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Total pilgrims : 65,113
Tonsures : 26,391
Hundi kanukalu : 3.82 CR
Laddu sale... 3.71 Lac
Annaprasadam.. 1.71 Lac
Ashwini hospital..2,677
Present Situation on 23-10-2026:
Waiting Compartments..26

Approx. Darsan Time for Sarvadarshanam (with out SSD Tokens)...10 H.

Inbriefs

Jio Platforms IPO receives over one crore applications, sets global record

New Delhi, Oct 23: Jio Platforms Ltd's initial public offering (IPO) has received more than one



crore applications, setting a new global record for an IPO, according to exchange data on Friday. The issue has surpassed the previous reported record of around 97 lakh applications received by Waaree Energies Ltd, making it one of the most widely subscribed public offerings in terms of investor participation.

SBI data breach: Hyderabad advocate moves NHRC, seeks CBI probe

Hyderabad: A city-based advocate has filed a complaint with the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), seeking a CBI investigation into the alleged loss of personal data of a substantial number of State Bank of India (SBI) customers. In his complaint dated October 21, Yennam Balachander Reddy refers to media reports on the issue as well as the bank's communication to the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) regarding the same. The NHRC has acknowledged receipt of the complaint.



CM Revanth pushes for Tummidihatti talks

Proposal seeks Maharashtra's approval as CM Fadnavis agrees to talks after October 23; barrage aims to irrigate two lakh acres in undivided Adilabad district

Hyderabad, TSIT BUREAU:



Chief Minister A.Revanth Reddy on Friday directed irrigation officials to prepare a comprehensive technical proposal seeking Maharashtra's approval for constructing the proposed Tummidihetti barrage at a height of 152 metres. Chairing a review meeting at Bodhi Pavilion, the Chief Minister said Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis had expressed willingness to hold discussions after October 23. He asked officials to present Telangana's irrigation requirements with detailed assessments of water availability, diversion capacity and potential submergence.

Engineers informed the meeting that a barrage at 152 metres would submerge approximately 2,300 acres, compared with less than 1,000 acres at 150 metres. Officials stated that villages in Maharashtra would not face submergence.Revanth Reddy directed officials to thoroughly assess the impact in Maharashtra and prepare a proposal that would maximise water diversion. He noted that the previously agreed height of 148 metres would not allow diversion of the required quantity of water.

The proposed barrage aims to provide irrigation to two lakh acres in undivided Adilabad district. Highlighting the needs of tribal and forest-dwelling communities, the Chief Minister said constructive consultations with Maharashtra could help resolve the region's long-standing irrigation problems. He instructed engineers to prepare the water conveyance alignment from Tummidihetti to Yellampalli and initiate land acquisition once clarity emerged on the barrage height. Officials were also directed to compile records of interstate discussions held under the Central Water Commission and promptly furnish information sought by it.Reviewing the Dindi and Achampet lift irrigation schemes, the Chief Minister directed officials to arrange 0.5 TMC of water for Dindi and 0.1 TMC for Achampet from Yedula reservoir.

Kharge questions Centre over China

NEW DELHI (TSIT)



"Enough clean chits to China. PM Modi must come clean before India!" and posed three pointed questions covering national security, economic security and diplomatic accountability.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge has sharply questioned the Union government over its handling of relations with China, demanding that Prime Minister Narendra Modi take Parliament and the nation into confidence rather than targeting the Opposition.

In a strongly worded post on his X handle, the Congress chief declared, "Enough clean chits to China. PM Modi must come clean before India!" and posed three pointed questions covering national security, economic security and diplomatic accountability. On the issue of national security, Kharge expressed deep alarm over the confirmation by the Director General of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police of continuing face-offs with the People's Liberation Army in Arunachal Pradesh.

Recalling the earlier confrontations at Doklam and Galwan, he asked whether another serious confrontation was unfolding. He referred to reports of Chinese incursions near Taksing that emerged in August and noted that even 47 days after Corps Commander-level talks held at Wacha–Damai, reportedly just 180 kilometres away, the confrontations had not ceased. Kharge questioned whether India's patrolling access had been compromised and stressed that Arunachal Pradesh remains an inseparable part of India.

Draw lessons from tribal harmony with nature: Prez Murmu

JAGDALPUR (TSIT)



President Droupadi Murmu on Friday called for drawing lessons from the close relationship tribal communities share with nature, stressing that development must go hand in hand with environmental protection. She was speaking at a public gathering in Chhattisgarh's Jagdalpur city during the Bastar Dussehra celebrations. Describing Bastar Dussehra as a reflection of Chhattisgarh's cultural pride and collective faith, Murmu said the festival stood out for the participation of the entire community.

She noted that its rituals brought people from different sections of society together and strengthened their bonds. The President also referred to Chhattisgarh's long struggle with Naxalism. She said coordinated efforts by the Centre and the state government helped the region move beyond Naxal violence and accelerate its progress.

Murmu welcomed efforts to extend financial support to tribal entrepreneurs and improve their access to markets. She expressed confidence that such initiatives would contribute to the goal of Viksit Bharat by 2047 through equitable and inclusive development. The President said that tribal communities regard nature as a source of life and worship it.

Their way of living offers lessons for a development model that respects the environment, she added, underlining the need to protect and nurture nature. Prior to the public programme, Murmu interacted with local Manjhi and Chalki representatives at the Muria Darbar. She also visited a rangoli display and a Dussehra exhibition in Jagdalpur.

India urges nationals in Europe to stay alert

NEW DELHI (TSIT):

India on Friday advised its nationals in France, Italy and Belgium to remain vigilant and avoid areas where protests are taking place, saying its missions in these countries are closely following the developments and are in regular touch with the Indian community. Addressing a bi-weekly media briefing in New Delhi, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal also urged Indian nationals to follow the advisories being issued by the local authorities. "We have our missions in France, Italy and Belgium.

India has recovered over 650 stolen ancient statues in 12 years: PM Modi

> **Addressing the Chinmaya Amrit Mahotsav Global Sammelan in New Delhi, PM Modi said preserving India's heritage was one of the missions of Swami Chinmayananda, the founder of the Chinmaya Mission.**

NEW DELHI (TSIT):



Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said that India has recovered more than 650 stolen ancient statues over the past 12 years, highlighting the government's efforts to preserve the country's cultural heritage. He also said that a revival of India's cultural centres was taking place from north to south and east to west."There was another mission of Swamiji: the conservation of Indian heritage. You have seen the Vivekananda Rock Memorial. Today, it is a source of inspiration for millions of people visiting from across India and the world," he said.

The Prime Minister cited several examples of India's cultural and spiritual heritage being restored to prominence, including the Kashi Vishwanath Dham, the Ram temple in Ayodhya, and the sacred sites of Kedarnath and Badrinath.

"A revival of India's cultural centres is taking place from north to south and east to west. Whether it is the new look of the Kashi Vishwanath Dham, the grand temple of Lord Shri Ram in Ayodhya, or our sacred sites such as Kedarnath and Badrinath, these places are regaining their prominence," he said.

Referring to Kedarnath, PM Modi said a magnificent statue of Adi Shankaracharya had been installed at the site where the philosopher is believed to have attained his final state of existence. "If you visited Kedarnath recently, you would have seen a magnificent and divine statue of Adi Shankaracharya installed at the place where he left his mortal body.

All 14 Indian nationals aboard yacht off Yemen coast safe: Indian Embassy

Aden (Yemen), Oct 23 : The Indian Embassy in Yemen said on Friday that all 14 Indian nationals on board a yacht involved in an incident off the coast of Yemen are safe, and it will continue to work to ensure their well-being.



In a statement shared on X, the Indian Embassy in Saudi Arabia stated, "Reports suggest that all 14 Indian nationals are safe and located around Hodeidah in Yemen. We will continue to work for ensuring their well being."

Earlier in the day, the Indian embassy said that it has been making efforts to find more details about the incident off the coast of Yemen on October 22 in which apparently there were Indian nationals (sailors) on board a yacht.

It further stated, "Given the prevailing conflict situation exact information is not currently available. We have reached out to different parties to establish circumstances and facts of the incident and hope to update as soon as authentic information becomes available."

On Thursday, Yemen's Houthis claimed that their forces engaged in a rescue operation after Saudi Arabia targeted an Indian yacht carrying 14 Indian nationals near Zuqar Island in the southern Red Sea.

Citing preliminary information, Houthi military spokesperson Yahya Saree said that the Yemeni Armed Forces would provide more details later.

"The Saudi enemy is targeting an Indian yacht near Zuqar Island, carrying 14 people of Indian nationality, according to preliminary information. The Yemeni Armed Forces are rescuing them and will provide more details later. This reckless act by the Saudi enemy in targeting it threatens international navigation in the Red Sea, and the international community must stop the Saudi enemy from these reckless actions," Saree had posted on X.

The latest incident comes after an Indian national was among two people killed, while two other Indian nationals were injured, in an attack on King Fahd International Airport in Saudi Arabia's Dammam on Wednesday, the Indian Embassy in Riyadh said.

India on Thursday condemned the continued attacks on civilian and energy infrastructure in Saudi Arabia, including the attack on King Fahd International Airport and Aramco's Shaybah oil field, while expressing hope that peace and normalcy would return to the region at the earliest.

Over 100 detained as anti-SIR protesters march towards ECI office

The march was halted near the Bangla Sahib Gurdwara, where police put up barricades.

NEW DELHI (TSIT):



A large number of protesters, including representatives from the Samyukt Kisan Morcha, trade unions, student bodies and Left parties, took out a protest march in the capital on Friday, October 23, demanding the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and the withdrawal of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls.

Delhi Police detained more than 100 protesters, according to The Indian Express, as demonstrators tried to march towards the headquarters of the Election Commission of India (ECI) on Ashoka Road in central Delhi, putting up barricades on the road.The march, called by the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) and the Delhi coordination committee of People Against SIR, a people's collective, began near the Gole Dak Khana, a few hundred metres from the ECI headquarters, with participants carrying the national flag and banners demanding an end to the electoral roll revision exercise.The protesters raised slogans against the chief election commissioner, including "Gyanesh Kumar, resign", "Halt SIR" and "Won't tolerate vote theft", alleging that the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise led to the deletion of numerous voters from the electoral rolls.

3.0 earthquake in Bengaluru Rural district, tremors reach 30 km

Bengaluru: An earthquake measuring 3.0 on the Richter scale was recorded in Bengaluru Rural district on Friday morning, October 23, the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC) said. According to the KSNDMC report, the earthquake occurred at 9.01 am, with its epicentre located 0.5 km north of Timmojanahalli village in Tubagere gram panchayat of Doddaballapura taluk. The quake originated at a depth of 10 km. The earthquake was recorded at latitude 13° 22° 4.8' N and longitude 77° 33° 46.8' E. The seismic intensity observed in the area was low, and tremors may have been felt within a radius of 20 to 30 km from the epicentre.

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CM Revanth orders drought action plan, assures work for rural families

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy called for coordinated measures to tackle drought conditions, protect drinking water supplies and provide employment to rural families, warning that water shortages could continue until next July. Addressing a meeting at Praja Bhavan, the Chief Minister announced that the government would issue daily bulletins on El Niño and prevailing conditions. Special Chief Secretary Ramakrishna Rao, appointed nodal officer, would provide regular updates, he said.

Revanth Reddy said a Cabinet subcommittee headed by Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka was overseeing preparedness. He stressed that people must receive accurate information about water availability, electricity demand and precautions against extreme heat. The Chief Minister directed officials to establish a toll-free number for drinking water complaints and ensure immediate action on grievances. Hyderabad, other towns and villages should be closely monitored to prevent shortages, he said.

Expressing concern over depleted reservoirs and groundwater, he cautioned farmers against fresh cultivation without assured irrigation, noting that electricity supply alone could not sustain crops where groundwater was unavailable. He assured farmers that the government would make every effort to supply water to standing monsoon crops, while warning that planting



crops without adequate water could result in investment losses. "Even if cultivation is not possible, we will provide work to families," Revanth Reddy said, directing officials to generate employment through the rural employment guarantee scheme, including works on farm access roads, tanks, ponds and canals. He also instructed officials to arrange fodder and drinking water for livestock and take precautions to prevent heatstroke deaths.

Appealing for electricity conservation, the Chief Minister asked government offices to reduce consumption. He said procuring power was becoming difficult even at Rs.15 per unit and commended Bhatti Vikramarka and electricity officials for maintaining supplies amid rising demand.

Revanth Reddy asked ministers, MPs, MLAs and MLCs to visit villages regularly from Sankranti until May, with Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao monitoring their visits. He appreciated the weekly farmer awareness programmes being conducted at Rythu Vedikas. Rejecting opposition criticism blaming Congress for drought conditions, the Chief Minister urged public representatives to explain the situation honestly and encourage water conservation. He also asked MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy to establish an information help desk at Gandhi Bhavan. The government's priority, he said, was to safeguard drinking water, sustain rural livelihoods and prepare people to face the coming months.

DGP CV ANAND CALLS FOR JOINT SECRETARIAT TO COMBAT INTERSTATE CRIME

Hyderabad, TSIT: Telangana Director General of Police C.V. Anand called for a joint secretariat and the appointment of nodal officers across southern states to strengthen information sharing and coordinated action against interstate crime. Presiding over the Southern Regional Police Coordination Meeting at the Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) on Friday, Anand stressed the need for a structured mechanism to tackle cybercrime, drug trafficking, terrorism and organised criminal networks.

The participating police departments agreed to establish a coordination secretariat, nominate nodal officers and hold regular meetings to exchange information on offenders and strengthen joint operations.

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, who inaugurated the



meeting, described expenditure on policing as an investment in public safety and a better future. He expressed Telangana's readiness to share its technological infrastructure and command and control systems with neighbouring states.

Anand said Telangana Police was modernising its operations and deploying specialised personnel to meet emerging challenges in cyber security, narcotics control, road safety and enforcement.

Highlighting the work of the Telangana Cyber Security Bureau, he said Rs.69.4 crore had been returned to cyberfraud victims. The bureau had secured the top national position twice consecutively in the Prime Minister's PRAGATI review, he added. The DGP said the EAGLE anti-narcotics force had apprehended national and international drug offenders and received a national award from Union Home Minister Amit Shah at a meeting in New Delhi on September 22.

He reported that 824 Maoists had surrendered in Telangana. With reduced requirements for forest combing operations, specialised personnel were being reorganised and deployed according to emerging policing needs, he said. Anand explained that the Rs.600-crore ICCC integrated more than one lakh CCTV cameras and supported police operations, disaster management and coordination among government departments.The meeting brought together senior police officers from southern states and Union Territories, along with representatives of central agencies. Discussions covered terrorism, human trafficking, financial offences, interstate gangs, new criminal laws and artifi-

Prevent drinking water shortages, make villages 'zero-waste' water zones: Collector



Nalgonda/Devarkonda: District Collector B. Chandrashekhar has urged Sarpanches and village secretaries to take proactive measures to ensure there are no drinking water shortages in villages over the next 10 months. He emphasised the need for judicious use of every drop of water, prevention of pipeline leaks and elimination of water wastage, with the goal of transforming villages into 'zero-waste' water zones.

The Collector made these remarks while attending an awareness session organised by DRDA in Devarkonda on Friday regarding the impact of El Niño and necessary precautionary steps.

In light of rising temperatures due to El Niño, directions were given to conduct an audit of water storage in village tanks, Mission Bhagiratha schemes, borewells and canals to ensure no water scarcity until July. Measures must be taken to plug leakages and promote groundwater recharge through construction of soak pits. Farmers should be encouraged to cultivate less water-intensive crops such as bajra, jowar, black gram and red gram, and supported through collective farming in groups of 30, with assistance for marketing their produce. The directive also includes utilising MGNREGS for various works, ensuring drinking water availability for livestock and creating livelihood opportunities for women's self-help groups. Steps will also be taken to establish ration shops in newly formed panchayats and settle pending bills for 'Amma Adarsha Pathashala' projects.

Collector Calls for Crop Diversification.

MANCHERIAL, OCT. 23, TSIT : District Collector Kumar Deepak has called for promoting crop diversification and encouraging farmers to cultivate less water-intensive crops amid changing weather conditions and declining water availability.

At a review meeting with mandal agriculture officers at the Integrated District Offices Complex in Naspur on Friday, the Collector stressed the need to create awareness among farmers about alternative crops and water-saving agricultural practices.

He said the Khet Bachao Abhiyan would be conducted at Rythu Vedikas across the district until November 30. Officials were asked to prepare mandal-wise crop diversification plans and organise village-level meetings.



The Collector also stressed the need to ensure quality seed availability, monitor seed sales, promote oil palm cultivation and encourage farmers to adopt dryland crops. He directed officials to create awareness about maize minimum support price, procurement of fine rice varieties and cotton harvesting and procurement.

He also called for training farmers in modern farming and water conservation methods through the Krishi Vigyan Kendra and promoting successful water-saving practices followed by farmers.

District Agriculture Officer Surekha and other officials attended the meeting.

Farmers should shift to dry-land crops in Yasangi season: Collector Pratima Singh

Narsapur (TSIT): District Collector Pratima Singh called upon farmers to shift towards cultivating ID (irrigated dry) crops during the Yasangi season. On Friday, she visited Chinna Chintakunta village in Narsapur mandal and interacted directly with farmers regarding their Yasangi cropping patterns. She advised farmers to take into account rainfall deficits and changing climatic conditions, urging them to choose alternative crops instead of paddy to conserve water resources. District Agriculture Officer Dev Kumar, Horticulture Officer Pratap Singh, local Sarpanch Saritha Mahesh, Mandal Agriculture Officer Deepika and local farmers participated in the programme.



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Notice No. eT-SrDME-VSKP- 018-2026 PUB/SCoR-431

For & On behalf of the President of India. Acting through DRM (Mech), South Coast Railway, Visakhapatnam invites e-Bids in Single Packet System at website **https://www.ireps.gov.in** for the under mentioned works from the tenderers.

Sl. No. 1, **Name of the work:** Installation of Manual Hand Pump in Cummins G5 Engines to Prevent Airlock issues, **Approx cost of the work Rs.:** 72,47,859.32/- **Cost of tender document:** Nil **Earnest money to be deposited Rs:** 1,45,000/- **Completion period of the work:** 12 (Twelve) months, **Tender closing date & Time:** 13.11.2026, 15.00 Hrs

No Manual offers sent by post/courier/Fax or in person shall be accepted against such e-tenders even if these are submitted on firm's letter head and received in time. All such manual offers shall be rejected summarily without any consideration.

Complete information including e-tender documents of the above e-tender is available in website. **https://www.ireps.gov.in.**

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Divisional Railway Manager (Mech) / Visakhapatnam

Tender Notice No VSKP-SnT-26-27-Works-16 PUB/SCoR-432

For and on behalf of the President of India, the undersigned invites E-Tender for the following works.

Tender No.: VSKP-SnT-26-27-WORKS-16, **Name of Work :** 1. Signalling portion of work in connection with TTR (FS+ TWS +WCMSC)-17 sets, TTR(WCMSC)-36, TTR(FS)-130, TTR (CS+CMS)-80, TTR (CS)-21, TTR(CMSC)-12 GJ-554 TWSEJ - 660. 2. Signalling portion of work in connection with CTR-P-2.734 Km, TRR-P-15.253 TTR(FS+TWS+CMSC)-39 sets, TTR(DS)-02sets, Glued Joints-350 Nos & Side Drain-1625 meters bet Korukonda - Duvvada-Loop Lines. 3. Signalling portion of work in connection with TRR (P) - 25.948, TTR (FS+TWS+CMSC)-11 sets between Palasa-Vizianagaram- Donkinivalasa - Loop Lines. 4. Signalling portion of work in connection with Palasa-Vizianagaram - Donkinivalasa-TSR(P) - 26.181 Tkm. 5. Signalling portion of work in connection with TRR(P)-22.244 TKm between Korukonda-Duvvada Sections. 6. Signalling portion of work in connection with Palasa - Korukonda - Donkinivalasa & NWP-GNPR - Renewal of 60Kg CMS Xings - 50 Sets. 7. Signalling portion of work in connection with TTR (CMSC Xings)-50 sets between Korukonda -Duvvada section. 8. Signalling portion of work in connection with Palasa-Ponduru- Renewal of 60Kg CMS Xing's-45 Nos. 9. Signalling portion of work in connection with Palasa - Korukonda (VZM & KUK Yards) - TTR (CS+CMSC)-3 sets. 10. Signalling portion of work in connection with TRR(P)- 1.691 km from Km. 831.000 to 834.960 DN line in patches between Korukonda- Alamanda in Main Line. **Quantity:** As mentioned in Tender Document.,**Period of completion:** 12 months., **Tender Value Rs.:** 3,32,06,055.50/- (Rupees Three Crore Thirty Two Lakh Six Thousand Fifty Five & Fifty Paise only). **Bid Security/Earnest Money to be deposited Rs.:** 6,64,100/- (Rupees Six Lakh Sixty Four Thousand and One Hundred Only).**Cost of tender document Rs.:** 0/- (Nil). **Offer validity:** 60 days from date of opening. **Type of tender:** Works Tender governed by GCC - 2022 for Works. **System of Tendering:** Open Tender - Single Packet. **Time & Date of tender closing:** 15:00 Hrs of 10.11.2026, **Tender Document and corrigendum:** Visit website **http://www.ireps.gov.in, Postal Address for Correspondence:** O/o of Sr.DSTE/VSKP, DRM office Building, Dondaparthy, Visakhapatnam-530004, Andhra Pradesh.

Divisional Signal & Telecommunication/ Engineer/Visakhapatnam

Open e-Tender Notice No. DRM/ Works/BZA/34/2026 Dt. 22.10.2026 PUB/SCoR-433

For and on behalf of the President of India, the undersigned invites E-Tenders for the following works up to 15-00 hours and the date mentioned against each.

Sl. No. 1.: **Tender No.:** E-19-CENTRAL - BZA-2026, **Details of Work: Name of work:** Vijayawada Division: BZA-VSKP Section. Proposed safety related track maintenance works and other miscellaneous works in SSE/ P.Way /NZD & SSE/P.Way /EE sections under ADEN/Eluru Sub-Division of DEN/Central /BZA Jurisdiction for the year 2026-2027., **Period of completion:** 12 (Twelve Months) **Tender value Rs.:** 1,85,80,775/- **E.M.D. Rs.:** 3,71,600/- **Date of closing:** 06/11/2026

Sl. No. 2.: **Tender No.:** E-31-EAST-BZA-2026, **Details of Work: Name of work:** SW-I) - Vijayawada Division - BZA-GDV-BVRM Section (UP& DN) : TSR(P)-23.237 kmwith PQRS (50% by using Railway Portal cranes & 50% by using Contractors own portal cranes) of Exg. 60kg/90UTS rails on PSC6 sleepers 1540Nos/km density withnew wider PSC sleepers 1660 Nos./Km including recoupment and increasing ofballast cushion to 35 cm and deep screening of ballast at various locations inDEN/East/BZA Jurisdiction. SW(II) Vijayawada Division : Gudivada - Machilipatnamsection (DN) : (i) CTR(P) with PQRS of Exg. 52kg/90UTS rails on PSC6 sleepers1660Nos/km density with new 60Kg R260 grade rails (LWR) on new wider PSC sleepers 1660 Nos./Km including recoupment and increasing of ballast cushion to35 cm. & deep screening of ballast for a total length of 18.817Km (PQRS byRailway Portal Cranes= 7.524 Km & PQRS by Contractors own Portal Crane -11.293Km in DEN/East/BZA Jurisdiction. SW-III) Vijayawada Division: Gudivada-Machilipatnam section: (i) CTR (P) from 14.878 to 25.479 =10.601km (DN) withPQRS of Exg. 52kg/90UTS rails on PSC5/PSC6 sleepers 1540/1660 Nos/km density with new 60Kg R260 grade rails (LWR) on new wider PSC sleepers 1660 Nos./Kmincluding recoupment & increasing of ballast cushion to 35 cm.(ii)BZA-KI Section- TRR (P) of Exg. 60Kg /90UTS Rails on PSC 60kg sleepers 1660/km density with new 60 Kg/R260 Rails on PSC 60kg sleepers 1660/km density UP Line 581.381-582.214 of length 0.833km in DEN/East/BZA jurisdiction. SW-IV Vijayawada Division: KI-BZA section GJ-27 No's, TWSEJ-3No's,BZA-GDV-BVRM &GDVMTMSection's TFR(CGRSP) of length 48.811km & BZA-GDV section TFR (A/F) oflength 1.000 km in DEN/East/BZA Jurisdiction., **Period of completion:** 12 (Twelve Months) **Tender value Rs.:** 9,98,81,537/- **E.M.D. Rs.:** 19,97,600/- **Date of closing:** 13/11/2026

1) Tender conditions/other particulars such as the details of Name of work in full, the similar nature of the above works, eligibility criteria etc., are available in the Tender documents published in website at **"www.ireps.gov.in".**
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3) The Tender Notice is also displayed in the Notice Board located in the office of Divisional Railway Manager (Works), S.C.Railway, Vijayawada and ADEN sub-divisional offices of Vijayawada Division which can be seen.
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Divisional Railway Manager (Works)/ Vijayawada

E-Tender Notice No.29-2026 Dt: 23-10-2026 PUB/SCoR-434

Senior Divisional Engineer/ Coordination/ Guntakal acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders for the following works

Closing date & Time: 16/11/2026 at 15:00 hrs

Sl. No. 1, **Tender No.** Engg-GTL-South-2167, **Description of work**: RU-GY Section (UP/DN):- Proposed Track related activities to maintain assets to permissible tolerances on UP & DN lines under SSE/P.Way/YA & HX sections of ADEN/HX Sub-Divisions under Sr.DEN/ South Jurisdiction in view to GM Inspection., **Advertised Value in Rs.:** 1,14,90,789.60 **Earnest Money Deposit in Rs.:** 2,29,800.00

Sl. No. 2, **Tender No.** Engg-GTL-South-2168, **Description of work**: RU-GY Section (UP/DN):- Proposed Track related activities to maintain assets to permissible tolerances on UP & DN lines under SSE/P.Way/KOU & NRE sections of ADEN/RJP Sub-Divisions under Sr.DEN/ South Jurisdiction in view to GM Inspection., **Advertised Value in Rs.:** 1,29,06,316.1 **Earnest Money Deposit in Rs.:** 2,58,100.00

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The below mentioned Borrower and Co – Borrower/s (collectively referred as "Borrowers") mortgaged their immovable property (securities) to Fedbank Financial Services Limited (hereinafter referred to as "Fedfina") and avail the Loan. The said Loan is classified as Non – performing Asset because the Borrowers have failed to repay the Loan amount. In this connection Fedfina had issued a Demand Notice respectively as mentioned below under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 to the addressee. The details are published here as an alternative service under Section 13(2) and Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. You are requested to repay the amount mentioned in the Demand Notice and the accompanying interest within 60 days of the publication of this notice. In case of failure to do so, the signatory shall take such appropriate action under Section 13(4) and 14 of the Act on the said property to safe guard the interest of the Fedfina. Details of Loan Number, Borrowers, Demand Notice sent under Section 13(2), amount requested and details of immovable property are given below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower / Co-Borrowers Property Holders as the case may be	Description of Secured Assets / Mortgage Property	Dt. of Demand Notice U/s. 13(2) & Total O/s.
1	**Loan Account No.: FEDSIDSTL0507800 1. Balreddy Dairy Farm (Borrower); 2. Naredla Bal Reddy S/o. Naredla Venkat Reddy (Co – Borrower); 3. Naredla Vijaya Laxmi W/o Naredla Bal Reddy (Co – Borrower)**	All that the Piece and Parcel of Building House bearing Door No. 4-5, admeasuring of 254-22 Sq.Yards, equals to 212-52 Sq.Meters, With R.C.C Plinth Area 800-00 Sq. Feets. Bounded by:- North: House of V. Yadhi Reddy; South: G.P, Road; East: House of M.D. Iqbal; West: House of Pathuri Ramulu. The Property Is Situated At Alimpur Village, Bachannapet Mandal, Dist Jangaon. Under Registration Sub-Registrar Office Jangaon, District Registrar At Warangal	**Date of Demand Notice: 12/10/2026** Rs. 2,215,567/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Seven Only) as on 07/10/2026; **NPA Date: 4/10/2026**
2	**Loan Account No.: FEDHYCLAP0552077 1. Kiku FMCG Industries Private Limited (Borrower); 2. Kiku Logistics Private Limited (Co – Borrower); 3. Kankipati Kiran Kumar (Co – Borrower); 4. Kankipati Padma (Co – Borrower)**	All Piece And Parcel Of Mortgaged Property Bearing All That The Residential Flat No 202 Bearing Municipal No 6-3-451 & 451/A/202 (Ptin 1100613038) , First Floor Of Unity Homes, Admg 1375 Sq Ft Including Common Areas And Car Parking Together With Undivided Share In The Land Measuring 55 Sq Yards Out Of Total Land Admg 464 Sq Yards In The Premises Bearing Municipal No 6-3-451 & 451/A, 451/B Situated At Punjagutta Hyderabad, Telengana-500082. Bounded By: East: Flat No 201; West: Open To Sky; North: Corridor; South: Open To Sky	**Date of Demand Notice: 13/10/2026** Rs. 5143492/- (Rupees Fifty One Lac Forty Three Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Two Only) as on 13/10/2026; **NPA Date: 12/10/2026**
3	**Loan Account No.: FEDHYCLAP0556161, FEDHYCLAP0556158 & FEDSRN0BL0509618 1. Meena Multi Speciality Hospital (Borrower) 2. Peddi Pandurangam (Co – Borrower) 3. Ramilla Meena (Co – Borrower)**	**Property No 1:** All That Semi Finished Residential Flat Bearing No 402, In The Fourth Floor, Of Built Up Area 1205 Sq Ft And Car Parking Area Of 80 Sq Ft In The Stilt Floor(Inculding Common Floors) Along With Undivided Share Of Land Admg 45 Sq Yards Or Equivalent To 37.62 Sq Mtrs Out Of Total 2987.5 Sq Yards In The Apartment Known As Meena Arcade, Constructed On Premises Of Land Survey No 266, Covered Under Ward No 1 And Block No 19, Situated At Alwal, Alwal Village Under Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation Alwal Circle The Then Malkajgiri Mandal, Ranga Reddy District Now Newly Formed As Alwal Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District. Bounded By: East –Corridor; West –Open To Sky; North -Flat No 403; South -Flat No 401. **Property No 2:** All That Semi Finished Residential Flat Bearing No 508, In The Fourth Floor, Of Built Up Area 1200 Sq Ft And Car Parking Area Of 80 Sq Ft In The Stilt Floor(Inculding Common Floors) Along With Undivided Share Of Land Admg 45 Sq Yards Or Equivalent To 37.62 Sq Mtrs Out Of Total 2987.5 Sq Yards In The Apartment Known As Meena Arcade, Constructed On Premises Of Land Survey No 266, Covered Under Ward No 1 And Block No 19, Situated At Alwal, Alwal Village Under Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation Alwal Circle The Then Malkajgiri Mandal, Ranga Reddy District Now Newly Formed As Alwal Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District. Bounded By: East –Open To Sky; West –Corridor; North -Flat No 507; South - Flat No 509.	**Date of Demand Notice: 13/10/2026** Rs. 10451350/- (Rupees One Crore Four Lac Fifty One Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Only) as on 13/10/2026 i.e., Rs. 4722545/- (Rupees Forty Seven Lac Twenty Two Thousand Five Hundred Forty Five Only) in Loan Account No. FEDHYCLAP0556161 and Rs. 4524304/- (Rupees Forty Five Lac Twenty Four Thousand Three Hundred Four Only) in Loan Account No. FEDHYCLAP0556158 and Rs. 1204501/- (Rupees Twelve Lac Four Thousand Five Hundred One Only) in Loan Account No. FEDSRN0BL0509618; **NPA Date: 12/10/2026**
4	**Loan Account No.: FEDHYCLAP0541214 1. Srinivasu Balagoni (Borrower) 2. Balagoni Shyamala (Co – Borrower)**	All Piece And Parcel Of Mortgaged Property Bearing Residential House No.11-12/175/A/1 On Plot No. 175, Forming Survey Nos. 418, 419, Admeasuring 300 Sq. Yards Or 250.8 Sq. Mtrs, With A Total Built-Up Area Of 2852 Sft., (Ground Floor 1426 Sft + First Floor 1426 Sft.,), R.c.c., Situated At Rampally Village Under Nagaram Municipality, Keesara Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District. Bounded By: East: Plot No.174; West: Plot No.176; North: Plot No.196; South: 25'Wide Road	**Date of Demand Notice: 14/10/2026** Rs. 12957148/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Nine Lakh Fifty Seven Thousand One Hundred Forty Eight Only) as on 13.10.2026; **NPA Date: 12/10/2026**
5	**Loan Account No.: FEDWARSTL0489584 1. Vijender Erukala (Borrower) 2. Erukala Mounika (Co – Borrower) 3. Satya Poultry Farm (Co – Borrower)**	All Piece And Parcel Of Mortgaged Property Bearing The Existing Residential R.c.c. Building /House with Open Place bearing GWMC H.No.11-18-1226/A, in Survey No.28/A, in Plot NO.2, to an extent of 103.00 Sq. Yards., (Including 1/2 Share 5'-6" Wide Joint Passage area 19.00 Sq. Yards) equivalent to 86.11 sq. Mts., including R.C.C. G.F. plinth area: 560.00 sq.Fts., & R.C.C. F.F. plinth area: 300.00 Sq.Fts., Located in Laxmipuram Shivaru, situated at Vivekanada Colony Phase-11, Kashibugga, Warangal City & Urban District, and within the limits of Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation and within the Registration District Warangal Urban and it is in the jurisdiction of the Joint Sub-Registrar Office, Warangal (Urban/R.O.). Bounded By: East: House Of Mallaiah & Family; West: Kashibugga To Mogilicherla Road; North: 5'-6" Wide Joint Passage, And House Of R. Papaiah; South: House No.11-18-1226 (Part) Allotted To Sri. Erukala Raju	**Date of Demand Notice: 12/10/2026** Rs. 2398078/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Seventy Eight Only) as on 07.10.2026; **NPA Date: 4/10/2026**
6	**Loan Account No.: FEDHYCSTL0528968 1. Rahmeth Ali Khan (Borrower) 2. Noorain Mehdi Khatoon (Co – Borrower)**	**Property 1)** All Piece And Parcel Of Mortgaged Property Bearing Said Flat No. 501,House Bearing No.16-4-80 & 16-4-114/501, (Ptin No.1061602709)On Fifth Floor, Block-A, In The Complex Known As "Crystel Feltatower" Having Built-Up Area Of 1430.00 Square Feet, Including Common Area Along With Parking Area Of 120.00 Square Feet, Together With Undivided Share Of Land Admeasuring 30.00 Sq. Yds, (Out Of Total Land Admeasuring 573.00 Square Yards), Situated At Chanchalguda Hyderabad, Telangana State. Bounded By: East: Open To Sky; West: Staircase, Lift And Corridor. North: Flat No.504; South: Open To Sky. **Property 2)** All That Said Flat No. 504, House Bearing No.16-4-80 & 16-4-114/504, (Ptin No. 1061602708) On Fifth Floor, Block-A, In The Complex Known As "Crystel Felta Tower" Having Built-Up Area Of 1430.00 Square Feet, Including Common Area Along With Parking Area Of 120.00 Square Feet, Together With Undivided Share Of Land Admeasuring 30.00 Sq. Yards (Out Of Total Land Admeasuring 573.00 Square Yards), Situated At Chanchalguda Hyderabad, Telangana State. Bounded By: East: Open To Sky; West: Staircase, Lift And Corridor. North: Block B; South: Flat No.501	**Date of Demand Notice: 12/10/2026** Rs. 4511733/- (Rupees Forty Five Lakh Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Three Only) as on 07.10.2026; **NPA Date: 4/10/2026**
7	**Loan Account No.: FEDSRY0HL0529626 1. Daravathu Naga (Borrower) 2. Daravath Mangamma (Co – Borrower); 3. Daravath Souri (Co – Borrower)**	All Piece And Parcel Of Mortgaged Property Bearing Ground Floor residential building bearing H.No. 1-8-73/9/0/1 admeasuring 70.0 Sq. Yards, with built up area 630 Sft with RCC Roof of Bechirag Madharam Revenue Village, situated Under Suryapet Municipal Limits, Suryapet Dist. under the Jurisdiction of District Registrar Nalgonda and Sub-Registrar Suryapet. Bounded By: East: 30 Feet Road; West: Place Of Sunkari Shanthan; North: Place Of Rajarikam Kantha Chary; South: Place Of Sunkari Lingaiah	**Date of Demand Notice: 12/10/2026** Rs. 2172347/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Three Hundred Forty Seven Only) as on 07.10.2026; **NPA Date: 4/10/2026**

The borrower(s) are hereby advised to comply with the Demand Notice(s) and to pay the demand amount mentioned therein and herein above within 60 days from the date of this publication together with applicable interest, additional interest, bounce charges, cost and expenses till the date of realization of payment. The borrower(s) may note that Fedfina is a secured creditor and the loan facility availed by the Borrower(s) is a secured debt against the immovable property / properties being the secured asset(s) mortgaged by the borrower(s). In the event borrower(s) are failed to discharge their liabilities in full within the stipulated time, Fedfina shall be entitled to exercise all the rights under section 13(4) of the Act to take possession of the secured assets(s) including but not limited to transfer the same by way of sale or by invoking any other remedy available under the Act and the Rules thereunder and realize payment. Fedfina is also empowered to ATTACH AND / OR SEAL the secured assets(s) before enforcing the right to sale or transfer. Subsequent to the Sale of the secured assets(s), Fedfina also has a right to initiate separate legal proceedings to recover the balance dues, in case the value of the mortgaged properties is insufficient to cover the dues payable to the Fedfina. This remedy is in addition and independent of all the other remedies available to Fedfina under any other law. The attention of the borrower(s) is invited to Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets and further to Section 13(13) of the Act, whereby the borrower(s) are restrained / prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the secured asset(s) or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business) any of the secured asset(s), without prior written consent of Fedfina and noncompliance with the above is an offence punishable under Section 29 of the said Act. The copy of the Demand Notice is available with the undersigned and the borrower(s) may, if they so desire, can collect the same from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

Place: TELANGANA, Dated: 24-10-2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, Fedbank Financial Services Ltd**

3 revenue officials suspended over land irregularities in Huzurnagar



Suryapet, October 23 (TSIT): District Collector Tejas Nand Lal Pawar has taken strict action against three revenue officials for alleged irregularities in land transactions and negligence in the discharge of their duties.Huzurnagar Tahsildar B. Kavitha, Revenue Inspector Kasim Sharif and Village Administration Officer S.K. Jani Pasha have been suspended through official orders.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **KONTHAM ANJI REDDY,** Son of **KONTHAM RAM REDDY,** aged 76 years, occupation: agriculture residing at H. No. 1-67, Gouse nagar- vill, Chandupatla- post, Bhuvanagiri mandal, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri - dist, here by declare that my date of birth **01-07-1954** shall henceforth be changed as **01-01-1950** for all purpose.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **KONTHAM RAMULAMMA,** wife of **KONTHAM ANJI REDDY,** aged 65 years, occupation: agriculture residing at H.No. 1-67, Gouse nagar- vill, Chandupatla-post, Bhuvanagiri mandal, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri - dist, here by declare that my date of birth **01-07-1959** shall henceforth be changed as **01-01-1961** for all purpose

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to the general public that my client **Sri Syeda Ummulwara Fatima, W/o. Syed Yahiya Pasha Quadri,** who are absolute owner of the below mentioned schedule property, My client has purchased the schedule property through registrar sale deed vide Doc.No. 5218/2026, Dt : 30-07-2026, propose to create mortgage over the schedule property and wants to avail loan from Banks / Financial Institutions, if any person/s has any objection/claims / 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 / objection will be entertained and my client will proceed with the mortgage of the of the schedule property in favour of Banks/Financial Institutions and will complete the transaction.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

AC Sheet Roof House with open place bearing GWMC H.No.17-8-159(part) to an extent of 80.00 Sq.yards including plinth area 711.00 sq.fts, Situated at Urus, kareemabad, Warangal City & District, with GWMC, East : House of others Remaining part House of Vendors H.No.17-8-159(part), West : 21 fts wide Road, North : 40 fts wide Road, South : Remaining part House of Vendors H.No.17-8-159 (part).

LAKKA CHANDRA SHEKAR
ADVOCATE
H.No.1-7-768/1, 1st floor,
Street No.13, Shanthinagar, Hunter Road, Hanumakonda City & Dist.-1
PH- 9951931764

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client Muthoot Housing Finance Company Limited, having Office at Kukatpally, Hyderabad are proposing to consider a loan to be advanced and entrusted me below mentioned schedule property for legal opinion. **B. Govindamma W/o. Narsimhulu,** in respect of property comprising of the **Plot bearing No. 129, in Survey No. 51/Part, admeasuring 100 Square Yards or 83.6 Square Meters, Situated at Bandlaguda Jagir Village, Rajendranagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District bounded by: North-Plot No.115, South-Road, East-Plots No. 116 and 128, West-Road**. The documents produced before me are Certified copy of link Documents. In our enquiry **1) AGPA Document No. 2121/2007, dated 19.02.2007, Registered at SRO: Rajendra nagar**, has been informed that Original was lost and that the same not traceable. The General Public is hereby cautioned not to deal with the person/persons who are in illegal possession of the document. If any person/persons entering into any transaction with respect to the abovementioned property basing on the lost document shall be doing so at their risk and such transactions shall not be honoured.

If anyone has any claim/ interest/dispute over the said property, the same may be reported to the undersigned within 7 days from the publication of the notice, failing which no further claim over the said property will be entertained and shall be deemed there are no Encumbrance pending against this Documents.

Mereddy Narasimha Reddy
Panel Advocate
House No. 11-13-194/1/4,
Plot No. 5, Road No. 3,
Green Hills Colony, Kothapet,
Ranga Reddy District - 034,
Phone No. 6301426732

Five key development projects worth Rs.382 crore approved for Warangal



Warangal, October 23, TSIT: KUDA Chairperson Gundu Sudharani expressed happiness over the state government granting administrative approval for five major development projects worth an estimated Rs.382 crore to transform Warangal city, in line with Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's promise to develop Warangal after Hyderabad.

On the occasion, she extended her heartfelt gratitude to the Chief Minister on behalf of KUDA and the people of Warangal.

She stated that the approvals reflect the government's commitment to preserving Warangal's rich historical heritage while developing the city with modern infrastructure and world-class amenities.

The five key projects to be undertaken under the supervision of the Kakatiya Urban Development Authority (KUDA) include the restoration of the Warangal Fort moats, development of Hanamkonda Central Plaza, construction of an Integrated Bus Terminal-cum-Commercial Complex, development of the surroundings of the Thousand Pillar Temple, and establishment of a Musical Garden.

She said these projects would give Warangal a new look and significantly enhance its urban infrastructure. She also expressed confidence that the initiatives would boost tourism, promote commercial activities, and create additional employment opportunities for local residents.

Gundu Sudharani extended special thanks to In-charge Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, Rajya Sabha MP Vem Narender Reddy, Warangal MP Dr. Kadiyam Kavya, Warangal West MLA Naini Rajender Reddy, the KUDA Vice-Chairperson, and Warangal District Collector Dr. Satya Sharada, IAS, for their support in securing approvals and funds for the development projects.

She emphasized that coordinated efforts by elected representatives and government officials would help achieve Warangal's development goals more efficiently and swiftly.

"The special attention being given by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to Warangal's development has instilled new hopes among the people of the city. I sincerely thank him for granting approval to these key projects in fulfillment of his promise to Warangal. "I hope these projects will be successfully implemented, enabling Warangal to emerge as a modern, well-developed city while preserving its glorious historical heritage," KUDA Chairperson Gundu Sudharani said.

Monkey menace in Husnabad raises public safety concerns



Husnabad, October 23: Residents in several wards of Husnabad town are facing severe distress due to a monkey menace. Locals report that the animals are not only roaming the streets but also breaking into homes, stealing food, scattering belongings and creating an atmosphere of fear. Pointing out that there have been past instances of people being injured in monkey attacks, residents are demanding that authorities take proactive measures to prevent further incidents.

Locals lament that the presence of monkey troops in residential areas has forced them to remain constantly on guard. Children are afraid to play outside, and the elderly are fearful of walking the streets. With monkeys frequently charging at people or entering homes, residents are deeply anxious about potential harm, facing difficulties with routine tasks such as storing food safely or drying laundry. Given past injuries, they urge that the issue be treated as a matter of public safety rather than a minor inconvenience.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NB/SUB RAMJEET YADAV**, R/o: KODARA, KAJI GAVAN JI, LATGHAT, SAGARI, AZAMGARH, UTTAR PRADESH - 276136 have changed my Daughter's name from **Somya** to **SAUMYA** vide affidavit dt.23/10/2026.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **N ROHITH, S/o: HAV NALLABOTHULA CHINNA THIRUPATAIAH**, R/O: LINGAPURAM, PRAKASAM, ANDHRA PRADESH - 523336 have changed my name from **N ROHITH** to **NALLABOTHULA ROHITH** Vide Affidavit dt.04/08/2026

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హుజూర్‌నగర్ బ్రాంచ్, కోడ్ నెం.20180, సూర్యాపేట జిల్లా

బంగారు ఆభరణముల వేలం ప్రకటన

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1	43989165287	పశ్య మంగమ్మ భర్త రామిరెడ్డి, ఇ.నెం. 6-49 రెడ్డిబజార్, హుజూర్‌నగర్	34.50
2.	44453171268	పశ్య మంగమ్మ భర్త రామిరెడ్డి, ఇ.నెం. 6-49 రెడ్డిబజార్, హుజూర్‌నగర్	31.60

పైన పేర్కొన్న వ్యక్తులు, పైన బ్రాంచీల యందు బంగారు ఆభరణములపై రుణం పొందియున్నారు. అట్టి రుణం చెల్లించనందున బ్యాంకుకు తాకట్టు పెట్టిన ఆభరణములను తేది : 31.10.2026 మ॥ 3.00 గం॥లకు వేలం వేయబడును. వేలంలో పాల్గొనువారు రూ॥ 5000/- ధరావత్తు చెల్లించి పాల్గొనగలరు. వేలం విషయమై ఎట్టి కారణము లేకుండానే వాయిదా వేయుటకు, రద్దు చేయుటకు బ్యాంకు వారికి అధికారం కలదు.

1. ఖాతా దారునికి బ్యాంకు వారి నోటీసులు ఏ కారణము చేతనైనా అందని యెడల నోటీసు తిరిగి వచ్చిన యెడల వారికి కూడా ఈ ప్రకటన పూర్వకముగా తెలియచేయడమైనదిగా భావించవలయును.
2. తాకట్టుదారు ఇదే చివరి నోటీసుగా భావించి బకాయి చెల్లించగలరు. తదుపరి ఆక్షేపణలు అంగీకరించబడవు.
3. బంగారు నగల వేలం ఆయా బ్రాంచీల ఆవరణల యందు వేలం నిర్వహించబడును.

సం/- బ్రాంచ్ మేనేజర్

STATE BANK OF INDIA
M.G ROAD BRANCH (20160)
KOTHAGUDEM ,BHADRADRI KOTHAGUDEM DIST.
E-Mail : sbi.20160@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE (Symbolic)
(Under Rule 8(1) and (2) (For immovable property)

WHEREAS The undersigned being the authorized officer of the STATE BANK OF INDIA, M.G Road Branch (20160) Kothagudem ,Bhadradri Kothagudem Dist, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Sec 13(2) of the Act and Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice Dated 17.08.2026** and calling upon the borrower **Shaik Muktharunisa W/o Abdul Hafeez and Shaik Abdul Hafeez S/o Shaik Masthan, H.no:10-135, Vengalraonagar, Road no-7, Ayyagaripeta, Sathupally Mandal, Khammam Dist-507303, R/o: Q.no:MC-58, PV Narasimharao Centenary Colony, Ayyagaripeta, Sathupally Mandal, Khammam Dist-507303 and Flat no:A-401, 4th Floor, Green Meadows Apartments, Palvancha, Bhadradri Kothagudem Dist-507115** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.53,44,576/- (Rupees. Fifty Three Lakhs Forty Four Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Six Only)** (i) Home loan outstanding of Rs.47,02,891/- (Rupees. Forty Seven Lakh Two Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety One Only) (ii) Suraksha outstanding of Rs.6,41,685/- (Rupees. Six Lakhs Forty-one Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Five Only) as on **17.08.2026** + interest, expenses & Charges within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Shaik Muktharunisa W/o Abdul Hafeez
And
Shaik Abdul Hafeez S/o Shaik Masthan
H.no:10-135, Vengalrao nagar, Road no-7,Ayyagaripeta,
Sathupally Mandal, Khammam Dist-507303
R/o: Q.no:MC-58,PV Narasimharao Centenary Colony,
Ayyagaripeta, Sathupally Mandal,
Khammam Dist-507303
And
Flat no:A-401, 4th Floor, Green Meadows Apartments,
Palvancha, Bhadradri Kothagudem Dist-507115
Home Loan A/c:43577358380, Suraksha A/c no: 43577318109

The borrower/guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/ guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on **21.10.2026.**

The borrower/guarantor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **STATE BANK OF INDIA, M.G Road Branch (20160)** Kothagudem ,Bhadradri Kothagudem Dist, for an amount of **Rs.53,44,576/- (Rupees. Fifty Three Lakhs Forty Four Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Six Only)** (i) Home loan outstanding of Rs.47,02,891/- (Rupees. Forty Seven Lakh Two Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety One Only) (ii) Suraksha outstanding of Rs.6,41,685/- (Rupees. Six Lakhs Forty-one Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Five Only) as on **17.08.2026 + interest, expenses & Charges thereon.**

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (As Per Documents)

Schedule of property-I (Apartment)

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Bounded by: East : 40'-00 wide Road , **West :** 40'-00 wide Road , **North:** 40'-00 wide Road, **South:** Neighbors Land

Schedule of property-II (Flat)

All that semi-finished residential Flat with R.C.C pillars and roof bearing 2-BHK bearing Flat no:A-401, in fourth floor of "GREEN MEADOWS" with Built-Up Area of 1100-00 Square feet including common areas and a Car parking in stilt area, together with undivided share of land to an extent of 43.00 Sq. Yds out of the Schedule of property –I , Standing in the Name of **Shaik Muktharunisa W/o Shaik Abdul Hafeez and Shaik Adbul Hafeez S/o Shaik Mastan.** Registered Saledeed Document no: 4797/2024 Dated 02.12.2024 SRO at Kothagudem, Bhadradri Kothagudem Dist.

Bounded by:
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Date: 23.10.2026 — **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Place: Kothagudem — **State Bank of India**

Collector and SP inspect accident-prone spots on NH-65 under Zero Fatality District programme



Sangareddy, October 23 (TSIT): District Collector Prateek Jain and Superintendent of Police Paritosh Pankaj on Friday inspected accident-prone stretches along National Highway 65, from Patancheru to Digwal Junction, as part of the Zero Fatality District (ZFD) programme aimed at preventing road accident deaths.

The Collector directed officials to improve road safety infrastructure in accordance with Central Government guidelines and Supreme Court directions. During the joint inspection, accompanied by Additional SP Chaitanya Reddy, Additional Collector Pandu and officials from the National Highways, Roads and Buildings, Police and Transport departments, the team identified safety deficiencies along the Patancheru–Zaheerabad route.

The Collector instructed officials to prioritise improvements at high-risk locations, including installing high-mast lights and warning signboards wherever necessary. He suggested constructing a foot overbridge near Patancheru bus stop to ensure pedestrian safety. At Kandi Junction, officials were asked to install road-edge markings and improve lighting. At Potireddypalli Junction, measures were recommended to ease traffic congestion and ensure safe movement of passengers boarding and alighting from buses.

He directed officials to install rumble strips, speed breakers and vehicle speed-detection devices at appropriate locations, and to place advance warning signs at dangerous curves and narrow stretches to alert motorists.He stressed coordinated efforts by all departments to reduce road accidents and fatalities, strengthen traffic regulation, raise public awareness on road safety and ensure timely emergency medical assistance for accident victims. Officials were instructed to address the deficiencies identified during the inspection at the earliest and submit detailed reports on the measures taken.District Medical and Health Officer Lalitha Devi, Roads and Buildings Executive Engineer Srinivas, Deputy Executive Engineer Ravinder, DTO Vasu, AMVI Gautham, police officials from Sangareddy and Patancheru subdivisions, National Highways engineering officials and other district officials participated.

Compassion and Service Are Essential in the Medical Profession: Collector Priyanka



Narayanpet, October 23 (TSIT):District Collector C.H. Priyanka emphasized that compassion, humanity, and dedication to service are essential qualities for doctors. She urged medical students to treat every patient with respect, provide quality healthcare, and continuously update their medical knowledge.

Addressing the third-batch MBBS students at the Orientation Day and White Coat Ceremony held at Narayanpet Government Medical College on Friday, the Collector congratulated the students and acknowledged the hard work and sacrifices of their parents.

She said the college provides valuable opportunities to gain practical clinical experience under experienced faculty members. She stressed that medical education is a lifelong learning process and encouraged students to embrace modern medical advancements and serve underprivileged communities with commitment.

The Collector assured the district administration's support for the college's development and wished the students success in becoming responsible and compassionate doctors.

Medical College Principal and District Hospital Superintendent Dr. Sampath Kumar, Deputy Superintendent Aditya Goud, RMO Balaji Singade, Vice-Principal Dr. K. Kiran Prakash, department heads, faculty members, and students attended the programme.

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.

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Where as, the undersigned being the authorised officer of Shriram Finance Limited, (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport 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, under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices. The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this **23.10.2026.**

Borrower Name and Address	Amount due as per Demand Notice
1) Tarannum Saba, D/O: BASHEER AHMED, Age: 50 Years, R/O: H No: 8-3-315/611/72 (Or) 8-3-3/S/611/72 (Or) 8-4-315/6/1/72 (Or) 8-3-315/6/1/72, Erragadda, Rahmath Towers, Near Metro Station, Hyderabad-500018, B/O:"Rahmath Handloom House", 9700927611. **2) ATAULLAH MD, S/O: RAHAMATULLAH,** Age: 57 Years, R/O: H No: 5-5-82 (Or) 5-7-609, Darasalem, Nampally Amith Office, Nampally, Hyderabad-500001, 9581491599. **.....Barrowers/Co-borrower /Guarantors/Legal heirs**	**Rs.1,21,78,118/-** (Rupees One Crore Twenty One Lakhs Seventy Eight Thousand One Hundred Eighteen Only)

Description of Property: DLSKNTF01310003 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY :Property Holder Name Is T Saba @ Alias Agsari Begum, Mortgage Deed Dated 28.01.2012 Registered As Document No 386/2012 On The File Of The Office Of Sub-Registrar At Banjarahills). All That The Property Bearing Semi Finsihed Flat No. 113. 114. And 115. (Part Of Old No. 1 To 4) In D Block In First Floor Of The Building Complex Known As Lakshmi Complex In The Premises Bearing Mch No. 8-4-315/6/L/76 (Old No. 8-4-315/6/1 And 2) Admeasuring 1000 Sq. Ft Out Of 2500 Sq. Ft (Including Common Areas And Parking Areas) Along With Proportionate Undivided Share Of Land Admeasuring 12 Sq. Yard Out Of 30 Sq. Yards Situated At Near Sanath Nagar Flyover Bridge. Erragadda, Hyderabad, And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: Flat No. 112 (Part Of Old Nos. 1 To 4); Towards West: Flat No. 116 (Part Of Old Nos. 1 To 4; Towards North: Staircase And Corridor; Towards South: Open To Sky.

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

Place: Hyderabad, — **Sd/-Authorised officer,**
Date : 23-10-2026 — **Shriram Finance Ltd,**

NIWAS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED
(Formerly, Niwas Housing Finance Private Limited)
Regd. Office: - A1, 6th Floor, Trade Star, Andheri Kurla Road, J B Nagar, Andheri (E), Mumbai – 400059.

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8 (1) and (2)]

Whereas, The Authorized Officer of the Secured Creditor mentioned herein, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Act), 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with (Rule 3) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice calling upon the borrower(s) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice **within 60 days** from-the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s) and the public in general that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **NHFL** has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on the date mentioned against each property.
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.
The borrower(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **NHFL** for the amount mentioned below and interest and other charges thereon.

	Loan Account Number	Borrower(s) & Property Details	Amount & Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Possession Status
1	LNSID0HL-10240049129	1. MEKALA KRISHNA (BORROWER) 2. MEKALA LATHA (CO-BORROWER)	Rs. 507748/- (Rupees Five Lakh Seven Thousand Seven Hundred FourtyEight Only) DATE: 15-Jul-2026	19-Oct-2026	SYMBOLIC POSSESSION

PROPERTY BEARING :- ALL THAT THE OPEN PLACE BEARING RCC HOUSE WITH OPEN PLACE BEARING D. NO. 1-520, (ASSESSMENT NO. 520), AREA MEASURING 195.56 SQ.YDS, RCC PLINTH AREA 436.26 SQ.FEETS, SITUATED AT DAMARAKUNTA VILLAGE, MARKOOK MANDAL, DIST ; SIDDIPET AND THE SAME WAS BOUNDED THE FOLLOWING BOUNDARIES ARE NORTH HOUSE OF LINGA BABU , SOUTH OPEN PLACE OF BACHANNA SATHAIAH EAST OPEN PLACE OF NEIGHBORS, WEST HOUSE OF LINGA BABU AND WAY

Date: 24-10-2026 — **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Place: Siddipet — **NIWAS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED**

STATE BANK OF INDIA
M.G ROAD BRANCH (20160)
KOTHAGUDEM ,BHADRADRI KOTHAGUDEM DIST.
E-Mail : sbi.20160@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE (Symbolic)
(Under Rule 8(1) and (2) (For immovable property)

WHEREAS The undersigned being the authorized officer of the STATE BANK OF INDIA, M.G Road Branch (20160) Kothagudem ,Bhadradri Kothagudem Dist, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Sec 13(2) of the Act and Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice Dated 17.08.2026** and calling upon the borrower **Shaik Muktharunisa W/o Abdul Hafeez and Shaik Abdul Hafeez S/o Shaik Masthan, H.no:10-135, Vengalraonagar, Road no-7, Ayyagaripeta, Sathupally Mandal, Khammam Dist-507303, R/o: Q.no:MC-58, PV Narasimharao Centenary Colony, Ayyagaripeta, Sathupally Mandal, Khammam Dist-507303 and Flat no:A-501, 5th Floor, Green Meadows Apartments, Palvancha, Bhadradri Kothagudem Dist-507115 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.53,75,651/- (Rupees. Fifty Three Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand Six Hundred Fifty One Only)** (i) Home loan outstanding of Rs.47,24,580/- (Rupees. Forty Seven Lakhs Twenty Four Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Only) (ii) Suraksha outstanding of Rs.6,51,071/- (Rupees. Six Lakhs Fifty One Thousand Seventy One Only) as on 17.08.2026 + interest, expenses & Charges within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Shaik Muktharunisa W/o Abdul Hafeez
And
Shaik Abdul Hafeez S/o Shaik Masthan
H.no:10-135, Vengalrao nagar, Road no-7,Ayyagaripeta,
Sathupally Mandal, Khammam Dist-507303
R/o: Q.no:MC-58,PV Narasimharao Centenary Colony,
Ayyagaripeta, Sathupally Mandal,
Khammam Dist-507303
And
Flat no:A-501, 5 th Floor, Green Meadows Apartments,
Palvancha, Bhadradri Kothagudem Dist-507115
Home Loan A/c:43577347855, Suraksha A/c no: 43643215257

The borrower/guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/ guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on **21.10.2026.**

The borrower/guarantor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **STATE BANK OF INDIA, M.G Road Branch (20160)** Kothagudem ,Bhadradri Kothagudem Dist, for an amount of **Rs.53,75,651/- (Rupees. Fifty Three Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand Six Hundred Fifty One Only)** (i) Home loan outstanding of Rs.47,24,580/- (Rupees. Forty Seven Lakhs Twenty Four Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Only) (ii) Suraksha outstanding of Rs.6,51,071/- (Rupees. Six Lakhs Fifty One Thousand Seventy One Only) as on 17.08.2026 + **interest, expenses & Charges thereon.**

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Date: 23.10.2026 — **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Place: Kothagudem — **State Bank of India**

Ensure Foolproof Arrangements for GVMC Elections: Collector



Visakhapatnam, TSIT: District Collector and District Election Officer M. Abhisikt Kishore has directed officials to complete all arrangements for the GVMC elections within the stipulated time, strictly adhering to State Election Commission guidelines. Reviewing election preparedness with GVMC Commissioner Ketan Garg and other officials at the GVMC meeting hall on Friday, he said polling would be held on November 1 and counting on November 3.

The Collector instructed officials to distribute photo voter slips on time, expedite ballot paper printing after publication of the final candidates' list and ensure that all polling personnel attend the second-phase training scheduled for October 26 and 27. He directed nodal, sectoral and route officers to inspect every polling station and ensure drinking water, shade, signboards, help desks, public address systems and clear entry and exit routes. Wheelchairs should be provided for persons with disabilities and elderly voters with mobility difficulties. Model polling stations should be established in every zone, while adequate security, webcasting and CCTV arrangements should be ensured at sensitive and highly sensitive polling stations. Emphasising postal ballot procedures, Kishore instructed officials to provide Form 22 to all eligible voters and arrange facilitation centres for postal voting on October 26 and 27 in accordance with the rules. For counting, he directed officials to arrange 1,216 tables, with one supervisor and three assistants at each table. Staff randomisation should be conducted transparently, he said, stressing coordination among election and police officials to ensure smooth polling and counting without inconvenience to voters.

GVMC Commissioner Ketan Garg said arrangements at polling stations were nearly complete and the remaining works would be finished shortly. Returning officers, assistant returning officers and other election officials attended the meeting.

South Coast Railway holds first language panel meet

Visakhapatnam, TSIT : South Coast Railway held the first meeting of its Zonal Official Language Implementation Committee at the headquarters in Visakhapatnam on October 22, focusing on the promotion and progressive use of Hindi in official work. The meeting was chaired by SCoR General Manager Sandeep Mathur and coordinated by Principal Chief Operating Manager and Mukhya Rajbhasha Adhikari Vineet Kumar. Heads of all departments attended the meeting, while Additional Mukhya Rajbhasha Adhikari, Additional Divisional Railway Managers of all four divisions and Chief Workshop Managers of Guntupalli and Tirupati participated through video conferencing.



The committee reviewed the implementation of the Union Government's Official Language policy and discussed measures to encourage the use of Hindi in administrative and official communication.

Collector Inspects City Operations Centre for GVMC Polls



Visakhapatnam, TSIT : District Collector and District Election Officer M. Abhisikt Kishore, along with GVMC Commissioner and Additional Election Authority Ketan Garg, inspected the arrangements at the City Operations Centre on Friday to review monitoring mechanisms for the GVMC Second Ordinary Elections–2026. The officials reviewed the collection of information from polling stations, webcasting arrangements, complaint registration and the action taken on grievances. The Collector directed officials to continuously monitor polling stations, respond promptly to emerging issues and ensure timely resolution of complaints. Commissioner Ketan Garg instructed officials to collect and consolidate polling percentage data every two hours on polling day and prepare regular reports. He stressed coordination among election officials and staff to ensure accurate and timely information from all polling stations. Officials were also directed to closely monitor social media posts, complaints and violations of the Model Code of Conduct, and take appropriate action against objectionable content or campaign material that violates election rules.

Ananthapuramu Conference Attracts Rs. 5,217 Crore Investments



Visakhapatnam,TSIT: Andhra Pradesh's fourth Regional Conference 2026, organised by the State Government in partnership with the Confederation of Indian Industry at JNTU Ananthapur, attracted 23 Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) worth Rs.5,217.39 crore, with the potential to generate 7,613 direct jobs. Of these, 14 MoUs worth Rs.4,141.39 crore are intended for projects in Ananthapuramu, Sri Sathya Sai, Kurnool, Nandyal and YSR Kadapa districts, with 6,374 jobs expected. The remaining nine agreements cover projects in seven other districts.The four regional conferences held so far at Visakhapatnam, Kakinada, Amaravati and Ananthapuramu have secured 128 MoUs worth Rs.73,829.74 crore, with the potential to create 1,35,362 jobs. Automobile components, aerospace, defence, steel and textiles emerged as key investment sectors. Hwashin Automotive India proposed an Rs.850-crore auto-component unit in Sri Sathya Sai district, while Seoyon E-Hwa Summit Automotive Anantapur and IWAMET India announced investments of Rs.514.17 crore and Rs.250 crore, respectively.

In aerospace and defence, nine MoUs worth Rs.1,609 crore are expected to generate 2,057 jobs. Azista Composites proposed an Rs.810-crore manufacturing complex in Kurnool. Hariom Pipe Industries announced a Rs.700-crore integrated steel plant in Ananthapuramu, while Steadfast Steels proposed a Rs.536.22-crore steel unit in Kurnool. The conference also highlighted the Global Horticulture Hub initiative, which aims to expand horticulture cultivation across Rayalaseema and attract investments in food processing, cold-chain logistics, agri-tech and exports.

An exhibition featuring 24 regional MSMEs showcased products ranging from automotive components and solar equipment to agricultural products, millet foods and handicrafts. Officials said the regional conferences were aimed at attracting investments across Andhra Pradesh ahead of the 31st CII Partnership Summit 2026, scheduled to be held in Visakhapatnam on November 12 and 13. The summit will focus on trade, technology, trust and global partnerships.

SARAS Mela Promotes Women's Entrepreneurship and Handloom Development

Vijayawada, TSIT : The National SARAS Ajeevika Mela 2026 at Punnami Ghat continued to promote women's entrepreneurship, financial inclusion and traditional crafts through initiatives supporting Self-Help Groups and rural entrepreneurs. Stree Nidhi Credit Cooperative Federation Limited, Andhra Pradesh, highlighted its Rs.12,000-crore credit disbursement target for 2026–27, including Rs.9,000 crore for livelihood loans and Rs.3,000 crore for enterprise loans. The initiative aims to help women expand their livelihoods and establish sustainable micro-enterprises. The State Level Bankers' Committee, Andhra Pradesh, convened by Union Bank of India, organised an interactive session for SHG women and Lakhpati Didis at the Learning and Knowledge Pavilion. NTR District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha and representatives of banking institutions and SERP par-



YSRCP Vows to Protect Visakhapatnam's Environment: Varudu Kalyani

Total greenery reaches 27,384 acres across 2,913 industries



Visakhapatnam,TSIT : YSRCP mayoral candidate and MLC Varudu Kalyani has pledged to oppose what she termed the coalition government's environmental destruction and alleged unchecked land exploitation in Visakhapatnam. As part of her GVMC election campaign on Friday, she visited Central Park and YSR Park and interacted with morning walkers to understand their concerns and suggestions.

Kalyani promised improved infrastructure for walkers at Central Park, a permanent solution to drinking water problems, better sanitation and modern walking tracks in all city parks if the YSRCP won the GVMC elections. She appealed to voters to elect her and the party's corporator candidates. MP Golla Babu Rao and party leaders Perla Vijay Chandra, Allampalli Rajababu, Ravi Raju and Muvvala Suresh participated in the campaign, along with corporator candidates Palla Durga Rao (Ward 29), Doddi Bapu Anand (Ward 39) and Pennitla Renuka Rajareddy - Ward 43. Separately, Kalyani campaigned in Ward 117 of the Pendurthi division under the leadership of YSRCP corporator candidate Peethala Vishnumurthy. Former MLA and Pendurthi constituency coordinator Adeep Raj, Manyam district observer Chinna Appalanaidu, Jayarama Raju and Ramanaidu also participated in the campaign.

Collector and SP inspect MPTC nomination process in Thottambedu mandal



Srikalahasti, October 23: As part of the local body elections nomination process, on the third day (Friday), District Collector Dr. S. Venkateswar, accompanied by District SP L. Subbarayudu, inspected the ongoing MPTC and MPP nomination process at the Thottambedu Mandal office in Srikalahasti Assembly Constituency of Tirupati district.

He provided guidance to the election staff on duty and later issued suggestions and advice to the staff performing their duties. He directed that all necessary measures be taken to ensure that no untoward incidents occur in the areas where the nomination process is underway. Srikalahasti RDO Bhanu Prakash Reddy, Srikalahasti DSP, Thottambedu Tahsildar Bharathi and others participated in the programme.

GITAM Students Excel in National AI Hackathons



Visakhapatnam,TSIT : GITAM Deemed to be University students won top honours at two national-level AI hackathons held in Kolkata and New Delhi. A five-member B.Tech Computer Science and Engineering team comprising Chenna Keshav Muvva, Uma Sai Sri Mashini, Nikhil Chebolu, Saketh Poruri and Venkata Padimili secured first place at the GDG TechSprint Hackathon in Kolkata, competing against over 300 teams. Their innovation, 'NurtureNet', is an AI-powered platform offering maternal healthcare, mental health support and infant-care guidance in more than 11 Indian languages. The team plans to develop it into a startup. In another achievement, GITAM students Satwik Parla and Annie Christian, along with Assistant Professor Sapna, won third prize at the ITU AI for Good Build-a-thon 5.0, held during India Mobile Congress 2026 in New Delhi. Their solution, 'TeleAgent', uses AI agents to automate troubleshooting in private 5G networks, improving reliability and reducing manual intervention. GITAM Dean Dr. S. Arun Kumar, Director Dr. K. Tirupati Rao, CSE Department Head Prof. G.V.S. Raj Kumar, Dr. K. Naveen Kumar and faculty members congratulated the students on their achievements.

Union Bank Highlights SHG Financing, Support for Women Entrepreneurs



Vijayawada, TSIT: Union Bank of India highlighted its financial support for Self-Help Groups and women entrepreneurs at an interactive session titled 'Samvaad to Samriddhi – From SHG Credit to Lakhpati Didi' held at the National SARAS Aajeevika Mela 2026 at Punnami Ghat. Dr. Rajesh, Deputy General Manager, Union Bank of India, Mumbai, explained various credit facilities, including cash credit limits, term loans and the Union Lakhpati Didi Scheme. He said the bank had financed over five lakh SHGs, with an outstanding loan portfolio of Rs.33,212 crore as of March 2026. The bank's SHG finance market share stood at 25.2% in Andhra Pradesh and 17.8% in Telangana.

The session highlighted loans ranging from Rs.1 lakh to Rs.5 lakh for eligible women under the Union Lakhpati Didi Scheme, subject to applicable conditions. Participants were also advised to maintain regular savings, repay loans on time and utilise credit effectively. The role of Rural Self Employment Training Institutes in developing entrepreneurial skills was emphasised. NTR District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha appreciated the contribution of banks to SHG development and women-led enterprises. Anil Kumar, National Coordinator, Financial Inclusion, BL-NMMU, NRLM, Ministry of Rural Development, highlighted Andhra Pradesh's SHG bank-linkage initiatives and the national platform provided by the SARAS Mela for women entrepreneurs to showcase products and explore business opportunities. Banking representatives, NRLM officials, district officials and SHG entrepreneurs from across the country participated in the programme, which stressed the importance of financial inclusion, skill development and institutional credit in promoting sustainable livelihoods.

AP Calls for Transformative Change in Higher Education



Visakhapatnam,TSIT : Andhra Pradesh Government Secretary for Science, Technology and Innovation Dr. H. Purushotham has called for transforming universities into centres of research, innovation, entrepreneurship and technological advancement. Addressing the Economic Times Education Chancellors Conclave 2026 at Novotel Goa Dona Sylvia Resort, inaugurated by Goa Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant, he stressed the need to strengthen academia-industry collaboration to translate research into industrial applications and promote deep-tech start-ups. Speaking on "Leadership to Legacy: Redefining the Future of Higher Education," Dr. Purushotham highlighted the importance of integrating emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, quantum computing and biotechnology into higher education. He also emphasised skill-based learning, employability, advanced research infrastructure, patent creation and international academic partnerships. He said the Andhra Pradesh Government, under Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's leadership, was committed to fostering innovation and industry collaboration to strengthen India's technological capabilities, economic growth and societal development.

Youth Should Participate in the Protection of Heritage : Srinivas

Mulugu, October 23, TSIT: Vice-Chancellor Srinivas of Sammakka Saralamma Central Tribal University urged young people to develop awareness of history, culture, and heritage and to spread knowledge about their significance among others.

He attended the World Heritage Volunteer Camp–2026, being held at Ramappa under the aegis of the Kakatiya Heritage Trust, with the support of the Telangana Tourism Department, as the chief guest on Friday.



District Tourism Nodal Officer Dr. A. Dharma Nayak participated as the guest of honour. A total of 35 volunteers from 10 states across the country are taking part in the 12-day training programme.

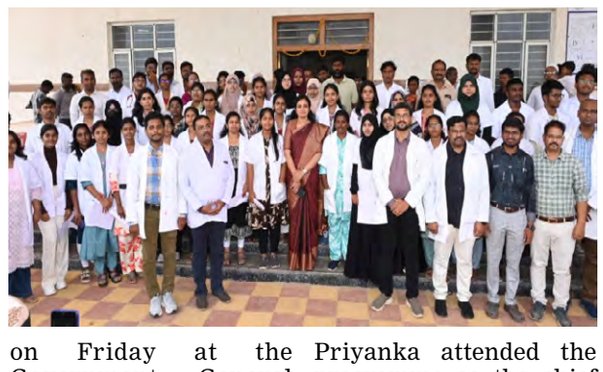
Speaking on the occasion, Srinivas said the camp would help students gain knowledge about various subjects, including tourism, culture, heritage, and geology. He encouraged the youth to make the best use of this opportunity and share what they learn with others.

He called upon the participants to actively contribute to heritage conservation by widely promoting the uniqueness and significance of historical sites.

District Tourism Nodal Officer Dr. A. Dharma Nayak said the Tourism Department would extend all possible support for organising the camp.

Compassion and Dedication to Service Are Essential in the Medical Profession

Narayanpet, October 23, 2026 (TSIT): District Collector Priyanka emphasized that compassion, humanity and a spirit of service are essential qualities for every medical professional. She advised medical students to continuously update their knowledge and provide the best possible healthcare services to patients.



The Orientation Day and White Coat Ceremony for the third batch of MBBS students was held on Friday at the Government General Hospital in Appakpally, Narayanpet mandal. District Collector Priyanka attended the programme as the chief guest and addressed the medical students.

Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said that securing admission to a medical course was the result of the students' hard work, determination and perseverance, as well as the efforts and sacrifices of their parents. She noted that the students had worked hard to secure their medical seats, while their parents had overcome numerous challenges to support their children's future. She congratulated all the students as they embarked on their journey towards becoming doctors.

Sindhu Hospitals launches BeyondA1C frontline screening for diabetic complications in India

Hyderabad, October 23, 2026: Sindhu Hospitals, an initiative of Sai Sindhu Foundation, and BeyondA1C, a division of MedicaMetrix, Inc., signed a Memorandum of Understanding to launch BeyondA1C testing at Sindhu Hospitals. The Sheffield One-Stop becomes its frontline mass screening test for diabetic complications, with regular BeyondA1C testing potentially becoming a model for diabetic, dialysis and chemotherapy patients—the first launch of these tests in India. Diabetes quietly damages the body's smallest blood vessels, affecting the nerves, kidneys, eyes and feet. Up to half of people with diabetic nerve damage have no symptoms when it is found, and some estimates put the share left undiagnosed in well-developed health systems at up to 80 percent.



The AI-enabled device can deliver testing for three key clinical scenarios. Sheffield One-Stop is a screening test for people at risk of diabetes and those with established diabetes, assessing nerve function, foot, kidneys and metabolic health, screening for several microvascular complications at one appointment. BeyondA1C Onco measures sural nerve function in both legs for chemotherapy patients and compares it with the patient's own baseline, so neuropathy is graded objectively and routed to the oncologist. BeyondA1C Dialysis gives patients on regular dialysis an IWGDF 2023 risk category from 0 to 3, enabling the nephrologist to initiate early intervention.

Robert Rudelius, CEO of MedicaMetrix, said Sindhu Hospitals is the right place to begin in India, and its clinicians and commitment to research will show what earlier testing means for patients. Dr. B. Soma Raju, Consultant Cardiologist and Mentor Director, said finding diabetic complications early should be routine care, and BeyondA1C tests will become part of specialties including oncology and dialysis. Dr. Smitha Nalla, Consultant Endocrinologist, noted that many patients with microvascular complications have no symptoms, which is why point-of-care screening is critical.

Journalist beaten to death over advertisement in Hapur; IFJ demands probe

Hapur: Naseem Ahmad, bureau chief of the Hindi daily Dainik Janvani, was beaten to death on October 18 while seeking an advertisement for his newspaper ahead of Diwali at a flour mill on Jarothi Road in Hapur.



Ahmad entered the mill with three others when the owner, Ashok Kumar Gupta, reportedly refused to place an advertisement and called the group "fake journalists." The argument grew violent when approximately seven to eight unidentified people began assaulting Ahmad, according to local reports. After suffering multiple injuries, Ahmad was transferred to a community health centre where he was confirmed dead.

Police have filed a First Information Report (FIR) and registered a murder case at the Hapur Dehat police station. Paras Malik, House Officer at the station, said they had detained three people for questioning. The identities of those involved and the motivation behind the assault are under investigation.

In a statement, the Indian Journalists' Union (IJU) said the attack reflects the vulnerability of journalists in India working for small or regional newspapers. The International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) continues to monitor the case closely.

The IJU said: "The IJU strongly condemns the brutal killing of Mohammad Naseem Ahmed and stands in solidarity with the journalist's family and fraternity. An attack on a journalist is an attack on the freedom of the press and the democratic right to know. Justice must be delivered, and journalists must be able to work without fear of violence or intimidation."

IFJ General Secretary Anthony Bellanger said: "The IFJ strongly condemns the brutal murder of journalist Mohammad Naseem Ahmad. Journalists must never be targeted for doing their jobs. We call on the Indian authorities to secure immediate safety for media workers and launch a swift, transparent, and thorough investigation into this killing."

CARA Team Inspects Child Care Home in Visakhapatnam



Visakhapatnam, TSIT.
A team of representatives from the Central Adoption Resource Authority, functioning under the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development, visited the Child Care Home at Marripalem in Visakhapatnam district on Friday to review its functioning and adoption procedures. CARA Southern Region Coordinator Livia Mariam Paul inspected the records of the facility and reviewed the details of children staying at the home. She enquired about the adoption process being followed by the district facility, applications received from prospective adoptive parents and the status of applications on the online portal.
The team also examined the procedures followed during home visits and reviewed the follow-up process to monitor the well-being of children after adoption. The representatives sought details regarding the number of applications received for adoption and the overall functioning of the adoption system. Expressing satisfaction with the services being provided by the Visakhapatnam Child Care Home, Livia Mariam Paul emphasised the need to create wider public awareness about the adoption process.

Kuchipudi Parampara Foundation presents 13th Natya Parampara Utsav 2026





Bengaluru, October 15, 2026: Kuchipudi Parampara Foundation, Bengaluru, is presenting the thirteenth edition of Natya Parampara Utsav 2026. The programme will include recognition and honouring of the works of senior Kuchipudi guru Guru Mahankali Ramchandra Murthy of the traditional Kuchipudi family, and Sri Charles Ma, a Bharatanatyam practitioner from Bengaluru. It will feature a Kuchipudi solo performance by Aiswariya K.R., disciple of Deepa Sashindran, Odissi by Abhaya Lakshmi, and Kapisutra by Kuchipudi Art Academy, Chennai.The event will be held on Thursday, 29th October 2026, from 6.00 pm onwards at Seva Sadan Auditorium, Malleshwaram. Entry is free and all are welcome.
The event is curated by Deepa Narayanan Sashindran, Kuchipudi exponent and Life Trustee of Kuchipudi Parampara Foundation, Bengaluru. The Foundation is a non-profit trust founded by Deepa Narayanan Sashindran, presently offering systematic Kuchipudi dance training and choreography in Bengaluru and globally to bring forth artists of high calibre.

Support alliance candidates who strive for public welfare and city progress: Chittoor MP and MLA



Chittoor, October 23: The election campaign of alliance mayoral candidate Katari Hemalatha is gaining strong momentum across the Chittoor Municipal Corporation limits. As part of this, a large-scale door-to-door campaign was held in Kongareddypalle, where local residents turned up in huge numbers and gave her a grand reception. Along with alliance cadres, Katari Hemalatha visited every household, met the people and sought their votes.

Chittoor MP Daggumalla Prasad Rao and local MLA Gurajala Jaganmohan participated as chief guests and led the alliance ranks for the candidate's success. Also present were former MLC Dorababu, Tirupati MLA Arani Srinivasulu, former MLA A.S. Manohar, senior TDP leader Chandra Prakash, former Deputy Mayor Rajesh Reddy, senior party leader Kajuri Balaji, and other key alliance leaders and workers in large numbers. On the occasion, the Chittoor MP and MLA stated that comprehensive development of Chittoor city is possible only under the alliance government. They called upon people to support the leadership that works day and night for public welfare and the progress of the city, and appealed to local people to elect Katari Hemalatha with a huge majority to take the Chittoor Municipal Corporation forward on the path of development.

CARE Hospitals Organises Safety Awareness Fair to Strengthen Patient Safety Culture

Hyderabad, 23 October 2026: A missed warning sign, delayed emergency response or a lapse in hand hygiene can put patient safety at risk. Highlighting the importance of early recognition, timely intervention and infection prevention, CARE Hospitals organised Safety Awareness Fair 2026 at its Corporate Office in Hyderabad on Friday. The initiative is part of CARE Hospitals' ongoing efforts to strengthen a culture of safety across its facilities through employee awareness, emergency preparedness and safer healthcare practices.



Organised by the Department of Quality & Patient Safety, Corporate Office Cluster II, in collaboration with the Quality Team of CARE Hospitals, Hitec City, the fair featured interactive demonstrations and practical learning activities covering three key areas — hand hygiene, early recognition of clinical warning signs and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).The programme was attended by Dr. Pawan Kumar, CEO – India II; Shalabh Dang, President – Sales & Marketing; Dr. Vincy Ashok Tribhuvan, Vice President – Nursing Administration; and Rajeev Chouray, Head of Quality and Patient Safety – India II, Aster DM Quality Care Limited, along with doctors, nursing staff, senior officials and employees from various departments.

Healthcare experts highlighted that recognising early signs of patient deterioration can help clinical teams respond before a condition becomes more serious. Sudden breathing difficulties, altered consciousness, unusual changes in heart rate or blood pressure, and falling oxygen levels are among the warning signs that may require urgent medical attention.

Nitin Gokhale delivers guest lecture on India's defence preparedness at KSPP

Hyderabad: Nitin A. Gokhale, Founder and Editor-in-Chief of the BharatShakti Group, delivered a guest lecture titled "Preparing for the Wars of Tomorrow: From Three Services to One Fighting Force" at the Kautilya School of Public Policy (KSPP) on Friday.



Gokhale traced the evolution of India's higher defence organisation, discussing the three-tier structure and the establishment of the National Security Guard. He highlighted key milestones in defence reforms, including the Kargil Review Committee's recommendations and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's announcement on 15 August 2019 regarding the creation of the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS). He also outlined the appointment of India's first CDS on 1 January 2020 and the establishment of the Department of Military Affairs (DMA).

Explaining the CDS's role, Gokhale emphasised the importance of jointness among the three services, providing single-point military advice to the government, and developing expertise in military affairs and defence matters. He discussed the CDS's responsibilities as Chairperson of the Chiefs of Staff Committee, Secretary of the DMA, and head of tri-service organisations. These institutional changes, he noted, have laid the groundwork for theatreisation, integration and greater operational coordination among the Armed Forces.

The lecture examined key areas of defence transformation, including enhancing combat capability, optimising manpower and resources, modernisation and indigenisation, human resource reforms, women's participation in the Armed Forces, addressing colonial legacies, and strengthening national security efforts. Gokhale also highlighted practical and institutional challenges to integration, including differences in service headquarters, operational requirements, and coordination of military and civilian administrative structures. Outlining the way forward, he stressed the need to establish Integrated Theatre Commands, integrate and operationalise air defence and joint command architectures, develop a long-term vision for the Armed Forces towards 2047, formulate joint doctrines.

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Congress leaders, workers stand firmly behind Chief Minister, says S. Manohar



Bengaluru: Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) general secretary and MEI chairman S. Manohar on Friday criticised Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy for his remarks on the Mysuru Dasara celebrations and the participation of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's political colleagues and their family members in the event.

In a joint press statement, Manohar said the grandeur of Dasara and the historic significance of the Jumboo Savari had been appreciated by people across Karnataka and admirers around the world. However, he accused Kumaraswamy of attempting to politicise a traditional cultural celebration. Manohar questioned Kumaraswamy's objections to the participation of the Chief Minister's family members in the Dasara procession, pointing out that Kumaraswamy himself had attended Dasara celebrations with his family when he was the Chief Minister.

"Why are questions of protocol being raised now when similar concerns apparently did not arise during his own tenure?" Manohar asked.

He said political criticism was part of a democratic system, but leaders should maintain consistency in their positions rather than apply different standards to themselves and others.

Referring to the alleged sting operation targeting former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Manohar condemned what he described as an objectionable and unethical practice. He said the Congress party would oppose any attempt to undermine Siddaramaiah, irrespective of who was behind it or their political affiliation.

"Siddaramaiah does not need Kumaraswamy's support or sympathy. Congress leaders, party workers and our government stand firmly behind him," Manohar said.

He added that the people of Karnataka had witnessed Kumaraswamy's political conduct and that the Congress did not require his support or sympathy for Siddaramaiah.

The statement was jointly issued by S. Manohar, KPCC general secretary and MEI chairman; A. Anand Puttaraju, party leader; and Kushal Haruvegowda, vice-president of the Bengaluru West District Congress Committee.

Siddaramaiah alleges journalist, Krupa Alva behind sting operation, calls it blackmail conspiracy



Mysuru: The controversy surrounding the alleged sting operation targeting former Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has taken a fresh turn, with the Congress leader accusing a journalist and Krupa Alva of Mangaluru of being behind the operation. Siddaramaiah alleged that the exercise was part of a systematic conspiracy to blackmail him and tarnish his reputation through false allegations. Speaking to the media at the Suttur branch mutt in Mysuru on October 23, Siddaramaiah said the matter came to his notice in September this year. He said he had voluntarily approached the police to ensure that the truth came out and maintained that the allegations against him were baseless.

The controversy has escalated into a political flashpoint, with statements from Congress leaders and the Opposition adding to the uncertainty over who was behind the alleged operation. Siddaramaiah's son and minister Yathindra Siddaramaiah has alleged that members of the ruling Congress itself may have organised the sting operation to damage his father's image.

Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy has also renewed his criticism of Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar amid the controversy. Meanwhile, KPCC president B.K. Hariprasad has said that if the involvement of Congress members is established, notices will be issued and action will be taken against them.

Siddaramaiah rejected the suggestion that he needed political or moral support to defend himself. Referring to his eight years as Chief Minister, he said he had never faced such allegations during his long political career. He accused some people of resorting to blackmail tactics in the current political climate and asserted that he had committed no wrongdoing.

"I have not done anything wrong. Since I have committed no mistake, I do not need anyone's moral support, nor is there any need for anyone to stand by me," he said, according to the account of his remarks.

Flight crisis leaves 500-plus Karnataka Umrah pilgrims stranded in Mecca, Medina

BENGALURU, : More than 500 Umrah pilgrims from Karnataka are facing difficulties in Saudi Arabia after flight disruptions and the closure



of major airports amid attacks by Houthi rebels. The pilgrims, who are in Mecca and Medina, have reportedly been unable to return home for nearly two weeks as several airlines suspended their services.

The absence of a clear response from some private tour operators who arranged their pilgrimage has added to the distress. Families in Karnataka are increasingly anxious about the safety of their relatives and are appealing to the authorities to arrange their early return.

Abdul Azeem, former chairman of the Karnataka State Minorities Commission, has called for urgent intervention to bring the pilgrims back. He urged the Directorate General of Civil Aviation to allow IndiGo, Akasa Air and Air India to operate flights to Riyadh or Jeddah so that stranded travellers could be brought to India.

Financial constraints have emerged as a major concern. Several pilgrims had booked low-cost packages, and sources said their tickets were not eligible for refunds. With the existing travel arrangements disrupted, many are being forced to consider buying fresh tickets.

Neuberg Anand launches six wellness centres in Bengaluru



BENGALURU : Neuberg Anand Health Checkups, in association with NM Medical, has launched six comprehensive health checkup and wellness centres across Bengaluru as part of its push towards preventive healthcare and personalised wellness.

The centres are located in Shivaji Nagar, Old Airport Road, Kasturi Nagar, HSR Layout, Electronic City and Whitefield.

The initiative aims to shift the focus from symptom-based treatment to predictive healthcare, enabling individuals to identify potential health risks early and adopt personalised strategies for disease prevention and long-term well-being. The centres will integrate radiology, pathology, cardiology, gastroenterology, dental care, ophthalmology, audiometry and genomics. The multidisciplinary approach is expected to provide a more comprehensive assessment of individual health risks and support early diagnosis and preventive care.

The initiative combines Neuberg Anand's diagnostic capabilities with NM Medical's experience in medical imaging and comprehensive health checkups. The company is also preparing to introduce Atlas Longevity in Bengaluru, a predictive wellness initiative focused on personalised health insights, healthy ageing and long-term well-being.

Bengaluru hosts ELECRAMA 2027 roadshow, highlights Karnataka's role in power sector



Bengaluru : The Indian Electrical and Electronics Manufacturers' Association (IEEMA) hosted a preview meet for ELECRAMA 2027 in Bengaluru on Thursday, highlighting Karnataka's growing contribution to India's electrical manufacturing industry and its role in advancing renewable energy and technological innovation.

The event underscored the potential of the southern region in strengthening India's electrical and power sector, estimated at $90 billion, and building momentum for ELECRAMA 2027, billed as the world's largest standalone electrical show.

The five-day exhibition will be held from February 20 to 24, 2027. The upcoming edition is expected to be the largest in the event's history, with more than 1,100 exhibitors, 500,000 visitors, over 25,000 business-to-business meetings, more than 500 hosted buyers and participation from over 10 country pavilions. Germany will be the partner country.With the theme 'Harnessing the Power of I', the exhibition will showcase advances in electrical and electronics manufacturing, energy transition and emerging technologies, while connecting Indian manufacturers with international markets.Speaking at the event, ELECRAMA Chairman and Hartek Group Chairman Hartek Singh said the exhibition provided a major platform for industry leaders, innovators and stakeholders to collaborate on the future of India's electrical and power sector.

The theme would highlight India's manufacturing capabilities and leadership in the energy transition, he said, adding that the organisers expected substantial international participation, including from Germany and other countries. ELECRAMA Vice-Chairman and Polycab Director and CEO Shashi Amin said India's evolving power infrastructure offered significant opportunities for innovation and growth.

Kia India crosses 150 Green Workshops, strengthens sustainability drive



BENGALURU : Kia India has crossed the milestone of 150 Green Workshops across its nationwide dealer network, reinforcing its efforts to integrate sustainable practices into aftersales operations. The company said solar power systems have been installed at 151 workshops, with a cumulative capacity of 11.885 MW. The initiative aims to improve energy efficiency, conserve water and promote responsible waste management across its service network.

Kia India's Green Workshop programme has expanded steadily since 2023, when it began with three facilities and a combined solar capacity of 165 kW. The network grew to 60 workshops with 5.494 MW of installed capacity in 2024. In 2025, the company crossed the 100-workshop mark, reaching 106 facilities with 8.442 MW of capacity. The addition of 45 workshops in 2026 took the total to 151.

Water conservation is a key component of the programme. The company has prescribed steam washing or dry washing at its facilities. While dry washing eliminates water use in the washing process.

Bengaluru Skater Anjana Anand Wins Gold, Silver at CISCE Nationals



BENGALURU : Anjana Anand, a student of Carmel High School, Basaveshwaranagar, has won a gold and a silver medal at the 7th CISCE National Sports and Games skating competition held in Virar, Mumbai.

Competing in the Under-17 girls' category, Anjana clinched gold in the 500-metre event and silver in the 1,000-metre event. The achievement marks her fifth consecutive year of winning medals at the CISCE National Skating Championship.

Anjana began skating at the age of five and has been training under Srinivas G.K., coach at K.G. Skaters Club, Bengaluru. Her consistent practice, discipline and dedication have contributed to her success at the national level.Representing Carmel High School, Anjana has brought pride to her school, coach and family. She has also continued to balance her sporting commitments with academics, demonstrating determination and effective time management. Her consistent performances over the years underline her potential in skating and serve as an inspiration to young sportspersons. With her continued commitment to the sport, Anjana will be looking to build on her achievements in the coming years.

Karnataka explores clean energy partnership with China



Bengaluru : Karnataka is exploring opportunities for collaboration with China in biofuel production, renewable energy and green technology, following a meeting between Karnataka State Biofuel Development Board (KSBDB) chairman S. E. Sudheendra and Chinese Ambassador to India Xu Feihang. The meeting was held at the VIP lounge of Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru on October 22, where the two sides discussed potential areas of cooperation, technological exchange and joint research in sustainable energy.

Sudheendra briefed the ambassador on Karnataka's potential for biofuel production and the adoption of environment-friendly technologies. He highlighted the need to strengthen international partnerships to promote ethanol and biodiesel production using agricultural waste and biomass.

He expressed Karnataka's interest in collaborating with China, a major player in renewable energy technologies, to explore joint research initiatives and industrial opportunities in the green energy sector.

Xu Feihang appreciated the Karnataka government's initiatives and expressed a positive response to proposals for technical assistance, knowledge sharing and cooperation in clean energy projects, according to the board.

The discussions come amid growing global efforts to address climate change and accelerate the transition to cleaner energy sources.

Anuradha, Deputy Commissioner (Rural), Bengaluru, and other senior officials of the board were present at the meeting.

Bengaluru's new-age homebuyers seek lifestyle beyond four walls



Bengaluru: Bengaluru's residential market is witnessing a shift in homebuyers' preferences, with a growing emphasis on lifestyle, wellness and community living rather than property size and location alone, writes Suresh H.A., Managing Director, Sanjeevini Group.

For a new generation of technology professionals, entrepreneurs, senior corporate executives and affluent households, a home is increasingly seen as an extension of their lifestyle, personal aspirations and social lives. As the city's work culture evolves, expectations from residential communities are also changing. Buyers are increasingly looking for developments that combine connectivity with quality living environments, recreational facilities and modern conveniences.

Traditional considerations of location, carpet area and specifications remain important, but amenities such as fitness facilities, landscaped gardens, sports infrastructure, pet-friendly spaces and technology-enabled comforts are gaining prominence. This has brought the concept of amenity-rich residential communities into sharper focus.

Wellness is emerging as an important consideration in residential planning. Outdoor fitness areas, landscaped gardens, walking paths, water features and recreational zones can provide residents opportunities to unwind amid urban pressures. Sports facilities including badminton, tennis and pickleball courts reflect growing interest in active lifestyles. Community interaction is another factor influencing design—an amphitheatre can host cultural programmes and neighbourhood gatherings, while dedicated children's play areas and pet parks cater to diverse households.

Bleeding After Menopause Is Never Normal, Warn Doctors

Bengaluru: Bleeding or spotting after menopause should never be dismissed as a normal part of ageing, doctors have warned, urging women to seek prompt medical evaluation to rule out serious conditions, including uterine cancer. Although menopause marks the end of menstrual periods, some women may experience vaginal bleeding months or even years after their last period. While the cause may be benign conditions such as thinning of the vaginal or uterine lining, polyps or infections, medical experts stress that every unexplained episode of postmenopausal bleeding warrants attention.

According to GLOBOCAN 2024 estimates, India recorded around 28,308 new cases of corpus uteri cancer and 6,362 deaths from the disease in 2024. Corpus uteri cancer affects the body of the uterus, with endometrial cancer being its most common type. Unlike some cancers that remain undetected until advanced stages, endometrial cancer frequently presents with abnormal vaginal bleeding. Studies indicate that approximately 90 per cent of women diagnosed with endometrial cancer experience postmenopausal bleeding.

Warning signs to watch for

Symptoms may include a few drops of blood, light spotting, pink or brown vaginal discharge, blood-stained discharge, bleeding after sexual intercourse or heavier-than-usual bleeding. Even a single episode should not be ignored. Some women may also experience pelvic discomfort or pressure.

However, postmenopausal bleeding does not necessarily indicate cancer. Benign conditions, including vaginal or endometrial atrophy and polyps, are also common causes. A medical examination is necessary to determine the underlying reason.

"Women should not ignore bleeding simply because it is light, occurs only once or appears as spotting. There are several benign causes of postmenopausal bleeding, but it is important to identify the underlying reason. A timely consultation with a gynaecologist and appropriate investigations can help rule out serious conditions," said Dr Sunitha Mahesh, medical director and senior consultant in reproductive medicine and maternal-fetal medicine at Milann – Fertility and Birthing Hospital, Bengaluru.

Risk factors

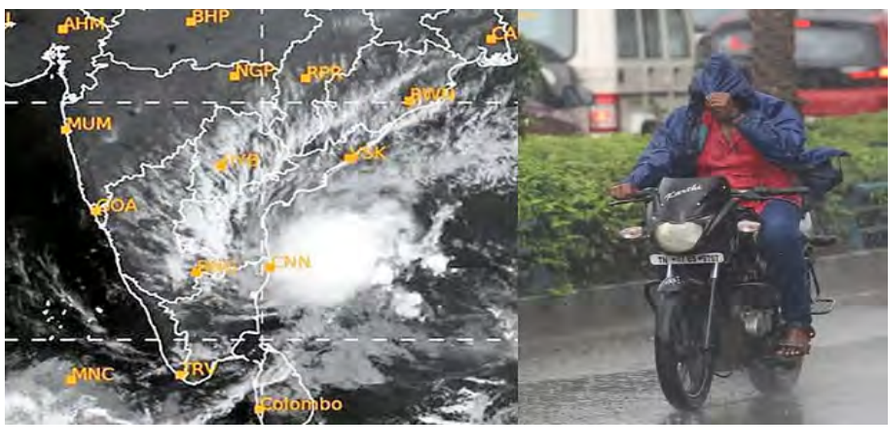
Age is an important risk factor for endometrial cancer. Others include overweight and obesity, Type 2 diabetes, metabolic syndrome, prolonged exposure to oestrogen without adequate progesterone, certain hormone therapies after menopause and the use of tamoxifen.

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New Bay of Bengal low-pressure area forms; cyclone likely by October 26, very heavy rain forecast for several districts

The system is expected to move west-northwestwards towards the north Andhra Pradesh and adjoining south Odisha coasts over the following two days. If it develops into a cyclone, it will be named 'Arnab', as suggested by Bangladesh.

CHENNAI: With widespread rainfall continuing across Tamil Nadu, a new low-pressure area that formed over the Bay of Bengal at 5.30 am on Friday (October 23) is expected to intensify into a cyclonic storm by October 26, according to the India Meteorological Department (IMD).



The system has formed under the influence of an upper-air cyclonic circulation over the southeast and adjoining east-central Bay of Bengal and the Andaman Sea. It is likely to intensify into a depression on Saturday (October 24), a deep depression on Sunday (October 25), and a cyclonic storm over the west-central Bay of Bengal by Monday (October 26).

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Under the influence of this system, further heavy rain is likely across Tamil Nadu. The RMC has forecast very heavy rainfall of 11.6–20.4 cm at isolated places in Kanniyakumari, Nilgiris and Coimbatore districts on Friday.

Meanwhile, another low-pressure area that was over the Comorin region and adjoining parts of south Tamil Nadu and Kerala has moved over the southwest Arabian Sea, off the south Kerala coast, on Friday morning, according to the IMD.

Very heavy rain forecast in several districts

The RMC has forecast very heavy rain (11.6–20.4 cm in 24 hours) at isolated places in Kanniyakumari, Nilgiris and Coimbatore districts on Friday (October 23), warranting an orange alert, while a yellow alert has been issued for heavy rain (6.5–11.5 cm) in several other districts, including Chennai, Tiruvallur, Chengalpattu, Villupuram, Cuddalore, Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi, Ramanathapuram, Madurai, Theni, Dindigul, Erode and Tiruppur, besides Puducherry and Karaikal. On Saturday (October 24), very heavy rain is likely in Kanniyakumari, Coimbatore, Nilgiris and the Ghat areas of Tirunelveli district.

On Sunday (October 25), very heavy rain is forecast in Nilgiris, Coimbatore, Pudukkottai, Madurai, Dindigul, Sivaganga and Theni districts. Heavy rain is likely in several other districts, including Chennai, Tiruvallur, Chengalpattu, Villupuram, Cuddalore, Madurai and Tiruppur.

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Hon'ble Chief Minister issues government order for free supply of 45 kg of sandalwood for Nagore Dargah Kanduri Festival...

'Vetri Payanam' Scheme Launched for Women's Welfare: MLA Munirathinam

Kanchipuram, Oct. 24: A baby shower event was held in Thirupulivanam, near Uthiramerur in Kanchipuram district, under the Integrated Women's Development Scheme. Uthiramerur MLA Munirathinam participated in the event, conducting the baby shower ceremony for 200 pregnant women and presenting them with traditional gifts.



Speaking on the occasion, he highlighted that the Tamil Nadu government has launched the 'Vetri Payanam' scheme—which allows women to travel on buses free of charge—specifically for the welfare of women. He further noted that various other initiatives, including the 'Thaaimaman Thanga Mothiram' (maternal uncle's gold ring) scheme, have been very well received by the public.

TN political parties walk out of CEO's meeting over SIR, protest deletion of 97 lakh voter entries

The boycott was in protest against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar over alleged irregularities in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls

CHENNAI: Representatives of several recognised political parties, including the ruling Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), DMK, Congress, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi (VCK), Naam Tamilar Katchi (NTK), DMDK and Left parties, walked out of the meeting convened by Tamil Nadu Chief Electoral Officer Archana Patnaik on Friday to discuss the forthcoming revision of electoral rolls.



The walk out was in protest against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar over alleged irregularities in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. The parties objected to the exercise, during which around 97 lakh voter entries were removed from Tamil Nadu's electoral rolls.The meeting was convened ahead of the Special Summary Revision (SSR), scheduled to begin in Tamil Nadu on November 12. The exercise is intended to provide eligible voters with an opportunity to seek the inclusion of their names in the electoral rolls. Representatives of the AIADMK, BJP and NTK participated in the meeting.

TN govt plans multi-level car parking, commercial complex in Kodaikanal

CHENNAI: The Tamil Nadu government is planning an integrated development project comprising a commercial complex and multi-level car parking facility in Kodaikanal in Dindigul district to address traffic congestion in the hill station.

According to a Maalaimalar report, the Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Madurai) has taken up the project, which is proposed on 7.59 acres of land owned by the Government Rapid Transport Corporation in Kodaikanal.



As part of the project, a multi-level car parking facility is planned on one acre, while a commercial complex and its required parking facilities are proposed on 1.90 acres and 2.62 acres, respectively. A tender has been invited to select a consultant to prepare a feasibility report and provide advice for the project.What will the consultant study?

The consultant's scope of work includes collecting information on land, buildings and infrastructure. The consultant will also collect details of nearby government land, study traffic congestion within a 3 km radius and assess parking requirements.

Sarath City Capital Mall launches Rs.1 crore 'Mall Banayega Crorepati' campaign

Hyderabad, October 23, 2026: Sarath City Capital Mall, one of India's leading shopping destinations and a premier retail hub in Hyderabad, hosted its Annual Retail Performance Awards 2026, recognising outstanding retail performance across 69 categories for FY 2025–26. The event celebrated the achievements of leading brands and retail partners whose performance has contributed to the mall's growth and success.



The highlight was the grand launch of 'Mall Banayega Crorepati' (MBC), an ambitious 12-month retail campaign running from October 2026 through October 2027. The campaign introduces a shop-and-win concept, offering one lucky winner a grand prize of Rs.1 crore in cash at the finale. Quarterly promotional events will give eligible customers opportunities to win premium cars, sports bikes, electronics and other prizes. Customers making a minimum purchase of Rs.10,000 will qualify for lucky draws, subject to applicable terms and conditions.

The Annual Retail Performance Awards recognised several brands: The Souled Store (ranked No. 1 nationwide among its stores in total sales), Adidas (South India's largest concept store), Comet (highest trading density among new brands), Snitch (No. 1 D2C store in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh by sales), Tira Beauty (No. 1 in South India in sales performance), Technosport (No. 1 nationwide among athleisure brands) and New Balance (No. 1 store in South India by sales).

MBC campaign highlights include weekend quizzes with instant prizes, quarterly mega events featuring premium giveaways, and the Rs.1 crore grand finale.

Mr. Syed Mohammed Aslam, CEO of Skill Promoters, said: "When we first envisioned Sarath City Capital Mall, our dream was to create a world-class shopping destination that would set new benchmarks in retail. With 'Mall Banayega Crorepati', we are taking that vision a step further by celebrating our customers and brand partners through an exciting initiative that brings together shopping, entertainment and extraordinary rewards."The event was graced by Mr. Syed Naveeduddin Ahmed, COO, Mr. Tarachand Bopanna, and second-generation leaders Mr. Syed Mohammed Akram, Mr. Syed Basheeruddin Faayez and Mr. Syed Mohammed Hamza. Participation eligibility, prize details and draw schedules will be governed by official terms and conditions.

Calcium, Vitamin D and exercise key to preventing osteoporosis in women

Osteoporosis, a condition that weakens bones and increases the risk of fractures, is particularly common among women after menopause due to declining estrogen levels and accelerated bone loss. Orthopaedic experts have stressed the importance of adequate calcium and vitamin D intake, regular exercise and early detection to maintain bone health.



In an interview with HT Lifestyle, Dr Lalit Modi, director of orthopaedics and joint replacement at CK Birla Hospitals, Jaipur, and Dr Rakesh Rajput, director and head of orthopaedics at CK Birla Hospitals, CMRI, Kolkata, explained why women are more vulnerable to osteoporosis and outlined their daily calcium and vitamin D requirements.

Dr Modi said that women should focus not only on preventing fractures but also on identifying bone loss early and seeking appropriate treatment. Dr Rajput noted that osteoporosis can develop without noticeable symptoms, with its effects often becoming evident only at a later stage. According to Dr Modi, adult women generally require around 1,000 mg of calcium daily, while women above 50 years need approximately 1,200 mg. However, individual requirements may vary depending on health conditions and clinical advice.

The experts recommended obtaining calcium primarily through food. Milk, curd, paneer and other calcium-rich foods can help meet daily requirements. Women who avoid dairy products can include ragi, calcium-set tofu, sesame seeds, certain leafy greens and calcium-fortified foods in their diets.

Calcium supplements may be necessary when dietary intake is insufficient, but excessive consumption does not necessarily prevent fractures. Dr Rajput cautioned that unnecessary supplementation can cause health problems, including kidney stones in some individuals. He advised consulting a doctor to determine whether supplements are required and establish the appropriate dosage.

Vitamin D is equally important because it helps the body absorb calcium and supports muscle and bone function. Dr Rajput said commonly recommended daily intake levels for adults range from 600 to 800 international units (IU), depending on age and health status. Women with a deficiency may require different doses under medical supervision.

The body produces vitamin D when the skin is exposed to sunlight. However, living in a sunny country does not automatically ensure adequate levels. Time spent indoors, clothing, sunscreen use, skin pigmentation and limited sunlight exposure can influence vitamin D production.

The experts also advised including vitamin D-rich foods such as oily fish and egg yolks, along with fortified food products. Supplements may be needed in some cases, but high doses of vitamin D should not be taken without medical advice. The doctors emphasised that calcium and vitamin D alone are not sufficient to treat established osteoporosis. Weight-bearing exercises, strength training, brisk walking and measures to prevent falls are also important in maintaining bone strength. Prescription medicines may be required depending on the severity of the condition.

Women who have reached menopause, people with a history of fractures and those with other osteoporosis risk factors should discuss bone health assessments with their doctors. A bone mineral density test, commonly known as a DEXA scan, may be recommended depending on age and individual risk.

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EDITORIAL

Home Ministry Extends Deployment of 273 CAPF Companies in Delhi

New Delhi: The Union home ministry has extended for the second time the deployment of 273 Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) companies in the national capital till October 31.

The Press Trust of India reports, quoting unnamed official sources, that the extension comes in view of the possibility of "flash protests" by citizens. The news has broken on a day when farmers, lawyers, academics, activists, youth leaders and students were stopped on their way to the Election Commission's office in New Delhi. The citizens were protesting against the special intensive revision of the electoral rolls, which have left 13 crores out of the voter lists, and are calling for the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar.

PTI reported that the extension was approved "at the request of the Delhi Police, which informed the ministry about the possibility of flash protests by political and other outfits at various sensitive locations across the national capital." "Officials said the continued deployment was essential to ensure proper law and order," the agency noted. The protests against Kumar and the SIR he has spearheaded took off on October 2, at Jantar Mantar. On that day, around 4,000 police personnel including companies of central forces and other paramilitary forces were deployed in Delhi. Subsequent days have been spirited protests even though security forces have left no stone unturned to ensure they do not take off – from denial of permission followed by denotification of a protest site, to closure of metro stations and mobile internet services, detentions of youth and student leaders and halting of railway services. The deployment of the CAPF had been extended in mid-October as well. The PTI report says that of the 273 companies that will remain deployed in Delhi alongside the local police, 125 belong to the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), including 20 women personnel units. The deployment also includes 20 companies from the Rapid Action Force (RAF), 46 from the Border Security Force (BSF), 39 from the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), 31 from the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) and 12 from the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF). A day ago, Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)'s director general, Shatrujeet Kapur, said that Indian and Chinese forces are locked in standoffs at more than one location along the Arunachal Pradesh frontier. The extension comes in view of the possibility of "flash protests" by citizens, PTI reports. A day ago, the ITBP head said that Indian and Chinese forces are locked in standoffs at more than one location along the Arunachal Pradesh frontier.

Jamnagar, Rubio, And Why The US Wants India To 'Obey', Not Negotiate

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The year 2026 has emerged as a defining litmus test for the strategic partnership between the United States and India. Characterised by an intricate dance of macro-economic friction, anti-Indian commentary, and deep-rooted defense collaboration, the bilateral relationship is navigating a cycle of real structural turbulence. No single series of events captures this paradox better than the high-stakes diplomatic itineraries of US Secretary of State Marco Rubio. Following a critical repair mission in May 2026 to stabilise relations jolted by trade tariffs, Rubio's tour in October 2026 to the financial, industrial, technology, and energy hubs of Mumbai and Jamnagar underscores a relationship shifting away from an all-encompassing strategic partnership towards hyper-pragmatic, transactional diplomacy.

To appreciate the current state of India-US ties, one must look back to the spring of 2026. The bilateral relationship entered the year under severe stress. The second Trump administration had introduced a series of aggressive economic manoeuvres, including the imposition of a 50% import tariff on certain Indian goods in August, 2025. Compounding these economic shocks were geopolitical grievances: Washington had renewed diplomatic engagement with Pakistan - which New Delhi viewed as insensitive to its counterterrorism challenges - and public praise from the White House for Pakistan's military leadership had caused a severe trust deficit. From the 'repair mission' of May 2026 when Rubio worked aggressively to reassure India of its status as a vital strategic partner, extended an invitation to PM Modi on behalf of President Trump to visit the White House, sought to address the 50% penalty import tariffs and trust deficit, pushed the "Mission 500" to increase bilateral trade to $500 billion by 2030, and reaffirmed Quad cooperation in New Delhi, Rubio's objectives in October, 2026 represented a transactional shift which coincided with a pause in the Sanctions of Russia and Iran Act seemingly triggered by broader U.S. conflicts with Iran and Russia.

IT'S BUSINESS, SILLY

The October visit has been defined by hard, transactional realism. In a move that unnecessarily ruffled feathers among some political opposition circles in India, Rubio skipped the traditional diplomatic reception in New Delhi entirely. Instead, the State Department mapped an itinerary focused squarely on the economic and financial muscle of Mumbai and the energy infrastructure of Jamnagar in Gujarat - home to the world's largest oil refining complex.

The backdrop to Rubio's October arrival was the looming threat of the Lindsey O. Graham Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act. In a significant diplomatic decision just prior to Rubio's departure, the Trump administration paused these sanctions as they applied to any country. Speaking on his way to India, Rubio stated directly that India is an "important ally" whose energy needs must be meticulously factored into US foreign policy calculations. Rubio equated energy security with national security and declared that America's keenness to stop the Russia-Ukraine conflict has to be balanced with the impact that such measures might have on other countries. This argument sounds somewhat hypocritical, as such thinking seems to have been nowhere under consideration when penalty tariffs of 25% on account of India's purchases of Russian oil were imposed in August 2025, while the largest importer of Russian oil and gas, China, was left untouched because of varying strategic considerations. It would have been tactless for Trump to have imposed sanctions on India on the eve of the Rubio visit. This would have totally left Rubio bereft of any negotiating leverage on what he sought to achieve.

Moreover, it appears that the US today desperately wants more diesel to flow into the global markets to control the prices. In this context, the Reliance Refinery at Jamnagar, the world's largest and one of the few with the capacity to refine the hard, sour crude from Venezuela, can meet the current US needs. It is in this context that Rubio was compelled to speak of India as a "Refining Superpower". Rubio's dash to India and to Jamnagar was to seek immediate reprieve for the shortage of diesel that the world is currently experiencing, and Trump's hope that India could help in ameliorating the situation and thereby help him in his mid-Term performance.

ALWAYS A 'CATCH'

However, this relief comes with an explicit American counter-demand: Rubio emphasized a 60-day window for India to actively diversify its energy supply away from Moscow and toward American energy exporters, declaring that Washington "will not let Iran hold the global energy market hostage". The bilateral economic domain continues to remain a persistent battlefield. Long-running efforts to finalise an interim bilateral trade agreement have repeatedly stalled over market access, agricultural barriers, and tariff structures.

Yet, ahead of his October meetings with Jaishankar, Rubio injected a burst of optimism into the narrative, telling media outlets that negotiations were in their "last inches" and that a breakthrough was imminent. This push is tied to a broader political timeline: Washington is leveraging the trade agreement to set the stage for an official presidential visit by Donald Trump to India early next year. This could also be timed with PM Modi's anticipated visit to Miami, Florida, for the G20 Summit in December 2026. Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has highlighted that India wants to be assured of a position of comparative advantage relative to its global trade competitors. However, the path to a finalised deal remains complicated by domestic policy incoherence in Washington. While the State Department attempts to cultivate India as the premier alternative to Chinese manufacturing supply chains, simultaneous crackdowns on Indian technology firms by US immigration authorities have severely strained the relationship. These immigration restrictions - implemented just as delegations attempt to pitch technology partnerships under the TRUST Initiative - have raised concerns in New Delhi about America's predictability as an economic partner. While public and media attention naturally gravitates toward high-profile tariff disputes and diplomatic scheduling snubs, an entirely separate reality is unfolding at the operational level. Beneath the turbulence, functional cooperation in defense, artificial intelligence, and semiconductor fabrication is accelerating at an unprecedented pace.

THE TECH TRAIN

The American private sector has decoupled its long-term strategic investments in India from the erratic cycles of official trade negotiations. Major US tech giants pledged a significant $68 billion in AI infrastructure investments in India over the past year. Furthermore, tangible components of the tech alliance are rapidly materialising:

Micron Technology officially opened its first semiconductor assembly and testing facility in India on February 28, executing a landmark supply chain diversification commitment.

Silicon Valley equipment heavyweights Applied Materials and Lam Research announced massive capital infusions into India's emerging semiconductor ecosystem, providing the hardware foundation for New Delhi's electronics manufacturing ambitions. Simultaneously, the defence-industrial relationship has proven remarkably resilient against political volatility.

Emotional Intelligence in AI Filmmaking: Teaching Machines to Tell Human Stories



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Artificial intelligence is transforming filmmaking, moving beyond visual effects and automation towards a more nuanced approach to emotional storytelling. Emerging AI film-generation tools, such as Google Flow, enable filmmakers to translate creative ideas into visual sequences using text prompts, reference images and cinematic instructions.

Emotional intelligence in AI filmmaking refers to the ability of these systems to generate visuals that communicate human emotions through facial expressions, body language, lighting, colour, camera movement and composition. For instance, a scene depicting grief may employ subdued colours, restrained movements and close-up shots to convey emotional vulnerability, while a moment of joy may use brighter lighting, expressive gestures and dynamic framing.

However, AI does not experience emotions as humans do. It identifies patterns in learned data and generates visual representations that may appear emotionally convincing. The effectiveness of such storytelling depends significantly on the filmmaker's understanding of human psychology, cinematic language and audience perception.

Tools such as Google Flow can support this process by helping creators develop scenes from carefully structured prompts and maintain visual continuity across sequences. Yet, technology alone cannot guarantee emotional depth. The filmmaker's creative judgement remains essential in shaping authentic, meaningful narratives.

As AI-generated cinema evolves, the real challenge is not merely to create visually impressive films, but to produce stories that resonate with human experiences. The future of AI filmmaking may ultimately depend on how effectively technology serves the emotional intelligence of the storyteller.

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Aramco To Venezuela: The Oil Concession Comes Full Circle

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More than a century ago, William Knox D'Arcy made a bargain with the Shah of Persia that helped create the modern oil industry. The deal gave D'Arcy exclusive rights to explore for, produce and sell oil across most of Persia for 60 years. In return, the Persian government received £20,000 in cash, £20,000 in shares and 16% of annual net profits. At the time, nobody knew how valuable the oil would become. That uncertainty was central to the early oil concession. Foreign companies supplied capital, technology and the willingness to take exploration risk. Governments possessing the resource supplied access. As the value of oil became clearer, however, that bargain was repeatedly renegotiated. A century later, a new Venezuelan oil agreement raises the possibility that the concessionary model is entering another phase. The North American Blue Energy Partners arrangement is striking not simply because of its scale, but because of the unusual roles assigned to the company and the U.S. government. The agreement covers 17 Venezuelan oil fields and gives NABEP 100-year rights over fields associated with approximately 65 billion barrels of proven reserves. The company plans to invest close to $100 billion and raise production substantially. But the unusual feature is the role assigned to the United States. The Pentagon's Office of Strategic Capital has been granted rights to a 35% equity interest in NABEP's corporate parent. The U.S. Department of State has the right to purchase 20% of production at cost, as well as a right of first refusal over the remaining 80%. Washington also has veto power over board appointments, while a majority of the board must be U.S. citizens. The 35% interest is structured through warrants designed to protect the U.S. position from dilution as the venture raises capital. The structure has an extraordinary historical echo. But it also reverses part of the direction in which the oil industry has travelled. The early concessionary era was not confined to Persia. In Iraq, the Turkish Petroleum Company received a 75-year concession in 1925. The arrangement eventually became a multinational enterprise involving British, French, Dutch and American interests. In Kuwait, the Kuwait Oil Company was established in 1934 as a joint venture between Anglo-Persian Oil Company and Gulf Oil. Commercial production began after the discovery of the giant Burgan field. Kuwait subsequently nationalised its oil industry. These cases illustrate the basic pattern of twentieth-century petroleum history. Foreign capital and expertise initially dominated the industry. Resource-rich states subsequently demanded a greater share of the proceeds and, eventually, greater ownership and control. Saudi Arabia provides perhaps the clearest example. In 1933, Standard Oil of California received a concession from the Saudi government to explore for oil. Commercial quantities were discovered in 1938. The original arrangement therefore involved genuine geological and financial uncertainty. As Saudi Arabia's oil wealth became apparent, the bargain changed. In 1950, Aramco agreed to a 50-50 profit-sharing arrangement, following a model that had already emerged in Venezuela. Over the following decades, Riyadh acquired progressively greater ownership of Aramco, ultimately reaching full ownership in 1980. The history of Aramco therefore became a history of the transformation of a concession. A foreign company initially supplied capital and expertise. The resource-owning state progressively acquired a larger share of the value and eventually control of the enterprise. Venezuela's new arrangement begins from a very different position. The resource is already known. Venezuela possesses the world's largest proven oil reserves, while much of its production infrastructure has deteriorated after years of underinvestment and economic and political turmoil.

OIL SPILL WASHES UP ON UAE BEACHES AFTER TANKER STRIKE



An oil spill from a tanker attacked near the Strait of Hormuz is spreading along the United Arab Emirates (UAE) coastline, forcing the closure of some beaches and coastal areas. Satellite images from Monday show the beginnings of the oil spill from a ship matching the location and dimensions of Gem No.2, which was damaged between 9 and 10 October during a record surge of vessel strikes by Iran. The slick of oil had spread more than 35km (22 miles) from the tanker by Wednesday, the satellite imagery showed. UAE authorities said on Thursday that the incident is affecting beaches near the northern city of Umm Al Quwain and verified video from Friday shows the oil washing ashore, colouring the water black. The UAE's Ministry of Climate Change and Environment said on Thursday that it "immediately began containment" in order to "limit environmental impacts". Prof Steve Widdicombe, director of Sharjah Marine Science Research Centre in the UAE, told BBC Verify it was "inevitable that there will be an impact", but researchers caution it is too soon to assess extent of the damage. Initially a much smaller oil leak could be seen emerging from the ship on 19 October. But the slick appears to have rapidly spread over two days, according to radar satellite imagery reviewed by BBC Verify and intelligence firm MAIAR. Oil spills can cause immediate deaths of marine animals and other organisms, for example by physically trapping turtles, smothering the feathers of seabirds or damaging the gills of fish. They can also cause longer-lasting damage, Prof Widdicombe said, if species remain exposed to toxic compounds from the oil which could impact their ability to reproduce. Researchers have cautioned the environmental impact at this stage is very uncertain, as it depends on factors including the volume and type of oil spilled, how quickly it evaporates or breaks down and the effectiveness of the clIranian state media shared footage of a ship matching Gem No.2 which appeared to show the vessel on fire with burning oil spilling into the sea. The ship had been attempting to exit the Strait of Hormuz via an "unauthorized and dangerous route", according to state media. All 22 Indian crew members were rescued, the Indian consulate in Dubai said on 11 October. Gem No.2 is one of a record number of ships that reported being attacked in and around the Strait of Hormuz at the start of October. Security experts told BBC Verify this was part of an Iranian effort to assert greater control over the strait, in response to the US military successfully escorting more vessels through the vital shipping lane. Tankers and other commercial vessels have come under attack from both Iranian and US forces in and around the Strait of Hormuz amid the conflict between the two countries. Another major oil slick washed up on the shores of Iran's Qeshm Island in August, which experts said threatened wildlife, protected ecosystems and fishing communities. ean-up operation. But the spill does extend towards Siniyah and Khor Al Beidah islands, a globally recognised Key Biodiversity Area containing habitats like corals, seagrasses and saltmarshes.

Ukraine says Starlink still restricted after Trump says limits lifted



Ukraine is still recording issues with the Starlink network, sources within the defence ministry say, after Donald Trump said limits on the satellite uplink had been reversed by Elon Musk. The sources told the BBC that instances of drones experiencing connection loss at speeds of 161km/h (100mph) were being recorded, hampering military operations. The US president had denied instructing the tech billionaire to restrict connectivity to Starlink's military-grade counterpart, Starshield, before saying on Thursday that Musk had "put it back". Musk previously said he was not behind the slowdown, which affected Ukraine's ability to use attack drones and co-ordinate defensive operations. The Ukrainian defence ministry sources said the military was constantly monitoring the performance of both the Starlink and Starshield networks. They added that there was "currently no confirmation that these restrictions have been lifted". Last week, Kyiv said uplink speeds to the low Earth orbit satellites had been restricted, affecting the speed at which drones could travel. Any drone travelling faster than 100mph lost its connection, officials said. Shortly after, Musk said that Starshield, which Ukraine uses for some of its operation, was controlled by the US military and suggested that the Pentagon could be behind the issues. The White House has since repeatedly denied deliberately placing limits on the network in Ukraine. Trump refused to say whether he had called Musk to ask him to lift restrictions to the service when asked about reports to that end on Thursday, but said: "Bottom line, he put it back." Ukraine uses both the civilian service Starlink and the more secure Starshield, depending on what communications are needed. The networks use 10,000 satellites to provide connectivity, particularly in remote areas and on the battlefield. Starshield allows Ukrainian drone operators to see targets in real time, as well as operate interceptor drones. Russia is not authorised to use Starlink, so when Ukraine sends long-range missiles deep into Russia to hit oil refineries, the network does not work. One Ukrainian soldier said there was "simply no alternative" to Starshield, adding that earlier in the week, connectivity had been cutting out when his unit had been travelling in a car at 80km/h (50 mph). "I'll tell you this much: God forbid they shut it off completely - it would be an absolute catastrophe," he told the BBC. "We need a backup option for securing communications and internet." Another soldier said they had reverted to the "proven algorithms" they used before they had Starlink when it initially started playing up, but stressed that Ukrainian forces did need the network, citing its speed. "Even one or two seconds is critical when we can transfer data and orders faster," she said. "You can really feel that advantage on the battlefield." Ukrainian reports of a slowdown to the service came during a tense diplomatic row between Trump and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky about Ukrainian strikes on Russian oil infrastructure. Faced with midterm elections next month, Trump has waived some sanctions on Russia and agreed a deal to import Russian diesel for the US market - a move criticised by Ukraine and its European allies. Trump said the strikes on Russian oil refineries, which Kyiv says are crucial to stemming the main revenue source for Moscow's war effort, have pushed global prices higher. While the attacks have had an impact on global fuel prices, rises seen this year have primarily been due to the Iran war.

SBI SAYS CUSTOMER FUNDS UNAFFECTED AFTER DATA BREACH



New Delhi: India's largest lender — State Bank of India (SBI) — on Friday stated that account balances and funds of customers remain safe following a recent cyber incident that led to exposure of 3,897 customer records on the dark web. In a statement that was shared on social media platform X, the lender said, "Further to our earlier post regarding the recent cyber incident, the lender has individually informed all customers whose data was identified as being involved through email and/or WhatsApp. We reiterate that your account balances and funds are safe with us." The bank advised customers to follow safe digital banking practices, never share OTP, PIN or password with anyone and remain vigilant against suspicious calls, messages and emails. The statement came after India's largest lender clarified earlier this week that it had experienced a data breach, with 3,897 customer records found exposed on the dark web. Earlier in the week, the bank said it had received communications from its Threat Intelligence Service Provider, the Defence Cyber Agency and CERT-In regarding an alert concerning suspected exposure of customer data. During preliminary analysis of approximately 375,000 records available on the dark web, 3,897 customer records containing Personally Identifiable Information (PII) were identified, the bank had said in an exchange filing. The exposed information reportedly included customers' registered mobile numbers, dates of birth, names, gender, email addresses, residential addresses, branch and CIF identifiers, lead IDs and metadata associated with loan or lead records and other related files, it added. The state-owned lender said it promptly activated its cyber incident response and containment protocols and engaged an independent CERT-In-empanelled cybersecurity agency to conduct a comprehensive assessment and investigate the nature and extent of the alleged compromise.

ZUCKERBERG MAKES META DEAL TO COVER POTENTIAL BILLIONAIRE TAX



Sacramento: Mark Zuckerberg made a deal with Meta's board to help him pay a proposed California tax on billionaires without losing his ownership stake in the company he founded, according to regulatory filings published this week. If passed by voters in the November 3 election, the measure would levy a one-time 5 per cent tax on the wealth of Californians whose net worth exceeds USD 1 billion. Zuckerberg is the sixth-richest person in the world with a net worth estimated at more than USD 220 billion, according to Forbes. That would put his tax liability at more than USD 11 billion. Actions announced by the tech giant on Wednesday will keep Zuckerberg as the majority owner of the company — and also give him the ability to sell some of a new class of non-voting shares "for any reason", including to pay potential bills from the wealth tax. The compromise came after Zuckerberg told the board he was considering selling his Palo Alto home last month in anticipation of the proposed tax. But he later struck the deal and committed to staying in California for eight years, unless "material unforeseen circumstances" arise that make it "prudent or advisable for him to reside elsewhere", according to the filings. A few hundred billionaires live in California, according to the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office. The tax would apply to anyone with a primary residence in the state as of January 1, 2026. Most of the money would be used to backfill federal funding cuts to healthcare, and 10 per cent of it would go toward education and food-assistance programmes. Proponents, including SEIU United Healthcare Workers West and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, say it would help ensure the ultra-rich pay their fair share. But opponents, including California Governor Gavin Newsom, a Democrat, have warned it could prompt the state's wealthiest to leave the state. That could cause budget problems down the line because the state relies heavily on the rich for income tax revenue. SEIU United Healthcare Workers West said the Zuckerberg deal proves opponents wrong. "This is the nail in the coffin to months of scare tactics claiming that billionaires are fleeing California," Suzanne Jimenez, the union's chief of staff, said in a statement. Zuckerberg's deal with Meta offers another glimpse into how the ultra-wealthy are bracing for the proposed tax, which targets the main way they make money, through their investments, instead of by raising taxes on the paycheck they receive from work. Other billionaires have taken a different approach by starting to cut ties with the state, including Google cofounders Sergey Brin and Larry Page. Brin and other tech moguls and venture capitalists have poured millions into a political action committee opposing the proposed tax and backing other ballot measures designed to nullify it. The committee, Building a Better California, has raised more than USD 333 million, 30 per cent of which has come from Brin. By comparison, the "Yes on 40" campaign has raised USD 32.7 million. Zuckerberg has taken a salary of USD 1 each year since 2013 as Meta's CEO. In its regulatory filings, Meta maintained that Zuckerberg would not receive additional compensation — and argued that he would "effectively be paying to serve as the company's chief executive officer while residing in California" if the state's wealth tax is enacted. The company said the new stock he will be allowed to sell — representing 10 per cent of his overall economic stake in the company — would help mitigate that.

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51 Mercedes-Benz cars delivered in Hyderabad in Navratri season



Hyderabad: As many as 51 Mercedes-Benz cars were delivered in Hyderabad during the Navratri season this year by the authorised dealer, Mercedes-Benz Silver Star. The festive season, including Diwali, Dussehra and Navratri, is associated with new beginnings and considered auspicious in India. During this period, automobile purchases increase as customers schedule them according to the aforementioned festivals. "Mercedes-Benz Silver Star, Hyderabad, celebrated 51 Mercedes-Benz deliveries during Navaratri, marking a strong festive season and reflecting the continued trust of customers across the city," the dealership said in a statement. Mercedes-Benz Silver Star said each delivery brought together the excitement of purchasing a new car and the opportunity to celebrate with family. According to the dealership, the sale of 51 Mercedes-Benz cars also reflects its emphasis on ensuring a good after-sales experience and strengthening customer relations. The 51 deliveries represent more than a festive milestone for Silver Star. Each delivery signifies a customer's aspiration, a family's happiness, and a relationship built on trust. From the excitement of receiving a new vehicle to memorable moments shared with loved ones, the celebrations brought together the spirit of the festive season and the experience of luxury ownership, the release added. The management of Mercedes-Benz Silver Star said, "This milestone inspires us to continue raising the bar in customer experience and service excellence."

SBI data breach:

HYDERABAD ADVOCATE MOVES NHRC, SEEKS CBI PROBE



Hyderabad: A city-based advocate has filed a complaint with the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), seeking a CBI investigation into the alleged loss of personal data of a substantial number of State Bank of India (SBI) customers. In his complaint dated October 21, Yennam Balachander Reddy refers to media reports on the issue as well as the bank's communication to the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) regarding the same. The NHRC has acknowledged receipt of the complaint.

He said he himself has been an SBI customer for over a decade. Listing them as respondents, Reddy has also sought an action-taken report from the following: the CBI, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), the Ministry of Finance, the Reserve Bank of India, the Data Protection Board of India, the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In), and the Defence Cyber Agency.

ON SBI DATA BREACH

Citing media reports from October 21, Reddy said, "According to information disclosed by the bank to the SEBI, about 375,000 customer records had been exposed on the dark web in the data breach, to be true and correct."

He said that the bank acknowledged a data-loss incident after receiving communications on October 16 "concerning the suspected exposure of customer data on the dark web. Preliminary analysis reportedly identified approximately 3.75 lakh records, including 3,897 customer records containing personally identifiable information (PII).

According to the bank, it received communications from its Threat Intelligence Service Provider, the Defence Cyber Agency and CERT-In regarding an alert concerning suspected exposure of customer data earlier in the week. "Preliminary analysis reportedly identified approximately 3.75 lakh records, including 3,897 customer records containing personally identifiable information (PII)," he said.

Israeli forces begin demolishing Palestinian buildings in Hebron



The Israeli military has begun demolishing Palestinian buildings in the city of Hebron, after two Israeli soldiers were killed in an attack by two Palestinian gunmen. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the military would "destroy" the neighbourhood where the two attackers came from, and that Israel was ready for "extensive action" in the occupied West Bank. Three other soldiers were wounded in the attack at a checkpoint outside Hebron, before the gunmen were shot dead, officials say. The attack comes at a time of high tensions, with extremist Jewish settlers targeting Palestinians during the annual olive harvest, and Israel's general election taking place in four days' time. Footage verified by the BBC shows an intense gun battle between soldiers and the gunmen. Unverified CCTV footage shows two gunmen exit a car armed with what appears to be a handgun and an assault rifle and start firing on soldiers at the checkpoint, before coming under return fire. The attack has already begun to influence the ongoing election campaign, with Netanyahu - who has built his campaign on the promise of security - saying that his Likud party would cancel campaign events which had been set for Friday morning. Speaking later from the scene of the attack, Netanyahu said that the military would "demolish this place and completely transform it," referring to the Hebron neighbourhood where the attackers are said to have come from. It is common for Israeli forces to demolish the homes of Palestinians who are suspected of carrying out attacks on Israelis - a practice Israeli rights groups have criticised as "collective punishment". Netanyahu also said he had reviewed plans for the largest military operation in the West Bank in decades - though did not say when it could be carried out. He added that he had imposed cordonNetanyahu also said the military would forcefully evacuate the area of the attack and "transform it completely," employing the plan used in the Jenin, Tulkarm, Nur Shams, and Al-Far'a refugee camps in early 2025, which led to the displacement of thousands of Palestinians and the evacuation of entire neighborhoods. By Friday afternoon, Israeli forces had started demolitions in the Farsh al-Hawa area of Hebron. In video obtained by CNN, an Israeli soldier tells residents of a housing complex: "You have five minutes to evacuate." around the city of Hebron - which has around 200,000 residents - and the nearby city of Halhul. Netanyahu's far-right Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich called for Israel to launch a campaign in the West Bank "exactly like in Gaza or Lebanon," while far-right National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir called for Israel to dismantle the Palestinian Authority. On Thursday, Foreign Minister Israel Katz accused opposition leaders of undermining the government by criticising Netanyahu's warnings of an attack ahead of the election, saying they would be "responsible" for any future attack on the country. Opposition chiefs, including frontrunner Gadi Eisenkot and former Prime Minister Naftali Bennett, offered their condolences to the families of the killed troops and praised those who killed the attackers. The Israeli military said it had found a large quantity of ammunition in the attackers' vehicle, and that they believe the gunmen had intended to carry out a much larger attack on the nearby Route 35, but ran into the checkpoint - so instead decided to open fire there. At least 96 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli forces or settlers in the West Bank since the start of the year, according to the UN. Four Israelis, both security forces and civilians, have been killed by Palestinians there over the same period, the UN says - not including those killed in Friday's attack. Israel began demolishing buildings and forcing residents to evacuate a neighborhood in the occupied West Bank on Friday, hours after two Palestinian gunmen opened fire on an Israeli military checkpoint, killing two soldiers.

WHITE HOUSE SAYS MELANIA TRUMP BROKERS TRUCE FOR UKRAINE CITY 'ON BRINK OF DISASTER'



US First Lady Melania Trump has "successfully secured" a ceasefire between Russia and Ukraine in the Russian-occupied city of Oleshky, the White House has said.

The statement said the truce in the "front-line war city on the brink of disaster" would begin on 29 October. "Oleshky's remaining population is comprised primarily of elderly residents who urgently need medical attention, medicine, food, and clean water," it added. Ukraine and Russia later confirmed the ceasefire was agreed.

Oleshky, in the Kherson region, was seized by Russian forces during the first days of Moscow's full-scale invasion in February 2022. Remaining residents have recently resorted to eating garden weeds to survive. The White House statement said Melania Trump and her representative had worked "directly with Russian and Ukrainian leadership to define the terms of the localised ceasefire".

"Non-military, civilian leaders from both countries will work together to visit Oleshky residents in their homes and determine the level of assistance they require," she is quoted as saying.

"Residents who wish to evacuate will receive coordinated support and transportation to their preferred destination. I anticipate some will want to go to Russia, and some to Ukraine." Melania Trump added that Oleshky residents "have limited electricity, live amid mined roads, and endure regular military attacks" and that "without my intervention, the possibility to bring humanitarian aid into the city and to evacuate the elderly would be impossible".

The statement did not say how long the ceasefire would be in place for.

Davyd Arakhamia, a Ukrainian MP who heads President Volodymyr Zelensky's party in parliament, later said "an operation to unblock the settlement of Oleshky and its surroundings will begin in the near future".

"To achieve this goal, a ceasefire will be achieved in the near future, as announced by the First Lady of the United States, Melania Trump," he said.

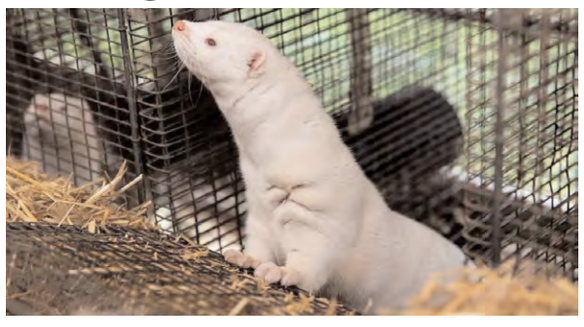
In Russia, President Vladimir Putin's spokesman confirmed the truce had been agreed.

"The military is currently working to coordinate the timings of a ceasefire," Dmitry Peskov said. "Those who wish to do so will be able to leave this settlement." Last month, some of the remaining Oleshky residents told the BBC harrowing accounts of how they were surviving in the city that was being constantly shelled and cut off from food and water. They said that children remaining in wider Oleshky were suffering from malnutrition, a lack of medical services and were "degrading" without access to education.

Many also told the BBC there was only one hospital partially operational, opening a few days a week to perform critical amputations. The local population was living under a "full blockade" by Russian forces, according to Ukraine's Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha.

Ukraine says it has attempted to deliver supplies to the area but has not had success in recent months. The Kremlin in September acknowledged that Oleshky was facing "a critical situation" and "problems with supplies of food and medicine", but added that "Russia's military was working to resolve them" and blamed Kyiv. Oleshky is trapped between the Dnipro River, which separates it from Ukrainian positions, and Russian forces.

Denmark to ban mink farming in government U-turn



Mink farming will end in Denmark by August 2029 after the government decided to drop plans to pursue an exemption to an EU-wide ban on the practice. Denmark was once the largest producer of mink fur in the world, but the industry has declined due to global bans on fur farming, a decline in the fur trade and an earlier outbreak of a Covid strain in the nation's mink population. The ban is due to come into effect on 7 August next year, and is followed by a two-year transition period to phase out the practice. Danish Nature Minister Christian Rabjerg Madsen said the government had chosen animal welfare. "A business should not continue just because it has existed for a long time. It should also make sense for society, for the economy and for the animals," he said. The Danish government had initially sought an exemption for its mink industry when the EU added the mammal to its list of invasive species in 2025, prohibiting people from keeping them. However, the current coalition government, elected in June, reversed this decision and decided not to proceed with the application on Friday. Social Democrat MP Brigitte Vind said it was "a good day for animal welfare". "It is absolutely the right decision not to apply for a special scheme for mink breeding in Denmark," she said.

Deadly shooting near Paris investigated as 'crime of terrorism', minister says



One person has been killed and five others wounded - three seriously - in a gun attack in a Parisian suburb which authorities are investigating as "terrorism". Several drive-by shootings took place on Friday - first in Trappes to the south-west of Paris, and then in nearby La Verrière. The rampage lasted almost 15 minutes, said Interior Minister Laurent Nuñez. A12-year-old girl is among the wounded. The suspected attacker has been arrested. The motive remains unclear, but the National Anti-Terrorist Prosecutor's Office (PNAT) said the incident appeared to be "murder in connection with a terrorist enterprise". Nuñez told reporters in Trappes: "It's clearly a terrorist crime, that's what [the prosecutor] has said." The Mayor of Trappes, Ali Rabeh, said that "an individual fired shots from his vehicle at several people he encountered" on Friday morning. The gunman drove through several neighbourhoods in a grey Renault Clio, according to witnesses. Rabeh said he had "fired randomly" with the seeming intent of causing "as many casualties as possible... he wanted to cause carnage", he said. The mayor said people had been targeted at a petrol station, a medical centre and a playground in Trappes before the attacker had driven on to nearby La Verrière. A police union official said the suspect had been detained in La Verrière on the main N10 road that runs through the town. Asked what the motive for the shootings may have been, the mayor of Trappes said that the victim who had died was of African origin and one of those in a critical condition was of North African descent. The attack had a "racist, probably Islamophobic overtone", he said. In its own statement, the anti-terror prosecutor called for caution regarding the identity of the victims. However, among the alleged offences covered by the investigation, the prosecutor listed "murder in connection with a terrorist enterprise" with the aggravated circumstance of acts committed because of "real or perceived membership of a particular race, ethnicity, nation or religion". The attacker reportedly travelled down a main road, shooting intermittently out of his car window. A local police chief told BFMTV that the suspect had used "an older-style semi-automatic weapon" with bursts of fire. Le Parisien reports that the gun dated back to World War Two. Rabeh said the shooter had hit a health centre, a petrol station and several vehicles during the spree. The suspected attacker was then arrested at the nearby town of Coignières, local media report. The interior minister said the motive of the attacker remained unclear. The suspect, a 39-year-old, was known to police but not to France's intelligence services, local media report. PNAT said their investigation also includes "possession of a Category A weapon" - which includes military-grade weapons or weapons capable of firing in bursts. The anti-terrorist office also said its investigation is looking into "conspiracy with a terrorist group for the purpose of preparing crimes against persons".

Cyprus police open investigation into financial affairs of Roman Abramovich



Police in Cyprus have opened an investigation into the financial affairs of Roman Abramovich, following revelations by BBC Panorama that accountancy firm Deloitte helped in falsifying documents to hide his wealth and evade tax. Serious questions about the integrity of some of Abramovich's professional advisers were raised earlier this month in a joint report from the BBC and the Bureau of Investigative Journalism (TBIJ). A Cypriot Ministry of Justice official told MPs this week that the report's findings would be looked at as part of a new investigation by the police's Financial Intelligence Unit. Lawyers for Abramovich have said that he denies evading tax or concealing his fortune. Deloitte Cyprus said it acts "in compliance with applicable laws". The police investigation was announced at a parliamentary committee meeting in the Cypriot capital, Nicosia, held to discuss the combating and prevention of money laundering. The Ministry of Justice official told MPs the police would try to determine whether any criminal acts had been committed. Last week, the report from the BBC and TBIJ detailed how accounts signed off by Deloitte in Cyprus in 2006 meant assets such as superyachts, mansions and private jets worth $672m (£508m) vanished from Abramovich's company accounts. Deloitte, which is the world's largest accountancy firm, also appears to have advised on a scheme to evade a huge tax bill on the oligarch's wealth.



Six shot dead by gunmen at church funeral in Jordan, officials say

US justice department investigating Corey Lewandowski over DHS role



The US Department of Justice (DOJ) is investigating whether Corey Lewandowski, who was a top aide to former Department ?of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Kristi Noem, personally profited from his role, according to the BBC's US partner CBS News. Lewandowski worked closely with Noem as a special government employee until March, when the two were both ousted after a series of controversies, including the fatal shootings of US citizens by immigration officers. The probe is related to contracts the agency signed under Noem's leadership, a source told CBS. The BBC has contacted Lewandowski's attorney, who told CBS his client denies any wrongdoing. "Mr Lewandowski has not been contacted by the justice department regarding any investigation," his attorney, Adam Trigg, said. Asked about the investigation on Thursday, President Donald Trump told reporters he had heard about it but did not know the details, adding, "I want my people to be honest". "And if they're not going to be honest, they have to be prosecuted," he said. Lewandowski served as a campaign manager to Trump during his first presidential run in 2016 and helped advise his 2024 campaign.

DHS officials told Reuters that Lewandowski had approved some DHS contracts despite not having the legal authority to do so as a special government employee. He also allegedly put certain grants and contracts on hold, including some involving the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the officials told Reuters. Special government employees serve as temporary advisers to federal agencies and are given strict limits on how much they can work and what they can do. The justice department took on the investigation after receiving a referral from the DHS inspector general's office, which is made up of lawyers charged with monitoring the agency's conduct and operations. At DHS, Lewandowski served as Noem's de facto chief of staff. Noem also faced a contract controversy. Shortly before she left office, lawmakers pressed her about the process she had used to award a $220m (£164m) advertising contract to two companies with ties to her and people in her inner circle.

Cleveland Coach Kenny Atkinson Candidly Revealed Depression Over LeBron James' Philadelphia 76ers Move



Kenny Atkinson made an honest confession about heartbreak over LeBron James. Before Thursday's tipoff, the Cleveland Cavaliers coach said he was depressed when LeBron picked the Philadelphia 76ers over a second homecoming in Cleveland. The game itself was no kinder. His team built a 29-point lead in Philadelphia, then lost 114-106. James walked off with the win, and Atkinson walked off with another reason to think about the summer. The Sixers needed only the second half to flip a game that looked finished at halftime, and they did it in front of their home crowd.

CAVALIERS COACH KENNY ATKINSON REVEALS HEARTBREAK OVER LEBRON JAMES' MOVE

Kenny Atkinson spoke to reporters before the Cavaliers met the Sixers, and he did not soften the answer. Cleveland had been among the leading contenders for LeBron James once the four-time MVP entered unrestricted free agency and passed on a return to the Los Angeles Lakers. A second homecoming in Cleveland was on the table. James took a two-year, $8 million deal with Philadelphia instead. "We were anticipating and excited and then you have that. Having gone through free agency a lot, when you're expecting something to happen and it doesn't happen, that first day or two, you're just like, you're depressed, quite honestly," Atkinson said, per ESPN's Dave McMenamin.

Cleveland moved fast on Peyton Watson, who left the Denver Nuggets in a four-year, $88 million sign-and-trade. Atkinson liked the speed. "I loved how quickly we just switched gears and the push to get Peyton in the fold and everything we had to do to do that. I mean, that was a complicated maneuver. But it's kind of what Dan Gilbert and Koby and those guys, they're aggressive," Atkinson said. He added, "They don't stand pat, and I love it. We take risks, we take swings. It was a great switch to what was a tough blow for us in the beginning."

THE PHILADELPHIA 76ERS SECURE A STUNNING 114-106 VICTORY OVER CLEVELAND CAVALIERS

Cleveland looked comfortable for most of the first half. The Cavaliers led 69-40, and the game seemed settled. James was making his home debut at Xfinity Mobile Arena. Then the Sixers flipped it. Tyrese Maxey led the team with 32 points and sparked a 15-0 run in the fourth quarter that took the lead from Cleveland.

FEATS LIKE PRANAVI URS' ASIAN GAMES GOLD WILL MAKE GOLF BIGGER IN INDIA: KAPIL DEV



Mumbai: PGTI president Kapil Dev on Friday said individual triumphs such as Pranavi Urs' gold medal in the recent Asian Games would give golf a much needed push in the country. Pranavi became the first Indian female golfer to win the individual gold medal at the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games earlier this month. "We think golf is played by the elite, but not anymore. Every young boy (now) wants to play golf, and that is what we are trying to do. Our job as administrators is to bring in more tournaments," Kapil, India's cricket World Cup winning captain said at the launch of the Shri Shashi Ruia Memorial Golf Championship. "Let's hope that one day, we will produce a Sachin Tendulkar, or a Virat Kohli, or a Sunil Gavaskar, out of these (golf) players. We are just hoping for one big kick, and (if) they win the world championship or something. Look at our girls; not even 300 girls play in India. We won the Asian gold medal. What else do we want? I think these type of feats are going to make this game much bigger than we can ever imagine," Kapil added. The Shri Shashi Ruia Memorial Golf Championship will be held here at the Willingdon Sports Club from January 12-15 next year. PGTI said the championship will be held in a five-year partnership with the Essar Foundation and organised annually till 2031. "The tournament will feature a prize purse of Rs 2 crore, with the Pro-Am event scheduled for January 10, 2027," the organisers said. Kapil, meanwhile, remarked that there is more interest among young players to take up batting and not bowling. "What can one do if everyone wants to become a batsman? In cricket, they say a batsman is an officer and the bowler is a worker," he said.

Virat Kohli Assured Me "Get Fit, You're There", Then No Reply: Retired India Star Amit Mishra



Former India leg-spinner Amit Mishra's international career ended on a sour note. The T20I against England in 2017 turned out to be his final game for India, but Mishra feels that if it were not for an injury he sustained in that match, he might have gone on to play more for the national team. Crucially, Mishra claimed that he was given explicit comeback assurances by both the then head coach Anil Kumble and captain Virat Kohli. However, when he regained full fitness, the latter did not even respond to his calls and messages. Mishra made the revelation during an episode of the podcast Baith & Bol with former India cricketer Aakash Chopra. He claimed that the assurances from both Kumble and Kohli fell flat, with the England match in Bengaluru turning out to be his final game for India in international cricket. "I got my leg injured during that time in Bangalore. And when I was leaving after getting injured, Anil Kumble was the coach. So I told Anil Bhai, I said, 'Anil Bhai...'. He said, 'Don't worry. As soon as you get fit, you automatically... you will come back,'" Mishra claimed during the podcast. "Then, Virat Kohli became the captain after this. I also asked Virat Kohli, I said, 'Brother, what needs to be done?' He said, 'You don't worry. Get fully fit and comfortable, and you are there [in the team],'" he added. Once Mishra had recovered, he messaged Kohli to ask about the situation regarding his return to the national team. The veteran leg-spinner claimed that Kohli promised to get back to him within seven to ten days but never responded. "So, I went to him. I asked, 'Brother, what's the situation?' So he said, 'I will let you know in a week to ten days.' Then brother, one week passed, two weeks passed, three weeks passed, there was absolutely no update from him. I called him... so, he did not pick up the call. I messaged him, but there was no reply," Mishra said, accusing Kohli of failing to keep his promise.

Temba Bavuma Reacts To Viral Steve Smith Catch Video, Explains Why He Turned His Back



South Africa registered a historic victory over Australia in the second Test of the two-match series on Thursday at St George's Park in Gqeberha. After declaring their first innings at 425/9, the Proteas bundled Australia out for just 99 and enforced the follow-on. In their second innings, Australia tried their best to stage a comeback but were eventually bowled out for 295, losing the match by an innings and 31 runs. With the win, Temba Bavuma and Co. levelled the two-match Test series 1-1. Skipper Bavuma was named Player of the Match for his brilliant knock of 179, which helped South Africa build a massive lead. Apart from producing a match-winning performance with the bat, the Proteas captain also treated fans to a hilarious moment on the field. The incident occurred in the 83rd over of Australia's second innings when Steve Smith mistimed a shot off Kagiso Rabada's bowling. Smith attempted a big hit but only managed a thick top edge, sending the ball high into the air. Matthew Breetzke, stationed at mid-wicket, initially fumbled the catch but managed to hold on, providing South Africa with a crucial breakthrough. Replays later showed that as Breetzke was attempting the catch, Bavuma had turned his face towards the crowd, refusing to watch the moment unfold. The gesture left the commentators in splits, with many joking about it after the match. Speaking during the post-match press conference, Bavuma later explained the reason behind his reaction. He revealed that he was nervous because of the windy conditions and felt Smith's wicket was extremely important for South Africa. "I was very nervous at that time. High catches here at St George's can be tough, especially when the wind is blowing like that. I couldn't see who was under the catch. So, definitely it's not a case of me not having any faith in that individual," he said. "It just felt like a big moment in the game. Steve Smith, what an important cog he is withing their batting lineup.

Los Angeles Olympics Cricket Qualifiers In January-February 2028: Report



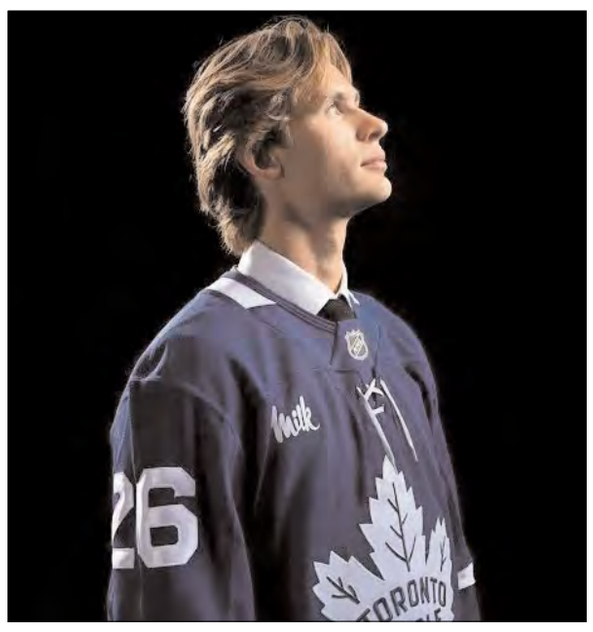
New Delhi: The qualifiers for the Los Angeles Olympics' cricket competition will take place in January-February 2028, a media report has stated. According to 'Cricinfo', the window for the qualifiers for both men and women "feature in a global events list that the ICC shared with its member boards after meetings in October in Dubai." It also said that the 2029 World Test Championship final will take place in England from June 8 to 12. "Overall, there are 12 men's, seven women's and five Under-19 events (including qualifiers) currently scheduled between the 2027 and the 2031 ODI World Cups. "While several marquee events were already finalised by the ICC in 2021, multiple tournaments have now been assigned dates even as some dots remain to be connected," the report said. Cricket would be returning to the Olympics after over 100 years in the 2028 Games. Australia, India, South Africa and Great Britain have already qualified for the women's event as the highest-ranked teams from their respective continents based on thei"If the host (USA) does not meet the ranking criteria by 31 Dec 2026, that spot is reallocated based on the ICC Women's Champions Trophy 2027 standings (cut-off 1 March 2027)," Cricinfo quoted the ICC communication to member countries in October. The qualifiers will each feature eight countries to be finalised by ICC based on the international rankings.

Anahat Singh Scripts History, Becomes First Indian To Reach Gold Event Semifinal

Indian squash sensation Anahat Singh continued her fairy-tale run at the Silicon Valley Open, adding another major milestone to her resume by storming into her first-ever PSA Gold semi-final. The World No. 15 showcased extraordinary grit to overcome Egypt's World No. 14 Salma Hany in a captivating five-game marathon. Demonstrating immense character to fight back twice after falling behind, Anahat eventually sealed the victory with a scoreline of 4-11, 11-8, 4-11, 11-2, 11-5, becoming the first Indian in the history of the sport to reach a Gold event semifinal. The dramatic encounter highlighted Anahat's tactical maturity under pressure.



Gavin McKenna Earns High Praise From Toronto Maple Leafs With Impressive Assessment



Gavin McKenna has barely settled into his first NHL season, yet the conversation around him keeps growing. The No. 1 pick from the 2026 draft is already one of the most discussed players on the Toronto Maple Leafs roster, and not just for what he does on the ice. Toronto has won back-to-back games, beating San Jose 3-1 on October 19 and routing Columbus 6-2 on Tuesday. Ahead of Thursday's matchup against the New York Rangers, analysts are closely watching how the rookie handles everything this city throws at him.

MCKENNA'S NHL DEBUT SEASON IS DRAWING SERIOUS ATTENTION

Most 18-year-olds arriving as the top pick spend their first few weeks just trying to keep up. McKenna has done more than that. He scored a game-winning goal recently that wasn't just lucky positioning. He drove to the net on his own read, finished, and skated back like it was Tuesday practice. For a kid still learning NHL pace, that kind of decision-making under pressure is not standard. On the October 22 pregame edition of Daily Faceoff's "The Leafs Morning Take," hosts Nick Alberga and Matt Larkin broke down what they have seen from McKenna so far. Alberga opened with this: "On Gavin McKenna, what have you made of the last week? Like Rosie (Jay Rosehill) and I, and others, have been commending how this kid has handled everything, from going first overall, with Justin Bieber announcing Mr. McKenna to the stage.

Angel Reese Reveals Kim Mulkey's Message After Atlanta Dream's WNBA Finals Win



Angel Reese, the popular Dreams star, has two wins left before she can call herself a WNBA champion. Her ex LSU coach, Kim Mulkey, was in the crowd when the Atlanta Dream defeated the Golden State Valkyries 97-71 in Game 3 on Oct. 21. After the win, Reese shared what Mulkey told her, although she kept most of their conversation private. The two have already won a college championship together, and Reese now wants to do it again with Atlanta. Kim Mulkey Has Two Words for Angel Reese: Keep Going In the post game presser after Dream's Game 3 win, Reese revealed that Mulkey urged her to keep pushing. The pro player added, "Her words, I can't share. But she just kept telling me to just go get it. like, go get it, don't stop, and just two more.". Atlanta now leads the best-of-five series 2-1. The Dream needs one more win to reach the championship threshold in this series format? Reese also spoke about what another title would mean after her previous run with Mulkey at LSU. "I won a championship with her, and I remember how that felt, and being able to do it again with this group is going to feel even more special," Reese added. Reese transferred to LSU in 2022, pointing to the program's winning culture as one reason for her decision. She and Mulkey won the NCAA women's basketball national championship in 2023, giving LSU its first title in the sport. Now, Reese is trying to win at the professional level with Atlanta. DeWanna Bonner Praises Angel Reese's Playoff Run Reese has averaged 21.7 points and 13.3 rebounds per game in the Finals, according to the report. She has also recorded a double-double in each of the first three games. Teammates DeWanna Bonner, a two-time WNBA champion with 17 seasons of league experience, has been impressed by Reese's postseason performances. In another interview with a local Atlanta news programme, Bonner said Reese's impact ranked among the better playoff performances she had seen especially from a player making her first postseason appearance. "You always need that dominant force," Bonner said, adding that Reese's play had left her "at a loss for words." Reese is a three-time WNBA All-Star and the league's Defensive Player of the Year, according to the report. Atlanta's 26-point win has put the Dream in front, but the series is not over yet.

PRABHAS AND PRASHANTH NEEL REUNITE FOR SALAAR 2



A Special Day & A Special Reunion- The DINO-mite Duo- Violent Man Prabhas & Sensational Director Prashanth Neel For Salaar 2, In Hombale Films Banner

The DINO-mite Duo – Violent Man Prabhas and sensational director Prashanth Neel delivered one of the biggest block-busters in Indian cinema with Salaar: Part 1 – Ceasefire. Produced by Vijay Kiragandur under the prestigious Hombale Films banner, the high-octane action entertainer featured Prithviraj Sukumaran, Shruti Haasan, Jagapathi Babu, Bobby Simha, and Sriya Reddy in pivotal roles.

On the occasion of Prabhas' birthday, the makers have reaffirmed the excitement surrounding the franchise by announcing the sequel, Salaar 2. Director Prashanth Neel is expected to begin work on the film's pre-production after wrapping up his ongoing project Dragon, starring Young Tiger NTR. Meanwhile, Prabhas continues to juggle multiple exciting projects in his busy lineup.

Renowned for his ability to craft larger-than-life action spectacles and present leading stars in powerful, mass-appealing avatars, Prashanth Neel has established a distinctive style that resonates with audiences across the country. The phenomenal success of Salaar: Part 1 – Ceasefire, coupled with the explosive combination of Prabhas and Neel, has significantly heightened expectations for the next chapter. Fans are eagerly looking forward to witnessing the duo reunite for another action-packed cinematic experience. Further details about Salaar 2, including its production timeline, are awaited.

Kareena Kapoor Rules Abu Dhabi Black Leather



Kareena Kapoor, who recently went viral on Kapil Sharma's show with husband Saif Ali Khan, has clicked in Abu Dhabi for IIFA in a stunning look.

She wore a black leather co-ord set. The fitted blazer has a deep V neckline, strong shoulders and a peplum waist, paired with a matching midi skirt with a high thigh slit. Slim black sunglasses, stud earrings, rings and gold nails finished the look, with her hair left loose and windswept.

Meanwhile, Kareena was last seen in Daayra, which flopped. She has now got a cameo in Shah Rukh Khan's upcoming film King. Born into the legendary Kapoor family, Kareena made her acting debut in 2000 with J.P. Dutta's Refugee opposite Abhishek Bachchan, winning the Filmfare Award for Best Female Debut. She quickly rose to stardom with hits like Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham (2001), the critically acclaimed Chameli and Omkara, and the iconic Jab We Met (2007), for which she earned the Filmfare Best Actress award. Over two decades, she has delivered memorable performances in films ranging from 3 Idiots to Udta Punjab and Jaane Jaan.

Her recent projects include the investigative thriller Daayra (2026) opposite Prithviraj Sukumaran, directed by Meghna Gulzar. She is also set for a special appearance in Shah Rukh Khan's King (December 2026), featuring in the song "Daddy Cool." Looking ahead, Kareena will perform at IIFA 2027 on Yas Island, Abu Dhabi, in January. With her enduring charm and versatile career, Bebo continues to reign as one of Bollywood's most celebrated stars.

MARIYAPPAN CHINNA'S DIRECTORIAL DEBUT IMMORTAL TO PREMIERE ON OCTOBER 30 ON SONY LIV



A chance encounter, a mysterious woman and a secret that refuses to stay buried. Tamil film -tv Immortal explores the darker side of attraction as an ordinary connection turns into a terrifying mystery. Blending romance, mystery and supernatural horror, Immortal, written and directed by debutant *Mariyappan Chinna* premieres on *October 30, 2026, on Sony LIV in five languages Tamil, Telugu, Malyalam, Kannada and Hindi.

Set in present-day Chennai, Immortal follows Magi (played by *G. V. Prakash Kumar*), a printing press worker looking for an affordable place to stay. He meets Sindhu (played by *Kayadu Lohar*), a mysterious woman who offers him a room in her luxurious apartment at a surprisingly low rent. What seems like a lucky break soon turns unsettling as strange events draw Magi deeper into Sindhu's world, leading him to a mystery that dates back much further than he imagined.

FILM SET FOR A GRAND WORLDWIDE THEATRICAL RELEASE ON DECEMBER 11



The film "Idupu Kayitham" is being produced by Bunny Vas and acclaimed director Sukumar under their banners Bunny Vas Works and Sukumar Writings, with Priyadarshi playing the lead role. Naga Durga, who has earned recognition through folk songs, plays the female lead. Young director Vamsi Reddy Dondapati is crafting the film as an entertaining drama set against a family backdrop. The film is scheduled for a grand worldwide theatrical release on December 11.

Vijay Shankar, Siri Chowdary and Khayyum Starrer Mr Deyyam Launched with a Grand Pooja Ceremony



The upcoming Telugu film, 'Mr Deyyam', starring Vijay Shankar, Siri Chowdary and Khayyum in lead roles, was grandly launched with a traditional pooja ceremony on Friday. Directed by Sanjana Anne and produced under the Anne Creations banner, the film is presented by Shourya Arya. The launch ceremony was attended by several prominent personalities, including Manchu Manoj, Ali, Vijay Kanakamedala, RP Patnaik, Patnam Mahender Reddy, Ramesh Puppala, Sameer, Chintu, Veera Shankar, Raja Vannem Reddy, VN Adithya, Jyotsna, Labour Commissioner Gangadhar and choreographer Vijay Polaki, who graced the occasion as special guests.

Manchu Manoj sounded the clapboard for the auspicious muhurtham shot, while Ali switched on the camera. Vijay Kanakamedala directed the first shot, and VN Adithya and RP Patnaik handed over the script to the team, marking an auspicious beginning for the project.

'OSCAR MISSING' MOVIE OPENS WITH POOJA CEREMONIES



Oscar Missing' is a film directed by Chandramouli PG and starring Radha Krishna and Shivani in the lead roles under the banner of Bhumata Arts under the presentation of Srimati Mata Rajeshwari. The film was launched with a grand pooja function under the direction of Pawan Mata and Nithin Mata as producers.

On the occasion of the launch of Oscar Missing, the film's directors and producers said that the film will entertain the audience as a good comedy entertainer,

and that it will also feature some real-life characters. The film is humorous throughout and is designed with the sole aim of making the audience laugh.

The film team said that the film will be completed in two schedules and will be released soon after the shooting is completed by the end of December. Ali, Chitram Srinu, Bitthiri Satti, Jabardasth Phani, Ramu, Durga Rao, Shobha and others have played key roles in this film.

SHRADDHA DAS GOES BOLD WITH RED LACE-UP



Shraddha Das clicked promoting her Netflix series Khakee: The Bengal Chapter.

She wore a red corset-style dress with a sweetheart neckline and lace trim on the straps. The back had lace-up detailing, and the fitted skirt followed the line of the bodice. The red stood out against the blue backdrop. Gold hoop earrings, pink nails and tousled waves with dewy makeup completed the look.

She was last seen in Telugu film Lechindi Mahila Lokam, which underperformed.

MEENAKSHI CHAUDHARY SETS VIETNAM ON FIRE AGAIN



Meenakshi Chaudhary always has a love for travel. After Japan, she is now in Vietnam, and her new pictures are too crazy. She shared a fresh set of frames from the trip. She wore a blue floral cheongsam style dress with a high collar, cap sleeves and a side slit. She held a conical hat in every frame and tied her hair in a ponytail. Gold bracelets and a watch added a simple touch. The temples and green hills made the pictures look special. Meenakshi will next be seen in Vrushakarma with Naga Chaitanya, and she is also reportedly doing the Hindi film Force 3 with John Abraham.

Raj Dasireddy at New York fashion week 2026, representing dream, passion, spirit of India



In 2025 he made to oscars, he gained significant attention in media and fan circles for being invited to attend the 97th Academy Awards (Oscars 2025) celebrations in Hollywood. Raj Dasireddy has made a high-profile appearance at New York Fashion Week (NYFW) 2026, capturing significant attention on the global fashion stage. Hailing from Telugu roots in India, his journey to NYFW has been celebrated heavily across social media platforms More details of his latest multilingual movie will be announced soon, Which is in shooting process!!

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