the State Election Commission issues the notification. Police Commissioner Shankhabrata Bagchi said 6,607 police personnel would be deployed for GVMC polls and another 2,907 for gram panchayat elections. Special security arrangements, surveillance teams and drone monitoring would be used in sensitive areas. The Collector said posters, banners and flags had been removed as part of the enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct. Voters must use the pink ballot paper for the Mayor and white ballot paper for the corporator, depositing both in the same ballot box.

20% Additional Arrangements for Navaratri Brahmotsavams



Tirumala, 17 October 2026: Keeping in view the past experience 20 per cent additional arrangements have been made in Tirumala for the Sri Vari Navaratri Brahmotsavams to ensure a comfortable darshan experience for devotees, said TTD Chief Engineer Sri Manoharam.

Speaking at a media conference in the Media Centre of Ram Bagicha-2, Tirumala, on Saturday, he said all four Mada Streets around the temple have been systematically arranged, with beautifully painted Rangolis and decorations. New stainless steel railings have been installed at Srivari Pushkarini, while 120 additional mobile toilets have been provided for the festival. He said a foot overbridge near Nandakam Rest House has eased traffic movement.

Planned parking facilities at various points in Tirupati have also enabled devotees to park conveniently and travel to Tirumala by bus, reducing congestion on the hill town.

Garuda Seva a success through collective efforts: TTD EO



Tirumala: TTD Executive Officer Muddada Ravichandra said the Garuda Seva was successfully conducted through the collective efforts of all those involved.He expressed heartfelt gratitude to everyone who rendered special services to devotees and contributed to the smooth conduct of the event.

Tirupati civic polls: 11 mayoral, 184 corporator nominations filed



Tirupati, October 17: A total of 11 nominations for the Mayor post and 184 for corporator posts were filed on the second day of nominations for Tirupati Municipal Corporation elections on Saturday, District Collector and District Election Officer Dr. S. Venkateswar said.
Of the 11 mayoral nominations, one was filed by the TDP and 10 by independents. Among the 184 corporator nominations across 66 divisions, the TDP accounted for 86, YSRCP 18, Jana Sena 18, BJP eight, CPI(M) one, independents 47 and others six.

In Sullurupeta, two nominations were filed for the municipal chairperson post, both by the YSRCP. Another 47 nominations were received for ward member posts.
In Naidupeta, two nominations were filed for the chairperson post, one each by the TDP and YSRCP. The 32 wards received 29 nominations.Venkatagiri recorded three nominations for the chairperson post, from the YSRCP, TDP and BSP, while 64 nominations were filed for ward member posts.
In Puttur, five nominations were received for the chairperson post—three from the YSRCP and one each from the TDP and Jana Sena. For ward member posts, the source reported 76 nominations: 48 from the TDP, 24 from the YSRCP, two from Jana Sena and two from independents.

Hanumanta Vahanam Enthrals Devotees



Tirumala : As part of the ongoing Srivari Navaratri Brahmotsavams, the Hanumantha Vahana Seva was observed with great devotion and grandeur on Saturday morning.Sri Malayappa Swamy as Sri Kodanda Rama blessed devotees on the divine Hanumanta Vahanam.Hanuman represents pure devotion, selfless service, humility and total surrender to His Master. The procession teaches devotees that noble conduct and unwavering devotion lead one towards divinity.

Minister Azharuddin Urged to Support Minority Graduate Voter Enrolment



HYDERABAD, (TSIT): Telangana Minorities Welfare and Public Enterprises Minister Mohammed Azharuddin was urged to facilitate a special voter registration drive for eligible minority graduates in Hyderabad ahead of the Graduate MLC elections.

Graduate MLC candidate Sama Mohan Reddy and former Rahmat Nagar corporator C.N. Reddy met the Minister and submitted a representation seeking special enrolment camps and awareness programmes.

They highlighted the need to educate prospective voters about eligibility criteria, registration procedures and required documents. They sought the Minister's support for coordinated outreach to ensure that eligible minority graduates are included in the electoral rolls. The leaders appealed to all eligible graduates to enrol as voters and actively participate in the democratic process.

PASS ON BATHUKAMMA HERITAGE TO FUTURE GENERATIONS MINISTER SEETHAKKA



HYDERABAD, (TSIT): Panchayat Raj and Women and Child Welfare Minister Dansari Anasuya Seethakka urged people to preserve Bathukamma's cultural legacy and pass it on to future generations. Participating as chief guest in Bathukamma celebrations at Hyderabad Press Club in Somajiguda, the Minister joined women journalists and their family members in traditional songs and dances around colourful floral arrangements. Seethakka described festivals, customs and cultural values as precious assets inherited from ancestors. She said Bathukamma brings entire communities together, with families preparing floral arrangements and celebrating through songs and dance. Expressing happiness over attending the Press Club's Bathukamma celebrations for the second consecutive year, she appealed to Telangana's women to uphold the festival's traditions. She also extended Bathukamma and Dasara greetings.

3,500 Indiramma houses sanctioned for Husnabad in one year: Ponnam



Husnabad, October 17: Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar said 3,500 Indiramma houses had been sanctioned for the Husnabad constituency within a year, including 500 for Husnabad town. He assured that priority would be given to poor and eligible families.

During an inspection of Bathukamma festival arrangements at Yellamma Cheruvu on Saturday, the Minister directed officials to ensure adequate lighting, barricades and safety measures for women participating in the celebrations.

He said Yellamma Cheruvu would be developed as a tourism hub, alongside plans for a glass bridge, an urban forest park and the development of other local lakes.

Ponnam Prabhakar said the government was focusing on education, healthcare, roads, irrigation and sports. Construction of a 250-bed hospital was progressing, while road-widening works and initiatives to establish educational institutions were also being pursued.

He said work on the Gouravelli irrigation project would be accelerated after completion of canal land acquisition. Assuring farmers of power supply until the harvest was completed, he urged them to follow agricultural experts' advice amid El Niño concerns and use water judiciously.

Pensioners suffer without health cards, medical care



Khammam (TSIT): State government pensioners are facing hardships due to delays in issuing health cards, lack of medical care and pending retirement benefits, SGPAT district president Parishapullaiah said on Saturday. Speaking at the district executive committee meeting at Krishi Bhavan, he alleged that the government had failed to issue health cards and provide medical facilities despite deducting health scheme premiums from employees and pensioners for five months. He said allowing corrections and modifications in health card records would benefit thousands of pensioners. Parishapullaiah demanded immediate settlement of retirement benefits pending for employees who retired after March 2024, release of three pending DR instalments and implementation of the PRC report. He urged the government to allow pensioners' DR arrears bills to be processed through treasuries, establish a separate directorate for pensioners and construct pensioners' bhavans in Hyderabad and all district headquarters. He also sought observance of Pensioners' Day on December 17 at State and district levels. State secretary V. Mary Yesupadam criticised the government's indifference, while district general secretary Rayala Ravikumar called upon pensioners to prepare for an agitation.

District Collector Dr. Satya Sharada Extends Greetings to District Judge Nirmala Geethamba



Warangal, October 17, TSIT: Warangal District Collector Dr. Satya Sharada paid a courtesy visit to Warangal District Judge B. V. Nirmala Geethamba on Saturday. She presented her with a potted flowering plant and extended her greetings and best wishes.

Yashoda Care Mega Medical Camp at Kollampally Dargah



Free Medical Services to Over 2,600 Devotees

Narayanpet, October 17 (TSIT): A mega free medical camp organized by Yashoda Care Hospitals, Old Gunj, Narayanpet, at Kollampally Dargah as part of the Sarva Dharma Sammelan received an overwhelming response. More than 2,600 devotees benefited from the camp, which was inaugurated by the Dargah's Sajjada Nashin.Doctors provided free medical examinations, including ECG, blood tests and physiotherapy, along with medical advice and free medicines. Specialists from various departments participated in the camp. The hospital management stated that the initiative aimed to make quality healthcare accessible to the public and thanked the Dargah organizers, doctors, staff and devotees for their support.

Legal Awareness Programme on Crop Rotation and Farmers' Welfare Held in Peddajatram



Narayanpet, October 17, 2026 (TSIT): The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Narayanpet, organised a legal awareness programme at the Peddajatram Gram Panchayat office in Utkoor mandal on Saturday at 9:30 a.m., following the instructions of DLSA Secretary Smt. Vindhya Naik. The programme focused on agricultural laws, farmers' welfare schemes, the benefits of crop rotation, and the prevention of child labour and child marriages. Legal Aid Defence Counsel K. Lakshmipathi Goud addressed the gathering and explained the legal rights of farmers, agricultural laws and various welfare schemes implemented by the Central and Telangana State governments.

Over Rs. 2 Cr in Sales; 1,500 Women Entrepreneurs Participate



Vijayawada,TSIT.
The National SARAS Mela, organised for the first time in Vijayawada by the Union Ministry of Rural Development with the support of Andhra Pradesh SERP, is receiving an encouraging response, with sales exceeding Rs. 2 crore so far. Speaking at a press conference at Punnami Ghat on Saturday, NIRD Additional Director Sudheer Kumar said around 1,500 women entrepreneurs from 32 states and Union Territories were participating in the event. The mela features 600 stalls showcasing handlooms, handicrafts and natural food products, along with 50 live food stalls offering regional cuisines. An estimated 40,000 to 50,000 visitors are attending daily.SERP Administrative Director Kalyana Chakravarthy said 600 stalls had been provided free of cost to women's Self-Help Groups, along with free travel, food and accommodation for participants. Special pavilions and training sessions on branding, packaging and marketing have been arranged to help women entrepreneurs expand their businesses.



Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Executive Officer Muddada Ravichandra participated in musical performances alongside artists on the occasion of the Navaratri Brahmotsavams. By joining them in playing instruments, he infused the artists with enthusiasm and energy.

GITAM Pet Show Promotes Animal Welfare and Compassion



Visakhapatnam,TSIT.
GITAM Deemed to be University recently organised a pet show on its campus to promote animal welfare, compassion and social responsibility among students. The event, organised in line with UGC directives encouraging Animal Welfare Societies in higher educational institutions under the National Education Policy 2020, featured Golden Retrievers, Beagles, rescued puppies and cats. The pets attracted students and faculty members, creating a lively and joyful atmosphere. Faculty members highlighted the importance of developing empathy, patience and respect for all living creatures beyond classroom learning. The event also marked a step towards establishing a student-led Animal Welfare Society at GITAM to encourage animal rescue, protection and compassionate care.

Govardhana Giridharidhara enchants on Majestic Pushpa Vimanam



Tirumala : Tirumala came alive with devotion and grandeur on Saturday evening as Sri Malayappa Swamy taking the form of Govardhana Giridhara Sri Krishna accompanied by Sri Devi and Bhudevi in the guises of Rukmini and Satyabhama respectively, giving a rare and divine darshan to devotees.

Seated majestically atop the specially crafted Pushpa Vimanam, the deity showered His blessings on the thousands of devotees gathered along the Mada Streets. The celestial sight was part of the sixth-day celebrations of the ongoing Navaratri Brahmotsavams at the sacred hill shrine of Tirumala.

The Pushpa Vimanam Seva holds special significance, as it is performed only once in three years during the Navaratri Brahmotsavams conducted in the auspicious Adhika Masa.

A Floral Marvel of Devotion:

The highlight of the evening was the magnificent Pushpa Vimanam, an extraordinary creation fashioned entirely from coconut-tree leaves. Standing 24 feet tall, measuring 15 feet in length and 15 feet in width, and weighing nearly one tonne, the vahanam was a breathtaking blend of traditional craftsmanship and devotional artistry.

The structure was adorned with a rich variety of traditional flowers, creating a vibrant canopy fit for the Almighty of the Seven Hills.

Graceful idols of Sri Anjaneya Swamy and Sri Garudalwar embellished both sides of the vimanam, while depictions of deities from the four Yugas added profound mythological depth to the celestial chariot.

Ensure Unhindered Filing of Nominations: State Election Commissioner

Security tightened at nomination centres amid reports of tensions in several areas



Vijayawada,TSIT : State Election Commissioner Anil Chandra Punetha has directed district officials to ensure that all eligible candidates can file their nominations freely and without obstruction in the ongoing municipal elections. He ordered enhanced security at nomination centres following complaints from political leaders about attempts to prevent candidates from submitting their nominations. Punetha reviewed the situation over the phone with District Collectors concerned after receiving reports of tension at nomination centres in Rayachoti, Pulivendula, Tirupati, Darsi, Rajampet and Dachepalli, among other places. Election Commission Secretary Dr. Mallikarjuna and Inspector General of Police B. Rajakumari participated in the review.

With the last day for filing nominations for municipal elections approaching, the Commissioner directed officials to remain vigilant, deploy adequate police personnel and take preventive measures to avert untoward incidents. He stressed that every eligible candidate must be provided the necessary security and assistance to submit nominations in accordance with election rules. The Commissioner said ensuring equal opportunities for all candidates and providing a peaceful environment for filing nominations were the responsibility of the election machinery. He warned that any attempt to obstruct the nomination process must be dealt with firmly under the law.

Punetha also instructed District Collectors to immediately install CCTV cameras at nomination centres in compliance with High Court directions and ensure continuous monitoring of the situation. During the review, IG B. Rajakumari directed district police chiefs to strengthen security at nomination centres and respond promptly to any tensions. She emphasised that candidates should be able to file their nominations without fear or intimidation. The Commissioner called upon officials from all departments to coordinate closely to ensure that the nomination process concluded peacefully, transparently and impartially.

ICSI Invest India Summit held in Bengaluru, Karnataka



Bengalore : The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) organized the ICSI Invest India Summit on 17 October 2026 in Bengaluru, on the theme Building a Viksit Bharat Through Strategic Investments. S D Shibulal Co-founder, Infosys & Axilor Ventures; & Chairman, Innovations Investment Management, Bengaluru presided over as the Guest of Honour.

Hosted by the Bengaluru Chapter of the ICSI, the summit brought together Startups, MSMEs, Unicorns, Corporates, Venture Capital Funds, Private Equity Funds, Angel Investors, Pension Funds, Alternative Investment Funds, Institutional Investors, Insurance Companies, Asset Management Companies, Ecosystem Enablers, Academia, Mentors, and Industry Experts, to facilitate dialogue, encourage innovation, and strengthen partnerships for shaping India's economic future.

Sharing his views at the first edition of the ICSI Invest India Summit, S. D. Shibulal mentioned that "Capital is important, but what we will build from that investment is far more important". He further added that "no company can last unless it follows highest levels of corporate governance and develop highest level trust with stakeholders." He urged professionals to act as a guiding voice in the board room for the holistic development of stakeholders.

Bengaluru South Centre Celebrates Kamma Community's Rich Cultural Heritage Through 'Samskruthi'



BENGALURU : Bengaluru South Centre organised 'Samskruthi', a grand cultural programme celebrating the rich traditions, heritage and artistic excellence of the Kamma community. Held at the KSIT Silver Jubilee Auditorium near Vajrahalli Metro Station on Kanakapura Road, the event brought together community members for an evening of cultural performances, entertainment and meaningful discussions on education and social development.The programme featured music, dance, traditional attire, children's talent showcases and comedy performances. Special attractions included performances by Annadata Prasa Mani and Prakruthi Prasad, along with an engaging comedy programme by popular artists.

Success is undoubtedly attainable if one works hard : N. Ramesh Devadiga Vandse



Udupi: A felicitation ceremony was organized at Pai Arcade in Kundapura for N. Ramesh Devadiga Vandse—an entrepreneur, social worker, and President of the Bengaluru Devadiga Sangha—who was honored with the prestigious 'South Media Excellence Award–2026' by the SAIMA organization in recognition of his contributions to social service, entrepreneurship, and organizational leadership.

The event served as a testament to the fact that recognizing and honoring the achievements of individuals who strive for the betterment of society acts as an inspiration to others. Community members commended N. Ramesh Devadiga for his accomplishments, noting that he prioritizes a socially-oriented vision alongside his personal success.

Speaking after receiving the honor, N. Ramesh Devadiga Vandse stated that success is undoubtedly attainable if one works hard and moves consistently toward one's goals. He conveyed the message that one should not be disheartened by the challenges encountered along the path to success, but rather should press forward with perseverance and self-confidence. Several dignitaries, including Shankar Devadiga Ankadakatte, entrepreneur Kiran Devadiga Hoskali, Kundapura Devadiga Sangha President Nagaraj Rayappanamatha, and Rohini Pai, were present at the event and extended their congratulations to Ramesh Devadiga.

Other community members present included Manju Devadiga Chitturu, Ratan Devadiga Bijuru, Nagaraj Devadiga Kalavara, Manju Devadiga Hemmadi, Harish Devadiga Hemmadi, Kiran Devadiga Hoskali, Manju Devadiga Hattiyangadi, Nagaraj Devadiga Uppinakudru, Bhaskara Billava, Santhosh Poojari Anagalli, and Bharati Harish Devadiga.

Ramesh Devadiga's wife, Jayanthi K. Devadiga, and his sons, Britesh and Bharat Devadiga, also participated in the event.

Sharada Devadiga delivered the welcome address, while Mamata Devadiga proposed the vote of thanks. Purushottama Das Uppunda provided assistance, and Ravi Devadiga Talluru served as the master of ceremonies. Events such as this—which recognize and honor those who contribute to the development of the community—not only strengthen the spirit of service but also highlight the importance of hard work, achievement, and social responsibility to the younger generation.

KASSIA Urges Karnataka Government to Simplify Environmental Compliance and Strengthen Support for MSMEs



Bengaluru: The Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association (KASSIA) has urged the Government of Karnataka to introduce practical, transparent and MSME-friendly environmental compliance measures while maintaining the State's commitment to environmental protection and sustainable industrial development. In a memorandum addressed to Ramalinga Reddy, Minister for Forest, Ecology and Environment, KASSIA President Ninganna S. Biradar has submitted a series of recommendations aimed at addressing the regulatory, financial and operational challenges faced by Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

KASSIA has constituted an Environment and Ecology Panel comprising environmental engineers, technical experts and experienced industrialists to examine compliance-related challenges and formulate recommendations that support environmental sustainability alongside industrial growth.

Key Recommendations

Simplification of Environmental Clearances: KASSIA has requested the State Government to implement applicable Central Government reforms to simplify environmental compliance, reduce repetitive documentation and provide greater clarity and continuity in Consent to Operate (CTO) requirements, subject to applicable conditions.

Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETPs):

Highlighting the challenges faced by industries in clusters such as Peenya and Doddaballapur, KASSIA has urged the Government to expedite the development of common effluent treatment infrastructure. It has specifically requested reconsideration of the proposed CETP at Peenya Urban Eco Park and a review of the earlier 10 crore allocation reportedly withdrawn from the project. The association has also recommended a sustainable pay-and-use model and independent third-party performance audits.

Rationalisation of Consent Fees:

KASSIA has sought a more scientific and equitable method of calculating consent fees, taking into account the actual pollution potential and operational characteristics of industrial units rather than relying excessively on land, building and rental values. It has also recommended concessional fee structures for nano, micro and small enterprises.

Instalment-Based Payments and Financial Assistance:

Recognising the financial constraints faced by smaller industrial units, KASSIA has recommended reduced consent fees for eligible enterprises, structured instalment payment options and the examination of financial assistance for necessary environmental compliance investments.

Simplified Approval and Transfer Procedures:

The association has proposed an integrated approval system, including simplified procedures for eligible cases involving changes in ownership or relocation within the same industrial area, wherever legally permissible. It has also sought clearly defined timelines and accountability for processing applications.

Dr Agarwals Eye Hospital Launches New Eye Care Centre in Sunkadakatte, Bengaluru



Bengaluru : Dr Agarwals Eye Hospital, one of the country's leading eye care networks, announced the launch of its new eye care centre in Sunkadakatte, Bengaluru. Spread across a super built-up area of 6,400 sq. ft., the facility marks the group's 17th centre in the city, bringing comprehensive, world-class ophthalmic care closer to one of Bengaluru's fast-growing western residential corridors.

Designed as a full-scale eye care destination, the Sunkadakatte centre is equipped with the latest diagnostic technology and high patient-handling capacity to ensure minimal wait times, with all advanced ophthalmology investigations available under one roof. The new centre offers residents of Sunkadakatte and the surrounding neighbourhoods a comprehensive range of eye-care specialities, including cataract surgery, refractive services (LASIK and ReLEx SMILE), retinal services, diabetic retinopathy management, glaucoma management, corneal services, glued IOL, dry eye evaluation, keratoconus management, squint management, paediatric ophthalmology, oculoplasty and orbit, uvea, neuro-ophthalmology, contact lens services, opticals, an in-house pharmacy, and full investigation and laboratory services. Patients can also access walk-in consultations, online appointment booking, specialist consultations, cashless insurance processing for eligible procedures, TPA-supported claims, multilingual patient support, and pre- and post-operative counselling.To deliver world-class clinical outcomes, the centre is equipped with advanced diagnostic tools such as Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT), fundus photography, perimetry, corneal topography, optical biometry for IOL power calculation, A-scan, auto refraction, non-contact tonometry, slit-lamp examination, B-scan, Yag laser and green laser systems. On the surgical side, the hospital offers advanced phacoemulsification, Micro Incision Cataract Surgery (MICS), premium intraocular lenses (IOLs), femtosecond laser-assisted cataract surgery, LASIK, Femto-LASIK, SMILE and Contoura Vision, along with vitreo-retinal services, intravitreal injections, corneal transplant surgery, squint surgery and glued IOL.

Let the Complete Truth in the Ankita Bhandari Case Be Revealed; Impartial Investigation Necessary to Ensure Justice for the Victim's Family: Dr. Anand Kumar



New Delhi : Dr. Anand Kumar, National Coordinator of the Scheduled Castes (SC) Department of the All India Congress Committee (AICC), has demanded that the doubts raised by the family of Ankita Bhandari be appropriately addressed and that the complete truth surrounding the case be brought to light.

The murder of Ankita Bhandari in Uttarakhand is a tragedy that has deeply pained people across the country. There can be no compromise when it comes to women's safety, dignity and justice. The investigating agencies concerned must provide lawful, transparent and impartial answers to the questions raised by the family regarding the role of the person referred to as the "VIP" in this case, he said.

In view of the appointment of BJP leader Dushyant Kumar Gautam as the Governor of Sikkim, the doubts expressed by Ankita Bhandari's family must not be ignored. Rather than limiting the matter to political accusations and counter-accusations, priority must be given to uncovering the facts, Dr. Anand Kumar stated.

Although legal proceedings have already taken place in this case, it is necessary to provide clear answers, within the framework of the law, to the remaining doubts expressed by the family and the questions concerning the role of the alleged "VIP." If necessary, the authorities concerned must take further investigative steps in accordance with the law.

"Regardless of who a person is, which political party they belong to, or how high a position they hold, everyone is equal before the law. Allegations must be established through judicial proceedings. At the same time, it is the responsibility of the government and the relevant investigative agencies to ensure that the truth emerges without ignoring the questions raised by the victim's family," Dr. Anand Kumar stated.The AICC has always stood for social justice, women's dignity, constitutional rights and the rule of law. Our firm position is that justice must be delivered to Ankita Bhandari's family and that all facts related to the case must be fully brought to light.

Audi India launches the all-new Audi Q3



Bengaluru : Audi, the German luxury car manufacturer, launched the all-new Audi Q3 in India, bringing together 150 kW of power, quattro all-wheel drive and a suite of digital, lighting and comfort technologies in its compact luxury SUV. The technology-rich cabin features a digital stage panoramic display, head-up display and SONOS premium sound system.

Locally assembled at the SAVWIPL plant in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, the all-new Audi Q3 is available at an introductory price of INR 51,99,000 (ex-showroom). The all-new Audi Q3 features Digital Matrix LED headlights with micro-LED technology, four selectable day-time-running-light signatures and three advanced dynamic light sequencing while illuminated Audi rings add a distinctive lighting element at the rear. The new digital interface brings displays, controls and infotainment functions together around the driver, creating a more connected and intuitive experience.

Bengaluru sets pace for EV transition; experts seek stronger charging ecosystem



BENGALURU : Strengthening the electric vehicle charging ecosystem, introducing performance-linked incentives and integrating road safety into EV infrastructure planning emerged as key issues at a technical session hosted by the Raahgiri Foundation during Bangalore Climate Data Week 2026 on Friday.

The session, titled "Powering India's EV Transition: Charging Infrastructure, Interoperability, and the Road to Liveable Cities", was held at the TERI Southern Regional Centre and brought together professionals from the electric mobility, energy, public policy, transport and road safety sectors.The discussions focused on approaches to accelerate EV adoption, charging infrastructure, interoperability, policy support and the need to build feedback mechanisms that incorporate road safety considerations into urban mobility and infrastructure planning.

P Sitha Mahalakshmi, associate director and EV programme lead at Raahgiri Foundation, said India's dependence on imported crude oil made the shift to electric mobility both an economic and environmental imperative.

Ramesh Babu Request for examination and appropriate action against IPS officer Alok Kumar



Bengaluru : Advocate and former MLC Ramesh Babu has written a letter to chief secretary of government of Karnataka to take necessary action against IPS officer Alok Kumar on a matter of public administration and service discipline. In his letter he stated that, in media I have absorbed that Alok Kumar, IPS, wrote to you contesting the State's submissions before the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The submissions concern the proceedings on the KPSC recruitment SIT, in which the Supreme Court has stayed the High Court's order.The reports carry the contents of the officer's correspondence with the Government. They say the State placed incorrect information before the Supreme Court and that he has been portrayed as an accused. These are matters pending before the Supreme Court and concern the State's litigation position. A member of an All India Service is bound by the AIS (Conduct) Rules, 1968.

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Lack of proof warrants honourable acquittal: Madras High Court



MADURAI: The Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court dismissed the Tamil Nadu government's appeal against an order directing the appointment of a Jail Warden aspirant, holding that an acquittal for lack of evidence could qualify as an 'honourable acquittal' for recruitment purposes. The aspirant, R Dinesh, faced trial in a case arising from the 2017 Jallikattu agitation, the state's bull-taming sport. A Division Bench of Justices CV Karthikeyan and R Sakthivel, who heard the case, directed the authorities to comply with the single judge's order and appoint him within 12 weeks.

As per the proceedings, the recruitment authorities had rejected Dinesh's candidature under GO Ms No. 1410, which says a person acquitted on the benefit of doubt, or because the complainant turned hostile, shall be treated as having been involved in a criminal case for recruitment purposes.

The Bench, however, held that Dinesh qualified as 'honourably acquitted', noting that the expression appears neither in the Code of Criminal Procedure nor in the Indian Penal Code, but has evolved through judicial pronouncements.

2 college students crushed to death in bike-lorry crash in Thanjavur



TIRUCHY: Two college students were crushed to death in Thanjavur on Saturday after their bike rammed into a lorry parked along the Thanjavur-Pudukkottai National Highway. The police identified the deceased as Vijay (22), a resident of Manja Pettai in Pudukkottai and his friend Sudarsan (19). Both Vijay and Sudarsan were studying in a college in Pudukkottai, according to the police.

They both were proceeding to Sengipatti in Thanjavur by a two-wheeler when the accident occurred on Saturday. Vijay was riding the bike, and Sudarsan was riding pillion. According to the police, Vijay and Sudarsan were travelling to Sengipatti to contest in a Kabaddi tournament. When the duo was nearing Arputhapuram on the Thanjavur-Pudukkottai National Highway, Vijay, who was riding the bike, lost control of the vehicle due to overspeeding and hit a stationary lorry alongside the stretch of the Thanjavur-Pudukkottai National Highway. In the impact, both Vijay and Sudarsan were crushed to death on the spot. Upon receiving the information, Vallam police rushed to the spot and inspected it.



Ho'nble Chief Minister holds bilateral talks with Singapore delegation to strengthen economic ties and attract investments to Tamil Nadu...

Tamil Nadu police ready to handle monsoon, says DGP Aggarwal

CHENNAI: The Tamil Nadu police is fully prepared to handle emergencies during the coming northeast monsoon, DGP Mahesh Kumar Aggarwal said on Saturday, noting that the Disaster Response Force has been equipped and inter-departmental coordination has been completed.

Speaking at a welfare programme organised under the 'Kaaval Kudumbam' scheme at the Avadi Police Commissionerate, the DGP said the force would be deployed wherever required to assist the public during flooding, tree falls and power-related incidents. He added that meetings have been held with revenue, fire, municipal and electricity departments to ensure swift response. He also assured that long-pending feeding allowance dues of police personnel were being examined and would be settled.

The event also focused on family welfare. Vanitha Aggarwal, president of Kaaval Kudumbam, inaugurated a day-care centre set up at the SM Nagar police quarters in Avadi. The centre will look after children of police personnel during duty hours, helping women personnel in particular. Later, the DGP inaugurated a comprehensive medical camp organised in association with Apollo Hospitals at the SM Nagar Police Convention Centre. Around 500 police personnel and family members underwent general health check-ups, cardiac, pulmonary, vascular screening and eye examinations. Avadi Police Commissioner T Senthilkumar, deputy commissioners and senior officers participated in the programme.

India now a member of International Medical Device Regulators Forum



New Delhi: The Central Drugs Standard Control Organization, under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, has become an affiliate member of the International Medical Device Regulators Forum (IMDRF), the ministry announced on Thursday. IMDRF is a global network of medical device regulators that promotes regulatory convergence and public health and safety.

The CDSCO had applied for the IMDRF membership in August to achieve global alignment in its medical device regulatory system. The regulator received the approval during the 26th Session of IMDRF held in September in Washington, US.

"Achieving affiliate membership in the IMDRF will provide significant opportunities for reliance and collaboration with regulatory authorities around the world," the ministry said, adding it will strengthen the "Brand India" in the global market.

Currently, IMDRF members include national regulatory authorities from the US, Australia, Canada, the European Union, Japan, the UK, Brazil, Russia, China, South Korea, Singapore, and the World Health Organization (WHO).

To align with the global standards, the Health Ministry on Thursday also introduced comprehensive regulations for medical devices. The initiative is aimed at aligning the country's regulatory framework with globally accepted standards, and seeks to foster a regulatory ecosystem that promotes growth and innovation in the medical device sector.

Further, the IMDRF membership will also help to harmonise regulatory requirements across the globe, which reduces the complexity for manufacturers and helps safeguard public health by promoting collaboration, harmonising regulations, and promoting convergence.

The membership also helps to support innovation and timely access to new medical devices.

The ministry said that "as an affiliate member, India will participate in IMDRF Open Sessions to have information exchange on technical topics with other regulators".The discussions will range from the latest medical device regulatory strategies and trends to providing feedback on India's experience and perspectives and using IMDRF documents in part or in whole as the basis for India's regulatory framework for medical devices. The membership will "strengthen the CDSCO's medical device regulatory system, helping meet emerging technical challenges that are increasingly diverse, to ensure the protection of public health and safety, and continue to maintain the goal of international recognition for its medical device regulation", the ministry said.

Opportunist Congress changes SIR stance from state to state: DMK

CHENNAI: The DMK has accused the Congress of initially remaining silent on protests by youths and students against the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, and later extending support to the agitation.

The allegations were made in a resolution adopted at a meeting of DMK MPs chaired by party president MK Stalin on Saturday.

Accusing the Congress of adopting a dual stand, the DMK alleged that the party's position on the SIR varied from State to State, despite what it described as errors in the revision exercise across the country.



The resolution alleged that the Congress remained a mute spectator when the agitation began and was later compelled to support the protests because it had no other option.

Intermittent fasting may boost health of people with heart disease, diabetes



New Delhi: : Finding it hard to manage blood sugar levels? Take heart, limiting your food consumption to a 10-hour window daily may keep your diabetes in check, according to a study.Following the 10-hour eating window, a type of intermittent fasting, can also help you manage metabolic syndrome -- a group of medical conditions that can lead to heart disease, diabetes, and stroke. Risk factors attributing to the syndrome include elevated blood sugar, high blood pressure, and high cholesterol -- key factors for poor heart health.

Researchers led by the University of California San Diego and Salk Institute in the US said the findings may help people looking to address their metabolic syndrome and reduce their risk for Type 2 diabetes.

In the trial, published online in the Annals of Internal Medicine, 108 adult patients with metabolic syndrome were randomised into either a time-restricted eating group or a control group.Both groups continued to receive standard-of-care treatments and underwent nutritional counselling on the Mediterranean diet.

In the time-restricted eating group, each person had to reduce their eating window to 10 hours per day, which began at least one hour after waking up and ended at least three hours before going to sleep.After three months, patients who had completed the time-restricted eating regimen showed significant improvements in key indicators of heart health.

Satchidananda Panda, a professor at the Salk Institute explained that the time of day plays an important role in human bodies' processing of sugars and fats. When people limit their eating window, they "re-engage the body's natural wisdom and harness its daily circadian rhythms to restore metabolism and improve health". The routine also helped people lose body weight, maintain proper body mass index (BMI), and manage abdominal trunk fat -- a type of fat closely linked to metabolic disease, the researchers said. Importantly, participants did not experience significant loss of lean muscle mass.

Higher doses of lithium aspartate promising for long Covid patients



New York: Low doses of lithium aspartate is ineffective in treating the fatigue and brain fog that is often a persistent feature of long Covid, researchers said on Wednesday. However, higher doses may be promising. An estimated 17 million people have long Covid in the US, and worldwide the number is estimated at 65 million.Published in the journal JAMA Network Open, the study was led by Thomas J Guttuso, professor of neurology at University of Buffalo. "It's a negative study with a positive twist," said Guttuso.Since long Covid is believed to stem from chronic inflammation and lithium has known anti-inflammatory actions, Guttuso had recommended that a patient of his try low-dose lithium for persistent long Covid symptoms.He was surprised when this patient reported a near full resolution of fatigue and brain fog within a few days of initiating lithium aspartate at 5 milligrams a day. Based on this single case, Guttuso became interested in lithium aspartate as a potential treatment for long Covid and recommended it to other such patients.

According to Guttuso, nine of 10 long Covid patients he treated with lithium aspartate 5-15mg a day saw very good benefit in terms of improvements to their fatigue and brain fog symptoms."Based on those nine patients, I had high hopes that we would see an effect from this randomised controlled trial," says Guttuso. "But that's the nature of research. Sometimes you are unpleasantly surprised."The randomised controlled trial showed no benefit from 10-15 milligrams a day of lithium aspartate compared to patients receiving a placebo. After one patient from the study subsequently increased the lithium aspartate dosage to 40 milligrams a day and experienced a marked reduction in fatigue and brain fog symptoms, Guttuso decided to then conduct a dose-finding study designed to explore if a higher dose of lithium aspartate may be effective.The three participants who completed the dose-finding study reported greater declines in fatigue and brain fog with the higher dose of 40-45 milligrams per day."This is a very small number of patients, so these findings can only be seen as preliminary," said Guttuso. "Perhaps achieving higher blood levels of lithium may provide improvements to fatigue and brain fog in long Covid."

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EDITORIAL

Wholesale inflation and the challenge of the economy

Inflation isn't just about rising commodity prices in the market; it's also a test of the economy's productive capacity, the common man's purchasing power, and the government's economic policies. When prices rise sharply at the production and wholesale trade levels, their impact gradually reaches the retail market, household budgets, and industrial activity. Rising wholesale inflation in India points to this broader economic challenge. The Wholesale Price Index (WPI)-based inflation rate reaching 11.39 percent in September 2026, if officially confirmed, paints a grim picture of growing pressure on production costs and the supply chain. Rising prices of fuel, food, and manufactured goods further exacerbate this pressure.

The Wholesale Price Index measures changes in the prices of goods traded at the wholesale level. Unlike the Consumer Price Index, it primarily reflects price conditions at the producers' and traders' levels. A rise in wholesale inflation does not necessarily mean a corresponding increase in retail inflation, but if production costs remain high for a prolonged period, the burden may eventually be passed on to consumers.

Rising energy prices are the most significant cause of wholesale inflation. Petroleum products are used not only in vehicles, but also in agriculture, industry, power generation, and freight transportation. The cost of diesel increases, increasing the cost of plowing, irrigating fields, and transporting agricultural produce to markets. Similarly, rising electricity and fuel costs for industrial units make production more expensive. When energy prices rise continuously, it impacts the entire process from the production of goods to their delivery to the end consumer.

Tensions in West Asia, uncertainty in the international oil market, and disruptions in supply routes pose particular challenges for an import-dependent country like India. India meets a large portion of its crude oil needs through imports. Therefore, a surge in international prices could impact domestic production costs, trade balance, and inflation. If fuel and electricity prices have indeed increased by 25.85 percent, it would indicate serious pressure on industrial and transportation costs. However, this specific figure requires official confirmation.

Food inflation in India is linked not only to demand but also to agricultural production, weather, storage, and distribution systems. Irregular monsoons, sometimes with excessive rainfall and sometimes with drought, impact crop yields. Furthermore, pest infestations, lack of irrigation, and post-harvest losses can also reduce market supply. When the availability of vegetables, grains, pulses, and edible oils falls short of demand, their prices rise. This impacts the food processing industry, the hotel business, and the production of other consumer goods. Food inflation particularly impacts poor and middle-class families, as a significant portion of their income is spent on food.

India's economy is deeply integrated with the global market. Crude oil, industrial chemicals, some fertilizers, electronic components, and many other raw materials are purchased from the international market. When global prices for these commodities rise, the costs of domestic industries also increase. This is called imported inflation. Furthermore, a weakening rupee can further exacerbate the problem. If the rupee depreciates against the dollar, it costs more rupees to import the same amount of goods.

Amit Shah, Durga Puja, And An Attempt To Deepen Connect With Bengal's Roots

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah could not visit West Bengal on Mahalaya despite an invitation from Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari to participate in the Durga Puja celebrations on Red Road. He will, however, be in the state on Sunday, and a full-day programme has been planned for him.

The minister will be staying at the Atithi Griha in Alipore, and his Durga Puja engagements will begin at Belur Math, the headquarters of the Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission. This choice is important because it signifies that he is seeking to connect with a deeper and more enduring aspect of Bengal's cultural identity.

After visiting Belur Math, he is expected to explore some of Kolkata's prominent Durga Puja celebrations, including traditional household pujas and community-organised festivities. Shobhabazar Rajbari represents the older tradition of aristocratic family pujas, while the Barowari or community puja has a different social history. The Chetla Agrani puja pandal is another prominent destination associated with the city's contemporary Durga Puja culture.

In other words, Shah wants to return, once again, to the cultural foundations of Bengal and connect with what might be called the Bengali DNA.

How Is Amit Shah's Visit Different This Time?

The most obvious difference is that, earlier, the BJP was in the opposition and its political position and its approach to Bengal's cultural life were therefore different.

Consider Santosh Mitra Square, one of Kolkata's well-known Durga Puja destinations. BJP leaders, including MLA Sajal Ghosh, have been associated with its organisation. The BJP has also developed its own presence in the state's Durga Puja celebrations. But the question is whether these festivities should be viewed merely as pujas organised by one political party or as part of a broader cultural tradition that belongs to the people of Bengal. The first criterion should be that the distinction between your puja and our puja must not become the defining feature. Durga Puja is larger than party politics. The festival belongs to the people of West Bengal, and political parties should recognise that it cannot be reduced to a contest between rival political organisations.

The BJP's strategy in Bengal appears to be an attempt to move beyond a narrow political identity and establish a connection with Bengali society through its cultural traditions. This approach has parallels with the political culture of India's Hindi heartland, where Navratri and its associated traditions occupy an important place.

But Bengal's cultural identity has its own distinct history, and the BJP must engage with that history if it wants to establish a lasting connection with the state. Because of this, Shah has prioritised the 'Bonedi Bari Pujo' by planning a visit to the Shobhabazar Rajbari. The tradition was that Durga Puja was celebrated in houses and Shobhabazar Rajbari was the first such puja in Bengal's history.

From Rajbaris to Barowari Pujas: The Democratisation of Durga Puja

For generations, Durga Puja in Bengal was closely associated with the wealthy and aristocratic families who organised celebrations in their rajbaris. Shobhabazar Rajbari is one of the best-known examples of this tradition. These household pujas were often grand affairs, reflecting the status, wealth and social position of their patrons.

However, the older system also had its limitations. The traditional household pujas could be exclusive, and people from some communities or other religious backgrounds did not always have equal access to the celebrations. The social structure surrounding these events could reflect the inequalities of the time. Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose drew attention to the significance of community-organised pujas and wrote a letter saying Durga Puja must be made more accessible by having community pandals to encourage socialisation. The distinction between the old household pujas and the Barowari puja is important because the latter helped make the festival more accessible to a wider section of society. The Barowari tradition represented a form of democratisation. Instead of remaining confined to a particular royal or aristocratic household, Durga Puja increasingly became a collective celebration in which the wider community could participate. The festival's social reach expanded, and its public character grew stronger.

This transformation is an important part of Bengal's cultural history.

Shah's proposed visit to both Belur Math and prominent puja destinations can therefore be understood in this context. He will not merely be visiting a series of pandals, but connecting with the cultural traditions that have shaped Bengal over generations.

THE BJP'S CULTURAL STRATEGY: BOOKS, FESTIVALS AND BENGALI IDENTITY

The same strategy can be seen in the BJP's approach to book festivals and literary events. The party's cultural outreach in Bengal is not limited to Durga Puja. It also seeks to challenge the narrative that the BJP is opposed to Bengali literature, books or the state's intellectual traditions. The CPI(M) and other political opponents have raised concerns about the BJP's cultural approach, suggesting that the party could restrict or undermine activities associated with Bengal's literary life. The BJP has countered this by organising book-related activities and selling books at Durga Puja venues.

This is an example of how political parties use cultural activities to challenge their opponents' narratives. The BJP wants to demonstrate that it can participate in Bengal's cultural life rather than remain confined to electoral politics.

The strategy also has to be understood against the backdrop of the party's earlier political messaging in the state. Before the election, Amit Shah had spoken about the need to strengthen Bengali-medium education and address concerns involving students educated in Bengali.

At the same time, the BJP's relationship with certain cultural and religious organisations has generated controversy. During earlier Durga Puja celebrations, remarks about people who eat non-vegetarian food, including fish and meat, were interpreted by critics as attempts to impose a more rigid version of Hindu identity on Bengal's traditions. Such controversies have sometimes intensified concerns that the cultural approach associated with some Hindu organisations is not fully aligned with the more pluralistic character of Bengali society.

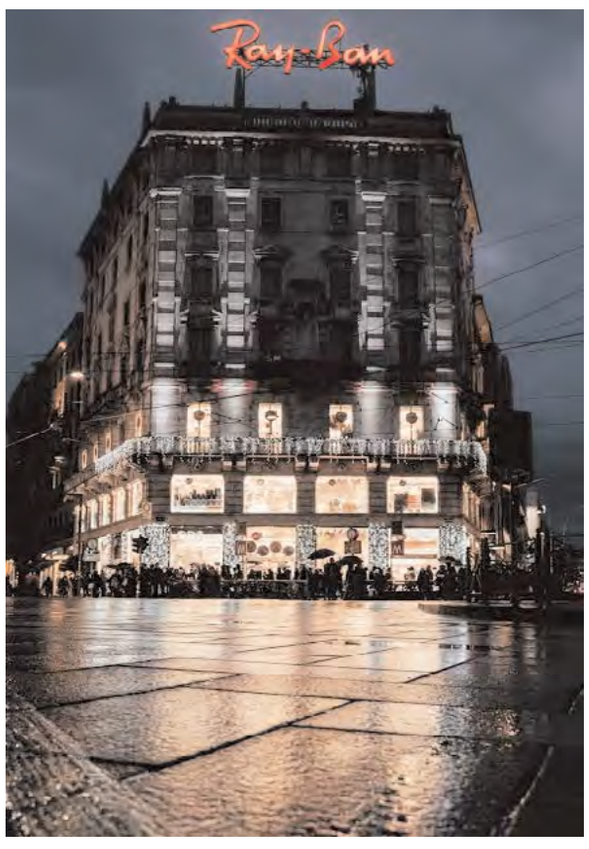
The activities of ISKCON and other Hindu organisations have also formed part of the broader discussion about religious identity in Bengal. Some organisations have adopted a more assertive form of Hindu cultural expression, which has occasionally generated debate about how much space such approaches leave for Bengal's diverse traditions.

Bengal's cultural identity cannot, however, be understood through a single religious or political lens. Swami Vivekananda, for instance, remains a central figure in the state's intellectual and spiritual history. His legacy is part of a Bengali cultural character that developed over centuries through the interaction of religious thought, social reform, literature, philosophy and public life.

Shah and the BJP are attempting to connect with this historical and cultural inheritance. Their challenge is to demonstrate that they understand the distinctive character of Bengali society and can engage with it without reducing its traditions to a narrow political identity.

RAY-BAN'S BILLIONAIRE FAMILY DRAMA IS HITTING NEW LOWS

ANDREA FELSTED



There are car crash interviews, and then there is Leonardo Maria Del Vecchio's podcast appearance this week.

The 31-year-old son of EssilorLuxottica SA founder Leonardo Del Vecchio, one of eight heirs to his fortune, made a series of remarkable revelations on the popular rapper-hosted Pulp Podcast, including his struggles with drug abuse and his extremely active sex life.

This was just the latest episode in a broader corporate drama unfolding at the Franco-Italian company -- owner of Ray-Ban, and partner to Meta Platforms Inc. on AI smart glasses -- which has contributed to a near halving of its share price in the space of a year.

The young Del Vecchio has in effect become an activist stakeholder in his family's firm, railing against its management and trying to become its most powerful investor. He hoped going on the podcast would show his human side, away from the name and money. Instead he deepened concerns about his judgment and wellbeing. The bizarre spectacle has harmed his campaign, even if his representatives insist otherwise.

EssilorLuxottica was already the stuff of Italian capitalist legend. Its creator Leonardo was put into an orphanage by his widowed mother because she could not afford to feed him. He went on to build the world's largest eyewear group, and effectively the modern optical industry. In the years before his death at 87 in 2022, he put in place a structure at the family's holding company, Delfin, which would pay out handsome dividends to his heirs but effectively stop them selling out. Delfin owns roughly a third of EssilorLuxottica, as well as hefty stakes in Italian banks and insurers.

The holding company's ownership is split between eight heirs: six children born to three mothers; Leonardo's widow Nicoletta Zampillo; and Rocco Basilico, her son from a separate marriage. Any big decisions on ownership or strategy must be unanimous. That achieving such a consensus was nigh on impossible suited the patriarch. He wanted EssilorLuxotttica to continue unchanged, helmed by his closest adviser, Francesco Milleri, who also chairs Delfin.

This all held together until this year, when tensions between the beneficiaries finally erupted. Some of them are frustrated about not being able to make changes that would let them monetize their holdings or get more of a say in how things are run. Leonardo Maria offered to buy the Delfin stakes of two of his siblings to make himself a dominant shareholder. His -10 billion ($11.2 billion) plan was approved by a family vote in April, but the financing was complicated by a drop in EssilorLuxottica shares.

Delfin subsequently decided it wouldn't backstop the transaction. And Leonardo Maria's half-brother Basilico has proposed a rival deal: separating the core eyewear stake from Delfin's other financial and insurance holdings, allowing the latter to be sold to raise cash for family members or to reorganize Delfin. With all of this going on, it's hard to see how this week's interview helped Leonardo Maria. He resigned in August from his roles as the group's chief strategy officer and president of Ray-Ban, launching a broadside against Milleri and other top EssilorLuxottica managers.

He doubled down on his complaints on the podcast, indicating that stepping away from day-to-day management had strengthened his own ability to challenge the company's current regime. "I am a shareholder. I took a step up, let that be very clear, I didn't take a step down," he said. EssilorLuxottica "has a name, Del Vecchio, and I cannot put my face behind it when salaries are frozen and shares are dropping 50%."

Alongside comments that his father "gave us all but love," and that "I have filled the gaps I felt with drugs," he revealed that he had -1 billion in debt, and was selling one of his two yachts.

As Himalayas Change, Jim Corbett's Voice Echoes Louder Than Ever

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'But how do we even know if all that Jim Corbett wrote about was even true?' There was an audible gasp in the room. I was moderating a session on environment writing at the very first Corbett Literature Festival, being held right next to the Corbett National park, named after the celebrated hunter turned conservationist Jim Corbett. The offending question, over the sanctity of Corbett's many tales, that have enthralled generations, was asked, in a light hearted manner, by Professor Richard Kerridge, himself a nature writer, who teaches creative writing at Bath Spa University. Before I could react to the implications of the loaded statement he had just made, another panelist, prolific writer and celebrated author from the hills, Stephen Alter intervened. 'As someone who is from the region as well, I must step in here and defend Jim Corbett!' He said with some feeling, a smile on his face. 'How can you question our beloved hero? All his adventures, all his descriptions of chasing man-eating tigers and leopards in the Kumaon hills were all absolutely true!' The hall, which was full of writers, environmentalists and wildlife enthusiasts, laughed, and we continued our discussion, as Prerna Singh Bindra, the third panellist, spoke about her favourite Jim Corbett book, and the fact that his most popular book, The Man-eaters of Kumaon, was only published when he was in his 60s. Ours was the last session of the three-day-long inaugural Corbett Literature Festival. Over the course of the past three days, there was a rich mix of conversations about books, the environment, the Himalayas, local cultures and communities, and even cuisine. Historian and food critic Pushpesh Pant had kept the audience entertained with a lively session on the region's food traditions. The festival had also brought together celebrated photographers and filmmakers, who captivated audiences with films and photographic collections built over years of exploring the wilds of Corbett and the vast Himalayan landscapes. Their work offered glimpses of tigers and elephants, gharials basking by the river, the tall grasses of the grasslands and the Ramganga flowing through the forest. My favourite screening was a short documentary made by the forest guards of Corbett. Using drones (and given the access they enjoy), they captured some spectacular images of the wild, offering a glimpse of the park that few get to see. The visuals were spellbinding, but what made the screening particularly special was the opportunity it gave these often-unsung guardians of the forest to take centre stage and receive the applause they deserved, not just for their film, but also for the tireless work they do to protect a park that is loved by so many. Renowned singer Jubin Nautiyal joined them on stage, alongside the forest guards and Divisional Forest Officers (DFOs), to felicitate and honour them. As the audience applauded, it was a moment of recognition for the people who work, often away from the spotlight, to keep Corbett's wild heart beating. The festival was organised in part by the Forest Department, with the dynamic Corbett Tiger Reserve Field Director Saket Badola closely involved in spearheading the effort, along with several corporates, and resorts in the area. It was inaugurated by Forest Minister Subodh Uniyal, who spoke about the importance of communities in conservation. The Uttarakhand Tourism Development board also supported the festival, titled '3 days in the Wild' that brought together 30 speakers.

The involvement of resorts did not mean that tourism was spared from scrutiny. Several conversations tackled the issue of meaningful tourism and conservation. Former park director Samir Sinha recounted an incident when he had entered a resort while tracking a tiger that was moving around habitation, and found a drain emptying dirty water straight into the Kosi river. The conversation pushed for responsible practices and finding the right balance when it comes to tourism. And these are issues that need more attention, at a time when Uttarakhand is facing challenges in striking that balance between tourism.

UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL OPENS ITS BENGALURU CAMPUS, WELCOMING INAUGURAL COHORT OF 300 STUDENTS



Bengaluru October, 2026: The University of Liverpool today officially opened its Bengaluru campus, making it the first Russell Group university campus in Karnataka. Located in Bengaluru's Alembic City, Whitefield, the campus welcomes nearly 300 students in its inaugural cohort.

Guests heard from the Hon'ble Shri M. B. Patil, Minister for Large and Medium Industries and Infrastructure Development, Steve Rotheram Mayor of the Liverpool City Region and Liverpool Football Club (LFC) legend and University of Liverpool alumnus, Robbie Fowler to celebrate this landmark moment in India-UK higher education cooperation.

Also present to celebrate this significant milestone in India-UK higher education collaboration were Harshbir Sangha MBE FRSA, British Deputy Commissioner to Karnataka; Alison Barrett, Director, British Council India; academic partners; and a range of industry leaders.

FIRST COHORT OF STUDENTS CELEBRATED

The opening celebrations also marked the beginning of an academic journey for the University of Liverpool Bengaluru's inaugural cohort, with nearly 300 students commencing their studies at the campus.

The University of Liverpool Bengaluru is offering an initial portfolio of programmes in Computer Science, Game Design, Business Management, Accounting and Finance, and Biomedical Sciences. Situated in Alembic City, Whitefield, the purpose-built campus provides a flexible and integrated learning environment featuring smart classrooms, research and innovation spaces, collaboration hubs, specialised laboratories and access to Bloomberg terminals.

Students will benefit from a learning experience that combines academic excellence with industry engagement, experiential learning and global exposure. Designed to prepare graduates for the future workforce, the University's programmes emphasise practical application, critical thinking, interdisciplinary collaboration and opportunities to engage with industry leaders and researchers.

LIVERPOOL AND INDIA LINKS CELEBRATED

The celebrations saw Shilpa Nag, Special Commissioner of the Greater Bengaluru Authority and Tim Games, Executive Director for Investment and Delivery of Liverpool City Region, mark the intention to build on collaboration between their regions through a Joint Declaration of Intent signing. An economic panel session explored opportunities for growth following the India-UK Free Trade Agreement.

The opening celebrations highlighted the strong and enduring links between Liverpool and India. Guests celebrated the legacy of Indian-born Nobel Laureate, Professor Har Gobind Khorana, who completed his PhD at the University of Liverpool in 1948, with a lecture theatre named in his honour.

Samsung Announces 'Big, Bigger, Biggest' Celebrations This Diwali with Festive Offers on Big Screen TVs



GURUGRAM, India – October , 2026 – Samsung India today announced its 'Big, Bigger, Biggest' campaign for consumers, offering exciting deals on its range of Vision AI-powered big-screen TVs during this festive season. Built around the spirit of celebrations, family gatherings and shared evenings, the campaign makes it easier for consumers to upgrade to Samsung's latest AI-powered televisions for a more immersive viewing experience.

As part of the festive offers, consumers purchasing select Samsung TVs can avail a free Samsung Soundbar worth up to INR 110990 or a free Samsung Vision AI TV worth up to INR 159990. The offer also includes up to 20% cashback, zero down payment options and a 3-year comprehensive warranty, making it easier for consumers to upgrade their home entertainment experience this festive season.

Customers buying eligible Samsung Vision AI televisions within municipal limits can get their Samsung products installed within four hours of registering a request, subject to applicable terms and conditions.

"Diwali is a time when families and friends come together to celebrate, share joyful moments and create lasting memories. With our Vision AI-powered big-screen TVs, Samsung is bringing larger, smarter, and more immersive home entertainment experiences to consumers. With exciting festive offers, flexible payment options, cashbacks, and value-added services, we are making it easier for families to bring home a bigger screen and enjoy an enhanced entertainment experience this festive season," said Viplesh Dang, Vice-President of the Visual Display Business, Samsung India. Samsung's Vision AI-powered TVs bring intelligent features to the big screen, helping enhance picture and sound while offering a more personalized viewing experience. The range is designed to make everyday entertainment more immersive, whether consumers are watching their favourite shows, movies, sports or festive programming with family and friends.

With a vast lineup from 32" to 115", Samsung Vision AI TVs cater to diverse consumer needs, featuring sleek, lifestyle-integrated designs and SmartThings solutions for enhanced connectivity. Samsung's 'Made for India' Plus Benefits (Samsung TV Plus, Samsung Care+, Samsung Art+, Samsung Sound+, Samsung Finance+, and 7-year OS upgrade) ensures that every aspect of your TV ownership experience is enriched.

Samsung TV Plus offers free access to 200+ streaming channels, Samsung Sound+ gives immersive sound experience, Samsung Care+ provides extended warranty, and with Samsung Finance+, customers get flexible, paperless financing options. With Samsung Art+, customers get 3-month free access to the Samsung Art Store, transforming their homes into personalized art galleries. Customers buying Samsung Vision AI TVs also benefit from up to seven years of OS upgrades, ensuring long-term entertainment and satisfaction. About Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.

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Infrastructure and power sector expected to attract funding in H2FY27: Brickwork Ratings



17th October 2026, Mumbai: According to Brickwork Ratings (BWR), infrastructure and power are expected to attract funding in the second half of FY27, supported by project execution and timely payments. Commercial real estate is likely to drive funding flows in services, while gold loans and loans against property will support non-banking financial company (NBFC) lending. However, small NBFCs with significant microfinance exposure remain stressed.

Public spending, steady domestic demand supported credit profile resilience

India Inc's credit profile remained resilient in H1FY27 despite elevated crude oil prices, deficient monsoon rainfall and tighter global monetary conditions. Data from major Indian rating agencies showed 2.7 upgrades for every downgrade during April-September 2026, compared with 2.4 a year earlier. Downgrades declined 11%, while upgrades remained steady. "Infrastructure, power, capital goods, auto components and secondary steel led upgrades, supported by public spending and steady domestic demand. Textiles, ceramics, diamonds and specialty chemicals faced pressure from weak exports and competition from cheaper imports," said K. H. Patnaik, Chief Ratings Officer, BWR.

BWR-rated companies recorded 3.3 upgrades for every downgrade, with upgrades accounting for 35% of rating reviews. Corporate debt relative to equity declined to approximately 0.7 times in FY25 from 1.1 times in FY20, providing companies with greater borrowing headroom. "The lesson for companies is simple: a strong credit rating is now a funding asset," added Patnaik, highlighting the importance of creditworthiness as financing conditions tighten.

Services credit growth driven by commercial real estate; weak rainfall hurt discretionary demand

Non-food bank credit grew 18.8% year-on-year in August 2026, compared with 10.2% a year earlier, while corporate bond fundraising declined 34% during April-June. During the same period, services credit grew 24.3%, with commercial real estate among the key drivers. In this segment, Hyderabad could benefit from its strongest-ever first half for office leasing.

Meanwhile, exporters face renewed US tariff risks, while rural and discretionary demand could weaken, particularly in southern India, where rainfall was 24% below normal.

Friends Adult Pants Unveils New Campaign on the Silent Struggle of Incontinence Among Middle-Aged Women



October 2026: Nobel Hygiene Limited's adult diaper brand, Friends, has launched a new television commercial (TVC) that reframes the conversation around adult incontinence among middle-aged women. Moving beyond the familiar narrative of destigmatising incontinence itself, the campaign zeroes in on a more immediate barrier to category adoption: hesitation of first-time trials.

In India, one in three women above the age of 45 lives with chronic urinary incontinence, often in silence, quietly restructuring her life around the condition rather than seeking a solution - from limiting where she goes and how long she stays out to changing what she wears and even who she meets. Over time, this takes a toll on their physical, mental and social well-being, shaping everyday choices in ways that go largely unspoken.

Incontinence carries its own stigma, but adult diapers introduce a second, less obvious barrier. Widely perceived as products for the elderly or bedridden, they can trigger embarrassment and hesitation among middle-aged women who don't identify with that image. Concerns on whether the product will reliably prevent leakage, and discretion, compounded by deeply ingrained stigma, continue to distance them from the product.

Commenting on the campaign, Kartik Kamal Johari, Chief Marketing & Growth Officer, Nobel Hygiene Limited, said: "With women accounting for nearly 70% of chronic urinary incontinence sufferers in India, which is an estimated 14 million middle-aged women. This is too large and too underserved an audience to overlook. Urinary incontinence quietly influences how women navigate everyday life at different stages. While conversations around the condition itself are opening up, the stigma attached to adult diapers remains a significant barrier to adoption. Our focus with this campaign is to reposition adult diapers as a practical enabler, one that lets women travel, socialise and stay active with confidence by building trust in both the product and its performance."

Conceptualised by Sideways, the TVC tells the story of a middle-aged woman preparing to travel with friends. On their recommendation, she agrees to try an adult diaper for the first time before the trip but despite their reassurance, she remains apprehensive about whether it will hold up when she needs it most. Her hesitation captures a familiar first-time-user concern: whether the product can be trusted to manage sudden, involuntary leakage once she steps outside the comfort of home.

Speaking on the campaign, Abhijit Avasthi, Founder, Sideways, said, "We wanted to approach a sensitive category through a moment that feels positive, familiar, and human. At the heart of the campaign is a simple idea: with friends, you feel more reassured. From there, it was about seamlessly integrating this idea with the product."

Trust plays two roles. First, in the advice of loved ones, and, ultimately, trust in the product's performance. The new tagline, "Bharose wali Dosti," captures the shift by positioning "Trust" as the bridge between the reassurance of loved ones and confidence in the product.

The campaign also promotes occasion-based travel alongside everyday usage among middle-aged women, positioning adult diapers as lifestyle-enabling products that support dignity, independence and mobility, rather than a marker of age or dependency.

Rising Inflation, Super El Niño and Geopolitical Risks to Weigh on Markets; PL Capital Sets NIFTY Target at 27,589

- NIFTY has declined 8.2% over the past six weeks, with near-term weakness likely before market consolidation; a V-shaped recovery appears unlikely
- A 13% monsoon deficit, the likelihood of a very strong El Niño and rising commodity prices pose risks to inflation, rural demand and corporate earnings

Mumbai October 2026: PL Capital, one of India's most trusted financial services organisations, in its latest India Strategy Report titled "The Perfect Storm: Rising Macro and Geopolitical Risks," believes that escalating geopolitical tensions, rising inflation, deficient monsoons and higher interest rates are likely to keep Indian equity markets under pressure in the near term. While domestic economic growth and corporate demand have remained resilient, the brokerage cautions that mounting macroeconomic headwinds could weigh on consumption, earnings and foreign investor flows. PL Capital has revised its 12-month NIFTY target to 27,589 from 27,133 earlier, while expecting markets to remain volatile and potentially move lower before entering a consolidation phase.

According to report, the NIFTY is down by 8.2% during the last six weeks and 6% year-to-date, thereby making India one of the weakest performing economies among the major economies of the world. This is primarily due to continuous selling by foreign institutional investors (FIIs) on account of fears relating to the effect of inadequate monsoon rains, rising cost of crude and agricultural commodities, high bond yields, and the growing Iran-US conflict, which has now spilled into the broader Middle East region. PL Capital believes that such a scenario may increase uncertainty in the stock market.

Regarding earnings, PL Capital expects sales growth of 16.2% and EBITDA growth of 14.7% on YoY basis in 2QFY27 without Oil & Gas. In terms of coverage universe, the brokerage firm is forecasting sales growth of 24.1%, EBITDA growth of 10.4% and Profit before Tax growth of 8.6%. On the contrary, the pressure from cost side of the business is rising with 16 out of 27 industry segments showing lower EBITDA margins. As highlighted by PL Research, firms are gradually starting to face the brunt of higher-cost inventories which were purchased during the period when crude oil and other input costs were high.

The report cites the poor monsoon and the possibility of a very strong El Nino as the risks to inflation and consumption. The monsoon season of India finished with a 13% deficit in rainfall, which is seen in 17 out of 36 meteorological subdivisions, accounting for 42% of the country's total geographical spread. The water reservoirs also stood at 21% lower than the levels last year, putting soil moisture and the coming Rabi crop season in danger. PL Capital suggests that the effects might not be restricted to the domestic agriculture alone, as the El Nino-induced climate disruptions around the globe might affect the production of agriculture produce like soybeans, coffee, cocoa, and palm oil. Given that food accounts for around 40% of the inflation basket of India, high prices of agricultural commodities can maintain the level of inflation.

Monetary policy support to growth is also becoming less favorable. The RBI increased the policy repo rate by 25 basis points to 5.50%, which was its first rate increase since February 2023, and the RBI changed its monetary policy stance to "Calibrated Tightening". The RBI revised its inflation forecast for FY27 to 5.2%, with inflation seen at 6.0% in Q3FY27 and 5.7% in Q4FY27. PL Capital feels that continued high oil prices, inflation in agriculture commodities, and supply chain disruptions might cause sustained inflation pressure, with further chances of more rate increases based on the inflation-growth trajectory. Higher interest rates, along with higher prices of essential and discretionary items, may dampen consumer spending momentum after the festivals.

Rare pink diamond goes on display in France 100 years after amateur heist



A rare pink diamond is going on display in France for the first time since it was stolen almost 100 years ago to the day - the last time it was shown to the public. The nine-carat, pear-shaped gemstone known as the "Grand Condé" was pilfered in an overnight raid on the Château de Chantilly in October 1926 and concealed in a hollowed-out apple. The diamond - one of few royal jewels to survive the French Revolution - was recovered a few weeks later when a hungry maid at the hotel in which the thieves were staying took a bite of the apple. It will once again be on display in the Condé Museum at the Château de Chantilly until 3 January. The museum's director Mathieu Deldicque said that while the apple story may sounds far-fetched, it was widely covered by newspapers at the time. Deldicque has faced questions about whether the exhibition may be tempting fate, especially given the string of heists on European cultural institutions in the past 12 months, including the daring daylight robbery of jewellery from the Louvre museum in Paris. While he declined to reveal to CNN how much the diamond was insured for, he noted that extensive academic study into the properties of the diamond had taken place to make it uniquely identifiable. The results of this analysis, as well as previously unseen archive material about the gem's history and theft, form part of the exhibition, according to the museum.

Naturally occurring pink diamonds are exceptionally rare and often sell for tens of millions of dollars. The highest price ever fetched for one at auction was $71.2m (£53.6m) in 2017, according to Sotheby's. The exact origins of the Grand Condé remain a mystery. It was first mentioned in 1740 in an inventory of Louis Henri de Bourbon, Prince of Condé, drawn up following his death, the Château de Chantilly said. It then became part of the collection of Queen Marie-Amélie of Bourbon-Sicily, the wife of French King Louis Philippe I, and then her son, Prince Henri of Orléans, the Duke of Aumale. He bequeathed it to the Institut de France, which now owns the Château de Chantilly, 50km (31 miles) north of Paris, along with thousands of artworks and manuscripts which became the Musée Condé collection.

Trump waives several Russia sanctions as row with Zelensky intensifies



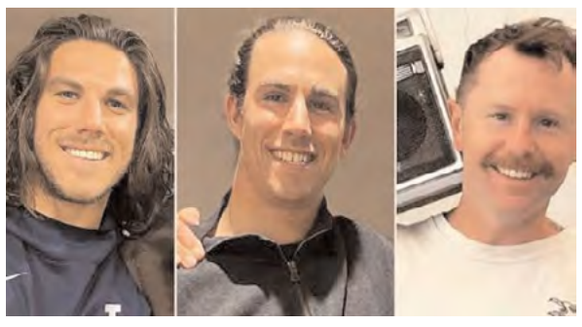
Donald Trump has blocked numerous sanctions on Russia two days before they were due to take effect, as a row with his Ukrainian counterpart Volodymyr Zelensky deepens. The sanctions were passed by the US Congress and signed into law by Trump in September. But the US president issued an executive order on Friday night saying that suspending some was in the US "national interest", prompting a backlash from US lawmakers. Zelensky said it was unfortunate the US has decided to "completely disregard" the sanctions. Relations between Washington and Kyiv frayed after the US struck a controversial deal to import Russian diesel. Ukraine then accused the Trump administration of withdrawing key military support. Trump and Zelensky have exchanged sharp words about one another. Ukraine's president declared it was nice to be among "real leaders" while addressing an EU summit, after Trump said Zelensky was "more difficult to deal with" than Russian President Vladimir Putin. The new US sanctions law took aim at Russia's economy, giving Trump broad powers to levy tariffs of up to 100% on imports from the top five purchasers of Russian oil and gas – most significantly China and India. It also included sanctions against senior Russian figures, including Putin, as well as Russian financial institutions and Moscow's so-called "shadow fleet" of vessels used to circumvent existing embargoes. Many of these provisions have now been waived by Trump. Russian envoy Kirill Dmitriev called the waiver "an important and truly historic moment". Posting on X, he said the sanctions would have inflicted "serious damage" primarily on the US and global market, and that economic cooperation benefits both nations. Democrats including the Virginia Congressman Don Beyer have criticised the move, accusing Trump of capitulating to Moscow and turning his back on Kyiv and Zelensky. "Trump's latest surrender to Putin again betrays our Ukrainian partners and defies clear congressional intent of legislation designed to punish Russia for its illegal war of aggression," Beyer wrote on X. The move is likely to draw further anger from Ukraine, where Zelensky has long stressed the need for stringent sanctions to limit funding Russia can use in its war effort. Zelensky said on Saturday morning that the sanctions "could have helped enormously" and that the law was "supposed to impose truly effective pressure on Russia to bring this war to an end". He pointed to Russian overnight attacks on 15 Ukrainian energy facilities that had caused power cuts in several regions and said: "Russia is trying to cause a blackout in Ukraine – right before winter." Zelensky said was "important that everyone in America also sees what is really happening" on the ground. He later told reporters that he believed the Trump administration would lift more sanctions against Russia. He also said negotiators Ukrainian spoke to their US counterparts on Friday and that both teams could meet next week. Trump was initially criticised by Zelensky and Ukraine's European allies for temporarily suspending some US sanctions to import Russian diesel in a bid to bring down US energy prices, which have skyrocketed during the Iran war. Trump has spent months grappling with the political consequences of the Middle East conflict, which has sent fuel costs soaring ahead of the US midterm elections. Rising inflation has soured Trump's standing with the American public. Zelensky suggested the deal was tantamount to the US investing in Russia's war effort. A few days later, Trump claimed that both Russia and Ukraine had agreed to an "energy ceasefire" to facilitate the export of Russian diesel. Both nations have been intensively striking one another's energy infrastructure. Kyiv says this is to limit revenue for Russia's war machine, while Moscow claims it only targets facilities used by the Ukrainian military. Zelensky initially expressed surprise at Trump's announcement, and said Kyiv would stop the strikes if Russia did the same. After three days which saw several fresh attacks from Russia, Kyiv resumed its strikes on Russian oil refineries. This prompted scathing condemnation from Trump, who called the strikes a "disgrace". Zelensky replied that he was "only standing up for Ukraine's interests". Concerns that Trump is siding with Russia have been heightened by disruption to a US-provided satellite system used by Ukraine. Last week Starlink suddenly and unexpectedly restricted the speed at which drones could fly while still maintaining internet connection. This disrupted some battlefield missions, Ukraine said, and hampered Kyiv's ability to protect itself from incoming Russian attacks. During the slowdown, Russia launched several deadly strikes on Ukraine, with residents and the government saying these came with no prior warning. Zelensky said on Friday that Starlink speeds had still not been fully restored. Trump has denied halting intelligence-sharing and deliberately slowing down Ukraine's Starlink network. Ukrainian authorities have confirmed that at least nine people have been killed and around 60 injured in Russian strikes across the country over the past 24 hours.

KATIE ZACHARIA LEAVING WHITE HOUSE ROLE LESS THAN FIVE DAYS INTO JOB



Katie Zacharia will be leaving her post as White House press secretary, just five days after her shaky public debut. US President Donald Trump told reporters moments before news of her exit was announced that he had told her "you don't have to do this if you don't want to" and "honestly, if I were you, I'd reconsider". Zacharia faced heavy criticism for her first press briefing on Tuesday, which lasted less than 15 minutes and included only three questions from reporters. The 42-year-old spent the days following playing defence, fielding tough questions from news outlets about her credentials and preparedness for the job. Trump hinted at her impending exit early on Friday afternoon, during an impromptu news conference in front of the Marine One helicopter. "I said, 'Is this for you, Katie? Because honestly, you don't need this'," Trump said. "You don't have to be treated this badly," he continued, adding that he believed she had been treated "pretty nastily" by the media. Hours later, she praised Trump as "kind, wonderful, gracious, thoughtful, enthusiastic, and the most hardworking man" on X, writing that it had been an honour to work for him. As the November midterm elections, which will decide who controls the US Congress, draw closer, Democrats are seizing on Zacharia's abrupt departure as a sign of failure in the Republican White House. "The White House Press Secretary is gone. Maga extremists continue to fall apart," the top Democrat in the House of Representatives, Hakeem Jeffries, posted on X. Zacharia appeared visibly nervous during her inaugural White House press briefing, in which she read talking points from a notebook, answered only a few questions and referred to her husband as the president. During the briefing, a reporter asked Zacharia - who had been called an attorney by Trump and others and who graduated from Pepperdine University's law school - about where she passed the bar exam. To practise law in the US, an attorney must be admitted to a state's bar association by passing a rigorous exam. "When I was in China," she replied. After intense scrutiny and digging by the media, Zacharia admitted on Thursday that she did not pass the bar exam. She did say in a statement that she had practised international transaction law in China with the "appropriate credentials". Questions about her legal credentials became a major talking point throughout the week, with Sean Hannity, from conservative-leaning Fox News, lobbing particularly pointed questions at her during an interview on Thursday. When she said she had not passed the bar, he replied: "Why didn't you just say, 'I never practiced law?'" Zacharia also described how quickly she had taken on the press secretary role - having been hired less than a week before her debut - prompting him to ask: "Am I hearing that you think the staff should have better prepped you?" When she appeared on Fox & Friends, which Trump often watches, on Friday, Zacharia faced a similar line of questioning. She told the show's hosts that she did not disclose to Trump that she was not an attorney because "those questions weren't asked", saying she was hired for a communications role, not a legal one.

Three men jailed for 158 years each for murdering Australian and US surfers in Mexico



A Mexican judge has sentenced three men convicted of murdering Australian brothers Jake and Callum Robinson and their US friend Carter Rhoad to 158 years and nine months in jail each. The Robinsons and Rhoad were killed in an apparent botched robbery of their truck on a secluded beach in Baja California in 2024 while they were on a surfing trip, the court heard during the trial. The murders sent shockwaves around the world, particularly in Australia, as the area is usually safe from the violence seen in other parts of Mexico. The guilty verdict was handed down last week. Debra Robinson, the brothers' mother, told the courtroom that her sons' murders had taken "the future we had imagined with them". The convicted killers' full names were not given for legal reasons, meaning they were only identified as Jesús Gerardo, Irineo Francisco and Ángel Jesús. In November last year, the girlfriend of the alleged ringleader, Jesús Gerardo (alias "El Kekas"), was sentenced in a separate trial to 20 years in prison. She had admitted to involvement in the robbery. The court heard that the bodies of the victims were found dumped down a well with gunshot wounds to their heads.

NURSERY OWNER IN CHINA JAILED FOR LIFE AFTER HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN POISONED



A nursery owner and five members of her staff have been jailed after they were found to have poisoned more than 200 children with lead-tainted food. Li Huifang, who operated the Heshi Peixin Kindergarten in Tianshui, in the Gansu province, was sentenced to life in prison for producing and selling toxic and harmful food, according to Chinese state media. In July 2025, 247 pupils and staff at the nursery were found to have abnormally high blood lead levels after children began falling ill. A report into the incident found that chefs at Heshi Peixin had used inedible paint to "enhance the look" of its meals to attract more students - despite the paint being being clearly marked as such. In addition to the sentence, the Lanzhou Intermediate People's Court also ordered the confiscation of 500,000 yuan (£56,200; $74,700) of Li's personal assets, state broadcaster CCTV reported. Nursery executive principal Zhi Jinglin was sentenced to 15 years in prison and fined 300,00 yuan. Four other members of staff who worked in the nursery's kitchen received sentences of between six to eight years, according to state media. The court found the four had been instructed by Li and Zhi to add toxic and harmful ingredients to food served to children and staff. Food samples were later found to contain lead 2,000 times in excess of China's national safety limit. The investigation into the poisoning began after 235 children from Heshi Peixin nursery had to be treated for lead poisoning after eating steamed red date cakes and sausage corn buns. Investigators found that the red date cake and the corn sausage rolls had lead levels of 1052mg/kg and 1340mg/kg respectively, both of which far exceed the national food safety standard limit of 0.5mg/kg. Lead poisoning is "particularly harmful to young children" and can "severely damage the brain and central nervous system", according to the World Health Organization. Officials later found that dozens of provincial officials and hospital staff attempted to cover up the incident by tampering with blood tests and accepting bribes from a nursery investor. China has since published a set of national guidelines for the provision of meals on campuses. Among the measures is the requirement for every new batch of food to be tested, and for flour, rice and cooking oil to be purchased from centralised procurement points only.

Highlights

- A report into the incident found that chefs at Heshi Peixin had used inedible paint to "enhance the look" of its meals to attract more students - despite the paint being being clearly marked as such.

Oregon teacher fought school attacker before armed dad shot suspect 'multiple times'

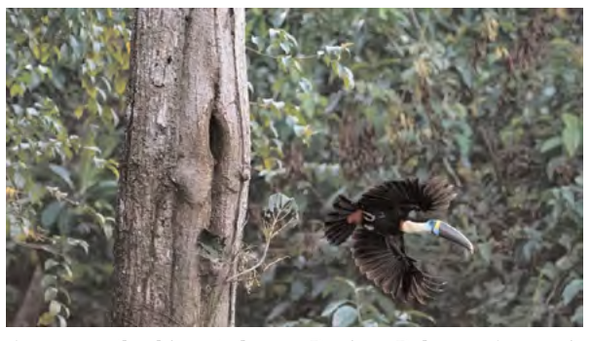


A female teacher in the US state of Oregon tackled a teenage shooter who entered her classroom and tried to wrestle the gun from his grasp, police have said. The teacher, who has not been named, threw her mobile phone before trying to disarm the 16-year-old on the floor of a classroom at Silver Rail Elementary in the city of Bend. The attacker killed three children and a teacher after shooting his way into the building on Thursday. He was shot dead by a father with two daughters at the school, who was driving past as the attack started to unfold and, armed with a pistol, ran in to confront the suspect. Police said the attacker used to be a student at the school. His motive remains unclear. He had been armed with about 44 more rounds of shotgun ammunition when he was stopped, police said. He fired as many as 15 rounds in the class. "To the people who showed courage in the face of such violence and intervened to prevent this tragedy from being any worse, we owe you a debt of gratitude," Bend Police Chief Mike Krantz said. Police used a news conference on Friday to identify two of the four victims of the school shooting. They were five-year-old Rhoam Summer and 25-year-old teacher Meghan Lambert.



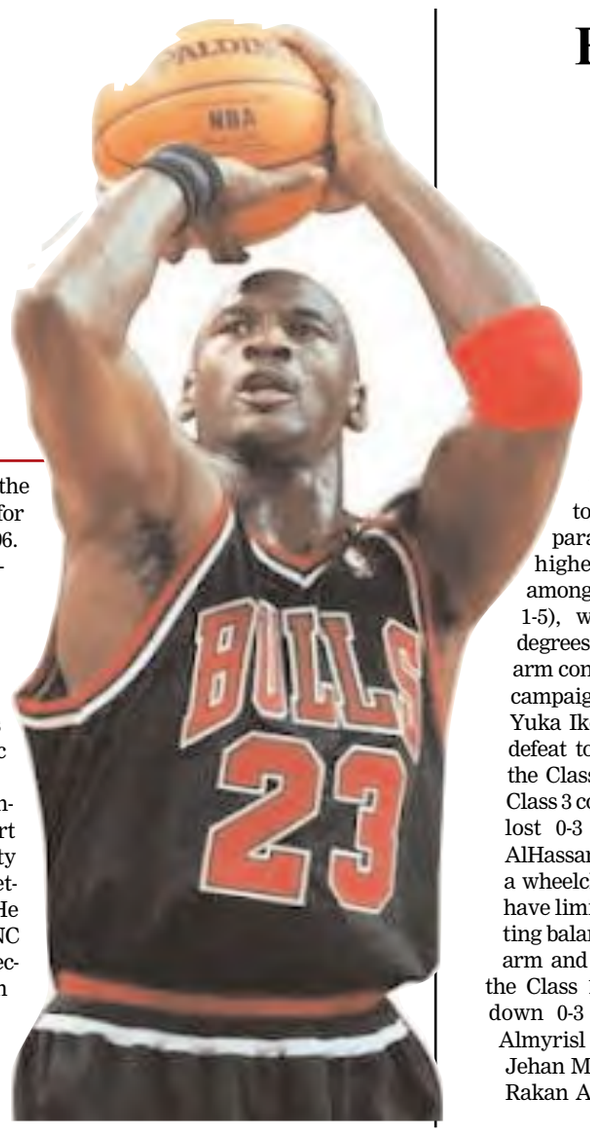
Major protest march held in Paris as more than 160 arrested across France

BRAZIL SEES RECORD FALL IN AMAZON DEFORESTATION AS KEY ELECTION LOOMS



Brazil's government says deforestation rates in the country's Amazon and savanna regions have fallen to record lows ahead of a presidential election run-off in which the rainforest's future is a key issue. Left-wing President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, when he assumed office three years ago, pledged to end deforestation by 2030 in the Amazon. It had surged under his right-wing predecessor, Jair Bolsonaro. Lula will face Bolsonaro's son Flavio in the run-off on 25 October, with polls suggesting a neck-and-neck race. Flavio is expected to continue his father's policies if he wins, though he has pledged to fight organised crime in the Amazon. Satellite data shows that in the year to July 2026, the deforestation rate fell by 41.8% in the Amazon - the biggest drop since records began in 1988. The fall in the Cerrado, Brazil's savanna region, was 23.8%. The Amazon rainforest - the world's largest - is a crucial buffer in the global fight against climate change and 60% of it is located in Brazil. Jair Bolsonaro promoted mining in indigenous lands in the Amazon and forest clearances soared at the same time as resources to protect the forest were cut. During Bolsonaro's presidency from 2019 to 2022, the Amazon lost nearly 60% more in forest lands compared to the previous four years, news agency AFP reported, citing official data. Lula reversed his policies and oversaw deforestation rates drop to a six-year low during his first year in office. Lula tightened up environmental monitoring and penalties for illegal logging. "Our goal is to achieve zero illegal deforestation by 2030," he said in a post on X on Friday. Tropical rainforests like the Amazon are home to millions of species. In a healthy state, they absorb vast quantities of planet-warming carbon dioxide, helping to keep the Earth cool. But they have come under increasing pressure from decades of deliberate land clearance for agriculture and logging, as well as climate change, which scientists warn can create conditions for wildfires. Brazil's Environment Minister Joao Paulo Capobianco described the decline in Amazon deforestation as "absolutely stratospheric". It was an "historic achievement" for Brazil, said Marcio Astrini, executive secretary at climate advocacy group Observatorio do Clima.

MICHAEL JORDAN DONATES $10 MILLION TO UNC



Michael Jordan, the popular NBA legend, remains indomitable on the court. But his effort for the community is as incredible as his performance. A few years back, he announced a massive grant to Novant healthcare. And now the veteran made a major contribution to the University of North Carolina to honour his mom, Deloris Jordan. The NBA legend donated $10 million to UNC's School of Social Work. The gift is the largest in the school's history and will help support students preparing for careers in social work.

Michael Jordan's $10 Million Gift Will Support Social Work Students

The donation will fund the new Jordan Family Scholars program. Ten Master of Social Work students will receive scholarships worth $12,500 each as the program's first recipients.

In a statement, Jordan opened up about his decision. He said, "My mother has always believed in the power of helping children, families and communities, and she has spent her life putting that belief into action."

He further made an emotional remark "North Carolina will always be home," adding that he hoped the gift would help more students pursue work that supports families and communities.

Prior to this, back in 2017, Novant Health announced a $7 million gift from Jordan to open two health clinics for families in the city. The clinics were intended to serve some of the city's most at-risk communities.

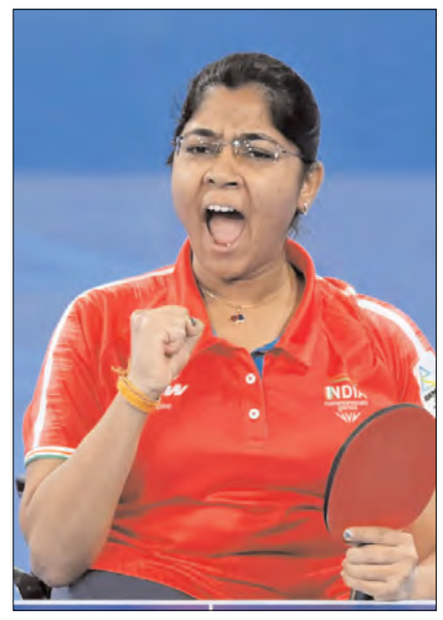
Then Novant Health reported that the two clinics had given patients more than 9,000 visits in 2023 alone. These moves sort of depicts Jordan's full commitment to the society.

MICHAEL JORDAN'S CONNECTION TO UNC GOES BEYOND BASKETBALL

Jordan's latest gift adds to a relationship with UNC that began long before his NBA career took off. He played for the Tar Heels from 1981 to 1984 and hit the winning shot in the 1982 national championship game against Georgetown. His family also established the Jordan Institute for Families in 1996. The institute supports work involving maternal health, caregiving, mental health, home visiting programs and economic assistance.

The legend has continued to support the university beyond its basketball program. He has also helped UNC maintain its connection with Jordan Brand, which became the school's apparel partner.

Bhavina Patel Continues Winning Run At Asian Para Games



Paralympics silver medallist Bhavina Patel continued her winning run at the Asian Para Games, defeating Jordan's Faten Eleimat in the women's para table tennis competition on Saturday. Bhavina brushed aside Eleimat 11-6, 11-7, 11-4 in the women's singles Class 4-5 Group A match in just 17 minutes to finish on top of Group A. Classes 4 and 5 in para table tennis represent the higher-functioning categories among wheelchair athletes (Classes 1-5), where players have varying degrees of sitting balance and trunk or arm control. Sonalben Patel began her campaign with a 3-0 win over Japan's Yuka Ikeyama but then suffered a 0-3 defeat to South Korea's Migyu Lee in the Class 3 event. In the men's singles Class 3 competition, Shubham Wadhwa lost 0-3 to Saudi Arabia's Ibrahim AlHassan. Class 3 in para table tennis is a wheelchair category for athletes who have limited trunk control and poor sitting balance but normal or near-normal arm and hand function. Competing in the Class 1 category, Ekta Bhyan went down 0-3 to Saudi Arabia's Maryam Almyrisl in the women's singles, while Jehan Madan lost 1-3 to Saudi Arabia's Rakan Alsalmi. Class 1 is the category for athletes with the most severe physical impairments among wheelchair competitors. It includes players who have no sitting balance and a severe reduction in playing-arm function, typically due to a spinal cord injury or polio. Dattaprasad Chougule lost 0-3 to local paddler Koyo Iwabuchi in a men's singles Class 9 group-stage match. Class 9 in para table tennis is a standing category for athletes with mild physical impairments affecting their legs or playing arm, or severe impairments affecting their non-playing arm.

INDIA EYE STRONG PARA ASIAN GAMES CAMPAIGN DESPITE REDUCED CONTINGENT



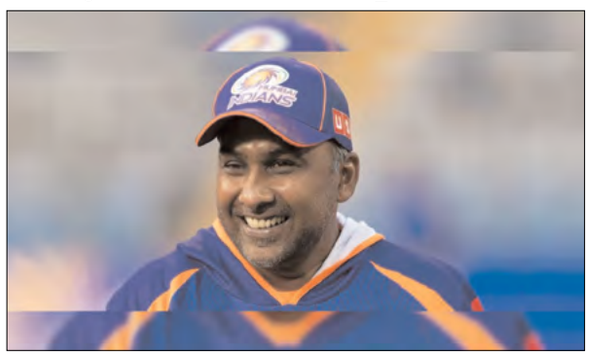
India will look to build on its record-breaking performance at the last Asian Para Games, but a much smaller contingent and selection disputes in two disciplines could make matching its 111-medal haul a challenge when the competition begins on Sunday. India finished fifth in Hangzhou in 2023 with 29 gold, 31 silver and 51 bronze medals, its best-ever haul at the continental multi-sport event. The challenge in Aichi-Nagoya will be different, with the country fielding around 168 athletes across 11 disciplines, compared to 303 in China. Tighter participation quotas and changes to the events on offer have contributed to the reduction. With fewer athletes competing, matching the previous overall tally will be difficult, and much will depend on how India's established medal-winners perform and whether its emerging athletes can make their mark on the continental stage. India's campaign at the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Para Games got underway on Saturday, with action beginning in para-badminton, para-table tennis, boccia and blind football ahead of Sunday's official opening ceremony. India missed out on fourth place in Hangzhou to South Korea by just one gold medal. Improving on that position will be a challenge, and a strong gold-medal tally, backed by podium finishes across disciplines, would make for a successful campaign even if India fall short of its record 111-medal haul. Para-athletics, India's biggest contributor in Hangzhou with 55 medals (18 gold, 17 silver and 20 bronze), will again be central to the campaign. However, the number of Indian competitors in the discipline has fallen from 123 to 62, a reduction of nearly 50 per cent that leaves the team with less depth across track and field events. Paralympic champion and world-record holder Sumit Antil, who competes in the F64 javelin throw, will be among India's leading medal prospects.

2 Australians In Mumbai Indians' 5-Man Head Coach Shortlist As Mahela Jayawardene Quits: Sources



As Mahela Jayawardene leaves the Mumbai Indians, the hunt for the franchise's next head coach has already started. On Saturday, Mumbai Indians announced that Jayawardene has decided to step down from his role, after about a decade of association with the franchise. Sources within the Mumbai Indians have revealed that the owners have prepared a 5-man shortlist for the head coach's role, with the interview process set to begin from Sunday. Among the 5 names shortlisted for the role, there are two Australians, including former Chennai Super Kings batting coach Michael Hussey. Sources told NDTV that other than Hussey, Aaron Finch, Adrian Birrell, Mark Boucher and Eoin Morgan are the names who will start giving interviews. With the IPL 2027 auction not too far, it wouldn't be a surprise if the name of Jayawardene's successor is announced in the coming days. Michael Hussey is undoubtedly among the strongest contenders, having held a coaching position with the Chennai franchise for a period of 9 years. Known as "Mr. Cricket," his calm, methodical approach is excellent for player development and stabilising high-pressure environments. He understands Indian pitches, conditions, and opposition strategies intimately, which makes him an asset. Aaron Finch, who led Australia to the 2021 T20 World Cup title, might also be an interesting candidate. Over the years, he has demonstrated clear strategic foresight and leadership to deliver under pressure. His experience of playing for multiple IPL franchises also gives him a thorough understanding of the tournament's landscape and Indian conditions. As for Eoin Morgan, he is the man who revolutionised England's white-ball culture with an aggressive, data-driven approach that aligns with MI's brand of high-octane cricket. He is regarded as one of the finest modern tactical minds in white-ball cricket, someone who excels in matchups, resource management, and situational tactics.

Mega Changes At Mumbai Indians Begin, Coach Mahela Jayawardene Steps Down



Mahela Jayawardene stepped down as the head coach of Mumbai Indians, the update was shared by the Indian Premier League (IPL) franchise on social media on Saturday. He served in the role for the side in two stints. The first was from 2017 to 2022, while the second lasted from 2024 to 2026. The resignation of Jayawardene marks the beginning of MI's massive transition that was around the corner. MI sources earlier confirmed to NDTV that the franchise is looking to trade its captain, Hardik Pandya, ahead of IPL 2027 and is open to proposals.

Talking about Jayawardene's decision, MI sources told NDTV that the management has started the process of finding a replacement for Jayawardene. The interviews will begin on Sunday, with the focus on bringing fresh eyes and minds to the team. Mahela has been much more than a Head Coach to Mumbai Indians. Under his leadership as Head Coach, Mumbai Indians won 3 IPL titles. Under Jayawardene as head coach, MI won three of their five titles, but the side performed poorly during the Sri Lankan's second stint. They finished at the bottom of the IPL 2024 points table. The following season, MI reached Qualifier 2 before ending IPL 2026 in ninth place.

"Some unforgettable moments": Here's what Jayawardene said

While talking about the big decision, Jayawardene said, "Mumbai Indians has been a very special part of my journey for over a decade now.

28-Year-Old Former AEW Star Eyes Chelsea Green's WWE Women's

Blake Monroe has made her interest in Chelsea Green's WWE Women's Championship pretty clear. The 28-year-old star touched the title during a backstage segment on the October 16 episode of SmackDown, and then she shared a picture of that moment on social media without adding any caption. Monroe was speaking with Nick Aldis about her ongoing issues with Giulia when Green entered the scene. Before leaving, Monroe pointed at the championship and told Green that her reign had lasted longer than she expected. It was a brief exchange, but Monroe hardly tried to hide where her attention is going.



Sophie Cunningham Criticises Angel Reese Over 'Dangerous' Play Before WNBA Finals



Sophie Cunningham has questioned why Angel Reese was not penalised for her actions during the WNBA semifinals, saying one of the plays was dangerous and could put other players at risk. The Indiana Fever guard spoke about Reese's confrontation with Sabrina Ionescu and her contact with Breanna Stewart during the Atlanta Dream's series against the New York Liberty. On her No Hesitation podcast, Cunningham said she understood Reese's desire to defend her teammates and praised her willingness to fight for the ball. However, she argued that playing hard should not mean putting opponents in danger. Reese's Atlanta side has since booked its place in the WNBA Finals.

Sophie Cunningham Says Angel Reese Should Have Received A Technical Foul Against Sabrina Ionescu

One incident that bothered Cunningham involved Ionescu during Game 3 of the semifinals. After the Liberty guard was called for an offensive foul on Atlanta's Iosbel Borlase, Reese followed her and got in her face. Cunningham said she respected Reese for standing up for a teammate, but believed the officials should have stepped in.

"Now, here we go … Angel, I appreciate her having her teammate's back. I think that just shows that she care and that she has love for her teammates," Cunningham said.



AB DE VILLIERS ADMITS KOHLI WAS "ARROGANT AND COCKY", REVEALS WHAT CHANGED HIM

There are few cricketers in world cricket who can boast a bond with Virat Kohli that extends as far beyond the field as AB de Villiers' does. Ever since the two first met on the pitch, they have been close friends. Their friendship truly blossomed when they began playing together for Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) in the Indian Premier League (IPL). Over the years, De Villiers' admiration for Kohli as both a cricketer and a person has grown manifold, but that does not change the fact that the former South Africa captain initially found the Indian stalwart "arrogant and cocky" when they first met. During a podcast with Prakhar Gupta, De Villiers was asked about his perception of Kohli when they first met. When asked if he really found Kohli "arrogant and Cocky", De Villiers responded saying: "Yeah, and I think he'll agree with that."

When asked to explain why that was the case, De Villiers said that the arrogance came from the fact that Kohli exuded a huge level of self-confidence.

"Just a high level of confidence and he's always played his cricket that way. It gets misinterpreted sometimes. In my case, that's what happened as well. He came across as overly confident," he said. "I mean, that was my first impression. It's always tongue-in-cheek when I say that, but I think he'll agree with that. He was a very confident youngster at the age of 19, 20, 21. Early days. That's also what's necessary to achieve great success. You really need to believe in your own ability and you just learn to manage that over the years," he added.

The South Africa great further explained that Kohli's arrogance gradually faded away as he climbed the ladder of success in the sport.

HAIKU' IS A SINCERE LOVE STORY THAT EXCITES US: KONA VENKAT



Starring Aegan, Sridevi (of Court fame), and Femina George as leads, the romantic entertainer 'Haiku' is being produced under the Vision Cinema House banner. Written and directed by Yuvaraj Chinnasamy, the film is produced by Dr. D. Arulanandu and Mathew Arulanandu. The movie is scheduled for release on October 23. Renowned writer and producer Kona Venkat and Director Ram Jagadeesh (of Court fame) attended the release press meet organized in Hyderabad on Saturday as chief guests. On this occasion... Heroine Sridevi said: This movie connected very deeply with my heart. As soon as I heard the story, I liked it immensely and immediately gave my nod. Whether you are in love, in a relationship, or a married couple, this film will appeal to everyone. You will see all the complications that exist in love in this movie. Aegan is very down-to-earth; it was a pleasure working with him. A big thanks to the director for handling me so calmly. Our entire team was extremely supportive. This is my debut. I hope you all enjoy it in theaters on October 23.

Hero Aegan said: I am new to the industry. Haiku is very close to my heart. We worked very hard on this film. I am extremely confident about it. Music director Sidhu Kumar has delivered the best music. I have known director Yuvaraj Chinnasamy for ten years, and we have now made a film together. We will 200% meet again in Hyderabad for the Haiku success meet. Director Ram Jagadeesh said: The Tamil film Haiku is now arriving in Telugu. My personal special interest in Haiku is Jabili (Sridevi). This marks her Tamil debut. She can speak any language with her eyes. She worked very hard for this film. The final output of the film has turned out very pleasant. The youth will strongly connect with this movie. All the best to the team.

Kona Venkat said: Haiku is releasing on October 23. As soon as I watched the trailer, it felt cool and refreshing. Selling the rights to an OTT platform first and then starting the shoot is truly commendable. The fact that they narrated the story to Netflix and made Haiku shows how much the script impressed them. This story will definitely excite everyone; it is a sincere love story.

OUR BELIEF HAS PAID OFF: SURIYADEVARA NAGA VAMSI EXPRESSES HAPPINESS OVER THE PHENOMENAL SUCCESS OF 'JAILER 2' IN TELUGU STATES



The phenomenal box-office performance of Superstar Rajinikanth's Jailer 2 in the Telugu states has brought immense joy to producer and distributor Suryadevara Naga Vamsi, who expressed his happiness over the film's encouraging response and strong theatrical performance.

The 2023 blockbuster Jailer, starring Superstar Rajinikanth and directed by Nelson Dilipkumar, created a sensation upon its release. Now, its sequel, Jailer 2, has arrived in theatres amid huge expectations. Produced by Kalanithi Maran under the Sun Pictures banner, the film was released on October 15 and received a positive response from audiences across sections right from its opening shows, with strong box-office collections.

The Telugu states' distribution rights were acquired by Suryadevara Naga Vamsi, head of the prominent production house Sithara Entertainments. The film has been performing strongly at the box office across Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Against this backdrop, Naga Vamsi held a press meet to share his happiness over the film's performance. Mythri Shashi of Mythri Movie Distributors, who distributed the film in the Nizam region, also attended the event.



TRIPTI DIMRI KILLS IT IN KOREAN STYLE

Tripti Dimri is known for her natural acting and a fast growing fan base across India. She shot to wider fame with Animal, and has also won praise for Bulbbul, Qala, Bad Newz and Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3.

Tripti shared pictures from Los Angeles in a relaxed Korean style street look. She wore a brown and white striped oversized tee with baggy light wash jeans and white sneakers. A beige cap, slim sunglasses and a black chain bag completed the outfit. She posed outside a Victoria's Secret store.

Tripti has the biggest film of her career in hand with Spirit, directed by Sandeep Reddy Vanga and starring Prabhas. The film is a pan India police action drama, and fans are waiting to see her in a fresh new role opposite the big star.Tripti Dimri is known for her natural acting and a fast growing fan base across India. She shot to wider fame with Animal, and has also won praise for Bulbbul, Qala, Bad Newz and Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3.

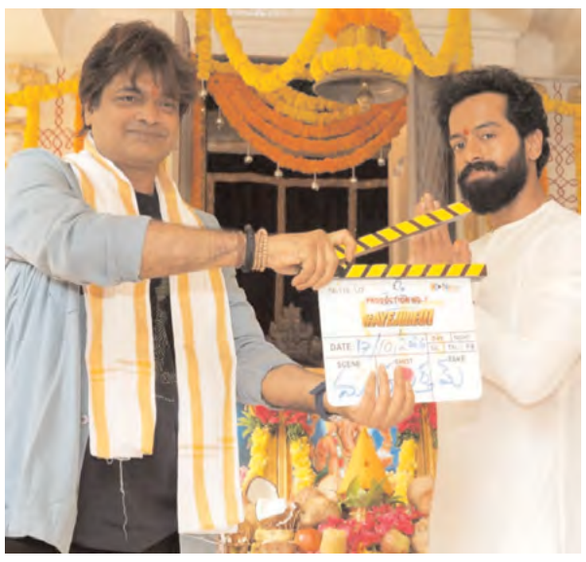
Keerthy Suresh's Birthday Special Poster Unveiled from Vijay Deverakonda's Rowdy Janardhana



A special birthday poster of actress Keerthy Suresh from the upcoming film Rowdy Janardhana, starring Vijay Deverakonda, has been unveiled on the occasion of her birthday. The film is being produced by star producers Dil Raju and Shirish under the prestigious banner of Sri Venkateswara Creations and is directed by talented young filmmaker Ravikiran Kola. Featuring Keerthy Suresh as the female lead, Rowdy Janardhana is being mounted as a grand pan-India project against the backdrop of a rural action drama. The birthday special poster showcases Keerthy Suresh in a beautiful traditional look, capturing attention with her elegant appearance. The makers unveiled the poster while extending their warm birthday wishes to the actress, adding to the excitement surrounding the film. With its rural action drama backdrop and Vijay Deverakonda in the lead, Rowdy Janardhana has generated considerable anticipation among his fans and movie lovers, who are eagerly waiting to experience the film on the big screen. The film is gearing up for a grand worldwide theatrical release this December.

YouTube Sensation Ajay (Aye Jude) Begins His Next Film with a Grand Pooja Ceremony

Production officially commenced today for the upcoming feature film starring youtube sensation Ajay (popularly known as Aye Jude). The film will be directed by Ramu Koppula and produced by Nexus Sridhar and Deepak Musthyala under their respective banners Nexus Cinemas and Skyblaze Silver Screen. The technical crew features music by Chaitan Bharadvaj, cinematography by Fahad Abdulmajeed and art direction by Kranthi Priyam. The film held a traditional opening pooja ceremony at Ramanaidu Studios which was attended by cast, crew, and special guests. Director B Gopal gaaru switched on the camera, while Director Harish Shankar gaaru gave the first clap



and Director Buchi Babu Sana gaaru directed the first shot. The event was also graced by distinguished guests Bezevada Prasanna gaaru, Thomas Reddy Aduri, Dr. Pruthviraj gaaru (Kranthidal), Srinivas Dasari gaaru (Kaloji TV), Raghu Ganji gaaru (Toli Velugu), Babu Degala gaaru and Satyam Rajesh gaaru.

'I HATE MARRIAGE' TEASER RELEASED

Sugi Vijay and Jupsi Bhadra (making her debut) play the lead roles in the upcoming film 'I Hate Marriage', produced jointly by Madham Dayanand and Karthik Vempati under the Arya Cinema banner. Parmesh Renukuntla is making his directorial debut with this film.

The film's recently released lyrical video of the song 'Appude Pella?' received an unexpected response, trending on social media. The makers have now released the film's teaser. Speaking on the occasion, director Parmesh Renukuntla said, "This film attempts to portray the thoughts, ideologies and perspectives of today's Gen Z generation, who aspire to balance love, marriage and career while also wanting to live independently. The film



naturally explores the emotions and decisions that young people face in their lives. Every young person will be able to relate to the characters in this film.

Director Sandeep Reddy Vanga Hails Vijay Deverakonda as India's Next Action Superstar

From Now On, Vijay Deverakonda Will Be the Face of Action Heroes in Indian Cinema" – Sensational Director Sandeep Reddy Vanga on Ranabaali*

Sensational director Sandeep Reddy Vanga has praised Vijay Deverakonda's action and fierce performance in Ranabaali, stating that Vijay will be the name that comes to mind when people talk about action heroes in Indian cinema. After watching the film, the director shared his thoughts on social media, expressing his admiration for Vijay's unique action sequences and intense screen presence.

Sharing his reaction, Sandeep Reddy Vanga said,



"Vijay, your action and fierce performance are outstanding. Watching your fights on screen, we could truly feel the intensity. From now on, when people talk about action heroes in Indian cinema, they will talk about you. Congratulations, Vijay." He further praised Rashmika Mandanna for her portrayal of Jayamma, noting that her performance felt realistic and engaging. He also highlighted Ajay–Atul's music as another major strength of the film. Sandeep Reddy Vanga congratulated director Rahul Sankrityan for choosing an intriguing historical backdrop and bringing it to the screen. He appreciated the filmmaker's effort to explore a chapter of history that has not found a place in our textbooks, making Ranabaali a film that brings lesser-known historical events to the attention of audiences.

PRANITHA SUBHASH TURNS HEADS IN LINGERIE STYLE



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