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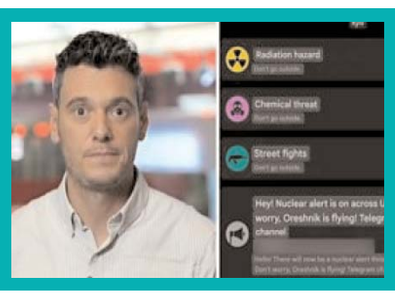
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IN BRIEF

SUPREME COURT ALLOWS GREEN CRACKERS IN DELHI



New Delhi: The Supreme Court has permitted the manufacture, sale and bursting of approved green firecrackers in Delhi-NCR for a limited period ahead of Diwali, while directing the restoration of the complete firecracker ban from November 9, 2026. A bench of Justice MM Sundresh and Justice Prasanna B Varale permitted the bursting of firecrackers between 6 AM and 8 PM on November 7, and between 7 AM and 10 PM on November 8.The Court also temporarily restored the licences of firecracker traders whose licences had been cancelled, allowing them to sell approved green crackers between November 4 and 6.

SUPREME COURT'S 'DON'T TRAVEL BY AIR' REPLY TO '700% INCREASE IN AIRFARES' PLEA



New Dehi: The Supreme Court on Monday declined to grant an urgent hearing to an application seeking intervention to cap 'inflated' airline fares on domestic sectors ahead of the festival season. Filed in a pending PIL challenging the hike, the application pointed out the petition is listed next for hearing on November 16 – by which time festive travel for Diwali, Bhai Dooj, and Chhath Puja will already be over. It therefore urged the court to hear it at the earliest. Justice Vikram Nath, presiding over a three-judge bench, however, did not agree and told the applicant's counsel, 'don't travel by air', before moving on to the next matter.

Amit Shah calls for ouster of Congress govt in Telangana,

TARGETS RAHUL GANDHI OVER SIR

He accused the Congress of indulging in vote-bank politics, opposing the SIR of electoral rolls and making allegations about EVMs whenever it lost elections



HYDERABAD ■ (TSIT):

Union Home Minister Amit Shah called for the ouster of the Congress government in Telangana and urged BJP workers to work towards bringing the party to power in the state. He accused the Congress of indulging in vote-bank politics, opposing the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and making allegations about electronic voting machines (EVMs) whenever it lost elections.

Speaking at a public meeting organised by Telangana BJP in Hyderabad, Shah said democracy must be protected and lawlessness brought to an end in the state. He expressed confidence that the BJP would form the government in the state in the future. "If Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel had not forced the Nizam to surrender, Hyderabad would not have become a part of India. It was Sardar Patel who made the Nizam surrender and brought Hyderabad into India," said Shah.

Launching an attack on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, Shah alleged that the Congress and the INDIA bloc were opposing the SIR exercise to protect the voting rights of infiltrators. He accused the Congress of spreading false propaganda that 13 crore names had been deleted from electoral rolls.

Shah claimed that of the 13 crore names, 6.5 crore belonged to people who had shifted to other places, while another three crore were those of deceased persons. He questioned why the Congress was opposing the removal of such names from electoral rolls. "Rahul Gandhi was demanding the retention of the names of three crore people who had entered India illegally. Shah accused the Congress of attempting to turn infiltrators into a vote bank and said the BJP would oppose any move to grant them voting rights," he alleged.

CM Revanth orders steps to clean Hyderabad, ease traffic congestion

Revanth Reddy calls for strict waste collection monitoring, expanded treated-water supply and plans for signal-free corridors



HYDERABAD, TSIT BUREAU:

Chief Minister A.Revanth Reddy on Monday directed municipal officials to strengthen sanitation, expand the use of treated wastewater and prepare infrastructure plans to ease traffic congestion across Hyderabad.

At a review meeting on municipal issues at his Jubilee Hills residence, the Chief Minister instructed officials to ensure that garbage does not accumulate anywhere in the city. He stressed continuous monitoring of daily door-to-door waste collection and warned against negligence. Officials briefed him on waste collection measures and action against those failing to discharge their duties. The Chief Minister sought special arrangements for removing construction debris and coordination with the Industries wing to ensure proper waste collection in industrial areas.

Revanth Reddy also directed officials to promote the use of "Green Tankers", which supply treated water from sewage treatment plants (STPs), for construction, park maintenance, landscaping and gardening.

Expressing concern over drinking water being used for such purposes, he instructed authorities to stop its supply for non-potable needs and replace it with treated STP water. Conserving drinking water must remain a priority, he said.Officials informed the Chief Minister that the Water Board had introduced 28 Green Tankers in the first phase, drawing treated water from 19 STPs. He advised expanding the service according to requirements across the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, Cyberabad Municipal Corporation and Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation limits.

Reviewing traffic challenges, the Chief Minister called for special attention to traffic regulation and directed officials to prepare plans for underpasses and elevated corridors as part of a signal-free road system.He stressed that traffic should move smoothly and motorists should not face prolonged waits at junctions. MP Vem Narender Reddy, Chief Minister's Secretary Manik Raj, HMDA Commissioner Sarfaraz Ahmed, Municipal Commissioner G.Srijana and other officials attended the meeting.

Cyclone Murasu: thousands evacuated in Andhra Pradesh

Cyclone Murasu expected to hit coast near Ongole late on Monday with wind speeds of 100-110km/h, Meteorological Department says.

BHUBANESWAR ■ (TSIT):

Authorities in India's southern state of Andhra Pradesh have begun evacuating residents from low-lying coastal areas as Cyclone Murasu bears down on a region still recovering from a deadly cyclone last week.

About 2,000 people had been evacuated by Monday, Prakhar Jain, managing director of the Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority, told the Reuters news agency. "We are planning to evacuate some



30,000 people," he said.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) said the cyclone was likely to cross the south Andhra Pradesh coast between Nellore and Narsapur near the town of Ongole from 11:30pm (18:00 GMT) on Monday to 4am on Tuesday (22:30 GMT on Monday)."It is very likely to ... cross south Andhra Pradesh coast as a severe cyclonic storm with wind speeds of around 100 to 110 kilometres per hour [60 to 70 miles per hour]," IMD said, projecting gusts of 120km/h (75mph). Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu directed officials to prepare for the cyclone.

He said estimates suggested that 6,000 to 8,000 electrical poles could be damaged, posing a "severe threat to power supply". Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan wrote on X that the cyclone was set to have a severe impact on Nellore, Prakasam, Bapatla and Krishna districts.

FM NIRMLA CALLS FOR MORE EQUITY INVESTMENT



MUMBAI ■ (TSIT):

India needs equity capital to support growth, the country's federal finance minister said on Monday, as foreign investors seek tax relief after selling a record $31 billion in Indian stocks this year.To sustain growth of more than 7%, India needs capital, especially equity, Nirmala Sitharaman said at an event organised by the Financial Express newspaper in Mumbai. "We also have this voice that equity also needs the kind of support given to the debt market, I recognise this voice," Sitharaman said. Earlier this year, India removed a long term capital gains tax for foreign debt investors. The country's market regulator is recommending similar relief for equity investors, Reuters reported earlier on Monday.

Rahul challenges Modi to debate over foreign help claim

NEW DELHI ■ (TSIT):

Rahul Gandhi hit back at PM Modi over his remarks against the Opposition, accusing him of becoming and remaining Prime Minister with foreign support. He also challenged PM Modi to an open debate, saying he was ready to face him on any platform and at any time.

Leader of Opposition and Congress MP Rahul Gandhi on Monday hit back at Prime Minister Narendra Modi over his remarks targeting the Opposition, accusing him of relying on foreign support to become and remain the Prime Minister. Gandhi also challenged PM Modi to



an open debate, saying he could face him on any platform and at any time.

PM Modi attacked Opposition during his Rashtriya Ekta Diwas address at the Statue of Unity in Gujarat. The Prime Minister accused the Opposition of abandoning its democratic responsibility of questioning government policies and instead becoming an obstructionist force. He also alleged that certain forces were conspiring to divide the country, questioned their alleged links with anti-India elements abroad and warned against the use of social media to spread rumours and tarnish India's image. Responding to PM Modi's remarks in a post on X, Rahul Gandhi said, "Mr Modi, stop lying to this nation. You became PM because of foreign help.

CYCLONE MURASU: Red Alert for Two Telangana Districts

HYDERABAD ■ (TSIT):



Severe Cyclone Murasu is likely to bring heavy rainfall to several parts of Telangana over the next two days, prompting the India Meteorological Department (IMD) to sound alerts across the state. The IMD has issued a red alert for two districts and an orange alert for three others on November 3, warning of intense rainfall and potential disruption to normal life in the affected areas.

Authorities have been advised to remain alert and take necessary precautionary measures to minimize the impact of the cyclonic weather. District administrations in the alerted regions are expected to stay on high alert, with officials monitoring the situation closely and coordinating with emergency response teams. The heavy rain forecast has raised concerns about possible flooding, waterlogging, and disruption to transport and power supply in vulnerable areas.The IMD's warning comes as the severe cyclonic system continues to influence weather patterns over the region, bringing widespread rainfall and gusty winds. Residents in the affected districts have been urged to exercise caution, avoid unnecessary travel, and follow official advisories issued by local authorities.

SEC has become subservient to Chandrababu Naidu, alleges Jagan



Amaravati, Nov 2 : Former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister and YSR Congress Party President Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy on Monday accused the Andhra Pradesh State Election Commission (SEC) of acting in favour of the ruling Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and failing to ensure free and fair municipal elections.

In a social media post, he said the SEC, which is meant to protect democracy, has become subservient to Chandrababu Naidu. The shocking incidents during yesterday's municipal polling across the state, including in Pulivendula, show how the SEC is enabling election irregularities, he said.

"Yesterday in Pulivendula, YSRCP agents were kept out of 70 of the 80 polling booths. TDP goons brought in from other areas went on a rampage with the support of election officials and the police. They attacked our party agents to stop them from entering polling booths. In some places, they dragged our agents out of the polling stations. These incidents took place with the police's support. Voter slips were snatched from people, polling booths were captured, and votes were rigged and cast repeatedly. The video evidence of these incidents is clear. Agents from all 70 booths came to me personally, showed their agent forms to the officials, lodged complaints and protested," he said.

Stating that the entire state witnessed what happened, Jagan said the SEC's response was shocking. "Irregularities took place in 70 of the 80 booths, and our agents were attacked and forced out. In these circumstances, how was it fair for the SEC to order repolling in only four booths and then wash its hands of the matter?" asked the former Chief Minister.

GRAP-II pollution curbs imposed in Delhi-NCR as air quality dips further

NEW DELHI ■ (TSIT):

The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) on Monday invoked Stage II of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) across the National Capital Region (NCR) with immediate effect as Delhi's air quality deteriorated to the 'very poor' category for the first time this season.

The decision came as Delhi's Air Quality Index (AQI) climbed to 324 at 4pm on November 2. The CAQM said unfavourable weather conditions were likely to keep air quality in the 'very poor' category over the coming days, prompting it to step up pollution-control measures across the region.

In an order issued on Monday, the GRAP sub-committee said it reviewed the air quality situation along with forecasts from the India Meteorological Department (IMD) and the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM). It directed all agencies concerned to implement measures under Stages I and II of GRAP across the NCR.

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Sports are an excellent tool for digital detox



Bengaluru : EuroKids Doddabyalakere Preschool celebrated its Annual Sports Day 2026-Health is Wealth, themed "Little Hearts, Happy World," with great enthusiasm and sporting spirit.

Chief Guest Lion G. Prashanth Rao Jagthap, Asian Medalist in Triathlon and Founder of Ekalavya Academy, delivered an inspiring message to young parents on the importance of balancing academics and sports. He emphasised that parents must lead by example and believe that there is no age limit to begin a sporting journey. Highlighting the 3 Ds -Desire, Dedication and Determination, along with continuous commitment, as essential ngredients for success, he spoke about the significance of years 3, 5, 7 and 9 as important > nilestones in progressing from basic sporting skills to competitive levels.

He also highlighted that sports are an excellent tool for digital detox, encouraging children to move away from excessive screen time and embrace an active, healthy lifestyle. His concluding message, "The more you sweat during practice, the more you smile on the victory stand," was a powerful takeaway, inspiring parents to nurture a sporting culture both at home and in school.

The celebration reflected the school's belief that sporting values, confidence, teamwork and a healthy lifestyle must be nurtured from the earliest years.

The event highlighted the school's commitment to making sports an integral part of early childhood education and inculcating sporting values among young minds. The enthusiastic participation and confidence displayed by the little toddlers were truly commendable.

In this auspicious occasion Mohankumar R. founder of Euro kids pre school, Directors of the school Choudappa, Ramachandra K., branch director Umadevi, Incharge of the school Manjula C. Were present.

Church Street SOCIAL reopens in Bengaluru after makeover



Bengaluru : Church Street SOCIAL, the first outlet of the popular SOCIAL chain, has reopened following an extensive renovation, bringing a revamped look to the iconic Bengaluru address where the brand first began its journey.

The redesigned outlet draws inspiration from Church Street's evolving character, blending its architectural heritage, street culture and counterculture influences. The renovation seeks to retain the neighbourhood's raw and unconventional identity while introducing new design elements that reflect the changing character of the city.

The revamped space features large openings along the façade to connect the outlet with the bustling street outside. Its interiors combine art deco-inspired elements, terrariums, exposed brickwork and SOCIAL's signature grunge aesthetic.

The design also incorporates elements of Bengaluru and South Indian culture, including retro Kannada hand-painted advertisements, traditional Nazar Battu motifs, street-side arcade games and South Indian comic culture. LED lighting inspired by festive colours and unconventional washroom designs add to the outlet's distinctive character.

Speaking about the reopening, Riyaaz Amlani, founder and managing director of Impresario Entertainment & Hospitality Pvt. Ltd., said Church Street was where SOCIAL first found its voice and that the reopening was an opportunity to reconnect with the values that shaped the brand.

He said the outlet was never just about its interiors but also about the street, its people and the freedom for visitors to make the space their own. The revamped outlet seeks to preserve that original spirit while welcoming a new generation of customers.

Suchitra Academy theatre ban draws criticism; writers question police action



Bengaluru : The Banashankari police's decision to suspend all theatre performances at Suchitra Film and Cultural Academy until further orders has triggered strong reactions, with writers accusing the authorities of restricting artistic freedom over a dispute involving a single play.

The order was issued after a confrontation during the October 31 performance of 'The Truth Behind Gandhi's Assassination', written by Addanda C Cariappa, former director of Mysuru Rangayana. The incident led to complaints and counter-complaints at Banashankari police station, and the police are investigating the matter.

In its directive, the police asked the academy not to stage any plays until further instructions. The order cautions that legal action would follow if performances are held and lead to a law-and-order disturbance.

The blanket restriction has raised questions about the impact on other artists and theatre groups that have scheduled performances at the venue. Several social media users have criticised the decision, arguing that an ongoing investigation into one incident should not result in the suspension of all theatrical activities.Writer Rohith Chakrathirtha drew a comparison with the Emergency imposed in India between 1975 and 1977. He alleged that the restriction reflected an attempt to control creative expression and said the prohibition on staging plays was reminiscent of censorship during that period.

Writer Beluru Sudarshan also took strong exception to the police order. He questioned Chief Minister Siddaramaiah over the decision to stop all performances at the auditorium because of one controversial production. He demanded that the restriction be withdrawn immediately and criticised the police for allegedly intimidating the cultural institution. The October 31 incident occurred when protesters objected to dialogues in Cariappa's play, claiming that they were derogatory towards Mahatma Gandhi. During the protest, black ink was allegedly smeared on Cariappa's face.

Kumaraswamy accuses Shivakumar of conspiracy in Prajwal pen drive case



Bengaluru, : Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy has accused Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar of conspiring with former MP Prajwal Revanna's driver Karthik to circulate the pen drive containing videos that triggered a major political controversy in Karnataka.

Rejecting allegations that he was responsible for distributing the pen drive, Kumaraswamy claimed that Karthik was the person who circulated it. He alleged that Shivakumar had summoned the driver to his residence and orchestrated a conspiracy. Releasing call details, he claimed that Karthik had visited Shivakumar's house on August 5 and 6, 2023.

"Was the cassette prepared at your house? Has this angle been investigated?" he asked, questioning Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and the police.

Kumaraswamy also alleged that Congress leaders targeted his family because the JD(S) had entered into an alliance with the BJP, which they believed could prevent Rahul Gandhi from becoming Prime Minister.

Questioning the Bengaluru Police Commissioner's recent statement linking him to the sting operation case, Kumaraswamy said the remarks were legally questionable. He denied knowing Rithesh Pandey, whose arrest and alleged connection with his Delhi residence had become part of the controversy. He challenged the police to investigate the matter rather than make public allegations.

He accused the police of attempting to give Siddaramaiah a clean chit and divert attention from other aspects of the case. Referring to statements by Minister Yatindra Siddaramaiah about the involvement of people from the Congress camp, he questioned why those allegations were not being examined. Kumaraswamy said he was prepared to face any inquiry and challenged the government to take action if it had evidence against him.

After years of waiting, Agri Gold investors pin hopes on CID exercise in Karnataka



Bengaluru : For thousands of Karnataka residents who invested their savings in Agri Gold more than a decade ago, the sight of their old investment bonds has once again become significant. An initiative by the Andhra Pradesh CID to collect investor records has raised hopes that their long-pending claims may finally receive attention.

Hundreds of investors gathered outside the ACP office and police station in Devanahalli, Bengaluru Rural district, on Monday, carrying documents related to their investments. Many had preserved the bonds despite years of disappointment after the company allegedly failed to return their deposits and promised interest.

The investors responded to a call issued by the Andhra Pradesh CID, which is probing the Agri Gold case. The agency has asked people from Karnataka who invested in the company to submit their personal and investment details for verification. Special registration arrangements have been made in Bengaluru city and Bengaluru Rural. CID officials from Andhra Pradesh have arrived in Karnataka and are coordinating the exercise with local police personnel.

The process will be conducted over 15 days in eight districts. Apart from Bengaluru city and Bengaluru Rural, the exercise will cover Kolar and Chikkaballapur, among other districts. Officials are recording the names, addresses and mobile numbers of claimants, along with details of their investment bonds. The information is being uploaded to the Andhra Pradesh CID portal for further examination. With large numbers of people turning up, police have introduced a token-based system to regulate the crowd and ensure that documents are checked in an orderly manner.

Agri Gold had received investments from lakhs of people in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Odisha. Many families had invested their lifetime savings, expecting regular returns and financial security, but were left struggling after the alleged scam came to light. The current verification drive has brought renewed hope to investors who have spent years pursuing their claims. They are expecting the CID investigation to help establish their claims and create a path towards recovering their deposits.

Three accused in Siddaramaiah sting operation case get interim bail



Bengaluru, : A Bengaluru court has granted interim anticipatory bail to three people, including suspended Congress leader Krupa Alva, in connection with the controversial sting operation case involving former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. The 66th City Civil and Sessions Court granted relief to Alva, Vinod Kumar and Prashanth Kumar, subject to conditions.

The three had approached the court apprehending arrest after being questioned by the Central Crime Branch (CCB) police in connection with a complaint filed by Siddaramaiah. The Chief Minister had alleged that an objectionable video circulated about him was part of an attempt to defame and blackmail him.

After hearing their bail applications, the court directed the three accused to cooperate with the ongoing investigation and not threaten or influence witnesses. The relief is interim and subject to compliance with the conditions imposed by the court.

The CCB had questioned Alva, Vinod Kumar and Prashanth Kumar and collected information as part of its probe. Earlier, on October 23, a Bengaluru court had granted interim anticipatory bail to Rakesh Shetty, managing director of a private television channel, in the same case.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor records 30,360 units in October



Bengaluru : Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) recorded total sales of 30,360 units in October 2026, comprising 29,521 units in the domestic market and 839 units in exports.

The company reported a 3% growth in cumulative sales during January–October 2026, with total volumes reaching 3,25,274 units, compared with 3,15,716 units during the corresponding period last year.

Domestic sales grew 4% to 2,99,140 units from 2,87,338 units in the January–October period of 2025. However, exports declined 8% to 26,134 units from 28,378 units during the same period.

Commenting on the performance, Sabari Manohar, Executive Vice-President, Sales, Service and Used Car Business at Toyota Kirloskar Motor, said the festive season had generated encouraging customer interest across markets, reflecting continued confidence in Toyota's products and services.

He said the company remained focused on delivering value through a diverse product portfolio, improved ownership experiences and customer-centric initiatives, while strengthening its commitment to reliable, sustainable and accessible mobility solutions.

Manohar also said the recently launched New Toyota Glanza had received an encouraging response from customers for its design, feature-rich offering and value proposition. Toyota Kirloskar Motor is a joint venture in which Toyota Motor Corporation of Japan holds an 89% stake, while Vikramgeet Investments and Holdings Pvt Ltd holds the remaining 11%.

The company has 6,846 employees and operates on a 432-acre facility, with a total installed production capacity of 3,31,200 units.

ICICI Life Launches Guaranteed Indexed Pension Plan

Mumbai, October 2026: ICICI Life Insurance Limited has launched ICICI Life Guaranteed Indexed Pension, a retirement income product that offers customers a combination of Guaranteed Annuity and Variable Annuity. While the guaranteed component offers income stability, the variable component helps protect against inflation through index-linked income.

A key feature of the product is the flexibility to choose a guaranteed annuity component ranging from 60% to 100%, with the remaining portion linked to the NIFTY 50 Total Return Index, enabling customers to participate in the market and provide upside potential for retirement income.Commenting on the launch, Mr. Vikas Gupta, Chief Product Officer, ICICI Life Insurance, said, "With increasing life expectancy, individuals need to plan for a longer retirement period. Rising living expenses and changing financial priorities make it crucial to have retirement solutions that provide stability while also offering the potential for market-linked income growth. With ICICI Life Guaranteed Indexed Pension, customers can choose the level of guaranteed income they are comfortable with along with the opportunity to benefit from market performance."

The product offers single-life and joint-life options with return of purchase price. Upon the unfortunate demise of the annuitant or the last surviving annuitant, a death benefit equal to total premiums paid would be returned to the nominee.The product also offers additional flexibility for immediate liquidity needs with the 'Annuity Advance' feature, which allows customers to receive up to 99% of up to the next five years of guaranteed annuity in advance as a lump sum. Customers can choose to receive annuity payouts on a monthly, quarterly, half-yearly, or yearly basis. Additionally, the product offers value-added services to help customers access health management and wellness services. With this launch, ICICI Life Insurance continues to strengthen its retirement solutions portfolio, offering customers greater choice and flexibility in planning for their long-term financial needs, in line with its brand promise of making 'Har Kal Aasaan' for its stakeholders.

CM Vijay inaugurates Rs 23 crore bus stand in Pudukottai

He also visited an exhibition showcasing traditional agricultural produce, including indigenous varieties of paddy, cashew nuts and millets



CHENNAI: Chief Minister Joseph Vijay on Monday (November 2) inaugurated the newly constructed bus stand in Pudukottai, built at a cost of Rs 23 crore, as part of his visit to the district. He also laid the foundation stone for new development projects worth Rs 11.72 crore and inaugurated several completed works.

According to a Maalaimalar report, CM Vijay travelled by road from Tiruchy Airport to Pudukottai, where he received a warm welcome from the public along the route.Upon reaching the Pudukkottai Collectorate, Vijay was accorded a police guard of honour. He also visited an exhibition showcasing traditional agricultural produce, including indigenous varieties of paddy, cashew nuts and millets.During the visit, CM Vijay inaugurated completed development projects and laid the foundation stone for various new initiatives aimed at improving infrastructure and public facilities in the district.

Tamil Nadu examining possibility of privatising liquor sales, says Minister K Vignesh



CHENNAI: Minister for Prohibition and Excise K Vignesh on Monday said the state government is examining the possibility of privatising liquor sales.

Speaking to reporters in Coimbatore, he said the government had not ruled out privatisation and was analysing its feasibility. "However privatisation alone cannot be considered a solution to all problems in the sector," he said. Tamil Nadu to stop accepting physical pension applications from November Further, Vignesh said the government is analysing its feasibility, while taking into account the circumstances that led former Chief Minister J. Jayalalithaa to bring liquor sales under state control in 2003. "When Jayalalithaa closed private liquor outlets in 2003 and took it under the control of the state government, the circumstances that prompted the decision must also be considered. Privatisation could lead to a monopoly or the formation of syndicates that might manipulate prices during tenders. There is also the possibility of illegal liquor sales. Therefore, privatisation alone cannot be considered a solution to all the issues," he said. The Minister said no sales target had been fixed for Deepavali. More than 960 employees had been issued show-cause notices seeking explanations for their participation in protests against the bottle-buying system across the State. "Four employees had also been suspended for closing shops that had already opened. Further action will be taken if their explanations are not satisfactory," he added.

SC dismisses petition filed by former DMK minister Nehru in cash-for-job scam



NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Monday dismissed a plea of former Tamil Nadu minister and DMK leader KN Nehru challenging a Madras High Court direction to register an FIR against him in the alleged Rs 634 crore cash-for-job scam.

Dismissing his petition, a bench of Justices Dipankar Datta and Sheel Nagu said there was no ground to interfere with the high court's February 20 judgment and the October 26 order.

Tamil Nadu to stop accepting physical pension applications from November On October 26, the high court dismissed Nehru's review petition challenging its earlier order, which directed the DVAC to register a case based on information provided by the ED in the alleged Rs 634 crore "cash-for-job" scam.

It also dismissed the review petition filed by the state government after it withdrew from the case. The matter pertains to allegations of cash-for-jobs allegations when Nehru, a DMK strongman from Tiruchirappalli, headed the Municipal Administration and Water Supply department during the 2021-26 DMK rule in Tamil Nadu.

DVAC searches over 20 premises linked to former minister KN Nehru across Tamil Nadu; Stalin slams TVK-led govt

Dismissing the review petition, the bench, in its order, said two things weigh with it here. First, the order was reserved on February 4, 2026 and pronounced only on February 20, 2026, and admittedly there was a gap of more than two weeks. If the review applicant, once notice reached him, wished to bring anything to the attention of the court.

Cyclone Murasu: TN rushes 500 electricity dept personnel, equipment to AP to restore power

THE STATE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO DESPATCHED THE ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT TO THE NEIGHBOURING STATE TO ASSIST IN THE POWER RES-



CHENNAI: The Tamil Nadu government has deployed 500 electricity department personnel in 25 teams to assist Andhra Pradesh in restoring power supply disrupted by Cyclone Murasu, following a request from Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, state Electricity Minister R Nirmal Kumar said here on Monday.

The state government has also despatched the essential equipment to the neighbouring state to assist in the power restoration, Kumar told reporters here.

A day ago, Naidu in a post on X, had said he called on Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay and sought assistance from the Tamil Nadu government for the restoration of power systems. He requested that manpower and machinery be sent for restoration, as a large number of power poles were damaged due to the Murasu cyclone. And the Tamil Nadu CM responded positively to the request, he said.

Meanwhile, in its latest bulletin the IMD said the Severe Cyclonic Storm Murasu moved west-northwestwards with a speed of 14 kmph and lay centered at about 120 km east-southeast of Nellore, 140 km east-southeast of Kavali, 170 km northeast of Chennai (Tamil Nadu), 180 km southeast of Ongole and 220 km south of Machilipatnam.

GLP-1 drugs may improve reproductive health in women with PCOS

Drugs commonly used to manage diabetes and promote weight loss may also offer reproductive health benefits to women with polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS), according to a new review of existing research published in Cureus.

Researchers from Nova Southeastern University in Davie, USA, examined evidence on the gynecologic and reproductive effects of glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonists (GLP-1RAs) in women with PCOS. The findings suggest potential improvements in menstrual regularity, ovulation and hormonal imbalances, although the researchers cautioned that the available evidence remains limited.

PCOS, also referred to in some discussions as polyendocrine metabolic ovarian syndrome (PMOS), is one of the most common endocrine disorders affecting women of reproductive age. It is frequently associated with obesity, insulin resistance, abnormal cholesterol levels and an increased risk of diabetes.

Lifestyle changes and weight management remain important components of PCOS care, particularly among women who are overweight or obese. However, maintaining weight loss can be challenging, prompting growing interest in medicines that address metabolic dysfunction. GLP-1RAs, including liraglutide, exenatide and semaglutide, are increasingly being studied for their potential benefits beyond blood sugar control and weight reduction.

For the review, researchers searched the Nursing and Allied Health Premium, Web of Science, Embase and PubMed databases for studies examining GLP-1RA treatment and reproductive or gynecologic outcomes in women with PCOS.

The search identified 1,416 records. After removing duplicates, researchers screened 697 unique records and assessed 76 full-text articles, eventually including 28 studies in the review. Liraglutide was examined in 15 studies, exenatide in five and semaglutide in four.

The researchers reviewed outcomes relating to menstrual function, ovulation, fertility, pregnancy, ovarian function, reproductive hormones and excess androgen levels. Metabolic changes were also considered. Menstrual function was assessed in 13 studies. Three reported improvements in the frequency or regularity of menstrual cycles following GLP-1RA treatment, particularly among women who experienced significant weight loss.

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Registered Office: Mahindra Towers, P. K. Kurne Chowk, Worli, Mumbai, Maharashtra – 400 018
CIN - U65922MH2007PLC169791.
Corporate Office : Unit No. 203, 2nd Floor, Piramal Corporate Park, Opposite Fire Brigade Station, Kamani Junction, LBS Main Road, Kurla West, Mumbai – 400070

General Notice for Closure & Merger of Branches

This is to notify the customers of Mahindra Rural Housing Finance Limited (MRHFL), and the public in general that due to operational convivence and to ensure continued customer services below branch/es within the state of Tamil nadu will be closed and shifted to below address / merged with an existing branch of MMFSL / MRHFL in the below location after Three (3) months of this intimation.

Closing Branch (Current Address)	Transfer Branch (New/ Shifted Branch Address)	Effective Date
Ooty (MRHFL) Door No: 116, Ground Floor, Building near Mahindra Home Finance, Nilgiris, Ooty, Tamil Nadu - 643001	Ooty (MMFSL) First Floor, Victoria Hall, No. 421/K1-K2, Ettiness Road, Near HDFC Bank, Opp. Nataraj Hotel, Udhagamandalam M, Udhagamandalam M Taluk, The Nilgiris District, Tamil Nadu – 643001	03-02-2027

All the customer accounts of the aforesaid closing branch will be automatically transferred to the respective branches, towards which no action is required on the customer's part. For further assistance, dial Toll-free No: - 1800-233-5333 or email us at MRHFL.CC@mahindrahomefinance.com or visit to your nearest Mahindra Rural Home Finance branch.

Date: 03-11-2026
Authorized Officer
Mahindra Rural Housing Finance Limited

Protium | **PROTIUM FINANCE LIMITED**
(Erstwhile Growth Source Financial Technologies Limited)

Registered & Corporate Office Address: 7th Floor, Block B2, Phase – I
Nirlon Knowledge Park, Pahadi Village, Off. Western Express Highway, Cama Industrial Estate, Goregaon(E), Mumbai- 400063, Maharashtra.

POSSESSION NOTICE- (U/S 13(4) & As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Protium Finance Limited** (hereinafter referred to as "Protium Finance Limited"), under the provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act No. 54 of 2002) (the "SARFAESI Act"), and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a **Demand Notice dated 17th August 2026,** calling upon the **Borrower: Sree Thirumala Silk Through its Proprietor Naresh Venkatesan S/o Venkatesan, and the Co-Borrowers: 1. Naresh Venkatesan S/o Venkatesan, 2. V Jayalakshmi W/o Venkatesan, in respect of Loan Account No. GS027LAP2398281,** to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice, being **INR 50,48,753.91/- (Fifty Lakh Forty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Three Rupees and Ninety One Paise Only) as on 17th August 2026,** within 60 (sixty) days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **Symbolic Possession** of the property described hereinbelow, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, on **2nd November 2026.**

The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property, and any dealings with the property shall be subject to the charge of Protium Finance Limited for an amount of **INR 50,48,753.91/- (Fifty Lakh Forty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Three Rupees and Ninety One Paise Only),** together with further interest thereon and all costs, charges and expenses incurred.

The borrowers' attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of property bearing house in Thiruvallur District, South Chennai Registration District, Poonamallee Sub-Registration District, Poonamallee Taluk, Poonamallee Village, under Old S. No. 588/1 as per Patta No. 5992 in New S. No. 588/18 and house site Plots and the layout as "Vijayalakshmi Nagar" (CMDA Approved No. PPD/LO No. 29/91, Letter No. L1/3675/91) and in which one part of house site property bearing Door No. 6, Plot No. 25 measuring East to West - on the Northern side 45.9 feet; on the Southern side 39 feet; North to South - on the Eastern side 68 feet; on the Western side 66.6 feet i.e., 2849 sq.ft., and 553 sq.feet undivided share, 2nd Floor, and in which-constructed a RCC roof house building with all accessories etc., Boundaries :- East by - Plot No. 24; West by - Plot No. 26; North by - Vacant land; South by - 30 feet road together with all other rights, buildings, improvements, and easements appurtenant thereto.

Date: 2nd November 2026
Place: Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Sd/-, For Protium Finance Limited
Authorised Officer

ICICI Home Finance | Corporate Office: ICICI Home Finance Company Limited ICICI HFC Tower, Andheri - Kurla Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai - 400059, India
Branch Office: Lion Arcade, 1A, 1st floor, Madurai Road, West Street, Sindupoondarai, Tirunelveli- 627001

[See proviso to rule 8(6)] Notice for sale of immovable assets

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 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd., will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Legal Heirs. Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction	One Day Before Auction Date	SARFAESI Stage
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
1.	Shanmugasundaram. (Borrower) Padma., (Co-Borrower) Selvamani. (Co-Borrower) Loan No. LHTVI00001385589	S No 55 26 Thenkarai Melathirattuseri East Street Thenkarai Nambithalaivanpattaiyam Village Natham Tirunelveli Tamilnadu	Rs. 5,22,038/- October 28, 2026	Rs. 8,93,649/- / Rs. 89,365/-	November 12, 2026 11:00 AM To 03:00 PM	November 19, 2026 02:00 PM To 03:00 PM	November 18, 2026 Before 05:00 PM	Symbolic Possession

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link- https://BidDeal.in) of our auction agency ValueTrust Capital Services Private Limited. The Mortgagors/ notice are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till November 18, 2026 before 05:00 PM else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule.
The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) RTGS/ Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before November 18, 2026 before 04:00 PM. The Prospective Bidder(s) must also submit signed copy of Registration Form & Bid Terms and Conditions form at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before November 18, 2026 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit Demand Draft (DD) should be from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favor of "ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd. – Auction" payable at the branch office address mentioned on top of the article.
For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact ICICI Home Finance Company Limited on 9920807300.
The Authorized Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit https://www.icicihfc.com.

Date: November 03, 2026
Place: Tirunelveli

Authorized Officer, "ICICI Home Finance Company Limited",
CIN Number:- U65922MH1999PLC120106

ICICI Home Finance | Corporate Office: ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, ICICI HFC Tower, Andheri - Kurla Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai - 400059, India
Branch Office: Shop No. 102, 103 and 115, 1st floor, Door No. 483, Asoka Plaza, Dr. Nanjappa Road, Coimbatore- 641018 Notice for sale of immovable assets through Private Treaty

Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets through Private Treaty under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 8(8) r/w Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002
ICICI Home Finance Company Limited (ICICI HFC) conducted several e-Auctions for the sale of the mortgaged property mentioned below, however, all such e-Auctions failed. Now, an interested buyer has approached ICICI HFC with an offer to purchase the said property for an amount of Rs. 17,00,000/-. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below-described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd., will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", by way of Private Treaty as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Legal Heirs. Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction	One Day Before Auction Date	Sarfaesi Stage
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
1.	R Karthikeyan (Borrower) Vijayalakshmi K (Co-Borrower) Lan No. LHCBT00001474570 LHCBT00001474571 LHCBT00001474572	Sf No. 248/4, Site No. 63 (East Side Part) & Site No. 64 (West Side Part), Sri Ranga Garden, Rangampudhur Road, Periya Negamam Village, Pollachi Taluk, Negamam Sro, Coimbatoore District, Tamil Nadu	Rs. 35,73,283.36/- October 26, 2026	Rs. 17,00,000/- / Rs. 1,70,000/-	November 12, 2026 11:00 AM To 03:00 PM	November 19, 2026 02:00 PM To 03:00 PM	November 18, 2026 before 04:00 PM	Physical Possession

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link- https://BidDeal.in) of our auction agency ValueTrust Capital Services Private Limited. The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) RTGS/ Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before November 18, 2026 before 04:00 PM. The Prospective Bidder(s) must also submit a signed copy of the Registration Form & Bid Terms and Conditions form at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before November 18, 2026 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit Demand Draft (DD) should be from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favor of "ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd. – Auction" payable at the branch office address mentioned on top of the article.
The general public is requested to submit their bids higher than the amount being offered by the interested buyer mentioned above. It is hereby informed that in case no bids higher than the amount being offered by the aforementioned interested buyer is received by ICICI HFC, the mortgaged property shall be sold to the said interested buyer as per Rule 8(8) r/w Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the sale or submission of bids, kindly contact ICICI Home Finance Company Limited on 9920807300.
The Authorized Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit https://www.icicihfc.com/

Date: November 03, 2026
Place: Coimbatoore

Authorized Officer, "ICICI Home Finance Company Limited"
CIN Number:- U65922MH1999PLC120106

HSBC

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION LTD.

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 r/w Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) that the below described immovable property, mortgaged with THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION LTD., the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION LTD, will be sold by way of an E-Auction, on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis, on **10-December-2026**

The said E-Auction is for the recovery of INR. **1,23,90,202.54 /-** due as on **26-October-2026** to THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION LTD. from the borrower Mr. Sriraman Thirumalachari.

Name of the Borrowers.	Description of Property	Reserve Price	EMD (10% of Reserve Price)
Mr. Sriraman Thirumalachari	All that piece and portion of the residential flat No.S1, in the Second Floor of the residential building bearing Old No.2 and New No.6 East Mada Street, Sri Nagar Colony, Saidapet, Chennai 600 015 with 420 square feet of Undivided share of vacant land out of 2400 square feet situated at Venkatapuram Village, comprised in Paimash No.79, the New Town Survey No.17 Block No.5, measuring an extend of 2400 Square feet situated within the Registration Sub-district of Adyar and within the Registration District of South Chennai. Boundaries: - East by : Farradhin House, West by : East Mada Street, North by : Babuji House & South by : 4th Street Rangarajapuram	Rs. 1,22,17,500/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty-Two Lakhs Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Only)	Rs. 12,21,750/- (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Twenty One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Only). Account Detail: A/C Number 010 909968 042 Beneficiary Name - E-Auction EMD Suspense account number IFSC Code: HSBC0400002
Inspection Date & time	3-Dec-2026 Between 10.00 AM till 4.00 PM		
EMD Deposit Date & time	7-Dec-2026 till 4.00 PM		

Notice is hereby given that the said property shall be sold by e-auction and bidding shall take place through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website
https:// www.bankeauctions.com (E Auction house website) on **10-December-2026.** The detailed terms and conditions of sale are available on the E Auction house website (www.bankeauctions.com)/ HSBC website (www.hsbc.co.in)

The property will be sold on an "As is where is" "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" condition. The e-Auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the Bank. The intending bidders are required to do their own due diligence. The Authorized Officer has the absolute right to accept or reject any bid or adjourn/postpone the sale without assigning any reason thereof.
For any details, support, help regarding the procedure of online biding by way of the-auction, prospective bidders may contact:
Mr. Prabhakaran M, Mobile No. 7418281709, Email Id :tn@c1india.com

Date: 27/10/2026
Place: Chennai

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EDITORIAL

The mobile world and the deteriorating behavior of childhood

The news of alleged brutality against a six-year-old girl by an eighth-grade student at a Panchkula school has shocked society. The events revealed in the news and the details of the violence on school campuses have raised serious questions about the safety of children, their behavior, and our upbringing. How are such violent tendencies developing in childhood? Are children losing sensitivity and empathy? Are the mobile world, violent content available on the internet, and changing family environments having any impact on their behavior? These questions are no longer evasive.

It would be unfair to conclude, based on a single incident, that mobile phones are the sole cause of increasing violence among children. Each incident can be influenced by numerous factors, including personal circumstances, family environment, peer influence, mental state, and social environment. Nevertheless, it is true that the digital world now at the disposal of children has increased the responsibilities of parents more than ever before. Monitoring children can no longer be limited to their behavior after returning from school. It is also essential to know what they watch on their mobile phones, who they interact with, what games they play, and what ideas they are absorbing from the internet.

Smartphones are becoming an integral part of children's lives today. Technology has opened up new learning opportunities through online learning, educational videos, and informative content. However, this same medium also provides easy access to violent images, abusive language, dangerous challenges, and harmful behavior. The problem lies not in the technology itself, but in its uncontrolled use, access to inappropriate content, and a lack of understanding of its effects. Children often view content in the name of entertainment, but are not mentally and emotionally mature enough to understand its consequences. Childhood is a period of imitation. Children learn language, behavior, and reactions by observing those around them. They are influenced by their parents' conversations, family members' behavior, friends' behavior, and activities seen on digital media. If a child is repeatedly exposed to scenes that normalize violence, humiliation, revenge, and aggression, it is likely to influence their behavior. While not every child becomes violent after viewing such content, it is crucial to select age-appropriate content and discuss its implications.

In this context, the role of parents is paramount. Often, busy schedules lead to children being given mobile phones to keep them quiet. From feeding to keeping them occupied, screens have become a convenient solution. Gradually, this habit becomes a part of children's daily lives, and parents lose sight of what their children are actually watching. A child's sedentary mobile phone isn't a sign of their safety or healthy development. It's essential to stay informed about their activities in the digital world, set age-appropriate limits, and maintain regular communication with them. Monitoring children doesn't mean constantly suspecting them or completely taking away their privacy. It means being vigilant about their safety and creating a trusting environment where they can talk openly about their problems, curiosities, and mistakes. Parents should ask children what games they play, what new things they see on the Internet, and what their understanding is of a video or event.

US Has No 'Election Commission'.

Trump Is Testing What That Can Mean

Brig Anil Raman



On October 23, a federal court ruled that President Trump broke the law by taking control of California's National Guard, despite Governor Gavin Newsom's objections. As the midterm elections on November 3 approach, the ongoing conflict between the two has escalated towards Voting Day. "I expect the worst with Trump because he's done the worst," Newsom said in May. He attacked the President as he signed the first of several laws aimed at keeping the federal government out of California's elections. This dispute is part of a larger battle: the Trump administration has tried to change voting rules, with Republican-led states mostly supporting these moves and Democratic-led states opposing them.

HOW AMERICA RUNS ITS ELECTIONS

India has a single Election Commission that oversees all elections, prepares voter lists, and announces results. In contrast, the United States does not have a central election authority that centrally undertakes these critical functions. Each of the 50 states sets its own election laws, even for Congressional elections. States decide who can register, what identification is needed, how postal ballots are counted, and how voting districts (electoral constituencies) are formed. In India, a Delimitation Commission sets constituency boundaries, but in most American states, the party in control of the state assembly draws them. The party that controls a state also controls its voting rules, and there is no national authority to ensure uniform rules. On November 3, Americans will essentially vote in fifty different elections, each with its own set of rules.

When Trump Praised India

The first move was an executive order in March 2025. Its aims: require voters to prove their citizenship with a passport or birth certificate when registering; stop states from counting postal ballots that arrive after election day; and permit the federal government more access to state voter lists. Trump's order praised India, saying, "India and Brazil are tying voter identification to a biometric database", while Americans only declare their citizenship. Federal judges struck down most of the order, ruling that the President cannot change rules that belong to Congress and the states. The second step demanded every state's full electoral roll, including voters' private details, so the Justice Department could check it against federal records for non-citizens. Indian readers will recognise the idea from the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls. Some states complied, while roughly two dozen refused and were taken to court. Washington has also tried to change how electoral districts are formed. Usually, American states redraw district boundaries every ten years after the census. But in 2025, Mr Trump urged Texas Republicans to redraw their districts early to gain five more seats in the House of Representatives.

Federal investigators have also stepped in. Earlier this year, the FBI seized the 2020 ballots from Fulton County, Georgia, the county at the centre of Mr Trump's claim that the 2020 election was stolen, and the responsible election staff have come under pressure. And in July, the administration linked certain federal security grants to conditions requiring states to verify voters' citizenship.

HOW REPUBLICAN STATES JOINED IN

Texas, Alabama, and Mississippi are among the states that agreed to share their voter lists with the Justice Department. South Dakota and Utah now require documentary proof of citizenship to register for state elections. The biggest change, however, comes from redrawing constituencies. Florida, Ohio, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Louisiana followed Texas, and by Ballotpedia's estimate, the new boundaries give Republicans a net advantage of about nine seats before polling day.

Why A Voter ID Is Contested In America

For most Indians, asking voters to prove their identity seems reasonable. Every Indian voter has an Election Commission identity card, and almost everyone has Aadhaar. So why do many Americans see these as checks stopping people from voting? The first reason is who carries the burden. In India, the state does the work: booth-level officers go from house to house to enrol voters, and the voter identity card is issued free. America has no national identity card and no document like Aadhaar. Registering is the voter's responsibility. Proving citizenship means producing a passport costing over $160, or a birth certificate ordered from the state of one's birth. A woman who took her husband's surname often holds a birth certificate in a name that no longer matches her other papers. A 2023 Brennan Centre survey found that about 2.13 crore voting-age citizens, more than 9 per cent, lack ready access to such documents, and citizens of colour are more likely to lack them. The second reason is history. For almost a hundred years after the Civil War, southern states used literacy tests and poll taxes to stop Black citizens from voting, until the Voting Rights Act of 1965 banned these practices. Any new obstacle to voting is seen in light of that history.

The third reason is evidence. Voting by non-citizens is a crime and is very rare. A 2024 Georgia audit found 20 non-citizens among 82 lakh registered voters. When Kansas required proof of citizenship from 2013 to 2018, it blocked more than 31,000 eligible citizens. The state could show only 39 non-citizens registered over the previous 13 years, and federal courts struck the law down.

The fourth reason is politics. Citizens least likely to hold these papers, the poor, the young, and minorities, lean Democratic, so Democrats see a partisan agenda. Republicans respond that the rules protect the integrity of the vote. And polls show that large majorities of Americans support photo identification at polling booths.

HOW DEMOCRATIC STATES HAVE PUSHED BACK

California has gone furthest in opposing these measures. A law signed in May prevents anyone, including federal agents, from accessing voter lists or voting machines without a court order. In September, Mr Newsom signed two more. The first made it a felony to seize ballots, election records, or voting machines before results are certified. The other mandated local officials to alert the state within a day of any warrant for election records, so that it can be challenged in court. The seizure law came after a February case in which Riverside County Republican sheriff Chad Bianco seized about 6.5 lakh ballots, citing claims of irregularities. The election officials called it unfounded, and in September, the California Supreme Court unanimously ruled the seizure unlawful and ordered the ballots returned. California also responded to Texas through a referendum. In November 2025, its voters approved new constituency boundaries, known as Proposition 50, which are expected to give the Democrats five more seats. Elsewhere, Democratic states have relied on the courts and so far, won their battles over voter lists. In Michigan, a judge appointed by Mr Trump himself ruled that no federal law required the state to share its lists.

WHAT IT MEANS FOR VOTERS

Now, an American's experience of the same election depends on where she lives. A first-time voter in Utah must show a birth certificate or passport to register for state elections. At the same time, a voter in California is protected by a law that makes seizing her ballot a felony. Control of the next House could depend on districts redrawn by a few state assemblies. For Mr Newsom, who leaves office in January and has said he may run for president, this fight has made him the main Democratic voice against Mr Trump on election issues.

In India, these kinds of disputes can be decided by the Election Commission centrally for the entire country. In America, they are being decided state by state and court by court, a process that is likely to be mired in confusion, controversy, and condemnation.

HOW US MIDTERMS COULD GIVE TRUMP A VERY DIFFERENT 2027

Akshobh Giridharadas

Let's "check in" on the iconic Willard Hotel for a second. This grandiose establishment has hosted many American and foreign dignitaries. The list is exhaustive and impressive. From Abraham Lincoln to Mark Twain and Martin Luther King Jr, as well as visiting dignitaries, like Indian Prime Ministers Narendra Modi and the late Dr. Manmohan Singh, have called the Willard their temporary home. But one such other frequent visitor inadvertently codified a term. It's an apocryphal story that's often told in Washington, DC. Legend has it that the lobby of this famed hotel was how the words "lobbying" and "lobbyists" came to be. Long before President Donald Trump said, "location, location, location", back in the day, President Ulysses S Grant, the famed Civil War General who victoriously commanded the Union Army, leveraged the short hop from the White House and was often seen in the lobby of this hotel. Word got around of Grant's Willard visits, and people sought to approach him for favours. Grant, who was miffed with the copious requests, supposedly referred to them as "lobbyists". Some say that's how 'lobbying' and 'lobbyists' got their name. Other linguists and historians disagree and say the word predates Grant. But the legend tells a bigger story - the Washington story. Everyone wants access to power. And with midterms just a day away, voters decide where that balance of power lies in this cycle. The midterms don't enjoy the fanfare of presidential elections. Yes, no new President will be elected. Yet, midterms are often seen as the verdict that can break or define a presidency. The midterms, in some ways, serve as a referendum on the President and his policies, and it shows the mood of the electorate and their perception of where they see the country heading. Ironically, the President's name isn't on the ballot, but the midterms may just be all about him, and votes would be cast vicariously for or against him through several races across all 50 states. That matters because America's constitutional architecture bifurcates power into the holy trinity of Executive, Legislature, and Judiciary. The White House, as the Executive, advances an agenda and executes the laws; Congress, as the legislative wing, determines how much of that agenda becomes legislation and controls the federal purse strings; the courts interpret the law and enforce constitutional limits. Winning the presidency makes the person the commander-in-chief. But constitutionally, it is not a license to govern unchecked. So, once in two years, or the halfway mark of the President's four-year term, the midterms determine just who controls Congress. What's At Stake In The November 2026 Midterms? Here is the scenario at hand. All 435 seats in the House of Representatives and 35 Senate seats are being contested. These include two special Senate elections - one in the seat vacated by Vice President JD Vance in Ohio, and the other for the seat vacated by Secretary of State Marco Rubio in Florida. Those special elections will determine who serves the remainder of their terms, through January 2029. Republicans currently hold a majority with 53 Senate seats, against 45 in the Democratic caucus, including two independents - Bernie Sanders of Vermont and Angus King of Maine. Both caucus with the Democrats, bringing the Democratic caucus to 47. They can afford to lose two, or a net loss of three, and still retain control, since Vice President JD Vance serves as President of the Senate and possesses the constitutional authority to cast a deciding vote when the chamber is evenly divided in a 50-50 split. So, Democrats need a net gain of four to take back control in the Senate. In the House, Republicans hold 218 seats and the Democrats 214, alongside one independent, who caucuses with the Republicans. There also are two vacancies. The goal is to get to 218. Thus, Democrats need four more seats than they currently hold, while Republicans must finish at or above that number to secure an outright majority. What A Win Means For Either Party For Republicans, keeping both chambers means a clearer path to delivering President Trump's priorities and advancing his agenda till the end of 2028. For Democrats, winning either chamber means more power to challenge his policies, and guardrails for some of the policies that they have umbrage with. In a nutshell, Donald Trump will remain President. But should either or both chambers flip, then the terms of his presidency could change as well. The road to a Senate majority runs through familiar battlegrounds, some tenuous for certain candidates and campaigns. In Michigan, Democrat Abdul El-Sayed faces Republican Mike Rogers for an open Democratic-held seat, as El-Sayed is vying to be the country's first Muslim Senator. Television debates serve as a barometer of just how heated this battle has been. In the Peach State of Georgia, Democrat Jon Ossoff must defend his seat against Republican Congressman Mike Collins. Texas offers Democrats the more elusive prize. The Lone Star state has a blue-chip asset in the Republican portfolio, and Democrats are hoping to turn the GoP blue-chip a bit bluer this November. The battle is between millennial James Talarico and the Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton. But turning the urban "blueberries" of Austin and Houston into a statewide blue victory requires a coalition that has eluded every Democratic Senate candidate since Lloyd Bentsen's victory in 1988. A year before Talarico was born - that's how long it has been since Texas elected a Democrat to the Senate.

Why Saudi Arabia Can't Control Houthis, Despite Its Billions In Arms

ADITI BHADURI



Money and muscle cannot always compete with geography - that seems to be the message coming out of Riyadh as the Saudis grapple with the proper response to the Houthi attacks on their territory. The numerous reports filtering in reflect a diverse array of initiatives and steps the kingdom is taking. This, on one hand, may mirror a multipronged approach, or, on the other, reflect confusion. The report that the Saudis have offered $1 billion to the Houthis to stop the attacks they began launching since July this year on the Kingdom has made headlines. According to reports that appeared in the Israeli media, Saudi Defence Minister Prince Khalid bin Salman travelled to Tehran for talks about a possible ceasefire with the Houthis. This proposal apparently involves the transfer of $1 billion to the group through Iran. Of course, Saudi authorities have not confirmed it. The Mecca Pact The first step, however, in a coordinated policy to counter the Houthis came some months ago, when the Mecca Pact was signed in Islam's holiest city, as the nomenclature reflects, between Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and Pakistan. With much fanfare on Friday, the three announced the signing of the pact. The import was not lost. Saudi Arabia, the leader of the Muslim world by virtue of being home to Islam's two holiest sites, had just teamed up with two of the Sunni world's most powerful militaries. Deterrence, as all three parties to the pact took pains to point out, was the agreement's main aim. There was no doubt about whom the pact was aimed at. The Houthis have caused more damage to the Kingdom in recent times than any other group. Yet, the pact failed to deter the group, which has been almost on a rampage, striking airports, oil pipelines, and other critical infrastructure. And none of the Mecca Pact members fulfilled their obligations, as the pact still requires domestic ratification. While Pakistan has now ratified it, there is much domestic opposition to it; Turkey, on the other hand, has refused to ratify combat operations against the Houthis, which would make it a party to the war with them. And Saudi Arabia seems incapable of taking on the Houthis on its own, despite investing billions in sophisticated, western-made arms. In fact, this inability is not something new, and, therefore, the Saudi decision to start a fresh war with the Houthis remains something of a mystery. In 2015, when Houthi rebels overtook the Yemeni capital of Sanaa and forced the internationally recognised government to flee to the South, the Saudis, together with the UAE, intervened militarily to restore the government to power. It was a brutal intervention, killing hundreds in the already impoverished country, displacing thousands, and triggering a humanitarian crisis. But almost a decade later - by which time the UAE had withdrawn from the war - the Houthis could not be completely defeated, and a UN-brokered ceasefire took place. The fragile calm had been in place even after the US-Israel war on Iran broke out and Iran-supported "resistance " groups such as Hezbollah and the Iraqi militias joined in. The Houthis remained aloof, though they issued periodic threats. But Saudi-backed attacks on aircraft carrying Houthi members returning to Yemen after attending Ayatollah Ali Khamenei's funeral in Iran in July were one of the triggers for this round of fighting. While the Houthis have intensified the attacks, the Saudis see incapable of stopping them. The Undoing Of 'Saudi Security' The Houthis, operating from just across the border, represent one of the most serious threats to the Saudi kingdom. They have demonstrated their ability to strike deep within Saudi territory, have the potential to close off the Bab al-Mandeb, a major chokepoint near the Red Sea and the main alternative sea lane for Saudi energy exports after the closure of the Strait of Hormuz, and have announced a blockade on Saudi shipping. They have busted the myth of Saudi security; several Indians have also lost their lives in these attacks.

'Circumstances Have Changed':

FM Sitharaman Responds To Demands For Tax Cuts To Curb FPI Outflows



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday acknowledged growing concerns among foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) over India's capital gains tax structure, saying the government would first listen to their concerns before considering possible changes. Her remarks come amid record foreign investor withdrawals from Indian equities and renewed demands for a reduction in long-term capital gains (LTCG) tax. Speaking at the Financial Express Leadership Awards, Sitharaman said the tax structure had remained unchanged since 2023, when India witnessed record foreign investment inflows. However, she acknowledged that the investment environment had changed considerably since then. "The tax structure today is what it was even in 2023 when inflows were record high. Circumstances have changed. FPI outflows have happened, voices of concern are louder," she said. The Finance Minister added that she recognised the demand for extending to equity investments the kind of support currently available to debt markets. "First will hear them (FPIs) and then see what we can do," Sitharaman said, indicating that the government would consider the concerns before deciding on any possible action. She also cautioned that decisions on taxation would require careful consideration, describing them as delicate matters requiring significant business and commercial judgement. Sitharaman emphasised that India would need substantial capital, particularly equity investments, to sustain economic growth of 7% or more. "At a time when growth is very important, and to sustain growth of 7% plus, we need capital, especially equity," she said. Her remarks underline the importance of maintaining India's attractiveness as an investment destination at a time when foreign investors have been reducing their exposure to domestic equities. The Finance Minister also acknowledged the argument that equity markets should receive policy support similar to that extended to debt markets, suggesting that the government was aware of the concerns being raised by market participants. SEBI Recommends Scrapping 12.5% LTCG Tax For FPIs Sitharaman's comments come amid reports that the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has recommended scrapping the 12.5% long-term capital gains tax on foreign portfolio investments in Indian equities. According to a Reuters report citing two sources familiar with the matter, the market regulator has included the proposal in its pre-Budget recommendations to the Finance Ministry ahead of Union Budget 2027-28. SEBI has also proposed allowing tax-neutral switching between mutual fund schemes for domestic investors, so that they can move existing investments into other schemes without triggering an immediate capital gains tax liability, subject to the proposed holding-period condition of more than one year. These recommendations are aimed at addressing concerns around transaction costs and improving the attractiveness of Indian equity markets for both domestic and foreign investors. FPIs Withdraw Record Rs 3.08 Lakh Crore From Indian Equities The growing debate over equity taxation comes against the backdrop of unprecedented foreign investor selling. Foreign portfolio investors withdrew a record Rs 3.08 lakh crore ($32.73 billion) from Indian equities between January and September 2026.

CHHATTISGARH EYES RS 5.60 LAKH CRORE INVESTMENT IN ENERGY SECTOR; TARGETS 15,000 MW GREEN ENERGY CAPACITY BY 2030

New Delhi, November 2, 2026: Chhattisgarh made a significant mark at the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo 2026, highlighting its vast investment potential and ambitious vision for the energy sector. The four-day summit, inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Bharat Mandapam today, provided a platform for the state to present its roadmap for the future of energy. At a high-level round-table meeting attended by Chief Ministers and Union Ministers, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai highlighted investment opportunities worth Rs 5.60 lakh crore over the next five years and invited investors and industry leaders to partner in the state's energy growth journey. Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy, Pralhad Joshi, and Union Minister of State for Power and New and Renewable Energy, Shripad Yesso Naik, were also present on the occasion. Addressing the summit, Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai outlined the state's ambitious investment plans, which include Rs 1.33 lakh crore for renewable energy projects with a proposed capacity of 23,923 MW and approximately Rs 3.27 lakh crore towards expanding thermal power generation capacity. Chhattisgarh also aims to scale up its green energy capacity from the existing 3,000 MW to 15,000 MW by 2030. In line with this vision, the state plans to increase the share of green energy in its overall electricity demand from the current 15 per cent to more than 45 per cent.

The Chief Minister stated that Chhattisgarh will make a significant contribution to India's national target of generating 500 gigawatts of electricity from non-conventional sources by 2030. The state already has coal-based thermal power plants with a capacity exceeding 28,000 megawatts. In light of the growing demand for energy, there will be a balanced expansion -- incorporating solar, hydroelectric, biomass, and energy storage projects alongside thermal power.

SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITIES IN PUMPED STORAGE, BATTERY, AND SOLAR ENERGY

To enhance the reliability of energy supply, 10 pumped-storage hydroelectric projects with a total capacity of 12,300 megawatts have been identified in the state, with a proposed investment of approximately Rs 65,000 crore. Furthermore, there are plans to install battery energy storage systems with a capacity of 10,000 megawatt-hours over the next two years. A 40 MW/120 MWh battery storage system, paired with a 100 MW solar project, is already operational in Rajnandgaon. Khaira village in the Rajnandgaon district has become Chhattisgarh's first fully solar-powered village; 2-kilowatt solar panels have been installed on the rooftops of all 141 households, generating a total of 282 kilowatts of electricity. Notably, 93 houses built under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana are also powered by solar energy, with no cost incurred by the villagers. The state has also made progress in extending solar energy to homes and farms. Under the 'Pradhan Mantri Suryaghar Muft Bijli Yojana' (Prime Minister's Solar Home Free Electricity Scheme), approximately 1.26 lakh solar power units have already been installed. In the state, 1.66 lakh solar-powered irrigation pumps are currently being used to irrigate nearly 1.94 lakh hectares of land. Furthermore, there are plans to install solar power plants with a total capacity of 395 megawatts under the 'Pradhan Mantri KUSUM Yojana'.

FOCUS ON BIOGAS, ETHANOL, AND NUCLEAR ENERGY

The Chief Minister also highlighted the potential for producing compressed biogas, bio-ethanol, and green hydrogen by utilizing agricultural waste, cow dung, and other bio-resources. Work is underway to establish eight compressed biogas plants with a combined capacity of 80 metric tonnes, involving a proposed investment of approximately ?800 crore. Additionally, proposals from private investors worth around Rs 6,000 crore are currently being processed.

Moreover, investments totalling approximately Rs 1.60 lakh crore have been envisioned for various energy projects, including nuclear power plants with a capacity of about 4,200 megawatts. The Chief Minister stated that the state government is moving forward by balancing industrial development, energy security, and environmental conservation.

DARIUS KHAMBATA QUITS TATA TRUSTS, SAYS SEPT 17 EVENTS SULLIED TATA SONS' REPUTATION



Senior advocate Darius Khambata has declined reappointment as trustee of the Sir Dorabji Tata Trust and Sir Ratan Tata Trust, sharply criticising the handling of the Tata Sons governance dispute, the engagement with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) over its regulatory status and attempts to separate the holding company from its charitable owners.

In a letter dated Nov. 2, addressed to Tata Trusts Chairman Noel Tata and CEO Siddharth Sharma, and seen by NDTV Profit, Khambata described the events of Sept. 17, 2026 as a day that would "live in infamy", saying they had "sullied Tata Sons' reputation" and "imperilled the image of corporate India".

He questioned whether Tata Sons' board would have acted in the same manner had the late Ratan Tata been alive, adding that institutional obligations must take precedence over individuals. Khambata was also critical of the outcome of the Trusts' engagement with the RBI over Tata Sons' regulatory position. "I do not believe that the engagement with the RBI has been meaningful, much less successful," he wrote, questioning how Tata Sons could adopt listed-company transparency and reporting mechanisms even if it secured deregistration as a core investment company or restructured to avoid listing.

The criticism comes against the backdrop of the dispute over Tata Sons' listing obligations and the Trusts' opposition to taking the holding company public. Khambata said attempts to decouple Tata Sons from Tata Trusts threatened the foundations of the Tata model.

The letter revisits two resolutions passed by the Trusts on July 28, 2025. The first reaffirmed opposition to listing, reposed confidence in N Chandrasekaran to engage with the RBI in support of Tata Sons' deregistration application, and linked the anti-listing position to providing an exit and liquidity to the Shapoorji Pallonji group. The second supported a third term for Chandrasekaran as chairman, a position Khambata said had since been overtaken by events in August and September 2026.

Khambata said he had drafted the anti-listing resolution, which was passed unanimously, and first described a potential listing as "existential" for the Trusts at a May 28, 2025 meeting. He maintained that opposition to listing must go hand in hand with providing liquidity to the SP Group through a sale of some or all of its shares.

A significant part of the letter concerns the special rights of Tata Trusts under Tata Sons' Articles of Association. Invoking the Supreme Court's judgment in Tata v Mistry, Khambata said the ruling validated these rights as well as the special duties of nominee directors appointed by public charitable trusts. He argued that Trust nominee directors could not act against the interests of the trusts merely because they also owed duties to the company. "There cannot be two classes of trustees," he wrote, adding that all trustees owed equal fiduciary duties to the Trust.

Revisiting the Sept. 11, 2025 decision by four trustees not to renew Vijay Singh's tenure as a Tata Sons nominee director, Khambata said the move was intended to strengthen opposition to listing and was not personal. He alleged that Singh and Venu Srinivasan subsequently changed their position in April 2026 and favoured listing, without explaining the shift to fellow trustees.

Defending the unlisted structure, Khambata said Tata Sons' private-company status had enabled long-term investments and decisions that might not have been possible under the pressure of listed-company returns. He cited investments in Air India and semiconductors, alongside the repayment of Tata Finance depositors and funding of Tata Telecommunications' losses. Describing the Tata model as a manifestation of Mahatma Gandhi's trusteeship doctrine, he said Tata Sons and Tata Trusts could not be meaningful independently of each other.

Khambata said he would not seek another term because trustee reappointment required the agreement of all other trustees, a process he believed could compromise his independence. He had originally joined both trusts at the invitation of Ratan Tata.

AMPERE EXPANDS RETAIL FOOTPRINT IN VIZIANAGARAM WITH NEW EXPERIENCE CENTRE



Vizianagaram, 02 November 2026: Ampere today inaugurated BKR Automobiles at Surya Arcade, strengthening its retail and service presence in Vizianagaram. The new Ampere Experience Centre will provide customers with a comprehensive sales and service experience under one roof, making electric mobility more accessible and convenient for customers in the region.

The new Experience Centre will showcase Ampere's electric scooter portfolio, designed to address a diverse range of mobility needs and customer segments. At the heart of the portfolio is the Ampere Nexus EX+, with new 5 kW powerful motor and backed by multiple national and international records demonstrating its performance across some of India's most challenging terrain.

For families and value-conscious customers, the Magnus GMax brings together everyday practicality, connected technology and affordability, while the Magnus Neo has been designed with a focus on ergonomics and comfortable everyday city riding. The recently launched Ampere Reo Vyb extends the portfolio to younger riders, including students and college-goers. The Ampere Nexus EX+ and Magnus GMax are also available in variants with 30+ Intelligent features powered by Intellipack and bringing connected, smart technology to riders. The portfolio is backed by Next-Gen LFP battery technology and up to a 5-year/75,000 km standard battery warranty, reinforcing Ampere's focus on making electric mobility dependable and accessible. Ampere's 'Bharat Ki Smart Ride' is backed by real-world engineering and validation across the length of the country. The Magnus GMax with Intellipack recently completed the Ultimate Endurance Ride, covering nearly 4,000 km in 15 days from Dong Valley in Arunachal Pradesh to Guhar Moti in Kutch, across mountains, plains and desert. The Nexus platform has also conquered the 70 hairpin bends of Kolli Hills and reached Shipki La Pass at 13,200 ft, demonstrating its performance across varied Indian terrain.

Designed as a modern and interactive retail destination, the new Ampere Experience Centre will enable prospective customers to explore the portfolio, engage with trained product specialists, understand the benefits of electric mobility and make informed purchase decisions in a comfortable environment.

The opening of the new dealership is part of Greaves Electric Mobility's continued effort to expand Ampere's retail and service presence across key markets and bring products and ownership support closer to customers. The latest addition in Vizianagaram marks another step towards deepening local customer engagement and improving access to electric mobility.

A grand gathering will be held today in Marghiya Hakim Tola, with a grand turban-tying ceremony



SANJEEV KUMAR

A grand one-day Nida-e-Haq Ijlas-e-Aam and Dastarbandi ceremony will be held on November 1st in Marghiya Hakim Tola, located in the West Barinagar Panchayat of Barari block. All preparations for the gathering have been completed by the organizers. Many renowned scholars, maulanas, and poets from various states across the country will participate in the event. The gathering will include Abul Kalam Chaturvedi from Mumbai, Niaz Ahmad Faizi from Uttar Pradesh, Hussain Salfi from Purnia, the outspoken poet Adnan Pratapgarhi from Pratapgarh, Mufti Sohrab Ali Qasmi from Kolkata, Akhtar Alam Miftahi from Katihar, Imamul Islam Asri from Jharkhand, and Shakib-ur-Rehman from Madrasa Haja. All speakers will address the audience with their thoughts and speeches. Congress leader Tauqeer Alam, Mukhiya representative Mohammad Abdullah, and former Mukhiya Nimartur Rahman will be present as special guests. The gathering will be presided over by Abdul Haq Nadvi and Khushal Madni, while Tohid Alam Salfi from Katihar will oversee the administration. Additionally, Aslam Salfi Sahib of Bandh Pawai Bakhri will also be attending the event.

Iran Supreme Leader Gives Nod For US Peace Talks; Brent Crude Plunges To $106



Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian said Monday that Tehran was open to resolving its standoff with Washington through diplomacy, adding that Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei had given the government "certain authorities" to pursue peace talks. Iranian state news agency IRNA reported that Pezeshkian had said the government would seek to resolve the crisis through dialogue, offering no details on the scope of the authority granted or the possible terms of negotiations. The development points to a potential opening for diplomacy but offers no indication that formal negotiations are underway or that a breakthrough is within reach. Speaking at a meeting with governors and mayors of major cities, Pezeshkian also said Iran would not back down in the face of threats of war from the United States. He called for public unity and resilience, urging cooperation to overcome what he described as challenges and crises created by Iran's adversaries. Meanwhile, Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said consultations through intermediaries had become "very intense", according to state-run IRNA news agency, indicating that diplomatic communication may be gaining momentum. However, Tehran has also maintained a firm position on the strategically important Strait of Hormuz. Araghchi said its reopening would be conditional on Iran's terms, signalling that maritime access remains an important point of leverage amid the broader confrontation. Pezeshkian's statement is significant given that decisions concerning war and negotiations have traditionally remained under the supervision of Iran's Supreme Leader and the Supreme National Security Council. The latest remarks therefore point to a possible delegation of negotiating responsibilities to the government, rather than a fundamental shift in Iran's decision-making structure. A US official has indicated that Washington remains open to talks with Tehran, although other options are also being considered. Neither side has publicly outlined the terms or scope of a possible diplomatic engagement. Meanwhile, Brent crude futures for January 2027 delivery fell $7, or 6.17%, to $106.43 per barrel on Monday, according to real-time market data, as investors weighed the prospect of easing tensions between the two countries.

Uganda begins withdrawing troops from Somalia after 20 years

Highlights

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FAKE NUCLEAR WARNINGS ISSUED AFTER UKRAINIAN AND RUSSIAN AIR ALERT APPS HACKED



Ukraine and Russia have both said air alert apps were hacked on Sunday night after fake messages warning of attacks, including nuclear, were sent to users. Ukraine's widely used app sent red-level air raid warnings across the country, with additional warnings of radiation, chemical attacks, and street fighting sent to some residents in areas including Kyiv. A few hours later, Russian authorities said a similar app was hacked after fake alerts, some of which contained foul language, were triggered. It was unclear who was behind the cyberattacks or whether the two incidents were connected. Many Ukrainian citizens are used to receiving almost nightly alerts warning of incoming Russian missile and drone attacks. Some told the BBC that, four and a half years into the war, they have disabled the app altogether. After Sunday night's hack, the country's air force urged people to consult other official channels. In a post on Telegram, the air force said: "The Air Alarm application has probably been subjected to hostile interference. There is no radiation threat! Stay calm and follow our updates on our [Telegram] channel." The government said it had temporarily disabled the app for maintenance, saying it had "apparently been compromised". Some of the fake warnings were written in Russian, which would have alerted many users to the fact they were not legitimate. But Olena, a Kyiv resident, told BBC Radio 4's Today programme she had been alarmed, saying: "The first thought was 'oh my god, I'm not prepared for this'. "I'm prepared for blackouts, for a cut in central heating and water supply, but not for nuclear attack." Olena says her husband then received alerts for "street fighting attacks in Kyiv" and another alert, written in Russian. "After that I understood that somebody had attacked the app, because all notifications we get in Ukrainian." In Russia, the government said one of its air raid alert apps had also been targeted by "a massive cyberattack", which sent "fake information to the public". A purported screenshot of a fake alert was shared on Telegram by Atesh, a partisan Ukrainian group operating inside Russian-held territory. It warned some users that "nuclear warheads mounted on P1-Suns [a Ukrainian attack drone] had been launched at all regions of Russia". The alert, which included profanities, opened with a message telling residents there was a "risk of [things] getting lively" and told them to "stock up urgently on food for three weeks and hide". On Monday morning there was no sense the messages had caused widespread panic in Russia and the incident did not feature prominently on media outlets.

WIZZ AIR FLIGHT FROM LUTON IN EMERGENCY LANDING AFTER BOMB THREAT



A Wizz Air flight travelling from London Luton Airport to Sofia has been escorted by a Hungarian fighter jet to Budapest after a mid-air bomb threat. The aircraft was forced to make an emergency landing at Budapest Liszt Ferenc International. Authorities there "carried out the necessary security checks on the aircraft and passengers", a spokesperson for Wizz Air said. The airline later confirmed an inspection had been "completed and nothing was found", adding that the plane would depart again shortly. Hungarian Defence Minister Romulusz Ruszin-Szendis confirmed his country provided the fighter jet to escort the flight. According to flight tracking website FlightAware, Wizz Air flight 4302 departed Luton at 08:33 GMT and was due to arrive in the Bulgarian capital at 13:25 local time (11:25 GMT). But the website said it landed in Budapest at 12:09 local time (11:09 GMT). In a post on social media, Ruszin-Szendis said that after receiving the bomb threat, the Wizz Air flight had requested permission to land at the airport in Budapest. "Within minutes, a Hungarian Defence Forces Gripen fighter jet took to the skies and provided an escort for the passenger aircraft", he said. After this, the jet returned to its base and police took charge of the incident, he added.

France launches attempted murder investigation after petrol bomb thrown at police

Prosecutors in France have launched an attempted murder investigation after petrol bombs were thrown at police during unrest, French media reported. An image of a police officer with his leg on fire during a clash with protesters in Paris on Saturday has prompted outrage and follows weeks of street protests in France that have also seen demonstrators injured. The officer, who suffered burns to his ankle and minor injures to his hand, told French newspaper Le Figaro it was a "particularly sophisticated" incendiary device. Interior Minister Laurent Nuñez said throwing a molotov cocktail at a police line was "what I call a murder attempt", adding officers were working to find the perpetrators. Hundreds of thousands of people demonstrated across France in largely peaceful protests on Saturday, the latest in a series of youth-led protests that began in late September demanding action on the high cost of living and poor public services, especially schools. Following previous clashes and looting, thousands of police officers were deployed across the country over the weekend, and officers fired tear gas at demonstrators in some cities. There were more than 770 arrests on Saturday, roughly half as many as



the previous week's protests, the French interior ministry said. But police said no one had been arrested for the attack caught on camera that set a police officer on fire, AFP reported. The officer - part of the National Gendarmerie, a national law enforcement force that is technically part of the military but under the control of the interior ministry - said his unit "suddenly found ourselves facing several hundred hostile, well equipped adversaries". Speaking to French newspaper Le Figaro, he said police were yet to identify the liquid used but that the incendiary device "had a far greater burning capacity than a standard Molotov cocktail". "We faced hostile individuals who are not protesters," he said. "These adversaries are there with the intent to harm those who represent the state." Fourteen other officers sustained wounds ranging from minor to serious, he said, adding some were struck by paving stones. The unit was supposed to be on leave but had been urgently recalled to police the weekend protests, he said. French protest organisers, the Gilets Jaunes, or Yellow Vests, have said dozens of protesters have been seriously injured during recent demonstrations across the country, with many hurt by "grenades".

FIVE ARRESTED AFTER SOUTH AFRICAN FARMER SHOT AND TORTURED



South African police have arrested five people in connection with a brutal attack on a cattle farmer, who was assaulted and tortured in what has been described as a "senseless and barbaric" act. Donovan Marx, 50, was attacked during a house robbery on his farm in Ventersdorp, a small town in South Africa's North West province, last Wednesday. Marx was ambushed as he returned home, shot and stabbed and had his ears cut off in the horrific ordeal, police said. All five of his alleged attackers were arrested over the weekend, a move welcomed by Marx's wife and family. They added that the "legal process must [now] take its course". The horrific attack has caused widespread outrage in a country which is used to high levels of violence. Police last week explained how the attack on Mark happened. A group of masked men armed with guns approached a worker at Mark's house as he was mowing the lawn, they said in a statement. The attackers then demanded to know where Marx was before tying the worker's hands and feet with cable ties. When Marx returned home, police said two of the suspects allegedly approached him and shot him in the upper body.



Nine killed as small jet crashes on Florida street

SHOP FREEZERS IN SEVEN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HIT BY CYBER-ATTACK

Dozens of supermarkets across seven European countries have been hit by a cyber-attack affecting their refrigerators and freezers. Around 40 Delhaize supermarkets in Belgium and Luxembourg were affected, while a smaller number of shops were hit in Sweden, Ireland, the Netherlands, Estonia and Finland. Sabcobel, a Belgian company that manufactures some of the affected refrigerators, said the units' evaporators were switched to defrost mode, causing them to warm up, in what is believed to be the same method used in last month's incident that hit hundreds of French supermarkets. Millions of euros worth of food had to be thrown away in October, local media reported at the time. Stephan Moelans, the CEO of



Sabcobel, which operates Delhaize's systems, on Monday told the Belga news agency that the incident was a cyber-attack and that the company had been "working all night and morning to disconnect the affected units from the network". He said since the French attack in early October, the company had been working to "protect our customers fridges against this vulnerability" but that the units needed physical modifications, not just software updates. Most supermarkets across Europe are linked to the internet, and maintenance and troubleshooting can be done remotely. "The simplest solution is to manage the fridges over a secure internet connection. Most of our customers switched to that after the attack in France," Moelans added. The temperature of freezers in several shops across Europe reportedly rose to as high as 50C (122F). It is unclear who is behind the latest apparent attack. In the US, authorities are investigating what caused refrigeration malfunctions at a number of American military bases in August and working together with French officials to examine whether the incidents could be linked. Both Belgium and Sweden's national cybersecurity agencies said they were monitoring the incident. The UK's National Cyber Security Centre said it was working with international partners and industry to "fully understand details of an incident".

'31 IS THE NEW 21':

PV Sindhu's Blockbuster Reaction After Making History At Hylo Open

Two-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu celebrated her second title of the season with a special message on social media after winning the Hylo Open Super 500 badminton tournament in Germany on Sunday, thanking the country for its support and crediting Hanuman Ji for guiding her through the highs and lows of her career. Sindhu used the German phrase 'Danke schön' to start the tweet, which means 'thank you very much' in English. Sindhu used it to express her gratitude after securing the title in Germany. She also made a light-hearted reference to her age, saying "31 is the new 21", as she celebrated another achievement at 31. The Indian shuttler credited Hanuman Ji for being with her through both successful and difficult phases. "Danke schön, GER-



MANYYYYY!!!!!!!. They say 31 is the new 21. I'm not going to argue. Through every high and every low, by Hanuman Ji's grace. Still chasing. Always," Sindhu wrote on X. Sindhu defeated Denmark's Line Hojmark Kjærsfeldt 21-12, 21-14 in the women's singles final to win the USD 500,000 tournament in Saarbrucken. The second-seeded Indian wrapped up the contest in 39 minutes against the eighth-seeded Dane. The former world champion dominated the final with her sharp stroke-play, deceptive shots and effective net game. She made a confident start in the opening game and gradually took control of the rallies to secure it 21-12.

Sindhu carried the momentum into the second game, opening up a 6-3 lead before extending her advantage to 17-11. She eventually sealed the title on her first championship point after Kjærsfeldt committed a net error. The victory marked Sindhu's second title of the season after her Japan Open triumph in July. She had also finished runner-up at the French Open last week. It was also the first time that an Indian won the women's singles title at the Hylo Open. With the Hylo Open title, Sindhu earned 9,200 ranking points, strengthening her bid to qualify for the season-ending BWF World Tour Finals.

India's Dhinidi Desinghu Wins Bronze In Swimming at Dakar 2026 Youth Olympics



India's Dhinidhi Desinghu has made history. The 16-year-old has now become the first Indian female swimmer to win a medal at the Youth Olympics. The 2026 edition of the marquee youth event is being held in Dakar, Senegal. The teenager clocked 56.27 seconds to finish third behind Croatia's gold medallist Ana Bobanovic (55.89 seconds) and New Zealand's silver medallist Alyssa Lawson (56.13 seconds). NDTV spoke to Desinghu's coach, Nihar Ameen, after the historic medal. "She has been working really hard. This year, she has broken the national record three times. She is in form. She has another shot at a medal in the 200m freestyle event. In fact, she has a better chance of winning another medal there," he said. "Dhinidhi is mentally very tough. She has already competed at the 2024 Paris Olympics. We are very hopeful that she will win another medal at this Youth Olympics."

Earlier, Desinghu became the first Indian female swimmer to qualify for a Youth Olympics final after advancing to the women's 100m freestyle medal race on Monday. The Bengaluru swimmer clocked 56.80 seconds to top her heat and finish third-fastest overall, behind Croatia's Ana Bobanovic (56.22 seconds) and New Zealand's Alyssa Lawson (56.53 seconds). Two-time Olympian Srihari Nataraj in 2018 and Tirthank Pegu in the ongoing edition are the other two Indian swimmers to have made the final of the Youth Olympics. Dhinidhi was the youngest member of the Indian contingent at the 2024 Paris Olympics. In judo, Khushbu Rajakbhai Darjada won her women's 63kg category bout against Mamaissata Camara of Guinea. The 15-year-old Indian secured a 1-0 victory by yuko in her round-of-16 bout. Yuko is a minor scoring point in judo awarded for an effective technique. Khushbu's opponent was also handed a minor penalty, "1er Shido", by the referee. It is awarded for a minor rule infringement, such as passivity, a false attack, stepping out of bounds or an illegal grip.

IPL 2027 RETENTION DEADLINE EXTENDED, REPORT CLAIMS NEW DATE

The IPL 2027 auction, which will be held in Goa on December 16, will reportedly see an extension of its retention deadline. Earlier, November 15 was the retention deadline (by which teams needed to submit their list of retained players). According to reports in Cricbuzz and Cricinfo, the deadline for all 10 franchises to finalise their retention and release lists ahead of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2027 mini-auction has been extended by two days to November 17, while the auction itself is scheduled to take place in Goa on December 16. The deadline was initially set for November 15, coinciding with the fifth One-Day



International (ODI) between India and New Zealand. Following the submission of retention and release lists, the IPL will share the registered players' pool with the franchises. The teams will then shortlist players before the final auction list, along with the order of sets, is circulated in the week leading up to the auction. Two player trades have already taken place ahead of the auction. In a significant move, Delhi Capitals have brought back their former captain Rishabh Pant from Lucknow Super Giants, with left-arm wrist-spinner Kuldeep Yadav moving in the opposite direction. In another trade, Delhi Capitals sent fast bowler T Natarajan to Sunrisers Hyderabad in exchange for leg-spinner Zeeshan Ansari. Meanwhile, the dates for the IPL 2027 season are yet to be finalised. However, while announcing the schedule window for the 2025, 2026 and 2027 editions in 2024, the IPL had earmarked March 14 to May 30 for the 2027 season. In September this year, following the Board of Control for Cricket in India's (BCCI) Annual General Meeting (AGM), board secretary Devajit Saikia indicated that the tournament could begin around the end of March.

Gautam Gambhir's Dressing Room Speech Comes With A Warning To Indian Team After 3-2 Series Result

India head coach Gautam Gambhir gave a riveting dressing room speech in Hamilton as the T20I series against New Zealand concluded 3-2 in favour of the visitors. India were once 3-0 up in the series, but they took their foot off the pedal and let New Zealand make a comeback and win the final two games. As the Indian T20I team now heads into a month-long break before the start of the Sri Lanka series, Gambhir had a little warning for the boys. Despite the final two games not going India's way, Gambhir said that the players should be incredibly proud of themselves for the effort they put into the series, especially considering the quality of the oppo-



nents. "You can be extremely proud of the effort that you guys have put in throughout the series. Winning the series, especially when you had just one day to prepare and were playing against a quality team like New Zealand in their own backyard, is a terrific achievement. You should be extremely proud," Gambhir told the players. "You can go back with your heads held high. We wanted to win the last two games as well, but sometimes these things happen. I thought you guys have set the tone for the rest of the tour. Before the start of the series, I said that you had the responsibility to set the tone. Now, it is up to the ODI and Test teams to continue from where you have left off," he added. With this being an ODI World Cup year, the number of T20Is is understandably going to be fewer. India's next T20 assignment is against Sri Lanka, starting December 22. Gambhir asked the players to remain in shape and prepare well and also warned them against taking the islanders lightly. "We know that we don't play enough T20 cricket, and we've got a month off now. So, make sure we stay in shape and prepare well for Sri Lanka," he said. "We can't take any opposition lightly. We have to continue growing as a team, thinking as a team and playing as a team," Gambhir concluded.

Carmella Admits She Made A Big Mistake With Cosmetic Procedure: "Why Did I Do That?"

Carmella got a Botox lip flip and now wishes she hadn't. The 38-year-old former SmackDown Women's Champion said on her Hot Mom Sht* podcast that she can barely move her upper lip since the treatment. It was meant to be a small cosmetic change, but she has to wait around four months for the effects to wear off, and she's warning others off the same procedure after seeing how uncomfortable it's been. Carmella said she went for the lip flip because her 39th birthday was getting close and she wanted a small change to her look. The treatment is Botox injected into the upper lip to give it a slight lift.

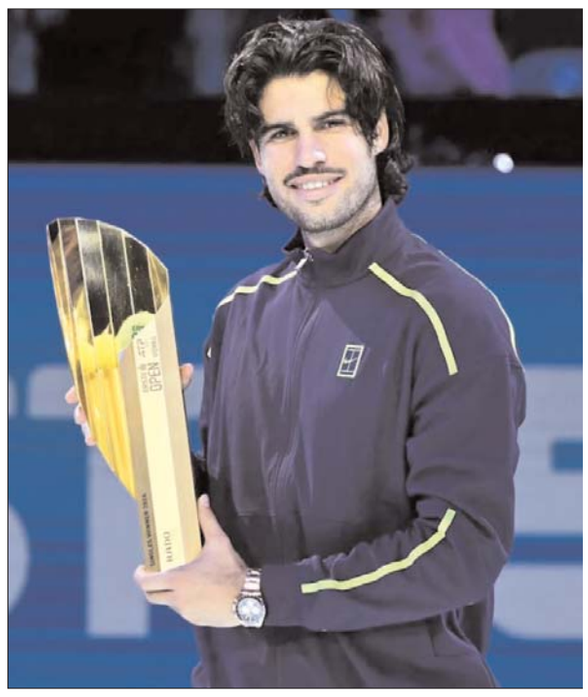


Hardik Pandya Trade: MI-KKR Deal Depends On Stance Over 1 Star Batter: Report



Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) remain in the hunt to secure a trade deal with Mumbai Indians (MI) for star all-rounder Hardik Pandya, ahead of the IPL 2027 auction. However, Mumbai Indians' demands have proven to be a major roadblock for KKR so far. According to a report by The Telegraph, five-time IPL champions MI have demanded pacer Harshit Rana and young wicket-keeper batter Angkrish Raghuvanshi in exchange for Pandya. Meanwhile, KKR are clear on which players they definitely don't want to let go. KKR's Stance On Hardik Pandya Three-time IPL winners KKR are not willing to part ways with star spinners Sunil Narine and Varun Chakravarthy, as well as finisher and vice-captain Rinku Singh, in a trade for Pandya. Cameron Green is unlikely to be part of a trade deal as it isn't clear how much of the IPL the Australian all-rounder will play in order to manage his workload. As per the report, the Knight Riders did not show much interest in Pandya after the initial round of talks with Mumbai Indians amid concerns over the all-rounder's fitness and injuries. There were also seemingly apprehensions over the player's entourage, which accompanies him at all venues. Reportedly, MI have asked for Harshit Rana and Angkrish Raghuvanshi. Harshit was a crucial cog in KKR's IPL 2024-winning team, while Raghuvanshi was the franchise's highest run-scorer in IPL 2026.

CARLOS ALCARAZ BEATS ALEX DE MINAUR TO WIN VIENNA OPEN WITHOUT DROPPING A SET



Seven-time Grand Slam winner Carlos Alcaraz beat Alex de Minaur 6-1, 6-4 to win the Vienna Open on Sunday and defeat his opponent for the seventh time in as many meetings. Alcaraz has beaten the Australian on grass and clay as well as on indoor and outdoor hard courts. He sealed his latest victory with trademark panache. Alcaraz drew his opponent to the net with a sliced backhand drop shot. De Minaur retrieved it but Alcaraz lobbed him with a backhand and, after the Australian volleyed that shot back near the net, clipped a cross-court forehand that landed just in. The second-seeded Spaniard looked jubilant and cracked a broad smile after clinching his fourth title this year — including the Australian Open for a career Grand Slam — and his 28th overall.

"I tried to be aggressive and show him that if he wants to win, he has to play better, more aggressive, more solid, and be smarter than me," Alcaraz said.

Batista Shows Off His 250-Pound Physique After Gaining 20 Pounds To Play Kratos In God Of War Movie



Dave Bautista, aka, Batista, is now at 250 pounds as he gets ready to play Kratos in Prime Video's live-action God of War series. He shared it in an Instagram Story on November 1, a gym clip with the words "Gained 20 lbs for GOW" and a "250!" sticker over it. He was wearing God of War T-shirt in the video. So the number is out there now, after Bautista first talked about his training push in September, and the series is getting ready to move ahead with him as its new lead. Dave Bautista, aka, Batista, is now at 250 pounds as he gets ready to play Kratos in Prime Video's live-action God of War series. He shared it in an Instagram Story on November 1, a gym clip with the words "Gained 20 lbs for GOW" and a "250!" sticker over it. He was wearing God of War T-shirt in the video. So the number is out there now, after Bautista first talked about his training push in September, and the series is getting ready to move ahead with him as its new lead. Dave Bautista Reveals His 20-Pound Training Progress After Earlier Weight Training Update Bautista first brought up the training on September 1, saying he was in his third week of weight training. He also had two more months to hit his target. "3rd week in to weight training again. 2 more months to get to where I need to be. Like ridin a bike! LFG!" he wrote. The new Story didn't come with any longer spoken update. The weight gain and the 250-pound figure just showed up as on-screen text. Bautista Replaced Ryan Hurst as Kratos After an On-Set Injury During Production Bautista got confirmed for the role in August, taking over from Ryan Hurst, who was first announced as Kratos in January. Hurst tore his bicep during a stunt in June and needed surgery. His recovery would have pushed back his return, so Amazon and Sony recast the part instead of waiting. Four episodes were already filmed with Hurst, and those scenes are set to be reshot with Bautista. Production began in Vancouver in February, and Prime Video has ordered two seasons to film back-to-back. Ronald D. Moore is writing and serving as showrunner, while Frederick E.O. Toye is directing the early episodes. Callum Vinson plays Atreus, with Mandy Patinkin as Odin and Ed Skrein as Baldur.

AH' IS ARRIVING ON NOVEMBER 12



Starring Rahul Vijay and Archana Iyer in the lead roles, 'AH' is produced by Kanakar Rao Tonangi, Abhishek K and renowned editor Gary BH under the banners of Star Box Stories and Ripple Slide Studios. Directed by Sai Bali, the film has already generated considerable interest with its previously released promotional content. The makers are gearing up for a grand theatrical release on November 12.

As part of the film's promotions, the makers grandly launched the theatrical trailer on Monday. Successful director Nandini Reddy, producer Vamsi Nandipati, actor Akash Puri, and actresses Shivani Rajashekar and Shivathmika Rajashekar attended the event as special guests

DIRECTOR NANDINI REDDY SAID:

"Thriller films have been receiving a good response from audiences. I wish the director and producers of 'AH' great success. Sricharan Pakala is one of the biggest strengths of this film. I hope Archana brings Rahul another big success. Rahul is a very good friend of mine, and we have worked together in the past. He is someone who thinks about nothing but cinema. 'AH' is arriving on November 12, and I request everyone to watch the film and make it a hit," she said.

AKASH PURI SAID:

"Rahul has been a close friend of mine for many years. I really liked the teaser and trailer of 'AH'. Sricharan's music is fantastic, and the cinematography looks impressive. I wish Archana continued success. I have known Rahul's talent since childhood and have personally witnessed his hard work. I wish him great heights in his career. I hope 'AH' brings him a big success. The film is releasing on November 12. Everyone should definitely watch it," he said.

PRODUCER VAMSI NANDIPATI SAID:

"First, I would like to thank Nandini Reddy Garu, Akash Puri, Shivani and Shivathmika for coming forward to support and promote a good film like 'AH'. I really love Sricharan's background score. I liked the teaser and trailer very much. The poster designs and the way the title itself hints at the film's story are particularly interesting. The industry needs more new directors and producers like these. Archana achieved a good success with 'Shambhala', and I hope she continues that success with this film as well.

DANNY WILL BE A CULT & WILD DRAMA



Danny, starring Ashish Gandhi, Sejal Gupta, Sonal Singh and Azhar Khan in lead roles, is gearing up for a theatrical release on November 20. Produced by Rizwan under the banners of Rizwan Entertainment and Kalyanji Content Pictures, the film is directed by Kalyanji Gogana. The makers officially announced the release date at a press meet held on Monday.

Speaking at the event, hero Ashish Gandhi said* , "Kalyan, Rizwan and I previously worked together on Natakam, and now we have reunited for Danny. It is going to be a cult, wild drama. The songs penned by Rakendu Mouli and the music composed by Sai Karthik will be major highlights. Anand Anna has delivered some wonderful visuals. Sejal is an exceptional actress. I thank Kalyanji Gogana for giving me this opportunity. Our film is arriving on November 20, and I request everyone to support us."

Director Kalyanji Gogana said,* "Producer Rizwan, Ashish and I worked together on Natakam, and we have reunited once again for Danny. Having Ashish in front of the camera gives me a lot of confidence. I share a great comfort level with Rizwan. I felt that a producer like him would do complete justice to a different kind of love and rustic drama like this. We brought Sejal on board at the last minute. Rakendu's involvement gives me a lot of confidence, and Anand's work speaks for itself. I thank K Music for acquiring the audio rights. Danny is releasing on November 20, and I hope everyone watches and supports our film."

Producer Rizwan said,* "I previously produced Natakam with Kalyanji and Ashish, and the three of us have come together once again for Danny. I am confident that the film will entertain audiences. A major portion of the movie was shot in Goa. I hope to receive the continued support of the media. Our film is arriving in theatres on November 20, and I request everyone to watch and encourage us."

Summer Holidays Is Not a Children's Film, But a Film for Adults Featuring Children



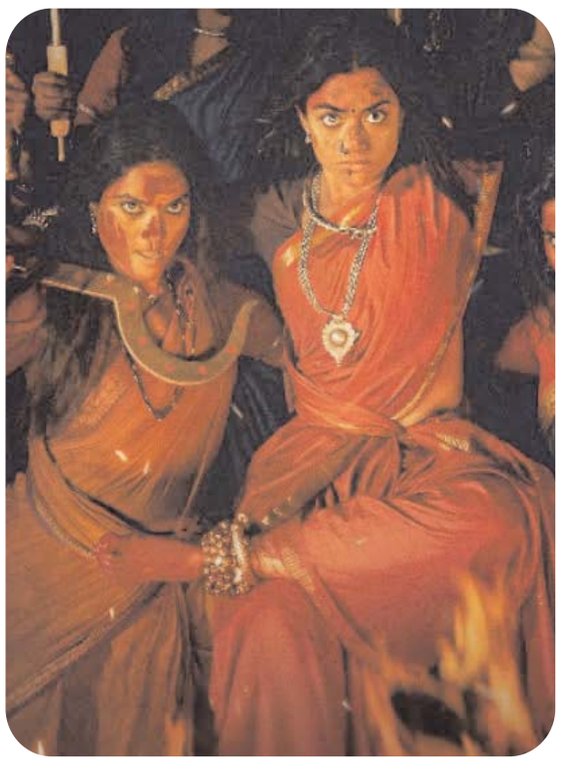
Dheeraj Mogilineni has earned a reputation as a successful producer and distributor by bringing content-driven films to audiences. He is now producing a children's film titled "Summer Holidays" under his banner, Dheeraj Mogilineni Entertainments. Directed by Srikar Nayan, the film is a beautiful story that takes audiences down memory lane, reminding them of their childhood memories. Master Rohan, Master Arun and Baby Khushi play the lead roles. "Summer Holidays" is set for a grand theatrical release on November 6. In a recent interview, director Srikar Nayan shared several interesting details about the film.

- I am from Visakhapatnam. I started making short films during my college days, which gradually developed my interest in scripting and filmmaking. After completing my education, I moved to Hyderabad and worked in the direction department for films like Thellavarithe Guruvaram. I had a few stories ready and started looking for opportunities. Through Madhura Sreedhar Reddy garu, I met Dheeraj Mogilineni and narrated a thriller story to him. He liked it but suggested that gaining some filmmaking experience would be beneficial before we took it forward. Later, a few production houses offered me opportunities, but the projects seemed likely to take a long time to go on floors. Subsequently, Dheeraj liked the story of Summer Holidays and gave me the opportunity. Once he came on board, everything moved quickly, from finalising the cast and technicians to completing the other preparations.

Rashmika Unleashes Fierce Avatar in 'O Mysaa Re'

Rashmika Unleashes Her Fiercest Avatar In A Thunderous Anthem Of Feminine Power- O Mysaa Re From The Much-Awaited Pan India Action Spectacle Mysaa

National Crush Rashmika is set to show a fierce new dimension of her screen presence with Mysaa, a high scale Pan-India action entertainer that promises to present her in a never-seen-before avatar. Helmed by debutant director Rawindra Pulle and produced by Unformula Films, the film is being crafted with an ambitious vision, featuring intense action sequences and impressive technical standards. The glimpse, teaser and posters released so far have received a terrific response.



PAYAL GETS GLAM IN PINK SPARKLE DRESS



Payal Rajput became a known name in Telugu with RX100. After that she did not get any big Telugu film. This year she appeared in the Punjabi movie The Great Punjab Robbery, but it did not give her a break in Punjabi cinema or in Tollywood. Even then, she keeps nailing her looks.

In the new pictures, Payal wore a pink sequin mini dress with an off shoulder neckline and sheer puffed sleeves. She added white sneakers, textured drop earrings and a pearl hair clip. Her wavy hair was half tied, and she posed inside a lift with a playful smile.

On the work front, Payal has two Telugu films coming up, Golmaal and Kirathaka. Both are small budget films that have been in shooting schedule for a long time.

MAYOOKHA CELEBRATES 25 DAYS OF GRAND THEATRICAL SUCCESS

Political Leader Chinna Srisailam Yadav Attends as Chief Guest



Starring Payal Chengappa in the lead role, Mayookha was produced by Sasidhar Nalla under the Prashwita Entertai9ment banner and directed by Shree Tej S.K. Released in theatres recently, the film has emerged as a trendsetting thriller, earning a strong response at the box office. The team celebrated the film's successful 25-day theatrical run with a special event held in Hyderabad today. Political leader Chinna Srisailam Yadav attended the celebrations as the chief guest. Several members of the media were also present and extended their best wishes to the team.

SA Productions Banner Logo and 'Chanakya' Teaser Launched



The logo of SA Productions was launched in a grand manner by producers Rajeswara Sharma Kuchi, Aditya Dokkar, Gopal Dayim and Vinod Garlapati at a special event. On the same occasion, the logo of 'Janapadam Janapadam' was unveiled by Rajeswara Sharma and Narasimha. Actor Gharshana Srinivas, who attended the event, launched 'Thandavam'. The much-awaited teaser of 'Chanakya' was unveiled by chief guests Prahlada Charyulu and Nagaraju Somishetti.

The film 'Chanakya' is being directed by Rajeswara Sharma, who is also playing the lead role. Vaibhav and others will be seen in prominent roles.

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