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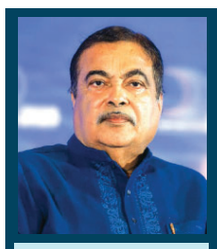
OM NAMO VENKATESAYA

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Total pilgrims :78,777
Tonsures : 28,244
Hundi kanukalu : 4.35 CR
Laddu sale... 4.14 Lac
Annaprasadam..2.02 Lac
Ashwini hospital..4,075
Present Situation on 08-10-2026:
Waiting Compartments..26.

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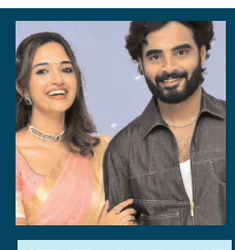
Gadkari approves Rs 993.64 cr for NH-10 development in Sikkim

Italy Approves Elections Overhaul As Opposition Accuse Meloni Of 'Scam'



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"Good Time" movie pre release event



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INBRIEF

ANTI-CANCER DRUG PRICES MAY FALL UP TO 70%

New Delhi : In a major step aimed at making cancer treatment more affordable, the government has reportedly decided to cap trade margins at 30 per cent of the maximum retail price (MRP) for all non-scheduled anti-cancer medicines, official sources said on Thursday. The measure will cover branded and generic drugs, as well as domestic and imported products, including both patented and non-patented medicines. The decision, which is expected to come into effect later this month, is aimed at curbing excessive mark-ups in the supply chain and reducing the financial burden on cancer patients. According to official estimates, the move will impact around 110 anti-cancer medicines, including 35 patented drugs, and could lead to a reduction of up to 70 per cent in the MRP of affected products.

HOAX BOMB SCARE AT KOLKATA AIRPORT

Kolkata, Oct 8 : The authorities of the Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport in Kolkata received a hoax bomb threat mail on Thursday, following which, there was panic within the airport premises for a brief period. A thorough search was launched at the airport premises by the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel immediately after receiving the mail. As per the latest information available, no suspicious objects have been detected by the CISF personnel so far. Sources aware of the development said that a threatening email was sent to the airport authorities this afternoon where it was claimed that bombs were stocked at some places inside the airport premises. As soon as the email was received, the authorities alerted the CISF jawans who are incharge of the security arrangement at the airport.

Opposition's stir against EC's 'vote theft' reaches Rajghat



NEW DELHI ■ (TSIT):

Congress-led Opposition continued its protest against alleged discrepancies in the Election Commission's (EC) Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise for the third day on Thursday as the Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition (LoP) Rahul Gandhi, party President Mallikarjun Kharge led the march to Rajghat. Hundreds of leaders, along with party workers reached Rajghat on Thursday evening, to turn on the heat on the Union government and Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar and also to chalk out their next course of action.Prior to this, senior leaders of Congress and INDIA bloc assembled in the Connaught Place for a luncheon, where they discussed ways to escalate their stir against alleged 'vote chori'. The Opposition has been gunning for CEC Gyanesh Kumar, demanding his resignation over alleged irregularities in the SIR of electoral rolls. Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi, speaking to press at the Rajghat, reiterated demand for CEC Gyanesh Kumar's resignation and also make an appeal to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi to listen to people's voice.

Mass protest in Bengaluru over SIR

Dhruv Rathee, Prakash Raj join People's Tribunal



Bengaluru ■ (TSIT):

The Freedom Park in Bengaluru turned into a battleground of political slogans and public dissent on Thursday morning as more than over 2,000 protesters gathered for a State-level mass demonstration and 'People's tribunal', demanding the immediate scrapping of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and a return to paper ballots.The demonstration, organised by a coalition of progressive groups and various civil society organisations, saw notable participation from popular YouTuber and digital content creator Dhruv Rathee, who joined a public protest in India for the first time. Accompanied by actor-activist Prakash Raj, veteran writer Devanuru Mahadeva and CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke, the event drew a large turnout of Gen Z and youth activists.

Addressing the gathering, leaders accused the Election Commission of India (ECI) of acting as a "puppet" of the Union government. Organisers claimed that the SIR exercise has led to arbitrary and opaque voter deletions, alleging that out of 5.5 crore voters in Karnataka, over one crore names are facing risk or exclusion under the guise of processing Form 6 and Form 7 applications.

CM Naidu Meets PM Modi,

Seeks Support for Water Security and Key AP Projects



VISAKHAPATNAM ■ (TSIT):

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi and conveyed greetings on behalf of the people of Andhra Pradesh, while discussing several issues concerning the State's development. Naidu praised Modi's 25 years in public life and his emphasis on cooperative federalism. During the meeting, he stressed the need to take forward the Godavari–Cauvery river-linking project, saying it could strengthen water security in Andhra Pradesh and other southern States. The Chief Minister also sought Central financial assistance for development works related to the Godavari Pushkarams scheduled for 2027.

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CM Revanth demands CEC's removal



HYDERABAD ■ TSIT BUREAU:

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Thursday demanded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi immediately remove Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, alleging that the BJP government was using the Election Commission to retain power through unfair means.

Speaking to reporters at Rajghat during the "Vote Bachao... Desh Bachao" campaign, the Chief Minister said Modi should step down if he failed to act against the CEC, warning that people would otherwise oust him. He asserted that raids by the Enforcement Directorate, Income Tax Department and CBI could no longer protect the BJP government from public anger.

Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, senior leaders Priyanka Gandhi and K.C. Venugopal, and INDIA alliance leaders participated in a march to Rajghat and paid tributes to Mahatma Gandhi. Revanth Reddy said the campaign was a movement to safeguard ordinary citizens' rights, extending beyond the political interests of Congress and the INDIA alliance.

Telangana SIR gets 24,323 Form-7 applications

HYDERABAD ■ TSIT

Election authorities in Telangana received 24,323 Form-7 applications seeking deletion of voters during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR), of which 12,204 voters were removed from the electoral rolls after verification. During the claims and objections period from June 15 to October 7, authorities also received 4,88,417 Form-6 applications for new voter enrolment, with 51,821 applicants added to the rolls. Hyderabad recorded the highest number of Form-7 applications at 6,335, resulting in the deletion of 2,066 voters. Rangareddy received 2,223 applications, while Medchal-Malkajgiri recorded 1,749.

Indians in Riyadh asked to remain alert after Houthi attack

The blasts had an immediate effect on markets and oil prices as the price of crude jumped, and Saudi Arabia slid further into the latest front in the Iran war.



Riyadh: The Indian Embassy in Riyadh on Wednesday, October 8, advised Indians residing in the Kingdom to remain alert, stay indoors, and follow the instructions given by the authorities. The residents have also been strongly advised to avoid publishing or posting visuals about the ongoing attacks on social media. It said that the Embassy in Riyadh and the Consulate in Jeddah will continue to function and send alerts accordingly. A medical clinic and a children's nursery in the capital were reportedly damaged after authorities intercepted a ballistic missile, the Civil Defence said.

Several explosions were heard in Riyadh on Thursday, including a large blast at the city's international airport, which was claimed by the Houthis hours after the attack. Spokesperson for the Saudi-led coalition fighting the Houthis, Maj. Gen. Turki al-Malki, said they intercepted and destroyed two ballistic missiles launched by the Houthis toward Riyadh, along with a ballistic missile fired toward Khamis Mushait, in the southwest near the Yemen border. The blasts had an immediate effect on markets and oil prices as the price of crude jumped, and Saudi Arabia slid further into the latest front in the Iran war.

An Air India flight bound for Riyadh turned back to Delhi mid-journey following reported Houthi attacks on the Saudi capital's airport. In response to the safety concerns, Air India and Air India Express have suspended all flights to and from Riyadh through October 10, 2026, according to airline officials.

Passengers asked to contact airlines before reaching airport

The Riyadh airport instructed passengers to first contact airlines directly before starting for the airport on Thursday, following the attack as explosions were heard across the city. "We would like to inform passengers of the necessity to contact their airlines directly and check their flight status before proceeding to the airport," the statement on X read.The Houthis have repeatedly claimed attacks against Saudi airports, military and oil facilities in recent days. Early Thursday, the rebels warned global airlines "for the last time" about the potential consequences of operating in Saudi airspace, which it called a theatre for its military operations. In their new statement, the Houthis also warned people in Saudi Arabia to stay away from oil facilities that "represent targets for our forces" as the rebels press a blockade they recently imposed against the world's top oil exporter.

King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh "closed again," the Flightradar24 monitor said Thursday on X. "Last landing 80+ minutes ago. Last takeoff 90+ minutes ago." Fire and ambulance crews were deployed and smoke was visible, the witness said, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to speak to the media.

A witness told AP outgoing flights were halted and passengers were instructed to leave all checked-in luggage behind and evacuate the airport. It was not immediately clear how many flights were disrupted.

Flights at King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh faced suspension for over an hour, with it being reported closed the next day. Flightradar24 said 58 departures, accounting for 15 per cent of the day's scheduled services, were delayed at Riyadh airport on Thursday. Further, 11 flights, or 3 per cent, were listed as cancelled.

Departing flights faced average delays of 45 minutes, pushing the airport's disruption index to 4.2 out of five, a rating categorised as major disruption.

Among the affected flights on Thursday morning were Saudia's SV311 plane from Riyadh to Cairo, delayed by more than two hours, as well as Yemenia's IY533 service to Aden, delayed for over three hours. A Saudia flight SV562 to Dubai and Turkish Airlines flight TK145 to Istanbul were both cancelled.

According to Saudi Arabia's General Authority of Civil Aviation, the disruptions follow drone and missile attacks on King Khalid International Airport and Abha International Airport, which left three people dead and 36 injured.

PM seeks global action on cyberfraud, deepfakes



NEW DELHI ■ (TSIT):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday called for a global framework to tackle cross-border cyber frauds and the growing threat of deepfakes, urging governments, technology companies, telecom operators and financial institutions to come together for a mechanism to prevent such frauds before they reach the people. He said India has gained considerable experience in tackling cyber frauds and is ready to share its learnings with the world.Modi warned that cyber frauds and cyber crimes do not respect borders and asserted that technology achieves scale only when it gains trust."Technology achieves scale only when it gains trust. And you all know that cyber fraud and cyber crimes do not respect borders. They have already crossed boundaries," he said while addressing the India Mobile Congress 2026. Highlighting the cross-border nature of cyber crimes, he said a person sitting in one country, with the help of a fraudster in another country, can commit a crime in a third country. Modi also flagged the growing challenge posed by deepfakes and said countries need to work together on a global framework to address such emerging threats.

Actor Nana Patekar passes away at 75,

TAKES HIS LAST BREATH IN GOA



Mumbai, Oct 8 : Veteran actor Nana Patekar, one of Indian cinema's most celebrated performers, has passed away at the age of 75 in Goa.

An official confirmation from the Manipal hospital, Goa, stated that the actor was found unconscious at his Dona Paula - Goa residence and was rushed to the hospital. Doctors declared him brought dead.

The acclaimed actor, known for his powerful performances across Hindi and Marathi cinema, leaves behind a remarkable body of work spanning over four decades.

Born Vishwanath Patekar on January 1, 1951, in Maharashtra, Nana Patekar established himself as an actor known for his intensity, dialogue delivery and ability to portray complex and unconventional characters.

For the uninitiated, he made his Hindi film debut with Gaman in 1978 and went on to become one of the most respected performers of his generation. Nana's breakthrough came with films such as Salaam Bombay! and Parinda. He went on to deliver powerpack performances in films including Angaar, Tirangaa, Krantiveer, Agni Sakshi, Khamoshi: The Musical, Yeshwant, Ab Tak Chhappan, Apaharan and Raajneeti.

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Give 20,378 Acres of Salt Lands for Port Development: Naidu



Visakhapatnam, TSIT : Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has urged Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal to transfer around 20,378 acres of salt lands under the control of the Central government to Andhra Pradesh for port-based industrial and commercial development. During his meeting with Goyal in New Delhi, Naidu said the lands could be utilised for expanding ports and developing allied infrastructure and industrial projects. He said the State had already submitted proposals seeking allocation of the lands under DPIIT for port-led industrial development.The Chief Minister stressed the need for adequate land for connectivity infrastructure, including approach roads and railway links, as well as industrial activities around ports. Naidu also sought the Centre's support in providing better market opportunities for commercial crops grown in Andhra Pradesh, including chilli, tobacco and aquaculture products. He requested assistance in strengthening international market linkages, infrastructure, quality standards and processing facilities to boost exports of these products.

Digital App Launched to Speed Up Govt Information Dissemination



Vijayawada, TSIT : State Information and Public Relations Minister Kolusu Parthasarathy on Thursday launched an integrated mobile and web application aimed at providing government information to the public more quickly and transparently. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said changing technology had transformed the way people accessed information. The new app would serve as a digital bridge between the government, media and the public by providing authentic government information through digital and social media platforms.

He said the app would help replace manual processes with digital systems and strengthen communication between the government and citizens. Parthasarathy appreciated I&PR Department Director K. Viswanathan, IAS, and the officials and technical team involved in developing the application.

Director K. Viswanathan said the app integrates information relating to press releases, electronic and outdoor media, fact-checking and cadre management. Officials can monitor departmental activities from anywhere through the mobile application, while field-level personnel can upload news, photographs, videos and other information for faster dissemination to the public. Chief Information Engineer O. Madhusudan, Regional Information Engineer T. Nagaraju, Deputy Director - Media Relations. Dunna Ramesh, Digital Corporation Executive Director Dr. Rani Sushmita and Special Officer Galla Seshukumar were among those present.

Full Support for Amaravati ORR, Iconic Bridge at Polavaram Sought



Visakhapatnam, TSIT : Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has urged Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari to extend full support for the construction of the 189-km Amaravati Outer Ring Road. During his meeting with Gadkari in New Delhi, Naidu submitted a memorandum seeking Central approvals, funding and support for key infrastructure projects in Andhra Pradesh. He said the ORR was crucial for meeting the growing transportation needs of Amaravati and Vijayawada and for the development of the capital region.

The Chief Minister also sought support for the proposed Beach Road project, stating that it would improve connectivity between coastal cities, tourist destinations, ports and industrial centres. Naidu further requested the Centre to support the construction of an iconic bridge across the Polavaram project, connecting its left and right banks. He also sought assistance for the associated road and bridge infrastructure.

Polavaram to be Completed by 2027: Minister Nimmala



Visakhapatnam, TSIT : Water Resources Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu said the State government was committed to completing the Polavaram project by 2027 and making Andhra Pradesh drought-free in the future. Speaking to the media after a meeting with Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil, he said significant progress had been made in the project. Civil works had reached 88 per cent, overall physical progress stood at 83 per cent and financial progress at 78 per cent. The Minister said the State had sought Rs.42,500 crore from the Centre for Phase-II works, including land acquisition and rehabilitation.

He said better road connectivity around Polavaram was essential and sought closer connectivity to the proposed Amaravati–Kharagpur six-lane economic corridor and other national highways. The State also proposed developing the 1,118-metre Polavaram spillway, with 48 radial gates, as a tourist attraction with viewing galleries and lighting. A comprehensive tourism hub was proposed over about 9,900 acres around the project. Nimmala said the Centre had also been urged to develop the national waterway from Bhadrachalam to Rajamahendravaram and Kakinada.

CM Chandrababu Meets Amit Shah in Delhi



Visakhapatnam, TSIT Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu met Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi on Wednesday and discussed various pending issues concerning the State. During the meeting, the two leaders discussed issues raised at the recent Southern Zonal Council meeting. Naidu particularly sought the Centre's initiative in taking forward the proposed Godavari–Cauvery river-linking project, which was discussed at the Zonal Council meeting.

CM Naidu Meets PM Modi,

Seeks Support for Water Security and Key AP



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He explained the arrangements being made in the State and the expected participation of devotees from across the country. Naidu informed the Prime Minister that Andhra Pradesh had recorded a 53 per cent rainfall deficit during the monsoon, attributed to the impact of El Niño, severely affecting agriculture. He explained the measures being taken by the State to address the drought situation.

The State has declared 388 mandals across 21 districts drought-affected for the 2026 Kharif season. The Chief Minister also discussed the progress of the Polavaram project, the Global Horticulture Hub, and the proposed Indian School of Agriculture.

He sought Central support for the Amaravati Outer Ring Road, Visakhapatnam Metro Rail and Beach Road projects. Naidu also briefed Modi on the Swarna Andhra–2047 Vision, aimed at ensuring inclusive development across the State.

CMRF Cheques Distributed to 17 Beneficiaries



Visakhapatnam, TSIT. The 'Pattabhishekam for the Poor' programme was held at Shadikhana Kalyana Mandapam in Akkayyapalem on Thursday. Visakhapatnam North MLA and BJP Floor Leader P. Vishnu Kumar Raju distributed sale deeds to beneficiaries from Seethammadhara and Gopalapatnam mandals. The MLA said the sale deeds were being issued to provide poor families with full ownership rights over their house sites. He also distributed CMRF cheques worth Rs.12.93 lakh to 17 beneficiaries undergoing treatment for various ailments. Vishnu Kumar Raju said the Chief Minister's Relief Fund was providing financial support to poor families facing medical expenses and assured that all eligible beneficiaries would be covered under government welfare schemes. The beneficiaries expressed their gratitude to Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and the MLA. Revenue officials, alliance leaders and local representatives attended the programme.

MVVS Murthy National Moot Court Competitions Begin at GITAM



Visakhapatnam, TSIT The Dr. M.V.V.S. Murthy National Moot Court Competitions began at GITAM Deemed University School of Law on Thursday, with students from 34 law colleges across the country participating. Former Supreme Court Judge Justice C.T. Ravikumar, who inaugurated the competitions, said laws continuously evolve in response to changing social needs. He urged law students to study both old and new laws thoroughly and develop strong communication and advocacy skills. He stressed that hard work, continuous learning and clear presentation of arguments were essential for success in the legal profession. Damodaram Sanjivayya National Law University Vice-Chancellor Prof. D. Surya Prakash Rao called for developing an "Indian Legal Realism" suited to the country's social and legal conditions. GITAM School of Law Director Dr. Moumita Sen Chakraborty said the annual moot court competition had been organised for the past six years in memory of GITAM founder president Dr. M.V.V.S. Murthy. The event provides students with practical exposure to courtroom advocacy and legal skills, she said.

APPCB Steps Up Air Pollution Control Measures in Visakhapatnam



Visakhapatnam, TSIT The Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board has intensified monitoring and enforcement measures to control air pollution in Visakhapatnam, imposing environmental compensation of Rs.16.32 crore on industries found violating environmental norms and pollution control standards. The APPCB had intensified inspections after rising pollution levels were observed in the city in December 2025. Task Force teams conducted inspections in January 2026 and issued notices to industries where deficiencies were found. As pollution levels did not improve as expected, the Board stepped up enforcement and imposed environmental compensation on violators.

APPCB Chairman Dr. P. Krishnaiah appealed to industries and citizens to contribute to pollution control. He urged people to use public transport, maintain vehicles properly, avoid burning or dumping waste in open areas and take precautions to control dust during construction and transportation of materials. The Chairman said eight manual air-quality monitoring stations and three Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations are currently functioning in the city. Five additional IoT-based monitoring stations are proposed to be made operational by November. The APPCB urged industries, local bodies and government departments to work in coordination to reduce pollution levels and improve air quality in Visakhapatnam.

AP Key to India's Growth Journey, Says Piyush Goyal



Visakhapatnam, TSIT : Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu attended the curtain-raiser programme of the CII Partnership Summit here on Wednesday, highlighting the State's growing role in India's economic growth. Goyal recalled the maritime trade legacy of the Satavahanas, noting that coins used during their rule carried ship symbols, reflecting the region's historic links with global trade. He said Andhra Pradesh continues to be an important destination for entrepreneurs and investors and urged industrialists to participate in the upcoming investment summit in Visakhapatnam.

He said the Centre and States were working as "Team India" towards the Viksit Bharat goal. Andhra Pradesh, he added, was leveraging emerging opportunities in data centres, quantum computing and other technologies. He said the State's focus on technology, trust, trade, talent and tradition was helping attract investments. Naidu said the Centre had extended strong support to Andhra Pradesh through projects such as Polavaram and Amaravati and approvals for semiconductor units. He said the State was working with the objective of "Build AP" by creating wealth and employment.

Rejected Voter Applications to be Re-verified at Field Level



Visakhapatnam, TSIT : Roll Observer S. Bhargavi has directed officials to conduct the electoral roll revision process strictly as per rules and ensure thorough field-level verification of rejected applications and doubtful cases. Reviewing the progress of the Special Summary Revision of electoral rolls at the Collectorate here on Thursday, she examined constituency-wise progress, scrutiny of forms, rejections, deletions and super-check activities. She instructed officials to ensure that field-level information and data uploaded on ECINet are properly matched.

Bhargavi said rejected applications and doubtful voter records should not be verified solely on the basis of documents. Wherever necessary, officials should visit the field and ascertain the actual situation. She stressed that a clear reason must be recorded before deleting any voter from the electoral roll and called for special attention to issues such as door-number mismatches. She also directed officials to examine areas witnessing large-scale additions or deletions and verify cases at the field level wherever required. Pending scrutiny, form verification and super-check activities should be expedited, she said. Joint Collector Gobbilla Vidyadhari said notices had been issued for 2,29,924 voters identified under absent, shifted, duplicate and deceased categories, with verification and further action being taken as per prescribed procedures.



A devotee from Hyderabad, Smt. Kamala, donated two gold coral necklaces (Bangaru Pagadala Haralu) worth approximately Rs. 25 lakh to Sri Venkateswara Swamy Tirumala on Thursday. The donor, along with her family members, handed over the necklaces to TTD Additional EO Sri Ch. Venkaiah Chowdary at the Ranganayakula Mandapam in the Srivari Temple.

AP must turn innovation into jobs

Tirupati : Andhra Pradesh must strengthen research, innovation and technology to create jobs, wealth and global competitiveness, experts said at the CII AP Innovation and R&D Conclave in Tirupati. The State's new Science, Technology & Innovation Department and proposed missions in AI, quantum technology, semiconductors, space and biotechnology aim to boost the innovation ecosystem.

Technology to Give New Edge to AP Tourism: Minister Durgesh



Visakhapatnam, TSIT

Andhra Pradesh is adopting advanced technologies such as Artificial Intelligence and quantum computing to give a new direction to its tourism sector, Tourism Minister Kandula Durgesh said. Speaking at the Tourism Innovation Summit-2026 in Seville, Spain, the Minister said the State was developing pilgrimage and eco-tourism projects, wellness centres, amusement parks, hotels and resorts along its long coastline. He said a digital guide facility developed through an MoU with Explorer would enable tourists to access information on 100 tourist destinations in more than 130 languages by simply scanning a QR code. Durgesh said the State's tourism sector had been accorded industrial status to attract investments and that around Rs.20,000 crore in investments had been secured in two years through the public-private partnership model, generating employment opportunities for local youth.

NMDC holds two–day capacity building programme on vigilance themes



Hyderabad (TSIT) The Vigilance Department of NMDC Limited organised a two-day Capacity Building Programme on October 7 and 8, 2026, focusing on key areas identified by the Central Vigilance Commission under Vigilance Awareness Week 2026.

The programme featured four thematic sessions: Ethos in Public Procurement, GeM – New Features & Functionalities, Contract Design for Effective Procurement, and Cyber Security & Cyber Hygiene, aimed at strengthening professional competence, ethical decision-making, and transparency in organisational processes.

The inaugural session was attended by Shri Krishna Kumar Thakur, Director (Personnel), and Shri C. Neelakanta Reddy, Chief Vigilance Officer. The programme concluded with Shri Vivek Nishant Nath, Director (Commercial), and the CVO emphasising continuous capacity building and preventive vigilance.

Experts from RCF-Kapurthala, GeM, NRSC, and C-DAC led the sessions, combining expert perspectives with practical insights on ethical procurement, contract management, digital purchasing platforms, and cyber security.

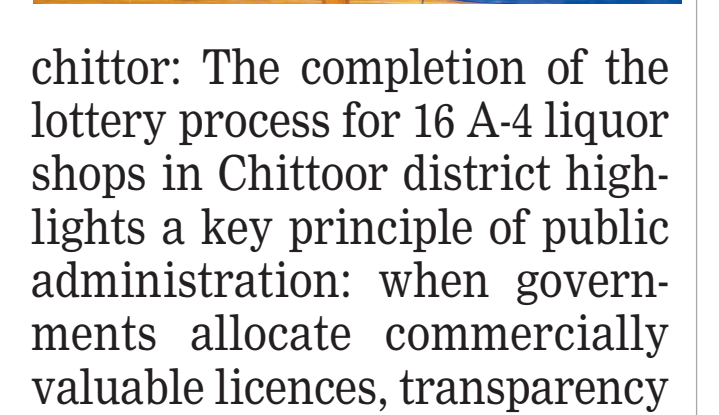
Executives from NMDC's head office and various projects participated. The initiative reaffirmed NMDC's commitment to probity, transparency, accountability, and excellence in line with good governance principles.

Local body polls to be held transparently



Tirupati, Oct. 8: District Collector Dr S. Venkateswar directed officials to ensure transparent and impartial conduct of local body elections. He asked departments to complete polling staff, materials and security arrangements in advance and strictly enforce the election code. SP L. Subbarayudu ordered special security in sensitive areas, CCTV and videography at polling stations, and warned of strict action against violations, false propaganda and law-and-order disruptions.

Transparent allotment of liquor shops



chittor: The completion of the lottery process for 16 A-4 liquor shops in Chittoor district highlights a key principle of public administration: when governments allocate commercially valuable licences, transparency must be visible at every stage. The allotment, conducted on October 8 at the DRDA Conference Hall under District Collector Sumit Kumar's supervision, selected applicants through a lucky draw. District Prohibition and Excise Officer S. Srinivas said the process followed prescribed rules, and details of selected applicants were released. The renewal of the 16 shops, along with licence and permit room fees, generated Rs.5.37 crore in revenue—underlining why such allotments demand particular care. A lottery system can reduce discretion and offer equal opportunity, but transparency cannot end with the draw. Applicant eligibility, fee payments, draw procedures, selection records, and final allotments should remain accessible for public verification.

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APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
e-Auction Sale Notice Under SARFAESI Act 2002

Sale of Immovable Assets Under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("ACT")
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the Borrowers/Co-borrowers/Mortgagor(s) in respect of below mentioned secured asset which is mortgaged with Bajaj Finance Limited ("BFL"), and possession of which had been taken by undersigned Authorised Officer of BFL under the provisions of the ACT will be sold by Auction for recovery of the amount mentioned hereunder and further applicable interest, charges, and costs etc.
The secured asset described below is being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS, AS IS WHAT IS AND WHATEVER THERE IS" under Rule No. 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules ("the Rules") for recovery of the dues detailed as under : **Particulars of E-auction**

Name & Address of Borrower & Co-Borrower's	**AMRUTHA AGENCIES (BORROWER), AT: -** 39-11-69, Murali Nagar, Visakhapatnam – 530007, **VENKATA RAO KODIPATHINA (CO-BORROWER), KODIPATINA SUMALATHA (CO-BORROWER) , BOTH AT: -** Door No. 39-1-23/1/2, Industrial Estate, Muralinagar, Visakhapatnam – 530007
Loan Account Number	408LAP21079280
Statutory Demand Notice u/s. 13(2) Date & Amount	Notice dated 20 -Aug-21 Demand amount ₹. 94,91,955/-
Outstanding Amount as on 06.10.26	**Rs. 1,56,61,979.47/-** (Rupees One Crore Fifty-Six Lakh Sixty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Nine and Forty-Seven Paise Only) as on 06/10/26
Description of Immovable Property	ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE NON-AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS: D. NO. 39-1-23/1/2, PLOT NO. 6, S. NO. 9/9, SUPER BUILT UP AREA 2700 SQ.FT. LAND AREA 267 SQ. YARDS. KAPPARADA, VISAKHAPATNAM, VISAKHAPATNAM, ANDHRA PRADESH – 530007. BOUNDARIES: EAST: PLOT NO. 7 BEARING D. NO. 39-1-23/1/1, WEST: PLOT NO. BEARING D. NO. 39-1-23/3, NORTH: 20 FEET WIDE ROAD, SOUTH: S. NO. 9/P
Reserve Price in INR	₹ 1,88,00,000/-
EMD	₹ 18,80,000/-
E-auction date and time	27/10/26 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
E- auction Portal	https://bankauctions.in
Last date of submission of EMD	26/10/26
Bid Increment Amount in Rs.	₹ 1,00,000/-
Encumbrance Known to Secured Creditor	Not Known
Date of Inspection of Property	From 09/10/26 to 26/10/26 on working day between 9.30 AM to 5 PM with Prior appointment

Public in General and Borrowers in particular please take notice that if in case auction on date scheduled herein fails for any reason whatsoever then secured creditor may enforce security interest by way of sale through private treaty, at the discretion on of the secured creditor. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link https://bankauctions.in and https://www.bajajfinserv.in/sarfaesi-auction-notices
Date - 09.10.2026 , Place - VAIZAG **Authorized Officer, For M/s BAJAJ FINANCE LIMITED**

IDFC FIRST Bank Limited

(erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited)
CIN : L65110TN2014PLC097792, Registered Office: - KRM Towers, 8th Floor, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai- 600031, Tel : +91 44 4564 4000 | Fax: +91 44 4564 4022.

Notice under Section 13 (2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

The following borrowers and co-borrowers availed the below mentioned secured loans from **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited)** The loans of the below-mentioned borrowers and co- borrowers have been secured by the mortgage of their respective properties. As they have failed to adhere to the terms and conditions of the respective loan agreements and had become irregular, their loan were classified as NPA as per the RBI guidelines. Amounts due by them to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited)** are mentioned as per respective notices issued more particularly described in the following table and further interest on the said amounts shall also be applicable and the same will be charged as per contractual rate with effect from their respective dates.

Sr No.	Loan Account No.	Type of Loan	Section 13 (2) Notice Date	Outstanding amount as per Section 13 (2) Notice
1	119040495	HOME LOAN	19-Sep-2026	9,05,886.27/-

NAME OF BORROWERS AND CO-BORROWERS : 1. SARASWATHI PHANINDRA RAJU 2. SARASWATHI SUJITHA

PROPERTY ADDRESS : ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF AN EXTENT OF AC. 0.02 CENTS 500 SQ. LINKS OR 121 SQ. YARDS SITE WITH HOUSE NO. 17-43 IN R.S. NO. 214/5 OF PENUGANCHIPROLU VILLAGE & MANDAL, NTR DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH-521190, AND IS BEING **BOUNDED BY: EAST: HOUSE OF BATTU PARVATHI, WEST: C.C. ROAD, NORTH: HOUSE OF VALLIRU VENKAYAMMA, SOUTH: HOUSE OF KOLUSU SRINU**

Sr No.	Loan Account No.	Type of Loan	Section 13 (2) Notice Date	Outstanding amount as per Section 13 (2) Notice
2	160066405	LOAN AGAINST PROPERTY	09-Jul-2026	13,36,513.33/-

NAME OF BORROWERS AND CO-BORROWERS : 1.PARITALA LAKSHMI (IN THE CAPACITY OF AVAILABLE LEGAL HEIR OF LATE PARITALA PEDDA KOTAIAH)

PROPERTY ADDRESS : ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE PROPERTY TO AN EXTENT OF AC.0.12 CENTS OR 580.8 SQ. YARDS SITE WITH HOUSE DOOR NO. 1-151, ASST. NO. 147, IN R.S NO. 78, AT INDUGUPALLI REVENUE, RAMACHANDRAPURAM VILLAGE, VATSAVAI MANDAL, N.T.R DISTRICT, (RCC-540 SQ. FT., ACE 656 SQ. FT.), AND THE SAID PROPERTY IS **BOUNDED BY AS: EAST: HOUSE OF PARITALA CHINNA KOTAIAH, WEST: R & B ROAD, NORTH: HOUSE OF KOMMINENI NAGESWARA RAO AND OTHERS, SOUTH: HOUSE OF JAVVAJI NARAHARI AND OTHERS**

You are hereby called upon to pay the amounts to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited)** as per the details shown in the above table with contracted rate of interest thereupon from their respective dates and other costs, charges etc. within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the undersigned shall be constrained to initiate proceedings, under Section 13 (4) and section 14 of the SARFAESI Act, against the mortgaged properties mentioned hereinabove to realize the amount due to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited).** Further you are prohibited under Section 13 (13) of the said Act from transferring the said secured assets either by way of sale/lease or otherwise.

Sd/- Authorized Officer
Date 09.10.2026 **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with**
Place : ANDHRA PRADESH **IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited)**

IKF Home Finance Limited

Equinox by Phonenix-Tower 3, 10th Floor, Diamond Hills, Lumbini Avenue, Rai Durg, Gachibowli, Hyderabad Telangana - 500081

POSSESSION NOTICE FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY [(Appendix IV) Rule8(1)]

WHEREAS the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **IKF Home Finance Ltd.** (hereinafter referred to as "IKF") under Secuitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assests and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 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 Notice dated mentioned below under Section 13(2) of the said Act calling upon you being the borrowers (names mentioned below) to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrowers mentioned herein below having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers mentioned herein below and to the public in general that the undersigned has Taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on me under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The borrowers mentioned here in above in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with said property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **"IKF"** for an amount as mentioned herein under and interest thereon.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(S) LAN	Description of the Property / Secured Asset	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Date of Possession
1	Lan:- **LXNLR02824-250014475** **Mr/Mrs. Sai Subrahmanyam Kamisetty** **Mr/Mrs. Manimma Kamisetty** **Mr/Mrs. Sarvan Kamisetty** **Mr/Mrs. Bhanu Sree Balli** **Mr/Mrs. Manogna Thupili** D.No-10 /147, Ashok Nagar, Gudur Nellore, Nellore, Andhra Pradesh, India-534101 Sy No- 577/ 4 , W.No-10 , D No-122, Ass. No. - 1029004403, Ashok Nagar, East Gudur, Nellore, Andhra Pradesh- 524101	All that piece and parcel of land and building bearing situated at Ward No. 10-0, Door No.122 Ashok Nagar, Gudur Tirupati District, Comprised in S.No. 577/4, Land measuring an extent of 60 Sq.Yards with Plinth area RCC 360 Sq.Ft and Bounded on the North by house of Kamisetty Penchalaiah, South by Municipality, East by Ummadi Dhari and West by House way of Karlapudi Ramanaiah. The above properties are situated within the Registration District of Thirupati and within the Registration Sub- District of Gudur.	**10-07-2026** Rs. 11,61,005/- Rupees Eleven Lakh Sixty One Thousand Five Only)	**05-10-2026**

Place: Andhra Pradesh
Date : 05-10-2026
Sd/-Authorized Officer
For IKF Home Finance Limited

ADITYA BIRLA CAPITAL LIMITED

Registered Office : Indian Rayon Compound, Veraval, Gujarat-362266.
Corporate Office : R-Tech Park, 12th Floor, Nirlon Complex, off Western Expressway, Goregoan East -Mumbai - 400063.

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

30 Days E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (54 of 2002).

On account of the amalgamation between Aditya Birla Finance Ltd. and Aditya Birla Capital Ltd. vide the Scheme of Amalgamation dated 11.03.2024 duly recorded in the Order passed by the National Company Law Tribunal - Ahmedabad on 24.03.2025, all SARFAESI actions initiated by Aditya Birla Finance Ltd. in relation to the mortgaged property mentioned below, stands transferred to Aditya Birla Capital ltd., the amalgamated company.
Accordingly the **Authorized Officer** of **Aditya Birla Capital Limited** / Secured Creditor had taken possession of the following secured assets pursuant to notice issued under Sec. 13(2) of Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI) for recovery of the secured debts of the secured creditor, for the dues as mentioned herein below with further charges and cost thereon from the following Borrowers and Co-Borrowers. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers and Co-Borrowers that e-auction of the following property for realization of the debts due to the **Aditya Birla Capital Limited** will be held on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is"** basis

DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION : 12-NOV-2026 & LAST DATE OF RECEIPT OF KYC & EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT (EMD) : 11-NOV-26

Sr No	Name of the Borrower(s) & Co-Borrower(s)	Description of Properties /Secured Assets	Reserve Price (In Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (In Rs.) / Increamental Value (In Rs.)	Demand Notice Date & Total Amt (In Rs.)
1	**1) M/S. NAGA SAI COOLDRINKS AND HOTEL THROUGH ITS PROPRIETOR MR ANKEM SAI KUMAR , 2) MR ANKEM SAI KUMAR, 3) MR. AMALESWARA RAO ANKEM 4) ANKEM NAGESWARA RAO 5) ANKEM SITA MAHALAKSHMI Loan A/c no. ABVJWSTS000000604925 & ABVJWSTS000000734670**	An Extent Of 94.84 Sq. Yards Or 79.29 Sq. Mts Of Vacant Site Consists Of 2 Items With All Rights Of Easement Situated In R.S.No.67 Of Phiryadi Nainavaram, Situated At Phiryadi Nainavaram Village And Grama Panchayath Area, Vijayawada Rural Mandal, Nunna Sub Registrar, Vijayawada District Registrar, Krishna District Being Bounded By : **Item No.1**: For An Extent Of 82.98 Sq. Yards Or 69.38 Sq. Mts Of Vacant Site Being Bounded By: East : 9.0 Ft Width Of Joint Passage, South :Property Of Ankem Govinda Rao, West :Property Of Davu Sambasiva Rao , North : 2nd Item. **Item No.2:** For An Extent Of 11.86 Sq. Yards Or 9.91 Sq. Mts Of Vacant Site Being Bounded By: East : Zero Point , South : 1st Item , West :Property Of Davu Sambasiva Rao, North : Road , Item No's. 1 & 2 Are The Contagious Bit Of An Extent Of 94.84 Sq. Yards Or 79.29 Sq.Mts Of Vacant Site.	RS. 37,00,000/- (RUPEES THIRTY SEVEN LAKH ONLY)	RS. 3,70,000/- (RUPEES THREE LAKH SEVENTY THOUSAND ONLY) ------- Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees twenty five thousand only)	12-NOV-2026 & RS. 35,22,519/- (RUPEES THIRTY FIVE LAKH TWENTY TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN RUPEES AND SIXTY SIX PAISA ONLY) AS ON 05-JUN-2026

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditor's website i.e. https://abfl.adityabirlacapital.com/Pages/Individual/Properties-for-Auction-under-SARFAESI-Act.aspx or https://BidDeal.in. Contact Details - Aditya Birla Capital Limited. Authorized Officer - Apoorva Danthi (9930909725), Komal Patil (9867895795), Jahirul Laskar (9706003075), Haresh Kumar (9176547103), LingaSwamy Batthini (9000001411) and Raghuveera Neerukonda (9642299899)
Date : 09.10.2026, Place : Andhra Pradesh **Authorised Officer, Aditya Birla Capital Limited**

Encore Asset Reconstruction Company Pvt. Ltd.

Corporate Office : 5th Floor, Plot No. 137, Sector 44, Gurugram 122002, Haryana, India. Phone : +91.124.4527200 | +91.124.4527231 | Email : contact@encorearc.com; Registered Office : Caddie Commercial Tower, Regus Business Centre, 5th Floor, Aerocity (Dial), New Delhi, India - 110037. | CIN No : U74140DL2013PTC259641

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, Encore Asset Reconstruction Company Private Limited **("Encore ARC")**, acting in its capacity of being Trustee of EARC – BANK – 025– Trust, has acquired all rights, title and interests of **Manappuram Home Finance Limited ('Bank'),** in the financial assets pertaining to below mentioned various borrowers originated by the Bank under section 5 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 ('SARFAESI Act, 2002').
And whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Encore ARC under SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 **('Rules'),** issued a demand notice to following borrowers calling upon to repay the amount mentioned in the notice along with description of secured asset details of borrowers, demand notice date and amount together with further interest at contractual rate, incidental expenses, and costs within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The below mentioned borrower/guarantor/mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given by the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Encore ARC, to the borrower/guarantor/mortgagor and the public in general that the Authorised Officer has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of SARFAESI Act, 2002 read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on **06/10/2026 .**
The borrower/guarantor/mortgagor 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 Encore Asset Reconstruction Company Private Limited for an amount mentioned below as on **10-09-2026,** together with further interest at contractual rate, incidental expenses and costs w.e.f. **11-09-2026.**
The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, 2002, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Sr. No.	Loan Account No & Trust Details and Original Lender	Name of Borrower/ Co Borrower/ Guarantor	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Outstanding Amount	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)
1	NLAP0031007354/EARC TRUST 25/ Manappuram Home Finance Ltd	INDUPALLI BHAGYARAJU,INDUPALLI SATYAM,INDUPALLI NIRMALA KUMARI,	09-08-2025 & Rs.391115/-	Rs.295944/-	Krishna District, Gannavaram Sub Registry, Gannavaram Mandal, Balliparru Village, R.S.NO 135/1A, Door NO 5-13, Asst NO 813, Andhra Pradesh, Pin code: 521286.. EAST-Panchayat Road, WEST-Property of Nimmakuri Jaya Pal, SOUTH-Panchayat Road, NORTH-Passage left for Nimmakuri Jaya Pal
2	NLAP0036014002/EARC TRUST 25/ Manappuram Home Finance Ltd	SHAIK MAHAMMAD HUSSAIN,SHAIK HASEENA,GANDULUR CHINNA MAHABOOB	16-08-2025 & Rs.835473/-	Rs.698646/-	GREEN LAND Flat No.108, ward No.20 Modameedipalli Harijana Wada Street, S.NO.403/2B, 404 in Modameedhipalli village, Proddatur Municipality, Proddatur Town, Proddatur Sub District, Kadapa District, ANDHRA PRADESH - 516360. EAST-Site - Land of Sy.No.404 and Rastha/ Flat -Open Space, WEST-Site -Land of Sy.No.403/ Flat - Corridor, SOUTH-Site -Site of A.Mahaboob Bee/ Flat - Open space after that Flat No.107, NORTH-Site -Site of A.Mahaboob Bee/ Flat -Open space after that Flat No.109
3	NLAP0031044447/EARC TRUST 25/ Manappuram Home Finance Ltd	KOPPARTHI LAKSHMI NARAYANA PAVANSWAMY, SRINUVASURAO, KOPPARTI VENKATA RAMANA,PULAKHANDAM SAI BABU	08-09-2025 & Rs.1025093/-	Rs.1008907/-	West Godavari District, Bhimavaram Sub Registry, Bhimavaram Mandalam, Losari Gutlapadu Sivaru, Gutlapadu Village Panchayat Are, Losari Gutlapadu Village R.S No 45/2A Nearest Door No 7-87 Door NO 2-88 as per Property Tax RECIEPT Asst No 299, of Residential Site, Consisting of RCC Daba.State Andra pradesh PIN 534239. EAST-5 Ft Passage , WEST-Road, SOUTH-Residential House , NORTH-Road
4	MLAP0031006174/EARC TRUST 25/ Manappuram Home Finance Ltd	TADI NAGAMANI,TADI LAKSHMANRAO	29-04-2026 & Rs.441305/-	Rs.443248/-	DOOR NO 2-26,R S NO 352/2, RANGAPURAM VILLAGE, RANGAPURA, VILLAGE PANCHAYAT, REDDYGUDEM MANDAL, VISSANNAPET SUB REGISTRY, KRISHNA AP-521215. EAST-DONKA , WEST-DONKA, SOUTH-SOUTH OF TADI NARAYANA, NORTH-HOUSE OF TADI NAGESWARA RAO

Date: 09-10-2026, Place: ANDHRA PRADESH **Sd/- Authorized Officer - Encore Asset Reconstruction Company Pvt. Ltd.**

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The below mentioned borrower/guarantor/mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given by the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Encore ARC, to the borrower/guarantor/mortgagor and the public in general that the Authorised Officer has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of SARFAESI Act, 2002 read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on **06/10/2026 .**
The borrower/guarantor/mortgagor 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 Encore Asset Reconstruction Company Private Limited for an amount mentioned below as on 04-08-2026, together with further interest at contractual rate, incidental expenses and costs w.e.f. **05-08-2026.**
The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, 2002, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Sr. No.	Loan Account No & Trust Details and Original Lender	Name of Borrower/ Co Borrower/Guarantor	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Outstanding Amount	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)
1	NLAP0116004950/EARC TRUST 25/ Manappuram Home Finance Ltd	ELISETTI RAMBABU, ELISETTI SINGARAMMA, ELISETTI RAJU, yenugu MANI TEJA	06-08-2025 & Rs.342548/-	Rs.312883/-	Sy.No.63/1D, D.NO : 1-247, TIRUMALI (VI), YELESWARAM (MDL), EAST GODAVARI DIST, ANDHRA PRADESH, Pincode: 533429.. EAST-71 FT HOUSE OF V THATHARAO, WEST-D82 FTS 15 FTS WIDE ROAD, SOUTH-68 FTS HOUSE OF PASALA VEERRAJU, NORTH-68 FTS HOUSE OF M BHUSHANAM
2	NLAP0036026833/EARC TRUST 25/ Manappuram Home Finance Ltd	KUKTLAPALLI SUDAKAR, KUKATLAPALLI SURESH, KUKATLA PALLI PRASANTHI RANI,KUKATTAPALLI ABHINAV	09-08-2025 & Rs.648976/-	Rs.738685/-	D.No.1/61, YSR Kadapa District, Khajipeta Mandal, Thudumula Dinne Village, in ward No.01, Sy.No.24 Pyki ANDHRA PRADESH - 516201. . EAST-Rastha, WEST-Site of Karre Sanjeev, SOUTH-Site of Kommalapati Kamalamma, NORTH-Canal
3	MLAP0031005312/EARC TRUST 25/ Manappuram Home Finance Ltd	BASTATI PADMA,BASTATI PITCHESWARA RAO,	09-08-2025 & Rs.412555/-	Rs.433212/-	Krishna District, Pamarru Sub Registry, Pamarru Mandalam, Pamarru Village, R.S.NO 918/2, Door NO 4-35, Asst NO 234, Andhra Pradesh, Pin code: 521157.. EAST-Panchayat Road, WEST-Property of Buradagunta Srinivasa Rao, SOUTH-Property of Bastati Bhu Lakshmi, NORTH-Panchayat Road
4	NLAP0036030517/EARC TRUST 25/ Manappuram Home Finance Ltd	NESA PEDDA HUSSENI,NESA ADI LAKSHMI,GODIGANURU SUJATHA	12-08-2025 & Rs.534872/-	Rs.644268/-	D.No.3-181, Nandyala District, Nandyala Reg-District Kovelaguntla Sub-District, Domipadu mandal, W.Kothapalle Grama Panchayath,, Andhra Pradesh, pin code: 518135. . EAST-House of Nesa Praveen , WEST-Cement Road, SOUTH-House of Paidi Prashanth, NORTH-House of Nesa Bala Chandrudu
5	MLAP0036031285/EARC TRUST 25/ Manappuram Home Finance Ltd	KAMBALA PARVATHI,KAMBALA SRINIVASULU,MARTALA SAMPATH KUMAR REDDY	12-08-2025 & Rs.518720/-	Rs.617656/-	D.No.3-340, YSR Kadapa District, Jammalamadugu Sub-District, Mylavaram Mandal,Vaddirala Panchayath,Vaddirala Village, Sy.No.456/1, Andhra Pradesh, Pin code: 516434.. EAST-House of S.Roshanna , WEST-Rastha ,House of Gadval Dada Peer, SOUTH-Rastha, NORTH-House of Kambala Venkatesh
6	MLAP0132039105/EARC TRUST 25/ Manappuram Home Finance Ltd	G NARAYANAMMA,G MAHENDRA,	12-08-2025 & Rs.422423/-	Rs.503740/-	D.N0.3-144, Venkatagari Palli Hamlet and Mylavantham Village &. Gram Panchayath, Bathalapalli Mandal and Sri Satya Sai District, S.No. 507, S.Yards 58.55, D.No. 3-144, Asst.No. 1160, Andhra Pradesh, Pin code: 515661.. EAST-House of Derangula Peddann, WEST-Own Shed & Place of Executant, SOUTH-Rastha, NORTH-Rastha
7	MLAP0036031823/EARC TRUST 25/ Manappuram Home Finance Ltd	M VASUNDHARA,Bomma Obi Reddy,	12-08-2025 & Rs.497095/-	Rs.583844/-	House with D.No.2-45,Siddanna Gari Palle Hamlet, Uppala Padu Village& post, Mudigubba Mandal, Sri Satya Sai District, S.No. 267, D.No. 2-45, asst no. 275, Andhra Pradesh, pin code: 515511.. EAST-Rastha, WEST-House & Open space of Chennamma, SOUTH-House of K.Thippanna, NORTH-Rasta
8	MLAP0031033363/EARC TRUST 25/ Manappuram Home Finance Ltd	NANDYALA KUMARI,NANDYALA SAMBAIAH,	13-08-2025 & Rs.527339/-	Rs.620655/-	NTR District, Ibrahimpatnam Sub-Registry, Ibrahimpatnam Mandalam, Kondapalli Village, R.S.NO 293/1, Door NO 1-38-101/1, Asst NO 1187013893, Andhra Pradesh, pin code: 521456. EAST-Passage, WEST-Property of M.Sandya Rani, SOUTH-Property of Ch.Venkatrao, NORTH-North
9	MLAP0031006891/EARC TRUST 25/ Manappuram Home Finance Ltd	KALANGI LAKSHMI TIRUPATAMMA,KALANGI RAMAKRISHNA,	14-08-2025 & Rs.531921/-	Rs.625170/-	Krishna District, Mylavaram Sub Registry, A.Konduru Mandal, Chimalapadu Village Panchayat Area, Chimalapadu Village, R.S.NO 486, Old Door NO 3-85, New Door NO 2-66, Old Asst NO 257, New Asst NO 266, Andhra Pradesh, Pin code: 521227. EAST-Panchayat Road, WEST-Property of Gundru Koteswara Rao, SOUTH-Property of Ulliboyina Kousalya and Ulliboina Koteswara Rao, NORTH-Property of Palam Kondalu and Palam Bala Krishna
10	MLAP0036044357/EARC TRUST 25/ Manappuram Home Finance Ltd	MUDDANGULA SUBBALAKSHUMMA,MUDDA NGULA VENKATA SUBBAIAH, TAKELLA ANJANEYULU	14-08-2025 & Rs.529913/-	Rs.622882/-	D.No.90/206, YSR Kadapa District, Kadapa Rural Sub-District, Kadapa Municipal Corporation, Mammilapalle Ilakha N.R.Matam Village,Ward No.90, Sy.No.190, Andhra Pradesh, Pin code: 516004. EAST-House of Bathala Subbarayudu, WEST-House of Chandragiri Vekatesh, SOUTH-Road, NORTH-Site of Chandragiri Vekatesh
11	NLAP0036012529/EARC TRUST 25/ Manappuram Home Finance Ltd	KATARI SHYAM,RAMAKKAGARI CHANDRAKALA,KATARI KAMALAMMA	14-08-2025 & Rs.537440/-	Rs.570820/-	D.No.13/275, YSR Kadapa District, Kadapa Sub-District, Chennur mandal, Chennur Panchayath, Chennur, Kotha Gandhi Nagar, ward No.13, Sy.No.755-2 , Andhra Pradesh, Pin code: 516162.. EAST-House of Kattaru hanish, WEST-House of Davanam Sarala, SOUTH-Road, NORTH-House of Yeddula Jayalakshumma
12	NLAP0036004180/EARC TRUST 25/ Manappuram Home Finance Ltd	NAGESH KASUPOGULA, NINGACHARI S,RAJAMMA N,	14-08-2025 & Rs.696138/-	Rs.815715/-	Property bearing No.1898/1322, P.I.D. No. 152100300900320728, Situated at Halaguru Village, Halaguru Gramapanchayath, Malavalli Taluk, Mandya District, KARNATAKA - 571421 . EAST-4 feet conservancy and vacant site belongs to ramanna, WEST-house to belongs to raju s/o of ramachari, SOUTH-road, NORTH-vacant site belongs to habibur rehaman
13	MLAP0031036241/EARC TRUST 25/ Manappuram Home Finance Ltd	BANAVATHU KALESWARI,M GANGADHARA REDDY,	14-08-2025 & Rs.639090/-	Rs.794727/-	D.No.2-16, S.NO. . 341 D.No. 2-16 Asst.No. 187 situated in RD Puttaparthy & SRD of Dharmavarm and within limits of Nallaboyana Palli Panchayath, D.Cherlopalli Revenue Village, Dharmavaram Mandal and Sri Satya Sai Disrtict, ANDHRA PRADESH - 515672. EAST-road, WEST-house of r.ramana, SOUTH-house of j shekar reddy, NORTH-road
14	NLAP0031033909/EARC TRUST 25/ Manappuram Home Finance Ltd	SARIPALLI PHANI KUMAR, SARIPALLI SUNITHA, SARIPALLI CHINNI,SARIPALLI GONTHEMMA,	16-08-2025 & Rs.844856/-	Rs.982039/-	Eluru District, Mandavalli Sub Registry, Nandivada Mandalam, Polukonda Village Panchayat Area, Polukonda Village, R.S.NO 391/2, Door NO 3-11, Asst NO 440, ANDHRA PRADESH - 521327 . EAST-Panchayat Road, WEST-Property of Nerella Babu Rao, SOUTH-Property of Mutyala Raja Rao, NORTH-Panchayat Road
15	NLAP0031034681/EARC TRUST 25/ Manappuram Home Finance Ltd	GOLLAMANDALA VENKATESWARA RAO, VATTIPROLU KAMALASRI, BAIRLA VEERRAJU	16-08-2025 & Rs.1007050/-	Rs.1174261/-	NTR District, Vissannapet Sub Registry, A.Konduru Mandalam, East Madhavaram Village R.S.NO 95, Door NO 1-21, Asst NO 21, KRISHNA, ANDHRA PRADESH, 521227. EAST- C.C.Road, WEST- Gollamandala Daniyelu, SOUTH- Adhuri Malleswari, NORTH-Gollamandala Venkatesh
16	MO90LALONS00000500 9613/EARC TRUST 25/ Manappuram Home Finance Ltd	MAHINOOR SYED,ABDUL RAHEEM SYED,SHIAK GHOUSE BASHA	18-08-2025 & Rs.946754/-	Rs. 1083781.57/-	D.No.22/231 situated in Y.S.R(Kadapa) District, Proddatur Reg District, Kotha Kottala Street (Moulana Azad Street — 3), old ward No.13 and D.No.201 now ward No.22, Sy.No.467/1 pyki in ANDHRA PRADESH - 516360. EAST-Joint wall and house of Yerraguntla Mahaboob Sab, WEST-Joint wall and houses of Nossam Mabu Sab, SOUTH-Rastha, NORTH-Joint wall and houses of Nossam Mabu Sab
17	MLAP0031005416/EARC TRUST 25/ Manappuram Home Finance Ltd	NAKKANABOYINA DURGA,NAKKANABOYINA NAGAIAH,NAKKANABOYINA VINOD KUMAR,	18-08-2025 & Rs.349220/-	Rs.357713/-	Krishna District, Mylavaram Sub Registry, G.Konduru Mandal,Pinapaka Village Panchayat Area, Pinapaka Village, R.S.NO 53/3A, Door NO 1-80, Asst NO 80 P.O PINAPAKA, KRISHNA, ANDHRA PRADESH, Pin: 521228. EAST-panchayat road, WEST-property of nakkaboina rama rao, SOUTH-property of pajjuru jamalayya, NORTH-joint passage of nakkabonia rama rao and nakkabonia siva gangadhara rao
18	MLAP0097006691/EARC TRUST 25/ Manappuram Home Finance Ltd	Madiga Sangamma,Madiga Raju,	21-08-2025 & Rs.368266/-	Rs.403537/-	D.No.2-160 situated in RD & SRD of Anantapuramu and within limits of Kuderu Gram Panchayath and Revenue village of Kuderu Mandal, S.NO. 480/2, Plot No. 65 in Anantapur, ANDHRA PRADESH - 515711. EAST-Rastha, WEST-Plot No.64, SOUTH-Plot of Ameenamma, NORTH-Plot of Manikyamma in Same plot No.65
19	NLAP0036006867/EARC TRUST 25/ Manappuram Home Finance Ltd	UDAY KUMAR LANKA,KEZIA LANKA,CHENNAIAH UPPALAPATI	22-08-2025 & Rs.922455/-	Rs.1068324/-	D.No.5/198 assessment No.860 with site situated YSR Kadapa District, Proddatur Sub-District, Rajupalem mandal, Tanguturu panchayath, Sy.No.120/2 Pyki an extent of Ac.0.02 cents and 975 sq.links or 144 Sq.yards, ANDHRA PRADESH - 516359. EAST-House of Gorigenuru Abraham, WEST-House of Lanka Prabhudasu, SOUTH-House of Akkampalle Mark, NORTH-House of Bandela Ovjaiah
20	NLAP0036007236/EARC TRUST 25/ Manappuram Home Finance Ltd	HUSSAIN BASHA KRISHNAM PALLI,IMRANA BANU KRISHNAMPALLI,VENKATA SUBBAIAH MENAPATI	22-08-2025 & Rs.709753/-	Rs.807124/-	D.No.3/19 situated YSR Kadapa District, Pin: 516359 , Proddatur Sub-District , Rajupalem mandal , Tanguturu grama panchayath , Tanguturu village in the village fields of Tanguturu in Sy.No.122 Pyki ANDHRA PRADESH Pin: 516359 . EAST-House of Krishnampalli Hussainaih, WEST-Public rastha, SOUTH-House of Kandukuru Chinna Venkata Subbanna , Within these boundaries, NORTH-Rastha
21	NLAP0036005903/EARC TRUST 25/ Manappuram Home Finance Ltd	CHANDRA OBULAREDDY ANKKIREDDY PALLE, CHANDRA OBULAREDDY ANKKIREDDY PALLE, LAKSHMIDEVI ANKKIREDDY PALL,RAVI SHANKAR REDDY PESALA	22-08-2025 & Rs.1608448/-	Rs.1805029/-	RCC house with site having D.No.10/96 assessment No.1896 situated Kadapa District, Badvel Sub-District, B.Matam mandal, Somireddypalli grama panchayath Somireddypalli inSy.No.318/1 Pyki P.O SOMIREDDYPALLI, CUDDAPAH, ANDHRA PRADESH, Pin: 516503. EAST-site of pindi satya narayana, WEST-13 feet rastha , SOUTH-site of srinivasula reddy, NORTH-site of somireddypalle guru prasad
22	NLAP0036005283/EARC TRUST 25/ Manappuram Home Finance Ltd	RAHAJAN KOTLA,MABU SHAREEF KOTLA,SUHEL SHAIK	22-08-2025 & Rs.413191/-	Rs.457071/-	RCC HOUSE with site having D.No2/246 situated YSR Kadapa District,Duvvuru sub district,Duvvuru mandal,Kanaguduru grama panchayat in the village Pin 516175,ANDHRA PRADESH. EAST-Sandu rastha,Site of Kotla Shajida, WEST-Rastha, SOUTH-Rastha,With in these boundaries, NORTH-Site of Kotla Pedda Heeral
23	NLAP0036009224/EARC TRUST 25/ Manappuram Home Finance Ltd	POLU VENKATA RAMANA, POLU SAROJA, GUDISANAPALLI RAVI KUMAR	22-08-2025 & Rs.510612/-	Rs.549064/-	RCC house having D.No.2/228 with site situated YSR Kadapa District, Kadapa Reg District, Badvel Sub-District,B.Matam Mandal,T.Soudharivaripalle grama panchayat in Sy. No. 204 pyki in ANDHRA PRADESH - 516503. EAST-Rastha, WEST-Rastha, SOUTH-Site of Ankireddypalli bali reddy, NORTH-House of Mopuri pedda sidaiah
24	NLAP0116004580/EARC TRUST 25/ Manappuram Home Finance Ltd	KOPPULA RAMBABU, KOPPULA RAMANA,koppula pedda dharmarao	08-09-2025 & Rs.310173/-	Rs.328882/-	Sy. No.110/6, Ass. No 248 & D.No :2-52 at V: P. Kannapuram M: Dwaraka Tirumala ,Dist : Eluru, ANDHRA PRADESH -534401 . EAST-37 Feet Road, WEST-39 Feet Murala Yesubabu Site and House, SOUTH-30 Feet Gadde Chiranjeevi Site and House, NORTH-33 Feet Road
25	NLAP0036030925/EARC TRUST 25/ Manappuram Home Finance Ltd	YANAMALA BHARATHI, YANAMALA VENKATADRI, PICHAPATI SHYAM SUNDER	11-09-2025 & Rs.514297/-	Rs.604164/-	Madras Terrance Roof house having D.No 6/1/3 with site situated at YSR Kadapa District,Proddatur Sub-District,Rajupalem Mandal,Vasudevapuram Grama Panchayat,Vasudevapuram Village,in the village fields of Velavali in Sy . No.56/3 Pyki Pin 516359 ANDHRA PRADESH. EAST-House of Yenumula Chalapathi, WEST-House of Yenumula Venkata Ramana, SOUTH-Others Site , NORTH-Rastha
26	NLAP0139037045/EARC TRUST 25/ Manappuram Home Finance Ltd	BAIRAPOGU MASTHAN, ARIKONDA SUMATHI, MUNAMALA MADHU	11-09-2025 & Rs.1004422/-	Rs.1158770/-	RCC House having D,No 5 with site situated at YSR Kadapa District Kamalapuram Sub District Kamalapuram Mandal Gangavaram Grama Panchayat, Vibharapuram Village in the village fields of Gangavaram In Sy No 119- 2A Pyki .Nellore District Andra Pradesh State PIN 524304. EAST-Site of Madduri Narayana Reddy, WEST-House of Pillavenkata Galla Ramesh , SOUTH-Rakapokala Rastha , NORTH-House of Pillavenkata galla Venkataiah
27	MLAP0031006801/EARC TRUST 25/ Manappuram Home Finance Ltd	BANAVATHU PARVATHI,BANAVATHU RAMESH NAYAK,	11-09-2025 & Rs.449722/-	Rs.503232/-	NTR District, Vijayawada District Registry, Mylavaram Sub Registry, A. Konduru Mandal, Krishna Rap Palem Village Panchayat Area, Cheemalapadu Village, R.S.NO 72-3, Door NO 3-75, Asst NO 275, in ANDHRA PRADESH - 521227. EAST-Site of Banavathu Ramchand and Banavathu Vasaram, WEST-Site of Banavathu Vasaram, SOUTH-Panchayat Road, NORTH-Site of Banavathu Redya Naik
28	MO90LALONS00000501 1658/EARC TRUST 25/ Manappuram Home Finance Ltd	MAHAMMAD RAFI ACHUKATLA, SHAIK GHOUSIA,JILAN ACHUKATLA, SHAIK MABUCHAND,SHAMSHADBE GAM ACHUKATLA,MAYREDDY RAMBABU	11-09-2025 & Rs.833112/-	Rs.853232/-	D.No.4/376,4/377,4/378 situated at Y.S.R. (Kadapa) District) Proddatur Reg-District, Jammalamadugu Sub-District, Jammalamadugu Nagara Panchayat in 4th Diguvapatnam colony area in the village fields of Jammalamadugu in Sy.No.586/19-1-2 Pyki in ANDHRA PRADESH - 516434. EAST-Public rastha, WEST-Joint wall of others in plot No.11, SOUTH- 20 links width east-west road, NORTH-House of Muddugari Chinna Venkata Ramana house.
29	NLAP0036026379/EARC TRUST 25/ Manappuram Home Finance Ltd	KOMERA VEERA NARAYANA,KOMERA LAKSHMI NARAYANAMMA,KOMERA VEERA MANOHAR	11-09-2025 & Rs.948848/-	Rs.956003/-	RCC House having D No-5-2-417 wlith site situated at YSR Kadapa District, Pulivendula Sub- District, Pulivendula Municipality, Chinna rangapuram Village in Ward No 5 in the village fields of pulivendula in Sy No 206 Pyki Kadapa District Andrapradesh state PIN516390. EAST-Road , WEST-House of Sudhakar, SOUTH-Exe Remaining site, NORTH-Exe Remaining site
30	NLAP0036029619/EARC TRUST 25/ Manappuram Home Finance Ltd	GIRRAM NEELAKANTHESWARA,GIRR AM SUHASINI,THALLAPALLE RAMMOHAN	12-09-2025 & Rs.541868/-	Rs.619049/-	RCC house having D/No.2/33 with site situated at YSR Kadapa District,Pulivendula Sub-District, Pulivendula Mandal, Erraballe Kothapalle Grama Panchayat,Erraballe Kothapalle Village,in the village fields of Erraballe in Sy.No.660 Pyki ,ANDHRA PRADESH - 515541. EAST-Rastha, WEST-House of Kethireddy Ramanjaneyulu, SOUTH-House of Gorantla Maruthi Prasad, NORTH-Rastha
31	MLAP0131041683/EARC TRUST 25/ Manappuram Home Finance Ltd	CHATLA RANI,CHATLA RAMESH,	12-09-2025 & Rs.329691/-	Rs.353753/-	Prakasam District, Ongole Registration District, Darisi Sub Registry, Talluru Mandalam, Turpu Gangavaram Village Panchayat Area, Nagambotlapalem Village, R.S. NO 74-4, Door NO 7-80, Asst NO 957, in ANDHRA PRADESH - 523264. EAST-House of Chatla Immaniyelu and Site of Chatla Jarji, WEST-House of Chatla Balakotaiah, SOUTH-House of Chatla Suresh, NORTH-Presently Panchayat Cement Road
32	MLAP0132038909/EARC TRUST 25/ Manappuram Home Finance Ltd	BATHHINA PUJITHA,B CHENNAKESAVA,	13-09-2025 & Rs.476071/-	Rs.549394/-	D.No.5-102, S.NO. 499-1B, Asst.No.601, situated in RD Puttaparthy & SRD of Dharmavarm, and within limits of Tadimarri Gram Panchayath, Tadimarri Revenue village & Mandal and Sri Satya Sai Disrtict, ANDHRA PRADESH - 515631. EAST-Road, WEST-Open Site of Nagaraju, SOUTH-House of C.Ramanjineyulu, NORTH-House of Chowdappa.
33	MLAP0132034861/EARC TRUST 25/ Manappuram Home Finance Ltd	S GULAB JAN,CHINTALA SURESH,	13-09-2025 & Rs.522721/-	Rs.602375/-	House with D.No.2-82, S.No. 316, Asst.No. 75 in RD Puttaparthy & SRD of Kadiri, Pulagam Palli Village, Nallamada Mandal and Sathya Sai Disrtict, ANDHRA PRADESH - 515591. EAST- House of Ramu, WEST-House of Kasim, SOUTH-Open Space of S.Sab Jan, NORTH-Rastha

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EDITORIAL

Dr. Satyavan Saurabh shines in children's literature; 'Pragyan' receives the Best Work Award of Rs. 31,000

The Haryana Academy of Literature and Culture's Best Work Award, approved by the Chief Minister, marks a new milestone in the literary journey of Ph.D. literary couple Dr. Satyawan Saurabh and Dr. Priyanka Saurabh, who have 27 books under their belts. The book, written in the name of their son Pragyan, is dedicated to all the children of the world.

Bhiwani. Literary and author Dr. Satyawan Saurabh's children's literature work, "Pragyan," has been selected for the Haryana Sahitya and Sanskriti Academy's 2023 Best Work Award. In the results announced by the academy, "Pragyan" has been selected in the children's literature category. Under this award, the selected work will receive a prize money of ?31,000. The Haryana Sahitya and Sanskriti Academy has announced the 2023 results for literary works received in various languages, including Hindi, Haryanvi, Sanskrit, and Punjabi. Under the Academy's Shrestha Kriti Award scheme, the best works in various literary genres have been selected. In this series, "Pragyan," by Dr. Satyawan Saurabh of Barwa (Bhiwani), has been selected for the honor in the children's literature category.

"Pragyan," Dr. Satyavan Saurabh's work, focuses on children's literature, presenting literary, cultural, and thought-provoking material for children. The special feature of this book is that the author dedicated it to all the children of the world on the occasion of the birth of his son, Pragyan. Through this book, an attempt has been made to connect children's imagination, sensitivity, values, and creative thinking with literature.

Dr. Saurabh has long been involved in writing, journalism, and literary activities. His writings reflect a special interest in social concerns, contemporary topics, and children's literature. Active in various genres, "Pragyan" brings to the fore his creative focus on children's literature.

According to Dr. Kuldeep Chand Agnihotri, Executive Vice President of the Haryana Academy of Literature and Culture, the results of the Best Work Award Scheme for the year 2023 have been approved by the Academy President and the Chief Minister. Dr. Satyawan Saurabh's "Pragyan" was selected under this process in the children's literature category. This honor marks a significant milestone in Dr. Satyavan Saurabh's literary journey. His work's inclusion among the best works of children's literature by the state literary organization is an institutional recognition of his contributions to children's literature.

Expressing his delight at this achievement, Dr. Satyavan Saurabh said, "Children's literature is not just a medium of entertainment, but an important foundation for children's values, imagination, sensitivity, and thought-formation." Creating meaningful and valuable literature for children has been one of his literary priorities.

Dr. Satyavan Saurabh's wife, Dr. Priyanka Saurabh, is also a renowned author and literary figure. Both hold PhDs in Political Science and, while active in the field of literary writing, have authored numerous books both jointly and independently. Their writings prominently feature topics such as social concerns, contemporary discourse, women's empowerment, children's literature, and social consciousness. To date, both authors have published 27 books.

Nana Patekar, And The Sharp, Lasting Sting Of His 'Plain-Speak'

KAVEREE BAMZAI



Before his 1991 directorial debut, Prahaar, about life as an army commando, Vishwanath 'Nana' Patekar trained for three years with the Maratha Light Infantry. The film, in which he played Major Chavan, would go on to have a seminal effect on a young Vikram Batra, who did an intensive 35-day course at the Commando Training School at Belgaum, now Belagavi, Karnataka. The course enabled soldiers to join the Ghatak Platoon, becoming the elite first responders of their unit in any combat situation.

It was here that Patekar shot parts of the movie, retaining a lifelong connection to soldiers who saw him join the Territorial Army. It was this movie that was a prime motivator in young Vikram's life, which made him join the army before being martyred in Kargil on July 7, 1999. It was this movie that the Belagavi railway station paid tribute to on X today, with a shot of the opening scene, which was filmed there. Prahaar was only one of Patekar's several performances that made him stand out from other actors in the film industry in a career that repeatedly underlined his capacity for simmering silence and seething speeches. Prahaar saw him doing both. It was the kind of thing Patekar lived for, usually far away from the industry's entourage culture and celebrity doublespeak. Raised in relative poverty, he lived, for most of his life, even after becoming a successful actor, in a one-bedroom house. Later, he split his time between a farmhouse in Pune and a home in Goa, choosing to live and work among farmers, for whom he had worked since 2015. He did not suffer fools gladly, but when he loved, he did so fiercely and fearlessly. His plain-speak had the ability to make people uncomfortable, as did his art. He was the diabolical Anna Seth in Vidhu Vinod Chopra's Parinda (1991), the grisly climax of which left Patekar with burns that took six months to heal. He was the raging Pratap Tilak in Mehul Kumar's Krantiveer (1994), delivering a fiery monologue about "maut ka tamasha" just as he is to be hanged. And he was the abusive Vishwanath in Partho Ghosh's thriller Agni Sakshi (1996), terrorising poor Manisha Koirala's Madhu/Shubhangi.

All three roles earned him National Awards, but Patekar, who rose from painting posters to studying at the JJ School of Art in Mumbai, thanks to a generous benefactor, was not impressed by the glamour of the industry, often finding himself to be a misfit among glib talkers and smooth dressers. In later years, Patekar became a social media sensation, without meaning to, with his one-liners as 'Uday Shetty' in Welcome (2007) and Welcome Back (2015) becoming meme material.

The Appeal Of Stardom, And Why It Didn't Matter To Nana

Success in movies is usually a combination of luck, timing, talent, and an encouraging ecosystem. Celebrity status needs an additional quality: the ability to feed the star machine continuously with publicists, agents, and visible symbols of prestige. Patekar did not have any interest in the latter, much like another great actor, Om Puri. Unlike Puri, though, Patekar did not emerge from arthouse cinema, cutting his teeth instead on potboilers such as N Chandra's Ankush (1986), in which he is part of a group of vigilantes who take revenge for the rape of a neighbour, and Dayal Nihalani's Andha Yudh (1987), where he is an idealistic young police officer. Men like Patekar are born leading men, clad in character actor skins. These skins allow them to be malleable, flexible, and often invisible, flowing from one role to another, with the willingness to step out of the spotlight.

Patekar did it often enough, in roles big and small. In Sanjay Leela Bhansali's Khamoshi: The Musical (1996), he acts with his eyes, denied his voice, as the hearing-impaired father, Joseph Braganza. In Shimit Amin's Ab Tak Chhapan (2004), he channels Daya Nayak's naivete and bullheadedness as encounter specialist Sadhu Agashe. And in Prakash Jha's Raajneeti (2010), for instance, he is calm and composed, bereft of the bluster he was usually given, as he advises his young nephews, Prithviraj and Samar. Few films captured his late-stage sadness as Natsamrat (2016), a film adaptation of the Marathi play by Mahesh Manjrekar. It shows him as stage actor Ganpat Belwalkar, who divides his property between his two children, whose ingratitude leaves him and his wife homeless and broken.

As the Prince said in Hamlet: "What a piece of work is a man, How noble in reason, how infinite in faculty, In form and moving how express and admirable." And "yet to me, what is this quintessence of dust?" Patekar seemed to have been preparing himself for death by living every moment but also reflecting on it, through his life and through his work. Consider his monologue in Anil Mattoo's Yeshwant (1997) about the common man's life. "Subah ghar se niklo, bheed ka ek hissa bano. Shaam ko ghar jao, daru piyo aur bacchee paida karo, aur subah talak phir ek baar mar jao (Leave home in the morning, become part of the crowd. Go home in the evening, drink, make babies, and then wake up in the morning to die another day)," says his character Inspector Yeshwant Lohar.

His own comments about death a few days ago only deepen the sense of an ending. A life lived in full, full of achievements, replete with mistakes, but in every way complete. Veteran Indian actor Nana Patekar, known for his intense, fiery performances on stage and in film, has died at the age of 75 in Goa.

One of the most recognisable faces of Indian cinema, Patekar won three National Film Awards and became known for playing difficult and often volatile characters. He was also a prominent figure in Marathi language cinema and theatre.

He was admitted to a hospital after being found unconscious at his home in Goa in the early hours of Thursday.

"Despite 45 minutes of continuous CPR, he could not be revived," Dr Shekhar Salkar of Manipal Hospital in Goa told ANI news agency. Tributes have poured in from actors and politicians across India.

Dr Salkar later told PTI news agency that the hospital team found Patekar at his home "unconscious and almost unresponsive".

The team continued giving him CPR even while taking him to the hospital, located about 10 minutes away, but he was dead by the time they reached there, he added.

Dr Salkar said Patekar had suffered a cardiac arrest, but it was not clear what had triggered it.

Family, friends and fans paid their last respects to the actor at Goa Medical College, ahead of his funeral which was to take place later in the day with full state honours at his farm house in the western city of Pune in Maharashtra state. In the evening, his remains were flown to Pune by air ambulance, where the state's chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis paid his last respects, before Patekar's body was taken to his farm in Donje village for last rites to be performed.

Earlier, Prime Minister Narendra Modi led tributes to the actor, praising Patekar's versatility and outspoken personality.

Patekar portrayed characters that would "remain etched in the memory of generations", Modi wrote on X, adding that his death had left "a vast void in the artistic world".

FORM 6 CONTROVERSY: Read the Supreme Court judgment carefully



The controversy surrounding the Election Commission of India's September 26 press note on Form 6 highlights a larger problem in public discourse: complex judicial observations are often reduced to political claims and counterclaims without examining the precise language of the judgment.

The ECI had stated that the declaration attached to Form 6 for the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) had been upheld by the Supreme Court. Critics subsequently argued that the Commission had misrepresented the Court because the Supreme Court clarified that it had not upheld any "modification" of Form 6. At the heart of the controversy, however, lies an important distinction between modifying Form 6 itself and requiring an additional declaration to accompany it. Form 6 remains the statutory application for inclusion of a name in the electoral roll. Requiring a new applicant to submit an additional declaration in the context of an SIR does not necessarily mean that the statutory form itself has been altered. The two concepts should not be treated as interchangeable.

The Supreme Court's observations in the Bihar SIR judgment are relevant in this context. The Court recognised that a Special Intensive Revision is different from the ordinary revision process and that the Election Commission has the authority to prescribe additional documentation suited to the particular requirements of such an exercise. The judgment also examined the documentation prescribed by the Commission and found the requirements to be connected with the objective of maintaining the integrity of electoral rolls. This distinction is crucial. The Court may not have endorsed a "modification" of Form 6, but that does not automatically mean that every additional document required to accompany the form was rejected. Indeed, the Court's discussion of the Commission's power to prescribe documentation for an SIR must be read in its entirety rather than through isolated phrases. The ECI's press note, therefore, should be assessed on what it actually stated. If the Commission said that the declaration attached to Form 6 was upheld, that is materially different from claiming that the Court had approved a modification of Form 6 itself. The issue also points to a broader democratic responsibility. The Election Commission must communicate judicial decisions with maximum precision, particularly on matters as sensitive as electoral rolls. At the same time, political parties, commentators and media organisations have an equal responsibility to distinguish between what a judgment actually says and what they believe it implies.

Electoral integrity deserves rigorous scrutiny. But scrutiny is meaningful only when it is based on the complete record. In a constitutional democracy, disagreement with an institution is legitimate; attributing misrepresentation to it requires something more than a semantic dispute. The Form 6 controversy should therefore be settled not through competing slogans, but through a careful reading of the judgment. Modification of a statutory form and an additional declaration accompanying that form are two different propositions. Confusing them risks turning a question of legal interpretation into an unnecessary institutional confrontation.

DUE PROCESS MUST PREVAIL IN THE ELECTION COMMISSION DEBATE



The Supreme Court's refusal to pass an interim order seeking the suspension of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar is a significant reminder that serious allegations concerning constitutional institutions must be tested against evidence, procedure and law rather than political rhetoric.

The petitions before the Court alleged that important decisions concerning the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls were taken unilaterally without the concurrence of the other Election Commissioners. The petitioners relied substantially on a media investigation. The Supreme Court, however, declined to act on the report alone and issued notices to the Election Commission and its members, allowing the institution an opportunity to place authentic records before the Court.

This approach is important for the health of constitutional democracy. A newspaper report may raise legitimate questions and trigger public scrutiny, but it cannot by itself become a substitute for evidence in judicial proceedings. Allegations against a constitutional authority demand careful examination, particularly when the requested relief could disrupt the functioning of an institution entrusted with conducting elections.

The Election Commission has maintained that differences expressed during internal deliberations are normal and that final decisions on the SIR were taken unanimously. Whether that position withstands judicial scrutiny will depend on the official records placed before the Court. The Court has also made it clear that if any decision is ultimately found to have violated the law or the required decision-making procedure, appropriate relief can still follow.

The larger issue, however, extends beyond the immediate dispute. Electoral rolls are the foundation of representative democracy. Ensuring that voter lists are accurate, updated and free from duplicate, ineligible or non-existent entries is essential to maintaining public confidence in elections. At the same time, any revision exercise must be transparent, lawful and sufficiently protective of genuine voters' rights.

Political parties are entitled to question the manner in which electoral rolls are revised, and the Election Commission must remain open to scrutiny. But political disagreement should not automatically be equated with institutional wrongdoing.

The Supreme Court's measured approach—seeking records, issuing notices and declining premature intervention—strikes an appropriate balance between accountability and institutional stability. In matters concerning elections, democracy is best served not by immediate conclusions, but by facts, transparency and due process.

GST Council scraps arrest powers, raises prosecution to Rs 5 cr



New Delhi: The GST Council on Thursday, October 8, approved scrapping the arrest powers of GST officers and raised the threshold to launch prosecution to Rs 5 crore from Rs 1 crore. "The rate structure is settled, so the Council has turned to how the tax works day to day," the finance ministry said, adding that GST rate changes will now happen once a year.

On input tax credit claims, the 57th GST Council decided to set up a Committee of Officers to examine how to protect a genuine buyer who holds a proper invoice, has received the goods, and has paid his supplier in full. "The Committee of Officers will complete its study within three months, and an agenda will be placed before the next Council meeting," the ministry said. The GST Council revoked GST officers' arrest powers.

The threshold for prosecution goes up from Rs 1 crore to Rs 5 crore. The minimum punishment stands removed, and the punishment- whether fine, imprisonment, or both- is left to judicial discretion in every case, as per the council decision. The general penalty, which applies where no specific penalty is provided, comes down from Rs 25,000 to Rs 10,000, the ministry said. The Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council on Thursday recommended a series of changes aimed at easing compliance, reducing procedural burdens and simplifying the GST regime, while leaving the existing tax rate structure unchanged.

Among the key decisions, the Council scrapped the arrest powers of tax officers and raised the threshold for prosecution to Rs 5 crore from Rs 1 crore. It also recommended common standards for GST notices and proceedings and decided that no notices would be issued for monetary amounts of Rs 10,000 or below. Pending notices below the threshold will also be withdrawn. The Council approved easier compliance norms for small sellers on e-commerce platforms and recommended allowing employers to claim input tax credit on GST paid on employee insurance cover. It also shortened the time limit for acknowledging refund claims from 15 days to 10 days. Talking about the reform finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman "Expects this set of GST process reforms to stabilise over next one year".

"About 99 pc issues related to rate, processes have been addressed by next-generation GST reforms," FM added.

Following are the key decisions taken at the 57th GST Council meeting chaired by FM Nirmala Sitharaman

Arrest powers: GST officers' powers to arrest have been revoked. Prosecution threshold: The threshold for launching prosecution has been raised to Rs 5 crore from Rs 1 crore. Punishment: The minimum punishment for offences has been removed, with courts to decide whether to impose a fine, imprisonment or both.

General penalty: The general penalty, applicable where no specific penalty is prescribed, has been reduced to Rs 10,000 from Rs 25,000. GST notices: Common standards will be followed for GST notices and proceedings, with no notices issued for amounts of Rs 10,000 or below; pending notices below the threshold will also be withdrawn.

Dreame Technology Announces Great Indian Festival 2026 Sale with Its Best-Ever Prices on Smart Home and Personal Care Products



New Delhi, India, October 08, 2026: With the Amazon Great Indian Festival just around the corner, Dreame Technology, a global leader in smart home innovation, is bringing its smart home and personal care range to consumers with exclusive offers on Amazon India. Starting today, the sale will feature attractive deals across Dreame's portfolio of robotic vacuums, wet and dry vacuum cleaners, cordless stick vacuums and grooming solutions, giving consumers an opportunity to upgrade their everyday routines with smart technology. The products will also be available at the same festive prices on the Dreame India website, Croma and Reliance Retail.

As Indian households gear up for the season, Dreame's range brings together intelligent automation, advanced cleaning technologies and convenient product experiences designed to make everyday home care simpler. Consumers can avail attractive deals, along with No-cost EMI, additional bank and cashback offers across select products during the sale period.

Manu Sharma, Managing Director, Dreame Technology, India, said, "The festive season is a time to come together, celebrate and make time for what matters most. At Dreame, we believe technology should do more than simplify everyday tasks — it should help people live smartly, giving them greater convenience and more time to focus on the things that matter. Through the Amazon Great Indian Festival Sale, we are making our smart home and personal care solutions more accessible to Indian consumers, enabling them to bring greater intelligence and ease into their everyday routines. As we continue to strengthen our presence in India, our focus remains on delivering thoughtful innovations backed by a seamless ownership experience for our consumers."

KEY OFFERS:

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Dreame X60 Ultra Complete: Was 134,999 , now 129,999

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Dreame L50 Ultra CE: Was 64,999, now 53,999

Dreame D30 Ultra: Was 52,999, now 44,999

Dreame D20 Ultra: Was 46,999, now 42,999

Dreame L50 Plus: Was 34,999, now 33,999

Dreame L50: Was 27,999, now 26,999

Dreame F10: Was 21,999, now 17,999

Dreame L10 Prime: Was 45,999, now 31,998

Dreame D10 Plus Gen 2: Was 39,999, now 22,999

Stick Vacuum Cleaners

Dreame K10 Pro: Was 19,999, now 18,999

Dreame H12 Core: Was 24,999, now 18,999

Dreame H12 Dual: Was 36,999, now 33,999

Dreame H12 Dual FlexReach: Was 44,999, now 43,999

Dreame R20: Was 36,999, now 24,499

Dreame R10 Pro: Was 25,999, now 15,999

Dreame Mova J10: Was 7,999, now 5,499

Dreame Mova J20: Was 10,999, now 7,999

Paytm, Mobikwik shares fall amid UPI MDR rollout delay reports



New Delhi: Shares of Paytm, One Mobikwik Systems and other fintech firms ended lower on Thursday, October 8, amid reports that a proposal to defer the rollout of merchant discount rate (MDR) on UPI to January 1, from October 15, is under consideration. One 97 Communications, which owns the Paytm brand, tanked 10 per cent to Rs 1,560.60 during the day on the BSE. It finally ended at Rs 1,640, down 5.42 per cent.

One Mobikwik Systems shares dropped 8.43 per cent to Rs 234.40 in intraday deals. The stock later ended 4.57 per cent lower at Rs 244.30. Pine Labs declined 4.95 per cent to Rs 168.75 during the day before ending at Rs 169.75, down 4.39 per cent. Network People Services Technologies dropped by 3.39 per cent to close at Rs 1,791.30.

Last month, the government allowed charging MDR under which transactions above Rs 2,000 will attract a fee of 0.4 per cent.

Shares of fintech firms jumped when the announcement was made last month amid hopes that this will generate additional revenue. According to reports, a proposal to defer the rollout of merchant discount rate on Unified Payments Interface (UPI) to January 1 from October 15 is under consideration, with a decision expected in the next few days.

Meanwhile, economic think tank GTRI said on Thursday that the government should withdraw the proposed UPI charges, scheduled to take effect on October 15, and keep the digital payment system free for merchants and consumers. Last month, the government allowed charging MDR under which transactions above Rs 2,000 will attract a fee of 0.4 per cent.

Anytime Fitness India Marks 200+ Club Milestone with Nationwide Member Celebrations Across 45+ Cities



Anytime Fitness India marked a major milestone in its Indian growth journey as the fitness brand crossed the 200-club mark, serving over 2 lakh members across 45+ cities. The milestone was celebrated across the country on October 5, with members and club teams coming together for cake-cutting celebrations, giving the occasion a strong community-led character. The achievement also marks another step towards the brand's larger vision of reaching 500 clubs across India by 2030.

Mr. Vikas Jain, Managing Director, Anytime Fitness India, said, "Crossing 200+ clubs is a proud milestone for Anytime Fitness India, but what makes it special is the people behind that number. Our members are the true ambassadors of this journey. Their goals, challenges, progress and everyday commitment have shaped the community we have built across India. We have grown because more people are making fitness part of their everyday lives, and that gives us even greater confidence about where we are headed next."

The milestone was further amplified through a large-scale marketing and PR campaign featuring print and digital media activations across Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Delhi, Gurugram, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai and Noida. Built around the playful "Rest Day" message, the campaign placed members at the centre of the celebration and recognised the role they have played in shaping Anytime Fitness India's growth over the years.

For a fitness brand, a club count tells only part of the story. Behind the 200+ clubs is a growing community of members, franchise partners and fitness professionals who have helped make fitness part of everyday life for people across the country. The 200+ club milestone also sets the stage for the next phase of the brand's expansion. Anytime Fitness India has set its sights on 500 clubs across the country by 2030, with Tier 1 and Tier 2 markets forming an important part of its growth strategy. Demand from emerging cities continues alongside established metropolitan markets, creating opportunities for the brand to take organised and professionally managed fitness closer to more consumers.The expansion strategy is centered on identifying the right locations, working with strong local franchise partners and developing clubs that maintain consistent standards while offering members a welcoming community experience. The brand's growth also extends beyond its club network through initiatives such as FitCraft and Be Fit Fest, which bring together trainers, members and fitness enthusiasts around training, nutrition, recovery and active living.

Enjoy Great Deals on Sennheiser Products During the Amazon Great Indian Festival 2026



New Delhi, 08th October 2026: Sennheiser, a global leader in audio innovation, has announced exclusive offers on its premium product lineup for the upcoming Amazon Great Freedom Festival Sale 2026 starting October 8, 2026. Customers can enjoy discounts of up to 60% on select Sennheiser products, including the MOMENTUM 4, Profile USB Microphone/Profile Streaming Set, MOMENTUM True Wireless 4, HD 490 PRO/ HD 490 PRO Plus, HDB 630, and MKE 600. Additionally, shoppers can avail of No Cost EMI options for up to 24 months, along with exclusive bank offers.

MOMENTUM 4

Discover true audiophile sound with Sennheiser's MOMENTUM 4, engineered for exceptional comfort and signature high-fidelity audio. Powered by Sennheiser's audiophile-inspired 42mm transducer system, it delivers rich, detailed sound paired with Adaptive Noise Cancellation and Transparency Mode that adjusts automatically to your surroundings. Personalize your listening with built-in EQ, presets, sound modes, and sound personalisation, all accessible via the Sennheiser Smart Control App. Enjoy outstanding battery life with up to 60 hours of playback and fast charging, along with crystal-clear calls thanks to four digital beamforming microphones and automatic wind noise suppression. A lightweight design with a padded headband and deep-cushioned earpads ensures long-lasting comfort for all-day wear. Available at an offer price of ?17,990 (inclusive of bank discount), against an MRP of ?34,990.

Capture studio-quality audio with the Sennheiser Profile USB Microphone, a premium USB-C condenser microphone designed for podcasters, streamers, voiceover artists, and content creators. Featuring a cardioid condenser capsule for professional sound with excellent off-axis rejection, the Profile delivers exceptional vocal clarity while minimizing unwanted background noise. With intuitive onboard controls for Gain, Mix, and Volume, a soft-touch mute button, real-time headphone monitoring, and an adjustable self-locking tilt mechanism for precise positioning, it offers effortless plug-and-play performance across MacOS, Windows, iPadOS, and Android devices. Available at an offer price of ?6,990 (inclusive of GST), against an MRP of ?12,900, with a 46% discount. And the Profile Streaming Set available at an offer price of ?11,990 (inclusive of GST), against an MRP of ?19,900, with a 40% discount.

MOMENTUM TRUE WIRELESS 4

Experience next-gen audio with Sennheiser's MOMENTUM True Wireless 4, combining signature sound, lossless audio, and future-ready tech. Powered by the TrueResponse transducer system, it delivers high-fidelity 24-bit/96kHz sound with Adaptive Noise Cancellation, Transparency Mode, and personalized audio via the Smart Control App. Enjoy up to 30 hours of playtime, Qi wireless charging, intuitive touch controls, and crystal-clear calls through a 6-mic setup, all in a sleek, all-day comfort design. Available at an offer price of ?14,990 (inclusive of bank discount), against an MRP of ?29,990 during the Amazon Great Indian festival.

Crafted for precision-driven creators, the Sennheiser HD 490 PRO combines an open-back design and ultra-wide soundstage with an uncoloured frequency response for accurate, detailed sound reproduction. Its low-frequency cylinder system delivers a defined low end, while two interchangeable ear-pad sets support both producing and mixing. Lightweight, pressure-free ergonomics make it comfortable for extended studio sessions, while its open-frame architecture helps minimise resonance and distortion. Available at an offer price of ?24,490 (inclusive of GST), against an MRP of ?40,000, with a 39% discount. Also available in the HD 490 PRO Plus variant, offering the same professional-grade audio performance with additional accessories for an enhanced studio setup. Available at an offer price of ?27,990 (inclusive of GST), against an MRP of ?45,000, with a 38% discount.

HDB 630

Designed for discerning audiophiles, the Sennheiser HDB 630 combines a closed-back design with a 42 mm audiophile-tuned transducer to deliver neutral, detailed sound with lifelike mids and a wide soundstage. Its support for aptX HD and aptX Adaptive, along with USB-C and analogue connectivity, enables high-resolution listening up to 24-bit/96 kHz. The included BTD 700 Bluetooth USB-C dongle enables high-resolution wireless audio, while the advanced parametric equalizer and crossfeed feature allow users to precisely tailor their listening experience. Adaptive noise cancellation helps minimise distractions without compromising clarity, while up to 60 hours of battery life supports extended listening sessions. The HDB 630 is available at an offer price of ?36,490 (inclusive of bank discount) during the Amazon Great Indian festival.

MKE 600

Bring focused, professional-grade audio to your video shoots with the Sennheiser MKE 600, a highly directional shotgun microphone designed to handle demanding filmmaking challenges. Its supercardioid/lobar pickup pattern captures sound from the direction of the camera while effectively reducing noise from the sides and rear. A switchable Low-Cut filter helps minimise wind noise, while phantom or battery powering offers flexibility across cameras and camcorders.

RUSSIAN STRIKE ON BUSES KILLS AT LEAST 30



At least 30 people have been killed in a Russian glide bomb attack on two civilian buses in the eastern front line city of Kramatorsk, rescue officials say. Authorities said three people were also killed in the village of Bilenke, part of the Kramatorsk community. Another 18 people were wounded, said Donetsk regional head Vadym Filashkin, accusing Russia of targeting buses carrying passengers to kill as many civilians as possible. Kramatorsk and neighbouring Slovyansk are part of a so-called fortress belt that Moscow is trying to seize as part of Russian President Vladimir Putin's claim to the entire Ukrainian industrial region of Donbas. Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky said: "This strike will not go without our response." In a post on Telegram, he said: "Russia is trying to destroy all life in Donbas, and the world needs to react to this. React harshly - exactly as the Russians deserve for all the deaths they have caused." Images posted by local prosecutors showed the burning metal shell of the bus along with debris and some of the victims on the road. Moscow is yet to comment on the latest attack. It follows a dramatic surge in Russian attacks across the country and a heavy increase in civilian casualties. According to the UN, Ukraine saw more civilians killed by August this year than were killed in all of 2025. In one single attack that destroyed a five-storey block of flats in Pryluky east of Kyiv early on Wednesday, 22 people were killed, including five children. Three of the children were only one year old. UK Foreign Secretary Ed Miliband, meeting Zelensky in Kyiv on Thursday, said the attack in Pryluky showed Putin's "evil intent and evil strategy". He announced "more sanctions on Russia, on the war machine of Putin, on the shadow fleet, on the oil companies, on the crypto, on the financing of the war" and told Zelensky the UK would stand with Ukraine "as long as it takes for you to prevail in this conflict". After the deadly attack on Kramatorsk, Donetsk regional head Filashkin appealed to anyone who was still in the eastern front line region to move to safer parts of Ukraine. Given the sharp deterioration of security in the two neighbouring cities, he said all public transport had been ordered to stop. The safety of civilians was paramount, and "we have no right to risk the lives of passengers and drivers", he said. Moscow has often cited the "liberation" and "protection" of the predominantly Russian-speaking Donbas as justification for the full-scale invasion of Ukraine. It is made up of two regions - Luhansk and Donetsk - and with most of Luhansk under Russian control, the Kremlin is also aiming to capture remaining 20% of Donetsk territory still held by Ukraine. For much of the war Kramatorsk acted as a logistics and supply hub for the Ukrainian military, however it has now come under almost daily Russian attack as its military moves closer to the east of the city. Glide bombs in particular have been launched at Slovyansk and Kramatorsk. The bombs are fitted with winglets so they glide towards their target rather than simply fall. In late August as many as nine glide bombs were fired at Kramatorsk in one day. Kramatorsk City Council described the strike as a "horrific crime committed by the Russian army against the civilian population". "Once again, the Russians have struck a location where there are absolutely no military targets," it said. Russia is also launching constant air raids on the capital Kyiv, with sirens ringing throughout the day. Kyiv's mayor Vitali Klitschko said attacks on Thursday had killed three people, with 14 others injured. Two of the eight injured are in a critical condition. The attacks are forcing schoolchildren out of classes into shelters, shuttering businesses, and disrupting public transport. Russian attacks on Ukrainian infrastructure, particularly on its energy grid, are causing power outages already and are even affecting the water supply. Local water authorities in the capital warned on Thursday that pressure was dropping across the city's right bank due to power cuts. Zelensky offered his condolences to families and loved ones affected by the latest attack and said Ukraine's partners needed to provide "concrete action through new defence packages for the protection of Ukraine". Ahead of the Pryluky attack, the Ukrainian leader had warned this week of intelligence suggesting plans for a major Russian onslaught, and in Kyiv families responded by heading to metro stations for shelter. Such warnings are for now one of the only defences Ukrainians have. Interceptor missiles are in short supply around the world, so Ukraine has little chance to stop incoming Russian ballistics. Both Russia and Ukraine have intensified long-range strikes on each other in recent months, with Russian attacks targeting Ukrainian data centres and logistics warehouses.

ITALY APPROVES ELECTIONS OVERHAUL AS OPPOSITION ACCUSE MELONI OF 'SCAM'



Italy's parliament has approved fiercely contested changes to the country's electoral system championed by Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni ahead of elections due next year. Lawmakers voted 227 to 164 in favour of moving to a fully proportional system, which Meloni has argued will boost the chance of clear winners and more stable government. Opposition parties say her right-wing coalition has designed the proposals to improve its chance of retaining power and, in a heated debate on Thursday, accused it of pushing through the "fraudulent" reform to flout democracy. Meloni had warned she could resign and trigger an early election if the plans were rejected, with the secret ballot seen as a test of her authority. Meloni's coalition has overseen a rare period of political stability for Italy since her election in 2022, and last month her government became the country's longest-running since World War Two. The voting reform will see the country move away from its current hybrid voting system, in which about a third of members are chosen through a first-past-the-post vote and the rest through proportional representation. Parties proposing to form a coalition will be required to put forward their joint candidate for prime minister, and their political programme, before any general election. A party or coalition which emerges with the largest share of the votes - provided this exceeds 42% - will be awarded 105 additional seats in parliament (70 in the lower house and 35 in the senate), which could turn a narrow victory into a more comfortable majority. Centre-left members held up signs with slogans including "No to the scam" and "fraudulent law" during a debate ahead of the vote, and accused the government of forcing through the new voting rules. "Go ahead and change the electoral law, we will win in any case under any voting system," said Democratic Party (PD) leader Elly Schlein. Five Star leader and former Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte told AFP news agency that the move was "a mess, a convoluted scheme, devised solely to find a formula to gain an advantage in the upcoming elections". The proposals have also exposed tensions within the ranks of Meloni's coalition, too, with the Brothers of Italy (FdI) party and its allies, the far-right League and centre-right Forza Italia. Analysts had predicted that Thursday's final vote was unlikely to fail - particularly given the number of lawmakers who would risk losing their eligibility for a parliamentary pension if their term was ended early as a result of the threatened snap election. "To those who hoped to see the centre-right divided," Meloni wrote on social media after the vote, "today we respond with facts: we are united, cohesive, and determined to carry forward the commitments made to citizens." She added: "We are introducing rules designed to promote the stability and parliamentary coherence of any government, regardless of its political colour." Meloni's term officially comes to an end in October 2027, although she could bring elections forward to the spring.

Arizona congressional candidate says she was raped while repairing campaign sign



A congressional candidate in Arizona has said she was raped in a car park as she repaired campaign signs late at night in her district. Bernadette Greene-Placentia, a Democrat, told the Phoenix New Times she was knocked unconscious during the alleged attack in the Phoenix suburb of Sun City on 14 August, waking up to find a man on top of her. She said she did not initially notify police until filing a report with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office two weeks later. Her Republican opponent, Abraham Hamadeh, urged authorities in a statement to "investigate these serious allegations thoroughly, including finding all possible camera footage of the time and place". "No American should become a victim of a crime in their own community," said Hamadeh, who is running for a second term in office. Greene-Placentia told the Phoenix New Times she was "embarrassed" and "just wanted to forget", but felt compelled stand up for other victims. The candidate said she often speaks on the campaign trail about fighting for Arizonans. She told the Phoenix New Times: "I didn't feel like I could keep saying that if I weren't also fighting for women that are victims of sexual assault." The BBC has contacted the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office for comment. A sheriff's spokesman told the New York Times the investigation was ongoing. After the attack, Greene-Placentia said she withdrew from the public for two days, staying in an apartment separate from her husband and skipping a campaign event.

'EVERY DAY THERE IS KILLING':

GAZANS FACE ISRAELI STRIKES DESPITE CEASEFIRE AS PEACE DEAL STALLS



In her tent in central Gaza early one morning last month, 31-year-old Fida al-Toutah, a mother of five, was combing her daughter's hair when the sound of gunfire erupted. "My mother shouted at us to get down," her son Ezz recalled, weeping as he spoke. He only realised Fida had been hit when he saw the bloodied hands of his younger brother, who had been clinging onto his mother as the bullets came in. "Our mother was so kind and generous. What did she do wrong?" Ezz said. Fida died on 21 September from a gunshot wound to the head. She is among more than 1,400 people in Gaza who have been killed in Israeli attacks since the start of the ceasefire on 10 October last year, according to Gaza's Hamas-run health ministry, whose figures are considered reliable by the UN. The ceasefire saw thousands of Palestinians held by Israel released in return for all of the 48 remaining hostages held in Gaza, and an agreement to end the war - which was triggered by the Hamas-led attack on Israel on 7 October 2023, when about 1,200 people were killed and 251 taken hostage. On the ground in Gaza, it meant that Israel's large-scale bombardment stopped, which brought substantial relief and an increase in humanitarian aid and medical supplies entering the territory. But even during the ceasefire, Israel has continued launching strikes in Gaza almost every day. In the past week alone more than 30 people have been killed, according to Gaza's health ministry. Israel says it is targeting Hamas operatives, and accuses Hamas of continued violations of the ceasefire. "It [the ceasefire] is all lies. Every day there's a shooting. Every day there is killing and death lurking around," said Ahed, Fida's husband. In response to the BBC's questions about Fida's killing, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) said they had no record of the incident. The total death toll from Israeli attacks since the start of the war in Gaza three years ago now stands at more than 74,000, according to the Gaza health ministry. Outside Fida's tent, her brother Ibrahim pointed to the holes he said were made by a volley of bullets fired by Israeli forces.

"This tent is just a piece of cloth. Imagine that a military vehicle came down here and fired a spray of bullets," he said. "There was also gunfire coming from the sky, from above, from quadcopters, and it was directed at unarmed civilians." Fida is the fourth of Ibrahim's siblings to be killed since the start of the war. "We left our neighbourhood Zeitoun to survive, but death is following us," he said.

Venezuela's ex-leader Nicolás Maduro charged with conspiracy to commit torture



Prosecutors in the United States have accused Venezuela's former leader Nicolás Maduro and his wife, Cilia Flores, of conspiracy to commit torture. The fresh charges against the couple were made public on Thursday and are in addition to the drug-trafficking and weapons charges already brought against them, which they have denied. Maduro, 63, and Flores, 69, have been in custody since January in a detention centre in Brooklyn, where they were taken after US forces seized them in a pre-dawn raid on their compound in the Venezuelan capital, Caracas. Human rights groups in Venezuela and former prisoners have long denounced what they have described as "systematic torture" in Venezuelan jails. The new accusations relate to the alleged torture of US citizens who were being held in Venezuela while Maduro was in power. The superseding indictment unsealed on Thursday accuses the former presidential couple of "entrenching themselves in power" by presiding "over a system of repression that relied on violence against political opposition, arbitrary detention, and the torture of detainees, including United States citizens".



Residents airlifted to safety after flooding in central Chile

Most UK diplomats to leave East Jerusalem consulate, Israel says, as Miliband says 'vital services' to remain



=Most diplomats will leave the British consulate in occupied East Jerusalem, Israel says, but the UK insists the building "will not be closing", and will operate as a "UK Mission". "We did not want it to come to this," Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Saar wrote on social media, as he said 20 diplomats and the consul general would leave Israel while a task force of seven could remain in the building "with a very limited scope of activity". UK Foreign Secretary Ed Miliband responded that some staff had been "temporarily withdrawn" for security reasons, but stressed the mission will "work with the Palestinian people". Israel said in September it would shut the consulate, in retaliation for UK sanctions on Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank which are illegal under international law. The UK government had made last-ditch efforts to persuade Israel not to close the British consulate ahead of Thursday's deadline, after the Israeli government said it would close the consulate within 30 days of the UK sanctions announcement. The consulate, which was first established in 1838, handles UK relations with Palestinians in Jerusalem as well as in the West Bank and Gaza. It is distinct from the UK embassy in Tel Aviv, which is the UK's main diplomatic hub with Israel. Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Saar said the country had implemented measures announced on 8 September in response to UK sanctions. "The British Consulate in Jerusalem is closing its operations today. Accordingly, the sign of the British Consulate in Jerusalem has been removed," he wrote on social media. However, the British flag could still be seen outside on Thursday morning, and several staff were seen entering. Saar said talks with the UK government had resulted in agreement on certain principles, including that "the consul general and 20 diplomats (including the consul general) are ending their duties and will leave Israel." But Saar acknowledged that the building is "the property of the British government" and said Israel had authorised "a task force of only seven diplomats with a very limited scope of activity" to operate in the building. As a result of this agreement with the UK, he said, "no steps will be taken against Israel".

"MOST HANDSOME MAN THAT'S EVER BEEN SEEN"

Cody Rhodes Praises Vidyut Jammwal On Street Fighter Set

Cody Rhodes has said that meeting Vidyut Jammwal on the Street Fighter set left him phoning his wife about it. "I think I've met the most handsome man that's ever been seen," the wrestler told her. He and Andrew Schulz spent much of a podcast appearance describing the Indian actor as a monk, as the Jackie Chan of India and as the GOAT. Jammwal plays Dhalsim in the film, which is out on October 16. Rhodes plays Guile, and Schulz plays Dan Hibiki in it.



CODY RHODES RANG HOME AFTER THE FIRST MEETING

The first impression went beyond the usual courtesies between cast members. Rhodes said that everybody who met Jammwal on the production went away and told somebody else about it, and that he was one of them. He described calling Brandi Rhodes about it the same day, and the line he used with her is the one being shared. The two of them also agreed that "his body's absolutely shredded" and that he is "one of the most handsome guys ever."

The meeting itself was not what Rhodes expected. He admitted that he initially assumed Jammwal was in costume, because of the clogs and the jewelry, and said he was not sure at first whether the actor spoke English. "He's a quiet guy until you open him up," Rhodes said.

Vidyut Jammwal left gifts for the cast and a scroll on Cody Rhodes' bus

The part of the account that landed hardest was not about looks. Jammwal gave Rhodes the skull necklace he had been wearing, which Rhodes had noticed on the first day.

He left more than that behind. "He wrote a handwritten scroll and left it on my bus on my last day," Rhodes said, adding that Jammwal also gave him two shawls because his daughter was born during filming. Rhodes summed up the actor in four words. "Just the kindest, nicest," he said, before confirming that Jammwal is a practicing monk rather than that being a joke about him.

VIDYUT JAMMWAL TOLD THEM PROTEIN IS A MYTH

The conversations on set went somewhere neither of them expected. Asked how he maintains his physique on a diet with no meat, Jammwal told them that "protein is a myth." The reply stopped the conversation. "I was like, sorry, say that again," one of them recalled, and they said it was a new subject every day with him. They also pressed him on his background. Jammwal told them that Kalaripayattu, the oldest form of martial art, began in India, and that ten generations of his family have practiced it. "If you look up his stunt work, it's f***ing unbelievable," they said. Jammwal has invited both men to come to India, and Rhodes said WWE has wanted to run something there for years.

WWE HAD VERY DIFFERENT PLANS FOR EL GRANDE AMERICANO; DETAILS REVEALED



Chad Gable has revealed that WWE had much bigger plans for his El Grande Americano character before a shoulder injury changed the angle. Speaking on INSIGHT with Chris Van Vliet, Gable explained that he was supposed to keep pushing the fake "best luchador in the world" act while taking shots at lucha libre. The character started as a parody in 2025, with Gable using a fake accent and very exaggerated behaviour. After his injury last summer, Ludwig Kaiser took over the mask and later changed how the character was shown. So Gable came back to face Kaiser in a Mask vs. Mask match.

GABLE PLANNED TO KEEP ATTACKING LUCHA LIBRE

The original idea was not for El Grande Americano to become a respectful tribute to lucha libre. Gable said the plan was to keep building heat around the character after Rey Mysterio was injured before their planned WrestleMania 41 match.

Gable explained that he was working the angle through both El Grande Americano and his regular Chad Gable character. His match with Vikingo also had the same insults toward lucha libre, and nobody in the arena was really safe from them.

"So from there, I continued kind of this assault right on the whole lucha libre culture and all this stuff, and I did it as both characters."

Gable said the character could have gone in several directions while he kept claiming to be the best luchador around.

NEW-LOOK INDIA WOMEN GO DOWN 0-4 TO RUSSIA IN KOLKATA FRIENDLY

A new-look Indian women's national team held their own for much of the first half before conceding a 0-4 defeat to Russia in the first of two international friendlies at a rain-soaked Kishore Bharati Krirangan on Thursday. Iana Sheina's moment of brilliance gave the visitors the lead in the 40th minute, and substitute Kira Petukhova struck twice in the 60th and 65th minutes. Iana Svistunova completed the scoring in the 81st minute as Russia's sustained pressure wore down the Blue Tigresses after the break. Head coach Crispin Chettri used the occasion to test his emerging players, handing international debuts to Babysana Devi Thingbaijam, Malati Munda, Cindy Colney, Shubhangi Singh, Dhurga Perumal and Sibani Devi Nongmeikapam. Goalkeeper Monalisha Devi Moirangthem made her first start and earned her third cap overall. The 69th-ranked Blue Tigresses faced a considerable challenge against 27th-ranked Russia in what was India's first-ever women's international match in Kolkata. Yet, for much of the opening half, the hosts defended with discipline and created opportunities that could have changed the course of the contest. Russia enjoyed more possession and territorial control, pushing players forward to stretch India's defensive shape. The Blue Tigresses responded with a compact block, tracking runners and closing passing lanes, while Monalisha stood firm behind them. India's best opening came around the half-hour mark when the ball dropped kindly for Malavika P for a potential close-range finish. Russian goalkeeper Natalia Silina reacted quickly, charging out to deal with the danger before the forward could capitalise. Lynda Kom Serto also had an opportunity later in the half, but India were unable to turn their moments of promise into a goal. The breakthrough instead came through Sheina's individual quality.



Team India Picked Bhuvneshwar Kumar Again After 4 Years, Coach Reveals What Changed

When you make a comeback to the Indian cricket team after four years at the age of 36, that too as a specialist pacer, there is bound to be a buzz. The same is the case with Bhuvneshwar Kumar. The veteran pacer last played for India in November 2022. He will again be seen in action in the blue jersey starting this month against New Zealand. Bhuvneshwar Kumar's vast experience, coupled with his strong IPL form over the past two seasons, has led to his recall to India's T20I squad for the New Zealand series, assistant coach Sitanshu Kotak said in Ranchi on Wednesday. The 36-year-old veteran pacer, who last played for India during the November 2022 series against New Zealand, has earned a well-deserved return to the national side after impressive performances for Royal Challengers Bengaluru in the IPL, having played a key role in RCB's back-to-back title triumphs in 2025 and 2026. Bhuvneshwar took 45 wickets across the two seasons (17 in 2025 and 28 in 2026). India will face New Zealand in a T20I series after the ongoing five-match engagement against the West Indies, and Kotak suggested that the selectors may have felt the need to add experience to an otherwise young bowling group. "One thing is obviously with the selectors, but I can give you an answer based on what I think. In England, I personally felt that with Bumrah not being around and a lot of young bowlers playing, you can't beat experience," Kotak said at the pre-match media interaction ahead of the second T20I against the West Indies. "The young bowlers are good, they are performing well and getting selected, but at some stage you also need some experience. "That might be one reason. Another thing is that Bhuvneshwar has been doing really well in the IPL for the last two seasons. So the selectors must have thought that, for New Zealand conditions and all, obviously he has been doing well and we need some experience.



Third Year Running: Pakistan Super League Refuses To Avoid IPL Window

The Pakistan Super League (PSL) will run concurrently with the Indian Premier League (IPL) for the third successive year, with the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) on Thursday confirming March 18 to May 2 as the window for the 12th edition of its premier T20 competition. The PCB finalised the window after consultations with the owners and representatives of the eight franchises at a PSL Governing Council meeting in London on September 1. The PSL window again overlaps with the IPL, which is traditionally held during the same period. The PCB had shifted the PSL's 2025 window from February-March because of international commitments and other events, resulting in the two leagues being played simultaneously. The PCB said details of the schedule, venues and ticketing arrangements would be announced later. The next phase of preparations will include direct signings, player retentions, a trade window and the player auction. The PCB is yet to release the audited financial details of the 11th edition, although there have been reports of broadcasters falling short of revenue targets and some franchises expressing dissatisfaction over their financial returns from the league. The board also recently sold the broadcasting rights for its 25-match home international season across all three formats for Rs 350 crore, significantly below its reported initial asking price of Rs 600 crore.



Carlos Alcaraz, Jannik Sinner, Naomi Osaka Commit To Australian Open '1 Point Slam'

The Australian Open will revive its innovative "1 Point Slam" in 2027 with Carlos Alcaraz, Coco Gauff, Naomi Osaka and Jannik Sinner among those agreeing to take part Thursday. The sudden-death contest was played for the first time at Melbourne Park this year ahead of the opening Grand Slam of the year, pitting 24 professionals alongside 24 amateurs and celebrity wildcards. Each match consisted of just one point – win and you advanced, lose and you were out. Against the odds, amateur Jordan Smith sensationally upset the star-studded field at a packed Rod Laver Arena to collect a Aus$1 million (US$670,000) prize.



"Cringe": Nassourdine Imavov's UFC PI Exit Sparks Savage Response From Sean Strickland



UFC middleweight champion Sean Strickland has dismissed Nassourdine Imavov's gym confrontation at the UFC Performance Institute as "fake content" and "the definition of cringe." The French contender was filmed being restrained by security while pressing Strickland to sign for their long-discussed title rematch. A fight now in doubt amid a bitter pay dispute between the champion and the promotion. Negotiations remain stalled. Strickland has openly threatened to vacate the belt and explore boxing. What looked like a clear middleweight title rematch has turned into a messy standoff.

Sean Strickland responds after Nassourdine Imavov pulled up on him at the UFC PI today: "Cringe... his training partner knows our schedule because he's trained with us. But instead chose to go to the PI with the nicest underpaid staff and full security to get content. It was all fake content. If anything it's just mildly uncomfortable. 4 guys with iPhones and security lol I just felt awkward."

IMAVOV INTENSIFIES THE PRESSURE AS STRICKLAND'S CONTRACT STANDOFF POSTPONES THE TITLE FIGHT

Nassourdine Imavov, the No. 1 contender at 185 pounds, has been aggressively lobbying for his title shot after beating Chris Curtis in August to cement his position. He first visited Strickland's gym, posting a video in which he said, "I'm here in your gym. Sign the contract. Do you need a pen? Or do you need balls?" The following day, he located the champion at the UFC PI in Las Vegas, where the two almost engaged in a physical altercation before staff intervened.

NBA Champion Shai Gilgeous-Alexander Makes Bold "Best Player In The NBA" Claim Ahead Of 2026-27 Season



Shai Gilgeous-Alexander has two MVP trophies, a championship ring and a record streak of 20-point games. Now he wants the usual qualifier dropped. In an interview with TIME, the Oklahoma City Thunder guard said plainly where he ranks in the league. He also took the blame for a Game 7 loss to San Antonio and spoke about the teammates who make his numbers possible. The reigning back-to-back MVP did not soften a word of it. The Thunder open the 2026-27 season against those same Spurs on Oct. 20.

SHAI GILGEOUS-ALEXANDER MAKES SURPRISING "BEST PLAYER" CLAIM

Speaking from the back of an SUV outside his offseason home near Toronto, Shai Gilgeous-Alexander appears to be confident. "I think I'm the best player in the NBA," he said. "I think the production that I have night in and night out is best-player-in-the-NBA production. I think the efficiency that I do it at is best-player-in-the-NBA efficiency."

The $285 million star's statline somewhat supports his claim. He swept the regular-season MVP, scoring title and Finals MVP in a single year, a feat only Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Michael Jordan and Shaquille O'Neal had managed. In March he passed Wilt Chamberlain with 126 straight games of 20 or more points. Not everyone loves his style at the free-throw line. Victor Wembanyama set off the debate in December by praising "pure and ethical basketball" after a Spurs win. Gilgeous-Alexander is not bothered. "And if a narrative on social media is the worst that comes from this game for me, well, I'd take that a million times out of a million times," he said. Shai Gilgeous-Alexander Makes Honest Admission About Thunder's Roster Oklahoma City fell to San Antonio in seven games, and the 6-foot-6 guard pointed at himself. "The MVP of the league waited until Game 7 to have a good game," he said. He also defended center Chet Holmgren, who finished the finale with four points. "I don't think it's on Chet," he said . "I carry a lot of the weight." Jalen Williams and Ajay Mitchell had missed key games in that series. "These guys rebound, dive on loose balls, do all the dirty work," he continued. "They essentially play off of me." After each MVP award he has bought his teammates gifts, from Rolexes in 2025 to Audemars Piguet watches in May.

BHARATEEYUDU 3:

War Mode – Kamal Haasan and Shankar Set the Stage for Senapathy's Resurgence



Nearly three decades after Bharateeyudu introduced Senapathy to Telugu audiences, and two years after Bharateeyudu 2 brought the iconic vigilante back into the present, the franchise is now preparing to reveal the story behind the man himself. The journey that began with Kamal Haasan and Shankar in 1996 has grown into a larger narrative spanning generations, with the glimpse of Bharateeyudu 3 pointing towards a compelling new chapter in Senapathy's past. Its period setting, freedom-struggle backdrop and glimpses of the forces that shaped him have already created strong curiosity around what lies ahead.

The Bharateeyudu 3 glimpse, unveiled as part of Bharateeyudu 2, marked a striking departure from the contemporary world of the franchise. Set against the backdrop of the freedom struggle, it presented a younger Senapathy and opened a window into the historical circumstances behind the character audiences have known for decades. The glimpse also introduced Kajal Aggarwal in a significant role and featured S. J. Suryah, while its period setting, action and dramatic visuals offered an early indication of the scale and tone of the third chapter.

That period setting is central to the identity of Bharateeyudu 3. The original Indian, known as Bharateeyudu in Telugu, established Senapathy as a former freedom fighter whose uncompromising sense of justice eventually led him to wage a personal war against corruption. The third chapter turns back to the experiences that shaped those convictions, taking the audience deeper into the making of the man behind the legend. Director Shankar has previously confirmed that the film contains a substantial period portion, opening up a different dimension of Senapathy's journey.

The film is now moving into a crucial stage of production, with editing currently underway and the remaining portions of the shoot scheduled to begin in 10 days. A release date announcement is also expected soon, setting up the next major milestone for Bharateeyudu 3.

At the centre of the film is Kamal Haasan as Senapathy, with S. Shankar directing and also providing the story. The screenplay is by S. Shankar, B. Jeyamohan, Kabilan Vairamuthu and Lakshmi Saravana Kumar. The film features S. J. Suryah, Priya Bhavani Shankar, Kajal Aggarwal, Siddharth, Rakul Preet Singh, Nedumudi Venu, Vivek, Kalidas Jayaram, Gulshan Grover, Samuthirakani, Bobby Simha, Brahmanandam, Zakir Hussain, Piyush Mishra, Guru Somasundaram, Delhi Ganesh, Jayaprakash, Manobala and Ashwini Thangaraj. Anirudh composes the music, Ravi Varman handles cinematography and T. Muthuraj serves as production designer.

Subaskaran Allirajah has emerged as one of the prominent producers of contemporary Indian cinema, with Lyca Productions becoming a force behind ambitious, large-scale filmmaking. From Kaththi and 2.0 to Mani Ratnam's Ponniyin Selvan epic, his productions have consistently brought together leading creative talent and stories of remarkable scale. His vision has extended beyond commercial ambition to films that have left a lasting mark on Indian cinema. Bharateeyudu 3 continues that legacy, bringing Kamal Haasan and Shankar together once again under his leadership at Lyca Productions. GKM Tamil Kumaran heads Lyca Productions, while Sundar Raj serves as the Executive Producer, further driving the project's production. Titled Indian 3 in Tamil, Hindustani 3 in Hindi and Bharateeyudu 3 in Telugu, the film carries Senapathy's story into a period that has so far only been glimpsed by audiences. With editing progressing and the remaining shoot approaching, the project is steadily moving towards completion. The next chapter now promises to take audiences deeper into the struggle, sacrifice and experiences that shaped Senapathy, while the release date announcement is set to reveal when this new chapter of the franchise will reach the big screen.

'COMRADE KALYAN' IS A HILARIOUS FUN ENTERTAINER



King of Entertainment' Sri Vishnu is going to entertain with 'Comrade Kalyan' as a period elements, humor, romance, and emotional entertainer. Directed by Janaki Ram Marella, this film is presented by Kona Venkat. Produced by Venkata Krishna Karnati and Seetha Karnati under the banner of Skanda Vahana Motion Pictures LLP. Mahima Nambiar is the heroine. With the already released glimpses and teaser songs, expectations have increased on the film. 'Comrade Kalyan' is going to be released in theaters worldwide on October 9. On this occasion, the makers organized a pre-release press meet.

Speaking at the press meet, hero Sri Vishnu said.. Hello everyone. 'Comrade Kalyan' is releasing on October 9. Everyone can happily go to this movie with their families during the Dussehra season and enjoy it to the fullest. Children will also like this movie very much. All the content we have released has received a very good response. We are promoting the movie well during the time we have. I hope you will enjoy watching the movie in the theater. I was very excited when I did this character in it. I have also said some big dialogues in it. You will definitely enjoy listening to them.,The point chosen in this story is a bit serious. This point can be made in any language around the world. It seemed very interesting that we added a Naxal backdrop to it. It came out as a very good entertainer commercially. You will all like it.

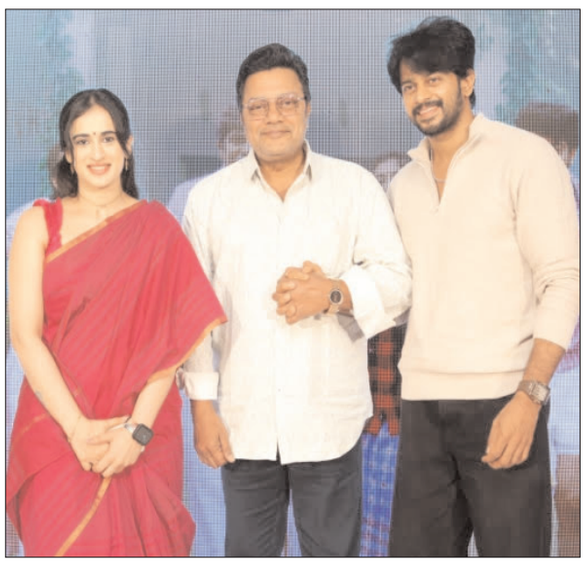
Kona Venkat said..Hello everyone. Today our 'Comrade Kalyan'.. from tomorrow he will become 'Comedy Kalyan'. Every hero has fans. Fans of all heroes also like Sri Vishnu. The title 'Andarivadu' suits Sri Vishnu. He gets along very well with all heroes and all fans. Sri Vishnu is a person who wants the best for everyone. Everything came together for this film. Every content we released received a very wonderful response. This film is a two-year journey. For this film, we reshot in all states like Orissa, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu. We made this film in new locations that no one has explored. This is the first film experience for producer Krishna. He made this film without compromising anywhere. I want the audience to give Krishna the first experience, the best experience. Sri Vishnu is increasing his audience for his film. He is in everyone's homes. He has fans for his comedy timing. He plans every film very carefully.

"Good Time" movie pre release event



Produced by Ramesh Zilla and directed by Chanakya Zilla, the movie "Good Time" is presented by Echo Craft Media under the banner of Movie Brats. The film stars Nikhil Gajula, Anyukta Nalani, Hrithik Shetty and Dhanraj in lead roles. The movie "Good Time" is coming for grand theatrical release on 9th of this month. Director Anil Vishwanath and heroine Kamakshi Bhaskar hosted the pre-release event of this film in Hyderabad on Wednesday.

Dialogue King Sai Kumar as a guest at the grand thanksgiving meet of the movie "Premane Oorilo..



Directed by Manoj Kumar, the film 'Premane Oorilo' is jointly produced by Chandu Srinivas, Suresh Kondeti and Mamatha Devendra M under the banners of Maharatna Productions, SK Pictures and Vanilla Entertainments. Sri Ram, Ramika Shiva and Tapaswini Poonachha are playing the lead roles in this film. The film, which was recently released, is being successfully screened with a super hit talk with the support of all sections of the audience. In this context, the grand success meet of the film 'Premane Oorilo' was organized in Hyderabad. Dialogue King Saikumar participated as a guest in this program.



Meghalaya CM Conrad K. Sangma Appreciates 'Baa Baa Black Sheep', the First South Indian Film Shot Entirely in Meghalaya



Telugu crime comedy 'Baa Baa Black Sheep', which has been shot entirely in Meghalaya, is gearing up for a grand worldwide theatrical release on October 9, 2026. The trailer, teaser and two songs released so far have received a positive response from audiences. In this backdrop, Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma released a special video congratulating the team of 'Baa Baa Black Sheep'.

Calling it "a proud moment for our state," Conrad K. Sangma said that 'Baa Baa Black Sheep' is the first South Indian film to be shot entirely in Meghalaya and that the film will take the beauty of the state to audiences beyond its hills. Referring to Meghalaya's mist-covered hills, breathtaking waterfalls, pristine rivers and living root bridges, he said, "Cinema is another wonderful opportunity to share our land with the world." Sangma congratulated producer Venu Donepudi, Chitralayam Studios, the cast and the technical team.

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