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Total pilgrims :83,252
Tonsures : 28,683
Hundi kanukalu : 4.56 CR
Laddu sale... 4.58 Lac
Annaprasadam.1.82 Lac
Ashwini hospital..3,068
Present Situation on 06-10-2026:
Waiting Compartments..10.

Approx. Darsan Time for Sarvadarshanam (with out SSD Tokens)...6-8H.



Nation News

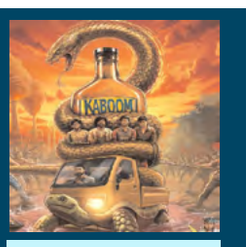
CJI Surya Kant administers oath to three new judges, judges count now 37 in SC

Former German spy chief arrested for espionage and treason



WORLD NEWS

'Husharu 2'Announced With Bigger Ambition And Double The Madness



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INBRIEF

SEVEN IEDS RECOVERED IN CHHATTISGARH

Raipur/Narayanpur : In a major success against potential threats in the sensitive Abujhmad region in Chhattisgarh, a joint team of Narayanpur Police and the 29th Battalion of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) has recovered six pressure cooker improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and one pipe bomb IED during an intensive search operation. The recoveries were made on Monday.



Superintendent of Police Sandeep Kumar Patel, ITBP Battalion Commandant Abhishek Sood, and Additional Superintendent of Police (Operations) Akshay Sabdra conducted the operation. Security forces carried out thorough area sanitisation and search operations spanning from the Rainar camp through the Maksoli-Bhatbeda-Rainar belt in Abujhmad. During the search in the Bhatbeda area, personnel spotted suspicious objects, police officials said. The site was immediately secured, and a detailed combing of the surrounding vicinity followed. This led to the recovery of the six pressure cooker IEDs and the pipe bomb IED from a suspicious dump. In addition, materials commonly used in the making of such devices were seized.

INDIA BLOC PROTEST

Rahul, Priyanka detained

Opposition protest turns into day-long face-off with Delhi Police

NEW DELHI ■ (TSIT)





After keeping their protest alive for more than eight hours inside Akashvani Bhawan, Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi and Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra were detained by the Delhi Police on Tuesday evening, bringing the dramatic day-long confrontation between the INDIA bloc and the authorities to a close.

The police also detained several protesters gathered outside the Akashvani premises as the standoff that began after the Opposition's march towards the Election Commission headquarters finally ended with the Gandhi siblings being taken away.

Rahul and Priyanka had moved into the Akashvani Bhawan premises after the police stopped the march of more than 300 Opposition MPs towards Nirvachan Sadan and began detaining leaders. Instead of waiting to be taken away with the other MPs, the two changed course and entered the broadcasting house, turning the road protest into an unexpected sit-in inside the premises.



They remained there for hours, joined by several Congress leaders and workers, demanding that the police either allow them to proceed to the Election Commission or provide them a designated place in Delhi where they could continue their protest.

CM Revanth slams detention of Rahul, Priyanka



Hyderabad, TSIT BUREAU: Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy condemned the detention of Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi and other INDIA bloc leaders, calling it an act of government arrogance. He alleged that the BJP-led government feared Rahul Gandhi's campaign to protect the Constitution and voting rights. Revanth said the opposition would intensify its fight to safeguard democracy and urged citizens, especially youth, to stand up for their rights.

Rajnath Launches Indigenous Fleet Support Ship 'Surya' at HSL



VISAKHAPATNAM ■ (TSIT)

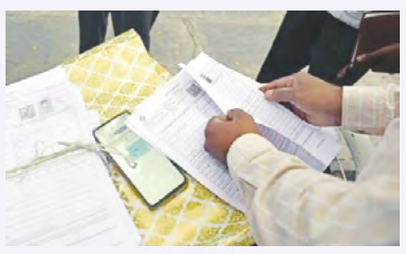
Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday launched India's first indigenous Fleet Support Ship (FSS-1), 'Surya', at Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam. He also laid the keel for the fifth Fleet Support Ship (FSS-5) and inaugurated the upgraded Slipway-4 and a 300-tonne Goliath Crane.

> Singh also laid the keel for the fifth Fleet Support Ship (FSS-5) and inaugurated upgraded shipbuilding infrastructure at HSL, including a new slipway and a Gola-Bar crane.

Describing the three milestones as significant achievements, Singh said, "The launch of FSS-1 is a symbol of achievement, keel laying of FSS-5 is a symbol of resolve and the new Slipway is a symbol of our growing capability." He called for HSL to emerge as a benchmark for quality, productivity and timely delivery.

The Fleet Support Ships are expected to strengthen the Indian Navy's operational reach and endurance in the Indian Ocean Region by providing at-sea replenishment, logistics and maintenance support. Built indigenously by HSL, the vessels will have enhanced cargo and fluid capacity, first-line maintenance workshops, a helicopter deck and self-defence systems.

The upgraded Slipway-4 will enable HSL to build and launch ships of up to 45,000 DWT, while the new 300-tonne Goliath Crane will facilitate faster and more precise handling of heavy ship blocks. Singh said Visakhapatnam should be developed as a major Maritime Industrial Hub, integrating the Eastern Naval Command, Naval Dockyard, HSL and Visakhapatnam Port with MSMEs, universities, startups and technology companies.



UP SIR:

Details of 16.18L new voters missing, says report

NEW DELHI ■ (TSIT)

An independent analysis of Uttar Pradesh's updated electoral roll has uncovered a major transparency failure, revealing that the application data for 16.18 lakh voters is missing from the state's public portal. Although the Election Commission of India received 88 lakh new Form 6 applications during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR), the state Chief Electoral Officer's (CEO's) website hosts records for only 71.38 lakh, an investigative report by The Reporters' Collective showed. The report published on Tuesday, October 6, said it discovered this breach of law "while analysing the voter roll revision in India's most populous state where assembly elections are imminent". Explaining the process, they said they first reviewed how many had applied to be added back, and then they compared this against how many had been added to the final roll. "We found an inexplicable result." Collating all this data with tech support, they found that the ECI had put up details of 71.38 lakh applications from people for inclusion in the voter list, most of them being those deleted from the draft list. However, the ECI went on to add 84.3 lakh voters into the final list.

Bhatti, Uttam Lay Foundation for Kitchen to Feed 60,000 Students



HYDERABAD ■ (TSIT)

Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister Capt. N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Tuesday laid the foundation stone for a community kitchen at Munagala that will provide daily breakfast to nearly 60,000 students in 1,029 government schools and junior colleges across Suryapet district.

Being established with the support of the Hare Krishna Movement Charitable Foundation, the centralised kitchen will prepare, pack and transport nutritious food to educational institutions. Singareni Collieries Company Limited has contributed Rs.9.60 crore towards the project following requests from Uttam Kumar Reddy and Kodad MLA N. Padmavathi Reddy.

Speaking on the occasion, Bhatti said nutritious food was an investment in children's health, education and future. Welfare programmes strengthened families and enabled people to contribute to the State's development, he said.Uttam said students would receive breakfast along with milk and ragi porridge. The kitchen would have modern facilities, with special attention to food quality, nutritional value, hygiene and safe transportation. The programme could also be expanded to provide lunch to selected junior colleges, depending on requirements.

He said he would personally monitor the kitchen's construction and functioning in coordination with Padmavathi Reddy, district officials and implementation partners.

The Ministers also inspected construction of the Rs.200-crore Young India Integrated Residential School at Gaddipalli. Bhatti directed officials and the executing agency to prepare a week-wise construction schedule and complete the campus before the next academic year to enable admissions as planned.

Severe drought conditions in 320 mandals of Telangana

HYDERABAD ■ (TSIT)



Preliminary assessments indicate severe drought conditions across 320 mandals in 18 districts of Telangana due to the El Nino effect, officials said on Tuesday.

Telangana has a total of 621 mandals across 33 districts. Telangana Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju directed officials to immediately prepare a comprehensive report on the drought conditions prevailing in the state. He held a review meeting regarding the State Disaster Management Department at the Dr B.R. Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat.

The Chief Secretary instructed officials to gather comprehensive data from various departments—including Planning, Revenue, Groundwater, Agriculture, Panchayat Raj, and Rural Water Supply—and to identify drought-affected mandals in accordance with established norms.He advised that the comprehensive drought report be prepared by taking into account 12 standard parameters, including the rainfall recorded during the Southwest Monsoon season (June to September).

The Chief Secretary directed officials to undertake the process of declaring drought-affected mandals based on government regulations and prescribed standards, and to prepare a comprehensive report on the matter by the end of October.

Owaisi alleges plot to disenfranchise Muslims

HYDERABAD ■ (TSIT)

Voicing concern over misuse of Form 7 during the ongoing Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls, AIMIM President Asaduddin Owaisi on Tuesday alleged that there is a deep conspiracy to delete Muslim voters through fraudulent and bulk submission of applications under it.



The Hyderabad MP complained to the Telangana Chief Electoral Officer, C. Sudharsan Reddy, regarding misuse of Form 7 for targeted deletion of Muslim voters in Goshamahal Assembly constituency in Hyderabad.

He brought to the notice of the CEO that the Goshamahal Assembly constituency, which falls under his parliamentary constituency, has witnessed the apparent misuse of Form 7 applications in a manner that specifically targets Muslim voters. In a letter to the CEO, Owaisi complained that at polling station number 28, Thudumu Janardhan submitted 122 Form 7 applications.

PM Modi marks a milestone in India,

Records name among few global leaders

NEW DELHI ■ (TSIT)



With his tenure starting from swearing-in as Gujarat Chief Minister on October 7, 2001, to his present-day responsibilities, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has completed 25 years in uninterrupted executive office, joining a relatively small group of leaders who have spent a quarter-century or more continuously as heads of government or in similar leadership roles.

In India, he has already surpassed a record, held earlier by Pawan Kumar Chamling, who was in office as the longest-serving head of an elected government, being the Chief Minister of Sikkim from December 1994 to May 2019. That marked the Sikkim Democratic Front leader's term in office at 24 years and 165 days.

Among other Chief Ministers who have served continuously in office over long periods are Naveen Patnaik in Odisha and Jyoti Basu in West Bengal. In Odisha, the Biju Janata Dal leader served in office between March 2000 and June 2024, totalling 24 years and 99 days. Patnaik, now 79, remains popular among political parties, where he has largely been hailed for a clean image, disaster management capabilities, and promoting women's empowerment programmes.

Jyoti Basu served as the Chief Minister of West Bengal between June 1977 and November 2000, recording 23 years and 137 days in office. He is known to have implemented land reforms with his Communist Party of India (Marxist)-led Left Front government, concentrating on rural development. Globally, Singapore's first and longest-serving Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew was in office from 1959 to 1990, a continuous 31 years, and is often cited as the modern benchmark for democratic executive longevity.

India condemns attack on commercial vessel in Black Sea

NEW DELHI ■ (TSIT)

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Tuesday strongly condemned the attack on M V Royad Mammadov, a commercial vessel in the Black Sea, in which two foreign seafarers were killed and three Indian nationals injured.

"We condemn the attack on MV Royad Mammadov in the Black Sea, in which two foreign seafarers were killed and some members of the crew, including Indian nationals injured. The injured have been rescued by Romanian authorities and are receiving medical attention. The three Indian nationals, who were part crew of the ship, are safe. We thank Romanian authorities for their swift action in this incident," read a statement released by the MEA.

"India views these attacks on commercial shipping and seafarers with grave concern. The targeting of traffic in international waterways is severely undermining global commerce and the welfare of people across the world. We continue to call for dialogue and diplomacy to bring an end to the ongoing conflicts," it added.The Indian Embassy in Romania confirmed that all three Indian nationals were among the crew of MV Royad Mammadov.



Smoke billows from the merchant vessel MT Jalveer after it caught fire following an incident near the Omani port of Shinas

"All three Indian nationals are safe. We have spoken to them. One of them has been injured and is receiving medical attention. We are in close touch with the hospital authorities. We are extending all possible support for the welfare and well-being of the Indian crew members," the Embassy stated on X in the early hours of Tuesday, India time.The Embassy said that Ambassador Manoj Mohapatra spoke with the three Indian nationals receiving treatment at Constanta County Hospital and confirmed that they are in good health. "Amb.

Manoj Mohapatra spoke with the three Indian nationals receiving treatment at Constanta County Hospital. He also spoke with the hospital's Chief Physician, who confirmed that all three are in good health and receiving necessary care. The Ambassador assured them of all possible assistance and support," the Indian Embassy mentioned.Earlier, the Embassy noted that it was in close contact with relevant authorities to ascertain the details regarding the safety of Indian nationals aboard the vessel.

"We have learnt of an attack today on commercial vessel MV ROYAD MAMMADOV in the Black Sea. As per preliminary information, there have been 2 casualties (foreign nationals), while some crew members have been injured and are undergoing medical treatment in Romania. It is further reported that there are three Indian nationals among the crew members.

Thallapalli Pavani Elected State Assistant Secretary of Aarogyasri Employees' Union



Hyderabad (TSIT): Thallapalli Pavani was unanimously elected State Assistant Secretary of the Telangana Rajiv Aarogyasri Employees' Union at its State-level meeting held in Hyderabad.

The meeting unanimously elected a new State executive committee. According to the union, Pavani's appointment recognises her efforts to address women employees' problems and strengthen the organisation.

Union honorary president Comrade Bhupal and State president Yadanna attended the meeting and congratulated Pavani on her election.

Allegations of illegal constructions in Kalabgur



Sangareddy: Residents allege unauthorised constructions in Kalabgur continue despite Praja Vani complaints. Complainants Mohammed Anwar Ali and Mohammed Mustafa Salim claim permissions were granted on disputed, court-case lands, with questions over survey numbers, documents and money collected for approvals. Concerns centre on Survey Nos. 228 and 235.

Residents demand verification of records and permissions, a Gram Panchayat inspection, and a Collector-led inquiry fixing responsibility for irregularities. They appealed for a transparent probe, questioning administrative negligence. Note: Allegations are based on complaints by concerned parties; facts may emerge only after an official inquiry.

DM&HO Conducts Surprise Inspection at Ankura Hospital



Khammam, October 6(TSIT): District Medical and Health Officer (DM&HO) Dr. Ramarao conducted a surprise inspection of Ankura Hospital in Khammam town on Tuesday.During the inspection, he thoroughly examined the hospital records, laboratory and scanning departments. He also reviewed the medical services being provided to patients, laboratory testing procedures, scanning services and the maintenance of relevant registers. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Ramarao directed the hospital management to ensure that all departments function strictly in accordance with government regulations. He stressed the importance of maintaining proper records and providing quality medical services to patients.He further instructed all private hospitals to strictly comply with the Clinical Establishments Act and warned that legal action would be taken against hospitals found violating the prescribed rules. Ankura Hospital Manager Ramarao and other staff members were present during the inspection.

Education is government's top priority, says collector



Miryalaguda: Collector B. Chandrashekhar stated that the state government is according top priority to education and is constructing 'Young India Integrated Residential Schools' as part of this initiative. On Tuesday, he inspected a site spanning approximately 20 to 25 acres—located in Survey Number 214 of Japti Veerappagudem village, Miryalaguda Mandal—which has been allocated for the Young India school sanctioned for the Miryalaguda constituency. Speaking on the occasion, the Collector noted that the government is undertaking these prestigious construction projects to provide quality education to 2,500 students within a single campus.

He directed revenue officials to submit the site layouts and land record details. He further stated that the Young India school would be developed on a corporate model, featuring all necessary amenities—such as classrooms, dormitories, a kitchen, a dining hall, laboratories, a library, and playgrounds—to accommodate 2,500 students. Accompanying the Collector were Mining AD Ravikumar, RIs Ramakrishna and Krishnaiah, Deputy Surveyor Srinivas Reddy, and surveyors Srinivas, Saidulu, and Narasimha.

Collector inspects facilities at Kasturba school



Damaragidda, October 6, 2026: District Collector Priyanka conducted a surprise inspection of the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) and College at Damaragidda on Tuesday and reviewed the infrastructure and facilities being provided to the students.The Collector inspected the additional rooms under construction on the school premises and, as the construction work was nearing completion, directed District Education Officer Govindarajulu over the phone to complete the work at the earliest and make the facility available to the students. Noticing unused furniture on the school premises, the Collector sought details from the concerned officials.

Minister inaugurates development works in Chenchalcheruvupalli



Siddipet, October 6, 2026: As part of the "Ponnam Anna – Palle Pallaku, Praja Palana" programme, Minister Ponnam Prabhakar visited Chenchalcheruvupalli village and inaugurated several development works, including CC roads, open gyms, a bus shelter and a new Anganwadi building.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister urged villagers to prioritise water conservation, construct soak pits and farm ponds, and protect local water resources. He encouraged farmers to take up oil palm cultivation, citing lower risk and proximity to the Narmetta factory.

He advised girls aged 14–15 to take the recommended vaccination against breast and cervical cancer. He said ₹8.3 crore had been sanctioned for road works from CC Palli to Kachapalli and Maisampalli. To eliminate plastic use, 500 steel utensils were provided through the Steel Bank, with penalties directed for plastic use. He announced a Bathukamma Ghat, high-mast lights, a school compound wall and a burial ground would be taken up. The Minister said the long-awaited Gouravelli project would soon be operational, providing irrigation water to 2,134 acres of 118 farmers. He also sanctioned 16 Indiramma houses and distributed Kalyana Lakshmi cheques.

INDIA bloc demands CEC's removal over SIR process



Narayanpet, October 6: The INDIA bloc leaders demanded the immediate removal of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, alleging that he was acting in favour of the BJP. A massive protest was held at Narsireddy Chowrasta in Narayanpet on Tuesday against the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process. The leaders demanded complete transparency in the electoral roll revision and protection of the rights of eligible voters. They urged the Election Commission to give every voter an opportunity to present their case before any name is removed from the electoral rolls.

Later, the leaders and activists took out a rally from Narsireddy Chowrasta to the District Collectorate, raising slogans such as "Vote Bachao, Desh Bachao" and "Save Democracy." They submitted a memorandum to Collectorate AO Anil Kumar. Congress District President K. Prashanth Kumar Reddy, CPI, CPI(M) and CPI(ML) Mass Line leaders, activists and public representatives participated in the programme.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, **POOJA, W/o. VIKAS CHOUDHARY,** aged 31 years, residing at H.No. 5-4-62/110, LIGH-110, APHB Colony, Moula Ali, Uppal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Telangana-500040, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **POOJA** to **POOJA CHOUDHARY.**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SRINIVAAS CHERUPALLY S/o.VENKATESHAM CHERIPALI,** R/o. H.No.14-489/A/403, Nandipahad Road, Miryalaguda Mandal, Nalgonda District, Telangana State-508 207, have changed my name from **CHERUPALI SRINIVAS VENKATESH (Old Name)** to **SRINIVAAS CHERUPALLY (New Name)** for all future purposes.

PUBLIC NOTICE / NOTICE OF CAUTION

NOTICE is hereby given to the general public on behalf of my client, **Smt. J. Madhavi, W/o J. Prem Kumar,** Resident of H.No.23-5-865/4, Lal Darwaza, Hyderabad - 500 065. My client has entered into an Agreement of Sale dated 28-06-2026 with Smt. Piragari Kistamma, W/o Late Piragari Joginath, for the purchase of the absolute property fully described in the schedule below.The vendor has represented that she holds absolute, clear, and marketable title over the scheduled property, free from all kinds of encumbrances, liens, charges, litigation, or family disputes. The sale transaction is currently under process.

Any person(s) having any objection, claim, right, title, or interest in or over the schedule property by way of sale, mortgage, gift, lease, inheritance, lien, charge, or any court decree/ injunction, are hereby requested to make the same known to the undersigned in writing with documentary evidence within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice.If no objections or claims are received within the stipulated period, it will be presumed that there are no adverse claims over the property, and my client will proceed with the registration of the Sale Deed without any further notice. Any claims made after the expiry of the said period will not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Agriculture Land admeasuring 0 Acres, 20 Guntas in Survey Number 468, situated at Dakoor Village, Andhol Mandal, Andhol-Jogipet Division, Sangareddy District, Telangana State, **Bounded by: East:** Patala Srinivas, **West:** Road, North: Bayamma, South: Piragari Kistaiah.

Date: 05-10-2026 Place: Sangareddy

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BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II, 1ST FLOOR, TRIVENI COMPLEX, ABIDS, HYDERABAD-500001

O.A.NO. 716 OF 2026

Between:
BANK OF INDIA,
Sainikpuri Branch, Secunderabad.
...Applicant

And
1. M/s Style Mantra and another ....Defendants

To,
1. **M/s Style Mantra,** Rep by its Proprietor Mrs. Joita Sekhar Pannala, R/o.Atluri Arcade, 1-19-94, G Black, A.S.Rao Nagar, Kapra Municipality, Secunderabad-500094
2. **Mrs. Joita Sekhar Pannala,** W/o.Chandra Sekhar Pannala Age 42 years, Occ: Business, Female R/o.Plot No.281, Shivanagar, Bihind Bharat Petroleum pump, Kapra Main Road, Secunderabad-500083
....Defendants No.1 & 2

WHEREAS, O.A.No.804 of 2026 is listed before Hon'ble Registrar, DRT-II, Hyderabad on **28-09-2026.**

WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/ notice on the said Application under section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of **Rs.39,52,810/-ps** (application along with copies of documents etc. annexed).

In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:

i) To show cause within thirty days of the serve of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted.
ii) To disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application.
iii) You are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets ad properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties.
iv) You shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;
v) You shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.

You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on **10-11-2026** at 10:30 A.M., failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date 05th October 2026.

Signature of the Officer Authorized to issue summons

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College Code: 2052

RECRUITMENT OF PRINCIPAL

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the post of Principal.
Qualifications : (a) Postgraduate with 55%
(b) Ph.D. is mandatory with relevant experience
Kindly Post your application to the college address or deliver in person.

Sd/- Secretary cum Correspondent

FORM NO. 14
[See Regulation 33(2)]
By Regd. A/D, Dasti failing which by Publication.

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I/II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
HYDERABAD(DRT 1)
3rd Floor, Triveni Complex Abids, Hyderabad 500001
DEMAND NOTICE

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

RC/294/2026 OA/195/2026 28-09-2026
BANK OF INDIA
Versus
Mrs. CHIDURA GAYATHRI

To
(CD 1) Mrs. Chidura Gayathri, D/o: Chidura Ramesh, aged 31 years,Occ: Business, Sex: Female, R/o: Flat No.201, R/o: Vishnu Residency Apartments, H.No.1-20-2/12/7, Housing Board Colony, Armoor Town and Mandal, Nizamabad District-503 224, Nizamabad, Telangana. Also at: H.No.10-3-263, Shivaji Nagar, Nizamabad Town and District-503 001.

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD(DRT 1) in OA/195/2026 an amount of **Rs. 3936990.73ps (Rupees Thirty nine lakhs Thirty six thousands Nine hundred ninety and paise seventy three only)**along with pendentellite and future interest @ 9.60 % Simple Interest Yearly w.e.f. **23/02/2026** till realization and costs of Rs. **99255 (Rupees Ninety nine thousands two hundred fifty five Only)** has become due against you (Jointly and severally/ Fully/Limited).

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

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

4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on **16/11/2026** at 10:30 a.m. for further proceedings.

5 In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:
(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: **28/09/2026**

Recovery Officer
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
HYDERABAD(DRT 1)

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POSSESSION NOTICE
[Rule 8 (1)][For Immovable Property]

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd. under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers under the said Act and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a Demand notice dated **31-07-2026** calling upon the borrowers **MRS. PERAM RAJITHA, W/o. Mr. PERAM SATHISH (Borrower)** and **Mr. SATHISH,** S/o. **RAJALINGU (Co-Borrower)** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 31,76,232/- (Thirty one lakh seventy six thousand two hundred thirty two rupees only)** with further interest at contractual rates, till date of realization within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 (of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002) on this the **5th day October of the year 2026.**

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 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 Can Fin Homes Ltd for an amount of **Rs. 31,76,232/- (Thirty one lakh seventy six thousand two hundred thirty two rupees only)** and interest thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that the house constructed on H.No.10-60/A/1 Survey no. 23(as per latest pahani Sy No.23/1^A9) admeasuring area 90.81 SQ, Yds Situated at Teegalapahad Revenue village, within the limits of Naspur Municipality, Naspur Mandal, Mancherial Dist., Telangana State. **BOUNDARIES: NORTH:** House of P. Narayani Ramavath, **SOUTH:** 18 Feet Municipal Road, **EAST:** 12 FEET ROAD, **WEST:** House of Laxmi Rajam.

Date : 05-10-2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Mancherial **CAN FIN HOMES LIMITED**

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL- II, 1ST FLOOR, TRIVENI COMPLEX, ABIDS, HYDERABAD
O A. No. 694 of 2026

Between:
M/S ICICI BANK Ltd.,
Rep by its Authorized officer
....Applicant

AND
M/s. Solmed Lifesciences Private Limited ...Defendant

To,
(D1) M/s. Solmed Lifesciences Private Limited
Rep. by its Directors
Sri Vinai Babu Pathi & Smt Padmaja Pathi Malayasian
Township Rain, Tree Park,
Block No. 3, Flat No.204,
Kukatpally Near Forum Mall 5,
Hyderabad- 500 072.

SUMMONS BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

Please take the summons in the above O.A filed by the Applicant for recovery of Rs. 22,58,142.90/- ps (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Fifty Eight Thousands One hundred and Forty Two and Ninety Paise only) as on 06-06-2026 against the Defendant. The Hon'ble Tribunal ordered summons to you by way of paper publication and posted the Matter on 03-11-2026.

In accordance with sub- section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you the defendants are directed as under;

(I) To show cause within Thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;
(ii) To disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial No III A of the original application;
(iii) To disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial No IIIA of the original application;
(iv) You are restrained from dealing with or disposing secured assets or such other pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;
(v) You shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or, except in the ordinary course of his business and properties specified or disclosed under serial number III A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;
(vi) You shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by the sale of secured assets of other assets and properties in the ordinary course of the business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.

You are hereby required to show cause on 03-11-2026 at 10:30 A.M at Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, 1st Floor, Triveni Complex, Abids Hyderabad-500001, in person or by an Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should Not be granted.

Take Notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the 29th day of September, 2026

REGISTRAR
Debts Recovery Tribunal - II
1st Floor, Triveni Complex,
Abids, Hyderabad.

SBI STATE BANK OF INDIA
COLLECTORATE COMPLEX BRANCH
Adilabad District-504011, email: sbi.20547@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE
Rule-8(1) (For immovable property)

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **State Bank of India, Collectorate Complex Branch, Adilabad District,** 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 Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice dated: 08-07-2026** calling upon the **Borrower: M/s. Faizan Fashion, Proprietor: Mrs. Farhan Anjum W/o Feroz Khan,** H.No. 4-2-168/4, 2-4-168/4, Gandhi Chowk, Adilabad, Telangana-504001 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Cash Credit A/c No. 43739803873 - Rs.15,11,957/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty Seven Only) and Term Loan A/c No. 43738948458 - Rs.5,03,851/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Three Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty One Only) in as on 06.07.2026, You are also liable to pay future interest with effect from 06-07-2026,** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **constructive 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 this **03rd October 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** for an amount of **Rs.15,80,442/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Eighty Thousand Four Hundred and Forty Two Only) in Cash Credit A/c No. 43739803873, and Rs.4,60,920/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Sixty Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Only) in Term Loan A/c No. 43738948458 as on 03.10.2026.** You are also liable to pay future interest with effect from 03.10.2026, charges & incidental thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF MORTGAGE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY-1 MORTGAGED

All that part and parcel of property **belonging to Shri Feroz Khan S/o Mohd. Musthafa Khan,** Survey No. 15, Plot No. (148) situated at Village and G.P. Bhuktapur, Mandal Adilabad, Dist. Adilabad, admeasuring 1000.00 Sq. Ft. or 111.11 Sq. Yds. or 92.89 Sq. Mtrs., vide Registered Sale Deed Doc No. 8444/2024 dated 11.12.2024, registered with Sub Registrar, District Adilabad, **and bounded by: North:** Plot No. 14, **South:** Plot No. 147, **East:** Road, **West:** Plot No. 115.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY-2 MORTGAGED

All that part and parcel of property **belonging to Shri Feroz Khan S/o Mohd. Musthafa Khan,** Survey No. 85 and Plot No. (148) situated at Village and G.P. Bhuktapur, Mandal Adilabad, Dist. Adilabad, admeasuring 1000.00 Sq. Ft. or 111.11 Sq. Yds. or 92.89 Sq. Mtrs., vide Registered Sale Deed Doc No. 8444/2024 dated 11.12.2024, registered with Sub Registrar, District Adilabad, **and bounded by: North:** Plot No. 149, **South:** Plot No. 147, **East:** Road, **West:** Plot No. 115.

Date : 03.10.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Adilabad **State Bank of India**

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II,
AT: TRIVENI COMPLEX, FIRST FLOOR, ABIDS, HYDERABAD

O.A.NO. 420 OF 2026

BETWEEN:
STATE BANK OF INDIA
Branch Home Loan Centre Madhapur ... **APPLICANT**
AND
YUMTWIST FOODS OPC PRIVATE LIMITED
And Another ... **DEFENDANTS**

To,
1. YUMTWIST FOODS OPC PRIVATE LIMITED,
Having its Registered Office at 33-170/4, Shakti Nagar, Officers Colony, Ramakrishna Nagar, Irimulgherry, Medchal, Telangana-500056.
Represented by its Director
BEGARI ARCHANA
AND
H.No:1-7-1046/38, SRT Colony, Azamabad, Musheerabad, Hyderabad, Telangana-500020.
2. BEGARI ARCHANA, W/o R.Anil Kumar, H.No:1-7-1046/38, SRT Colony, Azamabad, Musheerabad, Hyderabad, Telangana-500020.
AND
H.No.33-170/4, Shakti Nagar, Officers Colony, Ramakrishna Nagar, Trimulgherry, Medchal, Telangana-500056.

NOTICE

Please take notice that the Applicant had filed O.A.No.420 of 2026 before the Hon'ble Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, At: Hyderabad. Whereas the Hon'ble Tribunal has issued summons on the said Application under Section 19 (4) of the OA filed against you for recovery of debts **Rs.46,84,665/-** towards **Loan A/c Nos. 434543 08203 & 43454327747** with further interest at the rate of 12.40% per annum with monthly rests from the date of filing OA till the date of realization along with other reliefs sought therein.

Summons sent to you are returned unserved. **O.A.No.420 of 2026** is posted to **30.10.2026 at 10:30** a.m for your appearance. You the Defendant is directed as under:

i. To show cause within **30 days** of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted.
ii. To disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the Applicant under Serial No.3A, of the original application.
iii. You are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets and properties disclosed under Serial No.3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application of attachment of properties.
iv. You shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest in created and/ or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under Serial No.3A of the original application without prior approval of the tribunal.
v. You shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institution holding security interest over such assets.

You are directed to file written statement with copy thereof furnished to the applicant and appear before on **30-10-2026 at 10:30 a.m,** failing which application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Hence, this NOTICE.

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
First Floor, Triveni Complex, Abids, Hyderabad-500001.

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PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK
ARMB Secunderabad, 103, 8-2-248-A, Maharshi House, Rd.No.-3
Banjara Hills, Hyderabad-500034. Telephone:-040-23147060
Email: cs8313@pnb.bank.in

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

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

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive / physical / symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank / Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank / Secured Creditor from the respective borrower(s) and guarantor(s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS

Name of Branch / Account Name / Borrowers	Description of immovable properties mortgaged	A. Date of 13(2) Notice B. Amount o/s as on date of 01-10-2026 C. Date of 13(4) possession D. Nature of possession	A. Reserve Price B. EMD C. Bid Increment amount	A. Date of Auction B. Time of auction	Details of the encumbrances known to the secured creditors
ARMB SECUNDERABAD (831300) **M/s Extol Infracon India Pvt Ltd** **Shri Ogirala Venkat Durga Prasad** **Shri Ogirala Radha** **M/s Asfab Utilities Pvt Ltd** **Smt K Bindu Malini** **Shri Kota Shiva Kumar**	All that industrial land & building admeasuring 6579.96 sq yards or 8010.00 sq mtrs, Plot no 25-30, Sy No 232 and 235 part, IIDC TADA, Karur Village, TADA mandal,Tirupati District (Earlier Nellore District) standing in the name of Guarantor M/s ASFAB Utilities Pvt Ltd (Sale Deed Document no 2426/2007 at SRO Sullurpet). The property is bounded by: **North :** 18.24 M wide road. **South :** Plot Nos 24 & 31. **East :** 12.20 M wide road. **West :** 12.20 M wide road. **Property ID-PUNB018110EXTOL**	A) 03-05-2024 B) Rs. 5,27,44,552.36 + further interest & Charges C) 21-07-2026 D) Symbolic	A) Rs. 3,15,11,000/- B) Rs. 31,51,100/- C) 1,00,000/- * Bidding shall start from one notch higher.	A. 09-11-2026 B. 1100 to 1600 Hours	No encumbrances best known to the authorized officer. Bidders are requested to conduct their own due diligence before bidding.

This notice is also to be treated as notice for redemption of assets under the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF E-AUCTION SALE

The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 and to the following further conditions.
1. The properties are being sold on 'AS IS WHERE IS BASIS and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS".
2. The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorized Officer, but the Authorized Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.
3. The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website https://baanknet.com on dates mentioned above.
4. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer https://pnb.bank.in, www.baanknet.com

STATUTORY SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

Date : 06-10-2026 , Place : Hyderabad. **Authorized Officer, PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK.**

Indiramma Housing Will Strengthen Poor Families Financially Minister Sridhar Babu



Hyderabad (TSIT): IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu said the Telangana government's Indiramma housing programme aims to improve the financial security of poor families by helping them own homes.

Speaking on Tuesday after laying the foundation stone for the 480-unit Indiramma Towers project at Gajularamaram alongside Revenue and Housing Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, he said the government was committed to fulfilling the housing aspirations of the poor despite soaring land prices.

Sridhar Babu, who is also the Minister in charge of Rangareddy district, said Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy had decided to bear the expenditure required to provide housing within the Core Urban Region (CURE), inside the Outer Ring Road.

He said the completed homes could be worth more than ₹50 lakh each, providing a valuable asset and helping poor and middle-class families achieve greater financial stability.

The Minister said he had directed the Collector to examine the allocation of space within the proposed housing complex for places of worship, including temples, mosques and a church.

Elaborate Arrangements for Bathukamma, Vijayadashami Celebrations



Warangal, October 6 (TSIT): Former Minister and Warangal East MLA Konda Surekha directed officials of all departments to work in coordination to ensure the peaceful, safe and grand conduct of the Bathukamma Navaratri and Vijayadashami celebrations. Konda Surekha held a review meeting on Tuesday at Ursu Rangaleela Maidan with Police Commissioner Shweta, Collector Dr. Satya Sarada, GWMC Commissioner T. Venkanna and members of the festival committee to review the arrangements.

She said special attention should be given to sanitation, drinking water, power supply, medical services and temporary toilet facilities, as a large number of women were expected to attend the nine-day Bathukamma celebrations. She directed officials to provide mobile toilets throughout the celebrations and ensure immediate removal of waste after daily programmes to maintain cleanliness at the venue.

She also asked Roads and Buildings officials to inspect major roads in advance and take up necessary repairs to ensure smooth traffic movement.

Arrangements for 5,000–6,000 people :

Konda Surekha said around 5,000 to 6,000 people were expected to attend the Ravana Dahan programme at Ramlila Maidan on Vijayadashami. In view of the experience of the past two years, she directed officials to complete security, traffic management, sanitation, drinking water, power supply, medical and fire-safety arrangements well in advance.

Police Commissioner N. Swetha said the police department would extend full cooperation to the festival committee in implementing traffic diversions and managing traffic congestion during the Bathukamma and Dussehra celebrations.

Questions raised over Mahabubabad SC officer's charge

LATEST AUTHORISATION AND FAC RATIFICATION SOUGHT



Mahabubabad, The South India Times: A district press release dated October 6 identifying K. Srinivasa Rao as District Scheduled Castes Development Officer (DSCDO) has raised questions over the current authority for his appointment to the post.Collector proceedings dated September 22, 2025, reportedly placed Srinivasa Rao in full additional charge (FAC) of the DSCDO post. A Commissioner's circular issued on October 25, 2021, called for ratification proposals following FAC arrangements.

Further, proceedings dated February 19, 2026, permitted Srinivasa Rao to continue as Statistical Officer/Executive Officer in the SC Corporation on deputation until November 20, 2026. The document, as described, does not expressly confirm continuation of his separate DSCDO charge.

Meanwhile, G.O.Rt. No.233 dated September 11, 2026, reportedly posted V. Upendra as Executive Director of the SC Corporation in Mahabubabad.

The sequence has prompted questions about whether a subsequent order or ratification authorises Srinivasa Rao to continue as DSCDO. The district administration has been urged to disclose the latest proceedings and relevant approvals to clarify the matter.The available documents, as presented, do not establish whether the required ratification was granted or whether a subsequent charge order was issued.

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WARANGAL MAIN BRANCH (0621)
H. NO. 8-4-4, SRI KRISHNA COLONY,
STATION ROAD, WARANGAL-506002

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, Read with rule 3 of the security interest Enforcement Rules 2002

A Notice is hereby given that the following Borrower/s , Co-borrowers & Guarantors have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non Performing Assets (NPA) The notices were issued to them under section 13(2) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses but they have been returned unserved and as such they are hereby informed by way of this public notice

Name of the Borrower/ Guarantors / Date of NPA	Descripition of Immovable Properties	Amount Outstanding
Borrower's : Varikoti Tharun S/o, Varikoti Ravinder, H.No. 2-9-566/1, Srilaxmi Nagar Colony, Opp : Reddy Marriage Hall Waddepally, Hanamkonda 506370. Varikoti Ravinder,S/o Varikoti Chandramouli H.No. 2-9-566/1, Srilaxmi Nagar Colony. Opp : Reddy Marriage Hall Waddepally, Hanamkonda 506370. Varikoti Sharath Babu, S/o Varikoti Chandra Mouli, H.No. 2-9-1214, Waddepally, Henamkonda - 506370. DATE OF NPA : 13.09.2026	All the House bearing H.No 2-9-566/1, admeasuring 259.00 Sq Yards or 216.54 sq mts plinth area of 860 square feet, situated at Srilaxmi Nagar Colony, Waddepally Village, NGO's colony road, Hanumakonda Mandal, Warangal District and bounded by : North : House No.2-9-566/3 of T Sharaba Reddy, South : House of 2-9-569/1 of B Srinivas, East : 22 feet wide road, West : House No-2-9-571 of Krishna Reddy CERSAI Security Interest ID: 400010875750 CERSAI Asset ID: 200010854229	Rs.11,17,523.76/- (Rupees eleven lakhs seventeen thousand five hundred and twenty three and seventy six paise only) together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs

The steps are being taken for subsituted service of notice. The above Borrower (s) and / or their Guarantor(s) whenever applicable) are herby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publications of this notice, failing which futher steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002.

Date : 05.10.2026, Place : Warangal — Sd/- Authorized Officer

MOTHA ROHITH DEMANDS ARREST REMOVAL OF GYANESH KUMAR



Hyderabad TSIT : Khairatabad District Congress Committee president Motha Rohith Mudhiraj, along with leaders of INDIA bloc parties, staged a flash dharna outside the Hyderabad Collector's office on Tuesday, demanding the arrest and removal of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar.Following the protest, the leaders submitted a representation to the Joint Collector seeking action. Rohith said their agitation would continue until Kumar was arrested and a comprehensive inquiry was conducted.Telangana Jana Samithi president and MLC Prof. M. Kodandaram, Secunderabad DCC president Deepak Jain, CPI State leader Narasimha, CPI(M) city secretary Venkatesh, Jana Samithi State leaders Saleem Pasha and Arun Kumar, Hyderabad district president Narsaiah, VCK members and others participated.

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TSR Complex, 2 nd Floor,1-7-1, SP Road, Secunderabad 500003.Mobile No: 9441931818, Email : cb7619@canarabank.com

Ref: 7619/SAM/NAOLININFRA/SN/2026-2027/02 — Date: 30.09.2026

SALE NOTICE

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

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged /charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Stressed Assets Management Branch, Secunderabad of the Canara Bank will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is" on **27.10.2026** for recovery of **Rs.250,81,12,463/-** (Rupees Two Hundred and Fifty Crores Eighty One Lakhs Twelve Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty Three only) (Contractual dues as on 04.06.2024) plus unapplied interest w.e.f. 05.06.2024 and any other Bank charges towards the outstanding dues of consortium lenders (including CANARA BANK) w.r.t loans availed by: 1. **M/s.NAOLIN INFRASTRUCTURE PVT LTD** (Company under CIRP-Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process) with Regd.Office / Administrative Office: H.No.6-3- 1090/1/1, 3 rd Floor, Uma Hyderabad House, Raj Bhavan Road, Somajiguda,Hyderabad – 500082,Telangana., **2. Sri Prabhakar Reddy Nallapu (Guarantor)** R/o H. No. 2-2-18/19 Flat No.102, Sai Annapurna Apartments, D D Colony, Bagh Amberpet, Hyderabad – 500013, Telangana. **3. Ms.Shylaja Nallapu (Guarantor)** R/o H.No. 2-2-18/19, Flat No.102, Sai Annapurna Apartments, D D Colony, Bagh Amberpet, Hyderabad –500013, Telangana. **4. M/s. Naolin Projects Private Limited (Corporate Guarantor)** O/o H.No.6-3- 1090/1/1, 3rd Floor, Uma Hyderabad House, Raj Bhavan Road, Somajiguda, Hyderabad – 500082, Telangana.

DATE & TIME OF AUCTION : 27-10-2026 11.30 AM TO 12.30 PM
(With unlimited extension of 05 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)
THE EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT SHALL BE DEPOSITED ON OR BEFORE 26-10-2026 before 5:00 P.M..(portal https:/baanknet.com)

DETAILS AND FULL DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Property No.1: All that land (open plot) admeasuring 6352.5 Sq. Yards located in survey No 270/A, 270B/1, 270/D situated at Peddakandukuru village, Yadagirigutta (M), Yadagiri - Bhuvanagiri District standing **in the name of Sri. Nallapu Prabhakar Reddy** and bounded by North: Land Belongs to N. Shailaja; South: Land of Muddasani Jothi;East: Land in Sy.No.270; West: National Highway No.202 Road
RESERVE PRICE : Rs.5,28,00,000/- BID MULTIPLES : Rs.1,00,000/- EMD : Rs. 52,80,000/-

Property No.2: 2 All that land (open plot) admeasuring 1936 Sq. Yards located in survey No 270/F, in Peddakandukuru village, Yadagirigutta (M), Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District standing **in the name of Sri. Nallapu Prabhakar Reddy** and bounded by North: Agri.Land Of N.Prabhakar Reddy; South: Land of Sahodar Reddy&9'-2" wide road;East : Neighbours Land; West : Agri.Land Of N.Prabhakar Reddy
RESERVE PRICE : Rs.1,40,00,000/- BID MULTIPLES : Rs.1,00,000/- EMD : Rs. 14,00,000/-

Property No.3: All that land, open Plot bearing No 122 (residential zone), in the Sy No 357/Part admeasuring area of 633 Sq Yds or equivalent to 529.26 Sq Mtrs situated at Space Valley County, Gudur Village, Bibinagar Mandal, Nalgonda District Standing **in the name of Sri. Nallapu Prabhakar Reddy** and bounded by North : Plot No.121; South : Plot No.123; East :40' wide road; West :Plot Nos.119,118 & 117.
RESERVE PRICE : Rs.59,00,000/- BID MULTIPLES : Rs.1,00,000/- EMD : Rs. 5,90,000/-

Property No.4: All that open land admeasuring 9680 Sq Yds or Ac 2-00 Gts in SY No 271/ B situated at Peddhakandukur Village, Yadagirigutta Mandal, Yadadri Bhongir District Telangana State standing **in the name of M/s Naolin Projects Private Limited** (Non Agricultural Converted Land) and bounded by North: Land belongs to Rajarajeshwari Developers& land Belongs to Naolin Infrastructure Private Limited; South : Land in Survey No.271; East :Land in Survey No.245; West :Land Belongs to Naolin Infrastructure Private Limited
RESERVE PRICE : Rs.7,22,00,000/- BID MULTIPLES : Rs.1,00,000/- EMD : Rs. 72,20,000/-

Property No.5: All that part and parcel of Residential & Commercial land at Hyderabad - Warangal National Highway near Yadadri Temple Part A in S. No. 272 of Peddakandukur Village, Yadagirigutta Mandal, Nalgonda Dist to the extent of 3798.70 sq. yds. Out of 11198.70 sq. yds. Standing **in the name of M/s Naolin Projects Private Limited** and bounded by North : Part"B" land in Sy no .272/A; South : 15' Internal Road & land of NCVPL and NIPL;East : Road & Neighbour's Land in S.No. 243; West : Land belongs to Raja Rajeshwari Developers
RESERVE PRICE : Rs.2,72,00,000/- BID MULTIPLES : Rs.1,00,000/- EMD : Rs. 27,20,000/-

Property No.6: All that part and parcel of Residential & Commercial land at Hyderabad - Warangal National Highway near Yadadri Temple Part B in S. No. 272 of Peddakandukur Village, Yadagirigutta Mandal, Nalgonda Dist to the extent of 3700 sq. yds. Out of 11198.70 sq. yds. Standing **in the name of M/s Naolin Projects Private Limited** and bounded by North : Part "c" land in Survey No.272/A; South : Part "A" land in Survey No.272/A; East : Road & Neighbour's Land in S.No. 243; West : Land belongs to Raja Rajeshwari Developers
RESERVE PRICE : Rs.2,66,00,000/- BID MULTIPLES : Rs.1,00,000/- EMD : Rs. 26,60,000/-

Property No.7: All that part and parcel of Residential & Commercial land at Hyderabad - Warangal National Highway near Yadadri Temple Part C in S. No. 272 of Peddakandukur Village, Yadagirigutta Mandal, Nalgonda Dist to the extent of 3700 sq. yds. Out of 11198.70 sq. yds. Standing **in the name of M/s Naolin Projects Private Limited** and bounded by North : Vagu& Road; South : Part "B" land in Survey No.272/A;East : Road & Neighbour's Land in S.No. 243; West : Land belongs to Raja Rajeshwari Developers
RESERVE PRICE : Rs.2,66,00,000/- BID MULTIPLES : Rs.1,00,000/- EMD : Rs. 26,60,000/-

Property No.8: All that one Commercial Unit in 3rd Floor bearing Municipal Door No 6-3-1090/1/1/3, admeasuring about 3459 sft, Eastern side of the commercial complex known as "UMA HYDERABAD HOUSE" with undivided share of land admeasuring 129.43 Sq Yds; out of the total extent of 1294.29 Sq Yds with two covered car parkings in the said building bearing Municipal Door No 6-3-1090/1/1 situated at Raj Bhavan Road, Somajiguda, Hyderabad, Telangana standing **in the name of Smt. Nallapu Shylaja** and bounded by: North :Open to Sky and Neighbours's Property; South: Raj Bhavan Main Road,East : Open to Sky and TSR Building; West : Corridor,Lift and then Neighbour's property.
RESERVE PRICE : Rs.3,22,00,000/- BID MULTIPLES : Rs.1,00,000/- EMD : Rs. 32,20,000/-

Property No.9: All that Residential Vacant Land (Non-Agriculture) admeasuring 5394.20 Sq Yds (excluding area identified for internal roads out of total land area of 7706 sq. yd.) situated at Sy No 271/AA (i.e., 271/ (As per Sale Deed)),Pedda Kandukur Village, Yadagirigutta Mandal, Nalgonda District, Telangana standing **in the name of M/s Naolin Projects Private Limited** and bounded by: North :Open Land Belongs to Nallapu Technologies Pvt Ltd; South :25'-0" wide Road;East :Open Area(Belongs to NIPL); West : NIPL Area
RESERVE PRICE : Rs.5,93,00,000/- BID MULTIPLES : Rs.1,00,000/- EMD : Rs. 59,30,000/-

Property No.10: All that Non Agricultural vacant land admeasuring Ac. 1 – 12.5 Gts out of total admeasuring Ac 5-00 Gts in Sy No 270/A, 270/AA/1, 270/EE situated at Peddha Kandukur Village, Yadagirigutta Mandal, Nalgonda District, Telangana standing **in the name of Smt Nallapu Shylaja** and bounded by North : Land belonging to Rajarajeshwara Developers; South: Land Belongs to Nallapu Prabhakar Reddy East :Land Belongs to Naolin Infrastructure Pvt.Ltd., & Land in Sy.No.270; West :National Highway 202 Road
RESERVE PRICE : Rs.4,88,00,000/- BID MULTIPLES : Rs.1,00,000/- EMD : Rs. 48,80,000/-

Property No.11: All that Residential vacant land admeasuring 630.50 Sq. Yds. situated at Plot No 2 Sy No 358 & 359, Space Valley, Gudur Village, Bibi Nagar Mandal, Nalgonda District, Telangana standing **in the name of Sri Nallapu Prabhakar Reddy** and bounded by North : 40' Wide Road; South :Plot No.1; East :60' Wide Road; West :Neighbor's Land
RESERVE PRICE : Rs.59,00,000/- BID MULTIPLES : Rs.1,00,000/- EMD : Rs. 5,90,000/-

Detail of litigation The sale is subject to outcome of the SA. No 444/2023, SA. No 439/2024, SA. No 420/2024 & SA 600/2025,pending in DRT Hyderabad.

The Properties can be inspected (Date &Time) 15-10-2026 between 11.30 AM and 4.30 PM.
Mode of Auction: E-Auction , Details of Auction Service Provider: M/s PSB Alliance (BAANKNET)
(Contact No. 7046612345/6354910172 / 8291220220 / 9892219848 / 8160205051.
Email: support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com/ support.ebkray@procure247.com)" Website: https://baanknet.com/

The above-mentioned balance sale price (other than EMD amount) should be remitted by the successful bidder through **RTGS/NEFT to Account No. 209272434** of Canara Bank, Stressed Assets Management Branch,Secunderabad **IFSC Code: CNRB0007619.** All charges for conveyance, stamp duty and registration, GST etc., as applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only.

However, the intended bidders are required to make independent enquiries regarding encumbrances, title of the properties, claims/rights/dues affecting the properties prior to submitting the bid. **For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or may contact Mr.M.Yadaiah, Chief Manager, SAM Branch, Secunderabad. Ph. No. 9441931818 during office hours on any working day.**

Date: 30.09.2026, PLACE: Secunderabad — SD/- AUTHORISED OFFICER,CANARA BANK.

Muthoot Homefin
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DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of Muthoot Homefin (India) Ltd. (MHIL) under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower/s (the "said Borrower"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice/s issued to them that are also given below.
In connection with above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower to pay to MHIL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest at 2% p.m. as detailed in the said Demand Notices, from the dates mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrowers. As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to MHIL by the said Borrowers respectively.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor/ Loan Account No./Branch	Total Outstanding Dues (Rs.)	Date of Demand Notice	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
1.	Jonnada Mallesh/ Jonnada Meenakshi/ SAR-NHL-000010/ Sangareddy	Rs.11,75,685/- Rupees Eleven Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Five Only.	26-Aug-2026	All That The House Bearing No.3-21, Admeasuring 110. Square Yards or 91.97.sq.meters., Built-Up-Area of 540.square Feets, With Acc Sheets, Situated In Banglagadda Colony, At Fathepur Village And Grampanchayath, Shankarpally Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Registration At Sub-Registrar, Shankarpally, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana State. Boundaries North: 20 Feet Wide Road South: 4 Feet Seri And Neighbours House on H.No.3-22 East: 15 Feet Wide Road West: House of N.Yadalah

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to MHIL as aforesaid, MHIL shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences.
The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of MHIL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made thereunder, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Date: October 07, 2026
Place: Ranga Reddy

Sd/-Authorized Officer
Muthoot Homefin (India) Limited

Governor honoured during Mekak district visit



Medak, October 6: The visit of the Mekak District Governor was a success. District Collector Pratimasing honored Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla with a sash from Meemonto. During this occasion, Collector Pratima Sing said that the visit of the Governor to the Mekak District was achieved through well-planned arrangements and coordination among officials.

The office staff presented a souvenir to the Governor as a tribute. Ministers of the district incharge, Mr. Gadda Vivake Venkatswami, and members of the Mekak constituency assembly, Rohit Mainampalli, Raghunandan Rao MP, and others participated in this event.

Ensure Quality Power Supply to Consumers : Bikshapathi



Mulugu, October 6 (TSIT): Superintending Engineer (Operations) B. Bikshapathi directed officials to ensure quality and uninterrupted power supply to consumers by closely monitoring the electricity distribution network. Bikshapathi, along with DE (Technical Operations), Mulugu, Kanna Raju, inspected the Narsapur Substation under Venkatapur Section on Tuesday and reviewed the power supply position, equipment performance and load conditions.In view of the ongoing agricultural season, he called for special attention to ensuring reliable power supply to farmers. Officials were instructed to regularly monitor feeders, transformers and other equipment and take up repairs immediately to prevent disruptions.

ICICI Home Finance
Corporate Office: ICICI Home Finance Company Limited ICICI HFC Tower, Andheri - Kurla Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai- 400059, India
Branch Office: D: No; 16-11-20/6/6/1/1, 1st Floor, Opp. TV Tower, Malakpet, Near Musarambagh Metro Station, Dilsukhnagar, Hyderabad, Telangana-500036.

Notice for sale of immovable assets through Private Treaty

Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets through Private Treaty under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 8(8) r/w Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002
ICICI Home Finance Company Limited (ICICI HFC) conducted several e-Auctions for the sale of the mortgaged property mentioned below, however, all such e-Auctions failed. Now, an interested buyer has approached ICICI HFC with an offer to purchase the said property for an amount of Rs. 45,00,000/- Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below-described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd., will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", by way of Private Treaty as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Legal Heirs. Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Out-standing	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction	One Day Before Auction Date	Sarfaesi Stage
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
1.	K J Prasad Reddy (Borrower) M Madhavi (Co-Borrower) Lan No. LHDSK00001562148 & LHDSK00001562450	Flat No.102, First Floor, Hg Brundhavanam, Rcc Roofed In Block-A, Plot No. 183/8 In S.No. 267, 269, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296 & 304 In Sama Enclave, Situated At Shamshabad Village, Mandal And Municipality, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana- 500040	Rs. 52,01, 472/- October 03, 2026	Rs. 45,00, 000/- / Rs. 4,50, 000/-	October 16, 2026 11:00 AM To 03:00 PM	October 23, 2026 02:00 PM To 03:00 PM	October 22, 2026 before 04:00 PM	Physical Possession

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link www.AuctionsPe.com) of our auction agency M/s Hecta Proptech Private Limited. The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) RTGS/ Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before October 22, 2026 before 04:00 PM. The Prospective Bidder(s) must also submit a signed copy of the Registration Form & Bid Terms and Conditions form at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before October 22, 2026 before 05.00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit Demand Draft (DD) should be from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favor of "ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd. – Auction" payable at the branch office address mentioned on top of the article.
The general public is requested to submit their bids higher than the amount being offered by the interested buyer mentioned above. It is hereby informed that in case no bids higher than the amount being offered by the aforementioned interested buyer is received by ICICI HFC, the mortgaged property shall be sold to the said interested buyer as per Rule 8(8) r/w Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the sale or submission of bids, kindly contact ICICI Home Finance Company Limited on 9920807300.
The Authorized Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit https://www.icicihfc.com.

Date: October 07, 2026
Place: Ranga Reddy

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Rajnath Singh Highlights India's Growing Maritime Power

Visakhapatnam,TSIT. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh highlighted India's growing maritime power, indigenous naval capabilities and the strategic importance of the Indian Navy while interacting with naval personnel and their families at a Barakhana organised by the Eastern Naval Command in Visakhapatnam on Monday.



Singh commended Navy personnel for their dedication to safeguarding India's maritime interests and paid tribute to their courage and sacrifices. He also acknowledged the vital support extended by their families, describing their contribution to national security as a valuable national asset. The Defence Minister said the Indian Navy had emerged as a powerful maritime force with growing capabilities to respond decisively to security challenges in the Indo-Pacific. Recalling the Navy's role in the 1971 War and Operation Trident, he said its operational record reflected India's ability to protect its maritime interests and undertake operations when required.

He said India was steadily strengthening its indigenous naval capabilities through the development and induction of advanced platforms, including indigenous aircraft carriers, nuclear submarines, stealth frigates and Scorpène-class submarines. Singh stressed that naval strength was not limited to ships and technology but fundamentally depended on the professionalism, patriotism, courage and commitment of its personnel.

Calling for a broader maritime vision, he said India must harness its vast maritime potential to promote economic growth, national prosperity and strategic power. The oceans, he said, should be viewed not only as maritime boundaries to be protected but also as avenues for economic development and strategic influence. The Barakhana provided an opportunity to strengthen the bond between naval personnel, their families and the leadership. Singh expressed confidence that the continued dedication of the Navy and the support of its families would contribute to a stronger, prosperous and self-reliant India.

Collector Reviews Arrangements for CII Regional Summit

Visakhapatnam,TSIT. District Collector M. Abhishikt Kishore directed officials of all departments to coordinate closely to ensure the successful conduct of the CII Regional Summit at IIM Visakhapatnam in Gambhiram on Wednesday. The Collector inspected the arrangements at the venue along with APEDB CEO Sagili Shanmohan, Industries MD Bansal, Joint Collector Vidyadhari and DCP Manikantha. He reviewed preparations for the main venue, parallel sessions, exhibition, AP Pavilion, delegate registration, parking, signage and other facilities.



He directed officials to ensure that industrialists, company representatives and other delegates attending the summit face no inconvenience. With Union Minister K. Ram Mohan Naidu, State Ministers T.G. Bharath and B.C. Janardhan Reddy, public representatives and industry leaders expected to participate, he stressed that all arrangements should be completed without any shortcomings.

The Collector said the summit should effectively showcase investment opportunities, infrastructure, resources and government incentives available for industrial development in North Andhra. All departments, APEDB and Industries Department officials were instructed to work in close coordination and complete their assigned responsibilities promptly.

Focus on Road Development Across Andhra Pradesh

Visakhapatnam TSIT: The Andhra Pradesh Government is giving priority to road infrastructure development across the State, Roads and Buildings Minister B.C. Janardhan Reddy said. The Minister inspected the ongoing widening works of the Bheemili–Narsipatnam road, a key connectivity route to the upcoming Bhogapuram International Airport. The existing two-lane road is being widened into a four-lane road at an estimated cost of Rs.34 crore.



Officials informed the Minister that 7.34 per cent of the works had been completed, with Rs.1.66 crore spent so far. Janardhan Reddy directed officials and contractors to speed up the works and complete the project within the stipulated time frame without compromising on quality.

He said the government, under the leadership of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, was committed to providing safe and better road connectivity to people. He stressed that special attention should be given to roads connecting important infrastructure projects such as the Bhogapuram International Airport. Senior R&B officials and engineering staff participated in the inspec-

Visakhapatnam Port Marks 93 Years of Maritime Growth

Visakhapatnam,TSIT : Visakhapatnam Port, which opened to ocean traffic on October 7, 1933, with the arrival of passenger vessel S.S. Jaladurga, has completed 93 years of maritime service and emerged as a major gateway on India's east coast. From a modest cargo handling capacity of 0.13 million tonnes in 1933-34, the Port has recorded remarkable growth, reaching an all-time high of 91.17 million tonnes in 2025-26. During April–September 2026, the Port handled 46.14 million tonnes, registering a 7 per cent improvement over the corresponding period last year. Vessel waiting time also declined by 37 per cent. The Port has consistently



expanded its infrastructure and now handles steel, power, mining, petroleum, fertilisers and container cargo. Its modern facilities can accommodate vessels up to 2 lakh DWT, while its container terminal has a 16-metre permissible draft.

Several infrastructure projects worth around Rs.615 crore are under implementation, including an internal flyover system, berth development and railway infrastructure. Mechanisation and PPP projects are also being undertaken to enhance cargo handling capacity and operational efficiency.

The Port is simultaneously advancing digital and green initiatives, including RFID-based gate management, AI-enabled surveillance, a smart port operating system and expansion of its solar power capacity from 10 MW to 30 MW. As part of its social responsibility initiatives, VPA has sanctioned 31 CSR projects worth Rs.7.24 crore covering health, education, skill development, community welfare, sports and environment. On the eve of the 93rd Foundation Day, VPA Chairperson J.S. Bindra, IRTS, and Deputy Chairperson Roshni Aparanji Korati, IAS, congratulated officers, employees, trade unions and citizens of Visakhapatnam for their contribution to the Port's growth. With continued investments in mechanisation, digitalisation, green energy and multimodal connectivity, VPA is positioning itself as a modern and sustainable maritime and logistics hub.

4,400 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs to Get New Buildings in Six Months

Visakhapatnam,TSIT : Andhra Pradesh will complete construction of new buildings for 4,400 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs within the next six months, Health Minister Satya Kumar Yadav said on Tuesday. The Minister inaugurated a new Village Health Clinic building at Janardhanapuram in Gudivada division of Krishna district and virtually inaugurated 266 more buildings across 24 districts, taking the total number of facilities inaugurated simultaneously to 267. The buildings were constructed at a cost of about Rs.105 crore across 87 Assembly constituencies.



Satya Kumar said 2,700 new buildings would be completed by the end of this year, with the remaining works targeted for completion within six months. More than Rs.1,128 crore has been allocated for completing over 4,400 Village Health Clinic buildings. He said each Ayushman Arogya Mandir, planned for every 5,000 population, would provide 14 types of diagnostic tests, 105 medicines and 71 medical equipment. The government was also strengthening telemedicine and referral services.

Under the 'Sanjeevani' initiative, individual health records would be digitally maintained, with services targeted for launch from January 1. The government is also establishing 930 mobile health centres to provide diagnostic services in remote villages. The Minister said the government was focusing on early detection and prevention of diseases rather than treatment after complications arise. He said 1,644 Village Health Clinics had already received National Quality Assurance recognition. Officials including Health Secretary Veera Pandiyan, Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare Chakradhar Babu and Krishna District Collector Balaji

AP Seeks Stronger Economic Ties with Switzerland

Visakhapatnam,TSIT : Andhra Pradesh Industries and Commerce Minister T.G. Bharath held a bilateral meeting with the Swiss State Secretary for Economic Affairs. Helene Budliger Artieda in New Delhi on Sunday, discussing opportunities to strengthen economic cooperation and investment ties between Andhra Pradesh and Switzerland. The Minister also participated in the AP–Switzerland Business Forum, organised by the Embassy of Switzerland in India and Bhutan, which brought together senior government officials, industry associations and leading Swiss companies.



Bharath highlighted investment opportunities in Andhra Pradesh in advanced manufacturing, precision engineering, pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, MedTech, clean energy, infrastructure, mobility and logistics. He said the State was following an investor-focused approach based on "Speed, Stability and Service", with the Andhra Pradesh Economic Development Board providing end-to-end facilitation.

He highlighted the India–EFTA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement, which envisages USD 100 billion in investments in India over 15 years and one million direct jobs, and invited Swiss companies to explore opportunities in Andhra Pradesh. The Minister also invited Swiss investors to participate in the CII Partnership Summit, scheduled to be held in Visakhapatnam on November 12–13, 2026. AP Bhavan Resident Commissioner Praveen Kumar participated in the meeting.

Mentors Must Support Medical Students: NTR Health University



Vijayawada,TSIT : Dr NTR University of Health Sciences has directed medical colleges to strengthen the Mentor–Mentee system to support the mental health and well-being of MBBS students. University Vice-Chancellor Dr Chandrasekhar and Registrar Dr Sudheer said each mentor should preferably be assigned six to seven students. The officials made the statement during a webinar with principals of medical colleges on preventive measures to address mental health concerns among medical students. Mental health expert Dr Aparna Uppala, Medical Director of EASE-AP, explained warning signs of emotional distress and measures colleges could adopt to support students.The university advised colleges to establish Mental Health and Well-being committees under the principals and sensitise students, parents and faculty about stress management and available support services. Warning signs such as social withdrawal, increased absenteeism, sudden decline in academic performance and substance abuse should be addressed promptly, officials said.

The university said the EASE-AP (Emotional Assessment of Students by Educators) programme, launched in January 2023, was being implemented with support from QPR Institute India and Suicide Prevention India Foundation. Training has been provided in 36 medical colleges, covering peer support, identification of distress signals, empathetic listening and referral to professionals. Dr Aparna Uppala said seeking mental health support should not be viewed as a weakness and urged parents to encourage students to seek help when required. She also called for responsible media reporting of suicide cases, avoiding sensational headlines and details about methods or locations.

GITAM Business School Holds Medical Camp

Visakhapatnam,TSIT. GITAM School of Business conducted a mega medical camp at Peddipalem village in Anandapuram mandal on Tuesday as part of its Unnat Bharat Abhiyan activities. The village has been adopted by GITAM School of Business under the UBA programme for undertaking various development initiatives. More than 120 villagers benefited from the medical camp conducted with the support of specialists from GITAM Hospital in General Medicine, Orthopaedics, Physiotherapy, Paediatrics, Ophthalmology and Gynaecology. Free medicines were also distributed. UBA coordinators Prof.



Manjushree, Dr. Sudha, Dr. Renuka and Dr. Nithin supervised the programme. School of Business Corporate Citizenship Group Chairperson Prof. P. Sheila said employment-oriented skill training and rural development programmes would also be taken up in the village in the coming days.

AP Government to Pursue Legal Battle for 34% BC Reservation

Visakhapatnam,TSIT. The Andhra Pradesh Government will continue its legal battle in the Supreme Court to secure 34 per cent reservation for Backward Classes in local bodies, Union Civil Aviation Minister K. Ram Mohan Naidu and State Ministers K. Atchannaidu, Kolusu Parthasarathy and Anagani Satya Prasad said at a joint press conference at AP Bhavan here on Monday.



Ram Mohan Naidu said the government was preparing to present adequate empirical data before the Supreme Court to seek exemption from the 50 per cent reservation ceiling. He said the government was studying the High Court judgments and consulting legal experts to formulate its strategy. If implemented, the 34 per cent quota would benefit BCs in around 16,800 posts in local bodies, he added.

Agriculture Minister Atchannaidu said a team of ministers had met senior Supreme Court advocates, including Mukul Rohatgi and Devadatt Kamat, to discuss the legal options. He said the government would pursue the matter until BCs secured the promised 34 per cent reservation.

Information and Public Relations Minister Parthasarathy said the government was committed to social justice and political empowerment of BCs and would pursue the issue within the constitutional framework. Revenue Minister Anagani Satya Prasad said Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu remained focused on the development of Andhra Pradesh despite political challenges. AP Bhavan Special Commissioner Arja Srikanth also attended the press conference.

Land records work must be efficient, says collector



Tirupati, October 6: Special Chief Secretary (Special CS) of Andhra Pradesh Land Administration (CCLA) and Revenue Department, G. Jayalakshmi, has directed District Collectors to efficiently manage the processes related to 22-A, Web Land, distribution of Pattadar Pass Books, and resurvey.On Tuesday, a review meeting on state development programmes was conducted by the Special Chief Secretary of Andhra Pradesh Land Administration (CCLA) and Revenue Department from the Conference Hall of the AP Secretariat.

Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit appointed new IAF chief, to succeed AP Singh

New Delhi (TSIT): The Central government on Tuesday cleared the appointment of Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit as the next Chief of the Air Staff. Ashutosh Dixit will take charge as the nation's 29th Indian Air Force Chief on October 31, with his tenure lasting until December 31, 2028.Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit is presently serving as Vice Chief of the Air Staff.

"With the approval of the President, Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, PVSM, AVSM, VM, VSM has been appointed as the next Chief of the Air Staff in the substantive rank of Air Chief Marshal, with effect from the afternoon of 31st October, 2026, with a tenure up to 31st December, 2028," said a government notification. Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit will succeed incumbent Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh, who superannuates on



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October 31, 2026.Air Marshal Dixit is a qualified flying instructor with over 3,500 hours of flying experience and has held key operational and strategic appointments, including CISC, HQ IDS and AOC-in-C, Central Air Command.

Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit is an alumnus of National Defence Academy, Defence Staff Service College (Bangladesh) and National Defence College. He has more than 3500 hours of extensive flying experience on various aircraft, including, to name a few, Mirage-2000, variants of MiG, Kiran, Jaguar, IL-78, HAWK and Tejas.

During his illustrious career spanning approximately four decades, he has been actively involved in numerous operations and exercises, including Op-Sated Sagar, Op-Rakshak and Op Sindoor. He has held a number of significant field and staff appointments. He commanded a front-line fighter air base in Western Sector and a premier fighter training base in Southern Sector.

He was awarded the Vayu Sena Medal in 2006, Vishisht Seva Medal in 2011, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal in 2023 and Param Vishisht Seva Medal in 2026 in recognition of his exemplary and distinguished service.

He was commissioned into the fighter stream of IAF on 06 December 1986 and is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy. Prior to assuming charge as the Vice Chief of the Air Staff, Air Marshal Dixit has served as Chief of Integrated Defence Staff to the Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee (CISC) at Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff (HQ IDS) and Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Central Air Command.

Dixit, having seen the induction and advancement of indigenous LCA Tejas and other aircraft programmes closely, is set to steer the government's Aatmanirbharta push in defence.

CJI SURYA KANT ADMINISTERS OATH TO THREE NEW JUDGES, JUDGES COUNT NOW 37 IN SC



NEW DELHI: Chief Justice Surya Kant on Tuesday administered oath of office to three new judges elevated to the Supreme Court, taking its working strength to 37, one short of the sanctioned 38. Justices Sunita Agarwal, Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya and Aparesh Kumar Singh took oath in the auditorium of the new Supreme Court block. All the Supreme Court judges, judicial officers and officials from different high courts were present on the occasion.



MINISTER INVITED TO SRISAILAM DASARA MAHOTSAVAMS

Srisailam: The Dasara Mahotsavams will be celebrated with great splendour at the Srisailam Mahakshetram from 11 October to 20 October. An invitation card was presented to the Hon'ble Minister for Human Resources Development, Information Technology and Communications, Sri Nara Lokesh, inviting him to the Dasara Mahotsavams.Sri Budda Rajasekhar Reddy, Hon'ble Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Srisailam constituency; Sri Pothugunta Ramesh Naidu, Chairman of the Board of Trustees; Sri M. Srinivasa Rao, Executive Officer of the Devasthanam; along with archakas and Vedic scholars, met the Hon'ble Minister and invited him to the Dasara Mahotsavams. On this occasion, the Hon'ble Minister was presented with Sesha vastrams, prasadam, and a portrait of Sri Swami and Ammavaru, accompanied by Vedic blessings.

ANGANWADI SUPERVISORS TOLD TO WORK RESPONSIBLY



Chittoor, October 6: District Collector Sumit Kumar has directed CDPOs to visit Anganwadi centres at the field level. On Tuesday, the District Collector, in his capacity as Special Officer of the District Zilla Parishad, held a review meeting with CDPOs on the functioning of Anganwadi centres at the CEO Chamber in the local Zilla Parishad office. In-charge ICDS Project Director Syam Suguna Kumari participated in the programme.

Speaking on the occasion, the District Collector directed that good nutritious food must be provided to pregnant women, lactating mothers and children below six years of age. He instructed that special attention be given to children with severe underweight and severe acute malnutrition and that quality food be ensured for them. He stressed that the growth of children under five years must be monitored by regularly measuring their height and weight, stating that this responsibility rests with the officers. Continuous supervision of the performance of Anganwadi workers at the centres must be maintained, he said.

The Collector directed every Anganwadi Supervisor in the district to identify an average of ten children and work for their development. He informed that special plans are being taken up in coordination with all departments from tomorrow for the development of Anganwadi centres. He asked the CDPOs to prepare reports on the funds required for the construction of incomplete Anganwadi buildings in the district. During field visits, stocks at the Anganwadi centres must be thoroughly inspected, he ordered. Only when quality nutritious food is provided will the officers earn respect in society, he noted, adding that proper discharge of duties by the department will bring a good name to the district.

He reviewed the status of incomplete Anganwadi buildings, toilets and drinking water connections and directed that pending works be completed on a priority basis. The progress of AI screening under the Navachetana programme was reviewed, and instructions were given to ensure screening of all eligible children.

TGNPDCL's first indoor substation charged in Karimnagar

Karimnagar: Chairman & Managing Director of TGNPDCL Sri Karnati Varun Reddy stated that indoor substations would significantly help overcome the acute shortage of land in urban areas while ensuring quality and reliable power supply to consumers. As part of strengthening the power infrastructure in Karimnagar city, CMD Sri Karnati Varun Reddy technically charged the 33/11 kV Indoor Substation constructed at Telangana Chowk on Tuesday. He stated that this is the first indoor substation constructed in Karimnagar under the TGNPDCL jurisdiction.



Speaking on the occasion, CMD Sri Karnati Varun Reddy said that, keeping pace with the increasing power demand, TGNPDCL is developing a modern power supply network through technologically advanced indoor substations. These substations enable high-capacity power infrastructure within limited space while ensuring improved, quality and uninterrupted power supply to consumers. He stated that another indoor substation would also be established at the Collectorate in Karimnagar, keeping in view the city's development and growing power requirements. Necessary provisions have already been made for future expansion of the indoor substation capacity and feeders, he added.

The modern indoor substation has been constructed at a cost of Rs.6.92 crore within an area of just 484 square yards. The ground floor houses the control room along with modern switchgear panels, while the first floor accommodates the Sub-Division and Section offices.The substation is receiving 33 kV power supply from the 132 kV Vavilalapalli and Padmanagar substations. An additional 33 kV feeder has also been kept ready for future extension to other substations. Initially, power supply will be provided through six 11 kV feeders, while provision has also been made for installation of another two 11 kV feeders to meet future requirements.

With the commissioning of this indoor substation, the electrical load on the 33/11 kV SRR, Bhagatnagar and Saptagiri substations in Karimnagar city will be reduced, thereby improving the overall power supply capacity and reliability in the urban area.

MSME seminar held for B. Com students in Warangal



Warangal: A seminar on Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) was successfully organized by A.V.V. Degree & P.G. College, Warangal, for the benefit of B.Com students. The programme was aimed at creating awareness among students about entrepreneurship, self-employment opportunities, business development and the significant role played by MSMEs in the economic development of the nation. The seminar was formally inaugurated by our Honourable Principal, Dr. E. Sathyanarayana Garu, who appreciated the initiative and encouraged the students to develop entrepreneurial skills, innovative thinking and leadership qualities.Speaking on the occasion, the Principal emphasized the importance of practical knowledge along with academic education. He encouraged students to explore new business opportunities, understand government support available for MSMEs and consider entrepreneurship as a promising career option.The seminar provided students with valuable insights into MSME development, entrepreneurship, business opportunities, financial planning, marketing strategies, innovation and employment generation. Students actively participated in the programme and interacted enthusiastically with the organizers and faculty members. The programme was successfully coordinated with the support and guidance of Dr. Janga Venugopal Yadav, Dr. Jakkoju Srinivas, Dr. Thota Ravinder, Dr. Goddeti Kalyani, Aaisha Begum and Dr. Puli Saroja. The organizers expressed their special and heartfelt thanks to the Honourable Principal, Dr. E. Sathyanarayana Garu, for extending his full support and encouragement towards innovative and student-centric activities.

Village health clinics inaugurated in Srikalahasti



Srikalahasti: Under the special initiative and directions of Srikalahasti MLA Sri Bojjala Sudheer Reddy, new Village Health Clinic Centres for B.V. Puram and Akkurthi villages were officially inaugurated today in virtual mode from the Collectorate premises by the Hon'ble District Collector along with public representatives.

With the lofty objective of delivering quality healthcare services to the doorsteps of rural people, these health centres have been brought into operation under the guidance of MLA Sri Bojjala Sudheer Reddy. Speaking on the occasion, the leaders stated that these Village Health Clinic Centres will be of great help in ensuring that rural residents do not suffer due to health issues and that immediate primary treatment is readily available. They further noted that MLA Bojjala Sudheer Reddy is progressing with the comprehensive development of the constituency as his goal. The inauguration programme was attended virtually by the Hon'ble Collector along with Market Committee Chairman Chenchayya Naidu and leaders including Dorai Rajireddy, Venkatasubba Reddy, Chandra, Siva Sudarshan Reddy, Satish, Raghavareddy, Raghu and others, making the event a grand success.

Students set up AI learning centre at Hyderabad school

Hyderabad: Three Class 11 students have launched a digital self-learning centre at Mandal Parishad Primary School (MPPS), Kokapet, offering a year-long programme in digital literacy and artificial intelligence (AI) to 10 government school students. The initiative, started by Balling Beyond, a student-led initiative founded by Aryan Nadimpalli, Akshay Sandhyala and Bollineni Rana. The trio began the initiative while in Class 9 by providing sports equipment and a water filter to a government school in Gandipet. They later expanded it to weekend classes in English, Mathematics and Science.



Oakridge International School, Gachibowli, donated 30 refurbished laptops to the initiative on August 1. Ten laptops have been provided to the Kokapet school, while the remaining devices will be used for a secondary school programme scheduled to begin later this month. The 10 students for the pilot programme were selected by the school headmaster. The curriculum will use platforms such as Khan Academy and Brilliant for Mathematics, Science and coding fundamentals, with AI concepts introduced progressively during the year.

The AI sessions will be conducted under adult supervision, with facilitators operating the tools on behalf of the students. Kognovate, which mentors the three founders across their initiatives, is providing guidance to the programme. "Learning content is only the first step. We want these students to become innovators who can look at problems around them and use AI as a tool, not as a crutch," Aryan Nadimpalli said.

Akshay Sandhyala said the objective was to encourage students to identify challenges in their communities and develop practical solutions instead of merely consuming technology. Bollineni Rana said the long-term aim was to make the initiative self-sustaining. "The goal is to make ourselves unnecessary — so that these students can teach themselves and eventually teach others," he said.

The founders said setting up the centre had involved several challenges, including reliable Wi-Fi, availability of a dedicated classroom, faculty supervision after school hours, adequate power points, software updates, parental consent and student safety. They also said teaching the children in Telugu had influenced their approach to the programme.

The school principal said the initiative would provide the selected students with access to digital tools and guidance that were otherwise not readily available to them and hoped they would serve as role models for their peers.

Kognovate mentor Karthik Mangu said the students had moved beyond conducting classes to creating a system aimed at developing independent learners.

Oakridge International School CAS Coordinator Shalini Samuel attended the launch, and the school has indicated its willingness to support further infrastructure requirements. The organisers plan to conduct fundraising events to meet operational expenses and subscription costs. If the pilot proves successful, Balling Beyond hopes to replicate the model in other government schools across Hyderabad and Telangana.

SCoR Reviews Crowd Management Ahead of Festive Season



Visakhapatnam,TSIT : South Coast Railway General Manager Shri Sandeep Mathur reviewed crowd management arrangements across all divisions ahead of the Dussehra, Diwali and Chhath festive season. The General Manager directed officials to ensure 24/7 monitoring and security, enhanced ticketing and passenger assistance, real-time dissemination of train information, and adequate passenger amenities, catering and drinking water facilities. To meet the expected holiday rush, SCoR is operating special trains to various destinations and augmenting existing weekly and long-distance trains with additional coaches. The Railway administration appealed to passengers to follow safety guidelines and avoid footboard travel, crossing railway tracks and boarding trains from the non-platform side. Passengers were also advised against unnecessary alarm-chain pulling and occupying coaches reserved for women and Divyangjan passengers. Officials were directed to ensure coordinated arrangements for the safe and smooth movement of passengers during the festive season.

Three children drown in Chikkamagaluru lake



Chikkamagaluru: A festive holiday outing ended in tragedy at Marle village in Chikkamagaluru taluk after three schoolchildren drowned while swimming in a lake. All three victims were 12 years old and belonged to the same village.

The children, who were studying in Class 6 at different schools, had gone to the lake during the Dasara vacation. What was intended to be a recreational outing ended in tragedy when they reportedly entered a deeper part of the water and were unable to return safely.

The children were swimming near the stone platforms built along the lake where villagers generally wash clothes and utensils. Their sudden disappearance alerted others, and efforts were made to locate them in the water. News of the deaths spread quickly through Marle, prompting a large number of villagers to gather at the lake. The grief of the families was evident as the bodies were recovered and kept at the spot. Residents struggled to come to terms with the loss of three children from the same village.

Villagers said the lake had undergone desilting work last year, which had resulted in an increase in its depth. They believe the children may not have realised how deep the water was when they entered the lake.

The incident has renewed concerns about the absence of adequate safety measures around village water bodies. Residents have called for steps to prevent children from entering deep areas of lakes, especially during school holidays when they have more free time.

Police from the rural station reached the spot after receiving information about the incident. They inspected the location, gathered preliminary details and registered a case. Further investigation is underway to ascertain the sequence of events and determine how the children drowned.

Revanna questions notice to Hassan SP

Hassan: Former minister H.D. Revanna has questioned Deputy Commissioner Latha Kumari's decision to issue a notice to Hassan SP Subhanvita over the Pendal Ganesha immersion issue. Revanna said he had not received any notice and wondered why the SP had been asked to explain the matter.

Referring to the administration's handling of Ganesha festivities, Revanna said celebrations had been held for nearly 72 years and questioned why permission was denied for immersion at Devigere. He also asked why permission was allegedly granted to others while restrictions were imposed on Pendal Ganesha.

Revanna said the district administration should maintain peace and told MLA Swaroop Prakash to write to the Chief Secretary about the developments. He also referred to the court and Lokayukta as available avenues if required.

Seoulmate Soju brings Seoul-inspired flavours

Bengaluru: Seoulmate Soju, a spirit inspired by Seoul's vibrant nightlife and social drinking culture, is offering Indian consumers a flavour-forward alternative for casual gatherings and celebrations. Launched in October 2025, the brand combines a smooth, lighter profile with youthful packaging and experimental flavours.

Made from premium rice distillate and produced and bottled in Goa, Seoulmate has an alcohol content of 15.5 per cent. The 375 ml bottle is priced at Rs.650 and is currently available in Goa, Delhi, Haryana, Karnataka and Mumbai.

The brand's flavour portfolio includes Original, Strawberry Mint, Pink Guava Chilli, Cola Vanilla, Watermelon Bubblegum, Black Grape and Peach Iced Tea. The variants range from subtly sweet and refreshing profiles to tropical, spicy and nostalgic flavours.

Seoulmate is positioned as a versatile drink that can be consumed neat or used as a base for cocktails. Its smooth texture and balanced sweetness are designed to appeal to consumers looking for lighter and easy-drinking options. The brand said its product is intended for a variety of occasions, including brunches, social gatherings, bar outings and home celebrations, while reflecting the energetic and experimental spirit associated with Seoul.

Poor hostel conditions trouble KRIMS medical students

Karwar: Medical students who recently secured admission to Karwar Institute of Medical Sciences (KRIMS) after clearing NEET are reportedly facing poor living conditions at the institution's hostel. The men's hostel is alleged to have unclean rooms and toilets, rusty windows, damaged doors and cracked walls. Sewage flowing near the building has also reportedly created a foul smell, raising concerns over students'

Karnataka Hosts GIA Meet to Drive Global Tech Partnerships



Bengaluru, [Date] – The Department of Electronics, IT & Biotechnology, Government of Karnataka, hosted the GIA Meet at Hotel Four Seasons to promote the Bengaluru Tech Summit 2026 (BTS 2026) among its partner countries and international trade mission representatives.The event was attended by Priyank Kharge, Hon'ble Minister for Home, IT & BT and E-Governance; Dr. Manjula N, IAS, Chairperson, BWSSB and Secretary, Department of Electronics, IT, BT and S&T; Dr. Avinash Menon Rajendran, IAS, Managing Director, KITS & KEONICS; Dr. E. V. Ramana Reddy, IAS (Retd.), Chairman, Karnataka Skill Development Authority; and Jagdish Patankar, Event Curator, BTS 2026, along with representatives from over 40 countries.

Speaking at the Meet, Shri Priyank Kharge said, "GIA 2.0 is about moving from engagement to execution, from MOUs to outcomes, and from delegations to enduring partnerships." He added that success under GIA 2.0 will be measured by startups entering new markets, jointly developed technologies, launched research programmes, pilots becoming businesses, and investments and jobs created.The Global Innovation Alliance (GIA), launched in 2017 under the Karnataka Unit for International Cooperation (KUIC), has expanded from 10 countries in 2018 to over 40 formal partner countries by 2026, engaging with more than 90 countries globally.

As part of its next phase, Karnataka is introducing a new GIA Engagement Framework across four tracks: Global Startup Mobility and Market Access; International Institutional Partnerships; Global Visibility and Strategic Engagements; and Governance through a dedicated International Desk. The state is also developing GIGA – the Global Innovation and Growth Alliance – a permanent landing and collaboration space in Bengaluru for partner-country startups, innovation agencies, delegations and institutions.

BTS 2026 will be held at the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC) from 17–19 November 2026, expecting 90,000+ attendees, 1,000+ tech startups, 1,000+ investors, 25,000+ delegates, 700+ speakers and 1,800+ exhibitors, with participation from 75+ countries. Aligned with the theme 'AI & Beyond', the Summit will feature 16 tracks and country sessions from 16+ nations.

BJP chief Vijayendra hits out at Congress over voter-list revision

Dharwad : BJP State president B.Y. Vijayendra on Tuesday launched a fresh attack on the Congress government over the ongoing SIR exercise, alleging that the ruling party was creating unnecessary controversy around Form-7 applications and using the issue to target opposition workers.

Speaking to reporters in Dharwad, Vijayendra questioned allegations that thousands of AHINDA voters were being removed from electoral rolls in each Assembly constituency. He said Form-7 was part of the election process and asked why the government was blaming the Election Commission over a mechanism that was legally available for electoral-roll revision. Vijayendra also pointed out that Booth Level Officers involved in the verification process function under the State government administration. He questioned the basis of claims that the exercise was being controlled by the Centre.

Taking aim at Minister Priyank Kharge, Vijayendra said the BJP would not be intimidated by threats of legal action. He accused the minister of having considerable influence over administration in Kalaburagi and alleged that attempts were being made to silence critics through money and pressure. These allegations have not been independently established. On the proposed increase in public transport fares, Vijayendra cited the reported Rs.6,500 crore dues owed by the State government to KSRTC and said the corporation had warned that its financial position could affect salary payments if the arrears were not cleared.



He accused the Congress government of relying heavily on excise revenue to fund its guarantee programmes and alleged that Karnataka was being pushed towards greater dependence on liquor revenue.

Vijayendra also criticised the registration of cases against BJP workers in connection with the electoral-roll controversy, alleging that police stations were being used for political purposes. Responding to questions about BJP leader B.Y. Yatnal supporting independent candidate Kanta Kumar, Vijayendra said Yatnal was currently not part of the BJP and that the party had no rebel candidate in the election. He expressed confidence in BJP candidate Sankanoor in the Western Graduates' constituency. The seat covers Dharwad, Gadag, Haveri and Uttara Kannada districts. Vijayendra said the party's organisation and the prevailing political atmosphere were favourable and predicted a decisive victory for Sankanoor, who is seeking a third term as MLC.

Canaries: from wild to captivity



Bengaluru: Canaries (Serinus canaria) originate from the Canary Islands, Azores and Madeira. They grow to 4–8 inches and weigh under 1 ounce, living 5–15 years. Spanish sailors brought the wild green and yellow Atlantic finch to Europe in the 15th century. Wild canaries have grey-brown striped plumage with dull yellowish-green breasts. Domestic breeds include song, colour-bred and type canaries, in colours like red, yellow and pink.In the wild, they inhabit open woodlands, shrublands, grasslands and agricultural areas, feeding mainly on seeds and insects, plus fruits and berries. They are diurnal, spending days feeding, preening and bathing. Males sing elaborately; females mainly chirp. Canaries stop singing during moulting. In captivity, they need quiet, spacious cages, varied perches, 35–45% humidity, and a balanced diet of seeds, soft food, fruits, vegetables and cuttlefish bone. Hygiene is vital: clean food and water bowls daily, cages fortnightly. Sick birds appear dull, inactive or sit in corners. Common issues include bumble foot and bacterial infections.Nest cups should be 4–5 inches wide, 2–3 inches deep, placed high, using coconut husk or jute. Proper care keeps canaries healthy and active.

Karnataka traffic fines pile up as Rs.3,006 crore remains unpaid



Bengaluru : Despite repeated 50 per cent discounts offered by the Karnataka government to encourage motorists to clear pending traffic penalties, a huge backlog of unpaid fines continues to remain a concern. As many as 5.53 crore traffic violation cases out of 8.16 crore registered across the State between 2019 and August 2026 are yet to be settled, with unpaid penalties estimated at Rs.3,006.70 crore. Bengaluru accounts for the largest share of the outstanding cases. Of the 5.85 crore traffic violations recorded in the city during the period, more than 3.72 crore remain pending. The resulting unpaid fine amount in Bengaluru stands at around Rs.2,048.56 crore, according to a report. The mounting backlog has assumed significance after the Supreme Court recently expressed concern over the large number of unpaid e-challans across States. The court has suggested stronger measures to recover outstanding penalties, including action against vehicles with unpaid fines and restrictions on certain online transport-related services. Director General and Inspector General of Police M.A. Saleem said the department was examining several options to make payment of traffic penalties more effective. One proposal under consideration is to make clearance of pending traffic fines a prerequisite for obtaining a vehicle Fitness Certificate (FC). Authorities are also exploring amendments that could prevent renewal of vehicle insurance when traffic penalties remain unpaid.Another option being examined is linking traffic fines with electricity bills, following a suggestion from the Supreme Court.

Dr. Sunita Agarwal Wins Two Gold Medals at Asian Masters Swimming Championship

Bengaluru: Dr. Sunita Agarwal of Agarwal Hospital won gold medals in two categories—the 100m and 100m freestyle events—at the Asian Masters Swimming Championship.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Sunita Agarwal emphasized the importance of staying healthy and urged everyone to incorporate yoga, meditation, and sports activities into their lives.

She advised dedicating one or two hours daily to activities like walking, exercising, and swimming to ensure mental and physical well-being, noting that this leads to a better quality of life.

She also recommended a healthy diet rich in millets, vegetables, and fruits, while advising people to cut down on junk food and deep-fried items.



Highlighting the benefits of swimming, she mentioned that it provides a workout for the entire body and improves blood circulation.

Youth Are the Architects of India's Future: M. Venkaiah Naidu

Bengaluru : The future of India rests in the hands of its youth, and students must use education not merely to secure degrees and jobs but to develop knowledge, character, skills and a strong sense of social responsibility, said M. Venkaiah Naidu, former Vice President of India and Padma Vibhushan awardee.He was speaking as the Chief Guest at the 96th Year Commemoration Address organised by Seshadripuram First Grade College, Yelahanka New Town, on Tuesday.The programme commenced with the traditional lighting of the lamp, followed by a welcome address and introduction of the Chief Guest. On the occasion, Seshadripuram Educational Trust felicitated Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu in recognition of his distinguished public service and contribution to the nation.



Addressing the students, Shri Venkaiah Naidu said that India's young population is its greatest strength and that today's students have a vital role in shaping a strong, developed and progressive India."Education should go beyond classrooms and textbooks. It must build character, confidence, creativity, leadership and a sense of responsibility towards society," he said.He urged students to dream big, work hard and continuously upgrade their skills to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing world. With advancements in technology, artificial intelligence, science and innovation, students should remain future-ready while staying firmly rooted in Indian values and culture.

Jail DIG Somashekar arrested over alleged fake Supreme Court order used to free life convict

Bengaluru : The ongoing controversy over the revision of electoral rolls has taken a new turn in Bengaluru, with Jayanagar police registering an FIR over allegations that Form-7 applications were used to seek deletion of 5,698 voter names from the constituency.



The complaint was filed by former Jayanagar MLA and KPCC women's wing president Sowmya Reddy. She has alleged that the large number of applications raised serious questions about the process through which the names were proposed for deletion.

Reddy has further alleged that personal information belonging to individuals was used without their consent while preparing some of the Form-7 applications. The complaint specifically refers to C. Ramesh and Roopa, whose names were allegedly used in the documents.

Police have booked five people based on the complaint. BJP functionaries Ramakrishna and Yogesh are among those named, while Jayanagar MLA C.K. Ramamurthy has also been mentioned in the complaint. Police are yet to establish the allegations and are conducting an investigation into the matter.Reddy has provided video recordings and other material to the police, seeking detailed verification of the documents and the circumstances surrounding the filing of the applications. The alleged Form-7 submissions were not evenly distributed across the constituency. Gurappanapalya ward reportedly accounted for 4,327 applications, making it the largest concentration. Bairasandra wards recorded 525 and 719 applications respectively, while 54 applications were reported from Halsuru. Jayanagar wards 177, 178 and 179 together accounted for 82 applications.The development comes at a time when political parties in Karnataka are engaged in a heated debate over the electoral roll revision process. Allegations of attempts to delete genuine voters through Form-7 applications have been raised in different places, while authorities have maintained that applications have to be verified before any deletion is carried out.

Form-7 is used under the electoral roll process to request deletion of a voter's name or object to an existing entry. The Jayanagar police are now expected to scrutinise the applications, verify the personal details mentioned in them and examine whether the applicants actually submitted the forms. The investigation will also establish the roles, if any, of the persons named in the complaint.

Karnataka hikes Asian Games medal rewards, announces sports quota and incentives

Bengaluru : Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar and Deputy Chief Minister and Youth Empowerment and Sports Minister G. Parameshwara felicitated Karnataka athletes who won medals at the Asian Games 2026 during a ceremony at Vidhana Soudha.



The State government announced a major increase in cash incentives for Asian Games medal winners, along with financial assistance, employment opportunities and training support for sportspersons.

Under the revised reward structure, gold medallists will receive Rs.1 crore, up from Rs.35 lakh earlier. The reward for silver medallists has been increased from Rs.25 lakh to Rs.75 lakh, while bronze medallists will now receive Rs.50 lakh instead of Rs.15 lakh. Eight Karnataka athletes will benefit from the revised medal rewards. Each of these eight medal winners will also receive an additional Rs.5 lakh incentive for participating in the Asian Games.

The government has extended financial support to athletes who competed at the Games even without winning medals. Twenty Karnataka sportspersons who qualified for and participated in the Asian Games 2026 will receive Rs.5 lakh each.

Parameshwara said the decision recognises the importance of representing the State at an international sporting event and aims to encourage more athletes to compete at the highest level.

In another significant move, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games medal winners will be eligible for direct recruitment to Group-B government posts. Eligible athletes will be selected through a committee headed by the Chief Secretary. The State has also included four athletes — M.R. Poovamma, Sneha S.S., Shreyanka Patil and Shilpa K.S. — under its Olympics-focused scheme for 2026-27. Each will receive Rs.10 lakh for training, Olympic

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TAMIL NADU GOVT SAYS 5,000 VOLUNTEERS READY FOR FLOOD MITIGATION WORKS

ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION AND WATER SUPPLY DEPARTMENT, GAGANDEEP SINGH BEDI, REVIEWED THE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR THE ENSUING NORTHEAST MONSOON WITH CHENNAI CORPORATION OFFICIALS

CHENNAI: The Tamil Nadu government on Monday said around 5,000 volunteers had registered their names for flood mitigation and disaster-related works during the monsoon.

Additional Chief Secretary to the Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, Gagandeep Singh Bedi, reviewed the precautionary measures for the ensuing Northeast monsoon with Chennai Corporation officials.



TIDCO sets process in motion for Rs 400 cr Coimbatore FinTech Hub During the meeting, the official issued several instructions on precautionary measures. Heavy rain predicted in several dists; heat relief for Chennai

Chennai Corporation prepared to handle northeast monsoon, says Commissioner Sameeran"Water hyacinth should be removed from all waterways in and around Chennai, including the Cooum and Adyar. Officials of the TNEB should also ensure that there is no loss of life due to electrical short circuits, " Bedi said in a statement.

He also said dredging works should be completed at 28 small bridges belonging to the Railways Department. He added that subways should remain free from waterlogging so that transportation would not be affected during the monsoon season.

"Volunteers will be involved in flood mitigation and monsoon precautionary works. Around 5,000 volunteers will be involved in these activities," Bedi said. Chennai Corporation Commissioner GS Sameeran and Chennai Metro Water Managing Director T Anand participated in the meeting.

Edappadi K Palaniswami, TTV Dhinakaran condemn police action against protesting nurses



CHENNAI: AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami and AMMK general secretary TTV Dhinakaran on Tuesday condemned the arrest of nurses who were protesting in Chennai demanding job security and other employment-related benefits.

Palaniswami, in a social media post, described the police action against the protesting nurses as "cruel" and questioned the Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) government over the arrests.

He questioned how Chief Minister Joseph Vijay, who had spoken against "fascism" before coming to power, could allow such action against nurses protesting for their demands.

Recalling the assurances given by TVK leaders before the Assembly elections, Palaniswami said the party had promised nurses that they would be made permanent if the TVK came to power. He also criticised Health Minister Arunraj for not intervening in the issue. Palaniswami questioned why the minister had not held talks with the protesting nurses and attempted to find a solution to their demands.

Alleging that the government had handled the protest in an undemocratic manner, he said electricity at the protest venue was cut and the nurses were subsequently called for talks before being arrested.

Palaniswami demanded the immediate release of the arrested nurses and urged the government not to register cases against them. He also called for talks with the nurses to resolve their demands.

Dhinakaran also condemned the arrests, stating that the TVK government should address the grievances of nurses fighting for their rights instead of using the police against them.

He alleged that calling representatives of the nurses for talks and subsequently arresting them amounted to a betrayal by the government. Dhinakaran urged the government to hold talks with the nurses and address their demands, including job security and equal pay for equal work.

Cop booked for sexual assault of Class 8 Tirunelveli boy



TIRUNELVELI: The Tirunelveli rural police have booked a police head constable under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (Pocso) Act for allegedly sexually assaulting a 15-year-old Class VIII student near Ambai in Tirunelveli district. The accused allegedly went into hiding after learning that a police team was searching to arrest him.According to the police, the accused, Anthony Jennifer, 34, attached to A Company of the 9th Battalion at Manimutharu, is currently serving as a head constable in Kanyakumari. He is a native of South Agasthiyarpuram near Ambai. Recently, Anthony Jennifer had come to his native place on leave. According to the complaint, the 15-year-old from Sivanthipuram near Vikramasingapuram had gone to a shop to buy sweets when the head constable allegedly noticed him.He took the boy to a secluded place and sexually assaulted him, according to the complaint lodged by the boy's parents. The boy, who was reportedly in pain following the alleged assault, informed his parents about the incident. They subsequently lodged a complaint with the Ambai All-Women Police Station. Based on the complaint, the police conducted an inquiry and examined CCTV footage from the area around the shop.

TN bypolls: Madurantakam, Dharapuram register 83.86 percent, 78.53 percent polling at 5 pm



CHENNAI: Polling in Madurantakam and Dharapuram by-elections, which commenced briskly on Tuesday morning registered 83.86 per cent and 78.53 per cent respectively in the SC reserved constituencies, as of 5 pm, the poll body said. The by polls hold immense political significance as a crucial litmus test for the ruling TVK and opposition in Tamil Nadu.

Madurantakam is located in the Chengalpattu district while Dharapuram is located in the Tiruppur district. Both reserved constituencies fell vacant after sitting AIADMK MLAs K Maragatham and P Sathyabama resigned from their posts to switch allegiance to actor Vijay's TVK. Meanwhile, a bypoll is also underway in Thattanchavady constituency, located in the Union Territory of Puducherry, which was necessitated after Chief Minister N Rangasamy, who contested and won two assembly seats in the previous election, chose to vacate the Thattanchavady assembly seat to retain the Mangalam assembly constituency. Serving as a high-stakes battle, the bypolls mark a multicornered contest between the TVK, DMK, AIADMK, Left parties, and NTK. Voting commenced at 7 am and would go on till 6 pm across 285 polling stations in Madurantakam and 320 polling centres in Dharapuram.

Tamil Nadu: In search of Cupid, men conned in crores



CHENNAI: A new kind of 'dating app horror story' is doing the rounds in Tamil Nadu, the kind that would rarely be found on Reddit or social media discussions. The ones in which those who swiped right end up losing crores to cyber fraudsters. In the last three months, the state cybercrime headquarters have received complaints from a bank official, an IT worker, a NRI- all losing crores of rupees to cyber fraudsters, whom they met through dating apps. Police said that fraudsters had siphoned off Rs 8 crore from these 3 men alone and suspected that there were several more who have lost a lot of money but haven't yet come forward. While romance frauds through dating apps have been around for years now, in these cases, financial losses are in crores, as scamsters lure the men into investment scams, which in the cyber fraud industry, is a separate vertical. Across the world, this hybrid cyber scam model of romance-investment scam is on the rise and is called 'pig butchering', which has origins in China, according to law enforcement agencies from across the world.



Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission members called on the Honble Chief Minister at the Secretariat

Chikkaballapur Congress rift deepens as Sudhakar camp seeks action against Pradeep Eshwar



Chikkaballapur : The internal feud in the Chikkaballapur Congress has intensified, with supporters of Chintamani MLA M.C. Sudhakar demanding disciplinary action against Chikkaballapur MLA Pradeep Eshwar. The latest development comes a day after Eshwar issued a warning to Sudhakar through social media, further escalating the public confrontation between the two Congress leaders. Sudhakar's supporters have now demanded that the Congress suspend Eshwar from the party and urged the police to register a case against him over his alleged statements. Addressing a press conference in Chintamani, Block Congress president Lakshminarayana accused Eshwar of repeatedly targeting Sudhakar despite the latter's alleged support for his political and educational career.

Lakshminarayana also appealed to the Congress leadership not to give Eshwar a ticket in the next Assembly election. He maintained that there was no caste-based conflict in the Chintamani Assembly constituency and claimed that people belonging to different communities, including upper castes, Dalits and minorities, had been living harmoniously. He alleged that Sudhakar had supported Eshwar from the time he established his educational institution until he entered electoral politics. The Block Congress president accused Eshwar of being ungrateful towards those who had supported him and demanded police action over his remarks.

Pradeep Eshwar targets Raksha Ramaiah as Chikkaballapur Congress feud deepens

Bengaluru : The ongoing factionalism within the Chikkaballapur Congress has intensified, with Chikkaballapur MLA Pradeep Eshwar launching a sharp attack on former Lok Sabha election candidate Raksha Ramaiah. Eshwar questioned Ramaiah's political capabilities and advised him to consider real estate if he was unable to make a mark in politics. In a post on social media on Tuesday, Eshwar accused Ramaiah of repeatedly interfering in Chikkaballapur Assembly constituency affairs and alleged that his activities were weakening the Congress organisation in the region.

Eshwar claimed that the Congress had given Ramaiah an opportunity to contest the Lok Sabha election despite his alleged lack of winning potential. He further accused him of attempting to create differences among local party workers after failing to demonstrate his political strength when given an opportunity.The Chikkaballapur MLA also alleged that Ramaiah had participated in a programme in Peresandra along with BJP leaders and maintained continuous contact with members of the opposition party. Questioning such alleged conduct, Eshwar asked what the Congress should call a person whom he described as acting against the interests of the party.

In another pointed remark, Eshwar said the Lok Sabha election candidate should accept that he could not achieve anything politically and suggested that he take up real estate instead. The latest attack comes at a time when differences between Eshwar and Chintamani MLA and minister M.C. Sudhakar have also escalated. Eshwar has been regularly posting comments against Sudhakar on social media, turning what was earlier an internal disagreement into an increasingly public confrontation.

Broadly protective flu vaccines could offer early pandemic protection



New Delhi, Oct 6: Researchers have proposed integrating pandemic preparedness into routine seasonal influenza vaccination by developing vaccines capable of generating broader immune responses. The proposed "Before Day One" approach could provide partial protection against emerging pandemic influenza viruses while maintaining protection against seasonal disease.

Current pandemic preparedness strategies largely depend on developing strain-matched vaccines after a novel influenza virus emerges. Manufacturing and deploying such vaccines takes time, creating a period during which population immunity may be limited.

The proposed strategy would use established annual influenza vaccination programmes to build a degree of pandemic protection before an outbreak begins. Modelling cited by the researchers suggests that vaccine timing can be as important as efficacy, with earlier deployment of a moderately effective vaccine potentially providing greater public health benefits than delayed use of a more effective vaccine.

Even a 10% reduction in infections during the first pandemic wave could help reduce transmission and preserve healthcare capacity. Lowering early infections could also slow the spread of a pandemic, providing additional time to develop, manufacture and distribute a strain-matched vaccine.

Development efforts could focus on conserved regions of influenza viruses that change less extensively between strains. Candidate targets include hemagglutinin, neuraminidase and internal proteins capable of stimulating T-cell responses.

Rather than prioritising a particular vaccine platform or antigen, the proposed approach focuses on clinical outcomes. Broadly protective influenza vaccines would need to maintain effective seasonal protection while demonstrating the potential to reduce severe outcomes from novel pandemic viruses.

However, pre-pandemic efficacy trials against an unknown future strain are not possible. Developers would therefore need to establish relevant immune markers and use animal models and other evidence to assess the likely level of protection against emerging viruses.

For clinicians, such vaccines could eventually offer benefits beyond pandemic preparedness. Broader immune responses may reduce vulnerability to seasonal strain mismatch, limit year-to-year variation in influenza vaccine effectiveness and potentially reduce severe illness. A seasonal vaccine capable of providing both routine influenza protection and baseline pandemic coverage could strengthen preparedness without requiring a separate vaccination programme. Continued development of broadly protective influenza vaccines could therefore offer benefits during ordinary influenza seasons while providing an additional layer of defence when a pandemic strain emerges.

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EDITORIAL

Wildlife Conservation: Securing the Future with Nature

Wildlife is not just a country's natural wealth; it is also a vital link in its ecosystem. Forests, grasslands, wetlands, rivers, and marine ecosystems can remain balanced only when the diverse species inhabiting them are protected. India is among the world's most important countries in terms of biodiversity. It is home to a diverse range of habitats, from the Himalayas to the Western Ghats, the Thar Desert to the Sundarbans and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Therefore, wildlife conservation is not just an effort to save a few rare species, but also a question of protecting natural resources and human life. The efforts to scientifically reintroduce the captive-bred Great Indian Bustard (Great Indian Bustard) to its natural habitat in Rajasthan are an example of India's emphasis on scientific interventions alongside traditional conservation measures. The first and most obvious importance of wildlife conservation is protecting biodiversity. Every species plays a role in the ecosystem. The extinction of a species is not simply the loss of a single individual, but can also affect many biological processes associated with it. The conservation of a critically endangered species like the Great Indian Bustard is important because its survival is linked to the protection of its entire grassland habitat. Similarly, the conservation of the tiger has promoted the protection of large forest areas, prey species, and the entire food chain in India. Therefore, the conservation of an 'umbrella species' can provide a protective shield for many other species.

Wildlife also plays a vital role in maintaining ecological balance. Predatory species control herbivore populations, pollinators aid plant reproduction, and many birds and small creatures contribute to seed dispersal. Weakening a crucial link in the food chain can have devastating effects on the entire ecosystem. Healthy forests and grasslands also contribute to water conservation, soil quality, and carbon sequestration. Thus, wildlife conservation is directly linked to climate and environmental security.

Wildlife conservation also ensures numerous ecological services for human society. Conservation of forests and wetlands helps conserve water, recharge groundwater, control floods, and moderate temperatures. Conservation of bees, butterflies, and other pollinators is linked to agricultural productivity. Similarly, natural habitats contribute to carbon storage and help mitigate the effects of climate change. Therefore, protecting nature is not just an environmental responsibility; it is also fundamental to food, water, and livelihood security. Wildlife conservation is also of no small economic importance. National parks, sanctuaries, and tiger reserves promote nature-based tourism, creating employment and income opportunities for local communities. If tourism is developed with local participation and within environmental constraints, conservation and livelihoods can complement each other. Furthermore, wildlife is part of India's cultural and natural heritage. It is our generation's responsibility to ensure that future generations see tigers, elephants, great Indian boas, rhinoceroses, lions, and numerous bird species in their natural surroundings. However, the challenges facing wildlife conservation are serious. The most significant challenge is habitat degradation and fragmentation.

Uttar Pradesh's New Political Grammar:

THE CALCULUS OF CASTE VS RULE OF LAW

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As we head close to the assembly elections early next year, the political discourse in Uttar Pradesh is caught between two competing models of mobilisation. On one side is chief minister Yogi Adityanath's emergent governance calculus, where the state's role is defined by the delivery of security and welfare, decoupled from identity. On the other is a regression to caste arithmetic driven by Opposition leader Akhilesh Yadav, framed as 'PDA' (Backwards, Dalits, Minorities), driven by selective outrage and historical amnesia.

The opposition's strategy relies heavily on highlighting law-and-order incidents through a caste-based prism. By selectively amplifying cases where victims belong to specific communities-such as the cases of Pawan Kumar Yadav in Prayagraj, Shishpal Yadav in Raebareli, or Saurabh Yadav in Varanasi-the attempt is to engineer inter-caste resentment. The objective is clear: consolidate a coalition of grievances. However, this rhetoric obfuscates the opposition's own track record of institutional capture, where caste was not just an electoral tool, but an administrative apparatus.

Data from the previous Samajwadi Party (SP) regime reveals a systemic conflation of caste and governance. In June 2014, state home department data indicated that in key districts, nearly 60 per cent of police station in-charges belonged to a single caste. In Badayun, 72.7 per cent of station heads were Yadavs; in Kannauj, 55.5 per cent. This structural bias in policing birthed an era of selective protection. The manifestations of this breakdown ranged from the 2013 Muzaffarnagar riots and the Jawahar Bagh massacre to the unchecked reign of syndicates led by figures like Atiq Ahmed and Mukhtar Ansari. The suspension of IAS officer Durga Shakti Nagpal for acting against the sand mafia, the brutal burning of journalist Jagendra Singh for exposing corruption, and the shielding of cabinet minister Gayatri Prajapati despite serious allegations of sexual assault, underscored a model where political utility trumped the rule of law. Governance was tethered to vote banks, leaving marginalized communities outside the favoured caste radius to fend for themselves.

In stark contrast, the current Yogi government has sought to depoliticise the state machinery. The defining principle has shifted from identity-based postings to rule-based postings, and from selective protection to a uniform application of the law. The administration's data reveals a strict zero-tolerance policy toward crime, irrespective of the perpetrator's political affiliation or caste. The state's law enforcement trajectory includes decisive action against its own. An analysis of the state's action register reveals a pattern: Kuldeep Sengar (Thakur, Unnao), Chinmayanand (Thakur, Shahjahanpur), Ashish Mishra (Brahmin, Lakhimpur Kheri), and local leaders like Shrikant Tyagi and Ashok Chandel. Across the board, the determinant for action is the nature of the crime, not the caste or the political proximity of the accused. When a ruling dispensation allows its police to act against its own MLAs, MPs, and affiliated leaders across caste lines, it signals a structural shift from partisan policing to institutional autonomy.

This ethos extends beyond law and order into the realm of welfare delivery and administrative reform. The opposition's PDA narrative posits that caste-based segmentation of state resources is the sole metric of social justice. The current administration counters this with community-wise beneficiary data that demonstrates universal delivery. Housing, ration, and healthcare schemes are implemented based on socio-economic vulnerability rather than caste quotas. By bypassing local middlemen and digitising the welfare pipeline, the state has structurally disabled the patronage networks that previously filtered benefits through a caste lens.

However, the data suggests a maturing of the electorate's expectations. The structural reforms in UP's policing and the universalisation of welfare delivery have disrupted the traditional arithmetic of caste mobilisation. This shift is not merely rhetorical; it is embedded in the state's administrative DNA. To dismantle historical nepotism in public sector recruitments, the Yogi administration introduced operational guardrails like anonymized, blind-coded grading processes, completely hiding candidate names and castes from interviewers. Interviews for Group C and D positions were eliminated altogether to root out human bias. Under the Mission Rozgar initiative, over 9.5 lakh government appointments were processed through digitized, transparent workflows. Official data reveals that over 60% of state recruitments since 2017 have been secured by OBC, SC, and ST candidates-a testament to merit over patronage.

Furthermore, the state has actively scrubbed caste indicators from governance and public spaces. It formally banned the mention of caste in police FIRs and arrest memos to eliminate investigative bias. Overt assertions of caste dominance were curbed by enforcing strict penalties against caste-based stickers on vehicles, and caste-driven political rallies were prohibited to transition discourse toward development.

What are the political implications of the Supreme Court's strictness on changes in Form 6?

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Elections in India are not just a constitutional process for the transition of power, but also the basis for the most important right of citizens in a democracy: the right to vote. Therefore, any change, amendment, or new process in the voter list cannot be considered merely an administrative decision. It involves the law, transparency, and the credibility of constitutional institutions. Therefore, the Supreme Court's strong comments regarding the alleged change in Form 6, used for voter registration during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR), are extremely significant.

The Supreme Court has clarified that it did not approve any such change to Form 6. The court expressed its desire to know at whose level this change occurred and what the entire decision-making process was. CJI Surya Kant's comment that if any illegality has occurred, consequences must be faced, clearly demonstrates the seriousness of the matter. The most important question here is: if a change was made to a form used in a statutory process, under what authority was it made? Was this decision taken collectively at the Election Commission level? Was it agreed upon by all Election Commissioners? Was the prescribed procedure followed? And most importantly, was this change publicly disclosed?

In a democracy, the strength of a constitutional institution like the Election Commission lies not only in its powers, but also in its impartiality and public trust. The suspicion that the Election Commission is influenced by any political party or government is a serious concern for democracy. Therefore, transparency of the process in every decision of the Commission is as essential as its final outcome. The issue of Form 6 is also sensitive because it relates to the registration of new voters. If any additional declaration, document, or condition is added to this process, it could directly impact a citizen's right to vote. Denying an eligible citizen the right to vote solely due to the complexity of the process cannot be considered appropriate for a democratic system.

There's already political controversy surrounding the SIR. Opposition parties are questioning the process and alleging that it could impact a significant number of voters. On the other hand, the Election Commission's argument stands. In such a climate, if ambiguity arises over changes to even a basic document like Form 6, it naturally fuels suspicion.

Another important aspect raised by the Supreme Court in this case is the institutional decision-making process. The Court wants to know whether the decisions related to SIRs were taken solely by Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar or whether they were approved by the Election Commission by majority or unanimous consent. This question is not limited to the current controversy. It also touches upon the collective decision-making process and constitutional accountability within the Election Commission.

The Election Commission is not an individual body. It is a constitutional body, and its decisions must be institutionalized. If consensus cannot be reached on a matter, the prescribed decision-making process, as provided by law, must be followed. If a significant decision is made solely by one individual, and the role of other members is minimized, questions about institutional balance will naturally arise.

However, it would be inappropriate to jump to conclusions about this matter. The Supreme Court has currently declined to grant an interim order suspending the Chief Election Commissioner. The court also clarified that no order can be passed based solely on newspaper reports. This judicial restraint sends an important message for democratic institutions.

The court has sought records from the Election Commission. These records will now reveal the true picture of this dispute. If the records prove that all decisions were taken in accordance with the rules and prescribed procedures, a large part of the dispute will automatically be resolved. But if the records reveal that a significant decision was implemented without the necessary institutional consensus, then the question will not be limited to Form 6 alone.

This case could also pose a litmus test for the Election Commission's credibility. The public will want to know the process behind these crucial decisions regarding the voter list. Is the Election Commission's power based on law or administrative discretion? And if any changes are made, where is their legal sanction?

Today, the need is to resolve every dispute related to the electoral process not through political accusations and counter-accusations, but based on documents, law, and a transparent process. Whether in power or in the opposition, no one should be allowed to compromise the credibility of the Election Commission.

The voter list is the foundation of democracy. As significant as the inclusion of an incorrect name is, the omission of an eligible voter is equally serious. Therefore, if a process is being undertaken to purify the voter list, every step of it must be clear, transparent, and fair.

The Supreme Court has only raised the question: who made the changes to Form 6? But behind this question lies an even bigger question about democracy: should every decision made in the electoral process be held accountable to the public through institutional and legal scrutiny? The answer is undoubtedly yes. Elections are not just a day to cast votes. They encompass the entire process, in which citizens' trust must be maintained at every step, from the voter list to the polling booths and the vote count. Any breach of this trust harms not just one political party but the entire democratic system. Therefore, all eyes are now on the Election Commission's record, which will be presented before the Supreme Court.

It Is Time India Had a Men's Commission

By Binish Thomas

When India talks about gender justice, the conversation is understandably dominated by the safety, rights and welfare of women. But there is another question that the country has increasingly avoided asking: who listens when men become victims? Behind the statistics on India's suicides, family disputes, marital breakdowns and criminal cases is another largely invisible population - men who may be struggling with domestic conflict, allegations, separation, financial pressure or mental-health problems, but have few institutions specifically designed to hear their grievances. It may therefore be time for India to seriously consider a National Commission for Men. The argument is not that men face the same problems as women, nor is it an argument for weakening laws designed to protect women from domestic violence, dowry harassment, sexual assault or other crimes. It is an argument for something much simpler: gender justice cannot mean that one gender has institutional protection while the other has nowhere comparable to turn.

India's suicide statistics provide perhaps the starkest reason to examine the issue. According to the National Crime Records Bureau's 2023 data, 1,71,418 suicides were reported in India, with men accounting for 72.8 per cent of the victims and women 27.2 per cent. Family problems were the leading reported cause, followed by illness, while marriage-related issues accounted for another 5.3 per cent. The numbers become particularly striking in Kerala. A Kerala government analysis covering 1996–2021 found that 73.7 per cent of reported suicides in the state were men, with family problems one of the leading causes of male suicides. More recent reporting based on State Crime Records Bureau figures showed that Kerala recorded 10,972 suicides in 2023, of which 8,811 were men, with family issues identified as the major reason. These numbers do not prove that marital disputes are responsible for every male suicide.

They do, however, demonstrate that men's vulnerability is a serious public issue. And yet, where is the institution specifically tasked with examining it?

Marriage can become complicated when relationships break down. Domestic violence laws, dowry laws and other criminal provisions exist because genuine abuse must have consequences. There is no argument against that principle. But the justice system must also distinguish between genuine criminality and the misuse of criminal law. The question is not simply how many cases are filed against men, but what happens to the men caught inside them. In its 2017 judgment in Rajesh Sharma v. State of Uttar Pradesh, the Supreme Court recorded NCRB data showing that 1,97,762 people were arrested under Section 498A in 2012, including 47,951 women, yet the conviction rate was only around 14.4 per cent. The Court also expressed concern about cases in which multiple family members were implicated through vague or exaggerated allegations. The Government itself has acknowledged that some cases registered under Section 498A were subsequently found to be false or based on a mistake of fact or law. According to data provided by the National Crime Records Bureau to the Ministry of Home Affairs, 10,193 cases in 2011, 10,235 in 2012 and 10,864 in 2013 were classified in this category after police investigation, and in 2014 and 2015, a further 8,144 and 7,458 cases respectively were classified as Final Reports False. These figures do not mean that every man acquitted in a matrimonial case was innocent, nor that every complaint made by a woman is false, since an acquittal can occur for several reasons, including failure to establish guilt beyond reasonable doubt. But the numbers raise a legitimate question: where is the institutional mechanism that studies the impact of such cases on men and their families? A man who is falsely accused can face arrest, social stigma, financial losses, damage to his career and prolonged litigation even before a court reaches a conclusion. And sometimes the consequences extend beyond the accused.

There is another dimension that cannot be ignored: children. When marriages collapse amid prolonged conflict, criminal proceedings and bitter custody disputes, children can become collateral victims.

The question should not simply be who wins the legal battle between husband and wife. It should also be: what happens to the child? If a child loses meaningful access to one parent, suffers prolonged emotional trauma or grows up amid years of litigation, the consequences can last well beyond the original dispute. Any future men's commission should therefore not be designed simply as a body for men seeking revenge against women. Its mandate should include family welfare, child protection, counselling, mediation and early intervention. The objective should be to prevent family disputes from becoming permanent battles.

The nature of relationships has also changed dramatically. Social media, dating applications and messaging platforms have made it easier for people to meet, communicate and form relationships. They have also created new avenues for harassment, blackmail, impersonation, cyberstalking and exploitation. The audio underlying this article specifically raises concerns about college WhatsApp and social-media groups, where contact details can circulate and subsequently be misused. This is not merely a men's issue, as women face these dangers too, but that is precisely why the response needs to be gender-neutral and technologically relevant. The government needs stronger mechanisms to deal with the misuse of private information, circulation of personal numbers, online harassment and digital blackmail. Live-in relationships have also become increasingly visible in India. The Supreme Court has recognized the autonomy of consenting adults to live together, while also making clear that not every live-in relationship automatically acquires the same legal status as marriage. Freedom of choice is important, but freedom must also come with responsibility.

WILL INDIA BAN SOCIAL MEDIA FOR UNDER-18S?

Govt Says Not Yet; Talks Ongoing With Experts

The Centre is not currently looking to ban social media for minors but is "committed" to finding solutions for issues that may crop up due to it, according to sources on Tuesday. The government is not actively working on any proposal to limit access to social media for minors under the age of 18. It is, however, engaging in active discussion with industry, academia and psychology experts on the issues surrounding social media. As per sources, the Indian government is finding the "right solution" to address concerns around cyberbullying, social anxiety and depression. On Sept 29, the centre had informed the Supreme Court that it will amend the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules to stop children under 18 from opening social media accounts, making it a statutory obligation for platforms to block such registrations. This will likely no longer be the case after its recent clarification. This development has come after a global push to restrict or ban social media access to minors, with countries such



as Australia, Malaysia, Brazil, Indonesia and Turkey enforcing legal restrictions. Organisations such as the European Union have also proposed legislation, dubbed the "EU KIDS Act", which would ban children under 13 from accessing social media, while allowing limited and supervised access for teenagers aged 13 and 14. Prominent countries based in Europe, such as the United Kingdom, announced a ban for social media usage with regards to children under the age of 16. New Zealand introduced the Online Safety (Minimum Age and Child Safety Risk Assessment) Bill to its Parliament on Aug. 24, 2026. This bill would require high-risk social media platforms like Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat and Facebook to take reasonable steps to check users are over the age of 16. The country's Prime Minister Christopher Luxon told reporters that one in three children between the ages of 13 and 17 spends at least five hours on social media a day, exposing themselves to harmful content, addictive technology and pressures they are not equipped to deal with. He stated this behaviour was affecting their family life, mental health, sleep and education. The social media problem The topic of banning, or restricting, social media for teenagers comes amid growing concerns over mental health. The Economic Survey 2025–26 flagged social media addiction among those aged 15-24. The survey stated that social media addiction was strongly associated with "anxiety, depression, low self-esteem, and cyberbullying stress." The concerns have been heard around the world. Earlier this year, Meta, which runs Instagram and Facebook, agreed to pay $18 billion in settlement in the US over a lawsuit. The lawsuit alleged that the two platforms had harmed children. Though the company denies any wrongdoing. Cybersecurity expert Mukul Kumar says he has seen teens and families being affected first-hand. "Cyberbullying, mental health damage, digital footprints that follow children for life. These were not hypothetical risks (of teens being on social media). These were things parents were calling me about because they had nowhere else to turn," he tells India Today Tech. Kumar explains that social media was never designed with children in mind. Yet today, they have become a way for engagement on various platforms. "Children are not just users.

Samsung Galaxy A08 Brings Everyday Essentials Together with Improved Chipset, 50MP Dual-Camera System and 6000mAh Battery

■ Designed to support everyday tasks, Galaxy A08 smartphone combines dependable performance, versatile photography and extended software support



GURUGRAM, India – October , 2026 – Samsung today announced the launch of the Galaxy A08 in India, a device designed to deliver reliable performance for everyday activities such as social networking, video streaming, casual gaming, and photography. Designed as an accessible yet feature-rich smartphone, the Galaxy A08 introduces AI-assisted everyday experiences, ensuring users stay connected and productive effortlessly. At the heart of the Galaxy A08 is its commitment to long-term value. Samsung offers up to six generations of OS upgrades and six years of security updates, ensuring the device remains secure and up-to-date for years to come.

■ **ENGINEERED FOR SMOOTH MULTITTASKING & GAMING**

Powered by the MediaTek Helio G99+ mobile chipset, the Galaxy A08 delivers up to 84% higher single-core CPU performance, 43% higher multi-core CPU performance, and 60% higher GPU performance compared to its predecessor, the Galaxy A06. This translates to faster app launches, smoother multitasking, and stutter-free performance for social media browsing, video streaming, casual gaming, and everyday AI-related tasks.

The Galaxy A08 comes equipped with 4GB RAM and 64GB internal storage, expandable up to 2TB via microSD cards. Additionally, the smartphone also supports RAM Plus, which allows users to allocate a portion of internal storage to virtual memory for faster processing.

■ **HI-RES CAMERA SYSTEM FOR EVERYDAY PHOTOGRAPHY**

The Galaxy A08 features a versatile camera system tailored for everyday moments. The 50MP wide-angle rear camera with an f/1.8 aperture is ideal for capturing people, food, travel, pets, and family moments. Supported by a 2MP depth camera with an f/2.4 aperture, it enhances portrait photography by separating the subject from the background. The 8MP front camera with an f/2.0 aperture ensures crisp selfies and clear video calls.

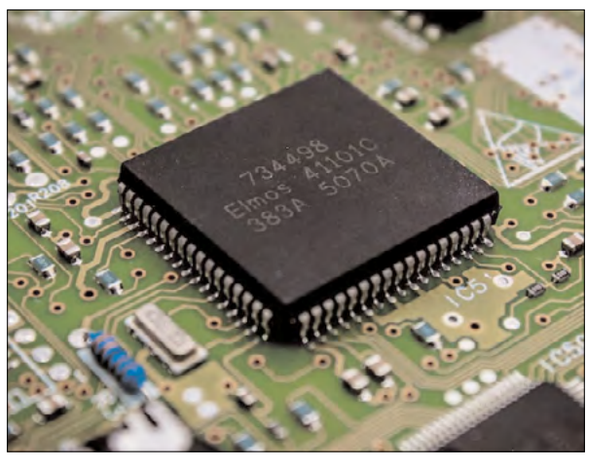
Chip Stocks In Red:

SK Hynix, SanDisk And Intel Shares Buck Wider Trend Amid Investor Caution

Shares of semiconductor stocks such as SK Hynix and SanDisk Corp. commenced trade in the red after the opening bell of the US stock market, amid investor caution with regards to the cyclical peak in memory pricing.

SK Hynix started trading with a downturn of 3.02% at $189.14 apiece, while SanDisk Corp. saw a decline of 1.59% to $1,677 after markets opened. Outside of memory pricing concerns, investors also seemed to note slowing growth as well as broader macroeconomic trends such as the US Treasury Bond yield hitting its highest level since 2002.

Intel also indicated volatility in early trade, with a downturn of 0.05% to $116.13. Other chip stocks traded at a marginal uptick, with Advanced Micro Devices's share price being up 1.36% to $640.34. Shares of Micron



were up 0.15% to $1,065.52. Nvidia trade the highest with its stock price climbing 1.54% to $242.57.

This development comes after Nasdaq had closed with a fresh high in the previous day's trade up 1.05% to 27,544.07.

US stocks opened higher on Tuesday, with the S&P 500 and Nasdaq Composite gaining as lower oil prices and softer bond yields offered some relief to investors. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 197.67 points, or 0.39%, at 51,465.57 at 9:36 a.m. EDT, according to market data.

The S&P 500 rose 36.53 points, or 0.47%, to 7,810.48, while the Nasdaq Composite advanced 151.35 points, or 0.55%, to 27,628.662.

Brent Crude futures were down 2.06% to $98.25 per barrel at 7:30 p.m., while the West Texas Intermediate was down 1.65% to $87.95.

Ai+ Smartphone Drops Big Billion Days Pricing Across the Nova and Pulse Series

New Delhi, October 2026: Ai+ Smartphone today announced festive pricing for the Nova and Pulse series on Flipkart's Big Billion Days 2026. Starting at 8,999,the lineup brings clean design, lasting power, and everyday performance — built in India, powered by NxtQuantum OS.

Nova and Pulse are designed for how people actually use their phones: long days, clear cameras, smooth displays, and prices that stay within reach. From Pulse 2 to Nova 2 Ultra, and NovaFlip for those who want something new, every model is a reason to upgrade — not a compromise.



■ **THE NOVA AND PULSE SERIES**

Pulse 2 — 8,999 · 6000mAh · 50MP AI camera

Pulse 2 FE — 8,999 · MediaTek G81 · 50MP

Nova 2 5G — 11,999 · 6000mAh · 50MP AI · dual 5G

Nova 2 Neo 5G — 12,999 · Dimensity 6300 · Sony IMX582

Nova 2 Power 5G — 15,999 / 16,999 · 7000mAh · dual-colour design

Nova 2 Pro 5G — 16,999 / 17,999 · Dimensity 7100

Nova 2 Ultra 5G — 18,999 · 1.5K AMOLED · IP68 · Dimensity 7400

NovaFlip 5G — 49,999 · foldable · dual AMOLED · 50MP

Including bank offers. Offers valid while stocks last. Available for a limited period on Flipkart during Big Billion Days 2026.

■ **ABOUT AI+ AND NXTQUANTUM SHIFT TECHNOLOGIES**

NxtQuantum Shift Technologies is a deep-tech Indian company building secure, sovereign digital platforms for a digital-first world. Founded by Madhav Sheth, the company develops NxtQuantum OS, India's first sovereign operating system, and is committed to building technology that is designed, engineered, and developed in India while remaining globally competitive.

■ **ABOUT AI+ SMARTPHONE**

Ai+ Smartphone is a next-generation brand built in India, delivering reliable and high-performance mobile experiences. Powered by NxtQuantum OS, India's first sovereign mobile operating system. The brand focuses on delivering a clean design, ensuring long battery life, and maintaining trusted software performance, all while keeping prices accessible without compromising the user experience.

From redefining smartphones to pioneering AIoT products as part of the company's Connected Ecosystem, Ai+ Smartphone is creating a new standard for trust, immersive experience, and accessibility. Rooted in a privacy-first architecture and a commitment to equitable access, Ai+ Smartphone stands for more than specs — it stands for India's next era of user-owned, future-ready technology.

WHAT SAMSUNG'S 30-YEAR BET ON INDIA HELPED BUILD BEYOND ITS BUSINESS

India's transformation over the past 30 years, from a market opening to the world to an economy aspiring to achieve Viksit Bharat by 2047, has been shaped by companies that invested in its future. Samsung has been one of them, contributing to India's manufacturing, employment, research, innovation and skilling ecosystem since entering the country in 1995.

Three decades later, the outcome is visible in factories supplying overseas markets, Indian engineers developing technology for global use and community programmes that Samsung says have reached more than 15 lakh people. Its investment has helped establish capabilities that extend from industrial production to preparing young people to create technology themselves.

"Thirty years ago, many global companies came to India because they saw a large market. Samsung came because we saw something much bigger — we saw potential," said JB Park, President & CEO, Samsung Southwest Asia.

The company has built manufacturing facilities in Noida and Chennai, along with three R&D centres at Samsung's three R&D centres and a design centre and has filed more than 14,000 patents in India.

Manufacturing provided the foundation. Samsung's Noida plant, one of the world's largest smartphone manufacturing facilities, has grown into a major export hub. Together with its Chennai factory, it anchors the company's production presence in India. Samsung is also looking to deepen its component footprint, potentially extending local activity further into the electronics supply chain.

The more consequential evolution has been in the work undertaken by Indian engineers. Samsung's three R&D centres and design centre place research and design alongside manufacturing, giving its Indian operations a role in developing what the company sells worldwide. Designing for 1.4 billion people with different languages, abilities and levels of digital familiarity tests on whether



technology is intuitive and inclusive. Solutions developed around these needs can serve consumers elsewhere, making India's diversity an asset in Samsung's global innovation work.

Engineers in Bengaluru have worked on language models for Galaxy AI. Samsung's Noida research centre has partnered with IIT Madras on AI for Indian languages, healthcare and generative AI, connecting corporate research with academic expertise.

"But more importantly, we evolved from bringing technology to India to creating technology with India," he added.

Building the skills to sustain that transition extends beyond Samsung's workforce. Under its vision of "Together for Tomorrow. Enabling People", the company supports pathways from school education to technical training, workplace experience and youth innovation.

Samsung Innovation Campus has trained more than 26,500 young people in AI, Big Data, IoT and coding, including 20,000 last year, nearly half of them women, since its India launch in 2022. DOST's expanded sales programme aims to train 13,000 youth from underserved communities, combining classroom instruction with five months of paid workplace training in retail stores.

At school level, DigiArivu brings STEM laboratories, digital learning and teacher development to 3,000 students across 10 government schools in Tamil Nadu's Kancheepuram and Ranipet districts.

The clearest sign that AI is spreading beyond the metros comes from this year's Samsung Solve for Tomorrow competition, which received applications from 648 cities and held 184 design-thinking workshops across 135 cities. More than half of its 20 finalist teams come from towns such as Sundargarh in Odisha, Chittoor in Andhra Pradesh and Raebareli in Uttar Pradesh, five are building solutions under an "AI Living for India" theme, and all are working with mentors at IIT Delhi and Samsung's research centres ahead of an October finale that carries Rs 2 crore in incubation grants.

"For us, investing in people is not philanthropy. It is nation-building," Park says.

That ambition takes practical form when young participants gain access to researchers, prototyping support and incubation. Across three decades, Samsung's engagement has expanded from building its own operations in India to supporting capabilities in universities, schools and communities.

AI Pressure, Weak Discretionary Spending Keep Sector Under Watch

The September quarter is unlikely to offer meaningful relief for Indian IT stocks, with weak discretionary spending and continued pressure from artificial intelligence-led efficiency gains expected to keep growth and pricing under pressure.

The cross-read from Accenture suggests that client discretionary spending has not meaningfully improved, raising concerns over the pace of recovery for Indian IT services companies. At the same time, AI-led productivity gains are emerging as a potential headwind for traditional technology services, as clients look to achieve more with fewer resources.

Brokerages will closely track AI revenue, deal wins and the pace of "AI deflation," the potential pressure on billing and revenue growth as AI improves productivity, during the quarter ended September. BofA Global Research has also warned that the broader IT sector could face guidance cuts.



■ **TCS, INFOSYS, HCL TECH, WIPRO, TECH MAHINDRA**

Bloomberg estimates point to relatively modest sequential revenue growth for the large IT companies. Tata Consultancy Services is expected to report 1.04% quarter-on-quarter revenue growth in quarter ended September, while Infosys is estimated to grow 1.92%. HCL Technologies is expected to lead the tier-1 pack with 2.80% growth, followed by Tech Mahindra at 1.67% and Wipro at 0.94%. On the earnings front, HCL Technologies is expected to report the strongest EBIT growth at 7.06%, followed by Wipro at 4.56%, TCS at 2.82%, Tech Mahindra at 2.45% and Infosys at 2.41%.

Net income growth is estimated at 14.43% for Tech Mahindra, 5.43% for HCL Technologies, 3.29% for TCS and 1.76% for Infosys. Wipro is expected to see a 1.38% decline.

■ **WHAT TO WATCH**

For TCS, investor focus will be on commentary around data centre and AI revenue, along with changes in headcount. The company's ability to translate AI demand into incremental revenue will be closely watched amid broader concerns about AI-led deflation. Infosys could see a mixed stance on its guidance. While UBS expects the company to retain its existing guidance, Nuvama expects a 100-basis-point cut.

For HCL Technologies, brokerages are expecting a cut to the upper end of its services revenue growth guidance, which currently stands at 1.5%-4.5%.

French police fire tear gas at school protesters as officer charged over student hit by projectile



A police officer who fired a projectile launcher that injured a high school student during protests in Saint-Ouen-l'Aumône last week has been charged, multiple French outlets are reporting. The students are complaining about lack of investment in education, but how does France compare to other developed countries in the money it spends on schools and universities? According to the European Union, France's spending on education relative to GDP is the fifth highest in the EU27, behind Sweden, Finland, Belgium and Denmark. The absolute amount it spends per student in education is just below the EU average. According to the OECD, France spends close to the OECD average per student – but with strong differences depending on the age group. It spends below the average for primary and lower secondary education. But it spends 24% more than the average for upper secondary – i.e. lycées. The French vocational training minister Sabrina Roubache says "we must listen to what young people are telling us", but adds they should understand they are "lucky". "We are in France, we are a very great country," she tells BBC's Newshour. "We are lucky, we have high school free, university free, school free, the health [care is] free in France." Roubache adds that France has a social model that is "maybe the best in the world". She says she has been out to listen to young people today, dismissing concerns police are responding too harshly to protesters. Roubache says there is a lot of "very high violence from young people" and cannot ask police officials to do nothing in response. L'Union Etudiante, a student body helping organise the protests, says 450,000 protesters have taken to the streets throughout France today, which it says is "absolutely historic". We reported earlier that an estimated 86,000 protesters were demonstrating in areas outside the Paris region, according to France's interior ministry, which has been providing separate figures. Kate Deegan, 20, has just started teaching at a secondary school and college in Arcachon - a seaside resort 40 minutes from Bordeaux. The British student studying at Edinburgh University is living in France for her year abroad, and tells BBC Your Voice that a majority of students at the college are protesting. "On Friday many of them were affected by tear gas outside the school, including a teacher. We were given face masks to wear as the tear gas came into the grounds of the school too," she says. Deegan says she felt sorry for the students, some of whom were coughing and crying from the tear gas while studying in class. She adds that her lessons have been cancelled at both institutions over safety risks today. The demonstration in Rennes is now over - but not before protesters lit a large fire in Place Sainte-Anne, according to the prefect of Brittany and Ille-et-Vilaine. Earlier, pictures from AFP showed riot police officers using a water cannon and tear gas in the Place de la Republique during clashes with protesters. In a statement, the prefect said this was used to disperse a "hostile group" that had thrown "numerous projectiles at the police officers" and tried to break through a police cordon. A later statement said the march had continued to the Place Sainte-Anne, where some protestors lit a "large garbage fire". Firefighters intervened under police protection, the prefect added. All through the day, thousands of protesters have moved around this city, stopping momentarily to chant, only then to move on as the police have changed direction. A few moments ago, we watched as a group of masked protesters grabbed bollards and bins and tried to barricade themselves off from police. Riot officers fired tear gas, and the protesters dispersed. I can feel it in my throat and eyes here. Tear gas lingers in the air for some time. It's a sign of how volatile this situation is - and how, for the moment, the government response hasn't contained this. A sudden excitement in the crowd at the Place de la République – then the chant goes up: "Mélenchon Président!" It's the veteran head of the France Unbowed (LFI) party Jean-Luc Mélenchon. He is lionised by this young left-wing audience, and as he moves about people press round for a glimpse. This is the man accused by the government of fomenting trouble for electoral ends. Right now he is either second or third-placed in the presidential race, depending on the polls.

Former German spy chief arrested for espionage and treason



Former German spy chief August Hanning has been arrested on suspicion of espionage, treason and obtaining classified information for a foreign power, the German Federal Prosecutor's Office says. Hanning headed the Federal Intelligence Service (BND) from 1998 to 2005 and has since been working as a private consultant. Prosecutors allege that he used classified intelligence to "draft an analysis" for one foreign intelligence service and maintained contact with another foreign spying service. Investigators have not disclosed which foreign powers were involved. Police also arrested former BND employee Manfred D, accusing him of passing Hanning about 2,000 classified documents for money. Manfred D, who was Hanning's bureau chief and remained in the BND until this year, is charged with aiding and abetting attempted treason and treasonous espionage. Local media reported Hanning was arrested at his home in Nordwalde near Münster while Manfred D was arrested in Bavaria. Hanning is due in court on Wednesday and Manfred D will appear on Tuesday. Prosecutors say Manfred D, who also served as the chief of staff for Hanning's successors between 2012 and 2026, used his role to gain access to highly confidential information which he then passed on to Hanning "in exchange for remuneration". "The current findings suggest that, over the years, Manfred D provided Hanning with approximately 2,000 documents, many of which contained classified information to be used exclusively by the Federal Intelligence Service for internal purposes," the statement says. "On one occasion, Hanning used classified intelligence ... to draft an analysis for an officer of a foreign intelligence service," prosecutors said, noting it was not clear if "the material reached the intended recipient". Hanning is also accused of being "in close contact with a representative of another foreign intelligence service, to whom he passed on political information, partially based on material provided by Manfred D, for several years". Local media say Hanning's alleged possession of intelligence documents came to light during a separate case relating to German steakhouse heiress Christina Block. Hamburg public prosecutor's office accused Block of orchestrating the kidnapping of her two youngest children in 2023 due to a custody dispute. Investigators allege Hanning was involved in an earlier attempted kidnapping of the children, which he denies. State criminal police officers reportedly discovered an electronic data storage device containing sensitive information including recent BND documents. It is not the first time the BND has faced similar controversy. A high-ranking German intelligence officer was charged with treason in 2023 for allegedly passing state secrets to Russia. Prosecutors alleged Carsten L shared intelligence about the war in Ukraine and the Wagner mercenary group and received roughly 400,000 ($450,000; £340,000). His trial is ongoing.

Lawyer for one of Cornell 7 calls for special prosecutor to be removed over previous comments



A lawyer for one of the seven men accused of participating in a Cornell University gang rape has called for the special prosecutor on the case to recuse herself over past public comments. The lawyer had said a social media post from New York Attorney General Letitia James throws into question her investigation's "integrity and independence". In the 28 September post, James wrote that "what this young woman has been forced to endure is horrific and unacceptable" and told survivors that "we stand with you". The university's administration is under fire over its alleged mishandling of the October 2024 incident and, according to US media, now faces a no-confidence vote by Cornell faculty. The university's Faculty Senate, a governing body comprised of professors and other academic staff, will vote on a resolution of no confidence next week, according to reports. Cornell is an Ivy League university, alongside Harvard and Yale, and its faculty includes Nobel laureates and other distinguished researchers. A majority no-confidence vote would be a largely symbolic gesture, signalling the broader faculty's discontent and applying pressure on university leadership to act. The BBC has reached out to Cornell University for comment. Allegations made in a lawsuit against seven men and the university have rocked the campus in New York state, with hundreds of students and faculty members gathering there on Monday in protest, and sparked anger across the country.

SHIP SINKS AND CREW MISSING AFTER BLACK SEA DRONE ATTACK



A civilian cargo ship has sunk and its crew is missing after being attacked by drones in the Black Sea, Bulgarian officials say. A second vessel - carrying grain - was also hit within Bulgaria's exclusive economic zone, Prime Minister Rumen Radev said. Its 18 crew were rescued. Radev did not say who was behind the attacks, which come as Russia intensifies strikes in the Black Sea, particularly the eastern side, as part of its war against Ukraine. Moscow has not commented on the latest incident, a day after it was accused by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky of striking a civilian vessel carrying corn. EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said the attacks were "unacceptable". Air and sea drones were involved in the attacks at about 03:00 (23:00 GMT), some 70 miles (112 km) off the coastal town of Byala in eastern Bulgaria, Radev said. The sunken ship was flying under the flag of Togo, he said. Named the Alfa Watan, it was a Turkish-owned general cargo ship and was reportedly heading for Sulina, Romania. It is not clear what the Alfa Watan was carrying or how many people were on board. A Bulgarian vessel was close by, but when they arrived all they saw was an overturned boat and rafts as well as life jackets. A search operation has been launched. Radev said Bulgarian sailors had rescued the crew members from the second ship - including two who were injured in a fire on board. Eleven were Turkish and seven Indian nationals. That ship, the Able, was flying the flag of Palau and transporting grain. Its last reported position was five nautical miles (9km) from the Alfa Watan. Radev condemned the strikes as "a flagrant violation of maritime law". He told reporters: "Such an attack within the Bulgarian exclusive economic zone is absolutely unacceptable." He did not accuse Russia of carrying out the strikes, but referred to the war in Ukraine, saying: "As I have long maintained, if this war is not halted in time, it will continue to expand its geographical reach and increase risks, including the risk of a global conflict." European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen wrote on X: "The situation in the Black Sea is increasingly concerning. "Commercial ships – and innocent crews – are being targeted, with lives already lost at sea," she said. "While exact circumstances of these incidents are still being established, the developments are very concerning." "Attacks on civilian shipping are unacceptable." Bulgaria's exclusive economic zone in the Black Sea is just over 29,000 sq km (11,197 sq miles), about 6% of the total size of the Black Sea. A separate attack on Tuesday, near Odesa, saw a crew member killed and seven more injured. The ship was flying the flag of the Marshall Islands, according to Ukrainian media.

'GHOST PARTICLES' FROM SPACE TELESCOPE WINS PHYSICS NOBEL

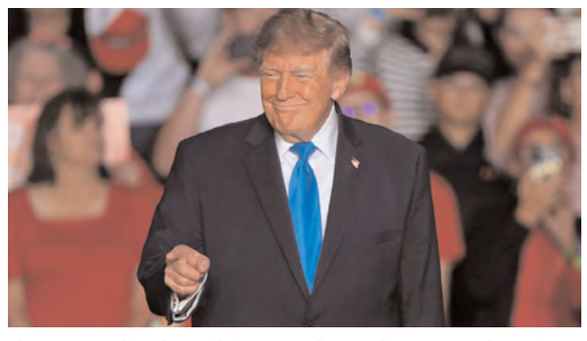


Belgian-born physicist Prof Francis Halzen has won the Nobel Prize in Physics for his pioneering work on an observatory that detects particles from space, shedding light on the distant universe. Halzen led the development of IceCube at the South Pole, which uses a cubic kilometre of Antarctic ice fitted with light sensors to detect particles called neutrinos. These carry information about violent, high-energy processes in the cosmos. The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said "his vision and scientific leadership have been fundamental for the IceCube Neutrino Observatory". He first presented his vision for detecting neutrinos at the South Pole in 1988. Halzen, who is now a US citizen at the University of Wisconsin–Madison, told a news conference that he was surprised his idea worked so well. "I have to emphasise how lucky I was. Because when we started this project, everybody realised this was maybe a good idea, but very few thought it would work, including myself." Belgian-born physicist Prof Francis Halzen has won the Nobel Prize in Physics for his pioneering work on an observatory that detects particles from space, shedding light on the distant universe.



Fear and disruption for Ukraine's rail passengers as Russia escalates drone attacks

White House defends Trump comment to let Iran 'take out' LA and San Diego



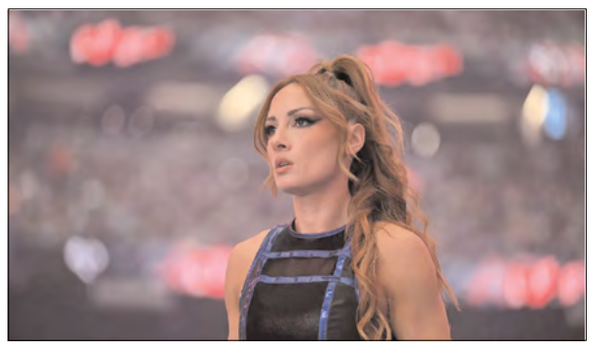
Donald Trump's remark that Iran could "take out" Los Angeles and San Diego has sparked fierce backlash from California politicians - and a strongly worded rebuttal from the White House. California Governor Gavin Newsom condemned the comment - made by Trump at an election campaign rally in Nebraska - as "deranged and dangerous," while LA Mayor Karen Bass described them as threats and an attempt to "encourage attacks on American lives". According to the White House, however, Trump was saying that American cities would have been threatened by Iran had he not launched a war there earlier this year. Both LA and San Diego house major US military installations including Navy ports and Air Force bases. While speaking in Nebraska about the Iran conflict, he said: "It's a small price to pay for keeping the world safe, keeping our country safe. They can take out a city. Let them take out Los Angeles, let them take out San Diego." There were cheers from sections of the audience as the comments about the two Californian cities were made. San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria wrote that the city was not collateral damage in a post on X, while demanding Trump keep it out of his "reckless war talk". In a second post on his official governor of California X account, Newsom shared an article on the comments from the Los Angeles Times saying it was "disgusting and disqualifying". Trump is yet to respond to the statements made by California's leaders. In a post on X, White House Communications Director Stephen Cheung described the "media freakout" over Trump's comments as "not rooted in reality". "He was clearly stating US cities would have been threatened if a nuclear Iran hadn't been stopped," Cheung wrote. "America is safer because of the President. Iran has no nuclear, no navy, no air force, and no money". The president and other administration officials often claim that disrupting Iran's nuclear programme was essential for US national security, and that any issues that have stemmed from the conflict were necessary. A separate X post, from the official White House rapid response account, described journalists from the Los Angeles Times reporting on the comments as "buffoons" and again pushed back on the characterisation of the comments by Newsom and others.

SOUTH AFRICA HOPE TO HOST FIRST AFRICAN OLYMPICS



The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has confirmed South Africa have shown an interest in becoming the first African host of the summer Olympics in 2036. Hungary, India, Qatar and Turkey are also working towards becoming first-time hosts, while Germany and South Korea are in discussions with the IOC having held previous summer Games. The IOC stated that the seven countries are engaged in "continuous dialogue" with the governing body and have set a deadline of 31 October for submissions of stated interest. Virtual presentations will be given by interested parties to the body's future host commission in November, with IOC feasibility assessments to be carried out by March 2027. After that, the national Olympic committees, all of whom have previously announced an intention to explore hosting bids, will enter strategic dialogue with the IOC. The South Africa proposal involves hosting between three cities - Cape Town, Durban and Johannesburg. Durban had been set to host the Commonwealth Games in 2022, but withdrew in 2017. Ahmedabad, which will welcome the Commonwealth Games in 2030 and has bid for the 2038 Asian Games, will be the host city in India's bid. The city has also staged four of the last five finals in cricket's Indian Premier League at its Narendra Modi stadium, which is reported to have a capacity of 132,000 and is named after the current prime minister of India, who hails from the city. Budapest and Doha, the capital cities of Hungary and Qatar respectively, are the hosts in their country's bids. Qatar hosted football's 2022 World Cup, with multiple stadia in the capital, while Budapest has staged the 2022 World Aquatics Championships and 2023 World Athletics Championships. Istanbul is the nominated city in Turkey's bid, having previously bid unsuccessfully for the 2000, 2008 and 2020 Games. The largest city in Turkey will host the 2027 European Games. Germany has hosted the Olympics in 1936 and 1972, in Berlin and Munich respectively, while the latter city is bidding again for 2036. Meanwhile South Korea capital Seoul, which hosted the Games in 1988, is part of a bid that also involves the province of North Jeolla. The IOC also confirmed that a number of national Olympic committees are taking part in non-committal talks with the IOC about hosting future Olympic Games beyond 2036. The UK government said in May that it is in "discussions about supporting potential bids" for the Olympics and Paralympics in the 2040s. The 2028 Games will be held in Los Angeles, while Australia will host the Olympics for the first time in 32 years when Brisbane stages the event in 2032.

Stephanie Vaquer Posts Bold Photo After WWE RAW As Becky Lynch Sends Warning To Women's Champion



Stephanie Vaquer had more than one reason to celebrate after WWE RAW, and she showed it pretty clearly when the show was over. The Women's World Champion put a non-PG photo on her Instagram Story, with the title around her waist and Two Feet's "Go F*ck Yourself" playing as the soundtrack. It came after a chaotic main event with Becky Lynch and Liv Morgan, where Vaquer ended up attacking both women. Then she got Adam Pearce to make a Triple Threat Match for Money in the Bank. And Lynch also had a message ready for the champion backstage. Stephanie Vaquer Posts Non-PG Photo With WWE Title The Instagram Story came after a rough night for Vaquer. Lynch and Morgan were fighting in a No. 1 Contender's Match, and Vaquer stepped in when The Judgment Day got involved. She wanted the match to stay fair, but things went sideways very quickly. Lynch accidentally took out Vaquer during the contest. For La Primera, this was enough, and her patience was gone. Vaquer attacked both Lynch and Morgan, so the referee had to stop the match. Later, she went looking for Adam Pearce and demanded to face both women for the Women's World Championship. Pearce agreed. He booked Vaquer vs. Lynch vs. Morgan for Money in the Bank. Her Instagram post then showed Vaquer with the championship around her waist. The song choice was quite direct: "Go F*ck Yourself" by Two Feet. She added no separate written message to the Story. Still, a song like this speaks without words, especially after her clash with Lynch and Morgan. Vaquer is the champion after she defeated Morgan at a WWE Live Event in Santiago, Chile. Lynch was the guest referee for that match, and she played a role in the title change. Becky Lynch Warns Vaquer Ahead Of Money In The Bank Lynch didn't leave RAW without talking about what happened. In a backstage promo, The Man admitted she was not exactly sure how she feels about Vaquer after the attack.

Suryakumar Yadav Dropped By Mumbai, Selectors Name Teenage Star As New Vice-Captain For Ranji Trophy



After being left out of all three of Team India's squads in international cricket, Suryakumar Yadav's career hit an all-new low as he was dropped from Mumbai's Ranji Trophy squad for the opening clash against Chandigarh. The bold call was taken by the selectors despite the fact that Suryakumar made himself available for selection. Mumbai, who are set to begin their Ranji Trophy campaign on October 11, have picked teenage batter Ayush Mhatre as the vice-captain of the side for the curtain-raiser. According to a report in Cricbuzz, the selectors aim to groom the 19-year-old as a future captain following his success in leading India to the Under-19 World Cup title, despite his limited experience of just 13 first-class matches over two years. Meanwhile, Indian opener Yashasvi Jaiswal has been named in the 16-man squad led by Siddhesh Lad after confirming his availability for the opening fixture. However, former India T20I captain Suryakumar was left out, with the selectors reportedly not being convinced of his red-ball form. The report further claimed that Suryakumar did send a message to the Ramesh Powar-led Mumbai selection committee, yet wasn't considered. Suryakumar, who last featured in a competitive match in June during the Mumbai T20 league, is running out of options to revive his career. Earlier this year, he was sacked as India's T20I captain despite winning the World Cup in the format and was replaced by Shreyas Iyer. "He is obviously a big-match player and a proven performer for Mumbai. We just want him to get into rhythm by playing a few red-ball matches. Surya hasn't played a red-ball match for the last 18 months, so we want him to have a few games under his belt, and then he can get into the team," Pawar said, explaining Suryakumar's absence from the Ranji Trophy team. It was interesting to see that Sarfaraz Khan, a proven performer for Mumbai over the years and a senior name.

Ganguly Lands IPL Head Coach Job, Delhi Capitals Make Grand Announcement



Sourav Ganguly, one of the greatest captains India has produced, has taken up his first assignment as the head coach of an Indian Premier League (IPL) franchise, having been appointed for the role by the Delhi Capitals (DC) ahead of the IPL 2027 season. Ganguly, who previously served as the franchise's Director of Cricket and mentored the side in past editions, takes over following the departure of the coaching setup led by Hemang Badani. Ganguly previously served as part of the coaching staff at DC when Ricky Ponting was the head coach of the franchise. Having recently taken on his maiden coaching assignment with SA20's Pretoria Capitals, Ganguly brings a wealth of tactical acumen and administrative experience, including past tenures as BCCI President as well as the head of the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB). His familiarity with the core squad, coupled with his reputation as an aggressive leader, is expected to give the franchise a new direction in the hunt for its maiden IPL title, having failed to taste glory since the inaugural edition of the T20 league in 2008. Making the grand announcement, the Delhi Capitals shared a video on social media, confirming that 'Dadagiri' is going to rule the franchise in the IPL 2027 season onwards. In the video, Ganguly said that the time for him to watch from the sidelines is over. He now wants a real piece of action as the head coach of the franchise. "You think there comes a time when you've done enough, seen enough, achieved enough, when you can step back, watch from the sidelines, guide, believe, and for a while, that's enough. At least, that's what I thought. But every now and then, something reminds you why you started. For me, this team did. Delhi has been waiting for its time. It's time now for Delhi. Tiger is back," Ganguly can be heard saying in the video. Delhi Capitals chairman and co-owner Parth Jindal welcomed Ganguly's appointment while also highlighting his long-standing association with the franchise and his leadership credentials.

Coco Gauff Calls Out Online Racism Following China Open Video Review



American tennis star Coco Gauff said Tuesday she faced an "insane" amount of online racist abuse after defeating Chinese teenager Sun Xinran in a match that included a video review. During Monday's China Open match against 16-year-old Sun Xinran in Beijing, the former US Open champion requested a video review over flickering LED lights, prompting some boos from the crowd. "Hey everyone, you can dislike me or disagree about what happened without being racist," Gauff wrote on X. "The amount of racist comments and messages I've received in the last few hours is insane," her post read. The umpire agreed for the point to be replayed, and 22-year-old Gauff went on to win the match 7-5, 6-1. Responding on X to a post containing a racial slur that was flagged as potential "hateful content", the Black American player clarified in a separate post that she challenged the point before Sun's return when she noticed the lights flicker a second time. "I think it's weird I'm getting hate for following the rules," she said, explaining that players are instructed they can challenge points after play has concluded. "Xinran is an incredible talent and player. I apologised for the situation at the end of the match, and she completely understood," she added. By Tuesday morning, the hashtag "Gauff apologised to Sun Xinran after the match" had hit 4.5 million views.

Former World No 1 Rohan Bopanna Returns as Tennis Premier League Unveils Marquee Stars



Former world No. 1 Rohan Bopanna and 2023 Australian Open men's doubles winner Rinky Hijikata were on Tuesday revealed as the marquee players of their respective teams in the Tennis Premier League (TPL) ahead of the player auction on October 12 in Mumbai. Bopanna will represent the Gurgaon Grand Slammers. "Every year, the league gets stronger, and I love the team environment and energy the format brings. This year, the competition will be very high, with a great mix of experienced players and young Indian talent," said Bopanna.

"Ask for Forgiveness": Rio Ferdinand Explodes At Portugal Boss Jorge Jesus Over Cristiano Ronaldo Treatment



Former England and Manchester United legend Rio Ferdinand launched a scathing attack on Portugal boss Jorge Jesus, accusing him of mistreating legendary striker Cristiano Ronaldo and saying that he must "ask for forgiveness". The Al Nassr star left the national team camp early after a breakdown in communication during the UEFA Nations League, with the 41-year-old's role under Jorge, who was also part of Al Nassr's trophy-winning set-up with Cristiano, coming under question. Tensions reached their peak when Portugal played Norway. Ahead of the match, Cristiano was instructed to warm up with the expectation of featuring later in the contest. However, Jorge eventually decided against bringing him on, leaving the legendary striker frustrated on the bench. While Jorge claimed that Cristiano was left out for tactical reasons, it only added to the growing rift between the once-close coach-player pair. Ferdinand, Cristiano's teammate at Manchester United from 2003 to 2009, jumped to the legend's defence, saying on his 'Rio Presents' podcast, as quoted by Goal.com: "Cristiano Ronaldo was put in a very bad situation and was treated in an inappropriate way. He has an enormous history in football. Jorge Jesus did not deal with Ronaldo well and chose to treat him in that way, but I cannot find any explanation for it. This manager thinks he is Alex Ferguson or Pep Guardiola." "I do not know why he puts himself among the great managers. I cannot find an explanation for it. He should have shown Cristiano Ronaldo the respect he deserved," he added. Ferdinand argued that the fallout between Cristiano and Jorge was rooted in poor management and a failure to give the superstar a clearly defined role. He said it had created an environment of uncertainty that mirrored previous struggles within the team's dressing room during major tournaments.

Harmanpreet Quits As Indian Women's Team Captain In All Formats After BCCI Meeting



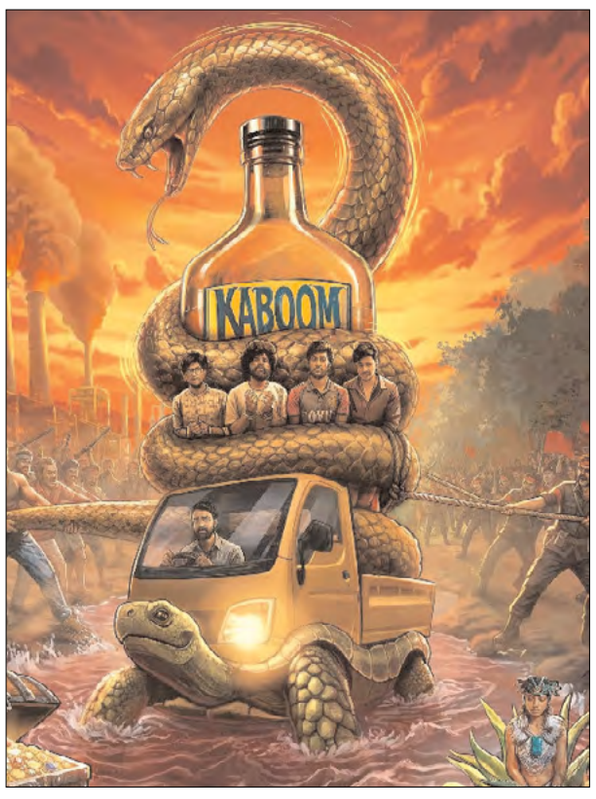
Indian women's team captain Harmanpreet Kaur has officially stepped down as captain in all formats. The decision marks the end of a defining era that delivered historic breakthroughs, including India's ODI World Cup victory and Asian Games gold, while opening the door for long-time vice-captain Smriti Mandhana to usher in a new leadership phase. The big announcement came after a Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) review meeting in Guwahati to evaluate the team's performances in the past few months and the roadmap for the future. Chaired by BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia, the meeting was attended by Harmanpreet, vice-captain Smriti Mandhana and head coach Amol Muzumdar. While it isn't known if Harmanpreet was persuaded to take such a decision in the meeting, the timing of the decision does leave the cricket fraternity guessing.

In a lengthy post on social media, Harmanpreet shared that it was not an easy decision but the time had come for her to step down, having given everything to the national team for years. It was in 2016 that Harmanpreet first took on the responsibility as India's captain, having previously filled the role on a temporary basis.

"Today, I step down as captain of the Indian Women's Cricket Team across all formats. This is not an easy decision. It carries years of memories, emotions, sacrifices, and moments that will stay with me for the rest of my life. "I have given everything I had to this team and to Indian women's cricket - my blood, my sweat, my time, and many times, a part of my own game and personal ambitions. There were moments when I had to put my individual performance, my own growth, and what I wanted for myself aside, because I believed the team had to come first," she wrote in the post.

FROM CULT BOYS TO A CRAZY NEW WORLD:

'HUSHARU 2' ANNOUNCED WITH BIGGER AMBITION AND DOUBLE THE MADNESS



The boys are back — but this time, they are taking their madness somewhere no one expected. The makers of the 2018 youth favourite 'Husharu' have officially announced 'Husharu 2', bringing the cult franchise back with a fresh story, a larger world and a completely new adventure. With Sree Harsha Konuganti returning as writer-director, the sequel promises to retain the friendship and youthful energy of the original while pushing the entertainment into a more unexpected space. The title announcement poster itself sets the tone. A truck carrying the familiar Kaboom beer is caught in an extraordinary visual spectacle, with a giant snake coiling around it, a turtle beneath it, a treasure chest overflowing with gold and a factory looming in the background. The five friends find themselves right in the middle of this madness. The imagery even brings to mind the legendary Samudra Manthan, making the poster an intriguing first clue to the strange and colourful world the sequel is creating.

At the heart of 'Husharu 2' are five ambitious friends who find themselves at a low point after losing everything during COVID. Looking for a way to turn their fortunes around, they venture into Chittragunj with an audacious business idea involving an agave-based tequila distillery. What begins as an attempt to build a future for themselves soon opens the door to a world of unexpected complications, giving the friends another wildly unpredictable journey to navigate. The sequel brings back the creative force behind the original, with Sree Harsha Konuganti once again writing and directing. His return ensures that the franchise's signature combination of friendship, contemporary humour and youthful chaos remains at its core, while the new setting allows the filmmaker to take the concept in a fresh direction.

The film features Rahul Ramakrishna, Ashok Galla, Ravi Anthony, Dinesh Tej, Sasidhar Kocharlakota, Vidhi Yadhav, Abhignya Vuthuluru, Bhagwan Tiwari, Jatin Goswami and Rajai Rowan.

Produced by Rahul Varma, K. Veena Rani and K. Hanumant Raju, with Komatireddy Sharan Reddy as co-producer, the film is backed by Caveman Stories, HK Films and Kaliyuga Vaaradha Creations.

'Haiku' Trailer Embellishes the Feel-Good Rom-Com with Heartwarming Emotions and Charming Humour



Aegan, Sridevi and Femina George-starrer promises a delightful blend of romance, humour and an underlying message.

The season of feel-good Rom-Coms continue to find favour with audiences, bringing stories filled with warmth, humour and emotions to the big screen. Joining the list is Haiku, an endearing romantic comedy that promises to strike a balance between youthful fun and a meaningful emotional core. Starring Aegan, Sridevi and Femina George in the lead roles, the film is written and directed by Yuvaraj Chinnaswamy and produced by Dr. D. Arulanandhu and Mathewo Arulanandhu under the banner of Vision Cinema House. With the film scheduled to hit theatres worldwide on October 23, its trailer has now been unveiled and is receiving a warm response. Running for 145 seconds, the trailer introduces audiences to a vibrant college setting, picturesque visuals and a love story at its centre. The film's intriguing premise revolves around Mano, the only boy in a women's college, setting the stage for a series of humorous and unexpected situations. The trailer gives glimpses of the chemistry, comic situations and emotional undercurrents that shape the narrative.

Sridevi, who made a notable impression with Court: State Vs Nobody, catches the eye with her natural screen presence, while Femina George adds another layer of charm and elegance to the proceedings. Together with Aegan, the lead cast brings an engaging energy to the film, with the trailer offering glimpses of the relationships and situations that drive the story.

Speaking about Haiku, actor Aegan says, "It's a feel-good rom-com, but there is a deeper layer beneath it. After watching #Dorothy, many people have changed their perception and started looking at the choices and individuality of others with greater respect. Similarly, Haiku conveys a beautiful message about how men can change their perception towards women and understand the importance of respecting them. However, the film is not going to preach anything. It is a fun-filled entertainer with a message woven into the narrative, and I believe it will leave a lasting impression on audiences after they step out of the theatres."

While Aegan, Sridevi and Femina George headline the film, the ensemble cast also includes Adirchi Arun, Subramaniya Sethu, Adhiyaman, Mime Gopi and Indhumathi Manigandan, among others.

Srichakraas Entertainment and Mahayana Banners Unveil the Title and First Look Poster of "Attahaasam"



Srichakraas Entertainment, the production house behind the blockbuster film KA, is joining hands with Mahayana to produce Attahaasam, directed by Venkatesh Maha, who made the superhit film C/O Kancharapalem. The film is presented by Chinta Varalaxmi and produced by Chinta Gopalakrishna Reddy and Rajashekar Reddy Chinta, with Chinta Vineesha Reddy serving as co-producer.

Venkatesh Maha, Karthik Ratnam, Pavani Karanam and Sravanthi Peepakayala are playing the lead roles in the film. The makers unveiled the title and first look poster of Attahaasam today. The intriguing captions on the poster immediately sparked curiosity about the characters and the situations they find themselves in. Attahaasam is being made as a real, rooted and authentic entertainer. The film is set to have its theatrical release in Summer next year.

'JIM JIM THAARA SONG': 'PARNASHALA' TEAM'S MIND-BLOWING MARKETING STRATEGY!



One song creates a social media buzz for the 'Parnashala' team In an era where filmmakers often rely on massive promotional budgets, star power, social media influencers, reels and promotional events to generate buzz ahead of a film's release, the team of a small film has chosen a completely different route.

With just one creative idea, the team has managed to cut down on heavy promotional expenses while taking the film directly to the audience. The innovative marketing strategy by the team of 'Parnashala', produced under the SLT Films banner, is now attracting attention in Tollywood circles. The horror-comedy film's song 'Jim Jim Thaara' has become a talking point in the industry. As part of the film's promotions, the makers came up with an unconventional promotional idea that has received an unexpected response. After getting Lakshmi Devi to sing the song, the team decided to make 'Jim Jim Thaara' the central weapon of their promotional campaign.

The promotional move has now triggered an interesting conversation on social media. 'Jim Jim Thaara' reaches people even before the reels! One of the biggest advantages for the 'Parnashala' team is that the song is reaching audiences without relying heavily on paid promotions or expensive influencer campaigns.

Anil Ravipudi Launched Highly Entertaining Teaser Of National Award-Winning Director Vegesna Satish's Saripoyaru Iddaroo



National Award-winning director Vegesna Satish, known for delivering wholesome and family-oriented entertainers such as Shatamanam Bhavathi, is back with another promising entertainer, Saripoyaru Iddaroo. Young actors Meghamsh Sri Hari and Yashwin Vegesna play the lead roles, with Riddhi Kumar and Megha Chowdhury essaying the female leads. Veteran Actors Dr. Rajendra Prasad and V.K. Naresh is set to appear in prominent roles. The film is produced by Sadath and Muni Shiva under the Happy Ox Entertainment & MS Varahi Creations and Satamaanambhavati Arts banners. Today, blockbuster director Anil Ravipudi launched the film's teaser.

The teaser introduces two youngsters who are poles apart and seemingly cannot stand each other. It opens with a high-energy fistfight between the protagonists, immediately setting up their intense rivalry and promising plenty of entertainment. Adding an interesting twist to their equation, both youngsters have their respective love interests. Their romantic tracks bring a lighter and more colourful dimension to the story, while their rivalry forms the core of the narrative. However, the conflict is not restricted to the younger generation. Their fathers, played by Dr. Rajendra Prasad and V.K. Naresh, too shares a strained relationship and is equally hostile towards one another. The teaser therefore hints at a story where the rivalry between two youngsters is closely intertwined with a long-standing feud between their fathers. With humour, romance, action, emotions and family dynamics coming together, Saripoyaru Iddaroo promises to be a wholesome entertainer with something for audiences across age groups.

Director Vegesna Satish, who has a proven knack for blending humour and emotions in a relatable manner, appears to have once again focused on keeping the narrative engaging and entertaining. The teaser maintains a lively pace while offering glimpses into the characters, their relationships and the conflicts that drive the story.

Meghamsh Sri Hari and Yashwin Vegesna bring plenty of energy and enthusiasm to their respective roles. Their chemistry as rivals comes through strongly in the confrontation scenes, while the teaser also showcases their romantic sides. Riddhi Kumar and Megha Chowdhury make a convincing impression as the female leads and add further colour to the narrative.

"MAYOOKHA" SET FOR A GRAND WORLDWIDE THEATRICAL RELEASE ON THE 9TH OF THIS MONTH



Mayookha" is an upcoming thriller starring Payal Chengappa in the lead role. The film is produced by Sasidhar Nalla under the Prashvitha Entertai9ment banner and directed by Sri Tej S.K. "Mayookha" is gearing up for a grand worldwide theatrical release on the 9th of this month. The makers have recently announced an exciting update regarding the film's overseas release. Cognier Cine Creations will be releasing "Mayookha" overseas on a grand scale. Presented as a unique thriller, "Mayookha" has already captured the audience's attention with its promotional content.

'ANAKAPALLI' WILL BE A DASARA DHAMAKA – LAGADAPATI SRIDHAR



The raw and rustic film 'Anakapalli', produced by Kandregula Naidu and Thrinadha Rao Nakkina under the banners of Bhavya Sri Movie Makers and Nakkina Narratives, is receiving an excellent response following its release on October 2. Vikram Sahidev, Sandhya Vasishta and Tarak Ponnappa play key roles in the film, which is directed by Khagesh Tammineni. Kandregula Kumar Raja is the co-producer, while Thrinadha Rao Nakkina has provided the story and screenplay. A Thank You Meet was organised on Tuesday to celebrate the film's encouraging response.

Comrade Kalyan Trailer Promises A Fun-Filled, Yet Revolutionary Period Drama

King Of Entertainment Sree Vishnu is coming up with Comrade Kalyan that brings together period flavour, romance, comedy, emotion and a revolutionary backdrop. Directed by Janakiram Marella and presented by Kona Venkat, the film is produced by Venkata Krishna Karnati and Seetha Karnati under Skanda Vahana Motion Pictures LLP. The movie is slated for a theatrical release on October 9th, and following the curiosity generated by its glimpse, teaser and songs, the makers have now released its theatrical trailer.

Kalyan owns a local theatre, while his mother is a die-hard fan of Nandamuri Balakrishna. His otherwise simple and cheerful life takes an interesting turn when he falls in love with an Odia girl, but the language barrier becomes a major hurdle in their relationship. The biggest twist arrives when the police start hunting for Kalyan, who is revealed to be a most-wanted Naxalite. In a daring move, Kalyan and his gang kidnap a powerful politician, seeking the release of their Naxalite comrades from prison.



This unexpected turn gives the story a serious and intriguing dimension, especially considering its otherwise lighthearted setup.

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