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Inbriefs

RAHUL GANDHI BACKS IDBI STAFF, QUESTIONS BANK SALE TO FAIRFAX



New Delhi, Oct 30: Congress leader and Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Friday extended support to IDBI Bank employees opposing the proposed disinvestment of the lender, questioning the government's decision to sell a majority stake in the profitable public sector bank to Canada's Fairfax Financial Holdings. In an open letter addressed to IDBI Bank employees, Gandhi said public sector banks were not assets to be sold but institutions built with public money to serve the nation. He recalled that a group of employees had met him at Parliament House in March last year and questioned why the government was planning to sell a bank they had helped turn profitable.

CM Inspects Cyclone-Hit Fields, Assures Support to Farmers

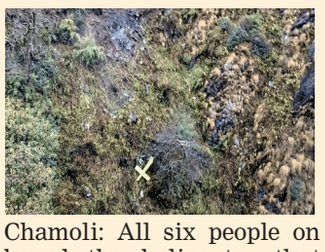


NARASAPURAM (West Godavari), TSIT. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Friday inspected cyclone-affected agricultural fields and damaged coconut plantations in Kothanavarasapuram village of Narasapuram mandal and Matrevu village of Mogalthur mandal. He interacted with farmers and residents and assured them that the government would extend all possible assistance to cyclone victims. During his visit, the Chief Minister enquired about crop insurance coverage and said the government had taken steps to bring every acre under crop insurance through the e-Crop system. He said input subsidy would help compensate farmers for their losses and stressed that the coalition government was committed to supporting farmers during difficult times.

At Matrevu, which was severely affected by Cyclone Arnab, Chandrababu interacted with people staying at the cyclone relief centre and heard their concerns. Fishermen from the Vasishta Godavari region explained their problems, following which he directed officials to desilt the canal near the sea mouth to facilitate fishing activities. The Chief Minister also inspected electricity restoration works and appreciated power department personnel and workers engaged in restoring supply. He said more than 15,000 electricity poles had collapsed in the affected areas and assured that power supply would be fully restored by Saturday evening. Priority would be given to household connections, followed by agricultural services. Steps were also being taken to restore communication networks.

Addressing the media at the Matrevu relief centre, the Chief Minister said the administration had taken comprehensive measures to minimise loss of life and property. Despite continuous monitoring and round-the-clock reviews, seven people had lost their lives. He said around 12,500 trees had been uprooted in West Godavari district alone and that clearance of fallen trees and debris was being expedited. Coconut plantations and paddy crops had also suffered damage. The government had submitted a preliminary report to the Centre estimating cyclone-related losses at Rs.4,600 crore, he said. Families of those who died would receive compensation of Rs.5 lakh each. Farmers whose crops were submerged and those who lost coconut trees would be provided assistance.

UTTARAKHAND: CHOPPER CRASHES NEAR JOSHIMATH, ALL 6 ONBOARD DEAD



Chamoli: All six people on board the helicopter that crashed into a hillside in Joshimath have died, and their bodies were found, police said on Friday, October 30, evening. The privately run chopper crashed about an hour after it took off from Badrinath on its way to Dehradun.

The six people on board the Trans Bharat Aviation Pvt. Ltd.'s helicopter were identified as Capt. Himanshu and five male passengers: Prathapa, Arun, Shankar Gowda, Sudheer K, and H S Natraja. All of them were from Bengaluru.

The bodies have been found but not yet recovered, said Chamoli Superintendent of Police Surjit Singh Panwar.

CM Revanth welcomes Miyapur verdict, says Rs.50,000 crore saved



HYDERABAD ■ (TSIT):

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy welcomed the Supreme Court's verdict on Miyapur lands, saying it had helped Telangana protect government property valued at approximately Rs.50,000 crore. Addressing a press conference in New Delhi, the Chief Minister said the government had presented a strong legal case and instructed officials to take appropriate steps to recover possession of the lands following the favourable judgment.

Revanth Reddy alleged that former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao, Damodar Rao and "Goldstone" Prasad were involved in attempts to encroach upon the lands. He further alleged that costly cars and kickbacks had been offered in connection with the transactions.

The Chief Minister said the government was considering selling the recovered lands and using the proceeds for irrigation, education and healthcare projects. The proposal would be examined by the Cabinet sub-committee on resource mobilisation before the Cabinet took a decision, he added.

Claiming that his government had protected land worth Rs.1.50 lakh crore since 2023, Revanth Reddy cited legal battles involving properties in Manchirevula, Gachibowli, Mamidipally and other locations.He alleged that K.T. Rama Rao, in association with builders from Rayalaseema, had attempted to encroach upon 143 acres at Manchirevula. The government had protected the property and established a school for children of police personnel there, he said.Revanth Reddy also alleged attempts to take over IMG lands and said the government had successfully defended its interests through legal proceedings.Referring to forest land disputes, the Chief Minister said legal action had helped protect properties at Gurramguda, in Jayashankar Bhupalpally district and in Bhadradri

Final voter lists in Telangana, Andhra to be published on Nov 30

HYDERABAD ■ (TSIT):

With the Election Commission of India (ECI) again revising the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) schedule in both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, the final electoral rolls in both states will now be published on November 30.



For Telangana, the Election Commission has extended the deadline for notices and disposal of claims and objections to November 26. In Andhra Pradesh, the deadline has been extended till November 20. The final electoral rolls in both the Telugu states are now scheduled for publication on November 30.

The schedule has been revised at the request of the Chief Electoral Officers of both states.

In separate communications to the CEOs, the Commission informed them about its decision to revise the schedule.

The ECI has directed the CEOs to inform all officials about the revised schedule and ensure wide publicity through all available media. Political parties must also be informed of the modified schedule in writing.

VARIOUS PROJECTS



PM lays the foundation stone, inaugurates and dedicates to the Nation various projects at Banaskantha, in Gujarat..

Pawan Kalyan seeks permanent solution for fishermen's issues

AMRAVATHI ■ (TSIT):



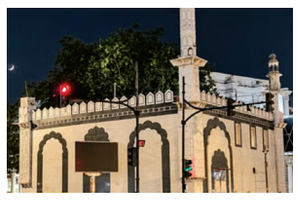
Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Panchayat Raj, Rural Development, Environment, and Forests, Pawan Kalyan, has called for finding a permanent solution to the problems faced by fishermen in coastal areas. He emphasised that instead of relying on temporary measures whenever cyclones occur, steps must be taken to ensure long-term protection for the people living in coastal areas.

He directed officials to examine the feasibility of providing insurance coverage for fishing boats and to prepare appropriate proposals. Pawan Kalyan asked officials in Kakinada district to formulate plans aimed at providing permanent solutions to the challenges faced by coastal fishing communities. He stated that he would visit the fishing villages after Diwali to personally assess their concerns.

The Deputy CM held a virtual meeting with the Kakinada district administration and residents of the coastal villages to review the impact of Cyclone Arnab, the status of relief operations, and the assistance being provided to those affected. On this occasion, the District Collector inquired with fishermen from the coastal villages about the damage caused by the cyclone and the details of the relief operations.

Delhi HC denies prayers at Race Course Masjid over safety risks

HYDERABAD ■ (TSIT):



The Delhi High Court on Thursday declined to direct authorities to allow worshippers access to the Race Course Masjid in New Delhi, citing safety concerns over demolition work in the surrounding area.

The court also recorded the Centre's assurance that no coercive action would be taken against the mosque for four weeks while the Land and Development Office (L&DO) considers a representation submitted by the Delhi Waqf Board.

Justice Anish Dayal noted the ongoing demolition work around the religious structure and questioned who would be responsible if someone were injured. "If somebody gets injured, who is going to pay compensation?" the judge asked.

> The court declined to direct authorities to restore worshippers' access to the mosque, citing safety concerns over demolition work nearby, while the Centre assured that no coercive action would be taken for four weeks as the L&DO considers the Delhi Waqf Board's representation.

Union government standing counsel Ashish Dixit told the court that the authorities would decide on the Waqf Board's representation within four weeks. He opposed allowing worshippers to enter the mosque at this stage, arguing that access would be unsafe because of the demolition activity in the surrounding area.

Sitharaman hits back at Rahul over IDBI Bank deal, recalls Congress-era bad loans

NEW DELHI ■ (TSIT)

Uion Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday defended the Centre's proposed sale of a majority stake in IDBI Bank, hitting back at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi over his criticism of the disinvestment move.She accused previous Congress-led governments of interfering in the functioning of public sector banks and influencing lending decisions, which, she alleged, contributed to the accumulation of bad loans. In a post on X, Sitharaman alleged that political pressure was frequently used during Congress rule to push banks into extending loans without adhering to established lending practices.Citing historical instances, she referred to the removal of former State Bank of India (SBI) Chairman R.K. Talwar in 1976 after he allegedly resisted pressure to ease lending conditions for a company associated.

Nagpur win gives beleaguered Congress face-saving foothold in MLC polls



MUMBAI ■ (TSIT):

The Congress has reasons to celebrate the lone victory in the biennial Legislative Council (MLC) elections held for 28 seats across four states, though the strike rate converts into a meagre 3.57 per cent, with many of its regional allies faring better. In these elections across Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra, and Karnataka, the Congress won only one seat, in Maharashtra's Nagpur Graduates' constituency. It has thus avoided a complete washout, a fear writ large before the Nagpur result was official, even as several leaders of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) made snide, sometimes amusing, social media comments on its "zero" achievement. The Congress can now argue that it still holds "pockets of support", with Abhijeet Wanjari having retained the Nagpur "bastion". So what if in Karnataka it was wiped out despite being in power, where the Bengaluru Teachers' constituency was perhaps the highest-profile Congress loss.

Though faring comparatively weaker in general polls of late, the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) constituent Janata Dal (Secular) candidate A. P. Ranganath defeated sitting Congress MLC Puttanna by around 900 votes. Losing an incumbent seat in the capital region was a major setback, with Puttanna being a veteran leader and the sitting member of the Council. Nagpur was the proverbial sobering balm for another loss.

Konda Surekha withdraws remarks against KTR, issues apology



Hyderabad: Warangal East MLA and former minister Konda Surekha on Thursday, October 29, withdrew her remarks against Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president KT Rama Rao and expressed regret, saying she did not mean to hurt him or his family. In October 2024, Surekha had linked KTR to the divorce of actors Naga Chaitanya and Samantha Ruth Prabhu. She had also made allegations about drug use and the blackmail of film personalities. KTR and Nagarjuna (Naga Chaitanya's father) had filed defamation cases against the Congress MLA.

Ayudha Puja celebrated at TTD Transport Department in Tirupati



Tirupati: TTD celebrated Ayudha Puja with devotion at its Transport Department on Friday. Special prayers were offered to vehicles and machinery as per tradition.

TTD Chairman Sri B.R. Naidu, EO Sri Muddada Ravichandra and JEO (Education & Health) Sri Prabhala Gopinath participated in the celebrations.

The priests welcomed them traditionally under the guidance of Transport Department GM Sri Ramu. Special prayers were offered to Lord Venkateswara, followed by traditional rituals for the department's vehicles and machinery, seeking prosperity, safety and well-being.



Srinivasa Supply Chain Solutions Private Limited, based in Hyderabad, donated Rs. 10 lakh to the TTD Sri Venkateswara Annaprasadam Trust on Friday.

Ensure peaceful, transparent conduct of local body elections: State Election Commissioner



Visakhapatnam: State Election Commissioner Anil Chandra Punetha has directed officials of all departments to work in coordination to ensure the peaceful, free, fair and transparent conduct of urban and rural local body elections. He stressed the need for a robust monitoring mechanism to instil confidence among voters in the electoral process.

Addressing District Collectors, Superintendents of Police, general and expenditure observers and other officials through a video conference on Friday, he reviewed arrangements for polling and counting of votes in municipal and local body elections.

State Election Commission Secretary Dr. A. Mallikarjuna and IG Rajakumari also participated.

Punetha directed officials to deploy additional police forces at sensitive and highly sensitive polling stations and establish special surveillance in vulnerable areas. He instructed them to install CCTV cameras and provide webcasting facilities at polling stations. He also emphasised effective queue management at polling material distribution centres and adequate facilities for election personnel. Vehicles and route charts for the transportation of polling staff should be arranged well in advance, he said.

Referring to cyclone-affected areas, the SEC directed officials to inspect polling stations in such locations and undertake necessary repairs. He instructed that physical inspections of all polling stations should be completed by 10 a.m. on Saturday and any deficiencies rectified immediately.

Speaking during the video conference, Visakhapatnam District Collector and District Election Officer M. Abhisikt Kishore said elaborate arrangements were being made for the conduct of GVMC and parishad elections in the district. He said the district administration was coordinating with police, GVMC and other departmental officials to ensure smooth conduct of the elections.

The Collector assured the State Election Commission that all election guidelines and instructions would be followed scrupulously. Additional Deputy Collectors Ramana Murthy and Varma, along with Election Cell officials, participated in the video conference from the Collector's chamber.

Senior Advocate Ancha Pandu Ranga Rao Takes Oath as APERC Member (Legal)



Vijayawada, TSIT : Senior Advocate Ancha Pandu Ranga Rao was sworn in as Member (Legal) of the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission at the Chief Secretary's Office in Vijayawada on Friday. The State Government appointed him through G.O. Ms. No. 86, dated October 13, 2026, issued by the Energy Department, based on the recommendations of the Selection Committee under Section 82(5) of the Electricity Act, 2003. He will serve a five-year term from the date of assuming office.

Born in 1968 to Ancha Veeraiah and Ramanujamma, Ranga Rao hails from Ganikapudi village in Guntur mandal. He completed his graduation at JKC College, Guntur, and obtained his LL.B. in 1991 and LL.M. in 1993 from the University of Pune. He enrolled as an advocate on July 14, 1993. With over three decades of legal experience, he has been practising before the Andhra Pradesh High Court, handling writ petitions, civil and criminal matters and various other legal issues. Several judgments in cases argued by him have been published in prominent law reports.

He also served in various capacities as Government Counsel. From 2000 to 2004, he worked as Special Government Pleader for Commercial Department matters and subsequently served as Assistant Government Pleader. Between 2014 and 2019, he was the Standing Counsel for Municipal Corporations in Andhra Pradesh. His extensive experience in legal practice and handling matters relating to government departments and local bodies contributed to his appointment to the regulatory commission.

GITAM to host AIU South Zone Inter-University Men's Table Tennis Championship from October 31



isakhapatnam: GITAM Deemed to be University has made elaborate arrangements to host the AIU South Zone Inter-University Table Tennis (Men's) Championship 2026–27 from October 31 to November 2 under the aegis of the Association of Indian Universities.

Addressing a press conference on Friday, GITAM Assistant Dean of Campus Life and Organising Secretary Arun Karthik said 96 university teams from across South India had registered for the prestigious tournament. Around 480 players and 150 coaches and team managers are expected to participate in the three-day championship. The participating teams represent six southern states and Union Territories, including Karnataka (33 teams), Tamil Nadu (25), Andhra Pradesh (18), Kerala (11), Telangana (8) and Puducherry (one). The top four teams—SRM University, Jain University, University of Madras and VELS University—will qualify directly for the All India Inter-University Table Tennis Championship to be hosted by Chitkara University in Punjab from January 6, 2027. The participating teams will also have an opportunity to qualify for the prestigious Khelo India University Games, subject to the prescribed eligibility criteria.

To ensure the smooth and professional conduct of the championship, international Blue Badge umpire D.V.S.Y. Sharma has been appointed as Chief Referee, while K. Kannababu will serve as Referee. Twelve nationally and state-qualified umpires have also been appointed for the tournament. The GITAM Sports Department is making comprehensive arrangements for competition venues, accommodation and other essential facilities for the participating teams. GITAM remains committed to promoting table tennis and providing a platform for young sporting talent through the organisation of major inter-university competitions, Arun Karthik said. GITAM Sports Wing Senior Manager Kota V. Tapasvi and the AIU Observer were also present at the press conference.

PhonePe Rebrands Indus Appstore as PhonePe Appstore, Expands Digital Marketplace

Visakhapatnam, TSIT : PhonePe has announced the rebranding of its homegrown app marketplace, Indus Appstore, as PhonePe Appstore, marking a significant step towards creating a unified marketplace for digital goods and services in India. The platform has witnessed strong adoption across the country, with Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Bihar, Karnataka and Telangana emerging as its top five states in terms of adoption. Driven by partnerships with original equipment manufacturers, the platform is currently available on more than 200 million devices.

Its expanding catalogue includes popular applications such as ChatGPT, Duolingo, ShareChat and Sony LIV, along with games such as Honor of Kings and Hitwicket. Social, action and simulation games are among its leading categories. Moving beyond conventional app discovery, PhonePe Appstore is expanding into a broader digital marketplace, offering applications, games, gift cards and top-ups across various categories. The platform will leverage PhonePe's secure payment infrastructure to simplify the discovery and purchase of digital products while creating alternative distribution and monetisation opportunities for developers.

Commenting on the rebranding, Priya Narasimhan, Chief Business Officer, PhonePe Appstore, said the move marked a major milestone in the platform's journey by bringing the trust and reach of the PhonePe brand. She said developers would have opportunities to explore additional revenue streams through advertisements, gift cards and top-ups. The company is also launching phonepeappstore.com, a webstore that allows consumers to discover and purchase digital goods through desktop and mobile browsers without downloading a dedicated application. The platform's upcoming features include Digital Top-ups, enabling users to purchase in-game currencies such as coins and skins, dating app boosts and technology-related top-ups. Gaming top-ups are expected to be introduced first. With its expanding range of digital products and wider accessibility, PhonePe Appstore aims to strengthen its presence in India's growing digital marketplace and offer new opportunities for consumers and developers.

Local holiday declared on November 1 for GVMC elections



Visakhapatnam: District Collector and District Election Officer M. Abhisikt Kishore has announced a local holiday on November 1 for government offices and local bodies within the GVMC limits in view of the municipal elections, in accordance with the directions of the State Election Commission.

In a press release on Thursday, the Collector said government buildings and educational institutions identified as polling stations would remain closed on both October 31 and November 1 to facilitate smooth conduct of the polling process. He clarified that institutions identified as counting centres would also observe a holiday on November 3, the day of vote counting.

The Collector urged private companies, commercial and industrial establishments to declare a paid holiday on November 1 for their employees to enable them to exercise their franchise. Where granting a full-day holiday is not feasible, employers should provide employees with at least three hours of time off to cast their votes, he said. He also directed all concerned to strictly adhere to the instructions of the State Election Commission and the Model Code of Conduct.

MP M. Sribharat Seeks Support for Jana Sena Candidates in GVMC Polls

ALLIANCE CAMPAIGN CONCLUDES ON AN ENTHUSIASTIC NOTE IN VISAKHAPATNAM SOUTH



Visakhapatnam, TSIT: Visakhapatnam MP M. Sribharat and South Constituency MLA Vamsi Krishna Srinivas campaigned in support of Jana Sena candidates Mohammed Sadiq (Ward 36) and P.V. Sivaprasad (Ward 37) at Victoria Circle in Old Town and Panda Street in Visakhapatnam South Constituency on Thursday.

Addressing public meetings, MP Sribharat said electing accountable representatives was essential for the continued development of Visakhapatnam. He said the present coalition government offered an opportunity to elect corporators and a Mayor who could work in coordination for the city's overall development.

Alleging that urban development had suffered during the previous YSRCP government due to the lack of accessibility of elected representatives, he cited delays in the implementation of the TIDCO housing scheme. He alleged that houses were distributed ahead of elections without adequate basic infrastructure. He said the coalition government, led by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, was committed to protecting the interests of TIDCO housing beneficiaries by providing permanent ownership rights through the Conditional Conveyance Deed system.

Sribharat said TDP, Jana Sena and BJP leaders and cadres were working together in accordance with coalition principles to accelerate development and address public issues.

YSRCP Mayor Candidate Varudu Kalyani Campaigns in Visakhapatnam South

Visakhapatnam, October 29: YSR Congress Party Mayor candidate Varudu Kalyani conducted an extensive election campaign in Visakhapatnam South Constituency as part of the GVMC elections on Thursday. The campaign was organised under the leadership of South Constituency coordinator and former MLA Vasupalli Ganesh Kumar. Candidates contesting from various wards participated in the programme. The participating candidates included Peethala Srinu (Ward 31), Dasamanthula Seetha (Ward 32), Shailaja (Ward 33), Mohammed Abdul (Ward 34), Pedagada Babji (Ward 35), Sanapula Rohini (Ward 36), Alpana Lakshmi Bhavani (Ward 37), Kadavala Nagamani (Ward 38), Doddi Babu Anand (Ward 39), Vasupalli Bharat (Ward 41), Kodigudla Poornima (Ward 42) and Pinnintlo Renuka (Ward 43).

Local corporator candidates, party leaders and activists accorded a warm welcome to Varudu Kalyani during her campaign visit.

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APPENDIX IV [Rule 8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 20.03.2026 calling upon the borrower, co-borrowers and guarantors **1. KUMBA ANURADHA 2. KUMBA ADI NARAYANA, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 4,74,053.12/- (Rupees Four Lakh Seventy Four Thousand Fifty Three and Twelve Paise Only) as on 19.03.2026 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Demand notice.**

The borrowers 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 on him under sub – section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **26 day of OCT 2026.**

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **THE IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited) for an amount of Rs. 4,74,053.12/- (Rupees Four Lakh Seventy Four Thousand Fifty Three and Twelve Paise Only) and interest thereon.**

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.

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Date:26-10-2026
Place: ANDHRA PRADESH
Loan Account No:112589858

Authorised Officer
IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)

Four Held with Fake Currency Photocopies Worth Rs.66 Lakh, Dummy Pistol Seized



VISAKHAPATNAM, TSIT: Four persons were apprehended by Maharanipeta police for their alleged involvement in a racket involving the exchange of colour photocopies of currency notes for genuine money. Police seized 200 bundles of photocopied Rs.500 notes, with a stated face value of Rs.66 lakh, and a dummy pistol from them. The arrests were made during lodge inspections conducted on October 30 as part of security measures for the GVMC Second Ordinary Elections–2026. Acting on specific information, a police team led by Maharanipeta Sub-Inspector A. Manoj Kumar searched Room No. 105 at V-Star Hotel near Jagadamba Junction and apprehended the four persons.

The accused were identified as Pangi Kondababu (26) of Alluri Sitharama Raju district, Bevara Sai (25), Ijjavarapu Durga Prasad (24) and Velagada Dinesh (23), all belonging to different places in Parvathipuram Manyam district. During the search, police found 200 bundles containing colour photocopies of Rs.500 notes, with 66 notes in each bundle, along with a dummy pistol in a bag.

During preliminary enquiry, the accused allegedly revealed that they had been participating in a scheme to exchange photocopied currency notes for genuine money through different parties. They reportedly coordinated with others identified as Vinod, Vamsi and Chandu, arranging prospective parties, transporting the photocopies, identifying people through photographs and keeping watch during the transactions. They allegedly received money for their involvement. Police said the statements of the apprehended persons indicated that similar transactions had taken place earlier in Vizianagaram and Visakhapatnam.

Ensure Peaceful and Transparent Conduct of Local Body Elections: SEC Anil Chandra Punetha

Vijayawada, TSI : State Election Commissioner Anil Chandra Punetha has directed District Collectors, Superintendents of Police, election observers and police officials to work in close coordination to ensure the peaceful, free, fair and transparent conduct of local body elections across Andhra Pradesh. He instructed officials to discharge their responsibilities with utmost accountability, ensuring that there was no negligence or bias in election duties and that voters could exercise their franchise freely without fear or intimidation. The SEC, along with State Election Commission



Secretary Dr. A. Mallikarjuna and IG B. Rajakumari, conducted a video conference with CDMA Dr. P. Sampath Kumar, District Collectors, SPs, election observers, Police Commissioners and DIGs from the State Election Commission office in Vijayawada on Friday.

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 2)
1st Floor, Triveni Complex Abids, Hyderabad 500001

DEMAND NOTICE

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

RC/688/2026 **Date: 16.10.2026**

M/s. DCB Bank Limited
Versus
Cherukuri Satyanarayana and Another

To

(CD 1) Cherukuri Satyanarayana S/o Mr. Ramadasu R/o 5-16, 45 Waaradulu Chinthakunta Village, Halaharvi Mandal, Alur Talika, Kurnool - 518348.

(CD 2) Cherukuri Ajay S/o C. Satyanarayana R/o 5-16, 45 Waaradulu Chinthakunta Village, Halaharvi Mandal, Alur Talika, Kurnool - 518348

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, **DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD (DRT 2) in OA/318/2026** an amount of **Rs 3846706.23 (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakhs Forty Six Thousands Seven Hundred Six And Paise Twenty Three Only)** along with pendentelite and future interest @ 13% Simple Interest Yearly w.e.f. 28/01/2026 till realization and costs of **Rs 76155 (Rupees Seventy Six Thousands One 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 **20/11/2026 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: **16/10/2026**

RECOVERY OFFICER
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, HYDERABAD (DRT- 2)

IN THE COURT OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1
B.S.N.L. Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001

OA.NO. 2656/2025

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XIS BANK LTD., ...APPLICANT
ND
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. M/s Radiant Jasmine Properties,
epresented by its Managing Partner
ri. M Raghavendra Reddy,
o.48/49, 1st Floor, Sarakki Main Road,
P Nagar I Phase, Bengaluru-560078.

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23(Viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

WHEREAS the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions, Act, 1993, against the above defendants for the recovery of sum of **Rs.70,16,560/- (Rupees Seventy Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred And Sixty Only)** amount together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs. The above defendant is therefore, hereby directed to before the tribunal in person or through an advocate or through authorized agents in support of their defense to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **23.12.2026 at 10:30 a.m.** as why the relief's prayed for should not be granted.

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

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this day **16/10/2026.**

BY THE ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL
REGISTRAR
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1
BANGALORE

Omkara Assets Reconstruction Pvt. Ltd. OMKARA ASSETS RECONSTRUCTION PRIVATE LIMITED

Regd. Office: 9, M.P Nagar, 1st Street, Kongu Nagar Extn, Tirupur – 641607.Ph No. 04212221144. **Corporate Office:** Kohinoor Square, 47th Floor, N. C. Kelkar Marg, R. G. Gadkari Chowk, Dadar (West), Mumbai - 400028. Tel.: 022-26544000/ 9167490977

Appendix - IV-A] [See proviso to rule 8 (6) & 9 (1)] **DATE OF E-AUCTION: 26.11.2026**

Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) & 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the below mentioned Borrower (s) and Co-borrower (s) named hereinafter that the below described movable and immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of M/s DBS BANK INDIA LIMITED . The Laxmi Vilas Bank Limited (Now DBS Bank India Limited) vide Assignment Agreement dated 30-11-2023 assigned the debt of below mentioned Borrower (s) and Co-borrower(s) to M/s. Omkara Assets Reconstruction Pvt. Ltd. (OARPL) a Company incorporated under the Companies Act 1956 and registered with Reserve Bank of India as Securitisation and Asset Reconstruction Company and having its registered office at 9, M.P Nagar, 1st Street, Kongu Nagar Extn, Tirupur – 641607 and Corporate office at Kohinoor Square, 47th Floor, N. C. Kelkar Marg, R. G. Gadkari Chowk, Dadar (West), Mumbai – 400028 and acting as a Trustee of Omkara PS 07/2023-24 Trust.

Further, the physical possession of the secured asset (s) has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Secured Creditor and the said asset (s) will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** basis on below mentioned date, for recovery of the below mentioned dues due to Secured Creditor from Below mentioned Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagor(s). The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and other details are mentioned below:

Date of Demand Notice: 11.09.2019 | Date of Possession : 12.11.2020		Incremental Value: Rs 20,000/-
Name of Borrower & Co-borrower	**Outstanding Dues in Rs.**	
Lakshmi Marbles and Enterprises	**Rs.18074078/- (Rupees One Crore Eighty Lakhs Fourty Thousand and Seventy Eight) as on 31.10.2026**	**Inspection Date & Time:16.11.2026**
	Reserve Price : Rs.1305000/- | EMD: Rs.130500/-	

Description of the property : Residential Apartment, Flat No. S-3 in 2nd Floor of Vijetha Apartment, East Godavari district, Kadiyam Sub Registry, Rajamundry Rural, Hukumpeta Panchayat, Chaitanya Nagar, R.S 38/1, Poora acs 14-17 cents north east corner admeasuring 800 sq.ft owned by K.Vasu Babu S/o Appayya. Consisting Item no 1 : Plot no 19 of 205.5 sq.yards and Item no 2 : Plot no 21 of 203.65 yards totalling 409.15 yards vacant site in 2 items.

Description of the property	Reserve Price / EMD / Inspection
Description of the property : Residential Apartment, Flat No.C-3 in 3rd Floor, Navya Sai Residency, S No 507/2, D No 4-339/13, PR No 73/5, Hill Colony, East Godavari, Palcherla, Divan cheruvu, Gram Panchayat village, R.S no 507/1 in approved layout, Plot no 17 in an extent of 342 sq.yard, undivided, unascertained, joint 1/10th share i.e 34.22 square yards. admeasuring 850 sq.ft, owned by K.Vasu Babu S/o Appayya.	**Reserve Price : Rs. 1387000/-** **EMD: Rs. 138700/-** **Inspection Date & Time: 16.11.2026**

Last Date for payment of EMD & Submission of Bid Form 25.11.2026 up to 6:00 P.M.

Auction Date and Time: Date: 26.11.2026 & Time: 03:00 P.M – 05:00 P.M.

TERMS & CONDITIONS: 1. The auction will be conducted 'ONLINE' through OARPL's approved service provider "M/s. ARCA EMART PVT. Ltd.", E -Auction tender document containing online e-auction bid form, Declaration, General Terms & conditions of online auction www.auctionbazaar.com sales Support Landline No/Mobile No.: 8370969696 Helpline E-mail ID: contact@auctionbazaar.com / support@auctionbazaar.com, Concerned Person: Mrs.M.Kiranmai, Mobile No.7997043999, Email- kiran@auctionbazaar.com **2.** The intended bidders who have deposited the EMD and require assistance in creating Login ID & Password, uploading data, submitting bid, training on e-bidding process etc., may contact Support Landline No/Mobile No.: 8370969696 Helpline E-mail ID: contact@auctionbazaar.com / support@auctionbazaar.com, Concerned Person: Mrs.M.Kiranmai, Mobile No.7997043999, Email- kiran@auctionbazaar.com **3.** For any property related query or inspection of property schedule, the interested person may contact the concerned Authorized Officer: Mr. Shakil Nipani. Mobile Number +91 9167490977), E-Mail: shakil.nipani@omkaraarc.com or at address as mentioned above in office hours during the working days. **4.** To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer, there is no known encumbrance on any property, except as stated in the table above. **5.** All bidders who submitted the bids, shall be deemed to have read and understood the terms and conditions of the E-Auction Sale and be bound by them. Further, it shall also be deemed that the bidders(s)have participated in accordance of the spirit of Section 29A of the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code,2016 in terms of Related Party Transections. Intending bidders shall comply and give declaration under the Section 29A of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 along with the Bid, in case of failure of the same amount paid shall be forfeited.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer to the link provided in secured creditor website i.e. http://omkaraarc.com/auction.php.

STATUTORY NOTICE FOR SALE UNDER RULE 8(6) & 9 (1) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002. This notice is also a mandatory Notice of Fifteen (15) days to the Borrower/Guarantors of the above loan account under Rule 8(6) & 9 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 and provisions of Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, informing them about holding of sale through Public Auction on the above referred date and time with the advice to redeem the assets if so desired by them, by paying the outstanding dues as mentioned herein above along with further interest, cost & expenses till the date of payment. In case of default in payment, the property shall at the discretion of the Authorized Officer/Secured Creditor be sold through any of the modes as prescribed under Rule 8 (5) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Place: East Godavari Sd/- Authorized Officer, Omkara Assets Reconstruction Pvt Ltd.
Date : 31-10-2026. (Acting in its capacity as a Trustee of Omkara PS 07/2023-24 Trust)

Karnataka Bank Ltd.

Your Family Bank. Across India

Asset Recovery Management Branch, 1st Floor, FKCCI Building, Kempegowda Road, Bengaluru-560009

Phone: 080-22955928/929
E-Mail: blr.arm@ktkbank.com
Website: www.karnatakabank.bank.in
CIN: L85110KA1924PLC001128

MEGA E AUCTION

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to rule 8(6) / Rule 9 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to public in general and in particular to Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the secured Creditor, the **Constructive Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Karnataka Bank Ltd, the Secured Creditor on **13.02.2025**, will be sold on **"As is Where is " and "As is What is"** basis on **16.11.2026,** for recovery of **Rs.2,60,29,515.82 [Rupees Two Crore Sixty Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Fifteen And Paisa Eighty Two Only] i.e. Rs.2,01,56,833.28 under PSTL A/c No. 0637001800050601 along with future interest from 05.09.2025 and Rs. 58,72,682.54 under PSTL A/c No.0637001800050701 along with future interest from 05.09.2025, plus costs,** due to the **Karnataka Bank Ltd –Bengaluru-Nehrunagar Branch,** the Secured creditor from – **1) M/s S V Constructions Represented by its Proprietor Mr.Srinivasulu G S/o** Mr. Ganugapenta Narasimhulu, No.232, 1st Floor, White City Layout, Seegehalli, Virgonagar, Bengaluru-560049 **Also at:** D. No. 7-1-504-1/7-8-9 ,NGO Colony Main Road, Gandhinagar, Badvel, YSR District, Andhra Pradesh-516227 **2) Mr. Srinivasulu G** S/o Mr. Ganugapenta Narasimhulu, **3) Mrs. Ramanamma G** W/o Srinivasulu G **4) Mr. Ganugapenta Ramesh Babu** S/o Mr. Narasimalu G **No. 2,3 and 4 are addressed at:** No.232, 1st Floor, White City Layout, Seegehalli, Virgonagar, Bengaluru-560049 **No. 2,3 and 4 also at:** No.2-2-531, Poolabaavi Street, Badvel, Cuddapah-516227, Andhra Pradesh, **No. 2,3 and 4 also at**: D. No. 7-1-504-1/7-8-9 NGO Colony Main Road, Gandhinagar, Badvel, YSR District, Andhra Pradesh-516227, being the borrower/guarantor/mortgagor.

Reserve Price/Upset Price below which the properties may not be sold as under.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Description of Property	Reserve Price (in Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs.)	Date & Time of Auction
Item No.1: All that part and parcel of the residential vacant site bearing Plot No.08, measuring 2250 sq ft (As per deed), 1890 sq ft (As per actual) situated at Survey No.224/2A1 and 224/1A3, Rameshwaram Village Fields, Rendu Kulailu Road, Somulavari Palli Panchayat, Proddatur Mandal, Kadappa District, Andhra Pradesh belonging to **Mr. Srinivasulu G. Boundaries of property: East by:** Plot No.4,5,**West by:** Plot No.9,**North by:** Plot No.10,11, **South by**: 24 feet wide joint Rastha;.	**Rs.14,06,000.00 (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Six thousand Only)**	**Rs.1,40,600.00 (Rupees One Lakh Forty Thousand Six Hundred Only)**	**16.11.2026 from 11.30 AM to 11.45 AM**
Item No.2: All that part and parcel of the residential vacant site bearing Plot No.16, measuring 1593.75 sq ft (As per deed), 1293.75 sq ft (As per actual) situated at Survey No.224/2A1 and 224/1A3, Rameshwaram Village Fields, Rendu Kulailu Road, Somulavaripalle Panchayat, Proddatur Mandal, Kadappa District, Andhra Pradesh belonging to **Mr. Srinivasulu G. Boundaries of property:East by:** 24 feet wide joint Rastha **West by:** Site belongs to Vempalakula Kullayapp and others **North by:** Plot No.17 **South by:** Plot No.15	**Rs.10,21,500.00 (Rupees Ten Lakh Twenty One Thousand Five hundred Only)**	**Rs.1,02,150.00 (Rupees One Lakh Two Thousand One Hundred Fifty Only)**	**16.11.2026 from 11.45 AM to 12.00 Noon**
Item No.3: All that part and parcel of the residential vacant site bearing Plot No.48, measuring 2111.25 sq ft (As per deed), 1751.25 sq ft (As per actual) situated at Survey No.224/2A1 and 224/1A3, Rameshwaram Village Fields, Rendu Kulailu Road, Somulavaripalle Panchayat, Proddatur Mandal, Kadappa District, Andhra Pradesh belonging to **Smt. Ramanamma G. Boundaries of property:East by:** Site of P Venkata Narayana & C Rama Chandra Reddy **West by:** 24 feet wide joint Rastha **North by:** Plot No.49 **South by**: Plot No.47	**Rs.13,84,500.00 (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Five Hundred Only**	**Rs.1,38,450.00 (Rupees One Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Only**	**16.11.2026 from 12.00 Noon to 12.15 PM**
Item No.4: All that part and parcel of the residential vacant site bearing Plot No.09, measuring 2250 sq ft (As per deed), 1890 sq ft (As per actual) situated at Survey No.224/2A1 and 224/1A3, Rameshwaram Village Fields, Rendu Kulailu Road, Somulavaripalle Panchayat, Proddatur Mandal, Kadappa District, Andhra Pradesh belonging to **Mr. Srinivasulu G.Boundaries of property: East by:** Plot No.8 **West by:** Executants remaining site/ site of V Lakshmidar Reddy **North by:** Plot No.11,12 **South by:** 24 feet wide joint Rastha;	**Rs.14,05,500.00 (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Five Thousand Five Hundred Only)**	**Rs.1,40,550.00 (Rupees One Lakh Forty Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Only)**	**16.11.2026 from 12.15 PM to 12.30 PM**
Item No.5: All that part and parcel of the residential vacant site bearing Plot No.12, measuring 1987.50 sq ft (As per deed), 1669.50 sq ft (As per actual) situated at Survey No.224/2A1 and 224/1A3, Rameshwaram Village Fields, Rendu Kulailu Road, Somulavaripalle Panchayat, Proddatur Mandal, Kadappa District, Andhra Pradesh belonging to **Mr. Srinivasulu G. Boundaries of property: East by:** Plot No.11 **West by:** Plot No.13 **North by:** 24 feet wide joint Rastha **South by:** Plot No.9	**Rs.13,18,000.00 (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Eighteen Thousand Only**	**Rs.1,31,800.00 (Rupees One Lakh Thirty One Thousand Eight Hundred Only**	**16.11.2026 from 12.30 PM to 12.45 PM**
Item No.6: All that part and parcel of the residential vacant site bearing Plot No.18, measuring 2521.88 sq ft (As per deed), 2221.88 sq ft (As per actual) situated at Survey No.224/2A1 and 224/1A3, Rameshwaram Village Fields, Rendu Kulailu Road, Somulavaripalle Panchayat, Proddatur Mandal, Kadappa District, Andhra Pradesh belonging to **Mr. Srinivasulu G. Boundaries of property: East by:** 24 feet wide joint Rastha **West by:** Site of V. Kulayappa & others **North by:** Plot No.19 **South by**: Plot No.17.	**Rs.17,56,000.00 (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Fifty Six Thousand Only)**	**Rs.1,75,600.00 (Rupees One Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Six Hundred Only)**	**16.11.2026 from 12.45 PM to 1.00 PM**
Item No.7: All that part and parcel of the commercial vacant site bearing Survey No.347/1A measuring 7527.60 sq ft (as per actual) ,situated at Bollavaram Village Fields, Jammlamadugu -Mydukur Bypass Road, Chowtapalle Panchayat, Prodattur Mandal, YSR Kadapa District, Andhra Pradesh belonging to **Mr. Srinivasulu G. Boundaries of property: East by:** Land of Yenkala Papi Reddy **West by:** Executant remaining land/Road after that remaining site of V Pedda Nagi Reddy **North by:** Land of Chaudam Narasimhulu **South by**: Jammlamadugu to Proddatur Road	**Rs.1,41,71,000.00 (Rupees One Crore Forty One Lakh Seventy One Thousand Only)**	**Rs.14,17,100.00 (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Seventeen Thousand One Hundred Only)**	**16.11.2026 from 1.00 PM to 1.15 PM**

(The borrower's/mortgagor's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset).**This Notice shall also serve as Notice under Sub Rule (6) of Rule 8 / Sub Rule (1) of Rule 9 of Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 to the Borrower/Guarantors.**

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in Karnataka Bank's Website ie. https://karnatakabank.bank.in under Regulatory & Other Head under sub head "Auction Notices".

The E-auction will be conducted through portal https://www.auctionbazaar.com/ on 1**6.11.2026 at above mentioned time with unlimited extension of 05 minutes**. The intending bidder is required to register their name at https://www.auctionbazaar.com/ and get the user Id and password free of cost and get training i.e. *online training on E-auction (tentatively on **13.11.2026**)* from M/s ARCA Emart Pvt. Ltd. (Auction Bazaar), 7-1-28/1/A/1, Park Avenue 1, Ameerpet, Begumpet, Hyderabad, Secunderabad, Telangana, India – 500016, **Contact No.**: 8885035382, **E-mail: disposal.karnataka@auctionbazaar.com**.

Date: 29.10.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/-Authorised officer
Karnataka Bank Ltd

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Home Finance Registered Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400051
Corporate Office: ICICI HFC Tower, JB Nagar, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri East, Mumbai- 400059

Branch Office: D. No: 47-3-22, Ground Floor, 5th Lane, Dwaraka Nagar, Visakhapatnam AP- 530016.

Whereas

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited under the Securitisation, 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 demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower 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 on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. 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 ICICI Home Finance Company Limited.

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.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of property/ Date of Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Shaik Rafi (Borrower), Jeeri Pallavi Priyanka Reddy (Co-Borrower), F No 502 Sri Sai Homes Pm Palem Madhurawada Vishakapatnam-530041 , LHVPM00001524559	All That Piece And Parcel of Vacant Site Measuring 476.68 Sq.Yards or 400.41 Sq.Mters Bearing Plot No. 63 & 64 of L.P. No. 23/2018/1093/Vmrda/Dpms of " Kvr Estates" In The Layout Approved By Vmrda Covered By S.No. 22/1,22/3,23/2 Situated At Kukalametta Lakshmipuram, Kukalametta Lakshmipuram Panchayat, Presently Vizianagaram Municipal Corporation, Vizianagaram District And West Sub Registrar Office of Vizianagaram District, And It Measurements And Bounded Item No.1 Plot No. 63 Measurements: East: 33 Feet (10.06 Mtrs). South: 65 Feet (19.81 Mtrs). West: 33 Feet (10.06 Mtrs). North: 65 Feet (19.81 Mtrs). Total Extent: 238.34 Sq.Yards or 199.28 Sq.Mtrs. Site Boundaries: East: Vacant Site Plot No. 73. South: Vacant Site Plot No. 62. West: 40 Feet Wide Layout Road. North: Vacant Site Plot No. 64. An Undivided And Unspecified Share of Measuring of 26.8 Sq.Yards (22.51 Sq.Mtrs) Out of Above Said Two Items Total Extent 476.68 Sq.Yds In This A- Schedule Property. Schedule- B: R.C.C. Residential Flat No. Ff-2 In Fourth Floor R.C.C. Slab Building Constructed In The Above A- Schedule Total Site Having Builtup Area of 900 Sq.Feets Car Parking 80 Sq.Feets In Stilt Floor In The Building Namely "Happy Valley" Boundaries of The Flat. Flat Boundaries: East: Open To Sky. South: Open To Sky. West: Flat No. FF-3. North: Common Corridor, Life & Flat No. FF-1. This Property Is A Not An Assigned Property./Date of Possession 26-Oct-26	14-07-2026 Rs. 18,39,350/-	Visakha-patnam
2.	Shaik Rafi (Borrower), Jeeri Pallavi Priyanka Reddy (Co-Borrower), F No 502 Sri Sai Homes Pm Palem Madhurawada Vishakapatnam-530041 , LHVPM00001524560	All That Piece And Parcel of Vacant Site Measuring 476.68 Sq.Yardsor 400.41 Sq.Mters Bearing Plot No. 63 & 64 of L.P. No. 23/2018/1093/Vmrda/Dpms of " Kvr Estates" In The Layout Approved By Vmrda Covered By S.No. 22/1,22/3,23/2 Situated At Kukalametta Lakshmipuram, Kukalametta Lakshmipuram Panchayat, Presently Vizianagaram Municipal Corporation, Vizianagaram District And West Sub Registrar Office of Vizianagaram District, And It Measurements And Bounded Item No.1 Plot No. 63 Measurements: East: 33 Feet (10.06 Mtrs). South: 65 Feet(19.81 Mtrs). West: 33 Feet (10.06 Mtrs). North: 65 Feet (19.81 Mtrs). Total Extent: 238.34 Sq.Yards or 199.28 Sq.Mtrs. Site Boundaries: East: Vacant Site Plot No. 73. South: Vacant Site Plot No. 62. West: 40 Feet Wide Layout Road. North: Vacant Site Plot No. 64. An Undivided And Unspecified Share of Measuring of 26.8 Sq.Yards (22.51 Sq.Mtrs) Out of Above Said Two Items Total Extent 476.68 Sq.Yds In This A- Schedule Property. Schedule- B: R.C.C. Residential Flat No. Ff-2 In Fourth Floor R.C.C. Slab Building Constructed In The Above A- Schedule Total Site Having Builtup Area of 900 Sq.Feets Car Parking 80 Sq.Feets In Stilt Floor In The Building Namely "Happy Valley" Boundaries of The Flat. Flat Boundaries: East: Open To Sky. South: Open To Sky. West: Flat No. FF-3. North: Common Corridor, Life & Flat No. Ff-1. This Property Is A Not An Assigned Property./ Date of Possession 26-Oct-26	14-07-2026 Rs. 63,211.84/-	Visakha-patnam

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : October 31, 2026, Place: Vizianagaram Authorized Office, ICICI Home Finance Company Limited

CLIX CAPITAL SERVICES PVT. LTD. **Registered Office:** W2/14, 1st Floor, West Patel Nagar, **Delhi,** 110008

DEMAND NOTICE U/s. 13 (2)

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 ("SARFAESI ACT, 2002").

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Clix Capital Services Pvt. Ltd. (CCS)** under the Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) of the Act read with the Rule 3, issued Demand Notice (s) under Section 13(2) of the Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) to repay the amount mentioned in the respective notice(s) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Name of the Borrower(s) & Loan Account Details

1. CHINDADA SRINUVASARAO S/O CHINDADA CHINNABBAI
G-1, SRK RESIDENCY, SRIRAM NAGAR COLONY PEDABODDEPALLI ANAKAPALLI NARSIPATNAM, ANDHRA PRADESH – 531116. MOB: 9010030943
ALSO AT SIRI FAMILY RESTAURANT MAIN ROAD PEDABODDEPALLI, NARSIPATNAM, VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT, VIZAG, ANDHRA PRADESH-531116
ALSO AT SIRI RETAURANT AT H NO:7-15, BODDAPALLI VILLAGE, NARSIPATNAM MANDAL, VISAKHAPATNAM, ANDHRA PRADESH 531116

2. CHINDADA LAKSHMI W/O CHINDADA SRINUVASARAO
G-1, SRK RESIDENCY, SRI RAM NAGAR COLONY, PEDABODDEPALLI, ANAKAPALLI NARSIPATNAM, ANDHRA PRADESH – 531116. MOB: 8978913880
ALSO AT 9-395/2, SARADANAGAR, NARSIPATNAM, VISAKHAPATNAM, ANDHRA PRADESH-531116

3. SRI FAMILY RESTAURANT THROUGH ITS PROPRIETOR
CHINDADA SRINUVASARAO H NO:7-15, BODDAPALLI VILLAGE, NARSIPATNAM MANDAL, VISAKHAPATNAM, ANDHRA PRADESH 531116
ALSO AT DOOR. NO. 14-4-3, MAIN ROAD, NARSIPATNAM VILLAGE, NARSIPATNAM MANDAL, VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH-531116
ALSO AT G-1, I, SRK RESIDENCY, PEDABODDEPALLI VILLAGE, NARSIPATNAM, ANAKAPALLE DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH – 531116

Loan Account No: - SVPHLMO000266787
Loan amount of Rs. 32,92,458/- NPA : 06.10.2026

Demand Notice Date & Amount

23.10.2026. Rs. 35,43,103/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh Fourty Three Thousand One Hundred Three Only) (as on 16.10.2026)

SCHEDULE II- Property having an extent of 353 Sq. Yds or 295.10 Sq.mtrs out of 510.5 Sq.yards, Covered by Sy.No.54-1B, situated in 1st ward, 1st block, Theresa Colony, Towards North side of Approach Road, Near to Door No.-1-1-201, Pedaboddepalli Revenue Village of Narsipatnam Municipality, Narsipatnam Mandal, Anakpalli District as followed by Site Measurements: East : 37.6 Feet or 11.46 Mtrs -20 feets Road South: 84.5 feet or 25.77 Mtrs-Site of Satyam Dora West: 37.6 feet or 11.46 Mtrs- Site of K.Surya Kumari North: 84.5 Feet or 25.77 Mtrs- Site of Sadanala Ravikumar Between the above said site measurements having Constructed a Group House by nameSRK Residency, of 1/7 th share of Un-Divided & Un-Specified Share of 50.428 Sq.Yrds. toward east side of Flat No.G-1, constructed as 1100 Sq.Ft or 102.19 Sq.Mtrs including all Common areas Balcony Area followed by boundaries: East: Open to Sky South: Open to Sky West: Hose of Sreegakolapu Jogi Rajanaresh and Manikumar (West Side of G-2) North: Open to Sky

In case of failure to repay the aforesaid dues within a period of 60 (sixty) days, the undersigned shall be constrained to enforce the above Secured Assets under the provisions of the Act. Please note that as per section 13(13) of the Act, you are restrained from dealing with or transferring any of the secured assets referred to herewith, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise. Any contravention of this provision is an offence and punishable under the Act. The copy of demand notice is available with the undersigned and the Borrower(s) may, if they so desire, can collect the same from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

Date: 31.10.2026 Place: Andhra Pradesh Sd/-, Authorized Officer, Clix Capital Services Pvt. Ltd.

IndusInd Bank IndusInd Bank Limited, New No. 34, Old No. 115/116, 2nd Floor G.N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar, Chennai – 600017, Tamil Nadu, India.

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GL Account No	Customer Name	Branch	Branch Contact No.	Gold Weight In Grams
704001451327	P JUNAID MAHABOOB BASHA	Ananthpur	7799003411	46.05

Auction Place: Indusind Bank Limited,12-2-958, Sai Nagar 2nd Cross, Opp To Siu Church, Beside Baby Hospital, Anantapur- 515001

GL Account No	Customer Name	Branch	Branch Contact No.	Gold Weight In Grams
704001418900	PASAM SRINU	Ramachandrapuram	7013608504	18.9

Auction Place: Indusind Bank Limited, Ground Floor, "Krishnam Raju Complex", 28-1-7/1, Main Road, Ramachandrapuram- 533 255, East Godavari Dist, AP

GL Account No	Customer Name	Branch	Branch Contact No.	Gold Weight In Grams
704001406075	KARREDDULA THANUJA	Bapatla	9849247125	9.7

Auction Place: IndusInd Bank Ltd,# 6-7-6/1, GBC Road, Near Old bus stop, Bapatla, Andhra Pradesh-522101

GL Account No	Customer Name	Branch	Branch Contact No.	Gold Weight In Grams
704001475453	KODI SURESH	Kurnool	7386537338	9.75

Auction Place: Indusind Bank Limited,40/581, S.V.Complex, R. S. Road,'Kurnool - 518004 , Andhra Pradesh

GL Account No	Customer Name	Branch	Branch Contact No.	Gold Weight In Grams
704001446231	DOOPATHI SHYAM KUMAR	Saraswathi Nagar	7013972300	7.92

Auction Place: Indusind Bank Limited ,87/1376-8,Saraswathi Nagar, Kallur, Kurnool- 518002, Andhra Pradesh

GL Account No	Customer Name	Branch	Branch Contact No.	Gold Weight In Grams
704001520641/ 704001520405/ 704001521242	JANGARAMA BHAGAVATULA NAGARAJU	Kurnool	7386537338	152.46

Auction Place: Indusind Bank Limited,40/581, S.V.Complex, R. S. Road,'Kurnool - 518004 , Andhra Pradesh

GL Account No	Customer Name	Branch	Branch Contact No.	Gold Weight In Grams
704001398097	KUMMARI VENKATESH	Kurnool	7386537338	32.08

Auction Place: Indusind Bank Limited,40/581, S.V.Complex, R. S. Road,'Kurnool - 518004 , Andhra Pradesh

GL Account No	Customer Name	Branch	Branch Contact No.	Gold Weight In Grams
704001284659	VENKATESH ANTHATI ANTHATI	Choutuppal	8019999800	29.85

Auction Place: Indusind Bank Limited, Upper Ground Floor, GSNA Complex, 3-326/2/B, beside APGVB, Choutuppal, Telangana – 508252

GL Account No	Customer Name	Branch	Branch Contact No.	Gold Weight In Grams
704001499343	PEDANA BOYINA MAHESWARI	Ongole	6281772917	36.31

Auction Place: Indusind Bank limited, Ward No.6, Block No17, T.S.No.684, 685, Kamasastri Street, Santhapeta, Ongole, DIST - PRAKASAM

GL Account No	Customer Name	Branch	Branch Contact No.	Gold Weight In Grams
704001519287	THANNEERU DURGA PRAVEEN	Ongole	6281772917	26.7

Auction Place: Indusind Bank limited, Ward No.6, Block No17, T.S.No.684, 685, Kamasastri Street, Santhapeta, Ongole, DIST - PRAKASAM

GL Account No	Customer Name	Branch	Branch Contact No.	Gold Weight In Grams
704001190417	MOHAMMAD KHAN	Gachibowli	9949659854	16.14

Auction Place: Indusind Bank Limited,Ground Floor, Plot No 188 & 189, Block/Unit no 1 & 2, Survey No. Janardhana Hills, Opp Telecom Nagar Colony, Gachibowli, Hyderabad- 500 032,Telangana

GL Account No	Customer Name	Branch	Branch Contact No.	Gold Weight In Grams
704001381235	MOHD KHALEEQ UR RAHMAN	Gachibowli	9949659854	43.76

Auction Place: Indusind Bank Limited,Ground Floor, Plot No 188 & 189, Block/Unit no 1 & 2,Survey No. Janardhana Hills, Opp Telecom Nagar Colony, Gachibowli, Hyderabad- 500 032,Telangana

GL Account No	Customer Name	Branch	Branch Contact No.	Gold Weight In Grams
704001466666/ 704001478621	PONUGOTI MADHUSUDHAN REDDY	Nanakramguda	9393093637	38.3

Auction Place: Indusind Bank Limited,Ground floor (UGF), bearing Suervey no. 77,Tollgate, Nanakramguda, seerilingampally, Hyd – 500032, Telangana

GL Account No	Customer Name	Branch	Branch Contact No.	Gold Weight In Grams
704001473374	VIJAYA BHAVANI KAKULLA	Kukatpally	7396302179	33.75

Auction Place: Indusind Bank Limited,Ground Floor, " Bhagyanagar Complex", H. No 12-6-11/4, Sy. No. 581, Main Road, Kukatpally, Hyderabad- 500 072, Telangana

GL Account No	Customer Name	Branch	Branch Contact No.	Gold Weight In Grams
704001353218	NANDIPATI NAGARAJU	Tirupati	9948449450	21

Auction Place: IndusInd Bank Limited, Tirupati Branch, D.No.6-8-1250, Priya Towers, NGOs Colony, Near Anna Rao Circle,KT road, Tirupati-517501.

GL Account No	Customer Name	Branch	Branch Contact No.	Gold Weight In Grams
719000019553	GOMPA SRINU	Vizag	9581355585	147.4

Auction Place: Indusind Bank Limited,CDR Hospital, A. S. Raja Complex 'Waltair Main Road, Visakhapatnam 530 002

Date of auction is 1st December 2026 from 10.00 AM onwards

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EDITORIAL

SHOULD CINEMA IMPROVE SOCIETY OR SPOIL ITS THINKING?

Indian cinema is not merely a source of entertainment, but a powerful cultural force that influences society's thinking, sensibilities, beliefs, and behavior. In a multilingual, multi-religious, and diverse country like India, cinema plays a vital role in building social consciousness, strengthening cultural identity, and shaping public opinion. The stories portrayed on screen sometimes challenge societal stereotypes, and sometimes inadvertently reinforce them. Therefore, cinema should be evaluated not solely on the basis of its popularity or commercial success, but on the basis of its broader impact on society. The most positive role of cinema is to bring social issues into public discussion. Many problems exist in society that people perceive as personal experiences, but fail to understand their broader social implications. Films highlight these issues through human stories and inspire reflection. Aamir Khan's film Taare Zameen Par played a significant role in increasing sensitivity towards learning difficulties like dyslexia in children. It sent a message to the education system that every child has a unique ability and learning style. It is important to recognize children's unique talents rather than compare them. Similarly, Padman played a role in breaking the social silence and raising awareness on issues like menstrual hygiene.

Indian cinema has also made significant interventions in the areas of women's dignity, equality, and rights. The film Pink focused on the question of consent, making it clear that a woman's clothing, social behavior, or presence in a given space cannot substitute for her consent. Similarly, Thappad raised questions about domestic violence and the importance of respect in marital relationships. Such films challenge social notions that expect women to endure injustice in the name of family prestige. While films cannot bring about social change on their own, they can certainly lay the ideological groundwork for change.

Cinema also plays an important role in raising awareness against caste discrimination and social inequality. Anubhav Sinha's Article 15 effectively presented caste discrimination, social deprivation, and institutionalized inequalities. It allowed audiences to understand that despite constitutional equality, the challenges of discrimination in social behavior can persist. When films feature the struggles, aspirations, and experiences of marginalized communities, they also bring voices to a wider audience, often lacking adequate representation in mainstream discourse.

Cinema is also an effective medium for strengthening national unity and collective identity. Chak De! India conveyed the message of cooperation, discipline, and national pride through a team of women athletes from diverse regional and cultural backgrounds. Rang De Basanti inspired youth to reflect on issues such as civic responsibility, corruption, and democratic participation. Such stories demonstrate that patriotism need not be limited to slogans, but also manifest through raising voices against injustice and taking responsibility in public life. Regional cinema is also important in this regard. Kantara brought coastal Karnataka's local traditions, folk beliefs, and cultural connections with nature to a wider audience. This could increase interest in regional languages and folk cultures. But the other side of cinema is equally serious. In the pursuit of entertainment and commercial success, some films replicate social prejudices rather than challenge them.

WHY IS THERE NO FEAR OF LAW FOR CRIMINALS?

Saurabh Varshney



As much as digital technology has simplified life, it has also opened up new avenues for cybercriminals to defraud. Sometimes, people's savings are looted by posing as bank officials, and sometimes, people are intimidated by posing as officers from the police, CBI, Enforcement Directorate, or other investigative agencies. Using fake uniforms, government office-like backgrounds, and purported arrest orders on video calls, keeping individuals under psychological pressure for hours or even days and forcing them to transfer money is a dangerous form of this new crime. This is commonly referred to as "digital arrest." In reality, this is neither a legal arrest nor a prescribed legal process, but rather an organized fraud perpetrated through fear, confusion, and the misuse of technology.

The Supreme Court's designation of cyber fraud through digital arrest as "digital robbery" underscores the gravity of this crime. The need for a stricter stance against such crimes by a bench headed by Chief Justice Surya Kant clearly demonstrates that this problem can no longer be dismissed as simple online fraud. It poses a serious threat to citizens' financial security, as well as their peace of mind, social standing, and faith in law and order. The most worrying feature of digital arrest is that criminals exploit the victim's vulnerability, social standing, and respect for the law. A person is informed via phone or video call that an illegal parcel has been sent in their name, that their bank account has been used for money laundering, or that they are a suspect in a serious criminal case. Then, a fake police officer or investigating agency representative threatens them with arrest, imprisonment, and family disrepute. The victim is instructed not to speak to anyone, to remain at home, and to remain on constant video calls. Ultimately, lakhs of rupees are extorted from him in the name of alleged investigation, verification or bail.

This crime isn't merely a theft of money. It involves mentally intimidating individuals to the point where they surrender years of savings, retirement money, and sometimes even their family's financial security to criminals. In many cases, victims are left unable to exercise their own judgment and discretion. This is why it's essential to understand digital arrest as a form of organized financial plunder through psychological pressure, rather than simply a technical crime. Incidents of elderly individuals being targeted in this crime are of particular concern. Senior citizens, who have secured their life savings, often have deep faith in the law and government institutions. When someone posing as a police officer threatens arrest, many elderly individuals panic and believe their words. Criminals exploit this fear. It's essential to reinforce the belief in society that no genuine investigative agency has the right to fake an arrest over a video call and force a citizen to deposit money into a personal bank account. Nor can any legitimate authority arbitrarily detain someone online and force them to transfer money. Invoking fear in the name of government institutions is also an attack on their reputation. Therefore, action against such criminals should aim not only at recovering money but also at eliminating artificial fear from the minds of citizens. Gaurav Kumar Saha and Nidhi Bhandari's petition before the Supreme Court sought to consolidate 35 cybercrime cases registered in 12 states. According to available information, the allegation is that their company's bank account was used to deposit and forward fraudulent funds. The petitioners claimed that they themselves were victims of fraud and that their accounts were used without their knowledge. This case also raises an important legal question. Cyber ??fraud proceeds often pass through multiple bank accounts. Criminals use other people's accounts, companies, and fake identities, making it difficult to reach the true beneficiaries. Therefore, it would not be appropriate to automatically assume the operator of an account is guilty simply because suspicious funds are deposited into an account. It is also essential that investigating agencies conduct an impartial investigation into the actual user of the account, the source of the funds, the nature of the transactions, digital evidence, and the role of the person involved. On the other hand, simply claiming that the account was used without knowledge cannot automatically absolve a person. Cooperation in the investigation, scrutiny of available evidence, and tracing the flow of funds are essential. The Supreme Court's observation that victims cannot be called to Delhi for the convenience of the accused and that investigations underway in different states cannot be influenced points to an important principle of justice. The judicial process aims to protect the interests of victims and ensure a fair investigation, rather than the convenience of the accused. However, the question of clubbing cases or coordinating investigations in different states should be decided based on facts and applicable law. Strictness does not mean denying an accused the opportunity to present their case. Strict action and impartial justice are not contradictory but rather two essential pillars of an effective justice system. Time is the most crucial factor in digital fraud cases. Once the defrauded funds are transferred from one account to another, they are transferred through multiple layers and then withdrawn. If investigating agencies fail to freeze suspicious funds in a timely manner, it becomes extremely difficult for victims to recover their funds. In this context, taking action to legally freeze suspicious assets or accounts based on solid evidence can be crucial.

However, this power must be exercised with clear legal grounds, adequate materials, and due process. Prolonged freezing of an innocent individual or legitimate business's account without reasonable grounds can cause serious financial harm. Therefore, action must be accompanied by a timely review, legal remedies available to affected individuals, and transparency in the investigation. Asset freezing should be an effective tool for investigation, not a means of punishing an individual without a hearing. In this context, any pre-trial punishment system requires special caution. Seizing the proceeds of crime, securing property, and convicting and sentencing an individual are distinct legal processes. Under the Constitution and the rule of law, final punishment must be based on due process and judicial decision. Regardless of the gravity of the offense, the presumption of innocence and the principles of a fair trial must be protected.

It is important to consider defining digital arrest as a separate crime and prescribing stringent punishments for it. Existing laws provide for action in many cases through provisions related to fraud, impersonation, criminal intimidation, misuse of identity, and cybercrime. However, given the specific nature of digital arrest, there is no denying the need for clarity in the law, standards of investigation, and strengthened coordination between various agencies. However, simply enacting a new law will not solve the problem. Cybercriminals constantly develop new techniques and methods to evade detection.

China's Mega-Dam on the Brahmaputra: A "Water Bomb" at India's Doorstep?

By Binish Thomas
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India faces a new strategic worry along its northeastern frontier. China has begun building what is meant to be the world's largest hydropower project on the Yarlung Tsangpo river, the upper stretch of what India calls the Brahmaputra. The site is in Medog (Motuo) County in Tibet, close to Arunachal Pradesh. The border dispute between the two countries has never been fully settled, so a project this large and this close adds to the tension.

The River and the Project

The river rises on the Tibetan plateau as the Yarlung Tsangpo, makes a sharp U-turn at the "Great Bend" near Medog, then enters Arunachal Pradesh as the Siang. In Assam it becomes the Brahmaputra, and in Bangladesh it is called the Jamuna. The dam is being built near that bend. The project is planned at 60,000 megawatts, nearly three times Three Gorges, and is designed to exploit the roughly 2,000-metre drop of the river around the Namcha Barwa massif. China announced the plan in December 2024, and work reportedly began in July 2025. It is a series of five cascade hydropower stations, projected for completion in the 2030s. Cost estimates run to roughly 1.2 trillion yuan (about US$167 billion).

Why Is It Seen as a Threat?

1. Location and geology. The dam is in a seismically active region of Medog County, bordering Arunachal Pradesh. Earthquakes, landslides and glacial lake bursts are real hazards in this part of the Himalayas, and a failure upstream would send a huge surge downstream with little warning.

2. Control over the flow. Sources in India's power ministry have said China could divert Brahmaputra water once the dam is built, which could cause shortages or flood-like conditions in Arunachal Pradesh and Assam. There is no water-sharing treaty between India and China, so India depends largely on data sharing and goodwill. Arunachal Chief Minister Pema Khandu has called it a "water bomb".

3. Border tension. The dam's closeness to the contested border ties water security to the territorial dispute. Any sudden release or restriction of water could also be read as a strategic signal.

What If There Is an Accident or Sudden Release?

The most exposed areas would be:

- Arunachal Pradesh: the Siang valley, including Tuting, Upper Siang, Siang and East Siang districts, would be hit first and hardest by a flash flood.
- Assam: the Brahmaputra valley is already flood-prone every monsoon, with erosion and displacement. A surge would worsen this.
- Meghalaya: one assessment lists Meghalaya among the areas whose people could be affected.
- Bangladesh: the river continues there as the Jamuna, so it is a downstream victim too.

The river system supports nearly 130 million people and about six million hectares of farmland.

Impact on Farming in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh

- Dry-season shortage: the dam could reduce water availability in the dry season and worsen flood risk during the monsoon. That would hurt irrigation for winter and spring crops.
- Loss of silt: reduced sediment flow could seriously affect soil fertility in the floodplains of Assam and Bangladesh. The river's silt is what keeps the valley's farmland fertile.
- Fisheries and livelihoods: Assam's opposition leader Debabrata Saikia has warned of worse flooding and soil erosion, threatening agriculture, fisheries and rural livelihoods.
- Hydropower and drinking water: flow changes could also affect hydropower generation and drinking water, especially in the northeastern states.

The Other Views

- The Brahmaputra is not fed by Tibet alone. Most of its water comes from Bhutan, Arunachal Pradesh and rainfall in Assam. The monsoon, not Tibet, supplies the bulk of the flow in Assam.
- Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said in July 2025 that the dam may even help Assam. China has defended the project.

This is a contested area of analysis. The real impact depends on dam design, how it is operated, and whether China shares data.

India's Response: The Siang Upper Multipurpose Project India is pushing an 11,000 MW hydropower and flood-control dam on the Siang in Arunachal Pradesh, in response. Arunachal's deputy chief minister has argued it could help regulate downstream flows and reduce flood risk. The project is controversial locally. Sections of indigenous communities oppose it over displacement, environmental and livelihood concerns, and protests escalated on October 23 with a 12-hour bandh. The unrest reportedly turned violent, with buildings torched. Some villages have given consent for survey work.

What India Should Do

- Push for a binding water-data sharing agreement, with year-round hydrological data, not just monsoon-season data.
- Build flood early-warning systems and strengthen disaster preparedness in Arunachal Pradesh and Assam.
- Commission independent environmental and seismic assessments of its own dams, and win local consent before building.
- Raise the issue with Bangladesh to build a joint downstream position.

The dam is a serious concern, but it is not yet a proven weapon. The main risks are an accident in a quake-prone zone, reduced silt and dry-season flow, and the lack of any trust-based water agreement. India's best answer is a mix of diplomacy, preparedness and carefully planned infrastructure that also respects its own tribal communities.

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❑ Cyclone Arnab: people airlifted from villages

UP GOVT TO DENY JOBS OVER INVOLVEMENT IN 'REGIME CHANGE' ACTS

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New Delhi: Candidates found involved in violent attempts at "regime change" can now be denied Uttar Pradesh government jobs, under tightened character verification rules that also bar rejection based on political beliefs alone. The Yogi Adityanath government has revised the norms for candidates selected through direct recruitment. The move comes amid a controversy over calls for "regime change" during recent protests. The order says authorities cannot reject an applicant merely because a First Information Report (FIR) has been registered against them or because an investigation is pending. Nor can a candidate be disqualified for holding a particular political view. Any decision must rest on the circumstances covered by the verification rules, including involvement in violent activities. According ot a Hindi News Portal, Prabhasakshi, the order was issued by M Devraj, Principal Secretary of the Appointment and Personnel Department. It covers departments, corporations, councils, authorities and local bodies.



Cooperation Minister Dr. Arvind Sharma expressed gratitude to CM Saini for announcing Rs 450 per quintal for sugarcane



Chandigarh , October 30. Haryana's Cooperation , Prisons , Tourism , Elections and Heritage Minister Dr. Arvind Sharma expressed his gratitude to Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini for announcing an increase in sugarcane prices for the next two years. He said that this announcement by the Chief Minister will directly benefit thousands of sugarcane producing farmers in the state. It will also help in expanding the scope of sugarcane cultivation and providing adequate quantities of sugarcane to cooperative sugar mills. Cooperation Minister Dr. Arvind Sharma said that Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini has announced an increase in the price of sugarcane from Rs. 415 to Rs. 430 per quintal for the 2026-27 crushing season . This is an increase of Rs. 15 per quintal compared to last year. Additionally, the Chief Minister has announced an increase in the price of sugarcane to Rs. 450 per quintal for the next crushing season, 2027-28 . Thus, the price of sugarcane will increase by a total of Rs. 35 per quintal over two years.

Dr. Arvind Sharma stated that, as announced by the Chief Minister , this increase in sugarcane prices is expected to increase farmers' income by 10,000 to 11,500 rupees per acre per season. He added that receiving a profitable price for their crop will increase farmers' interest in sugarcane cultivation. This will ensure adequate sugarcane availability for the state's cooperative sugar mills, improving their efficiency and financial situation. The Cooperative Minister stated that the state government is continuously striving to protect the interests of sugarcane farmers and make cooperative sugar mills self-reliant. Work is also underway to modernize sugar mills , establish ethanol plants , better utilize available resources, and ensure timely payment to farmers.

SC seeks clarity on 100 pc ethanol supply for E100 run vehicles

AGENCY



New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Thursday, October 29, sought to know from the government that if permission has been given to have 100 per cent ethanol-run vehicles, then how will the supply be made. On October 26, the Road Transport Ministry notified changes to the Central Motor Vehicles Rules 1989, allowing flex-fuel vehicles that can run on up to E100 (nearly pure ethanol). E100 fuel allows vehicles to run on nearly pure ethanol. On October 27, Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said the Centre has no immediate plan to increase the ethanol blending in petrol beyond the current 20 per cent. While hearing pleas concerning ethanol allocation for Ethanol Supply Year (ESY) 2025-26, the apex court on Thursday referred to recent media reports on the issue. "Day before yesterday, we saw some newspaper reports wherein it is stated that 100 per cent ethanol-driven vehicles are permitted," a bench of Justices M M Sundresh and Prasanna B Varale said. "Academically, we want to know if the permission is given, how will you make the supply?" it asked.

Cyclone Arnab: HM Amit Shah speaks with CMs of affected states



New Delhi: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday, October 29, spoke with the chief ministers of Andhra Pradesh, Puducherry, Odisha and Chhattisgarh in the wake of Cyclone Arnab, and assured all assistance to mitigate the hardships of the people. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) had said in a bulletin on Wednesday night that the severe cyclonic storm over coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam and the adjoining Bay of Bengal had moved slowly at around 8 kmph over the preceding six hours and weakened into a cyclonic storm.

BIG SPENDING, RUSHED PREPS: NASHIK KUMBH AIMS TO OUTMATCH PRAYAGRAJ'S



PROBE AGAINST GYANESH KUMAR OVER 2006 ROAD PROJECT ONGOING: MINISTER

AGENCY



Thiruvananthapuram: Keralam Public Works Department Minister P K Basheer on Thursday, October 29, said a preliminary inquiry by the VACB ordered in connection with allegations of corruption in a road project undertaken two decades ago when CEC Gyanesh Kumar was the PWD secretary was ongoing and its report is not yet available. Basheer was responding to queries, during the question hour in the state Assembly, by BJP MLAs B B Gopakumar, V Muraleedharan and Rajeev Chandrasekhar regarding the status of the vigilance probe initiated in the matter. The minister also said that the preliminary enquiry was ordered as there were certain discrepancies in the probe conducted into the matter in 2006 by the Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau (VACB). He also told the House that a loss of Rs 700 crore was caused to the government due to the alleged irregularities committed by officials in connection with the project.

The minister was referring to the alleged corruption in the Kerala State Transport Project (KSTP), undertaken in 2006 when Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar was serving as Public Works Department secretary.

In 2006, the KSTP undertook a World Bank-funded project worth Rs 215 crore to reconstruct the MC Road from Angamaly to Thiruvananthapuram.

CONGRESS QUESTIONS BJP OVER RAM TEMPLE DONATION THEFT CASE

AGENCY



New Delhi: The Congress on Thursday, October 29, attacked the BJP after charges reportedly could not be framed against the accused for the third time in the Ram temple donation theft case, asking why are former temple trust officials like Champat Rai and Anil Mishra witnesses instead of accused and when will the role of "big people" be investigated. The opposition party also asked why Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is "always at the forefront of taking credit" for the temple, now backing away from accountability. In a post in Hindi on X, Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh said, "'Chanda Chori, Aastha Dhokha'. We have been stating from day one that the BJP government wants to protect the real big thieves. Now, in the Ram Mandir donation theft case, charges could not be framed against eight accused for the third time either. The accused appeared via video conferencing, but the demand to provide video footage and audio remains pending." "The question is, whose secrets will be exposed if the full video footage and audio of the Ram Mandir come to light? There is suspicion in the minds of the people of the country that the complete footage and audio could reveal crucial secrets related to the theft of donations and the complicity of 'big people'," Ramesh said.

RAHUL URGES PEOPLE TO JOIN 'CHALO DILLI' MARCH TO 'SAVE DEMOCRACY'

Highlights

- Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Thursday, October 29, asserted that the opposition INDIA bloc's November 1 march is to save democracy, put an end to "vote theft", and protect the Constitution, as he urged student groups, regardless of their political affiliation, to join it.



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New Delhi: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Thursday, October 29, asserted that the opposition INDIA bloc's November 1 march is to save democracy, put an end to "vote theft", and protect the Constitution, as he urged student groups, regardless of their political affiliation, to join it. In a video on X, Gandhi said it is a singular protest for the nation. "The 'Chalo Delhi' Ramlila March is a march to save democracy, to put an end to the theft of votes, and to protect the Constitution," the leader of opposition in the Lok Sabha said. This is not a march for any single political party; it is a march for the very soul of India, he asserted. "To all those who are fed up with Narendra Modi, Amit Shah and Gyanesh Kumar, and everyone who wishes to save democracy and defend the Constitution, I invite you all to join," Gandhi said. Don't worry about police, don't worry about lathis. The BJP will not have the guts to try any of their antics, he said. "Come march with us – we will walk together to protect the Constitution, to protect the Indian nation," he said. "I urge all student groups, regardless of your political affiliation – if you feel that India is under attack, if you feel you are under attack, your expression, your ideas, your way of thinking is under attack, come and join us," he said. "It will be a fantastic march, and it's a march for the soul of this country," Gandhi said. "Looking forward to seeing all of you there," he added. The INDIA bloc will be holding a "public impeachment" proceeding against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar on October 30 at Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's 10, Rajaji Marg residence, over alleged irregularities in the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls. After the public impeachment, there will be 'Dilli Chalo March' against "vote chori" culminating at Ramlila Maidan on November 1, and a rally will be held there.

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Residents leave devastated Russian-occupied Oleshky as evacuation corridor opens



The evacuation of the Russian-occupied Ukrainian city of Oleshky is under way, Russian and Ukrainian authorities have confirmed. A ceasefire, brokered by US First Lady Melania Trump, has been in force in the entire frontline region of Kherson since Tuesday, allowing for the road out of Oleshky to be demined. Residents of Oleshky who wished to leave had a four-hour window to do so. A convoy of 25 buses was brought in to allow up to 750 people to leave the town until 14:00 (12:00 GMT), along with ambulances for people with limited mobility. Several hundred people are understood to have decided to stay, despite the widespread devastation and the lack of gas, electricity and running water. "Everyone who wishes to leave Oleshky will be given the opportunity to do so safely," Ukraine's human rights ombudsman Dmytro Lubinets said. "At the same time, those who decide to remain will be able to stay and will receive all the necessary humanitarian assistance." Ukrainian territory lies 5km (3.1miles) from Oleshky, but the evacuees will first have to travel into Russian-occupied territory and then to the southern Russian city of Anapa. They will board a Russian government plane to Gomel in Belarus, and then drive across the border into Ukraine's Chernihiv region. Lubinets and his Russian counterpart Yana Lantratova travelled to Oleshky together on Friday, setting off from Armiansk, in the Russian-occupied Crimean peninsula. Lubinets is the first Ukrainian official since the start of the war to visit Russian-occupied parts of Ukraine. He will also become the first to visit Russia when he escorts the evacuees back into Ukraine on Saturday. The Oleshky ceasefire has required close cooperation with Lantratova, which Lubinets said he carried out in the interests of saving lives. But some in Ukraine have recoiled at the sight of him standing beside a representative of the Russian occupying power which has killed so many of the city's residents and made life unbearable for the rest. Both Lubinets and Lantratova posted videos from Oleshky on their social media channels, saying people were given the chance to form two groups depending on whether they wanted to be taken to Russian-controlled territory or to Ukraine. In one video, Lubinets can be seen meeting tearful locals. "The problem is that a lot of people are staying," he can be heard saying. "I was told that it was their own choice, we will do everything possible for the humanitarian aid to arrive." Russia said on Thursday that it had prepared "dozens of tonnes" of aid for the residents who do not wish to leave, including food, medicine, hygiene products and fuel for generators. An Oleshky resident told the BBC she had decided against leaving because "they wouldn't take my animals, so that's it." Olena, who now lives in Kyiv, said her grandmother and wider family in Oleshky were also staying behind. "The older generation does not want to leave," she told the BBC. "I've barely managed to persuade my father - and only because I've just had a baby, who he would never see otherwise." Olena's grandmother's sister died in Oleshky last winter. "She lost her legs after stepping on a landmine, covered in snow... People took her to the hospital in a garden wheelbarrow," Olena said. "That's how locals transport all wounded and dead people in Oleshky to the hospital and the hospital's morgue: in garden wheelbarrows." The ceasefire is due to be in force until the end of Sunday 1 November. It has provided the first few days of peace in the Kherson region since the start of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. Residents of Kherson told the BBC they were "overjoyed" by the ceasefire. However, they are concerned the truce has given Russia time to build up its military presence on the banks of the Dnipro river, which could result in a renewed assault once the ceasefire expires. On Friday, the Kremlin made it clear that the success of the Oleshky ceasefire should not be interpreted as willingness to extend the truce to the rest of Ukraine. A handful of foreign journalists have been invited to witness the evacuation of the town, which Moscow is expected to present as a humanitarian mission conducted with mercy to protect the people of Oleshky. Many Ukrainians suspect Russia's real intention is to earn credit with the White House, and to provide US President Donald Trump with a boost ahead of next week's midterm elections.

SPAIN TRANSPORT MINISTER SAYS HE WON'T RESIGN OVER HIGH-SPEED RAIL DISASTER



Spain's transport minister says he won't resign over the high-speed rail collision that has left at least 69 people dead. Óscar Puente told a news conference in Madrid he had "nothing to hide" while repeating the government's vow to get to the bottom of the disaster, saying many questions needed to be answered. "My duty right now is not to talk about whether I should remain in my position, but to resolve the problem," Puente said. The transport minister has been facing calls to step down in the aftermath of the tragedy, including from political rivals, a trade union and demonstrators who protested outside the transport ministry on Wednesday night. Dozens were killed and many more injured when a state-operated Renfe high-speed train smashed into the back of another stationary train operated by the Iryo company near the town of Urda, in the central Toledo province, on Wednesday morning. A preliminary report released by transport investigators late on Thursday found the Renfe train was travelling between 160km/h (99.4mph) and 200km/h when the collision occurred, causing its front carriage to become embedded in the tail of the stationary train. Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez said earlier on Friday that public trust in Spain's high-speed rail network had been broken and repeated it was "unacceptable" that there had been two similar tragedies within a year. In January a collision on the same Madrid-Seville route killed 46 people in Adamuz in southern Spain. Wednesday's tragedy was one of the worst rail disasters in Europe's modern history, and Spain's worst crash since 2013. Puente said on Wednesday a computer failure at about 08:30 that morning led to the initial halt of six moving trains, including the two trains that subsequently collided. Leaked audio recordings published in Spanish media revealed conversations between train drivers and a control centre just minutes before the crash. Three audio recordings between Madrid's control centre and two train drivers appear to show that one high-speed train was given clearance to move even though another train had stalled on the track, about 25km (15 miles) ahead. Puente had said that the decision to instruct the trains to move again, without any speed restrictions, was "inexplicable". The leaking of the audio recordings has been criticised by some Spanish politicians, with Alberto Ibáñez, a member of Congress for the left-wing Sumar platform, writing on X that they were "despicable". Meanwhile, Irene Montero - the prime ministerial candidate for the left-wing Podemos party - said responsibility for the crash should not be placed on one worker, adding that train drivers and experts have been warning against the liberalisation of the railway sector for years. On Friday Puente said he was "not going to use any worker as a shield". But he said "many questions" arose as a result of the tragedy and he wanted to look at them "one by one". "If the investigation shows there is human error we will act in consequence of that," he said. The conservative People's Party joined calls for Puente's resignation after trade union CSIF called for the same earlier this week.

US inmate Christa Pike says she woke up 'confused and in pain' after failed execution



US death row inmate Christa Pike has released her first public statement since her botched execution in September. "There hasn't been a moment since that night when I haven't been in pain," she said in the statement. "My body hurts. My arms hurt. My hands hurt. My throat hurts. I still struggle to speak. And the pain isn't just physical. There is pain in my mind and in my soul." Pike, 50, was discharged from hospital at the end of last month after surviving two lethal injections of the drug pentobarbital, which left her in a critical condition. She has since been sent back to the prison where she has spent the last 30 years for murdering Colleen Slemmer in 1995. Pike is thought to be the only person to have survived an execution attempt by lethal injection. "I am recovering, and I know that I am getting stronger," she said in her statement on Friday. "But healing is not the same as being okay." Her lawyers previously said she had suffered from pneumonia following the attempted execution, had significant swelling on her arms and was also unable to swallow. Pike was 18 when she and her then-boyfriend, Tadaryl Shipp, beat, tortured and killed 19-year-old Slemmer, whom they had met at a job training camp for low-income young people. Shipp was spared the death penalty because he was not legally an adult when the crime was committed. He remains in prison. Pike's botched execution captivated and shocked the world last month and shocked Pike, too.

Democratic senator blames Egypt press crackdown on US military aid decision



A top Democratic senator has blamed a crackdown on independent journalism in Egypt on a decision by the Trump administration to waive human rights conditions on US military funding to the country. Chris Murphy, who sits on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, accused the US government of "abandoning" the Egyptian people after it lifted restrictions relating to more than $300m of defence assistance. Over the last month a series of arrests has taken place of journalists at two of the few remaining independent news outlets in Egypt, where newspapers and TV stations are closely controlled by the authorities. The US State Department told the BBC it waived conditions on a portion of military aid to Egypt in September due to the country's "importance to US national security interests". Murphy, speaking at the Middle East Institute (MEI) in Washington this week, said he was in no doubt the two were linked. "The minute that money was released, the crackdown began in an absolutely devastating way," he said. On Tuesday a court in Cairo ordered the closure of the news website Madr Masa and fined its editor-in-chief Lina Attalah in what Amnesty International called "a crushing blow to press freedom". Earlier this month, authorities arrested six journalists at the independent fact-checking platform Matsda2sh and charged them with belonging to the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood. Cairo has remained a close regional ally of the US despite what human rights groups say are widespread abuses under President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi's government, including torture and enforced disappearances. Sisi denies there are political prisoners in Egypt. He has previously said stability and security are paramount, adding authorities have promoted rights by trying to provide basic needs such as jobs and housing. Washington sends Egypt £1.3bn ($1.73bn) per year, making it one of the world's biggest recipients of US military assistance. US law allows up to £320m of the funding to be withheld, conditioned on Egypt meeting democracy and human rights requirements. But these restrictions can be waived by the administration on national security grounds. In September, Secretary of State Marco Rubio waived human rights conditions on $320m of military aid in light of Egypt's role since the launch of the US war with Iran, according to a letter addressed to various Congressional committees. Egypt assisted negotiations between the US and Iran. Exercising the waiver authority was "essential" for the US-Egypt relationship, "particularly in light of Egypt's helpful role following Operation Epic Fury," according to the September 4 memo seen by Reuters which bore Rubio's signature. Asked by the BBC about the move in light of this month's arrests of journalists, the State Department said the waiver was "due to Egypt's importance to US national security interests, the concrete security cooperation Egypt provides to the United States, and the need to maintain that cooperation to address regional security challenges". It added it maintained dialogue with Cairo on a "full range of issues" but would "not comment on private diplomatic conversations".

PROMINENT RUSSIAN NEWSPAPER SHUTS DOWN UNDER PRESSURE FROM AUTHORITIES



For the last three decades, Novaya Gazeta has been one of the most high-profile independent news outlets in Russia. Now it's shutting down - and it has accused the Russian authorities of the "murder" of a newspaper. "They've killed us," reads a statement on the Novaya Gazeta website. "The newspaper is no more. The Russian authorities and Russian special services have forced the paper to stop its work." Novaya Gazeta has received an eviction order. Crucially, at the same time, the system that had allowed the paper to receive donations from readers was disabled. That leaves no way to fund the publication. Novaya Gazeta had developed a reputation for fearless investigative reporting on subjects such as corruption, human rights violations and abuse of power by officials and bureaucrats - dangerous topics in Russia. The paper said that over time six journalists connected with the paper were killed for "fulfilling their professional and civic duty." Those reporters include Anna Politkovskaya, who was shot dead in the stairwell of her apartment block 20 years ago this month. Among the subjects she had reported on were the wars in Chechnya.



Six dead after helicopter crashes in northern Indian state

US tech stocks see sharp falls over AI cost fears



US stocks have continued to slide as concerns continue to intensify over the increasing costs of the artificial intelligence (AI) build out. Shares in Intel continued their overnight slide into early trading on Friday, falling as much as 30% after the chip maker warned of a weaker computer market even as it plans to increase spending on AI. Amazon shares fell as far as 6% before recovering after its reported earnings on Thursday evening fell short of investors' expectations. The tech-heavy Nasdaq stock exchange opened on Friday at its lowest level in more than two months, down 2.5%, as other tech stocks including Reddit and Roblox continued to fall. The losses follow the value of Google owner Alphabet plunging by more than $500bn on Thursday after it revealed its own AI summaries were affecting its core search advertising revenue. Alphabet stock continued to fall in early trading, down 1% after Thursday's massive slide. The bigger losses on Friday were elsewhere, with Intel on track to lose more than $130bn in value after its earnings update rattled investors. On Thursday, Intel's finance chief David Zinsner said the firm did not expect to bring in more cash than it spent this year, and forecast lower-than-expected revenue for its fourth quarter. "Looking ahead, we see the PC slowdown continuing at least through the first half of next year," he said in the chip maker's third quarter earnings report. In the earnings call, he said the firm had significantly ramped up investment in equipment in the third quarter and expected that to be "even more significant" in the following three months. Reddit stock was down by 26%, after the social media platform revealed weaker-than-expected daily user figures and warned that Google's growing AI-driven search was hurting referral traffic. Stock in online game platform Roblox also fell, down by nearly 20%, as its daily active user numbers dropped. Several major tech firms have reported earnings this week, including Microsoft, and analysts said there were questions about the payout from the huge investments in AI. Chris Low, from investment management firm FHN Financial, said the bulk of what was happening in the stock market was in reaction to some of the biggest tech players such as Amazon and Google. He told Reuters the companies were "showing some pretty significant growing pains as they aggressively pursue the AI build-out".



HOW LEBRON JAMES' MOTHER, GLORIA, RAISED HIM THROUGH ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT PERIODS OF HIS CHILDHOOD

LeBron James is a well-known basketball player and a four-time NBA champion. Gloria was very young when she became a mother and raised LeBron on her own as his father was not around. They faced many challenges in his early days, like financial problems and a struggle to find a steady home. Even during their most challenging time, she tried to give her son a better life. His story was shaped by Gloria's efforts and the people who supported them. How Gloria James Raised LeBron as a Single Mother Gloria worked to provide for her son despite the problems she faced. The situation became even harder when they lost her mother, Freda James Howard, who had helped them. As a young woman finding her own way she tried her best to make sure her son had everything he needed. She always encouraged and inspired him to do better when he started playing. LeBron James' Early Life and Childhood Struggles LeBron James grew up in Akron, Ohio. His mother was only 16 years old when she gave birth to him. She did not have a particularly stable job which made it tough for them to afford housing, so they moved around a lot. Although they initially lived in a house that belonged to Gloria's family, they later had to move out after Gloria's mother passed away. How Moving Between Homes Affected LeBron's Childhood When LeBron was around nine years old, he missed around 100 days of school because of unstable housing. After that, one of his youth coaches, Frank Walker, invited him to stay with him and his family. This arrangement gave LeBron a stable home environment and gave his life the schedule and discipline kids need while growing up. Walker introduced him to basketball and encouraged him to pursue the sport. It was a tough adjustment but it gave him the chances he had been missing out on. His interest in basketball helped him be more consistent at school and he spent more time developing his skills. How Gloria James Helped Shape LeBron's NBA Journey Basketball soon became a major part of LeBron's life. With encouragement from Frank and Gloria, he spent his time practising and learning the game. During his years at St. Vincent–St. Mary High School, his performance drew the attention of the big leagues. In 2003, LeBron was the overall first pick for the Cleveland Cavaliers in the NBA Draft.

Virat Kohli's Arrival Causes Chaos At Auckland Airport, Fans Go Berserk



Virat Kohli is truly a global cricketing superstar. As the veteran batter reached the Auckland airport, ahead of the ODI series against New Zealand, fans turned up in huge numbers just to get a glimpse of the Team India superstar. Requests for selfies, autographs, and handshakes made the situation quite chaotic, prompting even some officials to get involved and create space for Kohli to walk out of the airport. A total of 5 security personnel were assigned for fan management, but the sheer number of people who turned up to see Kohli made the situation a little difficult to manage. Some even reportedly jumped security for a picture or an autograph with him. A few videos that have surfaced on social media suggested that fans have been at the airport for several hours, some even for a couple of days, just to see Kohli. Some female fans even started to cry upon seeing Kohli, prompting the India batter to oblige their requests. Kohli is a part of the ODI series against the Kiwis, which starts on November 04. India play a total of 5 matches against the hosts in the 50-over format, before the 2-match Test assignment begins. Other members of India's ODI team, including KL Rahul, Shubman Gill and Rohit Sharma, have also reached Auckland. Gill, in fact, was even spotted training with the Indian T20 team in Auckland on Thursday. Gill, India's ODI captain, was even seen wearing a fitness-tracking device called 'temple' on his forehead during the training session. Wicketkeeper-batter KL Rahul and pacer Gurnoor Brar have also joined the Indian squad. Gill was seen engaged in a conversation with Abhishek Sharma, his close friend and India's T20I opener, who smashed 113 off just 38 balls in the third T20I at Wellington while chasing a target of 199. India have an unbeatable 3-0 lead in the series. At the nets, Ishan Kishan, who is recovering from a groin injury, and Rahul also had a batting session. The India skipper had a conversation with batting coach Sitanshu Kotak as well before taking his turn in the nets.

Gautam Gambhir Targeted By 4 IPL Teams For Coach's Role, Discussion Held With One: Report



Team India head coach Gautam Gambhir's term with the national side currently runs until the 2027 ODI World Cup, but several Indian Premier League (IPL) franchises are reportedly already attempting to court him. Reports suggest that four IPL franchises have held internal discussions regarding bringing Gambhir back in a mentorship role. Gambhir is currently in New Zealand with the national team, where India holds an unassailable 3-0 lead in an ongoing five-match T20I series. While his contract with the Indian team runs until the end of the 2027 World Cup, an extension through the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics has not been ruled out. Before succeeding Rahul Dravid as India's head coach following Kolkata Knight Riders' (KKR) IPL victory in 2024, Gambhir served as a mentor for both Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) and KKR. It was with these two franchises that Gambhir built his reputation as a master tactician who orchestrates matches effectively from behind the scenes. According to a report in Dainik Jagran, four franchises are keen to secure his services ahead of the IPL 2028 season. Should the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) offer him a contract extension, franchises may have to delay their plans. The report indicates that alongside his former franchise KKR, representatives from Gambhir's camp recently engaged in preliminary discussions with Rajasthan Royals. Additionally, two additional franchises have expressed interest in recruiting him as a coach or mentor for 2028. According to the publication, one franchise ranks among the IPL's most successful teams, while the other has yet to open its title account. While Gambhir's red-ball credentials continue to draw scrutiny, his acumen in white-ball cricket remains widely respected.

Prasidh Krishna Out Of ODI Series Against New Zealand, BCCI Announces Updates



The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has confirmed that pace bowler Prasidh Krishna has been ruled out of India's upcoming five-match ODI series against New Zealand after failing to clear his fitness test in time. In a statement, the Indian board said that the right-arm fast bowler, who is currently undergoing rehabilitation for a hamstring injury, requires further time to safely build up his bowling workload for competitive cricket. Subject to passing a Return to Play (RTP) assessment, Prasidh will link up with the India A squad for their third and final four-day match against New Zealand A to gain vital match fitness ahead of the upcoming Test series. Meanwhile, fellow pacer Mohammed Siraj is set to join the India A squad for the second four-day fixture against New Zealand A, which commences on October 31, 2026. Additionally, the BCCI has confirmed that all-rounder Nitish Kumar Reddy will remain with the senior national team for the first ODI against New Zealand on November 4, 2026. Following the opening fixture, Nitish will join the India A squad for the third four-day match against New Zealand A to get valuable match practice prior to the two-match Test series against New Zealand, starting November 19, 2026. Updated India A squad for the second four-day match: Dhruv Jurel (Captain & Wicketkeeper), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Sai Sudharsan, Devdutt Padikkal, Yash Rathod,Mukesh Choudhary, Mukesh Kumar, Manav Suthar, Kumar Kushagra (Wicketkeeper).

PV Sindhu Cruises Into Hylo Open Semi-Finals, To Face Compatriot Anmol Kharb



Double Olympic medallist PV Sindhu continued her impressive run, cruising into the women's singles semifinals of the Hylo Open Super 500 badminton tournament with a commanding win over Germany's Amalie Schulz, on Friday. Sindhu will next face compatriot Anmol Kharb in the semifinals after the latter knocked out sixth seed Unnati Hooda in a hard-fought three-game contest. The semifinal clash will thus ensure an Indian finalist in the women's singles event, with Sindhu and Anmol both eyeing a place in the title round. The former world champion Sindhu, who finished runner-up at French Open recently, needed just 27 minutes to get past Schulz 21-12, 21-10 and book her place in the last four.

Sindhu was in control throughout the contest, winning 42 of the 64 points played. She also won six consecutive points at one stage, twice as many as her opponent's best run of three points.

The Indian made a strong start in the opening game and maintained her advantage to take it 21-12. She continued in the same manner in the second game, giving Schulz little room to fight back before closing out the match 21-10.

Anmol prevailed 21-17, 18-21, 21-16 in a match that lasted one hour and eight minutes.

'People Like You With Your Passport': Sri Lanka Great Kumar Sangakkara Reveals Alleged Remark By Airport Staff

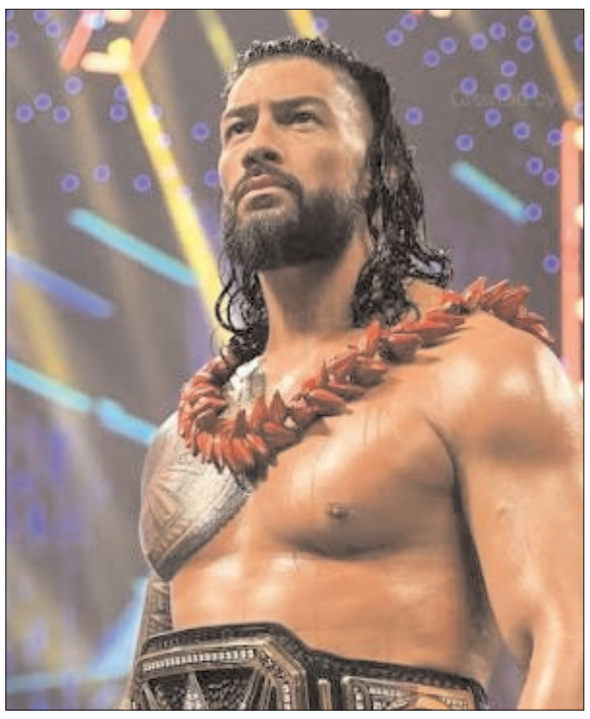
Former Sri Lanka captain Kumar Sangakkara recently alleged that Ryanair staff at Dublin Airport behaved in a "discriminatory" and "threatening" manner towards him and his family while they were travelling. In a post on X on Wednesday, Sangakkara alleged that Ryanair gate personnel at Dublin Airport behaved in a discriminatory and threatening manner towards him and his family, citing their tone and mishandling of procedures. He described the experience as unacceptable and said it was his first bad experience in Dublin.



PRANAVI URS PICKS UP PACE, EYES TOP 10 FINISH AT WISTRON OPEN



Indian golfer Pranavi Urs carded an impressive 4-under 68 in the second round to move to 6-under par (70-68) after two rounds at the Wistron Ladies Open. She carded five birdies against one bogey and gained 21 positions to head into the weekend at T-12. It gave her an opportunity to record her third top-10 result of the season. The leader after the second round is local player Cheng-Hsuan Shih with a score of 12-under par (66-66), followed closely by PK Kongkraphan of Thailand at 11-under par (70-63). Hannah Screen of England was third at 10-under par (67-67). The Order of Merit leader Casandra Alexander of South Africa (64-71) is in T-4 alongside Juliana Hung of Taipei (69-66), resulting in a cluttered leaderboard after the two rounds. Pranavi has been in fine form since bagging her historic individual gold medal and the team silver at the recent Asian Games in Japan. In the second round Pranavi, who is supported by Hero, made five birdies and one bogey for her score of 4-under 68. Having begun her second round on the back nine Pranavi opened with a birdie on the 10th hole but instantly dropped the shot with a bogey on the 11th. However, this early bogey would be her only one for the round as she picked up shots on the 15th and 18th holes before finding another two birdies on the fourth and ninth holes to put herself within touching distance of another top 10 result on the Ladies European Tour. Pranavi showcased her fine form during the second round as she made the green in regulation on the 13 of the 18 holes after having found the fairway off the tee on every single hole. Cheng-Hsuan began her second round on the back nine and produced her second consecutive round of 6-under 66 to take the lead after 36 holes. She made seven birdies and one bogey in the second round. Kongkraphan produced the low score of the week as she shot a 9-under 63 which included 10 birdies and one bogey to gain 31 positions and put herself into the lead group in the third round. Order of Merit leader Casandra Alexander carded 1-under 71 following her opening round of 8-under 64 to fall to T-4 on the leaderboard.



Roman Reigns Receives A Warning From 946 Leader Royce Keys

Royce Keys wants Roman Reigns' World Heavyweight Championship and he's not hiding it. The 946 leader told Bleacher Report he'd like a singles match with The Original Tribal Chief, and he added that nobody is safe from him. All of this lands while 946 keeps feuding with The Bloodline on Monday Night RAW, and the two groups could end up facing each other at Survivor Series: WarGames on November 28. Royce Keys makes his World Heavyweight Championship ambitions clear while discussing a potential match against Roman Reigns Royce Keys Names the World Heavyweight Championship as His Biggest Target in WWE Bleacher Report asked Keys about going after Reigns for the World Heavyweight Championship. The former AEW star answered right away, no real pause. "I'm after the grand prize. Nobody's safe," Keys said. So Reigns is clearly in his sights, but WWE hasn't officially announced a singles match between them. Keys has been building his spot on RAW through 946, the faction he runs with Bronco Nima, Lucien Price, Jaida Parker and Carmelo Hayes. Because of how the group came together, the shared background came up in the interview too. "I knew everybody before we actually all got together. So, 946 is us. We've taken parts of how we grew up and where we're from and put them together, so it's something that's authentic and real." He also talked up his teammates, mostly Hayes and Parker. Keys called Hayes "a little pit bull" and said Parker "hits harder than some of the dudes." The Bloodline Rivalry Could Lead to a Major WarGames Match at Survivor Series Before any title match happens, Keys and his faction have unfinished business with Reigns' family. The 946 and Bloodline rivalry has grown on RAW, and the two groups keep going after each other.

First look of Rakul Preet Singh as Janasthan princess Surpanakha from Ranbir Kapoor, Sai Pallavi, Namit Malhotra's 'Ramayana' released



The makers have released the look of Rakul Preet Singh, who is playing the role of Surpanakha from Namit Malhotra's prestigious 'Ramayana'. The poster, which introduces the character as "Janasthanki Rajkumari.. Surpanakha", is impressive. Rakul Preet Singh looks regal with her golden jewellery and royal costume.

The film, which brings one of the world's most popular epics, Ramayana, to the silver screen on a grand scale, stars Ranbir Kapoor as Lord Rama, Sai Pallavi as Goddess Sita, Rocking Star Yash as Ravana, Sunny Deol as Hanuman, and Ravi Dubey as Lakshmana.

The film, directed by Nitesh Tiwari, is being produced by Namit Malhotra's Prime Focus Studios, eight-time Oscar winner DNEG, and Yash's Monster Mind Creations.

The first part of this epic, which is being made in two parts, will be released worldwide on November 5, 2026. The second part will be released in front of the audience on Diwali 2027. The film will be released in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, and Malayalam in India.

The film will also be released in IMAX format. The film will have a grand release in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana through the renowned distribution company SVC. Sony Pictures is distributing the film worldwide except India, while Dharma Productions is handling the distribution in the Hindi market.

Dear Astronaut' Will Stand Out as a Great Cinema: Director Sekhar Kammula at Song Launch Event



The upcoming film Dear Astronaut is written and directed by Karthik Bhagyaraja and presented by Yuvaan Krishna Entertainments and Manasvini Bhagyaraja. Featuring Soumith, Sreyasi Sen, Kamal Kamaraju, Geetha Bhascker, and Chaitra in lead roles, the movie is gearing up for a grand theatrical release on November 20. The makers unveiled a new song from the film on Thursday in Hyderabad at a launch event graced by director Sekhar Kammula as the chief guest. Addressing the gathering, Sekhar Kammula commended the core concept of the project, stating that weaving a narrative around an aspiration to become an astronaut is a refreshing idea. He appreciated the performance of the female lead and noted that the film delivers a strong message encouraging audiences to dream big and work toward achieving those ambitions. Observing that the production values and technical standards look remarkably rich, he expressed confidence that Dear Astronaut will stand out as a memorable cinematic attempt.

Janhvi Kapoor Can Not Act Innocent About Camera Angles



Janhvi Kapoor finally responded to the Peddi controversy on Koffee with Karan Johar. Calling it a Fiasco, she said it is definitely objectification and promoting sexual assault.

While saying she would also take ownership of the issue, she indirectly blamed the director. She further added that there are no bound scripts in South Cinema and you can not know camera angles from the scripts.

It is true that scripts, at least in Telugu Cinema, do not include camera angles. But that cannot be Jahnvi Kapoor's escape route.

Even though scripts don't include camera angles, actors are shown monitors on location and can object to or reject a shot if necessary. The smaller actors may not have that privilege but big heroes and heroines definitely will. In fact, stars have special staff to monitor these things. The stars will even summon the Online Editors to their carvans to check their shots. If Jahnvi Kapoor says she was completely in the dark, she is only trying to escape the blame.

Moreover, Jahnvi Kapoor is the daughter of Sridevi and Boney Kapoor. She is a star Bollywood actress who charges upwards of ?5 Crores. She can not act innocent. Janhvi admitted she was initially reluctant to address the controversy because of the hard work put in by the film's cast and crew. Nevertheless, the actor acknowledged the validity of the concerns raised regarding how her character was depicted.

"I felt many things, Karan. I feel the reason I was so apprehensive to talk about it was that many people worked very hard on that film. And I really didn't know what to say or if there was anything really to say even."

"Because it's important that I take ownership for my half of whatever that fiasco was, because it weighs heavily on my conscience, the sort of negative impact a narrative like that can have on our society. Specific to my gender, right? And I think that shame I'll always carry with me," Janhvi added. Janhvi also admitted that she could have brought up the concerns she had about the scenes.

ORI NAYANO' BEGINS ITS JOURNEY ON A GRAND NOTE IN HYDERABAD!



Popular Producer Vamsi Nandipati Gives the First Clap for the Muhurtham Shot; Dr. Anil Vishwanath Directs the First Scene

'Ori Nayano' is all set to bring another interesting and entertaining film to Telugu audiences. Produced by S. Sai Abhishek under the banner of Veeranjaneya Productions and directed by Mani Teja Gondi, the film has officially commenced its shooting with a grand muhurtham ceremony in Hyderabad.

Popular producer and distributor Vamsi Nandipati garu sounded the first clap for the muhurtham shot, officially kick-starting the film's shoot. Renowned director Dr. Anil Vishwanath, who gained recognition for his work in the Polimera franchise, directed the first scene.

SINGER M.M. SREELEKHA UNVEILS 'JINAKA CHIKA' SONG FROM VARUN SANDESH'S 'YADBHAVAM TADBHAVATI'



The peppy, high-energy mass number sung by Rahul Sipligunj promises to be a hit at festivals, weddings and celebrations The upcoming Telugu film Yadbhavam Tadbhavati, starring Varun Sandesh in the lead role, is gearing up for its theatrical release. Directed by Ramesh Jakkala and produced by Prasanna Lakshmi Bhumireddy under the banner of Prasanna Bhoomi Entertainment, the film features Inaya Sultana and Renu Sri as the female leads.

ACTRESS PREITY ZINTA LOOKS STUNNING AT 51



Preity Zinta stayed away from films after 2018. This year she made a comeback with two films, Batwara 1947 and Vibe. Both films underperformed at the box office. Even so, the actress is grabbing attention for how stunning she looks at 51. In her latest shoot for L'Officiel Arabia, Preity wore a black velvet strapless gown with crystal bow detailing at the waist and a high slit. She added a diamond necklace and styled her hair in soft side waves.

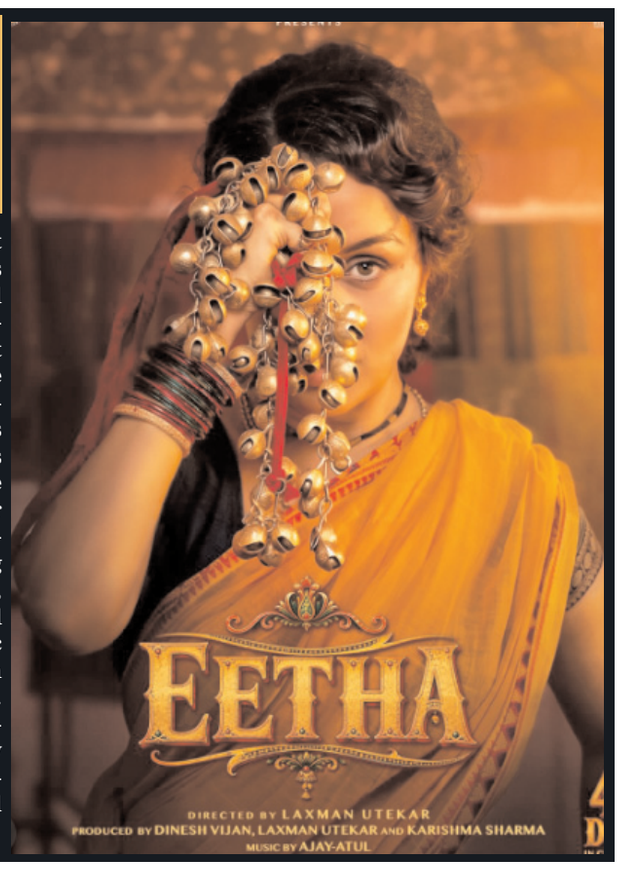
In another look, she chose a silver sequin gown with blue floral work, paired with an emerald choker, matching earrings and a sleek hairdo with feather-like twists.

Serving classic siren energy, Preity Zinta slayed in a strapless black velvet gown with a sweetheart neckline and a dramatic front slit. The dress featured three sparkling crystal bow buckles stacked along the front. She paired it with cascading diamond necklaces, matching drop earrings, a chunky bracelet and rings.

High-octane sparkle

Preity pivoted to shimmering drama in a strapless, floor-length sequined dress. The metallic ensemble featured subtle blue floral embroidery. With her hair sleekly pulled back into a sharp updo, her emerald choker necklace, dangling emerald earrings, and matching bracelet took centre stage. In breathtaking close-ups, the actor highlighted her features with subtle winged eyeliner, shimmery eyeshadow, and a soft pink lip. Holding her hands to her head, she showed off a chunky emerald-and-diamond ring alongside a stacked emerald cuff.

Eetha Trailer: Promising Story Wrapped In A Familiar Template



After staying away from the big screen for a long period following Stree 2, Shraddha Kapoor is back with Eetha, a film directed by Laxman Utekar, who delivered the blockbuster Chhaava last year. The trailer has created curiosity as Eetha is based on the life of legendary Maharashtra Lavani and Tamasha performer Vithabai Narayangaonkar. The trailer introduces Shraddha as a passionate artist who rises to fame despite facing betrayal and personal struggles.

It showcases colourful stage performances, energetic dance sequences, and the difficult life faced by Eetha. Randeep Hooda and Mohammed Zeeshan Ayyub are also seen in important roles. The biggest positive is the film's setting. Lavani and Tamasha offer a fresh backdrop, while Shraddha has put considerable effort into the role. Her expressions, costumes, and dance movements look promising. Ajay-Atul's music also adds energy to the trailer. However, the trailer follows a familiar biographical drama template, moving between an artist's struggles, emotional setbacks, and eventual rise. Some dramatic dialogues and elevation moments feel predictable. The real challenge will be presenting Vithabai's journey with depth rather than relying only on grand visuals and emotional scenes.

Rockstar DSP records with 100 folk rythm players from all over India for Yellamma Title song



Ever since its announcement and first look, the film has sparked huge excitement. Now, Rockstar Devi Sri Prasad is bringing the raw power of folk music alive, recording the YELLAMMA song with 100 traditional folk rhythm players representing diverse cultures from across India! With Rockstar DSP making his acting debut and Balagam fame Venu Yeldandi at the helm, this ambitious project, presented by Dil Raju and produced by Shirish, is raising expectations sky-high! 100 Folk Rhythm Players. One Powerful Musical Explosion!

The YELLAMMA song is gearing up to strike a massive chord. Get ready to witness this musical storm… SONG OUT SOON! YELLAMMA GRAND WORLDWIDE RELEASE ON MARCH 5, 2027, IN TELUGU, TAMIL, HINDI, MALAYALAM & KANNADA!

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